



MARSTON UPDATE

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Saturday 4th January

On Saturday the Witney & Woodstock Branch held a practice in Witney, to which Paul Lucas, Benjamin and Hugh travelled over. Once again St Mary's church had organized a Christmas Tree festival and we were able to view their wonderful array of decorated trees on the festival's penultimate day.



Other news and information

Between now and Easter it is advisable to access Elsfeld Road and the church via Marsh Lane or A40 Northern bypass as road through the village will be closed at various times.

The Christmas holiday period saw another successful Young Persons Ringing Event, this time held at St Giles, Horspath on Thursday 2nd January.



2020 has started with a plethora of quarter peals involving Marston ringers in their bands, three of which were organized by Alison Merryweather-Clarke from North Leigh.

Wednesday 1 January

Bletchington, St Giles - 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Saturday 4 January

Garsington, St Mary - 1260 Doubles (5m) (2 photos attached)

Horspath, St Giles - 1260 Plain Bob Minor

Sunday 5 January

Bletchington, St Giles - 1260 Plain Bob Minor - 1st quarter peal in method as conductor for Steve Vickars of Kirtlington.

(Full details of all these quarter peals are posted on Bellboard for the relevant dates)

Monday 6th January

On Monday evening we had great pleasure in arranging a Twelfth Night quarter peal for Charlotte Furneaux to fit in with her brief visit to this area, her last quarter here being 2nd December 2018. Formerly of Cowley tower, Charlotte moved to Swillington, a village just to the east of Leeds, early last year. She is hoping to be back down this way again in the spring, and with the lighter nights getting to take in a few more practices.

1260 Doubles (40m/v)

St Simon's, St Alban, St Martin's, St Paul, St Osmund, St Ninian, Eynesbury, St John the Baptist, St Nicholas, Lapley, St Mary, Heyford, Winchendon, St John, St Crispin, Chilton, St Remigius, Horsley, St Cecelia, Sarrett, Huntley, Obediah, Laverstoke, Dummer, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston, All Saints, Rushall, St Cuthbert, Stirling, Clayton, Cavendish, Twyford, Burnham, Grandsire, St Helen, Longparish, Newborough

1 Charlotte Furneaux 2 Ailsa Reid (c) Benjamin Poole (c) 4 Maarit Kivilo (c) 5 Hugh Deam (c) 6 Judy Kirby

Upcoming events

Friday 17 January - 7.30pm Practice Sunday 19 January - 9.00am QPA

J Kirby, J Beale, M Kivilo, B Poole, H Deam +1

Saturday 25 January - 2.00pm Open to All ringing practice at Iffley, St Mary. Followed by Outing / quarter peal planning meeting at 92a Church Way.

Helicopters, Trains and Automobiles

Having concentrated on some of the sights around Marston last week, this week we have a small selection of the more eclectic sights from our ringing travels during 2019. The helicopter was key to the bridal transport for the wedding reception we rang for at Emmington. The model train is to be found chugging around the interior of the Wee Book Shop & Café in Chinnor which we visited on the same day. The car is from a wedding we helped ring for at Eynsham.

