



# MARSTON UPDATE

## 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### Hugh Deam

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**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August** - Our Friday evening practice was held on a particularly wet and windy night, so we were pleasantly surprised to welcome Darren Washington and his brother, Paul from Waddesdon. During his time working and living in the Oxford area (around 2012-14) Darren was a member of Marston tower and rang in our Sunday service quarter peals and helped with bell maintenance. Since moving back to Buckinghamshire he has booked towers (most recently Aylesbury) for a couple of our outings. Paul took up ringing fairly recently and has been making good progress and we were happy to facilitate his first go at ringing a touch of Plain Bob Doubles during the practice (group photo right)



### *A note from Paulina...*

Those of you who ring at Marston, St Giles and Headington in particular are likely to recall Paulina Fishman from Australia who learnt to ring in early 2017, midway through her year in Oxford. During those few months she made excellent progress and she even joined Judy and Hugh in judging the Bicester Branch striking competition held at Islip that summer. She returned to Australia in September 2017, not at that time continuing ringing, but this past week we received this good news message from her.

*“Recently I moved home and currently live a short walk from St Paul’s Anglican church, Manuka, Canberra, so I took the opportunity of attending their Wednesday evening practice. They were extremely welcoming and my ringing was very rusty as you can imagine, but it was good fun! Whilst I was ringing I remembered all the wonderful times that I had ringing with you all. All my best to the bellringers,  
Cheers, Paulina*



### **Back in the Day – Ringing Afternoon - Saturday 25th August 2012, Freeland, S.M.V.**

The bells here are now the lightest ring of six in the county and we have shared numerous enjoyable ringing sessions with Witney and Woodstock branch ringers during the past decade. Once again there was a goodly mix of method ringing on this occasion, including Cambridge, St Clements, Single Oxford and Stedman.  
(Photo of church - right)



### *Upcoming Events*

Friday 30 August- 7.25pm Practice

Sunday 1 September - No morning ringing/4.30pm Date Touch (2019) - J Kirby, M Haynes, M Kivilo, S Davies, H Deam, J Brown