



# MARSTON UPDATE

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We are pleased to be able to pass on that we have been informed some City Branch towers have now resumed ringing for services with half of their complement of bells - Headington, St Giles and Kidlington. (For Cowley see below). We have also heard from Wolvercote who are not ringing for the time being. If any other towers would like to share their ringing status then we will be happy to mention it in the Update.

From Mary Bayliss, Cowley, St James

Thank you for the updates. It's good to hear what you are all getting up to, and I love seeing your photos and memories of ringing outings. Such great memories to cherish. We are ringing 2 bells on a Sunday morning and ringing them up and down to check they are ok.

Now about two months into our handbell practicing we have got about two thirds of the way to what we might usually be doing in tower, this week adding Little Bob and St Remigius, plus harmonising the tune ringing, adding in Here We Come A-Wassailing this week.



## *Back in the day - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006 Outing to Gloucestershire*

Another eventful outing, with a broken stay at Cirencester's other church with bells, Watermoor. Then west to the Golden Valley now widely known thanks to Laurie Lee's Cider With Rosie. The "Alpine Village" of Chalford became a centre of silk and wool manufacture in the 18th century with the arrival of displaced Flemish Huguenots. The elevated positioning of the church certainly gives off the air that there could be Swiss chalets and goat herders in the vicinity. Unfortunately the tower captain was exceptionally keen to show us their steel bells and we were then conspicuously late in arriving at Woodchester. The parish church here was designed by the same architect who designed the Sandringham House. Things got back on track with a superb lunch at The Weighbridge Inn on the outskirts of Nailsworth. During the afternoon the sun graced us with an appearance thus showing off the photogenic villages of Avening and Cherington at their best.