

# MARSTON UPDATE

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### **MAKE THE MOST OF IT WHILE YOU CAN!**

The first few crocuses and snowdrops have started to appear in Marston churchyard and normally around this time we would most likely be out ringing at a tower that has a churchyard carpeted in white or mauve. For instance, Cowley, Church Hanborough, Great Barrington and Colesborne (all snowdrops), and Shipton under Wychwood (crocuses) have all featured in previous updates or are on the City Branch Outings pages. For wonderful examples of both it is hard to beat the churchyard at Stoke Mandeville (part of our ringing outing in 2014). You may wish to make a date to see them in bloom in early 2022 as most will soon be lost forever as the nature haven that is the rear churchyard lies on the route of HS2, and we all know what that means.



### **Saturday 25th February 2006**

Steeple Barton,  
St Mary 9cwt  
1 Roy Jones 2 Andrew  
Dunn 3 Hugh Deam (c) 4  
Richard Verrall 5  
Simon Edwards

### **Back in the Day Saturday 29th January 2005**

Quarter Peal morning at Duns Tew and  
Steeple Barton  
**Duns Tew, St Mary Magdalene  
15cwt GF  
1260 Grandsire Doubles  
1 Roy Jones 2 Katie Lane  
3 David Lane (c) 4 Richard Verrall  
5 Simon Edwards**

Hugh (at Steeple Barton) and Roy (at Duns Tew) were joined by a strong band drawn from across the City Branch. Duns Tew, as the name implies, is situated on a ridge that is limestone to the south and clay to the north. The elegant medieval church is exceptionally well appointed. Both sets of bells are rung from the ground floor, but the extra weight and slower pace of the Duns Tew bells makes them a less arduous task. Steeple Barton is one of those "flying by the seat of your pants" towers where one is soon gritting the teeth and thinking that you are very unlikely make it to the end of the quarter peal. On the day they proved too toilsome for the whole band to complete, but a reconstituted band was assembled the following February to finally climb this particular "Everest".

