

MARSTON UPDATE

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RE: Marston Court Remembrance poppies.
Thanks for all the publicity! It went better than we ever expected it to... (£678 raised as of 21/11/20)- Paul Lucas

Dear Hugh, Donna, and Benjamin, Thank you for our weekly Marston sheet, a spark of our ringing normality to help us remember. Shalom Jane

Nice to keep in touch, though the chances of visiting Oxford remain remote. Ringing in Sydney is getting partially back to normal, though I am currently sidelined with a broken ankle (birdwatching not a ringing injury). St James manages 4-6 bells before Sunday service and Tuesday practice on a mix of simulator and open according to numbers. Best regards to all my friends in Oxford Alan Coates



Back in the Day - Sunday 30th November 2008 Shotteswell, St Laurence & Radway, St Peter

The Warwickshire village of Shotteswell is surrounded on three sides by Oxfordshire due to the bend of the River Avon.

For many centuries locals have pronounced the village name as Satchel.

Between the two towers we enjoyed lunch at The Plough Inn, Warmington.

Radway is the village closest to the site of the Battle of Edge Hill, one of the bloodiest battles of the English Civil War. Fought on Sunday 23rd October 1642, there were around 5000 left dead out of the 24,000 combatants. As with most of the famous Civil War battles it was inconclusive in terms of the overall war despite the high death toll, and a stone pillar at the side of the B4086 road here is all that commemorates the event.

The bells at both towers are rung from the ground floor and so we kept things relatively simple regarding methods, with Plain Bob Minor and Stedman. The church at Shotteswell is surrounded by a collection of charming cottages and there are numerous quirky sundries to be spotted as you walk along the pavement.

Photos: above and middle right - Shotteswell,
top right and bottom - Warmington,

