

# MARSTON UPDATE

## July 29th, 2020

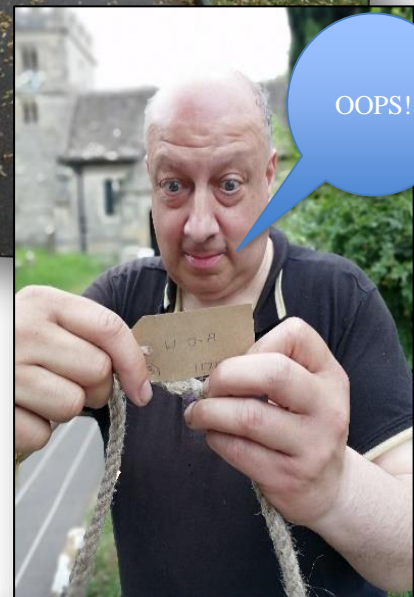
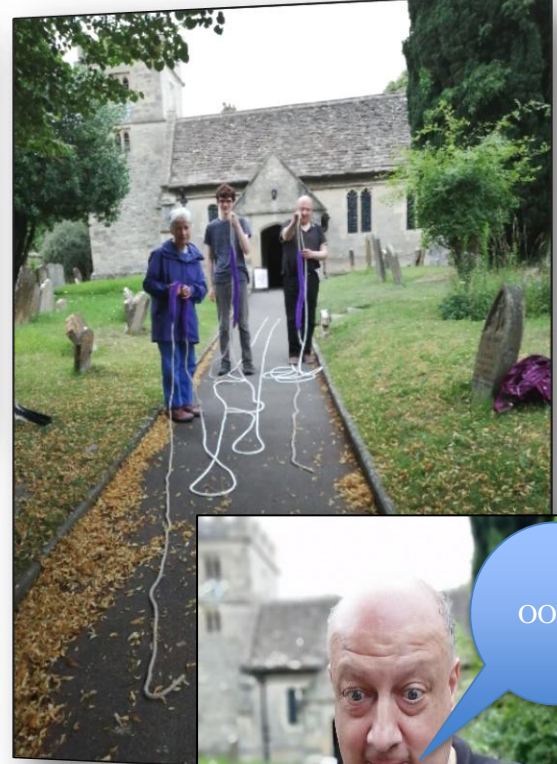
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### A TALE OF THREE ROPES

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> July** - With an irony that could hardly go unnoticed, the three new ropes we have had on order since "Adam was a lad" (i.e. so far back that we can't exactly remember how long) finally arrived this week, at a time when ringing is at its most retrocessive.



Straight after our weekly Saturday morning ringing session (St Clement's, PB Minor, All Saints, Rev Cant) we picked them up from Anthony's house and, as it transpired, unnecessarily unbagged them to measure on the church path, as we didn't realise they were individually number tagged! Fortunately we beat the beginning of the rain. The new ropes are destined for the treble, fifth and tenor and are now tucked away upstairs to await their time to shine. We are obliged to Old Marston parish council for their major contribution toward the purchase of the ropes.



### **Back in the Day - Sunday 29th July 2012** **Afternoon Outing to Sandford St Martin and Wroxton**

We have visited Sandford St Martin on several occasions so a good few of you will remember the noticeably sloping floor of the ringing chamber. The window of the room affords a part view of the landscaped gardens within the parkland of the manor house. Wroxton could easily lay claim to being Oxfordshire's most scenic village, with a spring-fed pond of a clarity that make the fish and frogs clearly visible. At the rear of the pond is the village pump and in the centre is a thatched hut, which is a safe haven for the ducks. The 14th century parish church is constructed of local ironstone and the bell tower of 1748 was paid for by the then owner of Wroxton Abbey, 1st Earl of Guilford, whose son was British Prime Minister 1770 - 1782, having spent much of his youth in Wroxton. Many more photos of this glorious afternoon are available on the Oxford City Branch website Outings pages.