



MARSTON UPDATE

June 9th, 2020

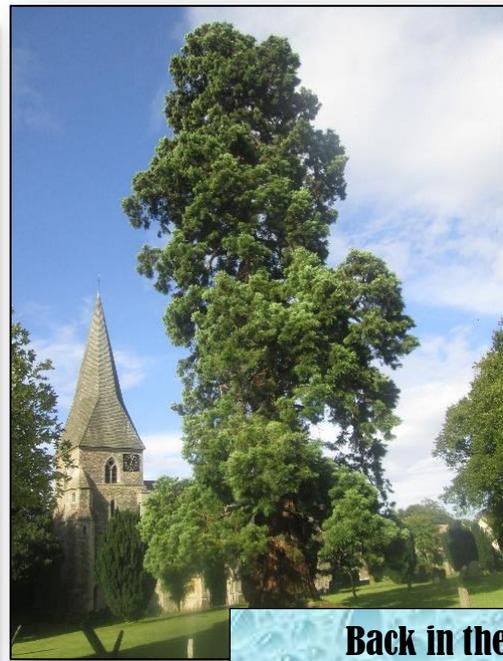
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Feedback from previous issue:
 "Good to keep in touch, albeit virtually. In Sydney, service ringing recommend (on 4 socially distanced bells) at St James yesterday (May 30). I hear St Mary's is also planning service ringing on 10 of their 12 next week."
 Alan Coates, Sydney

The New Normal is Coming!
Questions for Bell Ringers to Think About

*Is anyone considering what it will be like when we can get back into our towers?
 Firstly, we will need to check the ropes.
 Then how are we to manage our ringers?
 The virus will not have gone away and many ringers are over 70 and so vulnerable.
 Chambers are often airless and cramped.
 Can we social distance and ring?
 Should ringers bring their own hand scrub, wear masks and ring in gloves?
 Will ringing be by appointment/arrangement only?
 Whatever is decided it will not be the old normal we return to.*

Susan King



Back in the Day Saturday 4th June 2016
Ringling morning in Northamptonshire
 Evenley, St George & Whitfield, St John the Evangelist
 Evenley church is a Victorian replacement with memorials salvaged from its mediaeval predecessor reset within the present building, and three bells from the previous church also reused. The churchyard is dominated by a Wellingtonia (giant sequoia) tree which rises above the height of the church spire. Whitfield church is almost identical, having rebuilt at much the same time, but with six new bells cast for the tower. Although the church comes under the Peterborough Diocese, its patron is Worcester College, Oxford. The morning was rounded off with lunch in the nearby Hayloft Tearoom (which is an accurate description), where we had reserved a table that afforded a view across the full expanse of the barn and shop below. A group photo and other photos can be viewed on Outings page of Branch website and Hugh's News dating to 16/06/2016.
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