



MARSTON UPDATE

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Sunday 6th October

We rang a quarter peal prior to our evening service. 1260 Lakesend & Bob Minor

1 Judy Kirby 2 Elizabeth Mullett
3 Colin Taylor 4 Steve Davies
5 Maarit Kivilo 6 Hugh Deam (c)



Earlier in the day Benjamin was able to join the ringing at St Giles where the Charmborough Ring (the heaviest portable ring of bells in the country/photo left) was being put in place for the day as part of the October Fest at St Giles church.



ONLY TWO OUT OF THREE TOWERS RINGABLE!

There was a healthy turnout on a wet and windy autumn Saturday for a three tower Berkshire outing.

First was Hannington All Saints, a ground floor ring of six that were somewhat light and springy but for some reason sounded louder than their weight

Then onto St Catherine's at Wolverton a short drive away. This Georgian built church was encased in red brick at around 1710 giving it a somewhat unusual look. The main talking point however about the church was the amount the tower swayed whilst the bells were being rung. It felt to those not ringing like being on board a gentle train ride! Despite this all felt they were lovely bells to ring.

The third tower had no bells at all but did do a nice light lunch that we all tucked into!

It was the old RAF Greenham Common Control Tower that has recently been converted to a café after being left derelict since 1992 when the US Air Force left the site and the base closed. There is a small museum about the history of the base and local area. The observation deck offers an outstanding view of what used to be one of the longest runways in Europe but is now common land for all to enjoy. It was a return to Greenham Common for St Nicholas ringer Jane Hedges who had been part of the Women's Peace Camp here in the 1980's.

Richard Bennett

(Top left photo – the group, 2nd below lunch in Greenham Control Tower and 3rd is at the top overlooking the views)



Upcoming Events

Friday 25 October 7.25pm Practice

Sunday 27 October 9.00am QPA - K Xu, J Kirby, M Kivilo, D Bennett, H Deam, B Poole

Saturday 16 November - Branch AGM at Cuddesdon

Saturday 23 November - Outing to Milton Keynes area



No space for **Back in the Day** this week, but should return next week

