



MARSTON UPDATE

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VE COMMEMERATIONS THIS YEAR (& PERHAPS AGAIN IN 2021?)

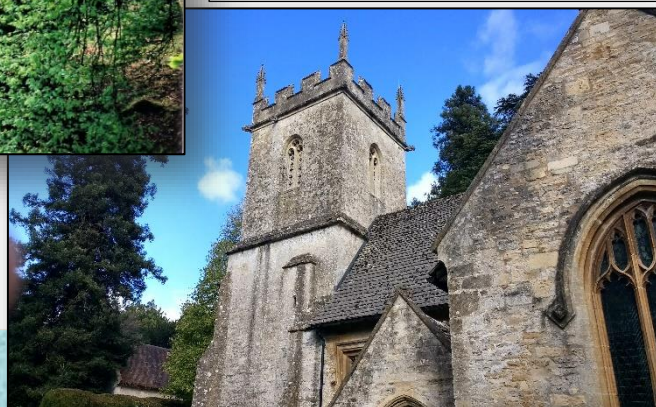
As would now be expected, the 75th anniversary of VE Day was a restrictive event from what was envisaged at the beginning of the year, the curtailment no more starkly evident than in the absence of bell-ringing to mark the day. Inevitably the plan to coordinate quarter peals throughout the day at Cowley, Iffley, Wolvercote and Marston could not come to fruition due to the circumstances beyond our control, but the 76th anniversary next year falls on a Saturday so maybe something more substantial than would originally have been planned might be arranged. Several houses around Marston have made worthy efforts with flags and bunting, but the bus shelter in Sandford on Thames was the most eye-catching noticed on the day.



Feedback from previous issue:

I enjoy the photos for "Back in the Day". Last week's, (2004 in Blethington & 2017 with vicar Skye and Marston ringers) were charming snapshots. So many of us now looking "wiser" makes wistful fun out of looking back. Donna Bennett

Surrounding photos -
Colesbourne,
Gloucestershire and group
on outing in 2003



Over the years the second Saturday in May has been set aside for Branch or Guild meetings so supplemental Marston ringing is rare to be found, but not impossible as we have squeezed in morning ringing such as Saturday 10th May 2003 with an outing to Gloucestershire - Colesbourne, Withington, Chedworth. The cruciform Norman church in Colesbourne (also widely spelled as Colesborne) enjoys one of the most verdant settings in the Cotswolds, nestling within the western edge of Chedworth Wood as it tapers down to the usually pacific River Churn. The Victorian horticulturalist Henry Elwes set out his collection of snowdrops in the grounds here, with over 200 variants now being a sight to behold in late winter. BBC's Songs of Praise featured the church and it's now world renowned snowdrop festival earlier this year.

BACK IN THE DAY – MAY 20TH 2003 OUTING TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE

