

Portsmouth District Quarter Peal Month 2006

In comparison with last years Trafalgar 200 Quarter Peal month this years effort seems a bit of a damp squib when you look at the total of quarters rung, indeed there were only 15 compared to 31 Quarters last year. You don't need a calculator to work out that it is less than half, also the number of different towers represented is only 10 compared with 18 last year.

However the number of ringers who took part was not in proportion with the statistics already mentioned. Although slightly down, 64 people rang a least one Quarter compared with 76 last year.

Congratulations to Hannah Lewthwaite and Sonya Nightingale on their First Quarters, and to Chris Hough for his first on 8 bells. Also Congratulations go to half of the band at Catherington that rang their first of Cornwall S Major.

Someone called Steve Hough turned out to be the leading ringer and conductor with a total of 5 (3 as conductor). With Muriel Brown, Theo Getty, David Atkins and David Hohl close behind with 4 each. David Atkins and Ian Hunt conducted 2 Quarters each and 8 other conductors with one each. This is a world away from the 17 Quarters (9 as conductor) that Ben Carey achieved last year. Our "Student Ringing Master" only managed to get to ring in one quarter this year due to holidays and then straight off to University.

There were a couple of reported losses; Alverstoke lost a Quarter of Cambridge Minor at the beginning at the month due to Conductor failure, and Netley lost a Quarter of Doubles in the 7th extent, I don't know what the problem was this year, but I don't think it was stopped by a swarm of bees on this occasion!

Steve Hough **Portsmouth District Ringing Master**

Alverstoke, Hants. 10 Sept. 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Muriel C Brown 1, Carole Pym 2, Theo A Getty 3, John S Harris 4, David J Atkins (C) 5, Stephen N Hough 6. For Evensong.

Alverstoke, Hants. 17 Sept. 1260 Stedman Triples: Muriel C Brown 1, Stephen N Hough 2, Emma L Pym 3, Carole Pym 4, Theo A Getty 5, David J Atkins (C) 6, Ian P Hunt 7, Doug Boniface 8. For Evensong.

Alverstoke, Hants. 24 Sept. 1260 Doubles 4 Methods (Stedman, Rev Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire) : Muriel C Brown 1, Theo A Getty 2, Ian Hopkins 3, David J Atkins 4, Stephen N Hough (C) 5. John S Harris 6. For Evensong.

Alverstoke, Hants. 1 Oct. 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Muriel C Brown 1, Moira S Hough 2, Ian Hopkins 3, Theo Getty 4, David J Atkins (C) 5, Stephen N Hough 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong. The Alverstoke band wishes to dedicate these 4 Quarter Peals to George Brown recovering from a major operation, we all know that he "would rather be ringing"!

Bishops Waltham, Hants. 1 Oct. 1260 Doubles 2 Methods (7,6,8 Cover): Fiona Goss 1, Janet Chatfield 2, Mandy Peck 3, Geoff Peck 4, David Goss (C) 5, Ray Syrett 6, Paul Littlefair 7, Norman Chatfield 8. 40th Wedding Anniversary Compliment to Paul & Pauline Littlefair.

Catherington, Hants. 24 Sept 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel Byford 1, Diana Bishop 2, Gill Hales 3, Fred Hales 4, Marie Boniface 5, Andrew Byford 6 (C), Tom Bishop 7, David Hohl 8. to celebrate birthday of Janet Hohl

Catherington, Hants. 28 Sept: 1280 Cornwall Surprise Major: David Hohl 1, Rachel Byford 2, Marie Boniface 3, Diana Bishop 4, Malcolm Powell 5, Tom Bishop 6, Andrew Byford 7, R.Mark Esbester (C) 8. Rung to celebrate 4's birthday. 1st in method for all except 5 and 8

Droxford, Hants. 7 Sept. 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Francis Ensor 1, David Hohl 2, Richard Beaumont (son) 3, John Foot 4, Ian P Hunt (C) 5. Rung in memory of Rev John W Beaumont, former Rector of Droxford, who was cremated the previous day. Francis Ensor also rang for John's induction in 1974.

Hambleton, Hants. 3 Sept 1260 Grandsire Doubles. Penny Evans 1, Heather Hartridge 2, Gill Hales (C), Noel Evans 4, Mark Langtry 5, Clive Hartridge 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a second grandson, Matthew Clive, for 2 and 6.

Hambleton, Hants. 17 Sept. 1260 Grandsire/Plain Bob Doubles: Mike Eames 1, Gill Hales 2, Mark Langtry 3, Fred Hales 4, Elizabeth Walker (C) 5, Clive Hartridge 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a granddaughter, Olivia Mae, for 1. Also to congratulate Rev. Robin Coutts, our vicar, on being made a Canon

Gosport, Hants. The Jack & Jill House Campanile. 24 Sept. 1260 Grandsire Triples: Christopher J Hough (first on 8) 1, Benjamin J Carey 2, Emma L Pym 3, Carole Pym 4, Sarah A Carey 5, Ian J Carey 6, Stephen N Hough (C) 7, Lizzie J Hough 8. Rung by an Alverstoke Sunday Service band.

Portsmouth, Hants. S Mary (Portsea). 29 Sept, 1260 mixed doubles 1020 Grandsire/240 Plain Bob. Hannah Lewthwaite (first Quarter) 1, Hazel Matthews 2, Ken Matthews (C) 3, Barbara Salmons 4, Jonathan Farrington 5, Mavis Whitehead 6.

Shedfield, Hants. 3 Sept. 1260 Doubles (4m) 120 St Simon's, 480 Reverse Canterbury, 540 Plain Bob, 120 Grandsire: Angela M Edwards 1, Betty J Daysh 2, Richard A Case 3, Paul Repper 4, Andrew F Case (C) 5, Colin R Abel 6. For Evensong

Soberton, Hants. 12 Sept. 1260 Plain Bob triples: Sonya Nightingale (First Quarter) 1, Penny Evans 2, David Goss 3, Noel Evans 4, David Hohl 5, Terry Collins 6, Ian Hunt (C) 7, Chris Godson 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a Grandson Toby Geroage to (2 and 4) on 8.5.06

Wickham, Hants. 1 Oct. 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pam Faux 1, Judy Walsby 2, Alison Davies 3, Lionel Doubleday 4, Neale Fray (C) 5, Robert Goulson 6. Rung by a Wickham Sunday service band.