



MARSTON UPDATE

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Sunday 12th July

For our second weekend back in ringing for 15 minutes we squeezed in a 240 of Plain Bob Minor and 120s of St Simon's and St Martin's. We will not be ringing from August 3rd for six weeks as the church and tower are being rewired.



Back in the Day - Saturday 16th July 2011

Ringling and picnic at Mapledurham

We had previously visited Mapledurham in 2002, but this time we also combined ringing with one of our annual picnics at scenic towers such as this. The vast majority of the village is in truth a northerly suburb of Reading, but is classified as being in Oxfordshire due to being on the north side of the River Thames, rather as anything south of the Head of the River pub on the Abingdon Road in Oxford was in Berkshire until 1972. The church however is located by the manor house and watermill to the west of the main conurbation and only accessible by car via a long and narrow lane. On summer weekends it can be reached by a boat service from Reading.

For once we enjoyed a totally rain free afternoon and fitted in some Cambridge, St Clements and Bob Minor prior to our picnic. Anyone who has seen the movie adaptation of The Eagle Has Landed will instantly recognise the church and mill as its main filming location.

A fuller description of Mapledurham is to be found on the City Branch website Outings pages.

