

# Les Cloches des Îles

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JSY 8 bell win

1<sup>st</sup> to  
Middlewich

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Course

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Upcoming  
Courses



The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers  
Newsletter of the Channel Islands District

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## **Ruby practice**

**Helen M McGregor**

June Banister let slip to the band that she was celebrating her 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary & so we hatched a plan to have that theme for our Saturday practice on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Trevor Blades called 40 changes of plain hunt on 5 – the ringing of which has become something of a speciality for Donald & was a first for Trevor as (c). Helen (Blades) rang 40 changes of rounds on 4 – her best performance to date. We found a method called Ruby Treble Place Minor so June, Aileen, Heather, Maurice, Helen (McG) & Mariko learned a lead of that which came round with some plain bob.



With so many of our A team away it was great to see what we could manage without them.

**HMM<sup>c</sup>G**

## **Handbells on ART weekend March 11th/12th**

**Helen M McGregor**

Duncan & I had were invited by the ART committee to design a How to teach Handbells course in line with the successful How to teach bell ringing now being delivered throughout the world by ART members. Duncan took on responsibility for fixing the competences required to achieve the various levels and I created complimentary students handouts. The scheme was launched at the ART conference in Basingstoke on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

The morning session – Learn to Ring Handbells - started out with some 'emergency' training for half a dozen handbell tune ringers with no experience even of Tower Bells☺. However having watched the videos and read the handout in advance of the session we were able to bring them up

to speed so they knew what plain hunt meant & even how to hunt one bell. The morning session proper then got underway with assistance from some very experienced, calm & friendly helpers we had everyone managing coursing & opposites and a chance to experience the 2/3 position and finally understand how to put it all together to achieve plain bob minor. In the afternoon we delivered our second presentation – How to Teach Handbells. This time there were no practical sessions but Duncan & I took the delegates through the course, clearly explaining how each phase can be taught in a structured way which should lead to more and more people becoming competent method ringers in hand.



The scheme relies on self-assessment through the levels. Detailed instructions, explanatory videos and a personal Log Book can all be viewed from the [smartringer.org](http://smartringer.org) website.

Go on – give it a go - help & advice available on all 3 islands

**HMM<sup>c</sup>G**

## **Elizabeth College ringers visit Alderney**

**Helen M M<sup>c</sup>Gregor**

Elizabeth College ringers visited Alderney for the weekend Apr 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> & stayed at the Bonjour Guest House. Duncan Loweth (maths master) has been training ringers from Elizabeth College for the last 5 years and every year he brings a handful of students to us for the weekend – this year he brought 5 Year 9 students. The Alderney band turned out in relays to support the boys who rang most of Saturday and all of Sunday afternoon. The Alderney band have themselves benefitted hugely from the support offered by visiting expert ringers & were delighted to pay it backwards and give the College boys a leg up. The College boys all performed well on our modern, easy-to-ring bells.



All the College boys are following the Learning the Ropes National Bellringing accreditation scheme & over the weekend every student gained sufficient experience to be re-classified one level up 😊. A total of 3 quarter peals were rung over the weekend – sometimes with one college boy and sometimes 2 taking part – each band needed a total of 6 ringers. Each College boy rang one quarter peal over the weekend – but Alderney ringer Aaron Hallett rang in all 3 helping to provide the necessary stability to ensure the success of each quarter peal. This is the first time Aaron has

rung 2 quarter peals in a day – we hope he will attempt a full peal over the summer.

Photo shows Aaron Hallett ringing with Elizabeth College students



**HMMcG**

## College Quarters

**Sue Le Feuvre**

Success! Every member of the Elizabeth College band has now rung at least one quarter peal.

Every year Duncan takes a group of the Elizabeth College ringers to Alderney for a weekend of ringing. This year there were five of them joining the Alderney band for their normal Saturday morning practice and plenty of extra ringing on both Saturday and Sunday which the Alderney ringers gave up much of their weekend to support.

Each visitor rang in one of three quarter peals of Plain Bob Doubles rung over the weekend. These included two first QPs and two 'first away from cover'. Aaron Hallett, an Alderney ringer of a similar age to the EC ringers rang in all 3 quarters, which was the first time he had rung two QPs in a day.

**On Saturday, 1 April 2017 in 46 mins**

**Alderney, Channel Islands St Anne**

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

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|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Jake Colton      | 3. Aaron Hallett | 5. Peter J R Bevis (C) |
| 2. Helen M McGregor | 4. Aileen Wilson | 6. Jude Buckley        |

First away from cover, 1

**On Sunday, 2 April 2017 in 43 mins**

**Alderney, Channel Islands St Anne**

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

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|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Josh Colton      | 3. Aaron Hallett | 5. Peter J R Bevis (C) |
| 2. Helen M McGregor | 4. Duncan Loweth | 6. Samuel Chambers     |

First Quarter, 6. First away from cover, 1

**On Sunday, 2 April 2017 in 42 mins**

**Alderney, Channel Islands St Anne**

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

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|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Aaron Hallett   | 3. Aileen Wilson    | 5. Duncan Loweth (C) |
| 2. Peter J R Bevis | 4. Helen M McGregor | 6. Louis Troalic     |

First Quarter, 6

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## **Listening Skills**

**Jane Le Conte**

So, as a ringer, what do you do on Maunday Thursday if it is practice night? There may be a service to ring for, then perhaps slope off to the pub. Well if Duncan is your tower captain, you are allowed to the pub, but on the proviso that you earn your pint!

This year, Maunday Thursday was designated 'Listening Skills Evening' in The Albion next to Town Church and we were pleased to be joined by 3 of the Forest and St Peters band.

Duncan had put in a huge amount of work preparing for this evening, including providing us with answer sheets. He started by playing short pieces of ringing in which we had to identify which bell was ringing early or late. Further pieces had more than one bell to be identified as striking badly. The more complex the errors, the more difficult it proved to

distinguish what was going on.

We then went on to listen to some plain courses of principal methods on 5. The aim was to distinguish the sound of one particular bell (the treble usually being the easiest) and to trace its path on the squared paper provided. Then we compared notes to see if we had ended up with a line that looked like every one else's! This proved to be a good exercise to make us concentrate throughout a piece of ringing, just as one should if listening to where your bell is striking.

The last exercises was judging ringing where one person was making mistakes but the rest of the band was perfect and finally recordings of real ringing.

As always with sessions like this, there was plenty to talk about, notes to compare and ideas to exchange. Theory sessions are invaluable as they give a band an opportunity to concentrate on aspects that can only be touched on during practice nights, when the emphasis is necessarily on ringing itself and perhaps we should all try to create more opportunities to factor theory into teaching on a regular basis.

**JLC**

[If anyone want to use my recording and worksheets I'm pretty sure I still have them on my computer – just ask! – Duncan]

## **Handbells in Reading**

**Helen M McGregor**

Alderney ringers Helen, Peter & Steve were pleased to be invited to the ODG Handbell Day in Reading on Easter Saturday. Scoring 12 qtrs between them - all major - ranging from Plain bob, little bob & spliced plain (4m), to Kent and Yorkshire Although no 'firsts' were amongst the tally the day was hugely successful in bringing on CI handbell ringing enhancing the stability that these ringers can now offer to others back on Alderney :-)

**HMMcG**

## Andrew's wedding

**Helen M McGregor**

The Alderney band were due to ring a qtr peal of grandsire doubles to celebrate Steve's son's wedding but the presence of 2 good visitors encouraged us to push the boat out & try to remember our Grandsire Triples. In the event 7 different touches were called and 11 ringers took part in this Sunday evening session.

167 Grandsire Triples  
120 Grandsire Doubles  
168 Grandsire Triples  
168 Grandsire Triples  
168 Grandsire Triples  
97 Grandsire Triples  
97 Grandsire Triples

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=6184>

Missing from photo =  
Helen McGregor

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## Town Church Guernsey's First Annual Quarter Peal Day

**Sue Le Feuvre**

On 19 April Duncan organised our First Annual Quarter Peal Day and what a wonderful day it was. 8 quarters; Duncan rang in 7 of them but even he couldn't be in two places at once so couldn't ring in the Forest Church one.



There were 15 personal firsts (1st in method, first treble Bob, first as conductor). One of the Elizabeth College ringers joined us for 2 of the quarters and rang his first as conductor. We included a quarter of Julie McDonnell Slow Course Minor so added more to her sponsorship for Strike Back Against Blood Cancer.

We couldn't have managed it without Helen McGregor and Peter Bevis kindly giving up the whole day to ring in most of the quarters and providing the stability we needed to struggle through some unfamiliar methods. Many thanks also to Patricia and Robert Newton who were on holiday in Guernsey but agreed to ring in the Bristol Surprise Major so that Jane Le Conte, Paul Lawrence and Tim Wainwright were able to score their first Bristol. Especially well done to Jane because it was her 5th QP of the day.

One of the ladies on my photography course in Sark was in town while we rang the Armitage Is The Name and said she really enjoyed hearing it as she walked around.

Thank you Duncan; when did you say the next one is?

**SLF**

## **Spring Meeting St Peter's Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Helen M McGregor**

It was great to have all 3 islands turn out to take part in the 4<sup>th</sup> inter-island 8 bell competition. Some of the beauty of having only a small number of teams taking part in the competition is that we had plenty of time for general ringing also with it being an 8 bell competition we had at least 24 CI ringers capable of ringing on a number higher than 6, plus 2 judges. Starting with plain hunt on 9 we moved confidently through plain hunt on 10, treble bobbing on 10, Bastow and then 3 leads of Kent Royal. A side excursion went from Stedman triples to Stedman Caters and finally two half courses of Cambridge royal completed the 'menu'. Keeping everyone busy we incorporated tenor cover on 3, 4, & 5 also touches of bob doubles and call changes on 10 – great variety and almost all sounded very nice indeed.

Our Stedman caters was filmed and is now viewable on you tube:

<http://y2u.be/O8yY0RVqMlo>

Downstairs, handbells were rung amidst the feast in the church – thank you Duncan for co-ordinating this – maximising our ringing opportunities has become the norm for our District Days, is very much encouraged and really paying dividends now. Single Court bob minor, Yorkshire S Major, Double Norwich, Unsaiph major, Kent major – all rung very well indeed – great fun

The striking competition saw each island entering a band capable of producing a good rendition of 224 changes of Plain Bob Major. I heard the Gsy team practice their piece 2 days before the competition and they would certainly have given Ay a run for their money had they not had the bad luck to fire out on the day. It is fair to say though that Jersey still have the edge.

The District Team entry ( 3 x Jsy, 3 x Ay & 2 x Gsy) gave 8 of the best CI ringers an opportunity to enjoy ringing together and set the standard to which the individual islands should aspire.

Aaron & William worked hard on the raffle which made £104 for the Youth travel Fund.

This year's judges were Tricia and Robert Newton. They had flown over from High Wycombe where their own band had recently succeeded in the 12 bell eliminators & so now are looking fwd to the final at Southwark Cathedral in June. The judges spent 5 days on Gsy, called a qtr of Bristol at TC on Weds night, helped out at TC practice on Thurs and St Peter's practice on Fri in addition to being invaluable during the days general ringing. In their initial comments they praised the standard of ringing in CI – having each island capable of entering teams at this level was a testimony to the strength of ringing on the islands.

**Jersey** rang first and had a good start setting a brisk rhythm, There were few whole faults & the faults they scored were when the bells turned round. An aeroplane went overhead during their 10<sup>th</sup> lead when anything could have happened – but didn't. 50 faults with a peal time of 3hrs

**Guernsey** rang second – their plane went over during the second lead 😊 but after 2 bells swapped over early on, the unsuccessful attempt to swap them back led to collapse. Result: unclassified

**Alderney** rang next and –as usual – had no planes 😊 The judges defined their ringing as ‘avoidance tactics’ resulting in non-rhythm & quick leading because of the changes being elongated/ drawn out. They awarded this team 103 faults

The **District team** rang last of course. They settled well with the second half even better than the first. 37 ½ faults

The trophy was awarded to Jersey – see photo

Throughout the day a French TV camera crew were on hand to talk to Heather & film Alderney taking part – they had previously filmed some of our practices on Alderney

A great day was had by (almost) all

Helen McGregor – District Ringing Master

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**Jersey – Winning team**



**Hannah accepting the trophy**



**Alderney team - 2<sup>nd</sup> place**

## **Ringling Documentary on YouTube**

**Helen M McGregor**

If you have a small space available in next issue you may like to advertise a BBC documentary available on youtube - it was very good:-)

‘Still ringing after all these years’ - a short history of bells:

<http://youtu.be/OR32AT1QaF8>



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## **Aaron is Level 5 Change Ringer with ART**

**Helen M McGregor**

Aaron secured his Level 1 in Nov 2015 & now 18 months later he has his Level 5 – the highest Level in the ART scheme & we believe the first Channel Island ringer to achieve this Level.

The Alderney band all share in Aaron’s success – a team effort of chauffeuring, escorting, standing behind, ringing alternate strokes, box carrying, explaining, chocolate buying – has all paid off. Aaron is now a

regular member of our advanced practice squad & last week rang plain courses of Stedman Doubles 😊

Aaron secured his Level 5 with an excellent quarter peal inside for Grandsire Doubles , but has already rung inside for quarter peals of St Clement's , the treble to Cambridge minor and treble to bob major. Now with 18 quarter peals under his belt we are planning Aaron's first peal over the summer.



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**100th Quarter, 1st Minor, 1st Minimus, A Birthday, And All This Week; That's Our Judith!**

**Sue Le Feuvre**

Judith wanted to attempt her 100th QP on her birthday but only had 98 so really needed one last Wednesday. So many people were on holiday or otherwise busy that the only option was minimus. She thought she'd be ringing the treble but at the last minute agreed to ring inside. So 1st Minimus for her and Sue Park.

But today was the birthday and 100th QP attempt. Judith thought she'd ring the treble to some doubles but was persuaded, or was it coerced, into attempting Plain Bob Minor inside. She wasn't too keen because she'd never really tried it before and hadn't looked at the blue line but bravely she agreed to take the two. It would be fair to say there was a look of panic when the first single was called but she did as she was told and we scored a pretty good quarter.

Well done Judith. You now deserve a celebratory large glass of white wine!



**On Sunday, 7 May 2017 in 45min**  
**Guernsey, CI Town Church Tenor: 11cwt**  
**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

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|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Jane Le Conte | 4. Sue Le Feuvre     |
| 2. Judith Lainé  | 5. Duncan Loweth (C) |
| 3. Sue Park      | 6. Paul Lawrence     |

Rung on, and for, the birthday of the #2 with warm wishes from the rest of the band.

First of Minor away from treble and 100th quarter peal – 2.

**On Wednesday, 3 May 2017 in 39min**  
**Guernsey, CI Town Church Tenor: 7cwt**  
**1272 Plain Bob Minimus**

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1. Sue Park     | 3. Sue Le Feuvre     |
| 2. Judith Lainé | 4. Duncan Loweth (C) |

First on 4: 1,2.

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**Ascension Day QP, Team Building Meal and Hawkear**

**Sue Le Feuvre**

Ascension Day falls on a practice night so a team building meal was substituted for the practice and we rang a QP before the service. Since we've had HawkEar Duncan has been recording some touches on practice nights and also QPs and this one was no exception. Without giving too much away about the actual fault scores we reach, it is fair to say that we can already see an improvement but maybe more importantly we have areas we can focus on. It's quite an eyeopener to read the stats and look at the shape of the ringing and I personally have a list of things to work on; way too many to tackle all at once so I'd decided to focus on leading during this quarter. It wasn't one of our better struck quarters but when we scrolled through the path of the bells afterwards I noticed a few of my leads that were pretty accurate (gloss over the many that weren't!). But it is worth pointing out that we are talking milliseconds. The slightly worrying thing is that even when we ring what seems to be (to us) fairly presentable Plain Bob Minor, HawkEar still records that it is an unrecognised method!

My description of HawkEar is a layman's but still I can highly recommend it.

We were so intent on studying the results of our ringing on the TV screen that we had to be reminded that the non-ringers would be sitting in the restaurant waiting for us!

We had a great meal with plenty of team building, aka beer and wine, so a very successful evening for all.

**On Thursday, 25 May 2017 in 42min**  
**Guernsey, CI Town Church Tenor: 11cwt**  
**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

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|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Jane Le Conte | 4. Mary Melbourne    |
| 2. Sue Park      | 5. Paul Lawrence     |
| 3. Sue Le Feuvre | 6. Duncan Loweth (C) |

Rung for the Ascension Day service.

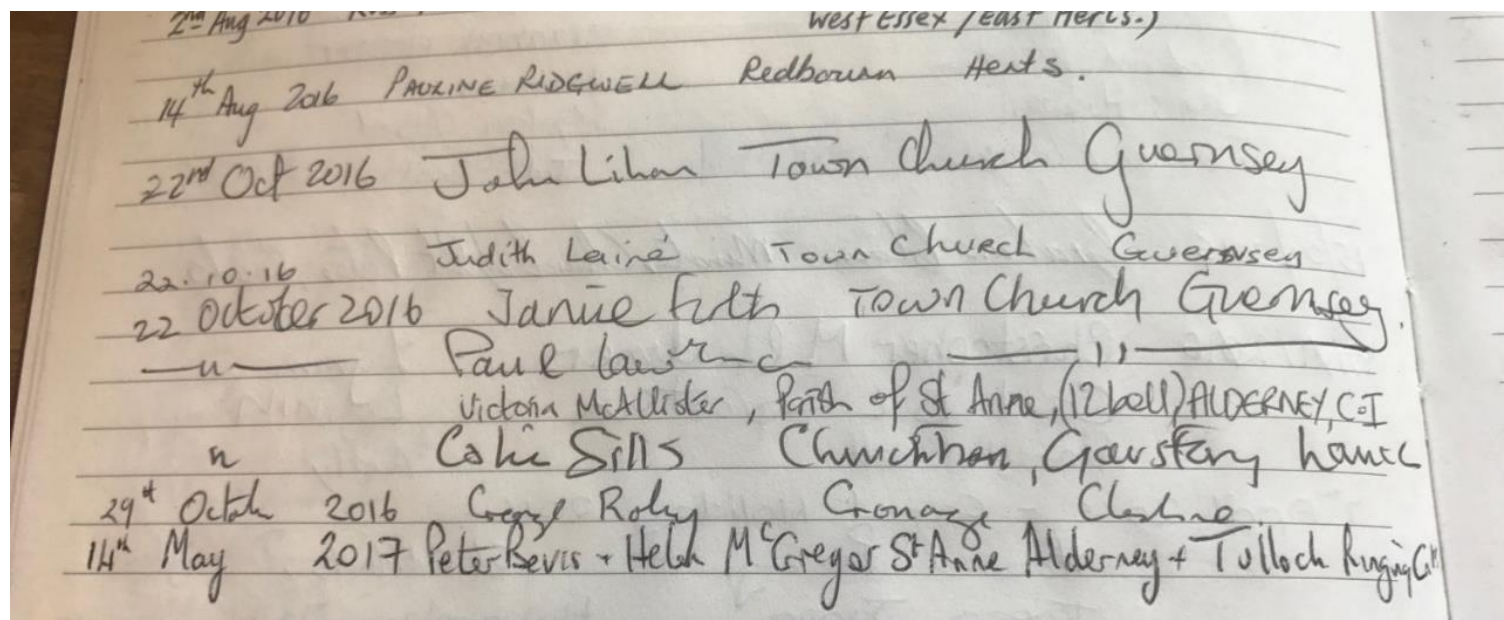
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**Visitor book Middlewich**

**Helen M McGregor**

I like to think that Alderney LEADS the way in CI ringing - but here we are AFTER Town Church!!!! - what is the world coming too??

Photo is of the visitor book at Middlewich -20cwt 8 - grabbed by us on a Sunday morning during our canal tour of the 4 counties ring **HMMcG**



## **Alderney Training Week Mon Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>- Fri Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Helen M McGregor**

The Wells Bells First Peal Band – Jenny, Jack & Daniel Page, John & June Wells, Stephen, Helen & Peter will join with Mariko & the Record Length ringers to offer a week of practices followed by quarters designed to stretch the Alderney band. If you would like to be included in the training schedule – sessions to include: Yorkshire S Major, Cambridge S Major, Stedman Triples, Kent Royal, Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Cinques – please come over to Alderney to join us for all/any of Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>. The Record Length is Weds Oct 25<sup>th</sup> so no local band training that day but assistance serving teas & coffee, manning the explanation stall in the church welcomed

RSVP [Helen@tullochfarm.co.uk](mailto:Helen@tullochfarm.co.uk)

**HMMcG**

## **Alderney Tower Report**

**Helen M McGregor**

We are getting hugely excited about the imminent arrival of Wells Bells, the first purpose built Channel Islands' ringing centre. Mathew Higby plus bells, frame & simulator are due to arrive on Aug 7<sup>th</sup> and we are hoping for a first practice Aug 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>. Ropes for the First Quarter will be drawn by ballot from the St Anne's band. The First Peal – Wells Delight Major – is scheduled for Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> and will include the eponymous, magnificent Alderney band supporters John & June Wells. We hope the bells will get a favourable airing from the District when Alderney hosts the ADM on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. The Wells Bells Ringing Centre should permit easy training of youngsters, having a light peal of 8 available 24/7 will be an enormous asset to novice and expert ringers alike and the simulator will allow both adult & child recruits to make much faster progress than they could otherwise hope to achieve just at St Anne's.

Our current crop of adult learners are Jeremy – Maurices' son - and Jane & Bruce . All 3 exhibit excellent rhythm & understanding so show huge early promise☺. Jane & Bruce have a holiday home on Alderney with their UK home in the same village as Philippa's sister Sue. Sue and Helen are sharing the training of Bruce & Jane – easy to do as both follow the ART

training programme. Jane and Bruce have also come to a handbell session which they seemed to enjoy very much. Trevor & June will both benefit from having some learners following on behind them – providing great opportunities to them to call changes and ‘go & stop’ etc. Aaron completed his Level 5 ART so will be off to Birmingham for the masterclass weekend in Sept 2018. He is now firmly part of any advanced training sessions conducted on Alderney.

Hawkear is being put to good use. We try to achieve at least one ‘golden’ ring for each person who attends a practice or performance. The touch is analysed by Hawkear and that analysis loaded onto a website for individual band members to download and see – in real terms – what they actually rang. A tremendous learning tool

The Alderney handbell group now have 2 regular sessions a week – all welcome on Tues evenings and a quarter peal group which practice on Weds evenings.

Only 27 bellboard appearances in this half year– down on our usual tally - but as ever a great spread of tower & handbell performances, quarters, special touches in a good variety of different methods. Special mention for June & Aaron – first on 8 bells, first surprise for Victoria, Aaron’s first treble bob & for the band that rang the first royal in hand by a resident Alderney band.

28/6/17	Dalhousie	1260 Plain Bob Royal
30/4/17	St Anne	1300 Grandsire Doubles
23/4/17	St Anne	167 Grandsire Triples
23/4/17	St Anne	120 Grandsire Doubles
23/4/17	St Anne	168 Grandsire Triples
23/4/17	St Anne	168 Grandsire Triples
23/4/17	St Anne	168 Grandsire Triples
23/4/17	St Anne	97 Grandsire Triples
23/4/17	St Anne	97 Grandsire Triples
13/4/17	Dalhousie	1344 plain Bob Major
12/4/17	Dalhousie	1260 St Clement’s bob minor
11/4/17	St Anne	1260 St Clement’s bob minor
4/4/17	St Anne	1320 Cambridge S Minor

2/4/17	St Anne	1260 Plain bob doubles
2/4/17	St Anne	1260 Plain bob doubles
1/4/17	St Anne	1260 Plain bob doubles
30/3/17	St Anne	1320 Cambridge S Minor
26/3/17	St Anne	720 Cambridge S Minor
21/3/17	St Anne	1260 Plain bob minor
21/2/17	St Anne	1264 Plain bob major
21/2/17	Neptune	1280 plain bob major
19/2/17	St Anne	1320 Cambridge S Minor
8/2/17	Dalhousie	1344 Plain bob major
7/2/17	Dalhousie	1344 Plain bob major
7/2/17	St Anne	1260 Plain bob minor
2/2/17	St Anne	1260 Double Oxford bob minor
5/1/17	St Anne	1260 Plain bob triples

We have recently enjoyed a number of dedicated practice sessions given over to Stedman Triples and Bourne S Minor – we failed in our quarter peal attempts in both these methods but are confident of success when we revisit them with our next visitors ☺

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## **Vale Tower Report**

**Mike Bubb**

It has been a difficult six months for us at Vale. With three of the band being servers they are not always able to ring for the full time prior to the service. Barry, who started learning last year now rings Sunday mornings and is making a worthy contribution to the band. Unfortunately Nicky has been unable to ring for a while due to a neck problems. Hopefully in the near future this will be sorted and she will be back to ringing.

With the exception of a couple of Sunday mornings we have been able to ring for the 10 30 service. Calling the faithful to worship and reminding those not so faithful of the Church's presence in the Vale.

Our quarter peal's have been significantly reduced so far this year. But as they say quality over quantity. Quarters were rung for the Queens accession and her birthday. For the Baptism of Rose (John and Nicky's granddaughter). The Liberation was commemorated by a quarter (paid for



by the Parish!). Sadly thought we rang two quarters in memorium. The first in memory of Roy Intin and the second in memory of Peter Falla and Father Stephen Masters.

We are looking forward to coming up to Alderney in September. Hopefully see you all there.

15 <sup>th</sup> January	1260 Doubles in 11 methods
29 <sup>th</sup> January	1260 Doubles in 3 methods and 7 variations
6 <sup>th</sup> February	1260 Grandsire Doubles
13 <sup>th</sup> March	1260 Doubles in 6 methods and 5 variations.
9 <sup>th</sup> April	1260 Grandsire Doubles
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	1260 Doubles in 11 variations
9 <sup>th</sup> May	1260 Doubles in 1 method and 3 variations
21 <sup>st</sup> June	1260 Double Court – visiting band
17 <sup>th</sup> July	1260 Doubles in 5 methods and 4 variations

**MB**

## **St. John's, Jersey Tower Report**

**Justin Read**

We were pleased to win the eight-bell competition earlier this year. The band comprised Justin, Louise, Hannah, David, Robin, Richard, Peter and Judy. Well done Team Jersey.

As a island we continue to push our ringing forward. When the entire band is available, we ring Cambridge, London and Bourne Surprise Minor plus the very enjoyable 'slash-about' basically a bit of everything mixed up, and keeps us all on our toes. On eight, we have the local band can ring Stedman Triples, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major amongst other things. We have even managed three leads of Bristol in recent weeks.

Having struggled with Wednesday practice nights, we have been trialling practicing on Tuesdays for the last few months, to ensure as many of the band can be included. This has been reasonably successful, but has resulted in the odd visitor turning up on the wrong day.

Richard's six Saxilby simulators, which are installed in his barn in St

Martin's are now up and running. The first and second sessions were particularly amusing with ceiling support added to reduce the amount of sway and a couple of false starts when the bells were striking in the wrong order, at the wrong stroke or the same note as the adjacent bell. Luckily we had some children available to sort out the technology. The first quarter on them was rung in May. We only thought it appropriate to ring St. Martin's doubles and submitted the quarter as 'The Field in St Martin's' (can you see what we did there!)

Congratulations go to Sarah Little on her first quarter peal in May. Hannah Read also rang her first of Cambridge Minor in May followed by her first of Stedman Triples in June on a trip to Dorset.

We were pleased to host the local WI for a visit. There were rather more of them than anticipated, but they seemed to enjoy the trip up the tower, having a go on the tower bells and also a spot of hand-bell ringing. They also made a very generous donation to tower funds.

Sadly, Stuart Reeves, who many of you will know from his time ringing on Jersey, passed away in July, following a long battle with cancer. He will be missed.

Finally, our new vicar, Rev Beverley Sproats, is due to start in September. We intend to ring a quarter of Reverse Canterbury and Beverley Surprise Minor (Rev Bev) to celebrate her appointment.

31 July 2017	St Mark	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
30 July 2017	St John in the Oaks	1296 London Surprise Minor
15 June 2017	St Mark	720 Cambridge Surprise Minor
3 June 2017	St John in the Oaks	1280 Superlative Surprise Major
29 May 2017	St John in the Oaks	1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor
29 May 2017	The Field in St Martin's, Field 260, St Martin	1260 St Martin's Bob Doubles
28 May 2017	St John in the Oaks	1260 Doubles (3 Methods)
9 May 2017	St John in the Oaks	1260 Doubles (3 Methods)
9 May 2017	St Mark	1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

17 April 2017	St John in the Oaks	1260 Doubles (3 Methods)
15 April 2017	St John in the Oaks	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
2 January 2017	St John in the Oaks	1260 Grandsire Doubles

**JR**

## **Town Church Tower Report**

**Duncan Loweth**

The last six months have been as busy as ever.

We beat off the winter blues in early February with a delightful meal at Village East and had a brief rest after the business of January in which we have our AGM and Simulator competition in the same weekend!

Later in the month and we were back to the Diagrams book trying to squeeze some new methods into our heads. Julie McDonnell Slow Course Minor was an interesting QP we scored in late February – Double oxford above but 6 blows in lead instead of the dodges on the front and one person is stuck in the slow course doing long 2nds every lead!

In April we had an excellent QP Day with ringers from other Guernsey towers, Alderney and the Judges for the 8 bell competition. Eight QPs were scored, 6 at the Town Church, 1 at Forest and 1 on Handbells from Reverse Canterbury Doubles to Bristol Major it was a delightful day with many firsts.

We had a focus on Conducting and several of the band have scored conducting first. Judith called her first QP, Sue Park her first of Grandsire and Paul his first 6<sup>th</sup> place method (Kent Minor).

Our special methods every three months have kept us busy and focused! Unfortunately we don't have chance to ring some of the harder methods if we have people away on holidays but it has been a huge boost having Louise Read visiting us regularly when she is over in Guernsey for work.

As well as Sunday services we rang for Liberation Day, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the departure of the Royal Guernsey Light Infantry and the Guernsey Freemasons as they paraded to celebrate their tercentenary.

We have enjoyed our newly installed Hawkear software. It is very interesting but quite difficult to make improvements, mostly it just tells us what we are doing wrong – but at least we know! To be fair we have had a big focus on leading correctly and, with the help of Hawkear we have made good progress and can see that progress on the plot which Hawkear produces. It also confirmed our belief that we slow down as we ring – and not just in QPs but in any touch the chart showing peal speed was quite worryingly slowing down. I'm pleased to say we have made great improvement there too and the last few QPs we have analysed have a much more horizontal line for speed. If anything it gave our tenor ringers courage that they are right to keep the pace and not let the rest of us speed up or slow it down.

We had a useful theory session on Listening Skills and will be running another on bob calling in September if anyone is interested in joining us.

It's been a bumper half year for the tower in terms of QPs rung – I doubt we will keep up this pace for the rest of 2017!

Sunday, 2 July 2017	1380 St Peter Doubles
Saturday, 17 June 2017	5152 Lincolnshire Surprise Major
Tuesday, 13 June 2017	1272 Plain Bob Minimus
Sunday, 4 June 2017	1260 Grandsire Doubles
Saturday, 3 June 2017	1260 Grandsire Doubles
Sunday, 28 May 2017	1260 St Simons Bob Doubles
Thursday, 25 May 2017	1260 Plain Bob Minor
Saturday, 20 May 2017	1260 Plain Bob Minor
Tuesday, 16 May 2017	1272 Plain Bob Minimus
Sunday, 14 May 2017	1260 Doubles (4v)
Saturday, 13 May 2017	1260 Twineham Bob Doubles
Tuesday, 9 May 2017	1272 Minimus and Doubles (2m)
Sunday, 7 May 2017	1260 Plain Bob Minor
Wednesday, 3 May 2017	1272 Plain Bob Minimus

Wednesday, 26 April 2017	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Sunday, 23 April 2017	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Wednesday, 19 April 2017	1260 Julie McDonnell Slow Course Minor
Wednesday, 19 April 2017	1320 Norwich Surprise Minor
Wednesday, 19 April 2017	1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor
Wednesday, 19 April 2017	1320 Armitage-Is-The-Name Bob Minor
Wednesday, 19 April 2017	1260 Reverse Bob Minor
Wednesday, 19 April 2017	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
Wednesday, 19 April 2017	1312 Bristol Surprise Major
Sunday, 9 April 2017	1320 Plain Bob Doubles
Wednesday, 5 April 2017	1320 Spliced Doubles (4m)
Wednesday, 29 March 2017	1260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles
Friday, 24 March 2017	1260 Double Court Bob Minor
Sunday, 19 March 2017	1260 Plain Bob Minor
Wednesday, 15 March 2017	1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor
Wednesday, 8 March 2017	1260 Grandsire Doubles
Sunday, 5 March 2017	1260 Grandsire Doubles
Wednesday, 1 March 2017	1260 Plain Bob Minor
Sunday, 26 February 2017	1260 Julie McDonnell Slow Course Minor
Wednesday, 15 February 2017	1260 St Simon's Bob Triples
Tuesday, 14 February 2017	1260 Stedman Singles
Sunday, 12 February 2017	1260 Minor (2m)
Wednesday, 8 February 2017	1320 Donkey Doubles
Sunday, 5 February 2017	1440 Spliced Doubles (4m)
Wednesday, 1 February 2017	1260 Stedman Doubles

**DL**

## **Elizabeth College Ringers**

**Duncan Loweth**

Having decided that our focus would now be on ringing longer touches, QPs, and improving repertoire instead of entering competitions the QP count for the boys has shot up. On Tuesdays, when we practice, we have been very grateful for Sue Park and Sue Le Feuvre turning out each week to help us progress, but that would still mean boys learning in a band with other boys and it is so hard to learn together. Ideally we would have a



perfect band to put each of the boys into in turn but we must work with what we have and so we have been ringing lots of minimus to move the boys away from called changes and plain hunting.

Joe Berry is the super-star who can learn anything you throw at him, including ringing a QP of Stedman singles with 3 minutes notice!

Our annual trip to Alderney was a great success with the boys each ringing a QP whilst we were there and thus all of the current College ringers have now rung at least one QP. Louis is unrecognisable after the Alderney trip. This was the boy who couldn't ring for toffee – who couldn't keep the bell up to save his life and suddenly he just transformed and has now rung three QPs on the tenor, and very nicely I might add. In the last he knocked his glasses off his face half way through and despite not being able to see anything more than a blur he kept ringing in the right place – good rhythm is everything!

I was very touched to receive, at the ART conference, the School Group Award. The judges commented on our blend of traditional and modern teaching with weekly practices as a group and focused one-on-one tutoring with the simulator in the school as well as our short, medium and long term target setting.

Investigation and Discovery week was delightful this year with two boys new to ringing who were both so nice and also very talented. Both got up to ringing the treble to bob minimus by the end of the week. Sadly they both have music on Tuesdays and so are unlikely to join the College ringers but at least it has sown a seed and you never know they might come up the tower in 30 years and say they learnt as a child and would like to have another go.

Handbells have gone well this year with both a 6<sup>th</sup> former and a Maths teacher learning Bob Minor and scoring their first QPs.

September will see the return of one of our ringers from years ago who is back from boarding school – I hope he hasn't forgotten too much as he was particularly talented in handbells and we will try to recruit a few of the incoming Year 7s.

**DL**

## Guernsey Handbell Ringers

**Duncan Loweth**

Handbells on Guernsey has been a bit hit and miss as we are few in number and so other commitments can easily derail our ringing plans.

We were very pleased to name Sarnia Slow Course Minor by ringing a QP in hand. I don't think any of us have ever concentrated so much in our lives before!!

Other successes include Jane's first St Clement's Minor and two QPs of Julie McDonnell Slow Course.

We have been trying to get Janice and Jane to Level 3 in the ART handbell program which involves ringing an nths place method. It is incredibly difficult as we have all been having to learn together and although we can ring courses of several methods, Reverse Bob, Single Court and Doubt Court, quarter peals elude us as they take so much concentration it is easy for two bells to come out of a dodge the wrong way or to miss a dodge and without a conductor who can follow the coursing order to keep it straight it falls apart after 15-20 min. We shall perserver however and mercilessly use visiting handbell ringers like Helen McGregor when they are over!

I've very appreciative of the help Janice and Jane have given me having bought a new house. We would meet for handbell practice as usual but at the new house, share a meal together and then attack the woodchip wallpaper! It was fantastic as it meant one big job was ticked off the list by the time we actually moved in.

On Monday, 13 February 2017 in 51min

### **1260 Sarnia Slow Course Minor**

1-2 Janice Firth                      3-4 Jane Le Conte                      5-6 Duncan Loweth (C)

Believed to have been rung for the first time: Sarnia Slow Course Minor -  
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On Wednesday, 15 March 2017 in 40min

### **1440 St Clement's College Bob Minor**

1-2 Duncan Loweth (C)                      3-4 Helen M McGregor                      5-6 Jane Le Conte

First in method in hand: 5-6

## Ringling for our late vicar

Helen M M<sup>c</sup>Gregor

Rev Stephen Masters who was our Vicar at St Anne sadly died passed away on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

### Alderney, Channel Islands

St Anne

Wednesday, 19 July 2017 in 45 mins

### 1260 Maltby Bob Doubles

1 Pamela Pearson

2 Aileen Wilson

3 Helen M McGregor

4 Mariko Whyte

5 Peter J R Bevis (C)

6 Donald Hughes

First in method for all. Rung in celebration of the life of Stephen Masters, vicar of this parish from 2001 to 2016. Died July 14, 2017.

HMM<sup>c</sup>G

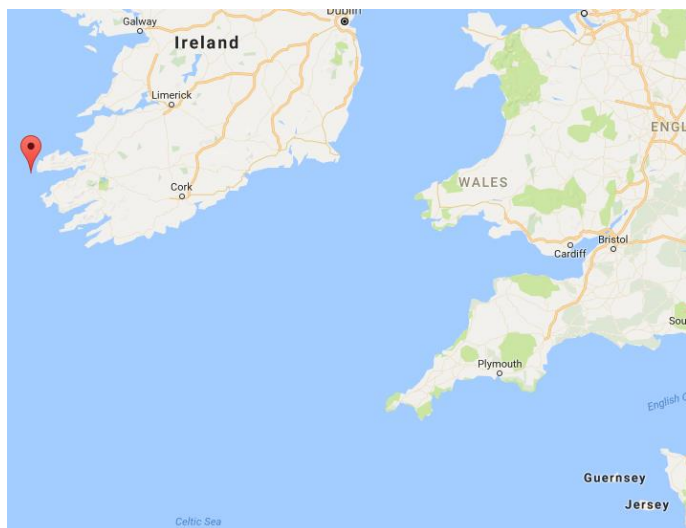
## Furthest Distance Photo Prize

Are we eligible for 'The Furthest Distance from Hometown' competition please

This is Peter & me (obviously) on Great Blasket today - Tues Weds 25th July

641km - any good for a prize?





Send in your photo of yourself ringing, learning a blue line or stood next to a bell!

As long as it's got something to do with ringing you might be the winner in the next issue.

## **New Surprise Major Ringer**

**Helen M McGregor**

It is with great excitement that the Alderney Band can announce the safe arrival of another Surprise Major ringer

**Taney**, Dublin

Christ Church

Sunday, 30 July 2017 in 45 mins (19-3-0 in E)

**1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

1Jenny M Page

2Aileen Wilson

3June A Saint

4Daniel J Page

5Helen M McGregor

6Peter J R Bevis

7Jack E Page

8Stephen A Rossiter (C)

First surprise major and first blows in method: 2

Aileen started to learn to ring just 5 years ago, has shown great commitment to towerbell ringing, handbell ringing and teaching others to ring on Alderney.

The Page 3 Society trip to Ireland gave her the perfect opportunity to commence what we are sure will be her journey through Surprise Major ringing:-) very well done indeed

**HMM<sup>c</sup>G**

## **BedGate, CarPhoneGate and a Ringing Trip to Jersey**

**Sue Le Feuvre**

Sometimes timing is ironical... In last week's Ringing World, Alan Buswell observed that the Town Church published the second highest number of quarter peals in the first half of 2017; beaten only by Hooe (Dewby's Bells). Then Duncan bought a house; a "doer upper" and the only QP in July was for the church's Patronal Festival. But with a lot of hard work, sweat (and probably tears) the family have moved in and although there is a massive amount left to do something like normal service will be returning to the tower.

So we started August with a trip to Jersey on a bright sunny day. Even the ferry was playing ball as it was only 10 minutes late. We started with ringing at St Mark's then had options. The crazy went to Creepy Valley, zip wires and all thing energetic. Others found their way to the Lamp Lighter while I re-lived childhood memories at the swimming pool at Havre de Pas. Then (almost) everyone found their way up to St John's for practice night. I confess to getting distracted with photography and didn't make it but I believe everyone had a great evening with our better ringers cracking London Surprise Major; something they had no chance to try at home without visitors filling in. The public part of the evening drew to a close with a visit to the pub.

But the real end to the day was BedGate. With such an action packed day nobody had checked into the hotel so were pretty worn out and ready for bed. All was well until Duncan and Rob retired, opened the door of their room and were confronted by a double bed. For some reason they didn't fancy sharing so returned to reception to change rooms. Unfortunately, Judith had been allocated the final twin room so the concierge went off to ask her to change rooms. Now Judith is a very tidy and organised lady so by the time there was a knock on her door she had unpacked her suitcase, stowed everything away and undressed ready for bed! But very accommodating she duly dressed and vacated that room and was able to luxuriate in a double bed while modesty was preserved by Rob and Duncan.



Next morning we were scheduled to ring a QP at St John's with a couple of hours free time before catching the boat home. But as is now the norm the Liberation went tech so we were pleased to be able to re-book on the Rapide, which is an old lady now but just keeps going. It meant leaving a bit earlier but since it was seriously heavy rain I don't think wandering the streets of St Helier was that exciting a prospect.

Our first attempt at the QP was just one of these occasions when no matter how many times we were put right it fell apart again almost immediately but it was over half an hour before we finally abandoned it. We decided we'd just ring a touch to prove we could and then go off for a coffee. Well that's what Duncan said but those who know him were not surprised when he eventually said we're over halfway and unless anyone objects we'll carry on. And carry on we did. Well done Janice for some excellent covering for your first on 8 bells.

So a coffee and various scones, cakes and other treats at the cafe in St John's then into the bus to the harbour. We were well on the way when Janice realised that she didn't know where her car was and decided to call her husband to ask where he'd put it when he collected it from Elizabeth College the day before. But her phone wasn't in her bag! So Jane said she'd call her number and it would reveal itself by its ringtone. NO! Not if it's switched off it won't... Since it hadn't been seen since Janice left the hotel she realised she must have left it at the hotel. We decided that Louise would probably be able to collect it and bring it to Guernsey so suggested Janice phone the hotel. Of course she didn't have her phone but she borrowed Jane's. The hotel were very helpful and searched her room but didn't find it. Meanwhile Janice still didn't know where her car was or if it was in Patrick's parking space she didn't know the code to get into the underground carpark. So she commandeered Jane's phone again. As luck would have it Patrick was in a meeting so she had to leave a message.

Meanwhile Janice was looking for something in her washbag and lo and behold there was her phone nestled in the damp with all her washing gear. The obvious place to keep your phone safe and a good conclusion to CarPhoneGate. Oh and Patrick did text the code for the carpark...

Many thanks to Duncan for organising the trip, to Rob for acting as his PA and a very big thank you to the Jersey ringers for their hospitality.

**SLF**



**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD  
OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

**CHANNEL ISLAND DISTRICT**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

Following the alteration last year of the reporting date of the District from 31 August to 30 June, the comparative figures for 2016 are of a 10 month period.

The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 show a satisfactory increase in the District's Total Funds / Cash at Bank of £204.86 with total funds standing at £3,819.98. This is after paying the striking competition judge's expenses for the Autumn Meeting treated as a prepaid expense at the year end.

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year shows an excess of income over expenditure of £131.36 compared to the excess in the previous year of £354.94.

During the period under review, the Travel Fund benefited further from the following:

	£
The proceeds of a raffle held at the District Autumn Meeting	85
Lunch profit from District Autumn Meeting	45
The proceeds of a raffle held at District Spring Meeting	103
Lunch profit from District Spring Meeting	32
Surplus from Duncan Loweth's trip to UK youth striking competition	30
Pat and Robert Newton donation of part cost of air fare	83
Hon. Treasurer's expenses waived	3
	<u>381</u>

Grants from the travel fund were made as follows:


To attend:-	£
The 2016 Autumn Meeting – Aaron Hallett	25
The ringing day in Guernsey 28 January 2017 - Hannah and William Read	50
The 2016 Autumn Meeting – Aaron Hallett, Hannah and William Read	75
	<u>150</u>

These movements leave the Youth Travel Fund with a balance of £683 compared to £452 at 30 June 2016.

The District's Total Funds have thus increased in the year by the amount referred to in the second paragraph.

The District's income is derived from Members' subscriptions so that, unless the level of subscriptions is amended, the income will vary from year to year according to the number of members and the category of membership. The comparison from year to year is shown in the income and expenditure account and analysed further in the table of Memberships and Subscriptions forming the second page of the financial statements.

Your Committee proposes there be no change for 2018 to the subscriptions charged to members in 2017.



Michael J Halsey  
Honorary Treasurer  
16 September 2016



# Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers – Channel Islands District

## Memberships and Subscriptions

2017

Subscriptions	Full	Senior	Junior	Probationary	Life	
Guild subscription	8.00	5.50	4.50	2.00	-	
Channel Island Levy	6.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	-	
Bell Restoration Fund Levy	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	-	
	16.00	13.50	6.50	2.00	-	Total
Members						
St Anne	6	10	1	3	-	243.50
Vale	2	3	1	2	1	83.00
Town	4	6	0	3	-	151.00
Forest	1	1	0	0	-	29.50
St Pierre du Bois	6	6	2	0	-	190.00
St John	2	4	1	2	-	96.50
St Mark	4	2	0	0	-	91.00
Unattached	1	0	2	7	-	43.00
Total	26	32	7	17	1	927.50

Totals	Number	Guild Subscriptions	CI Levy	Bell Restoration Fund Levy	Total
Full	26	208.00	156.00	52.00	416.00
Senior	32	176.00	192.00	64.00	432.00
Junior	7	31.50	0.00	14.00	45.50
Probationary	17	34.00	0.00	0.00	34.00
Life	-	-	-	-	-

Total	82	449.50	348.00	130.00	-	927.50
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2016

Subscriptions	Full	Senior	Junior	Probationary	Life	
Guild subscription	8.00	5.50	4.50	2.00	-	
Channel Island Levy	6.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	-	
Bell Restoration Fund Levy	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	-	
	16.00	13.50	6.50	2.00	-	Total
Members						
St Anne	9	12	1	5	-	322.50
Vale	3	4	1	0	-	108.50
Town	4	8	0	2	-	176.00
Forest	1	1	0	0	-	29.50
St Pierre du Bois	6	6	2	0	-	190.00
St John	2	4	0	2	-	90.00
St Mark	4	2	0	0	-	91.00
Unattached	1	0	2	6	-	41.00
Total	30	37	6	15	-	1,048.50

Totals	Number	Guild Subscriptions	CI Levy	Bell Restoration Fund Levy	Total
Full	30	240.00	180.00	60.00	480.00
Senior	37	203.50	222.00	74.00	499.50
Junior	6	27.00	0.00	12.00	39.00
Probationary	15	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Life	-	-	-	-	-

Total	88	500.50	402.00	146.00	-	1,048.50
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**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD  
OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS  
CHANNEL ISLAND DISTRICT**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2017**

	<b>2017</b>		<b>2016</b>	
	Year ended 30 June		10 months ended 30 June	
		£		£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Subscriptions from members:-	Number		Number	
Full	26	208.00	30	240.00
Senior	32	176.00	37	203.50
Junior	7	31.50	6	27.00
Probationary Members	17	34.00	15	30.00
Life Members	1	-	-	-
	<u>83</u>	<u>£ 449.50</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>500.50</u>
Channel Island Levy		348.00		402.00
Guild Bell Restoration Fund		130.00		146.00
		<u>£ 478.00</u>		<u>548.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>£ 927.50</u>		<u>1,048.50</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Half of subscriptions received to Guild Treasurer		224.75		250.25
Guild Bell Restoration Fund		130.00		146.00
Judges expenses - striking competitions		438.39		295.00
Expenses - District Chairman		0.00		0.00
Expenses - District Treasurer		3.00		2.31
Transfer to Youth Travel Fund		0.00		0.00
		<u>£ 796.14</u>		<u>£ 693.56</u>
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>£ 131.36</u>		<u>£ 354.94</u>

**BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE 2017**

	<b>at 30 June 2017</b>	<b>at 30 June 2016</b>
	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank - Lloyds Bank, Alderney	3,819.98	3,615.12
Prepaid expenses - Striking competition judge's travel costs	157.85	0.00
Cash at Bank - Lloyds Bank, Alderney	<u>£ 3,977.83</u>	<u>£ 3,615.12</u>
<b>YOUTH TRAVEL FUND</b>		
Balance at the beginning of the year	452.31	342.00
Transfer from income and expenditure account	0.00	0.00
Donations received	381.35	235.31
Grants made during the year	(150.00)	(125.00)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>£ 683.66</u>	<u>£ 452.31</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>		
Balance at the beginning of the year	3,162.81	2,807.87
Excess of income over expenditure for the year	131.36	354.94
Balance at the end of the year	<u>£ 3,294.17</u>	<u>£ 3,162.81</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>£ 3,977.83</u>	<u>£ 3,615.12</u>

I have carefully examined these accounts, compared them with the relevant vouchers, and hereby certify these accounts agree with the records

Louise Read  
Chartered Accountant  
District Auditor

*Louise Read*

16 September 2017



## September 2017 Ringing Courses at Tulloch

Helen M McGregor

2 peals of bells, a simulator, handbells, patient & friendly ART tutors and no neighbours – all add up to a winning combination ☺

### **Learn to ring week Sept 18th – 22nd**

Are you struggling to get enough ‘rope-time’ in your home tower? 18 places are available @ £50 per head for 5 days of total immersion in the fun of ringing. ART registered tutors will lead students through bell handling, change ringing in hand and working with a simulator to produce ringers fit for the 21st century. We will liaise with your local tower for easy integration when you get home. 5 days of concentrated handling/listening/ rounds/theory & vocabulary – what better way to spend a week? We will provide a light lunch of soup/sandwiches & all day tea & coffee. Accommodation available locally, we can make recommendations but you must book your own.

### **Improve your ringing week, Sept 25th – 29th**

Can you ring a bell unaided but want to polish your handling? perfect your raising & lowering, work on your call changes, understand ropesight & work towards plain hunt. Learn about plain bob, what does it mean to dodge. Fancy a go on handbells? we can help:-)

18 places available for a week of intensive tuition covering handling, hunting and bob doubles. Learn to ring handbells. Perfect your striking with a simulator

For £50 pp we will provide a week of patient tuition, easy to ring bells & friendly support – extend your horizons at Tulloch. Light lunch and all day tea & coffee provided. Accommodation available locally, we can make recommendations but you must book your own

This is an opportunity to get on track with the best team sport/performing art/mathematical puzzle in the UK.

For more info & to book your place please see [www.tullochbells.com](http://www.tullochbells.com)

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