

MARSTON UPDATE

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Looking Forward

Given a fair wind we will be resuming ringing at Marston in July, and hopefully we can give a bit of detail to this in the Update next week or the week after.

Further Information for Virtual Ringing (thank you Paul and Rachel)

There is a user's guide for getting started here: <https://cccbr.org.uk/2020/06/07/ringing-room-a-users-guide/>. There is a facebook group called "Ringing Room Take-Hold Lounge" where there are open practices and introductory sessions at various times - I know some people have joined facebook just to get their ringing fix! Here's a ringing room tower made for you if you want to give it a go: <https://ringingroom.com/537289416/marston>.

Virtual Social Time and Practices Give it a Go?

I received an email from Rachel (thank you Rachel) that has very useful starter information about getting ringers together. Perhaps we should think about trying it out? (Marston? Wolvercote? Iffley?) Facebook is preferable but there are ways around this for those who don't get on with it. It could also be a good excuse to join....

Are you thinking of starting a Marston practice/social night? If so, then I'd recommend using Jitsi as the "zoom" type meeting host. It works really easily, is free, and from a computer you just go to the website link. Here's an example one you could use: <https://meet.jit.si/MarstonRinging>. Basically just change the last words to whatever you want and you have a video chat set up. To make the video chat work while ringing (you don't want the echo of ringing room coming through) it's best to all wear headphones. However, there is a mute everyone button that can be used to mute everyone except yourself so ringing can still happen. It's obviously ideal if any people with putting right skills have headphones or you lose that! If people have old computers then they can manage the video quality to be sound only which works better.

We started out by just having social meetups and then progressed to adding the ringing in after a small number of us had a go ourselves to make sure we were all happy with it.

Back in the Day - Saturday 23rd June 2012 Outing to Wiltshire

A rare outing where everything just about went to plan, with a start at Zeals (known for its RAF base) and climax at Tidworth, with its huge Army barracks in handy proximity to Salisbury Plain. In between we rang at two other excellent sets of bells in Hindon and Codford St Peter. The other variables of a summer outing also aligned favourably, with sunny (but not stiflingly hot) weather and avoiding too many weddings locally so that we had a good turnout resulting in a wide repertoire of methods rung well. To complete the set, our lunch venue was the thoroughly idiosyncratic Black Dog in Chilmark, the interior of which resembles a medieval dining hall. Bedecked as it was with an array of period fixtures and fittings, the knight in armour on guard as we lunched perhaps inevitably had to steal the show. It was only at Tidworth that timings went slightly awry as we were ringing after the local band had rung for a wedding, but as ringers we are accustomed to the vagaries of wedding timings, so another chance for the handbell ringers in our party to make us of the set that John Pusey had brought with him by way of filling the time.

The group photo at Zeals and pictures of all the churches are available to view on Branch website Outings page for this date.

