



MARSTON UPDATE

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Hugh Deam

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In company with towers across the nation, Marston tolled a bell 99 times just prior to the funeral of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh on Saturday afternoon, with Maarit this week tolling the fourth bell.

Similarly, the Sanctus bell at Wolvercote was struck, which hopefully most of you can access on the zip file which will accompany this update.

Feedback from St James, Cowley

Thank you for your newsletter. I also tolled the bell on Saturday 10th April 99 times. I also tolled the tenor again on the day of the funeral.

Regards, Jamie Brown Deputy Tower Captain

As opposed to the first cuckoo of spring, spotted in Bay Tree Close in Iffley on Monday morning (April 12) was perhaps the last snowman of winter looking somewhat emblematic on a car windscreen.



Back in the day - Saturday 21st April 2007 Morning Outing to Thame and Chinnor

This was one of our many successful two tower mini-outings, on this occasion focusing mainly on Grandsire Triples at Thame, then a mixture of Cambridge, St Clements and Stedman at Chinnor.

Chinnor was conceived as a quadrangle layout at a crossing of routes on the Chiltern escarpment. Much of the village, including the original church building, was destroyed by a devastating fire late in the 17th century. The village is still well served by way of shops (Judy snapped outside Plested Butchers on Church Road), pubs and other amenities on all four sides of the quadrangle. We lunched at the Village Centre (one of the first such community-led all purpose hubs in the country) which is staffed by volunteers which means that meals are very affordable.

