

# Les Cloches des îles

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Newsletter of the Channel Islands District



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Lots of ringing events have taken place since the last issue, which can only be good for progress, district training is making quite a difference. Thanks to all those involved in the organisation and running of these days.

As you will see, the Channel Islands District is celebrating 30 years this September, Happy Birthday!

Many experienced ringers from the UK have visited the islands this year, some on return trips, and they are always very welcome.

**Please note the first article about the District Training Weekend in Reading in early December and book your places with Helen McGregor.**

A couple of articles show just what ringers do when they aren't ringing, it's always very interesting to read these, so come on anyone who has another hobby or pastime, let's read what you do.

Thanks to everyone who sends in articles, in this busy old world it's not always easy to find the time to do it. But it's your contributions that make this newsletter what it is.

If you have any comments either about content in the newsletter or the experience of reading it online, do email me at [jenrains@hotmail.com](mailto:jenrains@hotmail.com)

Jenny Rains

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## December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - Training Weekend in Reading 2011

Tower details and maps can be found at: <http://www.odgreadingbranch.co.uk/index.html>

Peter and I will arrive in Reading Fri lunchtime, we have booked Fri and Sat in the **Reading Central Premier Inn**. Check-in from 2pm. Walk to St Giles.(1 min).

Fri Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ring at St Giles 3pm – 5pm with support from Reading ringers. Tower confirmed  
We will have map/directions showing Jenny's house.

¼ Surprise Royal St Lawrence 6 - 7pm Helen and Peter B, Jane Le Conte, Jack, Stephen, 3 Reading ringers and John and June Wells.

While we ring the quarter, you may wish to visit The Oracle, see:

<http://www.theoracle.com/website/default.aspx>

The Oracle is 4 mins from St Giles on foot and ideal for Christmas shopping ☺

Casserole supper at Jenny's - 7 pm for 7.30pm. Jenny's is 10 or 15 min walk from The Oracle.

Jenny & Trevor Page ( and Jack): 26 Redlands Rd, Reading, RG1 5EX tel: 01189 869 261

Saturday morning – divide into groups, collected from accommodation at 9am.

**Helen** , Group A Plain hunt on 5, 6, 7 & 8. Advanced bell control. Raising & lowering in peal. Plain Bob & Grandsire Doubles & triples, St Clements & treble bobbing (Kent & Oxford).

Note location: Shiplake, 9.30 - 4pm (probably OK)

**Stephen Rossiter**, Group B Stedman Triples, DNCBM, Surprise major.

Note location: Tilehurst , 9.30 - 4pm – confirmed

Helen's group	9.30 - 4pm Shiplake helpers Diana Marcia Monica June St Jenny	Steve's group	9.30 - 4pm Tilehurst helpers Peter B Jane Le C Jack Jo & Giles & 3 more Tilehurst ringers – aka the friendly purple shirts
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6 – 7pm : ¼ peal DNCBM somewhere easy: John and June Wells, Helen and Peter, Stephen, Jack, Jane Le

C and Duncan.

Groups to combine at Oracle for coffee, then walk back to Jenny for Handbells from 6pm and Chinese takeaway at 7.30.

Handbells will be 3 flavours: One bell each for non-handbell ringers to ring methods. Two bells each to have a go at 'proper' handbell ringing & of course 2-in-hand method ringing - all welcome.

Sunday morning service ringing in 2 town centre churches:

Caversham , light 8, Jenny & Jack's home tower. 9 - 9.45am

St Mary's heavy 8, glorious bells, not dissimilar to Town Church, 10 - 11.15

Checkout of accommodation by 12noon. Lunch in Oracle café

St Lawrence's . 12 bells, good chance to show=off improved bell control. Easy bells but need fine control to ring 12 well ☺ Friendly session - excellent sound control. -12.30 – 2.15pm

Supported by Reading ringers:

Mid afternoon train approx 2.30pm – arrive back in S'ton at approx 3.45 for 5pm flights home

All you have to do is email me to tell me you are coming and then book flights and accommodation ☺

For maximum benefit arrive Reading Fri Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> about 2pm and leave Reading 2.30pm Sunday afternoon.  
Book 2 nights at Reading Central Premier Inn

Look forward to hearing from you all ☺

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## Happy Birthday C. I. District!

In September it will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first AGM and striking competition held after the official ratification of the formation of a separate Channel Islands District at the W&P Guild AGM . Prior to this, all Channel Island towers, (of which there were only 5 at the time) were part of the Christchurch and Southampton District. It is difficult enough now to attend District meetings, but when this necessitated a trip to England, it was virtually impossible.

Incoming ringers, and a general strengthening of the C.I bands in the late 70s, led to the idea that we would be better served by our own District. To this end, ringers from all the “ringable” towers were invited to attend an inaugural meeting at St Mark’s, Jersey, to discuss the proposal. Reading through the minutes, (meticulously kept and hand-written by Jack Worrall), one can glean interesting information about the early years of the District.

The meeting at St Mark’s took place on 13<sup>th</sup> September 1980 and was attended by 50 Channel Island ringers(!) and Charles and Jessie Kippin from Hursley in the Winchester District. Jessie Kippin took the chair. After discussion round the proposal to form a C.I. District, there was an “overwhelming majority decision of those present” to do so. District officers, (Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer) were also elected and it was agreed that each Island should always be represented by one officer. (There was no position of Ringing Master until September 1983.)

During the next February, the District officers held a meeting in Guernsey to discuss the necessary arrangements for the formation of a new district and to apply to the Guild Executive committee for this to become official. They also discussed aspects of how the District would function, when and where meetings would take place, and the introduction of a 6 bell striking competition to be held on the day of the AGM. It is interesting to note that at the end of this meeting, a quarter peal of “Real Stedman

Minimus” was rung on the Forest bells – it was only a 4 bell tower in those days!

Following this meeting, a formal request was sent to the Guild Executive Committee asking that the five C.I. towers be formed into their own District. This must have been approved as the 1981 Guild Secretary’s report states that “the Guild districts again numbered eight and we welcomed the Channel Islands District with their well-supported five sets of bells.”

The first “official” meeting and Striking competition of the newly-formed District took place in Alderney in September 1981. A highlight of this day was the excellent lunch produced by the local ringers. Our daughter Rebecca is not allowed to forget that at the age of just under 3, she not only ate her portion of Shepherd’s pie, and most of her elder sister’s, but went on to have a second helping and two helpings of pudding. (We did feed her at home, honestly!)

The rest, as they say, is history. As with most Districts, we have had good and bad times. We have seen our towers increase from five to seven, and one tower augmented from a four to a six. All bands mostly manage to ring for at least one service each Sunday. We have hosted two Channel Island Festivals and our District newsletter (originally started in 1983) is admired by many.

Comparing the membership lists from 1981 to 2011, we had 60 members listed in 1981, and now have 66. – ‘though with 2 more towers, this in effect means fewer ringers per bell. Obviously, many of the names have changed – some have moved elsewhere, some have sadly died, some have given up ringing. But new ringers have taken their place. Of the 60 founder members, 14 are still active ringers in the District.

It is fitting (but coincidental) that the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting is to be held in Alderney in September. In order to mark the anniversary, the District Officers are suggesting that a quarter peal attempt is made in every tower in the District either the week before or week after the AGM. (i.e. between 18<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup>

October.) These could then be sent up to the "Ringing World" together. A special cake has been ordered which will be cut and eaten at the AGM.

Nicky David, District Secretary



Tony Fortin, Jack Worrall, Roger Hibbard, William Hall, Jesse Kippin, John Styche, Marjorie Baron, Fred Cherrett, Chas Kippin, John David, Peter Gallienne, Jane le Conte, Phil le Conte, Diane Walker, Nicky David, Alex Bleasby, Alan Poignand, Ruth Perree, Jean Gray, Kathy Poignand, Mike Bubb, Judy Collins, Glynis Hibbard, Chris Totty, Christine Sangan, Bill Gray, Cha Millard-Beer, Brian Laffoley, John Asplet, Paris Totty, Mike Hilson, Jenny Totty, Charles Lovett, Rosemary Bleasby, Ian Blondin and others as yet un-named.

**If a person is ringing a bell in the forest and no conductor is there to hear them, are they still playing it wrong?**

Source: [www.geocities.com/hartleyhandbells](http://www.geocities.com/hartleyhandbells)

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Why has the handbell come to be called a divine instrument?

Because although a human rings it, only God knows why

## THE WOMBEL(S) OF ALDERNEY

Peter and Helen are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their first Wombel.

Put into action on the Alderney Week street market and Cavalcade Carnival the Wombel has proved to be a real crowd puller. Children have been safely ringing after just 2 minutes instruction - if we had more then we know they could be ringing rounds very quickly - watch this space :-)



look at the queue!!

## The Liberation Bells Dedicated

(written by Peter Gallienne and printed in The Ringing World, June 9, 1995)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1995 saw the Dedication of the new ring of eight bells at the church of St. Peter the Apostle and Martyr, St Peter Port, Guernsey, generally known as the 'Town Church', St. Peter Port.

This event marked the result of a great deal of work from the first meeting of the "Feasibility Study Group" on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1992, a small committee formed with the purpose of researching the project of restoring the St. Peter Port bells, obtaining quotations and specifications and reporting on the best way forward. As a result of their researches and deliberations it was agreed that the best way to proceed was a complete re-cast of the existing set of French bells, which, although hung for "Full Circle" ringing, were cast to chiming weights and hung in a way that manifestly demonstrated the fact that the French bell hangers had but scant knowledge of English style bell hanging. A further consideration was that with a completely new frame and all the ancillary building work that would be necessary to the tower, a realistic target figure was set at £130,000.

Not daunted by this figure the decision to go ahead was taken and the "LIBERATION BELLS APPEAL" was officially launched on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1993. The local Press, Radio and Television were most helpful in their news coverage and indeed have been so throughout the entire project. By October 1993 we were ready to enter into a contract with John Taylor Bellfounders Ltd. Loughborough and work on the dismantling of the old bell frame and clearing literally the dust of centuries from the tower started mid November 1993, with Mr Rod Taylor of Taylors taking charge of the clearance. Seven of the French bells were shipped to Loughborough for re-casting, the treble being retained by the Guernsey Museum Service, who also took charge of the long disused tower clock (Thomas Penton, London, 1782) which has now been totally restored and is displayed as a working exhibit at castle Cornet, overlooking St. Peter Port Harbour. The "Liberation Bells" were cast at Loughborough

in two batches, the five smaller bells in December 1993, and the three largest in January 1994 on which occasion a party from Guernsey including the Dean, the Church Architect, the director of the Builders preparing the church tower and other interested observers were present at the Foundry for this most interesting event.

In the meantime work progressed at the church with the preparation of the tower for the new bells. This included the provision of a reinforced concrete ring beam and grillage onto which the new timber bell frame would be bolted, the repositioning and renewal of all the floors and ceilings of the belfry, inter chamber and ringing chamber. A very great deal of detail work between the architects, structural engineers and the bell foundry took place to ensure that the new bell frame, completely erected at the foundry, fitted exactly to the foundation when delivered.

The "Liberation Bells" were first seen publicly as one of the highlights of John Taylor's memorable "Open Weekend" in August 1994. There they created a very great amount of interest, this being the largest timber bell frame that Taylor's had constructed since 1958. The bells, frame and fittings were finally shipped out to Guernsey by Commodore Shipping in September, that 40' trailer being reversed the 'wrong way' into Town Church Square at 6.30am was a sight to see! The actual bell installation was undertaken by Mr Alan Berry, director of John Taylor Ltd. Assistance being provided by the building contractors, J. W. Rihoy & Son Ltd. Sufficient to say that so accurate was the construction of the frame, and so close the liaison between the foundry and the structural engineers and architect that the new frame fitted and bolted down to the pre-drilled concrete grillage without the need to re-cut or re-drill anything. This, considering the size of the installation says much for the enthusiasm and technical ability of all concerned. The bells were ready to be tried out by mid October, and I can recall people just stopped and listened to that glorious eight, the likes of which had never before been heard in the Islands.

Although installed and completed in October 1994, the actual Service of Dedication had always

been planned to form part of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Liberation of the Island from German Occupation on May 9<sup>th</sup> 1945. In the meantime Colin Nicholson, the Tower Captain, had been training a very enthusiastic band of recruits and excellent progress was made.

Prior to the Dedication Service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, the Dean of Guernsey, the Very Reverend Jeffery Fenwick first held a short "Baptising" ceremony in the belfry at which the bells were "named", these names are included in the list of bell inscriptions they do not however appear on the bells.

THE TOWN CHURCH, St Peter Port  
Bell Inscriptions

Treble

THIS PEAL OF BELLS  
RECAST AND RESTORED  
TO CELEBRATE  
THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY  
OF LIBERATION  
FROM GERMAN OCCUPATION  
9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1945 - 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1995

LET FREEDOM RING OUT

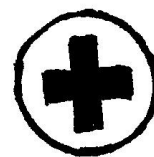
2<sup>nd</sup>

LORD JESUS THINK ON ME  
WHEN FLOWS THE TEMPEST HIGH  
WHEN ON DOTH RUSH THE ENEMY  
O SAVIOUR BE THOU NIGH

3<sup>rd</sup>

O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST  
OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME  
OUR SHELTER FROM THE STORMY BLAST  
AND OUR ETERNAL HOME

4<sup>th</sup>



S. S. VEGA  
INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS  
GENEVA

THE LIFELINE OF THE ISLAND  
1944 & 1945

5<sup>th</sup>

WHEN COMES THE PROMISED TIME  
THAT WAR SHALL BE NO MORE  
AND LUST, OPRESSION, CRIME  
SHALL FLEE THY FACE BEFORE

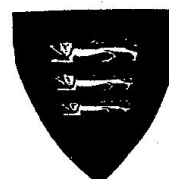
6<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1945

"OUR DEAR CHANNEL ISLANDS  
ARE TO BE FREED TODAY"

WINSTON CHURCHILL

7<sup>th</sup>

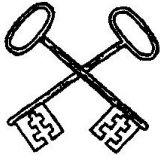


FORCE 135  
"OPERATION NESTEGG"  
LIBERATION

"NEVER IN THE PAST  
HAVE WE VALUED LIBERTY  
AS WE SHALL VALUE IT IN FUTURE"

JURAT SIR JOHN LEALE





JESUS SAID  
THOU ART PETER  
AND UPON THIS ROCK  
I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH  
AND THE GATES OF HELL  
SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT  
AND I SHALL GIVE UNTO THEE  
THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN  
KNOCK AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU



Taylor's cast their bells with the moulds buried in pits below ground level. The bells being cast in these photos are not especially large, but they are standing on the floor of the foundry. It does get rather exciting if one of the moulds fails! They have had more than one fire as a result.

## Quarter Peal weekend Feb 25/26/27<sup>th</sup>. Channel Islands

Hurrah - no Icelandic volcano 😊. A spot of fog on Friday night meant a 3hr delay for Helen and Peter in Alderney airport - otherwise I believe everyone's travel worked like clockwork. Thanks to John D for stepping in at the last minute in exchange for Peter B on Friday eve - and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the weekend was scored. Saturday had 7 quarters scored with the only loss being due to ill-health by a ringer at Vale. Sunday's attempts at Vale and Alderney unfortunately both came to grief.

### Friday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Guernsey, St Peter:** 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Janet Emery \*
  2. Nicky David
  3. Phil Le Conte
  4. John David
  5. David Strong (c)
  6. Joe Allen
- \*First away from cover

### Saturday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Guernsey, Forest:** 1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles

1. Joe Allen
  2. René Batiste \*
  3. Helen McGregor
  4. Jane Le Conte
  5. Peter Bevis (c)
  6. John Lihou
- \* First in method

**Guernsey, Forest:** 1272 York S Minor

1. June A Saint
2. Peter Routier
3. Helen McGregor
4. Phil Le Conte
5. Peter Bevis
6. Stephen Rossiter (c)

**Guernsey, St Peter:** 1259 Grandsire Caters

1. June A Saint
2. Nicky David\*
3. Mike Bubb
4. Peter Routier
5. Helen McGregor
6. David Strong
7. John David

8. Tim Wainwright\*\*

9. Stephen Rossiter (c)

10. Peter Bevis

\* First quarter of Grandsire Caters and 600<sup>th</sup> qtr

\*\* First quarter of Grandsire Caters

**Guernsey, Forest:** 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Jenny Rains

2. Mike Bubb

3. Anne Fraser

4. Anne Dorey

5. Peter Gallienne ©

6. Judith Lainé

**Guernsey, St Peter Port:** 1250 Superlative S Major

1. Philippa Arditti

2. Tim Wainwright\*\*

3. Peter Routier

4. Phil Le Conte

5. John David\*\*

6. Dean Lee \*

7. Peter Bevis

8. Stephen Rossiter ©

\* First blows in method

\*\* First quarter in method

**Guernsey, St Peter Port:** 1280 Yorkshire S Major

1. Philippa Arditti

2. June Saint

3. Pauline Marquis

4. Peter Routier

5. Peter Gallienne\*

6. Phil Le Conte

7. Helen McGregor

8. Stephen Rossiter ©

\* First quarter in method

**Guernsey, Vale :** 1260 Grandsire Doubles

1. David Strong

2. Peter Bevis

3. Tim Wainwright

4. John David

5. Mike Bubb ©

6. Anne Dorey

There was considerable interest shown in the day by Guernsey radio - clearly they hadn't quite understood the concept but that was in no way our fault as Nicky had provided them with an excellent description of what we were up to

Photo shows the celebratory dinner at Les Cotils -

we started out coincidentally as one table with no-one having soup as a starter and one table with everyone having soup 😊. Then over coffee we swapped the gentlemen between the tables, and then finally we had a lady's table and a gentleman's table - all very sociable

Huge thanks to Stephen Rossiter, June Saint and David Strong for supporting the CI Qtr Peal Day - it would have been a far less sparkling event (see all the starred footnotes above) without you. Thanks too to Peter Bevis, Peter Routier, Philippa Arditti and Anne Fraser for travelling from their islands to Guernsey to support the event. The Guernsey ringers were very welcoming and provided accommodation, lifts and masses of tea, coffee and cake throughout the day - very much appreciated.

With thanks to you all

H M McG



Tim Smith, Anne Dorey, Peter Bevis, Cathy Bubb, Mike Bubb, Judith Laine, David Laine, Christine Lenfestey



Helen McGregor, David Strong, Mike Collins, Duncan Loweth, Jane Le Conte, John David, Nicky David, Anne Fraser

## Shaving it off for the Teenage Cancer Trust



L-R:  
Bee le Conte, Richard le Conte and Phil le Conte (Tower Captain – St. Peters )

My son Richard, who will be known to many of the longer serving ringers in the district, was diagnosed with cancer for the second time in his life last February. As this one was not related to the cancer he had when he was 4, it was a huge shock to everyone!

His sister Bianca decided that as Rich was going to have his hair cut off before he commenced chemotherapy, she would ask his friends if they would have theirs cut too to show their support! Within days and after a quick word with the Teenage Cancer Trust an event was arranged at the Cock and Bull for the following Monday! She asked me if I would have my hair shaved too! At first I said “No Way” but did say I would have it cut very short. Chatting to Bee’s boyfriend on the sat night, he told me he was having his done as it wouldn’t take that long to grow back! Feeling guilty all night I put it to the ringers the next morning that if they were willing to sponsor me I would have the full shave! I suggested £10 for a full shave or £5 for very short! I said that if it reached £100 I would have the full shave!

Everyone I asked was only too willing to put their hands in their pockets and by 5 o’clock there was no going back! My total for the night was £150 and the total raised on the night was £1200. Well done bee!!!!

Pleased to say the treatment has been successful and as things stand at the moment there are no

signs of further tumour cells. His hair is growing back well!

Phil Le Conte

### **Teenage Cancer Trust - Our aim**

Teenage Cancer Trust aims to ensure that every young person with cancer and their family receive the best possible care and professional support throughout their cancer journey.

You can make a donation online at <http://www.teenagecancertrust.org/> or you can send a cheque made payable to Teenage Cancer Trust to:

Teenage Cancer Trust Southampton Appeal  
PO Box 765  
Haywards Heath  
RH16 9GE

The planned unit at Southampton General Hospital, built specifically for young cancer patients will be the first of its kind in the South of England. It will provide young people with some of the best cancer facilities in the country.

Over the next few years, a number of Teenage Cancer Trust facilities will be built at Southampton General Hospital as plans for the new Teenage Cancer Trust unit are finalised.

The specialist unit will provide teenagers with some of the best cancer facilities in the country, expected to improve survival rates and the best possible experience for young people during their cancer journey.

Young people from this highlighted area of the south will have the opportunity to be treated at the new Teenage Cancer Trust unit in Southampton.



## Bellringer's Dinner Mon 11<sup>th</sup> April

The ringers of St Anne's church, accompanied by their husbands/wives/children were joined by the Rev Stephen Masters and church warden John Postlethwaite for their annual dinner at Gloria's.

In the course of the very merry evening Paul Arditti - the newly appointed steeple keeper - presented a copy of 'A J Pitman - an unassuming genius' to Philip Maddocks - the retiring steeple keeper to express the thanks of the band to Philip for all the care he has lavished on the bells during his tenure.

Philip learned to ring in 1958 whilst at school in Canterbury, although he lost interest in ringing when he left school. Philip resumed his ringing in 1980 when the then incumbent of St Anne's - Rev Edwin Bennett persuaded some 'likely candidates' to form a new band of bellringers.

Philip was appointed steeple keeper in 2001 Paul Arditti was appointed steeple keeper in the expectation that the engineering skills he uses in helping to maintain the Alderney railway engines will also be put to good use in the belfry.



Philip Maddocks on left receiving book from Paul Arditti on behalf of all the ringers

## ITEX WALK

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 4.47am. What am I doing up at this unearthly hour! Oh yes, just checked in for the Itex walk.(must be mad) Off we go, walking well, got to the Cows Horn and up the steps into the shade of the trees on the cliff path to Fermain then on to Jerbourg. It's a lovely time of the day to walk along the path. Only one draw back, was the person smoking a cigarette ahead of me had to get rid of him!

Petit Bot breakfast, couldn't eat much but David (my husband who accompanied me in the car) enjoyed what I couldn't eat!

Who's that over there ? Our new Governor I think! Onward, my friends are waking up now, I have asked them to send me encouraging texts, my first one at the top of Petit Bot steps. Thanks Steph. Had many more during the morning which I had to answer. It was encouraging even my son (Rob) who was working kept me going. There is the Hanois, soon be lunch time. 6hrs. good going. Hi, Fliss and Zee and Alfie (the dog) walking with me to Portlet. 20 miles down 20 miles to go.

Had a little collision on my way to Lihou Island. I stepped on the walking poles of the man in front of me that's the way to get passed. My shoes are a bit uncomfortable. Text to Dave, meet me at Vazon car park need to change my shoes. Walking along Les Dunes I met fellow walker and bell ringer Nicky David. Nice to see someone you know. She was suffering with her knee and me with the wrong shoes, we walked along together to Vazon car park where we lost each other when I stopped to change my shoes.

Cobo, I was looking at the table there were quarters of orange I just fancied one so asked if I could have one, only to be told "You can have whatever you want". That was nice, so was the orange. On a bit further near to Grand Rocques I pass the end of my Mum's lane so sent her a text. Port Soif I get a text from Rob "Afternoon tea at the Vaz?". I was pleased to tell him I was passed the Vaz. As I knew he was working I knew he didn't mean it. Les Vardes, there's the Vale Church. As I passed the church I heard the bells

ringing and thought they where ringing for me I was mistaken it was the clock 2-45pm.

By the time I got to Chouet I had had enough. The lovely welcome I received from the check point people, clapping and cheering, was so heart warming it spurred me on. Look there's Steph and Becky to make sure I am still going. The roads around the back of Beaucette Marina were the pits. For me it was the hardest part of the walk. The sun was shining the roads seemed to go on and on and round in circles. Thank you to the householder who left a hose for the use of walkers. I didn't use it but it made me smile.

Bordeaux last stop. Can't stop I won't go again if I do. On the Bridge There's Daph and Marlene waiting to see me had a little chat nice to see people you know. On, On, there's the Red Lion, not far now. Another text from Rob "If you're not finished why not." He is home from work by now. Salarie, nearly there, the last part led me up behind the White Rock roundabout, just coming up the slope, which felt like a mountain I was stopped by some visitors wanting to ask questions about the walk. What time did you start? How far have you walked? Where do you finish? To that question I pointed and said "Just over there" They were most apologetic and let me go. I got to the end at 17.48 exactly thirteen hours after starting. I was totally exhausted. There to meet me was David Le Lievre representative from my church St. Stephens which was why I was walking part of the sponsorship money raised will be coming to St. Stephens Community Centre re-development (which is nearly complete) I was given a medal which was a lovely thing to receive. I was asked "would I like a drink?" Yes please a cup of tea. It was the best cup of tea I have ever had.

It took me some weeks to recover I did ring the bells the following morning and also attended my church. The rest of Sunday was spent sitting and sleeping.

I am glad I did it, but don't think I want to do it all again, maybe just some part. Thank you to David for following me around with the car loaded with

anything I might need. I couldn't have done it without him there.

A very big thank you to Itex and Rotary for organising the walk and showing me how lovely our island really is.

A special thank you to all the people who sponsored my walk. I ended up with £720 which was marvellous that worked out to £18 a mile! Wow!



Judith Laine

**WELL DONE FROM ALL THE  
BELLRINGERS**

## Summer Meeting, Jersey, June 11<sup>th</sup> 2011

We enjoyed a very successful meeting on Jersey on Sat June 11<sup>th</sup>. Supported by 7 Guernsey ringers and 3 from Alderney meant a total of 18 ringers met, socialised, ate and rang all day. Starting at St John's we rang plain hunt on 8 and treble bob on 8 to concentrate on rhythm and striking. The special method of DNCBM was rung very reliably with a number of plain courses coming round. Plain courses of both Single Oxford and Double Oxford Bob Minor were popular providing a good foundation for the touches due to be rung at St Mark's in the afternoon. At St John's we also rang bob triples and touches of Stedman triples and Stedman doubles.

Lunch was taken in 2 sittings with Mike Bubb running the ringing while I enjoyed a quick sandwich in the nearby café.

After more ringing everyone was chauffeured to the afternoon session at St Mark's.

Starting with a short business meeting in which:

1. Stephen Rossiter was nominated as an Alderney ringer.
2. Preliminary arrangements were discussed for the 2013 Guild AGM on the Channel Islands. An outline format of general ringing on Alderney on the Thursday, on Guernsey on the Fri day and culminating with Striking Competition and Meeting on Jersey on the first Saturday in July 2013 was agreed. It will be left to individuals to arrange inter-island travel and accommodation
3. It was noted that John and June Wells of Reading would be judging the CI District striking competition on Alderney on Sept 24th

General ringing at St Marks' had us ringing touches of Double Oxford, some plain courses of Bob Doubles and touches of Cambridge Minor.

Some of the ringers from Guernsey and Alderney had to leave at 4pm so the remaining 6 ringers rang an excellent  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Cambridge Minor. Fortuitously the band comprised ringers from all three Islands so it was a particularly fitting conclusion to a successful Summer Meeting.

1296 Cambridge S Minor on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June at St Mark's, Jersey

1. John David (Gsy)
  2. Nicky David (Gsy)
  3. Helen McGregor (Ay)
  4. Peter Bevis (Ay)
  5. Stuart Reeves (Jsy)
  6. Mike Bubb (c) (Gsy)
- For the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of HRH Prince Philip

Many thanks to Anne Fraser for making all the arrangements on Jersey.



St. John's



St. Mark's

Helen McGregor



## A trip to the Isle of Wight for the Guild

### AGM

Guild AGMs happen every year, but this was only the fourth one I have attended, and three of those have been in the Isle of Wight – from one remote and inaccessible district of the Guild to another.

The Channel Island District was represented by the Nicky David the District Secretary, myself, a member of the Guild Stewardship Committee, and Mike Bubb, the Guild Treasurer. Guild AGMs are always preceded by general ringing at a few towers, this time we rang at four, two of which we had not visited before.

Nicky and I had travelled over the day before, Friday, by plane to Southampton Airport, bus to the Pier, and then boat to East Cowes. As we waited to board the boat a school party disembarked, we were surprised to see that one of the teachers in charge was Anne Strong, a former Vale ringer and wife of David, the Guild Master. We stayed at “Annie’s B & B” in East Cowes. This we chose because it was two doors from the home of two former ringers from Stanground in Huntingdonshire, who had invited us to supper on the Saturday evening, we had not met them for some 30 years.

In the evening we travelled by floating bridge to West Cowes for supper, finding there a large number of competitors from the Island Games which had finished that day, including the victorious Guernsey team assembling for the final parade.

The last time we were at a Guild AGM we were able to enter a district team in the 8-bell striking competition at Shanklin. This year the competition was at Ryde but we did not have enough district members available to enter a team. We saw from the bus the ringers assembling outside the church ready for the competition.

Ryde (which we had visited at the AGM 9 years ago) has an impressive 26cwt 8, a much easier

ring than Shanklin, where our district band had an unfortunately memorable experience (Cloches 29, p20).

We met Mike Bubb as arranged at Ryde Esplanade, and we travelled with him to Brading, the first tower for general ringing. Unfortunately apart from June Mitchell who let us in we were the only ones there, so in hope of reinforcement we rang minimus on the front four, and then on the back four, and with a degree of desperation on the front four again before going off to Newchurch. Here we were joined by some more ringers and enjoyed some good ringing. This pleasant ground floor six is rung from the Church porch, presumably there is another way for the congregation to enter without having to pass through the rather small rope circle.

Onward then to Carisbrooke, which when we first went there (in the rain, see Cloches 11, p4) were an eight but have been a ten since 2002, and then Newport, augmented from 8 to 12 in 1988. (There are three Newport towers with bells, I have rung at all three). Ringing here ranged from rounds to Grandsire Cinques.

The service followed, and then the AGM, held in the church rooms nearby. I was not expecting to be asked to write this report, so cannot remember the detail of what happened – there is an abbreviated version of the official minutes below. One thing I did was to introduce myself to other members of the Guild Stewardship Committee; as a “Corresponding Member” I do not attend the meetings and so do not normally get the opportunity of meeting them.

Because we had been invited out to supper we did not stop for the tea or evening ringing, but took the bus back to East Cowes.

On the Sunday morning, after another of Annie’s excellent breakfasts, we went to the service at East Cowes, (one bell) and then went by the ferry back to Southampton, had a picnic lunch in some gardens near the water, and then took the bus and plane home.

## Photos from IOW trip for the Guild AGM



Newchurch



Ringing at Newchurch



Carisbooke

JOHN DAVID

## Synergy on Alderney

**Question:** How do you occupy a 14 yr old boy's voracious appetite for new methods for quarter peals?

**Answer:** Invite another keen, able and enthusiastic young (ish) ringer to stay for the weekend 😊

The Alderney band was delighted to stand in for the various attempts and we scored a very healthy 7qtrs in 5 days.

- Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1260 P Bob Minor, 1. Ann Wheeler, 2. Duncan Loweth, 3. Jack Page, 4. John Mackey, 5. Helen McGregor & 6. Peter Bevis(c)
- Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1260 Doubles - 4m, 1. Helen, 2. Duncan, 3. Philip Maddocks, 4. Jack, 5. Peter (c), 6. Donald Hughes
- Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1260, St Simon, 1. Helen, 2. Ann, 3. Duncan, 4. Jack, 5. Peter (c), 6. Keith Salmon
- Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1292 Bristol Minimus, 1. Helen, 2. Duncan, 3. Jack & 4. Peter,
- Mon Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 1260 Stedman Doubles, 1. Maurice Stupart , 2. Jack, 3. Duncan, 4. Helen & 5. Peter (c)
- Mon Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 1260 Pl bob doubles, 1. Jane Fraser, 2. Duncan(c), 3. Helen, 4. Jack, 5. Peter, 6. Keith
- Tues Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1260 11m/v/p 1. Maurice, 2. Duncan, 3. Jack, 4. Helen & 5. Peter (c)





July 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> 2011- 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday now to include Friday

There were 5 ringers from Tilehurst (near Reading) on Guernsey for a few days leading up to the July District Saturday but unfortunately their flight to Alderney was on the Saturday afternoon. To make best use of their talents therefore a Surprise Major session was arranged for TC on Fri eve (4.30pm - 6.30pm). Whole courses of Cambridge and Yorkshire were rung a few times together with a number of instances of 3 leads of Bristol.



Missing from photo are John and Nicky David

The local ringers expressed a wish for this to be the regular Surprise session so we shall repeat the timings in August. After supper the Tilehurst ringers and Helen and Peter went on to St Peter's for a very enjoyable local practice, Phil has a number of youngsters making good progress and they were a joy to watch.

Saturday morning had a good turn out at St Peter's and we rang Stedman Caters and touches of DNCBM - sadly neither came round but it was uplifting being able to make the attempts. At Forest we rang the special method of touches of Double Oxford, some London Minor, grandsire and plain bob doubles - succeeding in everything 😊.



The Tilehurst ringers enjoyed 3 days with the Alderney ringers, helping us score an excellent 1/4 of Cambridge Minor and enhancing our repertoire on our practice night

I very much enjoyed the listening session at The Billie and Leslie Norman Room in the Vale Rectory field. Those attending made good use of various ipod's an ipad and a laptop. I am particularly grateful to Peter and Duncan for their patient assistance to all others less technologically minded than them.



The surprise minor session at Vale concentrated on Primrose, attempting to consolidate the idea that it is Cambridge with a hunt at the lead end rather than a dodge. I am optimistic that if we keep Primrose for the special method again in August then progress will be made 😊. Many thanks to Nicky for making all the arrangements - no mean feat as there were weddings at St Peter's and Vale to contend with. Thanks too to Nicky, John, Anne and Rene for the refreshments - very much appreciated. Helen McG

## A happy coincidence

John and June Wells had so enjoyed the Reading Ringers tour of the Channel Islands June 2010 that they wanted to return and take a more leisurely look at our beautiful islands ☺. They very kindly offered to assist with any ringing I may be able to arrange when they were here.

Co-incidentally Mike Bubb had asked for 1/4s of Stedman Caters and London Minor if ever the opportunity arose ☺. By happy chance we had Jack Page (aged 14) staying with us. Jack is known to all who have attended the Reading training weekends – he is the son of the Fri and Sat supper hosts, a keen ringer and a fan of Alderney. Having spent at least 3 weeks here every summer for the last 5 years our band has delighted in watching him grow in stature from struggling to handle our treble to calling a quarter ☺. From being our ‘mascot’ he is now a very valuable visitor assisting with Tower Open Days in Alderney Week, demonstrating the Wombel on Cavalcade Day and now he has even ordered a St Anne’s ringers polo shirt!!

### Guernsey Mon Aug 8<sup>th</sup>

#### S Marguerite de La Foret

1320 Cambridge minor

- |                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. June D Wells | 4. Stephen A Rossiter  |
| 2. E John Wells | 5. Helen McGregor      |
| 3. Jack Page*   | 6. Peter J R Bevis (c) |

\*First ¼ of surprise minor

### St Pierre du Bois

1287 Stedman Caters

- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Jane Le Conte*  | 6. Peter Routier      |
| 2. June D Wells    | 7. E John Wells (c)   |
| 3. Jack Page *     | 8. Michael Bubb       |
| 4. Helen McGregor  | 9. Stephen A Rossiter |
| 5. Peter J R Bevis | 10. Paul Lawrence**   |

\*First 1/4 Stedman Caters, \*\* First ¼ on 10

### St Peter

1280 Spliced Surprise Major 5m (C, Y, N, S, R)

- |                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Michael Bubb   | 5. Peter Routier         |
| 2. Jack Page *    | 6. Peter J R Bevis       |
| 3. June D Wells   | 7. E. John Wells         |
| 4. Helen McGregor | 8. Stephen A Rossiter(c) |

### St Michel du Valle

1320 London Surprise Minor \*

- |                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Jack Page       | 4. E John Wells           |
| 2. June D Wells    | 5. Michael Bubb           |
| 3. Peter J R Bevis | 6. Stephen A Rossiter (c) |

\*650<sup>th</sup> ¼ at the tower

After which we all returned to Alderney ☺.

Rather than practice on Monday eve without Stephen, Jack, Helen and Peter, the Alderney band had kindly agreed to move their practice to Tuesday evening and then of course June and John Wells could join us as well ☺.

The following ¼'s were planned at supper following the practice and safely executed with the assistance of our visitors.

### Alderney St Anne

Wednesday Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. June D Wells     | 4. Peter J R Bevis |
| 2. Jack Page (c)*   | 5. E John Wells    |
| 3. Helen M McGregor | 6. Donald Hughes   |

\*First as conductor

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Aug, 1272 Norwich S Minor

- |                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. John Mackey** | 4. Helen M McGregor       |
| 2. June A Saint  | 5. Peter J R Bevis        |
| 3. Jack Page*    | 6. Stephen A Rossiter (c) |

\*First in method, \*\* First treble bob

Despite the fog and with the timely assistance of Peter and Louise Ellis we were eventually quorate

Jersey Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Aug St Mark's

1440 Surprise minor –an extent each of London and Wells

- |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. June D Wells   | 4. Stephen A Rossiter |
| 2. Jack Page*     | 5. E John Wells       |
| 3. Helen McGregor | 6. Peter Ellis        |

\*First in each method

### St John's

1280 Bristol S Major

- |                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. June A Saint  | 5. Jack Page*         |
| 2. June D Wells  | 6. Peter Routier      |
| 3. Louise Ellis  | 7. Stephen A Rossiter |
| 4. Helen cGregor | 8. E John Wells(c)    |

\*First in method

So this week John, June, Jack and Stephen had succeeded in scoring ¼'s at all 7 CI towers☺



The band that rang the Stedman Caters:

L to R, Peter Routier, Jane Le Conte, John Wells, June Wells, Mike Bubb, Jack Page, Stephen Rossiter, Paul Lawrence, Helen McGregor & Peter Bevis

In addition the following handbell ¼'s were rung at Grosnez Ho, Victoria St, St Anne:

Tues Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, 1260 Plain Bob Major

1-2 Jack Page

3-4 Helen McGregor

5-6 June D Wells

7-8 E John Wells (c)

Weds Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, 1260 Plain Bob Royal

1-2 Jack Page\*

3-4 Helen McGregor

5-6 June D Wells

7-8 E John Wells (c)

9-0 Stephen A Rossiter

\*First on 10 in hand

Thurs Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, 1312 Kent TB major

1-2 Jack Page\*

3-4 Helen McGregor

5-6 June D Wells

7-8 E John Wells (c)

\*First in method

Very many thanks to all who supported the ringing, taking annual leave to join us, travelling to other islands, letting us in, stepping in at the last moment to replace fog-bound ringers etc etc  
John and June Wells are returning in September to judge the striking competition and I know are looking forward to renewing everyone's acquaintance. Many thanks. Helen M McGregor

## District Day Aug 27<sup>th</sup>

Again this month we started out with a surprise major session at TC on Friday evening from 4.30 – 6.30pm. Despite 2 regulars being on holiday and 1 off island on business we had a very productive time ringing Cambridge minor – emphasising where lead ends were – with a view to ringing Primrose, then some treble bob major for rhythm and finally some Cambridge major.

Peter and Helen then joined St Peter's practice and were delighted to discover there were 5 visitors from UK there too – we rang a touch of Stedman triples and an excellent course of Cambridge major – in addition to plain hunt on 7 and 9, and grandsire doubles and rounds. It was most heartening to see the number and ability of the young ringers coming along well under Phil's tuition. We look forward to seeing their progress when they come to Alderney next month.

Saturday morning had us ringing bright and early at Forest – getting to grips with treble bob hunting, then St Peter's for inter alia very good practice of plain bob triples.

Over lunch we rang a most creditable first ¼ away from cover for Michèle de la Hulinière☺.

In the afternoon we went to TC for touches of Stedman doubles and more Cambridge minor and bob doubles.

There had been weddings to ring (and sing) for at St Peter's and Vale so the day had been a headache for Nicky to arrange and we had been depleted for some of the general ringing sessions but a good day consolidating and stretching for those who had attended ☺.

Many thanks to the Guernsey ringers for all their accommodation, refreshments and lifts – very much appreciated

Helen and Peter

## GEORGE WILLIAMS

During the 15 years acting as Secretary to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild I accumulated a vast number of interesting items on paper handed to me by members of the Guild at various district meetings. I also assisted with the move of the George Williams memorial library from its initial venue in the belfry of St. Mary's, Southampton (1953) to the Muniments Room in Christchurch Priory (1988) and then to Winchester Cathedral (1999). Various interesting items passed through my hands as we packed up the library contents and then carried them down and up the 87 steps at Southampton, 99 steps at Christchurch and the 124 steps at Winchester. One of these items was the personal notebook of George Williams. He was Guild Master from 21<sup>st</sup> June 1919 until his death on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1949 (91 years old), Guild Secretary from 1912 to 1919, one of our leading conductors up to the time of his death (1038 peals as conductor), the first Guild member to ring 1000 peals (16/09/1922), instigator of the augmentation of North Stoneham from 6 to 8 in 1909, provider of two trebles to North Stoneham to mark his Golden Wedding on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1931, Central Council representative for our Guild from 1918 to 1949, founder member of the Central Council as a Sussex representative from 1891, and provider of the initial material for the George Williams Memorial Library (Constructed from oak by Moorman and Son of Newport at a cost of £73-3-6, it was dedicated on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1953. This date was chosen as the Saturday nearest the anniversary of his birthday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 1857). Elected a member on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1880 just before the first Annual General Meeting (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1880) he was the last remaining founder member of the Guild.

The notebook was used by Terry Collins, chairman of the Alton and Petersfield District and, at the time, a member of the Central Council Biography Committee, as a basis for composing a biography of George Williams. This can be found printed in the Guild Report for 1990, and I would recommend all current members to read this excellent composition. (The printer spoilt the flow rather by omitting to print one of the pages, and an additional sheet was later provided). At the time I made good use of the school photocopier to make my own copy of George's notebook, and this I now commit to type. The handwritten pages are rather like modern examination scripts that I mark now-a-days. Not always legible, lacking punctuation, much crossing out and with strange grammar! However one must not forget that the Elementary Education Act was not introduced until 9<sup>th</sup> August 1870, when all children between the ages of 5 and 13 were required to attend school and taught to read and write. Writing, as in this notebook, was performed up to the time of the Second World War using pen and nib dipped into inkwells of liquid, black ink. George was already 13 in 1870 and missed out on this formal education, experiencing instead very basic instruction at the Dame's School, Corhampton. Hence his numeracy is quite remarkable .

More recently, on a visit to Hampshire Record Office, I requested item 217M84/30, listed by Guild Librarian Jack Walters as George Williams' obituary. I was surprised to receive a large sheet of card, about 2 metres long, one of several used as a display about the times and lives in Droxford. This sheet contained page 71 of "The Ringing World" No. 1975 (11<sup>th</sup> February 1949) and the following typed item:-

"Mr George Williams , Bell-ringer of renown. Born at East Meon, educated at Corhampton Dame School, apprenticed to the Droxford Flour Mill, his uncle, church sexton at Droxford started him off on an outstanding devotion to and contribution to Campanology. He rang over 1,500 peals, conducting over 1,000 of them; he also set up several bands of bellringers. But it was at Soberton, where he learned his change-ringing that his interest flourished."

I have taken the liberty of adding some extra information to his notes {*inside brackets like this*}

Derek Jackson.

## GEORGE WILLIAMS' NOTEBOOK

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Early days of the W D G

Although having learnt to ring rounds & call changes about 1871 – 2 { *Apparently he learned to handle by raising and lowering the curfew bell at Droxford* } with 120s of Grandsire Doubles a little later off by heart the first 12 years of my ringing career never once presented an opportunity for a peal and although the W D Gld was formed in 1879 – 80 it was not till December -/81 that the first peal was recorded. See peal tablet in St. Nicolas { *Guildford* }. { *George fails to mention that in October of that year he and Martha Emma Maria Withers were married* } In 1883 – 4 our bells at Soberton were augmented from 6 to 8, the opening of which I was looking forward to as the probability of a chance of standing in for the opening peal.

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3 Surrey men were invited & the band made up from the few ringers who were considered safe for a peal in the District. The result being that on January 17<sup>th</sup> 1884 I scored my 1<sup>st</sup> peal. The 2<sup>nd</sup> by the Guild and 1<sup>st</sup> by the Guild in Hampshire. Of course this set the ball a rolling as far as myself was concerned and I soon set to work in teaching our local band, although living 4 miles distant, and during the year pretty well mastered Grandsire Triples, [as the Guild Report for 1885 will testify { *all crossed out* } ] but the only other peal recorded by the Guild in 1884 was at Ashted in December. { *26/12/1884 Union Triples in 2hrs. 59m.* }

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January 16<sup>th</sup> 1885 was my next attempt this was at Weybridge Surrey (in honour of the Hon. Secretary's birthday the Rev H A Spyers) and again successful under the conducting of our dear old friend Stephen Brooker who also called my first just a year previous the following morning the 17<sup>th</sup> we journeyed away to Soberton close on 50 miles where an anniversary peal was arranged with myself as Conductor for the first time in a peal attempt, and which [ of course { *crossed out* } ] came off alright in 3<sup>h</sup> – 6<sup>m</sup> (G. Triples again) This [ of course { *crossed out* } ] still put me on better terms with myself

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and very soon longing for more, after two unsuccessful attempts when nearly 4000 changes were reached each time, we were successful again on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885 { *Holt's six-part in 2h 54m* } 6 local men taking part the next & I believe only other peal that year was at St. Peter Fareham on Xmas Eve on my way home for Xmas having left the neighbourhood during the year. { *in fact there were four other peals that year. 20/04/1885 Havant, G. Triples without him. First peal on the bells; 28/06/1885 Soberton, G. Triples which he conducted; 4/07/1885 Fareham, G. Triples with him. First peal on the bells; 07/07/1885 Privett, First of Holt's Original for the Guild, with him He also became a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths that year* }

1886 opened with a 6047 G Caters at Leatherhead conducted by S B { *composed and conducted by Stephen Brooker in 4h 4m. this was the first ten bell peal for the Guild* } followed on the 20<sup>th</sup> by the 1<sup>st</sup> 6-bell peal by the Guild 7 different T B at Capel Surrey. { *conducted by David Jordan, this was George's eleventh peal, ringing number 4. it has the footnote in our records "first on the bells". However a peal of 3 minor methods was recorded here on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1877, two years before formation of the Guild* }. I find I was in this peal Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at S Martin's Dorking G Triples some of the band walking

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home to Capel 7 or 8 miles long after the last train had left { *he called Holt's ten-part in 3h 9m* } March



6<sup>th</sup> at Crawley {Sussex} the first peal of Major (KTB) by the Guild by a band put together by myself from Capel & neighbourhood {Henry Dains' peal in 3h 7m} At this time I was meeting our Capel friends twice a week for practising Surprise Minor & 8 bell Major ringing & before we rang the KTB at Crawley our Capel friends came to Hamalford Mill near Reigate where I was located to practice it on the H bells 1 each keenness this if you like This was about the time my wife started HB ringing.

Next peal followed at H Rood Southampton G Triples on April 26<sup>th</sup>. {he called Shipway's variation of Holt's ten-part in 3h 4m. the footnote was "first peal in the town for 33 years"} Leatherhead 28<sup>th</sup>. {this was Reeve's variation of Holt's ten-part, but George did not participate}

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A notice of motion appears about this time that each member after a peal shall pay 6d for booking in the Gld peal book if a new method pd by Guild No peal to be booked that was rung in Lent – rather obsolete & out of date now. {Rule xi – That on the completion of a peal the performers should send 6d. each to the treasurer by the conductor of the peal, as a subscription towards the expense of its insertion in the peal book. That the cost of the insertion of a peal in any new method be paid by the Guild. That no peal be inserted if it has been rung in Lent.} {He clearly forgot that he had called Holt's Ten-Part at All Saints, Ryde on 01/11/1886 to open the new ring of bells} 15/11/86 1<sup>st</sup> 504 Sted T at Fareham by a resident band of the Guild in Hants. {J. Hewitt 1, G. Williams, conductor, 2, C. Privett 3, F. Hill 4, G.W. Grafham 5, G. Passingham 6, J.W. Whiting 7, Rev H.A. Spyers 8, all but two of whom participated in the Ryde peal} 14/2/87 Holt's Original rung in Hants for 1<sup>st</sup> time by The Guild {Fareham, in 3h 4m. J. Hewett 1, G. Williams, cond., 2, F. Hill 3, Rev. H. A. Spyers 4, C. Privett 5, G.W. Grafham 6, J. W. Whiting 7, G. Passingham 8}

Several other peals followed in /87 viz G T at Ashted {16/02/1887 Holt's Six-Part, without George, conducted by Stephen Brooker in 3h 5m}, 7 TB's at Capel {13/03/1887, without George, conducted by David Jordan in 2h 38m} BT at L head {29/03/1887, without George, conducted by Stephen Brooker in 3h 6m. First in the method for the Guild} GT at Fareham {02/05/1887. Holt's Original conducted by George in 3h 8m. The footnote reads "Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to Mr. W. J. Banting, late of Fareham. First muffled peal by the Guild"}, 7TB's Capel {13/05/1887 without George, conducted by David Jordan in 2h 42m} GT at opening of 8 bells at Brading l o w {18/06/1887 Holt's Ten-Part conducted by George in 3h. Dedication of new 1,2,3 &4} and on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> the 1<sup>st</sup> peal of Stedman by the Guild was rung at Fareham

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Conducted by the masterpiece of conductors J W Washbrook of Oxford, {Thurstans reversed in 2h 58m. J. Hewett 1, J. W. Whiting 2, H. White 3, C. Privett 4, J. W. Washbrook cond., 5, F. Hill 6, G. Williams 7, G. W. Grafham 8} the year finishing up with a Jubilee peal of GC at Lhead { 08/11/1887, 5094 changes without George, composed and conducted by Stephen Brooker in 3h 26m } & two more Minor peals at Capel { 28/10/1887 and 18/11/1887, both of seven Minor methods, conducted by David Jordan}

Report says 3 District Meetings have been held during the year 2 Surrey one well attend. 1 in Hants not a good one Small wonder that progress was slow in those days Evidently peals were [getting {crossed out}] beginning to be rung more frequent as those who rang them felt the pinch of -/6d a time for we find in report for that year a notice of motion for the next Annual Festival that cost of insertion of peal in P.B. be pd by the Guild. {Rather unexpectedly, George then makes no reference to the following peals of Grandsire Triples which he conducted. 16/01/1888 at Farnham, 18/03/1888 at Warnham, 19/03/1888 at Havant and 02/04/1888 at Christchurch. The last of these was the first peal on the bells following a failure on the day of the dedication 12/11/1885 when "a mischievous boy got meddling with the chiming hammer"}]

At this point I'm going to keep the readers in suspense until the next issue of Les Cloches, when they will be able to read the remaining pages of George Williams' fascinating historical notes.....See Les Cloches, February 2012

## DISTRICT AGM and STRIKING COMPETITION

The District AGM and Striking competition will be held in Alderney on Saturday 24th September 2011

### Programme as follows:

1. General Ringing 10am - 11.55
2. 12 noon - Bellringers Prayer led by Vicar & then Vicar to make the draw for the competition
3. 12.15 - 2.15pm Striking competition. Once teams know when they will be required to ring please can they get their own lunches from PJ Pantry. Lunches can be eaten in Church, tea & coffee provided by Ay ringers
4. 2.15 pm Meeting in Church - see attached agenda
5. 3.45 To Philippa's for the results. Tea with District 30<sup>th</sup> birthday cake
6. Depart for airport

It is hoped that all members will read through the minutes of the 2010 AGM and June 2011 Summer meeting, so that these do not have to be read out in full at the meeting.  
Please try to do this - copies will be circulated to all towers.

# Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

## C.I. District AGM Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 2011, Alderney

### Agenda

1. Welcome & opening remarks – Chairperson
2. Declaration of “any other business” since circulation of agenda
3. Apologies for absence
4. In Memoriam
5. Minutes of 2010 AGM and District meeting June 2011 – previously circulated
6. Matters arising (if not already an agenda item)
  - a) Guild Striking Competition
  - b) Les Clôches
7. Treasurer’s Report
8. Ringing Master’s Report
9. Election of Officers
10. Election of New Members
11. Guild AGMs
  - a) 2012 Andover district
  - b) 2013 Jersey
12. 30<sup>th</sup> “Birthday” Quarter Peals
13. Update on Alderney Bells
14. Any Other business\*

NB Striking Competition Results will be announced at tea and recorded with these minutes.

\* Any items for “any Other Business” to be declared before the start of the meeting.



## TOWER REPORTS AND PEAL RECORDS FOR THE CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT

### ST. ANNE'S, ALDERNEY TOWER REPORT

#### **Bellringer's AGM & Dinner - April**

Our Christmas Dinner came rather late to coincide with the AGM. Accompanied by husbands/wives/children, the Rev Stephen Masters and church warden John Postlethwaite, we celebrated at a local restaurant.

The AGM was short and matters of augmentation are noted in the Tower Captains report. However Philip Maddocks announced his retirement as Steeple Keeper to be replaced by Paul Arditti in the expectation that the engineering skills Paul uses in helping to maintain the Alderney Railway engines will also be put to good use in the belfry.

In the course of the dinner Paul Arditti presented a book to Philip to express the thanks of the band for all the care he has lavished on the bells during his tenure.

Philip learned to ring in 1958 whilst at school in Canterbury, although he lost interest in ringing when he left school. Philip resumed his ringing in 1980 when the then incumbent of St Anne's - Rev Edwin Bennett persuaded some 'likely candidates' to form a new band of bellringers. Philip was appointed steeple keeper in 2001.



1<sup>st</sup> ALDERNEY CUBS and 1<sup>st</sup> ALDERNEY SCOUTS

#### **Cubs & Scouts Visit St Anne's Belfry - July**

The Cubs and Scouts were given a personal tour of the Ringing and Bell Chambers at the top of St Anne's Belfry this month (8th July). It was a rare opportunity for the young people to see the 6 bells and learn how and why they are rung.

The tour included a history lesson on the removal of the bells by German occupying forces during World War II; how the upper chamber was used as a machine gun post and where the gunners and restorers left their names inscribed in the walls.

After an impressive effort by the boys to ring tunes on the church handbells, we revealed our secret confetti dispenser, used to shower the unsuspecting bride and groom as they walk down the aisle, which the boys tested thoroughly on themselves!

#### **Alderney Week - August**

As we have done in previous years the Tower will be open to the public on Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm during Alderney Week. We raised a nice sum last year providing teas in the church while escorting small groups up to see demonstrations in the ringing chamber and to view the bells above. Apart from a full display board of old photos and leaflets we also run a ringing video to entertain those waiting to ascend

and the church is worthy of a viewing too. Alderney has a unique history due to the German occupation and these afternoons raise awareness of local people as to the significance of the bells. A worthwhile exercise provided all safety aspects are borne in mind.

### Visiting Ringers

It is with disappointment and sadness that we have no visiting groups booked. Peter and Helen are bringing friends whose skills we all benefit from and we do have the Striking Competition to look forward to, but the opportunity to ring with any others tower groups eludes. Definitely a reflection of the recession which is hurting Alderney badly, aggravated by the expense of travel.

Pam

### ST. ANNE'S, ALDERNEY QUARTERS/PEALS

<b>Wednesday 2 March 2011</b>	<b>1260 Plain Bob Minor</b>
1 Maurice Stupart	4 Pam Pearson
2 Philippa Arditti	5 Helen M McGregor
3 Philip Maddox	6 Peter JR Bevis (C)
<b>Tuesday 22 March 2011</b>	<b>1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles</b>
1 John Mackey	4 Helen M McGregor
2 Maurice Stupart	5 Peter JR Bevis (C)
3 Philippa Arditti	6 Donald R Hughes
	First Quarter, 6
<b>Saturday 9 April 2011</b>	<b>1260 Plain Bob Doubles</b>
1 Duncan Loweth	4 Helen M McGregor
2 Philippa Arditti	5 Peter JR Bevis (C)
3 Maurice Stupart	6 Paul Arditti
<b>Tuesday 12 April 2011</b>	<b>1272 Spliced Minor, 2m</b>
1 John Mackey	4 Duncan Loweth
2 Philippa Arditti	5 Helen M McGregor
3 Maurice Stupart	6 Peter JR Bevis (C)
	First spliced, 1, 4
<b>Wednesday 13 April 2011</b>	<b>1296 Bristol Minimus</b>
1 Philippa Arditti	3 Helen McGregor
2 Duncan Loweth	4 Peter JR Bevis (C)
<b>Friday 29 April 2011</b>	<b>1260 Plain Bob Minor</b>
1 Maurice Stupart	4 Pam Pearson
2 Philippa Arditti	5 Helen M McGregor
3 Philip Maddox	6 Peter JR Bevis (C)
By members of the Sunday Service band to celebrate the wedding this day of His Royal Highness Prince William to Catherine Middleton at Westminster Abbey.	
<b>Saturday 30 April 2011</b>	<b>1260 Plain Bob Doubles</b>
1 Jane M Fraser	4 John Mackey
2 Ann Wheeler	5 Peter JR Bevis (C)
3 Helen McGregor	6 Donald R Hughes

By members of the Sunday Service band to celebrate the wedding of His Royal Highness Prince William to Catherine Middleton at Westminster Abbey.

<b>Wednesday 11 May 2011</b>	<b>1260 Plain Bob Minor</b>
1 Ann Wheeler	4 John Mackey
2 Maurice Stupart	5 Helen M McGregor
3 Philippa Arditti	6 Peter JR Bevis (C) First minor inside, 4
<b>Tuesday 5 July 2011</b>	<b>1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor</b>
1 Philippa Arditti	4 Peter JR Bevis
2 Maurice Stupart	5 Helen McGregor
3 Phillip Maddox	6 Stephen A Rossiter (c)

To date, in terms of the number of quarter peals scored, 2011 has so far been fairly quiet. Just nine. But dig a little deeper and we have made some significant progress. Firstly we rang five quarters of minor but only three of doubles. As I said in the last Cloches, IMHO doubles are for people who only have five bells. People fortunate enough to have six have access to the rich variety of minor methods to reward their effort. So to have finally rung more quarters of minor than doubles is a source of great pleasure to me. Even the odd one out - Bristol Minimus - was enormous fun to ring.

For those not in the know, Bristol Minimus is an illegal method - false and irregular - that feels remarkably familiar to anyone who rings Bristol S Major. To anyone who does not - it is a very nasty spiky line. Blessed by one of Duncan Loweth's irregular visits to "The Ringing Isle" we had the perfect third Bristol Ringer. Duncan seems game to ring anything if asked nicely and Helen and I had been looking for a third ringer mad enough to give it a go for 20 years or so, ever since we first rang it. We also made use of Duncan's visit to ring a quarter of Spliced Minor - his first, but certainly not his last.

No less significant an achievement was Donald's first quarters. One of our most enthusiastic ringers - possible THE most enthusiastic, Donald has found his niche covering to doubles and has that most important of all ringing characteristics - availability. The other first, long overdue, was John Mackey's first of Plain Bob Minor.

The end of April was the long awaited Royal Wedding. Enthusiasm for a Royal Peal was low, so we settled for 2 quarters, involving ten members of the local band. We have ordered a peal board to commemorate this event.

At long last we welcome another ready-made ringer to Alderney; our last such addition was Philippa Arditti. The new recruit is Stephen Rossiter, already well known to the band through the help and support he has given us over several years. With his assistance we were finally able to ring our first local band quarter of Surprise Minor - ever - in Alderney. The first of many I hope.

Finally, we are making some progress towards our augmentation. We have applied to purchase the solitary 21-0-7 bell from St John, Crawshawbooth, (Gtr Manchester) with a view to adding it to our existing 6 as a new Tenor. The church is redundant and the bell is therefore available. With the casting of another four light bells, we will have a ring of ten that should be a joy to ring.

The vicar has agreed to approach the States to ask them to commission a structural survey of the tower, prior to obtaining a faculty and we are optimistic that the work can take place next year.



And last, but not least, it seems appropriate for the island that was home to Elisabeth Beresford, the creator of the Wombles, to now own a Wombel.

The Wombel ("one bell!") campanile is a high quality, portable, light-weight framework which can be easily carried around on a pair of simple roof bars and, together with a Saxilby Simulator unit, it can be taken to schools and fairs in order to raise the profile of ringing by allowing an initial hands-on experience. The Saxilby Simulator is very simple to ring, and can safely be used by even small children with little supervision.

We will be giving it an initial airing at Alderney Week, but we hope that it can be the start of an evangelical crusade to reduce the average age of Alderney ringers from over 60 to nearer 20.

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## **ST. JOHNS TOWER REPORT**

At St. John's we continue to struggle with numbers. Despite Robin's valiant attempts to attract new recruits we've had very little interest. We even secured a short slot on Channel Report and the vicar has auctioned a ringing lesson for four at the annual Bonne Nuits Harbour festival. On the plus side, it is encouraging that Heidi Sydor and David Le Clare have returned to the ringing scene. Both make a big difference to Wednesday practices. During the holidays we've also had the fortune to welcome Fred and Arthur Reeves, who both demonstrated how ringing is like riding a bike. They too have added much energy and enthusiasm to the practices.

We are always pleased to welcome a number of visitors to practices which has allowed us to go beyond our usual repertoire. We've managed London and Bristol on occasion.

As usual I must thank ringers from St. Mark's helping us out on Wednesday nights and Sundays.

We're very sorry to report that Prisca Tremeer has been unwell. We would like wish her a speedy recovery.

Finally, I am pleased that we can support a Jersey team for the annual striking competition and AGM in Alderney. We are looking forward to this event.

## **ST. JOHN'S AND ST. MARK'S QUARTERS/PEALS**

The Peal and Quarter records for both Jersey towers are:

### **ST. JOHN**

Sunday 9 January 2011 in 47 mins

1260 Grandsire Triples

1. Philip Goodyer
2. Peter Routier
3. Mike Halsey
4. Douglas Bell
5. Justin Read
6. Robin Pittman
7. Jack Worrall (C)
8. Stuart Reeves

Wednesday 26 January 2011

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1. Jo Routier
2. Justin Read
3. Peter Routier
4. Anne Fraser
5. Jack Worrall (C)
6. Stuart Reeves

Wednesday 2 February 2011

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Judy Collins
2. Jo Routier
3. Jack Worrall (C)
4. Justin Read
5. Peter Routier
6. Stuart Reeves

Sunday 8 May 2011

1260 Mixed Doubles

360 Stedman, 420 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob

1. Robin Pittman
2. Peter Routier
3. Justin Read (C)
4. Anne Fraser
5. Stuart Reeves
6. Mike Halsey

To celebrate the anniversary of the liberation of the Island from the German occupation forces of World War II on May 9th 1945

South Northamptonshire Society

Wednesday 15 June 2011 in 3:00 (7cwt)

5184 Jersey Surprise Major

Composed: R I Allton

7. Marika Haseldine
8. Julie A Haseldine
9. Kay Bartholomew
10. Raymond A Vickers
11. Ruth Stokes
12. James A Haseldine
13. Andrew Haseldine
14. Christopher C Stokes (C)

### **ST. MARK**

Saturday 11 June 2011 in 43

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1. John David
2. Nicky A David
3. Helen M McGregor
4. Peter JR Bevis
5. Stuart Reeves
6. Michael Bubb (C)

Thursday 16 June 2011 in 2:49 (10cwt)

5040 Spliced Surprise Minor

(15m (1) Carlisle, Chester, Munden (2) London, Wells (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) York, Durham (5) Lightfoot, Wearmouth (6) Beverley, Surfleet (7) Cambridge, Ipswich )

4. Kay Bartholomew
5. Julie A Haseldine
6. Ruth Stokes
7. Christopher C Stokes
8. James Haseldine
9. Andrew Haseldine (C)

Jo

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### **VALE TOWER REPORT**

When you sit back and write something for Les Cloches you get a chance to reflect on what we have achieved during the past six months or so.

The Vale ringers have managed to ring for all Sunday morning and evening services together with the odd midweek service. We have a loyal band of ringers who are always willing to put themselves out to ring when called upon. This is more so this time of the year when it seems all of our Saturdays are taken up by weddings with the odd Friday and Sunday thrown in – we even have a Thursday wedding!

Our list of quarter peals for the six months to June shows a number of first. Joe ringing treble to Bob Minor and jointly conducting one for his birthday. We have introduced Pauline to the joys of the St Simon's family of methods. It shows that even experience ringers can still ring first in basic methods and Pauline rang her first of Double Oxford. We have been ringing more quarter peals for morning service this year – bravely attempting and scoring Plain Bob minor – those who have rung at the Vale in the morning will know how much noise can be made by so few people!

The fete was held in glorious weather and again we were primarily in the tea tent but we did also man the bouncy castle! A super day was had by all and the fete raised an impressive amount of money – the most for a considerable number of years.

Regrettably I am unable again to be at the District AGM. A great pity as it is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its creation and I was one of the original members. I will be thinking of you on 24<sup>th</sup> September when I am upside down in Australia.

Mike Bubb

### **VALE QUARTERS/PEALS**

16 <sup>th</sup> Janaury	1260 St Clements College Bob Minor
30 <sup>th</sup> January	1260 Plain Bob Minor – First minor Joe Allen
13 <sup>th</sup> February	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
26 <sup>th</sup> February	1260 Grandsire Doubles
6 <sup>th</sup> March	1260 Doubles in 3 methods and 8 variations
9 <sup>th</sup> March	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
13 <sup>th</sup> March	1260 Doubles in 3 methods and 8 variations
27 <sup>th</sup> March	1260 Doubles in 11 methods
24 <sup>th</sup> April	1260 Plain Bob Doubles – First inside Joe Allen
29 <sup>th</sup> April	1260 Grandsire Doubles
9 <sup>th</sup> May	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
15 <sup>th</sup> May	1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor – First in method Pauline Marquis
29 <sup>th</sup> May	1260 Grandsire Doubles
30 <sup>th</sup> May	1260 Doubles in 11 methods
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
5 <sup>th</sup> June	1260 Plain Bob Doubles. Jointly conducted 2,3,4 and 5. 14 <sup>th</sup> birthday compliment to Joe who rang the 2
12 <sup>th</sup> June	1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles
19 <sup>th</sup> June	1260 Plain Bob Minor

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### **TOWN CHURCH REPORT**

A steady year at the Town, in spite of dwindling band numbers we have well supported practices and manage to ring for almost all Sunday Services albeit with only four or five ringers and a good supply of visitors helped us through the busy summer holiday season.

Maureen left the tower recently and she will be sorely missed. She and I started at the tower together in 1995 and in all those years she has been a dependable and loyal member of the band. It won't be the same without her.

We were pleased to ring for three weddings at the Town this summer (in addition to that other slightly more famous one). I realise to other towers this is hardly newsworthy but to us its "mega" as we generally go years without our ringing skills being required for those 'tying the knot' moments.

The now established Wednesday lunch time quarter peal ringing attempts has given us scope to try new methods and also given an opportunity for ringers to consolidate the method they are currently learning. Paul is using this time to implement and practice his conducting skills which appears a major learning curve but in the main successful, I have now called my first quarter of Bob Doubles with the help of the Vale ringers, some of whose members form part of the Wednesday group. Dean also joins us for these sessions so we have a good base of experienced ringers. These sessions are open to anyone so if you are interested in having a "go" at a quarter then give Paul or I a ring.

With the help of Andrew Haseldine and his band from Oxfordshire, Paul and I were able to ring our first (and in my case probably last) of Stedman Triples, it helps in some ways to compensate for the number of failed attempts of Stedman Doubles. I'm not sure though I could do it a second time!

The monthly District practices are proving very useful for ringers at all levels. Breaking into Surprise Major ringing is the big challenge but with the support of the District ringers and some very skilled local people anything now seems possible. We enjoyed our District ringing day in Jersey, where we are always made to feel welcome and it is good to catch up with the friends made over the years. Our thanks go to Helen, Nicky and Anne for all the hard work in putting these practices together.

We are now down to single fingers in terms of tower membership and recognise the need to do some form of recruit drive, although the night school ringing courses were enjoyable and successful in their own right, the retention of possible band ringers from the course was poor so we are looking to explore other area's to obtain new ringers.

**Sue Park**

## **TOWN CHURCH QUARTERS/PEALS**

19th June 2011  
Stedman Triples

Sue Park  
Julie Haseldine  
Ruth Stokes  
Paul Lawrence  
Simon Edwards  
Chris Stokes  
Andrew Haseldine / C  
James Haseldine  
First in Method for Paul Lawrence and Sue Park



8th August 2011  
Surprise Major 5 Methods

Mike Bubb  
Jack Page  
June D Wells  
Helen Mc  
Gregor  
Peter Routier  
Peter Bevis  
E John Wells  
Stephen Rossiter

17th August  
Plain Bob Doubles

Colin Sarchet  
Joe Allen  
Sue Park  
Nicky David  
Mike Bubb / C  
John David

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### **ST. PETERS and FOREST TOWER REPORT**

We have had a difficult start to the first 6 months of this year. With many of our already depleted regulars suffering from various ailments or on holiday, we have been stretched to the limit! This meant that as we went into May it was becoming rare to have more than 7 or 8 people to a practice, with occasionally only 5! With this in mind I decided to approach the local junior schools. A phone call to La Houquette had the secretary putting me through to the headmistress and after explaining what I was looking for, she said that she was seeing the year 6's at the end of the school day and would ask if there was any interest in an evening demonstration.

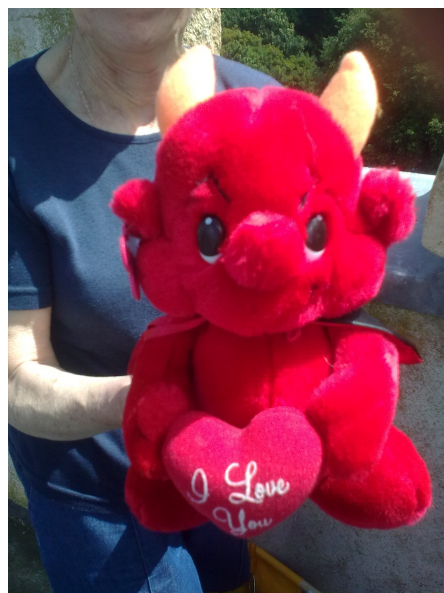


With 12 showing interest, the following Thursday was arranged for the first session. Six of the children came and after a lively evening they were encouraged to continue coming till the end of term! (A special thank you to Tim Smith, Janet Emery and Michele de la Hulinierie for their support, I don't think I could have managed without them.)

Many of them are still with us and close to Sunday Service ringing now! Added to this I have encouraged a couple of the mums, Anne (Molly's mum) and Sally Anne (Esme's mum) who are encouraging each other to keep going and doing really well. So as far as numbers go there are definite signs of recovery!

Progress is still being made in other areas. Anne Dorey and Jenny Rains have almost mastered Grandsire. Janet Emery is trebling well to doubles and learning Plain Bob Inside now. Michèle, despite being in France most of the time, has mastered Trebling and covering. The quarter peal tally is still low.

In other areas we didn't ring the New Year in this year at midnight, but did get together to celebrate the New Year the following morning. Unfortunately we had no one attending the meeting in Jersey this year. It must have been arranged for the only sat this year where Condor wasn't offering a good day trip! We did manage to put on a Quiz night to raise funds for the church. Special thanks to Steve Rains, our editor's husband, for putting together the questions. Bit worrying that the only rounds our ringers did well on were based on TV and bars of chocolate! We also helped out at the Fete again, once again doing the Teddy Bear slide. I was amused when one child produced his cuddly bright red devil! Very fitting for the church fete! Hope to see you all again soon.  
Phil le Conte



## **ST. PETERS and FOREST QUARTERS/PEALS**

### **Ste. Marguerite de la Foret**

26<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles, 1260

1 Joe Allen	4 Jane le Conte
2 Rene Batiste	5 Peter Bevis
3 Helen McGregor	6 John Lihou

For C.I. Quarter Peal Weekend. 1<sup>st</sup> in method  
Rene Batiste

26<sup>th</sup> February 2011

York Surprise Minor, 1272

1 June A Saint	4 Phil le Conte
2 Peter Routier	5 Peter Bevis
3 Helen McGregor	6 Stephen Rossiter

For C.I. Quarter Peal Weekend. 1<sup>st</sup> in method  
Phil le Conte

26<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
Plain Bob Doubles, 1260

1 Jenny Rains	4 Anne Dorey
2 Mike Bubb	5 Peter Gallienne
3 Anne Fraser	6 Judith Lainé

For C.I. Quarter Peal Weekend.



L-R Christine Lenfestey, Peter Gallienne, Tim Smith, Janet Emery and Phil le Conte (not sure when??)

## St Peters

25<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
Plain Bob Doubles, 1260

1 Janet Emery	4 John David
2 Nicky David	5 David Strong
3 Phil le Conte	6 Joe Allen

For C.I. Quarter Peal Weekend. 1<sup>st</sup> away from cover for Janet Emery.

18<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
Grandsire Caters, 5003

1 Kay Bartholomew	6 James A. Haseldine
2 Julie A. Haseldine	7 Christopher M. Mundy
3 Raymond A. Vickers	8 Christopher C. Stokes
4 Simon L. Edwards	9 Andrew Haseldine
5 Ruth Stokes	10 Marika Haseldine

900<sup>th</sup> Peal for the South Northamptonshire Society.  
35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Compliment to June and Andrew Haseldine.

26<sup>th</sup> February 2001  
Grandsire Caters, 1259

1 June A. saint	6 David Strong
2 Nicky David	7 John David
3 Mike Bubb	8 Tim Wainwright
4 Peter Routier	9 Stephen Rossiter
5 Helen McGregor	10 Peter Bevis

For C.I. Quarter peal Weekend. 1<sup>st</sup> Grandsire Caters for Nicky David and Tim Wainwright.  
600<sup>th</sup> Quarter Nicky David.

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**CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT**

Dates for your diary

(Details of each event will be circulated nearer the time)

24th September 2011 District AGM and Striking competition, Alderney

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2011 District Teaching/Practice day Guernsey

29<sup>th</sup> October 2011 Guild Forum meeting

19<sup>th</sup> November 2011 Guild Executive meeting, Southampton

25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011 District/Practice day, Guernsey

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011 Training weekend, Reading, don't forget to book with Helen**