

Handbell ringing

Our first three weeks of outdoor Friday evening handbell practices were fortunate with the weather, so it was a case of "just in the nick of time" that we had secured an undercover location for this week's get together. We've now managed to negotiate our way through to the end of Plain Bob Doubles and hope to dip our toe into Minor next week.

The contrasting muscle memory, from tower bell ringing, is seemingly beginning to kick in.



Back in the Day - Sunday 31st August 2003

Outing to towers along the Ridgeway

This was the second consecutive year that we took a Sunday trip down to these Berkshire churches, with Adrian once again booking the towers for us. The Marston contingent comprised the entire band for a service ring on the four bells at Stanford Dingley before being joined by the Wolvercote band for the main event. Even back then the bells at Hampstead Norreys required studious handling and were marked for restoration, and finally this summer the monies were in place to make it happen. If you go online you can view an article from Newbury Today (Wednesday 17 June) showing the opportunity given the villagers to see the bells before their being taken away for restoration. We also rang at Yattendon and Aldworth, where the splendidly named pub - The Bell Inn - has its garden alongside the Ridgeway path. We have visited about three times now as our lunchtime venue, and that it was crowned CAMRA National Pub of the Year for the second time in 2019 should be enough said as to what a sensible choice we made.