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With St George's Day falling on a Saturday, ringing events were really thick on the ground, and ringers scattered hither, thither and yon.

A party of six from Marston were glad to be in a position to help fill the band for a wedding at Iffley. This was the first opportunity for Lydia to ring for a wedding, having only started ringing last year at the age of nine. She made an excellent job of ringing the second (which is the bell requiring the best technique), then trebling, and she was really enthused by how good the bells are at Iffley.



Also, that Saturday, the Bicester Branch held a ringing outing, organised by Steve Vickars, which Hugh and Judy joined for the morning towers. Steve writes: A great day out to five towers south of Carterton: Langford, Broadwell, Black Bourton, Clanfield and Aston. This was our first outing since 2019 and a welcome opportunity to ring at some new towers. We enjoyed a fine variety of bells, from the slightly challenging Langford, through the twitchy Clanfield, eight, the hefty but musical Aston bells to the easy-going rings at Black Bourton and Broadwell. All the churches are distinctly beautiful and well worth a visit in their own right.

Two Marston ringers were also part of the band that rang a wedding compliment quarter peal on the bells of Chalgrove (St Mary) on Saturday 7th May, and which was conducted by Steve Vickars. It was great to ring on these fine bells once again, and receive a bottle of wine each for our efforts!



And finally, thank you to all those who came along to our monthly Sunday afternoon special practice on 15th May, which this month we were pleased to combine with ringers from the Bicester Branch.

We had a goodly mix of methods from Doubles to Surprise Minor, with a brief interval to enjoy the delicious chocolate cake provided by Jane!

