

# MARSTON UPDATE

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Only 101 days  
until  
Christmas

What do you get if you  
cross a bell with a  
skunk?

SMELLS  
JINGLE

### **PROGRESS - DING DONG !**

Such is the duplicitous intrinsicity attached to 2020 then it was probably inevitable that we would have to put on hold our plans to expand the scope of our handbell practices in the Church Hall. Our latest practice on Friday evening saw us finally crack a complete touch of Plain Bob Doubles, and a couple of plain courses of St Simon's, plus we also sandwiched in some tune ringing.

Although Christmas this year is likely to be a "bare bones" occasion, if not "cancelled", we nonetheless defiantly ran through three of the most famous carols –

Ding Dong Merrily On High,  
Good King Wenceslas  
& O Come All Ye Faithful.

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**To Hugh and all those who  
contribute to preparing these updates  
and keeping it going.**

**A great big**

# **Thank- you!**



### **Back in the Day - Saturday 19th September 2015**

**Outing to Bodicote, St John the Baptist  
and Great Tew, St Michael AA**

This was the first outing organised for us by Charlotte Furneaux and Lindsay Powell. There was a specific and personal reason for visiting Bodicote as this was the tower where Charlotte learnt to ring as a child. A misty morning at this time of year is usually precursory to glorious sunshine and so it transpired by the time of our arrival at Great Tew. There is a not inconsiderable disparity in weight between the tenors of the two towers (8cwt and 22cwt respectively), which was a very useful criterion for our 8-bell ringing. We concluded with lunch at one of the best-known pubs in Oxfordshire, the 17th century Falkland Arms, which is named after the 2nd Viscount Falkland, Lucius Cary who inherited the Great Tew estate in 1625. On our previous time here, it was winter and we could appreciate the interior, with its flagstone floors, oak beams and inglenook fireplace, but the weather on this day warranted our eating AA outside.



Charlotte's description of the outing, along with extra photos, is available to view on City Branch Outings page for this date.  
[www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk/outings11.htm](http://www.oxfordcitybranch.org.uk/outings11.htm)