



MARSTON UPDATE

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Thank you for the great picture of 1951. Congratulations on achieving another amazing 100 issues - Kathy Xu, St Giles

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On Sunday 16th May we rang the handbells prior to the afternoon outdoor service that took place, despite the dicey weather, under canopies in the grounds of the vicarage rather than the churchyard.

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On Wednesday we were given permission for a short practice on the tower bells in preparation for the wedding we have been asked to ring for on Saturday.

Back in the Day Saturday 17 May 2007 West Wycombe, St Laurence

This was one of the 8-bell practice sessions we have held at this uniquely appointed 18th century church, situated as it is high above the village. St Laurence's is known as the "summer church" and St Paul's in the village is the "winter church" as until 1928 there was no road up to St Laurence. The tower is surmounted by an 8ft in diameter golden ball which has become synonymous with the village, although it is actually made of wood, painted with gold leaf. The church was built under instruction from Sir Francis Dashwood who was responsible for most anything constructed in the village during the 18th century. Halfway up the hill are the Hellfire Caves, another Dashwood project, where his notorious Society of Dilettanti congregated for their dark arts.

If ever you are compiling a list of unforgettably located towers to ring at then West Wycombe would surely be on it.

