



# MARSTON UPDATE

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### MARSTON'S CHRISTMAS STAR

The Christmas tree in St Nicholas churchyard is now a beacon of light during the evenings, and Benjamin has taken a splendid photo of it for us during the week.



### FEEDBACK FROM LAST ISSUE

*Well Spotted Susan and what a surprise with the Boxes Donna... Can't believe it was in 2016 though... wow time flies.*

**Jon (Beale)**

*Christmas Greetings from Cowley. Thank you so much for the Marston Update. I hope you are all doing well and looking forward to when Cowley, Iffley and Marston can all ring together again.*

**Jamie Brown Deputy Tower Captain**

### Back in the Days - Friday 18th December 1987

#### & Friday 16th December 1988

(#1 hits – Pet Shop Boys “Always on My Mind”  
& Cliff Richards “Mistletoe & Wine”)

With the relentless metropolitanisation during the past few decades numerous villages have become subsumed into cities and this has led to debate as to loss of soul, character and delineation. In the case of Marston the truth about this is unarguable as the bellringers are the only village organisation still existing from the Parish Council list of organisations drawn up half a century ago. Also evidence the number of pubs we rang our handbells at back in the late 1980s. Today this would be a far briefer and less financially lucrative affair as only the Red Lion and the Victoria Arms survive. After a near two-decade absence of Christmas hand belling around the village we combined with the Scouts and church choir to raise money for The Children's Society.

Hugh was able to get many of the local businesses to donate raffle prizes or money in return for their Christmas messages being printed on the hundreds of leaflets that we posted to most of the houses in Marston. The White Hart also let us take one of their goats around with us which Kate Everett of St Aldates tower took charge of as we made our way around the village. Besides the publicised caroling stops at the pubs we were also invited in for sustenance at Westwood's newsagents in Salford Road and 417 Marston Road.



WHERE TO SEE		SATURDAY 17 DEC.	
FRIDAY 16 DEC.		7.00	Boult's Lane
7.30	Salford Road	8.45	Cavaller
8.45/9.15	Red Lion	9.15	Victoria Arms
9.15/9.30	White Hart	9.45	Jack Russell
9.45	Bricklayers		

  

DONATORS	
Cavaller of Cope Lane	Marston Autoparts of Cherwell Drive
Fox's of Cherwell Drive	Marston Meat Supplies of Salford Road
Hair by Graham of Salford Road	Marston Videos of Salford Road
Ivor Hall of Old Marston Road	Red Lion of Oxford Road
Hayle's Self Service, Oxford Road	C. E. Westwood of Salford Road
Jack Russell of Salford Road	White Hart of Oxford Road
Manner aux Qual' Satsons of Great Milton	G. A. Teal of Old Marston Road

