



MARSTON UPDATE

15th October 2021

Hugh Deam

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Prior to the Harvest Festival service on Sunday morning (October 10) we rang our first Minor quarter peal with a wholly Marsden band since early February 2020.

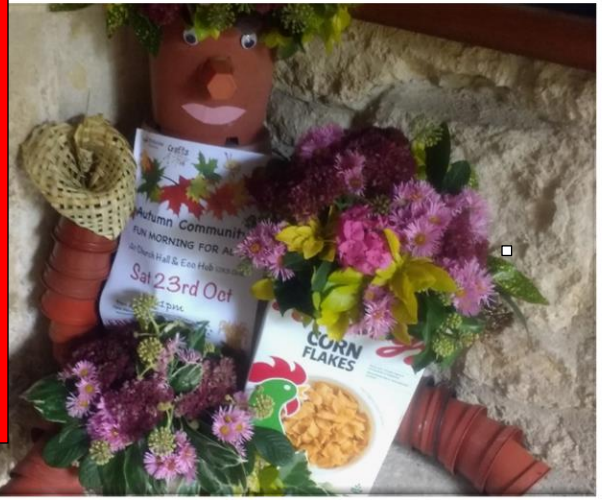
Understandably the harvest-time decoration within the church was scaled back somewhat, but there was still considerably more than just a smidgeon of autumnal pigments.

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Judith Kirby 2 Jane Hedges 3 Benjamin Poole 4 Donna Bennett 5 Michael Haynes 6 Hugh Deam (c)

Following on from the quarter peal, our Monday evening practice focused mainly on Minor methods, with a view to getting back to more than one method per Minor quarter.

Following our two previous conjunctions with South Leigh (St James the Great), we are scheduled to meet up again for another Saturday afternoon practice on October 30th from 3.00pm. Do come along if you are at a loose end.



A to Z Miscellany

As we haven't as yet visited either of the only two towers on the British mainland that begin with the letter V, then this extra U comes from Upper Heyford. We have rung on the six bells at Lower Heyford on numerous occasions (quarter peals and outings) in the last twenty years, so although the three bells at St Mary's church in Upper Heyford are unringable, nonetheless there is much of singular interest here. As an example, the plaque commemorating the United States Air Force who were based at RAF Upper Heyford between 1951 and 1993.