



MARSTON UPDATE

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Feedback from last week's Update

Dana Josephson of St Giles tower enquired as to the location of the pond pictured in the Back in the Day feature. Souldern pond, originally known as Town-well, is situated on the right as you are about to turn right down the lane leading to the church. For those of you who may like to learn more about this unique pond, Souldern village has an excellent website which gives the pond pride of place in its History section. <https://www.souldern.org/>



Bracing Practice 5th December
It was bright, but obviously chilly outdoor restart of our handbell ringing on Saturday afternoon, but thanks to a combination of tea, warm mince pies and a fire-pit all courtesy of Benjamin's parents we managed nearly a 90 minute session of Christmas carols and feeling our way back into St Simon's.

Back in the Day 1 - Sunday 4th December 2005 Woodeaton, Holy Rood (photo right)

1260 Doubles (1p 8m) Stedman, St Simon's, St Martin's, Winchendon, St Nicholas, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire
1 Susan King 2 Hugh Deam 3 Roy Jones 4 Richard Verrall (c) 5 Simon Edwards

This was our farewell quarter peal for Richard Verrall of St Andrew's, Headington (who also conducted it) prior to his moving to Wimbledon. Richard was a great supporter of our Outings and quarter peals having come on his first outing in late 2000 when we rang at six towers in the Vale of the White Horse Branch. By the end of that outing in 2000 he was ringing Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor having started the day merely being able to plain hunt, and was keen to acknowledge the benefits of such days out.



Back in the Day 2 - Friday 8th December 2000 (3 photos left & above)
We welcomed a large group of visitors from the Oxford Fureai Network to our Friday evening practice (Fureai being a Japanese term for connection between people of different age groups or professions). This was the second group from the OFN to visit within three weeks such was the interest in all aspects of ringing (tower and handbell).