

# MARSTON UPDATE

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**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August** - Week two of our Friday evening handbell practices saw us taking our first foray into Plain Bob Doubles as we fortunately managed to catch a gap in the thundery showers that prevailed on most evenings during the week. The level of readjustment from ringing tower bells has been startling, and we are still in the tiny oaks stage, but our improvement from week one was plainly evident.



### ***HEY, IT'S A SUPER PHOTO!***

In late March, at roughly the same time as our shared travails with Covid-19 were beginning, so (as thankfully it's 64 million miles away) a rather more welcome abbreviation hove into sight in the night sky. C/2020 F3 NEOWISE has in the last few weeks been subject to multitudinous photographing from across the globe, and our own astro-watcher Benjamin has provided us with an image that he captured earlier this month as Comet NEOWISE was it at closest point.



**Back in the Day - Saturday 23 August 2003**  
**Sunningwell, St Leonard**  
**1260 Doubles**  
**St Simon's, Plain Bob,**  
**Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire**

Ailsa Reid, Brenda Thomas,  
Hugh Deam (c)  
Bernard Masterman (c)  
Brian Thomas  
Roger Masterman

This was one of the handful of occasions where we were able to organise a quarter peal band with both Bernard and his brother Roger, who rings at St Mary's church, Coity, near Bridgend. Roy wasn't able to get down to Oxford in time for the quarter, but was there in time for the conclusion and group photo outside the church.

