

This is the third in a series of articles written especially for *BRANCH LINES* by **Bob Peers** of Bromborough...

COURSING ORDER - THE EFFECT OF BOBS

Since the Treble is unaffected by **BOBS**, conductors think of the **COURSING ORDER** sequence as 7 5 3 2 4 6 8 (i.e. omitting the number 1).

When a **BOB** is called, the bell making the **BOB** moves **TWO PLACES** to the **RIGHT**.

For example, in **PLAIN BOB MAJOR**, if 3 makes the **BOB** the **COURSING ORDER** becomes

7 5 2 4 3 6 8. From the 3rd's point of view, he continues to pass everyone in the same sequence as before, although he now takes 4 off the lead instead of 5.

If 3 makes another **BOB** the **COURSING ORDER** becomes 7 5 2 4 6 8 3 or 3 7 5 2 4 6 8 which is the same. (3 now takes 8 off the lead until the next **BOB**.)

If 3 makes a third **BOB**, the **COURSING ORDER** becomes 7 5 3 2 4 6 8

(i.e. back to the Plain Course coursing order).

So if you call yourself to make the **BOB** three times you won't need to work out the new **COURSING ORDERS**.

This will work on any bell for any **MAJOR** method e.g. Little Bob, St Clement's, Kent, Cambridge, London. For **MINOR** methods you will need only **TWO BOBS**.

P.S. When the **BOB** is called, the position of the Treble in the **COURSING ORDER** is between two bells which the **BOB** bell jumps over. (So I suppose he jumps over three bells, really!)

And there's at least one more in the series to come from Bob!

PAULINE GALLOWAY 1946-2002

The death of Pauline Galloway at the early age of 56 the week before Easter was a great shock to **St Hilary's, Wallasey**. Pauline had been unwell for some time but, following an operation, she was back home and was believed to be recovering well. Unhappily she suffered a relapse and was rushed back into hospital. We were dismayed to learn of her death the following day.

Pauline led an active life and had many interests of which bell ringing was only one. She was a regular church member and, with her son Sean, she learned to ring in 1991, quickly establishing her place in the band. She enjoyed her ringing and was an unfailing Sunday Service ringer. She never rang a peal although she rang several quarters.

A quiet and unassuming lady, she had a dry sense of humour and was well loved by all who knew her. Her passing leaves a gap both in the belfry and in our hearts that will be hard to fill.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following ringers who have all been elected members of the Wirral Branch this year.

Sean Wharton, Port Sunlight
Jake Rathbone, West Kirby
Lynne Ferriday, unattached
Helen Williams, Neston
Malcolm Price, Rock Ferry
Lucy Price, Rock Ferry
Pauline Evans, Rock Ferry
Jim Whitcombe, Eastham
Ron Berry, Eastham
Douglas Howden, Wallasey St Hilary
Jenny Howden, Wallasey St Hilary
John Howden, Wallasey St Hilary
Liam Gregory, Wallasey St Hilary

JUNIOR RINGERS' MEETING

Bebington 13th April 2002



A new venture this year was the Branch Meeting arranged exclusively for the benefit of younger Wirral ringers. We know that, across the Wirral Branch, there are many such ringers, but few attend Branch Meetings.

The very positive response to this venture, as clearly illustrated by the numbers attending (see photograph above) shows there is interest. All attending enjoyed the occasion and looked forward to more of the same - plus a barbecue?

Were you there? If not, why not?

SUMMER SCHOOL

The Branch has arranged a Summer School again this year. The aim is to provide concentrated practice in **PLAIN HUNT** and **PLAIN BOB** for those Wirral ringers who wish to move on from Rounds and Call changes.

These practices, which run from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, will take place as follows:

Saturday	3rd August	Eastham
Tuesday	6th August	Thurstaston
Saturday	10th August	Wallasey St Hilary
Tuesday	13th August	Rock Ferry

These practices are for all Wirral ringers, irrespective of age.

You will note that these are all six-bell towers so rope-sight should not be too challenging.

Anyone wishing to attend any of these sessions is asked to advise the Branch Secretary (Tel 608 9434) asap so that the best use is made of the limited time available.

And we also need experienced **HELPERS**. Again do let us know if you can help, even if only on one occasion.

STOP PRESS!

As the highest place Wirral Branch Tower in the Branch 6-Bell Striking Competition held at Burton on 15th June, **Port Sunlight** rang in the Guild event held at Stretton on 13th July, finishing **FOURTH**. Unlike the Guild 8-Bell, all five branches were represented!

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Following the registration of the new Domain Name **chesterdg.org.uk** for the Guild website, it has become possible to create dedicated email addresses for Guild and Branch Officers as indicated below.

Wirral Branch Ringing Master:
wirral.master@chesterdg.org.uk

Wirral Branch Secretary:
wirral.sec@chesterdg.org.uk

You may wish to make a note of these changes in your Address Books. Email addresses of all Guild Officers (with email) can be found on the new Guild Website.

Syd Roberts

Some weeks ago, we heard that Syd Roberts, Tower Captain at **Capenhurst**, had suffered a sudden heart attack and had been admitted to hospital.

He was detained for one week then allowed home but not allowed to drive for the next few weeks.

We trust that Syd, who expects to resume ringing towards the end of July, will continue to make good progress over the coming weeks.

JUBILEE PEAL

WALLASEY, St Mary (Liscard)
Sun Jul 14 2002 2h54 (16½)

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- 1 Peter D Hughes (C)
- 2 Paul J Tiebout
- 3 Steven W Hughes
- 4 Susan D Sparling
- 5 Randle T J Tinkler
- 6 Christopher J Eden
- 7 Geoffrey C Sparling
- 8 Mark A Humphreys

To mark the Golden Jubilee of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II

BRANCH WEBSITE

In the 12 months from November 2000, there were nearly **1000** 'visitors' to the Wirral Branch Website. In the last nine months there have already been over **2500**, indicating the growing popularity of the website.