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MARSTON UPDATE

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Good news from Wolvercote regarding their bid for funding to install cameras within the bell chamber to stream a live image, which will act as a valuable new teaching aid.

Jonathan Beale says:- *"Thanks to everyone who supported our COL bid for a video downlink in the tower. I'm pleased to say that funding (in full) has been confirmed, which is great news. Once the funding has been received, we will be progressing with the project and hope to have this working in about 6 to 12 months' time.*

*When complete, it will be a great additional resource to our dumb bell simulator.
"From all of the Wolvercote bell ringers, many thanks for the support so far."*



On Sunday 13th November we were able to ring a quarter peal prior to morning service at **Old Marston** for Remembrance Sunday, for the first time since 2019, and afterwards to take a moment to remember quietly by the cross draped with poppies in the churchyard.

1260 Doubles (10m/v):

Kathy Xu, Jane Hedges, Maarit Kivilo (c), Donna Bennett (c),
Hugh Deam (c), Judy Kirby

There was also a half-muffled quarter peal rung at **St Giles** in Oxford following their civic open-air morning service.

1260 Grandsire Triples:

Andrew Spicer, John Pusey, Lindsay Powell, Stephen Everett,
Sara Jones, Craig Robertson (c) Austin Dunn, Colin Taylor

Following our link up with **North Hinksey (6)** earlier in November we were fortunate enough to have unseasonably good weather for our joint practice at **St James, Cowley (6)** on Saturday afternoon 19th November.

During our 75minute session we managed to give our visitors from **Iffley** and **North Hinksey** (whose first time this was on the Cowley bells for all three of them), they had the opportunity to broaden their range and learn to adapt to bells dissimilar to their home towers. For instance, Mike rang tenor behind an asymmetric method for the first time, Laura rang lots of plain hunt and rang down in peal in exemplary fashion, and Ginger trebled to a three-part 120 of Grandsire. Jamie and Mary both successfully rang inside to touches of Grandsire, with Mary trebling to St Clements Minor, something which she hadn't done for many years. We will hopefully be having another such session in January. Also, a special mention for Laura's wonderfully behaved dog, *Bip* (a Samoyed I believe) who definitely made some new friends amongst our group!



Paul Lucas has been travelling across a fair chunk of Australia since the last Update a fortnight ago, and has recently arrived in Sydney, where he has met up with our good friends Alan and Marylon Coates (in the dark red tops), at an excellent practice at **St Philip's, Church Hill (8) (18cwt tenor)**. Many will know Alan from his frequent visits to attend conferences in Oxford, and he has rung at many towers around the city, and has also joined us on a number of Hugh's ringing tours.

Recently, following illness, Alan is having to restrict his ringing to instruction and supervision only at **St James, Queens Square (8)** – his home tower. We will be seeing Alan and Marylon in September next year, when he is coming to Oxford for another conference.

