

MARSTON UPDATE

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EARLY DAFFS

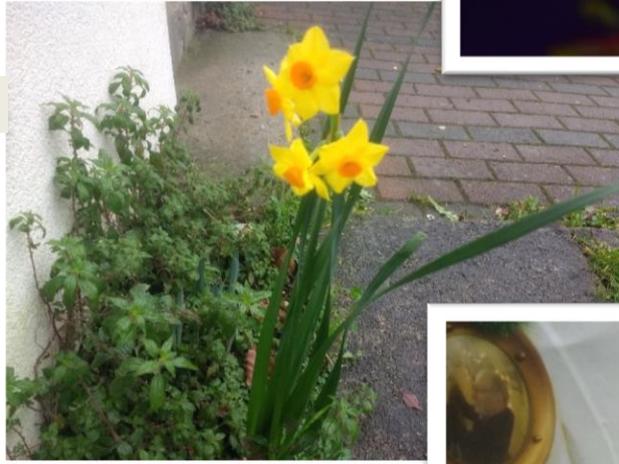
If only Spring might actually come so early this year, but at least some daffodils believed it could be happening just before Christmas (December 18th).

They were not actually in Marston, but on Donnington Bridge, although there are several sites in the village with a history of preemptive daffodils down the years.



Feedback:

We received a number of complimentary comments regarding the photo of the St Nicholas Christmas tree taken by Benjamin. He also took some close up shots of the lights decorating the tree which were equally impressive and should brighten up the bleak early January nights.



HAPPY
NEW YEAR 2021!

Back in the Day #1- Friday 31st December 1999

Alec Gammon and Roy Peach featured in an Oxford Mail and Oxford Times article. Roy was our newest recruit at the time having started ringing that April and was about to take his place in our band for ringing in the new millennium. That particular New Year's Day a nationwide effort was made to have as many tower bells ringing as possible and Marston rang a quarter peal at midday.



Back in the Day #2-Wednesday, 1st January 2003

The latest annual ringing footmark to have to go into quiescence as a consequence of the pandemic was the New Year's Day morning quarter peal, a regular on the Marston calendar since 2000. Besides the couple of dozen Marston ringers to feature in at least one quarter, we have also warmly welcomed numerous ringers from other City Branch towers during the two decades.

Wednesday 1st January 2003

Quarter Peal (6m) St Simon's, St Martin's, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire
1 Susan King 2 Anthony Hughes (c) 3 Roy Jones (c)
Jonathan Beale 5 Hugh Deam 6 Leon Thompson

* Also featured is Robert Bruce who was part of our ringing session that day.