

MARSTON UPDATE

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CHIMING THE BELLS FOR HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Saturday, 10th April

At noon, along with so many other towers across the country, we were able to mark the passing of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, and thanks to Richard and Donna coming over at short notice to put a muffle on the 4th bell it was a tolled 99 rather than chimed as first envisaged.
Photo right – Benjamin, Hugh & Richard



**Saturday, 10th April. St. Peter's
in Wolvercote:**

*"We used the Sanctus bell to strike the Tenor Bell
at Wolvercote 99 times at 12 noon"*

Photo Left

Jonathan, Janice & Christopher Beale

Feedback -

*"Thank you for sending out the Updates -
I do hope we can all be back to ringing in
well ventilated chambers soon"*
God bless, Dr David Hartley



Above photo of the ringing chamber at Romsey Abbey (courtesy of Andrew Goldthorpe) was taken during the 2018 outing arranged by John Hearn.

**Back in the Day
Saturday 13th April 2002**

Outing to towers along the River Test

We began our day with ringing at the 12th century Romsey Abbey, the original 10th century building having been burnt down by marauding Vikings. We subsequently wended our way northwards to four towers that are all close to the River Test, the preminent chalk river in Europe and the favourite river in England amongst anglers. The river was at its effulgent best at Mottisfont (our third tower) which is best known for its Augustian priory, now owned by the National Trust. Time was also allocated so that we could also call in at one of the most beautifully situated farm shop/cafes in the country, Kimbridge, - which is accessed via a footbridge spanning a tributary of the Test.