



MARSTOAN UPDATE

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Feedback from previous issue:

Thanks for the Marston Update. Hope everyone is keeping well and not suffering withdrawal symptoms. Best wishes. **Paul Lucas, Headington**

I hope you are all keeping fit and well throughout this strange time!! I am really missing my bell ringing practices - both the exercise and the social side. Thinking of you all. Regards. **Anita Clayton, Thame.**



Hey -
What
about me?



Lockdown observations by Hugh Deam

I've been able to see a bit of what has been happening around Oxford in the first three weeks of lockdown whilst delivering. Week One saw a plethora of fridge freezers partnering the wheelie bins. Week Two saw washing machines joining them, and now cookers, microwaves, child car seats, and even fruit machines are keeping them company in the vain hope of collection. Another sign of changed times is the Pizza places, normally shuttered until late morning, are now a hive of activity by 9.00am, with Deliveroo cyclists zipping around delivering this new breakfast favourite.

Rather like Llandudno where the Kashmiri goats have reclaimed the streets, so too around Marston it is quiet enough for the roe deer to be seen bounding around during the middle of the day and foxes to be spied sunning themselves in the playgrounds. Also the flora continues to be vibrantly appreciative of the sunny conditions.



CLUES (excluding clothing, footwear, and computer related items)

1. (George Clooney)
2. (Led Zeppelin)
3. (Geppetto)
4. (50% Mark Zuckerberg, 50% Dark Horse Comics)
5. (Controversial Replacement)
6. (Blonde)
7. (For Major Tom)
8. (Talking of Doris Day)

Answers next week 😊

WHAT ARE THE TOP SELLING THINGS BEING DELIVERED?

Clues and guesses?

The present situation has radically increased the volume of certain items, with toilet rolls, wine, television mounts and bicycle tyres suddenly in the top twenty popularity chart. By way of offering you something to pass the time we thought you might like to surmise eight of the top ten most ordered items. Clothing/footwear and computer related items (cables, software games etc.) being the other two in the top ten. To speed things up a bit there is a clue provided for each item. Answers will be in next week's update.



What's Benjamin up to these days?

Regular readers of the update will have seen the impressive progress that Benjamin has made since he began ringing at Marston late in 2017, with 67 quarter peals to date. He is also a keen astronomer and photographer, a perfect combination. In weeks to come we should feature one his lunar photos, but this week we think you will enjoy a couple of uniquely vespertine views of Marston church and the Oxford skyline.

Back in the Day - Easter Day (Marston quarter peal) Sunday 12th April 2009

1260 Doubles (4m)

April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire

1 Robert Bruce 2 Judy Kirby 3 Roy Jones (c)

4 Donna Murphy 5 Hugh Deam (c) 6 Charles Smith

Some of those mentioned above and a few others considered themselves part of the "**B-Band**" back in the day

