

# MARSTON UPDATE

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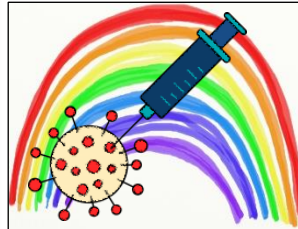


Well, lucky Loughborough! Now, how about getting me a jeweler to ring in the New Year?



### **GOOD START & NEWS FOR 2021**

For those whom it may have been lost in the shuffle of Covid and Christmas, it was announced on December 19th that Loughborough bell foundry had received a grant of £3.4m from the National Lottery, which combined with other monies raised should secure its long-term future. Also benefitting is the bellfoundry museum which displays artefacts relating to bells from as far back as the 1300s. Our last visit to the foundry was organized by Roy Jones back in 1999 where we also rang at four towers in Leicestershire. In the intervening years it became clear that major restoration of the building was going to be imperative, as can be seen from a photo Hugh took a few years ago. (photos of building above and museum left)



### **Back in the Day #1 Tuesday 4th January 2005**

**Quarter Peal (1p 4m)**  
**Stedman, St Simon's, Reverse**  
**Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire**  
1 Andrew Dunn 2 Hugh Deam (c)  
3 Roy Jones (c) 4 Heather Banyard  
5 Bernard Masterman (c) 6 Peter Lloyd

This specially arranged daytime quarter peal was rung half muffled as the UK remembered the 250,000+ victims of the Boxing Day tsunami in the Indian Ocean with a three-minute silence and flags lowered to half mast.



### **Back in the Day #2 Saturday, 8th<sup>th</sup> January 2005**

Around this time in January we would usually be enjoying a specially arranged practice morning at Iffley, but hopefully for one year only we will have to content ourselves with looking back nostalgically to one such morning - Saturday 8th January 2005

