

**QUARTER PEALS
RUNG IN MEMORIAM
H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH
THE QUEEN MOTHER**

Bebington	Plain Bob Major
Bidston	Doubles (3m)
Bromborough	Plain Bob Triples
Bromborough	Plain Bob Minor
Burton #	Plain Bob Minor
Eastham	Plain Bob Doubles
Eastham	Plain Bob Doubles
Heswall	Minor (2m)
Heswall	Plain Bob Triples
Neston #	Plain Bob Major
Oxton #	Plain Bob Royal
Oxton	Plain Bob Caters
Port Sunlight	Lincolnshire Surprise Major
Port Sunlight #	Superlative Surprise Major
Wallasey St Hilary	Cambridge Surprise Minor
Wallasey St Nicholas	Grandsire Triples
Wallasey St Nicholas	Grandsire Triples
West Kirby	Yorkshire Surprise Major
West Kirby	Rutland Surprise Major

All rung half-muffled except # where rung open in thanksgiving for the life of H.M.

NEW GUILD WEBSITE

The Executive Committee of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers has decided to launch a new website.

The original website, set up from scratch by the then Report Secretary, Jonathan Howell, was created at a time when there were no ringing websites anywhere in the Guild.

With the development of Branch websites, the Committee now recognises that the Guild website no longer needs to be quite so wide-ranging and that a more focussed website should prove much easier to maintain up-to-date.

The website, which is being jointly developed by your Branch Webmaster and Mark Humphreys, can be seen at:

www.chesterdg.org.uk

A major aim is to encourage all guild ringers to access their branch websites via the Guild website thereby ensuring they are kept up-to-date with guild news as well.

**BRANCH PROGRAMME
to end 2002**

See Monthly Notices for details / updates
 Aug Summer School - see over
 Aug 24 Bank Holiday Evening Outing
 Sep 14 Guild Festival (AGM) Wirral Branch
 Bebington and Port Sunlight
 Sep 21 Branch Meeting Thurstaston
 Oct 19 Branch Meeting Rock Ferry and
 Port Sunlight
 Nov 23 Branch AGM Bromborough
 Dec 14 Branch Meeting Oxton
Special methods for most branch monthly meetings will be notified in advance.

GUILD FESTIVAL 14th SEPTEMBER

Once every five years our 'parent' Chester Diocesan Guild holds its Annual Festival in the Wirral Branch. 2002 sees our turn!

The format of these meetings is much the same as our own branch AGM, except, of course, it is open to all Guild, and not just Wirral Branch, ringers.

There will be plenty of open ringing at a number of towers - watch out for announcements in the Ringing World and on the Guild Website. The business meeting will be held at **Port Sunlight** Church Hall after the tea there which itself will be preceded by ringing and a short service at St Andrew's, **Bebington**.

All branch members are urged to attend this meeting at which guild officers will be appointed. Nominations for office include Wirral ringers and your attendance will help ensure these are voted into the respective positions.

PLEASE BE THERE!

**DON'T FORGET!
ENTER YOUR BRANCH
WEBSITE**

**via
www.chesterdg.org.uk**

for Latest News, Notices,
etc. across the Guild.

BRANCH LINES

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GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Golden Jubilee of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II was celebrated in Wirral in a rather special way...



The new 'Jubilee Bell' at Thurstaston.

The inscription reads:

**THE 50TH YEAR OF
THE REIGN OF
QUEEN ELIZABETH II.**

As mentioned in *BRANCH LINES* issue no. 9 a project to augment the five bells at Thurstaston to six by the addition of a new treble was launched towards the end of 2001.

The new 'Jubilee Bell' was duly cast by John Taylor Bellfounders Ltd. on 28th March 2002 and which, after tuning, weighed in at 2-2-12.

The bell arrived at St Bartholomew's on 23rd May and lay in the chancel where it could be seen by the congregation at Sunday Service on 26th. It was lifted to the Bell Chamber on Monday 27th, a Special Service of Dedication being held that same evening conducted by The Revd. Diane Watson, who is also our Branch President.

The bell was rung for the first time, this by the local band, on Sunday 2nd June. This was followed the next morning by **the First Peal** on the six, the band including 'First Pealer' **Peter Robson** from Thurstaston. Congratulations to Peter!

A Jubilee Peal was also rung at Shotwick while one attempted at Liscard came to grief after an hour when the rope on the sixth broke. A Quarter Peal was then rung. Another attempt at the peal was planned for mid July (see over).

JUBILEE PEALS

THURSTASTON, St Bartholomew

Mon Jun 3 2002 2h46 (7)

5040 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 John Hyden
- 2 Peter F Humphreys
- 3 Christopher J Eden
- 4 Peter D Hughes
- 5 Peter W Robson
- 6 Mark A Humphreys (C)

First peal: 5. First peal on the augmented ring.

SHOTWICK, St Michael

Sun Jun 2 2002 2h40 (9)

5040 London Surprise Minor

- 1 Christina D A Fleckney
- 2 Peter D Hughes (C)
- 3 Steven W Hughes
- 4 Randle T J Tinkler
- 5 Peter M Fleckney
- 6 Mark A Humphreys

Thus Jubilee Peals were rung on both the newest and oldest (1616 tenor at Shotwick) bells in Wirral.

JUBILEE QUARTER PEALS

Bromborough	Cambridge Surprise Minor
Burton	Doubles (1p/4m)
Eastham	Plain Bob Minor
Heswall	Plain Bob Triples
Neston	Plain Bob Minor
Oxton	Plain Bob Caters
Port Sunlight	Plain Bob Major
Rock Ferry	Plain Bob Minor
Liscard	Yorkshire Surprise Major
Wallasey St Nicholas	Plain Bob Doubles
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West Kirby	Minor (2m)

Overall, a total of over 80 Wirral ringers took part in the Jubilee Ringing but it was the participation of so many **novice ringers** unable to ring quarter peals which was most encouraging, most especially at **Rock Ferry**.