

MARSTON UPDATE

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I'm gleaming for a bright Christmas & New Year!

OUR HEROES!

Thanks to Roy Peach and his brother Adam for giving our travelling set of handbells a good buffing up and making them gleam once more just in time for our Christmas morning performance at St Nicholas church (photo below)

CHRISTMAS FEEDBACK

Thank you so much for bringing your memories of Old Marston to life and reminding me of my days living in rural Lincolnshire. Thank you too for the lovely photo of the beautiful Christmas tree. Merry Christmas to you all - Mary Bayliss, Cowley

Merry Christmas and best wishes to all at Marston from the Iffley ringers.

Happy Christmas to you all. Some festive photos of Knaresborough lit up - Charlotte Furneaux, Swillington (2 photos right)



6 BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Our weeks of handbell practice (indoors and latterly outdoors) during the autumn culminated in us raising a six strong team to ring seven different carols in the St Nicholas churchyard as the pre-booked worshippers made their way into church. Our improvisatory efforts to maintain the tradition of Christmas bellringing was much appreciated by the congregation. (photo right, taken by D.Bennett)



Back in the Day



**Wednesday 26th December
(Boxing Day) 1984
Handbells at Cross Farm**

The Marston ringers provided the musical entertainment for the convivial morning get together of village denizens at Cross Farm, hosted by Anthony and Lucy Hughes, with mulled wine and mince pies in abundance. As you will notice, Len Porter was leading the ringing, with his brother Garth also with us that day.