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From the Editor

A number of the Guild's young ringers have appeared in the news recently for their achievements. One of them, that of Laura Harris is reported in this edition. However, this phenomenon is not new as the recollection by Bill Perrins of his first peal shows. In earlier times still, Chris Kippin, Peter Lakin and before the war Reg Reed were something of 'infant prodigies'. Maggie Wolverson reports on the first season of the Winchester District Striking League. Widely regarded as having been a great success, the league is expanded to three divisions for the coming season. Once again my thanks to all who have taken the trouble to contribute. Please keep the articles coming, big or small.

An Unusual First

To have three ringers taught at the same tower all ringing one thousand peals or more, this in itself may not be a first, the Pye bothers of Leytonstone could probably claim this back in the early 1900s, but to have 6000 peals behind the three of them has to be a record, and we at Highclere are pleased to be able to record this after Peter Furniss recorded his 1000th peal at Garston, Liverpool earlier in the year.

the Queen's Golden Jubilee at Highclere.

It is nice to know that both Robert and Peter come back to Highclere on a regular basis and both were able to ring in my Seventieth birthday peal of Yorkshire

Geoff Dodd

But it was not until May 5th this year that the three came together as thousand pealers to ring in Geoff's 70th birthday peal at Highclere when the Newbury Weekly News came out to take a photograph of the complete band and also took one of the three thousand pealers, which we hoped the Ringing World might use. Both Robert and Peter left Highclere in the Seventies, Peter going first to Warwickshire with his parents and then later to Liverpool where he is a Probation officer and also captain of Garston on the outskirts of Liverpool.



Robert went first to Slough and then Sandridge near St Albans and regularly rings at Kimpton, his son Adam took part with him in the peal of Kent Treble Major for

Peter, Geoff & Robert

Reg Cockle Recalls the Forming of the Diocese of Portsmouth

The Diocese of Portsmouth was originally created from the Diocese of Winchester. The division was agreed at the Winchester Diocesan Conference of 1922 and an Act of Parliament was passed to create the new diocese in 1924. It would have a population of 460,000, 135 parishes and 220 clergy, and would cover Portsmouth, Havant, Gosport, Fareham, Petersfield, Bishop's Waltham and the Isle of Wight.

Portsmouth became a city on 26 April 1926 because of the imminent formation of the diocese. The Bishopric of Portsmouth was founded on 1 May 1927. On that date, the Church of St. Thomas, High Street, Old Portsmouth, became its first Cathedral. The first Bishop, Neville Lovett - after whom schools in Fareham and the Isle of Wight are named - was consecrated as Bishop of Portsmouth in Westminster Abbey on 25 July 1927. He was then enthroned in his new cathedral on October 6 1927.

The Link, March 2001

Reg Cockle, of Bishop's Waltham, tells us of his fondest memory of 75 years ago:

"I was born at No.1 Garfield Road, Bishop's Waltham on 10th January 1917, where I am still living. I was first introduced (so to speak) to St. Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham, by my Grandfather, Mr. Edgar Charles Pitman (who lived in Basingwell Street) and looked after the Church Heating Furnace which was below ground level, under the new toilet floor! One had to descend an iron ladder to fuel the furnace. I was five years old then. I used to go to the 11.00 am Matins Service every Sunday with my Father and Mother, and then I joined the Sunday School, still attending the Matins service with many other boys and girls.

We all left the church during the hymn prior to the sermon. Our morning Sunday School teachers

were the two Miss Richards, daughters of Solomon Richards, the Blacksmith. They kept an Ironmongery at the junction of Red Lion Street and Houchin Street. We went to Sunday School again in the afternoon in The Institute with our afternoon teacher, a Miss Tee who came from Ampfield. The Rector then was the Revd. H E Sharpe, later to become Canon Sharpe. In those days we were in the Diocese of Winchester. In 1927 two boys and two girls were chosen from the Sunday Schools all over the new Diocese, including the Isle of Wight, to attend a Children's Service at what was the Church,

now the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, in connection with the Enthronement as Lord Bishop of Portsmouth of the Rt. Revd. Neville Lovett C.B.E. D.D., being of course the first Bishop of Portsmouth. This Children's Service took place on Saturday, 8th October 1927, at 3.00pm, taken by the Bishop. The Enthronement Service took place on Saturday October 6th. The Free Churches of Portsmouth Service was held on Friday, October 7th. On Sunday, October 9th, XVIII Sunday after Trinity, usual Sunday Services, and on Tuesday, October 11th, there was a Masonic Service. One can gather it was a very busy time of special Services, and it was very fitting that Saturday's Ceremony should have been for the children. By now, of course, we were in the Diocese of Portsmouth. This was very upsetting to quite a number of Parishioners, and other people also, but everything settled down in time. After the Children's Service, I remember we all went to a large hall, to be



Reg, the youngest child, with his two brothers

seated at large, bare, trestle tables, with plates of sandwiches, and an apple and orange each. I could never find out where or which Hall it was. My uncle, Mr. Charles Pitman, drove us all to the Cathedral in the Rector's 'Overland' car, and it was a tight squeeze. The two boys chosen from St. Peter's Sunday School were Clarence Parsons of Basingwell Street; myself, Reginald Cockle, and the two girls were Joyce Tier of Swanmore Road and Kathleen Nicholson of Park Road. It was sad in a way that there was no memorabilia of this grand occasion for us children, as of course at this time we were in the grip of a very bad world-wide economic depression. Everything was so scarce and expensive. But we children then had a wonderful time and I shall remember it all for the rest of my life.

The Church of St. Thomas was chosen as the Cathedral, as it was said to be more central to the City Centre than the Church of St. Mary's, Portsea.

Seventy-one years later in 1998, I was recommended by St. Peter's Church for, and received from H.M. The Queen, the Maundy Gifts on Maundy Thursday April 8th, 1998 at the Cathedral.

So in my happy years in the Church of St. Peter, with 69 years a bell ringer, I have spent two wonderful days at Portsmouth Cathedral. Never to be forgotten!

Reginald E V Cockle

Bats? Yes We Have Some!

Today I received an email from David Forder asking if there were any more contributions for the Newsletter. He enquired after the bats in the belfry which reminded me of two separate incidents in our towers.

The first, at Northington, was when a fairly large bat suddenly fell from the rafters and landed with a thud on the ringing-room floor. Having stood the bells we gathered round the poor stunned creature. We decided to leave it where it was and carried on ringing. After five or six minutes it took to the air flew neatly round the moving ropes, through the metal rope guide, settled way up near the ceiling and then crawled back onto its beam.

It, or its friends and relations, are still there for their droppings form an ever increasing pile in the corner of the floor. The other occasion was at Brown Candover. We had left the church door open one practice night last autumn and a little pipestrelle came in and up the short spiral stair. We again stood the bells and watched in fascination as it wove amongst us and the ropes in our tiny ringing room. We were still debating what to do when it landed on someone's trouser leg and Rosie was able to cup her hands over it and put it out of the window. I think it roosts in the nearby yew tree rather than the tower. We always shut the downstairs door now!

Bats are amazing creatures and we are lucky to have several types living round here.

We are a small band of ringers, mostly millennium starters and we ring call changes and (almost)

plain hunt. We managed to ring for all the Brown Candover services last year and mostly once a month at Northington.

Jill Parr

The Sparsholt Ringing Course

The Sparsholt Course was held over the August Bank Holiday as usual, attracting around 55 students and 75 tutors and 'helpers' from all over the country. Indeed, this year we had three students from the USA and one from Ireland.

We would like to thank the ringers at all those 60 towers who made their bells available for the practical sessions and to those 'helpers' at the practical sessions who were Guild members.

A Service was held as usual and Sparsholt Church on the Sunday evening at which 50% of the collection was for the Guild BRF. Additionally, £650 was given as donations to towers used.

However, after 14 years providing this annual Course at Sparsholt College, we have decided to call it a day and to hand the Course over to fresh faces. Over the years we have found it both satisfying and instructive to have been in the driving seat and would publicly like to thank all those tutors and, more importantly, the helpers who have joined us. Most of the latter have come from outside the immediate area and without their willing assistance, the Course, with its numerous practical sessions, would simply not have been possible.

The Course will continue next Summer under the guidance of Steve Coleman and Mike Winterbourne, assisted by many others, at the Lackham College of Agriculture, at Lacock in Wiltshire. Those readers with long memories may remember it as the venue for two Ringing Schools run by the CC Education Committee in the early

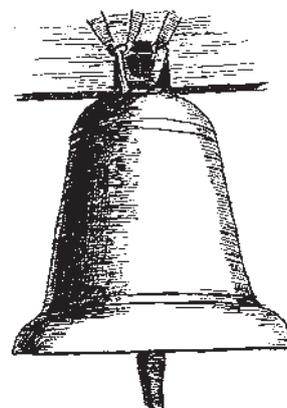
1980s.

We are handing on the baton now as we believe that in order for the Course to thrive in the long term, opportunities (including management opportunities) need to be provided to enable steady change and innovation to be brought in. (The same undoubtedly applies to most other aspects of bell ringing).

We are confident however that, after questioning them, the new management will continue to facilitate the learning of bell ringing through continually changing, up to date, educational practices and through a wide curriculum. We are sure they will continue to provide a variety of opportunities for students to enjoy themselves on the Course, and to depart from it feeling that they have learned a lot.

We strongly encourage our team of helpers to support the new venture please and new students to apply to join it.

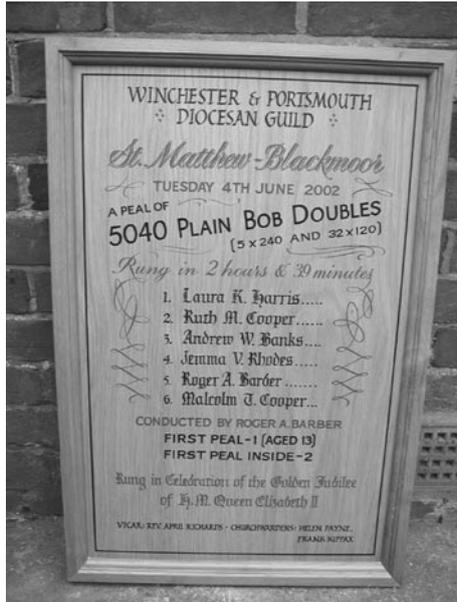
Gail and Bob Cater



Chilworth ii

Laura Harris' First Peal

Laura Harris rang her first Peal at her home tower of Blackmoor on Tuesday 4th June 2002 for the Queen's Golden Jubilee, a tremendous achievement considering 13 year old Laura only learnt to ring in April 2001, and had only rung one Quarter Peal prior to the Peal attempt! Her achievement has been managed on a comparatively small amount of ringing; tied-bell practices at a nearby tower and Blackmoor's Practice Night. It was fortunate that this Peal was for a special occasion, as the details have been recorded on a Peal Board for display in the tower. Well done Laura!



The Peal Board



Laura Harris pictured at Blackmoor with Peal Board in the background.

Blackmoor, Hants. Tuesday 4th June 2002.
 5040 Plain Bob Doubles in 2hrs 39min.
 1- Laura Harris
 2- Ruth Cooper
 3- Andrew Banks
 4- Jemma Rhodes
 5- Roger Barber (C)
 6- Malcolm Cooper
 First Peal (aged 13) - 1; First Peal Inside - 2.
 Rung in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of
 H. M. Queen Elizabeth II.

Rachael Barber



Betty Daysh (Shedfield) and friend - taken, in April, on Bob & Gail Cater's ringing tour to Singapore, Australia and Bangkok.

Canon Felstead, E.J. Osborn and Nell Gwynn

This may seem to be an unlikely trio but they are linked through campanology. Canon K. W. H. Felstead was Vicar of St. Michael's, Southampton, when I first came to Southampton in 1953. He was tower captain, and had been instrumental in persuading the Kippin family, Charles, Jessie, Chris and Hilary, to move there from Wonston. Peals were conducted by Charles during the afternoon of the first Saturday each month, and peal boards here record the first for the Guild in many Surprise Royal methods. Alas, his last here, of St. Michael Surprise Royal, rung on 31st October 1970 to mark the conclusion of the 9th centenary celebrations, does not have a peal board. In his "spare" time, Kenneth's hobby was to research and record, on card index, every peal that had been rung in the U.K. After his death on 26th February 1994, David Dearnley very efficiently took over this task until the Central Council initiated a scheme to transfer this data onto computer, with John Martin organising hundreds of volunteers "filling in" floppy disks. The "Felstead Project" is now efficiently supervised by Dr. Tim Pett and can be found on the Internet at www.felstead.org.uk. Contained in the latter are Ken Felstead's references to his sources of early peals. One of these is "E.I.O. i.e. E .I. Osborne mss. In British Museum". I have this in his own handwriting, but this is all WRONG.

Last year I visited the British Library to investigate this reference. It took me about an hour to obtain a pass to enter the search rooms. One has to complete a lengthy form, then queue for an interview. The interviewer checks details on your form and then quizzes you on your need for access. Only if you satisfy a need specifically for study there will you receive a pass. Luckily I had telephoned in advance so I was carrying the identification required and I had explained my campanological interest. Luckily I was interviewed by the person I had telephoned. I then had to be photographed and issued with a four year pass. Next I had to hire a locker so

that my belongings traveled no further. Eventually I reached the manuscript room. A very helpful lady searched the computer for K.W.H.'s reference but was unable to locate it. A second was called in to help with "campanology, bell-ringing, tintinnabulation etc.". After twenty five minutes they gave up. At this point a third older lady suggested trying the original, card index system. Within two minutes they produced a card entitled :-

"A complete register of all performances of all known bell ringing companies in London and Westminster" EDWARD JOHN OSBORN. 5 volumes.

References 19368 to 19373.

At that point an announcement was made that no further bookings could be taken for manuscripts an hour before closing ! However, we now know that E.I.O. must be changed to E.J.O., and the reference altered to the British Library as above. Later last year, while browsing through 1978 Ringing Worlds, I discovered a reference to all this in R.W. 25th August, page 722.

This year I have just, again, visited the British Library, bearing my pass, and booking the references 19368 and 19369 three days ahead by telephone. I expected to receive two folders of frail, parchment documents, but instead, the attendant staggered towards me bearing two volumes, each the size of an enormous, church bible ! Being old and frail I had to carry each separately to my reading desk ! I had occupied the journey to London with "The Ringing World" issue 4747 (19th April), reading with fascination the previously unpublished article on St. Martin-in-the-Fields by the late Bill Cook, and, in particular, the legend connecting Nell Gwynn with the old ring of six bells in 1687. To my surprise, a few pages within volume 19368 were devoted to "Nell Gwynne" (sic.)

To summarize:- Died Nov. 1687 (Julian calendar). Worth one hundred thousand pounds. Retired from the stage in 1670. Then paid £15000 a year by Charles II. (She

must have spent quite a lot of this!) Also the king had a house built for her in Pall Mall. "This house was frequently the rendezvous of the monarch and his dissolute associates." She was the mother of Charles Beauclerc, Duke of St. Alban.

The will is then printed in full. The codicil is interesting :-

"The last request of Mrs Ellen^r Gwynn to his Grace the Duke of St. Alban's, made October the 18th 1687.

1. *I desire I may be buried in the church of St Martin's-in-the-fields.*
2. *That Dr. Tenison may preach my funeral sermon.*
3. *That there may be a decent pulpit-cloth and cushion given to St. Martin's-in-the-fields.*
4. *That he would give one hundred pounds for the use of the poor of the said St. Martin's and St. Jame's, Westminster, to be given into the hands of the said Dr Tenison, to be disposed of at his discretion for taking any poor debtors of the said parish out of prison, and for cloaths this winter, and other necessaries, as he shall find most fit."*

Items 5 to 14 relate to pensions etc. for her friends and staff.

Shortly after this, the above mentioned Dr. Tenison was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury ! Alas, his entry in the burial register for 1687 just reads "17th November Elinor Gwin".

Glued below the above is an article from "The Champion", June 3rd 1742, entitled "Fraudulent Practices of Parish Vestries, and in particular that of St Martin's-in-the fields".

" I cannot forbear mentioning one action more laid to the charge of these honest men, viz. - Nell Gwynn, player, left a handsome income yearly to St Martin's, on condition, that on every Thursday evening in the year, there should be six men employed, for the space of one hour in ringing, for which they were to have a roasted shoulder of mutton and ten shillings for beer ; but this legacy is of late diverted some other way, and no such allowance is now given. No authority appears for this assertion."

Derek Jackson, Southampton
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Winchester District Striking League

About a year ago, the Winchester District decided to follow the example of their neighbours in the Portsmouth District and hold a striking league. Eight teams expressed an interest or were persuaded to join in and they were separated into two divisions, a method ringing one and a call change one. Thirteen judges were approached who agreed to help out and a list of fixtures was drawn up.

Matches were held monthly and each team played every other team in their division twice, once at home and once away. This meant that in the event of a tie at the end of the season, bonus points could be awarded for an away win. Teams chose their methods in advance and where appropriate selected which six in the tower to be rung.

In Division Two, call changes were rung as each test piece. The judges were able to give helpful tips for improvement as well as just announcing the winners.

The results in this Division were very close, with Easton and Kings Somborne inseparable in the middle, both achieving an away win. Practice Nights were notably enhanced by the arrival of six ringers from a different team, at least one judge and often supporters. This achieved one of the League's main aims, which was to improve inter-tower relationships. The final results for this Division are shown in Table 1.

Southampton University, who have been historically linked with our District, were invited to join Division One, and their presence gave added interest as their home matches were on a mini-ring. This proved to be a definite home advantage as no other team managed to win on the Hartley 12. In this Division, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman doubles were rung, although toward the end of the season, plain courses of Cambridge minor proved to be a popular test piece. In this

Division, ringing was of a consistently high standard, often posing difficulties for the judges. The closest match was Bishopstoke v SUGCR, where the results were SUGCR 65 faults and Bishopstoke 66! By the end of the season, there were

Graham Grant has kindly made two wooden bell-shaped trophies for the winning teams, which will be presented at the May District meeting. The whole venture has proved very successful and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. I

	played	won	lost	score
New Alresford	6	4	2	4
Kings Somborne	6	3	3	3
Easton	6	3	3	3
Cheriton	6	2	4	2

Table 1

2 clear leaders and 2 teams at the bottom. The final match, Hursley v SUGCR decided the final placing of all four bands. The final results for this Division are in Table 2.

would thoroughly recommend it to any other District looking for a new way to improve individual practice nights and general ringing.

*Maggie Wolverson
Winchester District Ringing Master*

	played	won	lost	score
Winchester Cathedral	6	5	1	5
Southampton University	6	4	2	4
Hursley	6	2	4	2
Bishopstoke	6	1	5	1

Table 2

Bishopstoke Ringers Wed

On Saturday 31st August 2002 Graham Wright finally did the decent thing and married Christine Gigg. The wedding ceremony at St Mary's, Bishopstoke was followed by a reception at The Millburys, somewhere in the middle of nowhere.

R Le M



Update on Restoration Work at Privett

Work is now virtually complete on the re-hanging of Privett's eight bells. Originally all hung on plain bearings except the Tenor, the 'go' had gradually deteriorated over recent years. The wheels, patched on several occasions, were losing large sections of shrouding.



Last year, a team of A&P District members led by Roger Barber, with advice from Matthew Higby (Matthew Higby, Church Bell Engineering) and Martin Hough, lifted the bells up and dropped them down into their pits where the fixtures and fittings were removed. The headstocks were taken away by Matthew Higby for new gudgeons, ball bearings and fittings to be designed and engineered to fit them, with Martin Hough welding them together. The wheels were sent to Richard Newman at East Huntspill in Somerset to be rebuilt.

Early this year, all these were returned to Privett where the team of volunteers reversed the job they had done previously! All new nuts and bolts have been used, fixtures painted, the frame tightened, and the belfry cleaned to remove years of dust. A few weeks ago the bells were rung for the first time, and after a little more adjustment, the first Quarter Peal was rung.

The 'go' of the bells is much improved, though there are a few teething problems still to resolve after which the bells will be available for general ringing again. We hope to arrange an official re-opening to signal this, to which all interested will be most welcome to try the bells.

Many of you will know that Privett is a redundant church looked after by the Churches Conservation Trust. There are no regular services held there, and as such no regular band of ringers. The beautiful church and its bells are held in great affection by the ringers of the A&P District in which the tower stands, and several of these have

mons. Thanks to Matthew Higby and Martin Hough who have done all of the work for just the cost of materials, and also for the support from the Churches Conservation Trust, in particular Neil Skelton their advisor for Privett. The tower received two very generous donations: a grant from the W&P Guild Bell Restoration Fund of £750, and

£500 from an A&P ringer. Overall the cost of the work has been approximately £4200, and it is interesting to note that when the bells were installed in 1877 the cost was a mere £820!

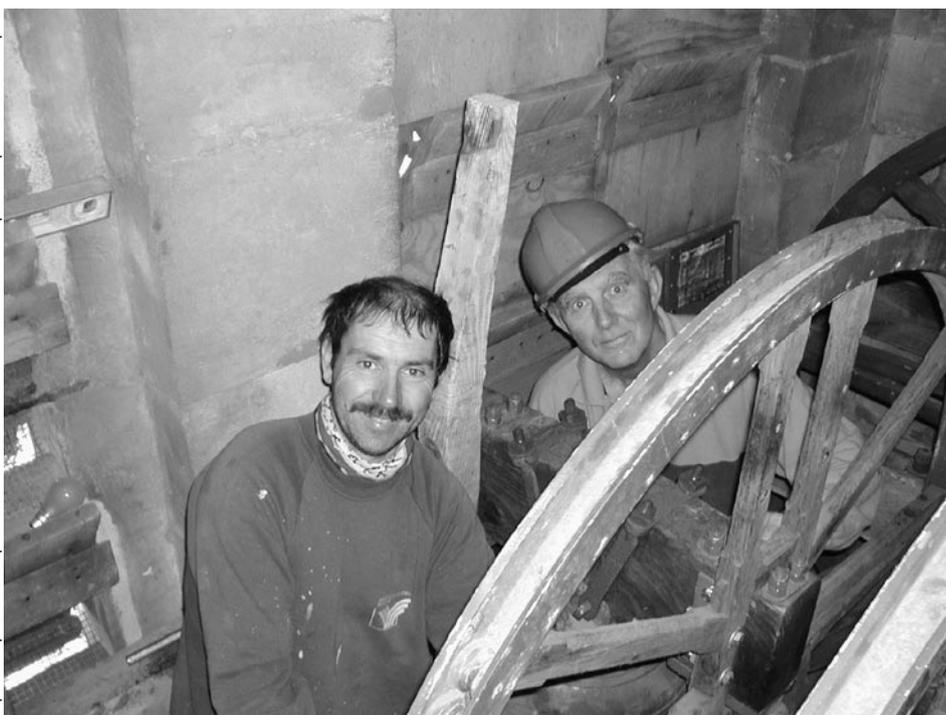
This is the first major work on the bells since their installation, and will hopefully see them ringing for a good number of years into the future.

George Williams once described the bells as 'the music box of Hampshire' and in their elevated position overlooking the surrounding countryside these bells will again sound out, but the ringers below will be able to enjoy the experience a little more too!

Rachael Barber

Privett, Hants. Monday 9th September 2002.
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 - Roger Barber,
2 - Kathy Arkless,
3 - Jemma Rhodes,
4 - Rachael Barber (C),
5 - David Hughes,
6 - Michael Evans,
7 - Terry Collins,
8 - Chas Seamons.
Rung to congratulate Mike and Margaret Winterbourne on their Pearl Wedding Anniversary today. First Quarter Peal on the bells since re-hanging.

given considerable time and effort to ensure these bells remain in good condition. The biggest thanks must go to Roger Barber, who has organised and coordinated the project, and to his team of helpers Chas Seamons, Jeremy Boyd-Wallis, Michael Evans, Rachael Barber, Jemma Rhodes, Andrew Banks, Craig Marshall and Anita Sea-



Roger Barber and Chas Seamons at work on the troublesome treble!

Jubilee Bells in the Christchurch & Southampton District

As forecast the bell ringers in the Southampton and Christchurch Districts were busy during the Jubilee celebrations. On Friday May 31st a peal was rung on the new ring at St Barnabas Church, Lodge Road, Southampton. The treble bell is being called Jubilee as it was cast in February this year.

On Saturday a peal attempt at Ringwood failed after 2 hours but another, in a method called Anniversary Delight Royal, was successfully completed at St Michael's, Southampton. Lymington ringers rang several short pieces in the afternoon followed by a sit down tea in the belfry.

On Sunday there was ringing before and after civic services at Fordingbridge in the morning and St Peter's, Bournemouth, during the afternoon. A peal was rung at Milford and quarter peals were rung at Christchurch, Eling, Fawley, Lymington and Sopley during the day.

Monday was busy with peals at Lymington and Fawley, a quarter peal at Sacred Heart, Bournemouth, and a date touch of 1952 changes at Brockenhurst. There was some ringing at the Ascension Church, Bitterne Park, Southampton, but the peal attempt was postponed until the following Saturday when sound control work was complete. Approximately 180 people visited the belfry of Ringwood Parish church and £216 was raised towards the cost of re-hanging. At Minstead there was ringing for a joint parishes service in the afternoon, followed by a village party on the green. Unfortunately a quarter peal attempt in the evening and a peal attempt on Tuesday morning, both at St Mary's, Southampton, were not completed.

Other activities on Tuesday included a quarter peal at Hordle in the morning and one at Christchurch

Priory in the evening. An attempt at St John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, was lost when a rope broke and another at Eling was lost when one of the ringers was taken ill.

On a happier note there was ringing for 45 minutes of St Mary's, Southampton bells before a packed multi-faith civic service in the evening.

With a general shortage of ringers many were kept busy helping out their fellows at other churches.

Rex Corke

And at Froxfield

To celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth 11, the parishioners of Froxfield and Privett decided on a street party. This was held on Monday 4th June 2002 in the area between the church, the school and the village hall.

Froxfield fingers were invited to open the proceedings by ringing for 1/2 an hour before the start, and again at the end of the event.

To open the ceremonies call changes were rung by the following members.

Jeremy Boyd-Wallis, Teresa Brown, John Fowler, Michael Goodall, Ann Lance, Marion Ponsford and Val Williams

To finish we rang

1260 of Plain Bob Doubles

1. Teresa Brown
2. Valerie Williams
3. Simon Longlands
4. Marion Ponsford (C)
5. A Terence Collins
6. John Fowler

Congratulations to Marion Ponsford on calling her first quarter!

First Peal Recollections

Funny that my first peal has got some airing recently. At the time, it seemed a nice thing to have done but nobody ever thought about claiming any records. I have just emailed the RW with a correction there. Having rung our first quarter peal on March 8th 1964, Paul King and I had been badgering Bill Cheater about when we could ring a peal. Bill hadn't rung any peals in recent years and procrastinated a bit but then decided that, if he didn't fix it up, we would probably go elsewhere. So he turned over a Ringwood practice for this peal attempt - it was fixed up from about a month before so that he could notify any visitors who might show up for practice.

Having by then started ringing Surprise (albeit trippily), I was thinking it would look good if we rang something flashy in that line and when he said Grandsire Triples I was initially deflated. Then he followed it up by saying that I could call it, and that made me feel a whole lot better. I had already called the quarter from Parker's 12 part (very nearly twice but Lewis Cobb got lost 2 leads from the end of the first attempt and nobody had much clue about putting things right).

In fact Roger Savory turned up unknowingly for the practice night and actually taped a few minutes of the peal - I suppose that was lost years ago. Roger made a mention of the ringing standard after the W&P Striking contest the following Saturday and the mention made its way into the Ringing World.

Paul King gave up ringing within about a year - he had no Church connections to keep him attached when enthusiasm waned. I was really cheesed off when he rang his second peal before me (I played football for my school and could not ring in all Saturday attempts) but unfortunately he never rang another.

Bill Perrins

Guild Diary 2002/3

Date		Event	Venue
November 2	Sat	A&P Party Chime	Bentworth
November 7	Thu	AND Monthly Practice + Meeting	Whitchurch 7.30 - 9.00
November 9	Sat	A&P Quarter Peal Week	
November 9	Sat	POR Surprise Major Practice	Upham TBC
November 9	Sat	WIN Quarterly Meeting and Education Day	
November 16	Sat	C&S District Officers Meeting	
November 16	Sat	C&S District Training Day	
November 16	Sat	C&S Beer and Skittles Evening	
November 16	Sat	Guild Executive Committee Meeting	St Barnabas Church Hall 10.15
November 16	Sat	IOW Quarterly Meeting	Brighstone
November 20	Wed	POR District Practice	Purbrook
November 23	Sat	A&P Surprise Practice	
November 28	Thu	A&P Daytime Ringing	
November 30	Sat	Guild Education Day	Portsmouth District
December 1	Sun	POR Calendar Meeting	Wickham 8pm
December 5	Thu	AND Monthly Practice	Burghclere 7.30
December 7	Sat	A&P General 10-Bell Practice	East Meon 7.00-8.30
December 7	Sat	C&S District Carol Service	Eling
December 7	Sat	POR 10-Bell Practice	Portsmouth Cathedral
December 7	Sat	WIN District Carol Service	Easton
December 9	Mon	WIN District Practice	Sparsholt
December 13	Fri	POR District Practice	Swanmore
December 14	Sat	A&P Special Practice	
December 27	Fri	A&P Daytime Ringing	
January 11	Sat	A&P Annual District Meeting	Alton
January 11	Sat	AND Annual District Meeting	Hurstbourne Priors
January 25	Sat	BAS Annual District Meeting	Yateley
January 25	Sat	C&S Annual District Meeting	Bitterne Park
February 1	Sat	POR Annual District Meeting	St Mary's, Fratton Road, Portsmouth
February 8	Sat	WIN Annual District Meeting	Hursley

Hampshire Bells CD

Recorded over a period of 6 years, the CD includes some of the best bells in the county.

There are also recordings of 4 sets of bells that will never be heard live again due to subsequent removal or re-tuning.

The CD contains over 70 minutes of recordings of change-ringing from 15 locations within the County:-

Alton - Andover - Basingstoke All Saints - Bentley
 Bishopstoke - Brown Candover - Curdrige - East Meon
 Hillbrow Campanile - Hurstbourne Priors - Lymington
 Nether Wallop - Southampton St. Michael
 Upton Grey - Winchester Cathedral

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There will normally be a district practice in the months when there is no other district event - contact the District Secretary, Ben Constant (0118 9816016).

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1st Wednesday, Surprise Major at Ringwood

2nd Wednesday, Call Changes to Doubles at Lymington

2nd Friday, Surprise Royal at St. Michael's, Southampton

3rd Tuesday, Major & Triples beyond Grandsire at Eling

3rd Wednesday, advanced Minor at Sopley

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3rd Thursday, 10 bell practice at Newport.



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