



MARSTON UPDATE

3rd September 2019

Hugh Deam

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Friday, 23rd August - We rang for a Friday wedding at St Nicholas which, for bus enthusiasts, was the first here to have the majority of its participants arrive and leave by double decker bus since the two buses pictured in our June 26th 2017 Update (Update no.2). We rang one of our staples for weddings (Morris's 240) and then Kathy called a 120 of Plain Bob Doubles, which was her first conducting for a wedding. *Left photo - Wedding Special Double Decker*

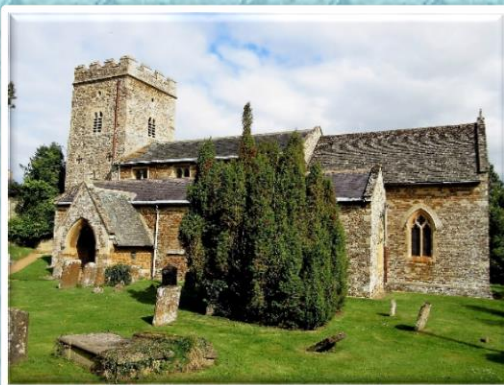
Saturday, 24th August -The following day Maarit, Judy and Hugh answered a request to ring for weddings at Lewknor and Enmington. The bells at Lewknor are seldom rung and have earned a reputation for requiring the utmost diligence in concentration with handling. The whole band was congratulated by the vicar and churchwarden for producing such a high standard of ringing. Our Marston contingent managed to squeeze in a refreshment break in Chinnor at the Wee Book Shop (a community resource of cafe and bookshop in aid of a bladder cancer charity).

We have rung at Enmington on a couple of Outings, and although only a ring of three, the bells at this deconsecrated church are a pleasure to ring. On our last visit we were invited to view the aviary of the landowner and this time it was also a unique experience as we actually rang as an accompaniment to the reception in the grounds adjoining the church. Half a dozen yurts had been erected and we were invited to partake of the pink champagne and comestibles on offer, plus we caught a glimpse of the white peacocks in the gardens. (Group photo at Lewknor and yurts at Enmington)



Back in the Day – Saturday, 5th September 2009

Rousham, SS Leonard & James



1260 Doubles (7m) Stedman, St Simon's, St Martin's, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire Roy Jones, Judy Kirby, Maarit Kivilo, Paul Lucas, Hugh Deam (c), Charles Smith
Rousham primarily comprises a handful of cottages spread across the estate lands. Rousham House is renowned for its inspiring landscape gardens set around a curve of the River Cherwell. The 12th century church was originally dedicated to St Germanus of Auxerre, then St Mary, before it's latest dedication from 1904. The church is adjacent to the courtyard of the manor house and the peacocks are often to be seen when we visit. The topiary work in the churchyard is of the highest standard as might be expected. The bells are rung from the ground floor, with five of them cast in Woodstock, 1675. We have rung about a dozen quarter peals here since 2001 as well as visiting for one of our Monday night Minor method practices. (photo of Rousham church)

Upcoming Events

- Friday 6th September 7.25pm Practice
- Saturday 7th September - 2.45pm QPA - Sunningwell, St Leonard
- Sunday 8th September 9.00am QPA - R Bruce, J Kirby, M Kivilo, H Deam, D Bennett +1
- Saturday 12th October - Morning Outing – Details to come
- Saturday 23 November - Afternoon Outing from 12.00noon – Stagsden (6), Lavendon (6), Olney (10), North Crawley (6)