



MARSTON UPDATE

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Hugh Deam

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Thursday, 26th September Wolvercote@StantonStJohn

As none of our band had rung at Stanton St John, we thought it would be enjoyable to have a go on their recently rehung bells. Hugh kindly enquired whether they would be happy to host us and, fortunately, a positive response was given. So, on Thursday 26th of September the Wolvercote ringers, along with Hugh and some others, ventured over there.

A spiral stair case is always a bit of a shock for Wolvercote ringers as we are a ground floor ring but fortunately, apart from getting a little dusty, this challenge was surmounted without issue. After ringing up in peal, a couple of our ringers had an exploratory ring to find that they were lovely bells, albeit a little loud. We then went on to ring a variety of methods, including 'good old' Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and, as was remarked upon, St Simon's called by Saint Simon (AKA Simon Edwards). Christopher also discovered the ease of ringing short draught bells and many of us had the opportunity to look around the church. Our thanks to Paul for meeting us and to all the Stanton ringers for letting us ring their bells. Obviously, our ringing wasn't too terrible as we were invited back ☺, an offer which we may well take up next summer, as Stanton looks like a lovely place for a picnic. **Christopher & Janice Beale** (photo above taken at Staton St. John)



Saturday, 28th September

On Saturday afternoon an all Marston band rang a quarter peal on the bells at St Giles, Bletchington.

1260 Plain Bob Minor

**Benjamin Poole, Judy Kirby, Jane Hedges, D Bennett,
M Kivilo, H Deam (c) (group photo left)**



Back in the Day - Saturday 13th October 2007 Outing to Essex

This is one of our most fondly remembered outings, with every tower (Shenfield, Basildon, Ingrave, Navestock) individually memorable in style and quality of bells. On what, by early afternoon, turned out to be a glorious sunny autumn day, Jonathan Beale drove a full minibus of 17, plus three more coming by car. For sheer uniqueness the 95ft glass tower of St Martin of Tours, Basildon was the centrepiece of the day. Opened in 1999, the Campanile is fully glazed, with a copper covered ogee dome.

Photos of Basildon Tower exterior and inside ringing



Upcoming Events

Friday 11 October 7.25pm Practice

Saturday 12 October

- 10.15am Hannington All Saints 6 RG26
- 11.30am Wolverton St Catherine 6 RG26
- 12.30pm - Lunch at Greenham Common control tower

Sunday 13 October - 3.00pm QPA -J Kirby, M Haynes, P Lucas, M Kivilo, B Poole, H Deam