



MARSTON UPDATE

18th March 2022

Hugh Deam

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As meteorological spring came within sight so we managed to burst into the busiest itinerary of ringing for over two years.

On Sunday 20 February we had a tower and handbell practice in the afternoon, which doubled as a service ring for the Refresh service in the church hall. It was great to welcome back Steve Davies from Iffley tower for the first time since early 2020, as we managed to fit in half a dozen staple Minor and Doubles methods such a Cambridge and Stedman. The session also afforded Lydia the opportunity to move forward from calling Plain Hunt on to Plain Bob.

Earlier in the afternoon Hugh rang in a quarter peal (3 methods) at Bletchington - full details available on Bellboard page for this date.



The following Sunday (February 27) we rang our first quarter peal of 2022 on the Marston bells.

1260 Doubles (19m/v)
1 Judith Kirby 2 Ailsa Reid (c) 3 Jane Hedges 4 Benjamin Poole (c) 5 Hugh Deam (c) 6 Michael Haynes

Full details of the method/variations are to be found on Bellboard listing for this date.

Saturday 26th February saw our first visit of 2022 to St James, South Leigh, for a good hour and a half of ringing, plus the bonus of warming up courtesy of Heather's homemade apple juice.

On Thursday 3rd March at 7.00pm the St Nicholas tenor was rung for seven minutes as part of the initiative to signify support and solidarity for the people of Ukraine. Along with many other churches across the nation and beyond it is posted on the dedicated Facebook page.

Finally, on Thursday 10th March we were happy to accept the invitation to visit St James, Cowley for what was their first practice since 2020.



Upcoming event

Saturday 26th March 3.00pm - South Leigh