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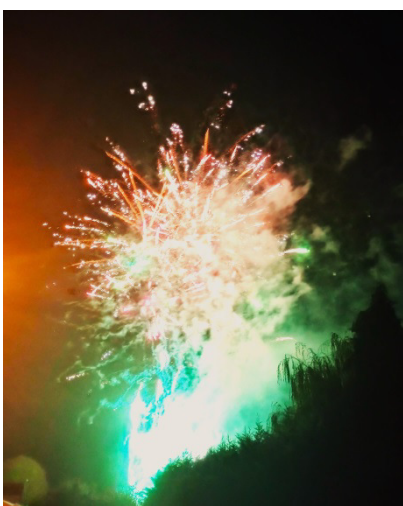
MARSTON UPDATE

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The latest City Branch Practice was held at **Iffley** on Saturday 5th November, attracting ringers from several Oxford towers, including a sizeable contingent from Kidlington. Alongside the call changes and plain bob doubles there was a course of Stedman and a couple of Surprise Minor methods during the practice.

In the afternoon six of our Marston band went to **North Hinksey** to assist with a special joint practice which

focused primarily on Plain Bob (Doubles and Minor), plus Little Bob Minor and Single Canterbury Minor. Although Sunday service ringing has now resumed at North Hinksey most weeks, without two or three of us from Marston coming over, a return to weekly practice had not been possible, so this session acted as a chance for their ringers to rediscover many of the little tropes, traits and kinesics that make up rope-sight and the fluidity that comes with it. On Saturday 19th November we will be holding an afternoon session at Cowley with a similar objective for their band, and hope to continue through the winter months in helping towers with such practices during daylight hours.



Then in the evening, Marston village was treated to its' first bonfire night firework extravaganza emanating from the Red Lion pub since 2019, with the closing fusillade being the most phosphorescent yet!



On the Sunday morning of 6th November, not having a morning service to ring for, we were able to prearrange for some of us to join the band at **Stanton St John** to ring for their morning service.

This was the first time we have had the opportunity to ring on the bells since we held a special practice here back in July 2019 (*Marston Update issue 107*),

which was just after the bells had been rehung. There the bells appear to have settled in since that time as there is less frame movement when all five are ringing than previously. All in all there was a very positive attitude towards our ringing session.



Upcoming events

Saturday 19 November. 2.30pm. Cowley open practice with Marston and other ringers.

Saturday 3 December. 3.00pm. City Branch Practice at Kidlington (8).