



MARSTON UPDATE

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50 years of Quarter Peal History at Marston

Most readers will be aware of the cornucopia of peal and quarter peal ringing on Marston bells in the past fifty years. Whereas all the peals are logged for referencing on Doves Online / Felstead Peals (in case you don't possess every relevant back copy of *The Ringing World*), the quarter peals would have required a regular subscription, but now after about 60 hours across 12 days, and just to prove that huge list is not apocryphal, details of over 1100 quarters since 1979 are now accessible if you search Old Marston on Ringing World Bell Board. There are still quite a few "missing" quarters yet to add where details are incomplete, but the inadvertent duplications caused by such a mass logging have now hopefully all been spotted and deleted. The two things that stood out most from collating these quarters were the breadth of ringers who have participated, and the large number of firsts (1st QP, 1st inside, trebling, in method, conducting, part conducting) for ringers from a multitude of other towers as well as locals.

There was a good turnout for the lighting of the tree outside the church on Saturday despite the appalling weather, with the Salvation Army band providing accompaniment to the carols. As conditions were not conducive for taking a decent photo of the singing around the tree that evening, we have a photo of the tree later in the week.



Representative quarter peal photo from January 2nd, 2005.



A to Z Miscellany Y - Yarnton

Having rung numerous quarter peals on the famously heavy set of six bells (22cwt tenor) of St Bartholomew church in the early 2000s, we began visiting as part of our Outings rota from 2010. Judy is pictured having a tete a tete in the wake of our ringing session. The symbolic red lion (probably made of fibreglass) which long stood guard outside the village pub of the same name (our lunchtime venue on a couple off occasions) has seemingly been removed at some point between the first lockdown and this summer just gone.