

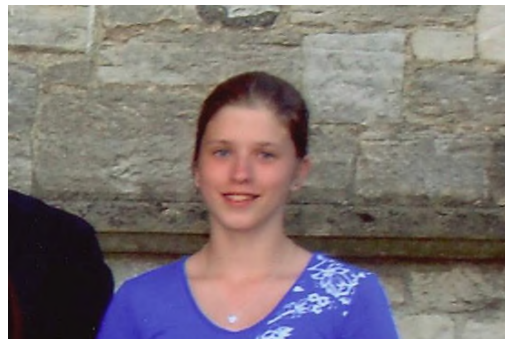
***Emma Pym started ringing in 2002 at Alverstoke, she has made good steady progress and has become a very useful ringer. She rang her first peal at Alverstoke on 31 December 2005, and has gone on to ring 4 more peals in less than 11 months and look what she has achieved in the article below!***

## **4,6,8,10 & 12** **in 11 hours 59 minutes**

Following Emma Pym's 3<sup>rd</sup> peal at Wickham in July I merely commented to her that she had rung first 3 peals on 6, 8 and 10 and that it would be really good to ring the first 5 on 4,6,8,10 & 12. This was met (as my ringing proposals often are) by a look which I have generally taken from other people as meaning, "Yes... but that would be sad." This was the last I said on the matter.

A couple of weeks later to my (very happy) astonishment, Emma asked me if I would indeed organise the peals on 4 and 12.

With the help of Lee Pinnington and Peter Sheppard (fellow ringer of the Longest Length of Minimus, 24,000 for the Bamboo Enthusiast's Society) the 4 bell peal was duly scored 5 days later on the prestigious bells of the Midways Campanile in Stubbington.



***Emma Pym***

The next few months saw Emma trekking around the country on Britain's disgraceful excuse for a railway system in order to get as much practice on 12 as possible. These outings yielded varying degrees of success...

The 12 bell peal was finally rung at Reading on 19<sup>th</sup> November in what was a very good effort from the whole band. It was for me one of the most pleasing peals I have rung purely based on the significance of what was being achieved. These 5 peals on all (proper) numbers from 4 to 12 were rung in a total time of less than 12 hours of peal ringing. There are very few (if any) ringers that could claim anything close to this statistic.

I often despair at the distinct lack of young ringers with the necessary dedication in ringing to make progress and to take full advantage of the opportunities the exercise has to offer. It is fantastic to see people with this enthusiasm and it is a demonstration to the many boring and depressing ringers who insist that ringing is a dying art, that there are people to take it forward into the future.

Congratulations Emma, and I hope that this is only the start of a very successful and more importantly, very enjoyable peal ringing career.

***Benjamin Carey***

### **Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild**

**Reading, Berkshire**

St Laurence

Sunday, 19 November 2006 in 3hrs 11m (23-0-20)

#### **5040 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus**

Composed by: John R Ketteringham

- 1 Emma L Pym
- 2 William Butler
- 3 Adam S Greenley
- 4 Philip M Pratt
- 5 Diana M Bridle
- 6 Nicholas M W Haggett
- 7 Benjamin J Carey (C)
- 8 Edward P D Colliss
- 9 John C Sheppard
- 10 Benjamin D Constant
- 11 Ian J Carey
- 12 Peter Bridle

Completes Peals of Minimus, Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in First Five Peals : 1.  
300th Peal : 10.