



MARSTON UPDATE

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MEMORIES OF LAST YEAR'S FIREWORKS

Normally this week we would most likely be featuring a photo or two of the annual fireworks display arranged by the Red Lion pub in Marston, but of course that has been an inevitable casualty this year. As it happens this time last year, we had a busy ringing schedule and there wasn't space for any snaps of the pyrotechnics, so this year they can finally get their moment in the spotlight.



REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

On Friday 6th November Sharon Fenn (manager at Marston Court) and Paul Lucas (both pictured setting out) cycled to three war memorials (St Nicholas here in Marston, St Giles and St Clements) and placed knitted poppies made by residents at each location. This is in aid of the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The other eight local memorials were due to have a knitted poppy laid on them over Remembrance weekend.

We will feature photos of the decorated memorials next week.

Anyone wishing to donate can visit:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marston-court>



Back in the Day – Saturday, 13th November, 2010

Morning Outing to Berkshire

Of the three towers we took in (Beenham, Shaw and Speen), probably the most interesting would be Speen, which is regarded as being the oldest church in Berkshire, although this is based on its Saxon foundations. St Mary's church was long the mother church of Newbury, and the ringing chamber is accessed via a spiral staircase. The village stands on the route of the Ermin Way which connected Cirencester and Silchester, with lands here being the actual Civil War battlefields of the 2nd Battle of Newbury on 27th October 1644. In view of the time of year it will not come as a surprise that it was on the cold side and the lunch venue, the individualistically named The Bunk Inn, was a cosy haven that was hard to drag ourselves away from.