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MARSTON UPDATE

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Maarit and Hugh travelled over to **Stanton St John (5)** to join their band ringing for morning service on Sunday 4th December. Amongst the six-strong local band that morning was Graham Nichols, formerly of **Old Headington** tower. It was a good opportunity to catch up with him after several years.

On the Wednesday evening of 7th December, Hugh travelled over to **Bletchington (6)** to be in a quarter peal, which comprised ringers from five different Branches.

Bletchington (St Giles) 1260 St Martin's Doubles:

Michael Probert, Lisa Ryan, Susan Read, Hugh Deam, Alison Merryweather-Clarke (c), Steve Vickars



On the Saturday evening of 10th December, the lights decorating the Christmas tree near the entrance to **St Nicholas church in Marston** were switched on as a large congregation sang Christmas carols, accompanied by the Salvation Army band. The following morning, we rang a quarter peal which was dedicated to this palpable beginning of the festive season.

Marston (St Nicholas) - 1260 Doubles (35m/v):

Kathy Xu, Maarit Kivilo (c), Ailsa Reid (c), Donna Bennett, Hugh Deam (c), Jane Hedges

Also on Sunday 11th December several other quarter peals were rung around Oxford.....

St Giles, Oxford - 1280 Plain Bob Major:

Lisa Ryan, Alison Merryweather-Clarke, Lindsay Powell, Austin Dunn, Craig Robertson (c), Sara Jones, John Pusey, David Barrington

Bletchington (St Giles) - 1260 Grandsire Doubles:

Julie Penny, Lisa Ryan, Michael Haynes, Hugh Deam, Steve Vickars (c), Alison Merryweather-Clarke

Congratulations to treble ringer, Julie Penny on her first quarter peal.



**Headington
St Andrew's – 1260
Reverse Canterbury
Pleasure Place Doubles:**

Malcolm Fairbairn, Tertia Softley, Judy Kirby, Clare Fairbairn (c), Hugh Deam, Miloslav Lelkes

Rung before the service of Carols and Readings.

The churchyard in Headington is at present adorned with lovely Advent related creations.

