

MARSTON UPDATE

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PROGRESSING - We once again got lucky with the weather for our latest Friday evening handbell practice, where we consolidated our Plain Bob Doubles.



Have A Great Bank Holiday Weekend



ADVANCE NOTICE - QUELLE SURPRISE!

It will probably not come as any surprise to you, but our scheduled morning practice at Chilton on Bank Holiday Monday (Aug 31) has been cancelled.

Another mini-biography courtesy of Judy Kirby.

Photo of plaque below - Meet Dr Frank James Allen MA, MD (1854 - 1942), born in Shepton Mallet, Somerset. He was educated at Taunton School and St John's College, Cambridge. He became Professor of Physiology at Mason Science College (now the University of Birmingham)** in 1887, but returned to Cambridge in 1902. There he began antiquarian studies which resulted in the publication of his Magnum Opus - The Great Church Towers of England - in 1932, a tome much sought after now by collectors. He was once described by the Bishop of Bath & Wells as "the greatest living authority on church towers". But was he ever a ringer, well again there are no records to say one way or another, but his other great interest was music. He wrote and published hymn tunes, songs and nursery rhymes.

** Other alumni of Birmingham University unfortunately include two of Britain's most long lastingly derided Prime Minister's, Stanley Baldwin and Neville Chamberlain.



COMING TO OXFORD SOON

We were pleased to receive an email from our good friend Charlotte Furneaux apprising us as to how things are going in her new location up north. She has managed to fit in some weekend tourism around several Yorkshire beauty spots and the county is certainly looking at its most splendidous if the photos she has taken are anything to go by. We look forward to meeting up again when she is down this way next month.

Ah-
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to
know!



Back in the Day Saturday 22nd August 2015 Islip & Kidlington

Little Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples Although in the neighbouring Bicester Branch, Islip's proximity means that is generally quicker to travel to than most City Branch towers from Marston, so no surprise that we have arranged dozens of ringing events here across the years. This was another successful morning focusing on Triples and Major, which concluded back in our own Branch at Kidlington.