



# MARSTOAN UPDATE

## April 4th, 2020

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### Comments to our last issue:

*Thanks for helping in keeping our spirits up - Christopher Moxon, South Leigh*

*Looking at methods on paper and getting homework done. Our tower captain wants us to look at Stedman as our aim for this year. Hoping you are all keeping well in this time of craziness of life at present - Charlotte Furneaux, Swillington, Yorkshire*

*Thanks! Most ringing is cancelled here now. Stay well. Regards - Alan Coates, Sydney, Australia*

Just to put the tin lid on matters when so many are cooped up, classic precursors of late Spring such as cowslips and anemones are in unusually early bloom around Marston. The memorial garden on Oxford Road, across the road from what used to be the Three Horseshoes and White Hart pubs, is particularly floribundas.



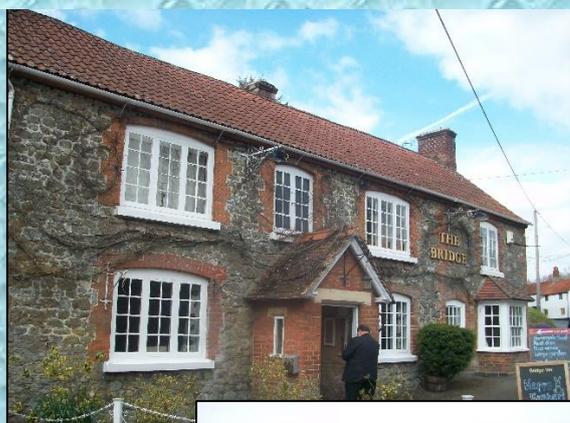
### Not particularly recent Marston Quarter Peals Back in the Day Sunday 6th April 2008

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 Donna Murphy 2 Judy Kirby 3 Roy Jones (c) 4 Douglas Wilkes  
5 Steve Jeffrey 6 Hugh Deam

### Back in the Day - Good Friday 6th April 2012 Imber (6) St Giles 2cwt

Good Friday is a day more associated with not ringing so it shouldn't come as any surprise to hear that this has been our one and only foray to date, and necessarily so as it is one of the few days a year that access is permitted to Imber. We had a total of 21 ringers from Oxford, Witney and well beyond converge for our two-hour afternoon slot, which followed a good lunch at The Bridge Inn, West Lavington. The village of Imber was wholly evacuated in 1943, with its inhabitants being dispersed to neighbouring villages and never being given the chance to return. The road to the 10th century church is normally traversed only by tanks and armoured vehicles, bordering as it does one of the many "Extreme Danger" areas amidst the expanse of Salisbury Plain. A new, very light set of six bells, rung from the ground floor, were installed in 2009 underneath the original bell frame.



*Top left photo –  
The Bridge Inn,  
West Lavington,  
&  
Imber*

