



MARSTON UPDATE

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We are now had our fourth week of Friday evening online practices and we were pleased to welcome Simon and Susan from Iffley tower for the first time this week. During our hour we dabbled in several methods, ably orchestrated by Steve Everett. On the handbell front, the intention is for us to get in a couple of practices in the week prior to Easter Day so we can ring some appropriate tunes for the planned outdoor morning service at St Nicholas.



From Susan King - Extract from Kilvert's Diary 1870

Kilvert was 30 years old serving as curate to the Revd. Richard Venables, vicar of Clyro: "Going out at 10 found Mary Brooks at the door with an open letter to announce that Mrs. Venables was confined of a nice little girl. Three cheers. The news flew through the village like wildfire. Charlie Powell, Richard Brooks and John Harris rushed to the church and the bells were soon in full peal. The bells ringing at intervals all day. Mrs. Price of The Swan sent the ringers a gallon of beer. I sent them another gallon and went to the belfry to see them ringing."

Back in the Day - Saturday 24th March 2007 Outing to Surrey North Downs

This was our second visit to this part of Surrey in three years, an area of the county where downland meets hillside. All of the towers and villages our party of 17 visited (Shere, Albury, Dunsfold, Alford) on this sunny day were memorable and photogenic to the utmost and are worth reading about and looking at on the City Branch outings page. But our first tower, Shere, is one of England's few "Alpine" villages (we had rung at another one, Chalford in Gloucestershire, the year before) and the photos here that offer a semblance of such are not on the website. The church, with its eight bells, is reached from one side via a footbridge that crosses the Tillingbourne stream and this is one of the areas where you could imagine it to be a German or Swiss hillside village. Not surprisingly Shere has featured as a chocolate box location for film and television productions, most recently the BBC adaptations of the Professor Brainstorm children's novels starring Harry Hill.

