



# MARSTON UPDATE

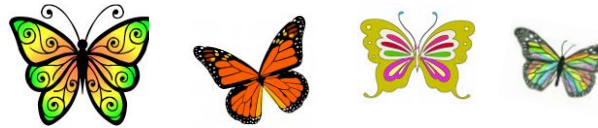
## 25th September 2019

### Hugh Deam

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**On Sunday 8th September** there was a quarter peal at St Andrew's, Headington which was the first as conductor for Paul Lucas. 1300 Plain Bob Doubles - 1 Luke Diesel 2 Clare Fairbairn 3 Colin Taylor 4 Hugh Deam 5 Paul Lucas (c) 6 Miloslav Lelkes (Group photo left)



**September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>** St Giles' Fair has come and gone for yet another year, and during the two days a number of ringers from other towers in the Branch made their way to St Giles church to ring the handbells for the many visitors. On the Monday morning, Ron Burgess and Hugh augmented John Pusey's handbell team for an hour or so at the rudimentary end of the scale, before the tower team rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major in the afternoon. Paul Lucas was also at the fair overseeing a party of residents from Marston Court, and was on hand to snap the City Rector from St Michael at the Northgate, Rev Anthony Buckley and Lord Mayor of Oxford, Craig Simmons just after the ceremonial opening.

### GLORIA DUNN 1938 - 2019

Sadly, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August, Gloria Dunn, one of Wolvercote's longstanding ringers, passed away. Gloria learnt to ring for the millennium and could always be relied upon to turn up regularly for both practice and Sunday morning ringing. She would ring the 4 so that she could scan who was coming in to church and between rings she would entertain and lighten the atmosphere with her banter. She was an active fundraiser for the bell ringers and loved to run our bric-a-brac stall at the fete. We all said that she could 'sell sand to the Saudis' and our tower captain would test this by choosing some awful item for her to try to sell. Amazingly, she usually succeeded. Clearly, we were all saddened by the loss of this larger than life character from the band so on the Thursday after the news, we took it in turns to chime the number 4 bell once for every year of her life. We overshot by one chime and could imagine her jokingly telling us off for adding years on to her. On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September we met to ring a half-muffled quarter in her memory. After a restart, we rang a 1300 of Plain Bob Doubles. Christopher Beale manned the door to ensure there were no unexpected interruptions but we did have various spectators, including a little girl that loves to come and listen, who enjoyed echoing the conductor's bobs. We are sure that Gloria would have loved that! She would also have been pleased to congratulate Elaine for ringing her first quarter on the treble. Finally, thanks to Christopher, we ended the evening with a cup of tea. A fitting toast to Gloria who always loved a good cuppa!

1300 Plain Bob Doubles (band photo right)  
1 Elaine Chaston 2 Ailsa Reid 3 Janice Beale 4 Donna Bennett  
5 Jonathan Beale (c) 6 Adrian Gray  
A Half Marston, Half Wolvercote Band



**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
Our quarter peal on Sunday morning was dedicated as a compliment to the marriage of Isobel Edwards and Michael McManus which took place the previous day at St Giles church. Isobel is the daughter of our esteemed colleague in ringing, Simon Edwards.  
1260 Doubles 28m/v  
St Simon's, St Osmund, Eynesbury, St Martin's,  
St Remigius, Winchendon,  
St Nicholas, Shareshill, Heyford,  
St Mary, Ryton, Chilton,  
St Crispin, Elford,  
St Ignatius, St Jude, Austrey,  
Churchill, St Laurence, Plain Bob,  
Seighford, May Day, Litchurch,  
All Saints, Rushall, St Cuthbert  
Stirling, Grandsire  
1 Hayley Fisher 2 Judy Kirby  
3 Maarit Kivilo (c)  
4 Donna Bennett  
5 Hugh Deam (c) 6 Benjamin Poole

### Upcoming Events

Friday 27 September 7.25pm Practice

Saturday 28 September - 2.30pm QPA Bletchington, St Giles - Judy, Jane, Benjamin, Maarit, Donna, Hugh

Sunday 29 September - 9.00am QPA - J Kirby, B Poole, M Kivilo, H Deam, S Vickars (tbc) +1

Saturday 12th October - Morning Outing to Hampshire

- 10.15am Hannington, All Saints (6) RG26 5TZ
- 11.30am Wolverton, St Catherine (6) RG26 5RJ
- 12.30pm Light Lunch at Greenham Common control tower