

MARSTON UPDATE

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On Sunday 17th July, Hugh and Judy were part of the band which rang a quarter peal at Bletchingdon, celebrating the life of fellow ringer Roger Barnes of Ducklington tower.

A good number of our readers will have rung with Roger on Witney & Woodstock outings or branch practices.



Sunday 17 July at Marston
1260 Doubles (11m/v)

***St Simon's, Eynsham, St Martin's,
St Leonard, St Nicholas, Lapley,
Winchendon,
St John, Reverse Canterbury,
Marston, Plain Bob:***

- 1 Kathy Xu 2 Michael Probert***
- 3 Alison T Merryweather-Clarke***
- 4 Colin P Taylor***
- 5 Hugh Deam (c)***
- 6 Michael Haynes***



Later in the afternoon at Marston we held another of our 3rd Sunday of the month practices that double up as service ringing, and this was followed by a quarter peal.

We were also delighted to give Marston parish council chairman Duncan Hatfield a chance to reacquaint himself with handling a bell for the first time since he learnt as a teenager.

Four of our Marston band were able to attend the St Giles practice on a balmy Thursday evening (above), on 21st July, and during the session we rang Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor. This was Lydia's first visit to St Giles and she very much liked the bells there.



On Sunday 24 July there was a raising and lowering practice at Bletchingdon organised by Steve Vickars which proved extremely beneficial for the five students. Hugh was pleased to be able to make it over there to be one of the helpers. It was universally agreed that the session had been of appreciable benefit.

Thank you to Charlotte Furneaux for keeping us up to date with how the recuperation of ringing is going up in Yorkshire, plus supplying us with an array of great photos. Pictured is a Queen's Platinum Jubilee keepsake that the ringers at her home tower (Swillington) were presented with. Also Charlotte is pictured next to the statue known as the 'Filey Fisherman', which began life in Whitby, but has been a focal point in Filey since 2012.

