

MARSTON UPDATE

Saturday 15th October 2022 – edition no: 242



The Sunday morning quarter peal rung at Marston on September 25th was one of several in various towers in memoriam of Willie Haynes during the past few weeks. Our peal on October 9th was also dedicated to him.

1260 Doubles (7m/v)

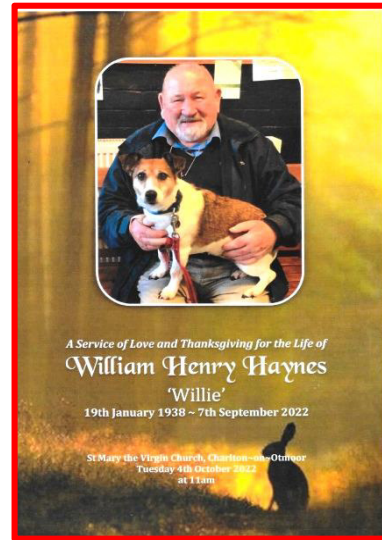
Judy Kirby, Ailsa Reid, Kathy Xu, Maarit Kivolo (c), Hugh Deam (c)

Also that morning a similarly dedicated quarter peal was rung at St Giles:

1260 Doubles (2m)

Craig Robertson, Sara Jones, Colin Taylor, John Pusey, Steve Vickars (c), Alison Merryweather-Clarke

Willies' funeral service was held at St Mary's church, Charlton on Otmoor on Tuesday 4th October, and dozens of ringers from across the Guild were amongst those gathered there, where ringing took place before and after the service.



After a break of two and a half years, ringing resumed at North Hinksey, as all six bells rang out prior to

morning service on Sunday 25th September. Just as pre-covid, Marston ringers travelled over to combine with the tower band and the plan is to ring for at least two services per month, with a special Saturday afternoon practice planned for November 5th, 2.30pm to 3.45pm

Traditionally the second Saturday in October is a busy ringing day, with branches holding outings and such like, and thus we happily accepted the invitation to help out with filling wedding bands hereabouts.



Four of us travelled out to Freeland for a noon wedding and two had a more adjacent 1.00pm wedding at Wolvercote. For Kathy Xu, Freeland was a return to the first tower she rang at on an outing back in 2013.



Also, thank you to Michael Probert for his very cordial and appreciative email on behalf of Freeland tower for our efforts.

Congratulations to Steve Vickars from Kirtlington, who rang his first peal as part of our band on Sunday 9th October, our Harvest Festival day at Marston:

5040 Minor, Cambridge & Plain Bob

Hugh Deam, Michael Haynes, Craig Robertson (c), Alison Merryweather-Clarke, Steve Vickars, Simon Edwards.

Across this weekend, St Nicholas church celebrated not only Harvest Festival, but its 900th anniversary, and amongst the special displays in the church was one recognizing the contribution of the bell ringers.



Upcoming Outing – Saturday 29th October: (Contact Hugh for full details if you're interested)

12.00 Horley; 1.15pm Banbury; 3.00pm Hook Norton; 4.30pm Lower Brailes.