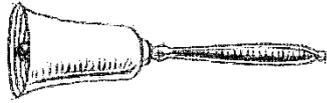


# MARSTON UPDATE

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### *Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August*

On Friday evening we held our first handbell substitution practice as a temporary substitution for tower bell ringing. For now, we are practicing in the churchyard, but hopefully we will be using the church hall in the near future as the nights draw in.

Stand!

### *A Judge and Doctor, but Digby Ring?*

Meet Judge Digby Cotes-Preedy, legal eagle, medical "truant" and musician. Born in Fladbury, Worcestershire in 1875, he qualified in Medicine from St George's Hospital where he was house physician. Among his many works on medico-legal subjects is one on the law relating to hospital patients. He conducted the official enquiry into the 1936 outbreak of typhoid fever in the Bournemouth area that year. He was continually attracted to literary and legal pursuits. But was he a ringer?

Maybe, but the jury is out on that one. As a musician he composed anthems and carols. One of the latter - The Bells of Noel (published by Stainer and Bell) - having for its theme the chimes of Magdalen College.

He also composed a hymn tune which was sung at his wedding. His standing as a judge was such that he was twice invited to sit for portraits that are held by the National Portrait Gallery.

### **Back in the Day** **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

#### **Quarter Peal at St James, Cowley Grandsire, Plain Bob**

If there is one time of year, other than Christmas, when there is almost no organised extraneous ringing, then it is mid August. Hence it required a good old rootle through the now extensive archives to find something that also had an accompanying photo.

Grandsire, Plain Bob

- 1 Susie Pavelin\*
- 2 Susan King
- 3 Roy Jones (c)
- 4 Maarit Kivilo
- 5 Bernard Masterman
- 6 Hugh Deam

\* This was the first quarter peal for Cowley ringer Susie Pavelin, who also rang regularly at Marston and Headington before moving up to Scotland to live and work a year or so later.

*Hope you're all enjoying your  
Staycation*

