

Portsmouth District Quarter Peal Fortnight

September has for several years now seen the Portsmouth District of the Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild hold a Quarter Peal month during which towers have been encouraged to attempt to ring a Quarter Peal either as part of their normal Sunday Service ringing or by special arrangements. This year however, we decided to reduce the period to a fortnight (well 15 days actually) and the objective was to try to attempt a Quarter Peal in every tower in the District.

We did not manage the objective but it was good to see many towers actively participate, with many ringing successful Quarters solely with their own Sunday Service band. Special mention should go to Heather Hartridge who rang her first quarter and to Holly Walker (1st inside) and Max Hunt (first treble bob). The Catherington ringers again led the way with a total of four quarters, including Uxbridge which was a first in method for 75% of the band. Congratulations also to Tom Bishop who called his first quarter of minor.

Sadly there were 3 quarters that came to grief and a few towers who chose not to participate in this District event. In all, a total of 15 quarters were scored out of 18 attempted, with 14 towers and 64 district ringers participating. Thanks to everyone who supported this event and maybe next year, we can do even better.

Catherington, Hants, 7 Sep, 1250 Uxbridge S. Major: Diana Bishop 1, Jeremy Mather 2, Rachel Byford 3, Tom Bishop 4, Elizabeth Mather 5, Ian Hunt 6, Andrew Byford 7, Mark Esbester (C) 8. 1st of Uxbridge for all but 2 & 8.

Hambleton, Hants, 7 Sep, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marie Boniface 1, Holly Walker 2, Gill Hales (C) 3, Elizabeth Walker 4, Doug Boniface 5, Fred Hales 6. First quarter on an inside bell for Holly.

Shedfield, Hants, 8 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: John P Colliss 1, Richard A Case 2, Charlotte K Colliss 3, Betty J Daysh 4, Neale V Fray 5, Paul Repper 6, Edward P D Colliss (C) 7, Andrew F Case 8. Rung immediately prior to the service of Institution and Induction of Rev Bruce Deans to the United Benefice of Shedfield and Wickham.

Catherington, Hants, 8 Sep, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Max Hunt 1, Mark Esbester (C) 2, Marie Boniface 3, Doug Boniface 4, Andrew Byford 5, Ian Hunt 6. First of treble bob – 1

Catherington, Hants, 10 Sep, 1260 Stedman Triples: Gill Hales 1, Rachel Byford 2, Marie Boniface 3, Diana Bishop 4, Tom Bishop 5, Fred Hales 6, Mark Esbester (C) 7, John Foot 8.

Droxford, Hants, 12 Sep, **1260** Stedman Doubles: Ian J Carey (C) 1, Andrew F Case 2, Sarah A Carey 3, Rachel C Byford 4, Andrew J Byford 5.

Hambledon, Hants, 14 Sep, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Coutts 1, Heather Hartridge 2, Gill Hales (C) 3, Mark Langtry 4, Jim Twiney 5, Fred Hales 6. First quarter for Heather Hartridge.

Netley Abbey, Hants, 14 Sep, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barry Heath 1, Roland Jackson 2, Carolyn Wright 3, Francis Mitchell 4, Andrew Byford (C) 5, Cliff Simpkins 6. To welcome Isiah Wardle, born 10/09/08 to Maria & Father Stewart Wardle.

Alverstoke, Hants, 14 Sep, 1260 Stedman Triples: Muriel C Brown 1, Carole Pym 2, Theodore A Getty 3, Graham Brown 4, Lizzie J Hough 5, David J Atkins (C) 6, Stephen N Hough 7, John S Harris 8.

Stubbington, Hants, 14 Sep, **1259 Grandsire Caters**: Sarah A Carey 1, Stephen N Hough 2, Emma L Pym 3, Christine H Russ 4, Sarah E Hutchinson 5, David J Atkins 6, Ian J Carey (C) 7, Stephen S Russ 8, Richard Harrison 9, Lizzie J Hough 10. First of Caters – 3, First on a Mini Ring – 4. To welcome Christine Russ back to QP ringing.

Purbrook, Hants, 17 Sep, 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: Alan Yalden 1, Joel Richardson 2, Ian McInally 3, Melanie Richardson 4, Ian Hunt (C) 5, Jan Allnutt 6. In memory of Ernest Yalden father of the treble ringer who passed away last week.

Soberton, Hants, 18 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Marie Boniface 1, Penny Evans 2, Andrew Case 3, Rachel Byford 4, Noel Evans 5, Andrew Byford 6, Ian Hunt (C) 7, John Foot 8.

Purbrook, Hants, 21 Sep, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Esmee Richardson 1, Blanche Hunt 2, Ian McInally 3, Melanie Richardson 4, Ian Hunt (C) 5, Roy Grayson 6.

Titchfield, Hants, 21 Sep, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Pat Roberts 1, Judy Walsby 2, Heather Ford 3, Gerald Brown 4, Gail Robinson 5, Lyndon Hatfield (C) 6. The best wishes of the band to Joanne and Samuel Wickstead, and Rachel and Jonathan Blackburn, married on 13 September 2008 and Gail and David Robinson on their first wedding anniversary.

Catherington, Hants, 22 Sep, 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Doug Boniface 1, Marie Boniface 2, Elizabeth Mather 3, Jerry Mather 4, John Foot 5, Tom Bishop (C) 6. First of minor as conductor.