

# Bell Ringing Events - 2018

## St Mary's Lytchett Matravers

Date	Event	Location
Wed Feb 21st	Visit to see bells at	Sturminster Marshall
April 7th	Bob Doubles course	Debbie and Chrissie attended
April 11th	Lytchett's Ringing practice	Wimborne Minster
April 24th	Skittles evening	
21st April	Bell Ringing Bonanza	Lytchett Matravers had 2 Novice bands and one band in the main competition. Debbie made a cake for the competition. Debbie and Viv entered the limerick competition
21-29 April	Firsts Week	
12 May	Debbie awarded Guild Bellringer of the year	Guild Festival
19 May	Calling Workshop	Debbie attended at Canford
25 May	Brownsea Visit	Lytchett Matravers and Maureen
1 June	Bob Doubles Theory Training	Debbie's House
2 June	Hosting M2F course	St Mary's Lytchett Matravers
	We rang for 3 funerals	St Mary's Lytchett Matravers
	We rang for 3 weddings	St Mary's Lytchett Matravers
24 June	ART Mini ring	Kingston Maurewood
29 June	Lytchett Minster ring with us	St Mary's Lytchett Matravers
30 June	Plain Hunt training	Gordon attended
6 July	Maz joined us for our practice	Joint Guild Bellringer of the year
6-8 July	Flower Festival	Debbie and Ann did a display – Deconstructed Bell and Frame
6 July	Polo Tops Arrived	
14th July	Graham's memorial	Rang a Quarter Peal
16th July	Portsmouth Visit	Visited the Spinnaker Tower and then rang at 3 towers in Hampshire
21st July	Fundraising Day	
18th August	SDGR Open Day	Several of our ringers visited some of the towers
8th Sep	Belfry Maintenance	John and Gordon went on course
27th Sept	Bob Doubles in Ipad	Training at Debbie's
6th October	Quarter Peal	Cathy and Viv First
26th October	Plain Hunt Theory training	
22 and 29 October	Half day training for 3 learners	
3rd November	Branch 12 bell practice	Some of our ringers attended this
7th November	Handbell Concert	Raised over £680 with 80 visitors
11 November	Ringing Remembers	
27th Nov	Skittles Evening	Raised £51
30 November	Place Notation	Debbie's House
3 December	Bob Doubles Challenge	Starts with 6 of our 7 ringers
15 December	Branch Christmas Practice	3 ringers attended

## Visiting Ringers

6 <sup>th</sup> April	Hampreston Quarter Peal
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Devon Wrinkly Ringers John
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Lesley Ann and ringers for quarter peal
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Visiting Ringers
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Hampreston Quarter Peal
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Swanage Young ringers
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Swanage Quarter Peal

## Courses

2 June	Hosting M2F course
4 September	Grandsir Doubles for Ellana
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ringing up and Down course
1 <sup>st</sup> oct	Bob Doubles course for Chrissie and Maureen
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Bob Doubles Course for Lytchett Matravers
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Debbie attend M2C course

## Wimborne Visit

### *The Lytchetts at Wimborne on April 11th*

Lytchett Matravers and Lytchett Minster had a great day out today courtesy of the Wimborne (silenced) bells. Thank you to [Jack Pease \(Ringing Master\)](#) for organising the bells for us and so expertly managing to get us all in to ring anything from rounds on 8 to a Touch of Bob Doubles. Thank you [Alan Bentley](#) for silencing the bells and supporting our ringing and thank you to Gillian Richards for supporting us again. Our ringing was followed by a delicious meal at the PriestHouse museum which is where Jack is now working. We left him working while we all came home for a rest! Thank you [Jack](#) for your continued support for our towers.



## Browsea Visit

### *25th May 2018*

What is becoming our yearly Tower Outing for Lytchett Matravers with support from Lytchett Minster and Wimborne Minster, proved to be another excellent day and we were SO lucky with the weather. We had an informative island tour by Cathy followed by a bring and share lunch. We then enjoyed an hour and a half ringing on the pretty bells. Thank you Browsea Band for letting us have this opportunity again. The weather turned as we headed home.



## ART Mini Ring at Kingston

### Maurewood

24th June

Debbie, Chrissie and Cathy went to help on the stand



## Band Polo Shirts

6th July 2018

As our Band outings were increasing we felt we would benefit by having a team colour so looked into the SDGR clothing and made a joint decision to go for red with Lytchett Matravers also embroidered onto the logo.

We are thrilled with them and increased our Team spirit on our Fundraising Day and also our

visit to the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth which was followed by ringing in 3 local towers.

## Flower Festival

6th July

At our Fanfare of Flowers Festival Ann and Debbie represented our Bellringers with their arrangement titled 'Deconstructed Bell and Frame'



## Portsmouth Visit

16th July



An extremely successful Lytchett Outing to Portsmouth today, including visiting Spinnaker Tower and the fantastic light eight at St Agatha's; as well as Purbrook and Eling. Everyone did really well - always good to organise and help on an outing for learners, all of whom made significant progress today. It also featured the first time a complete Lytchett band, mostly formed of learners with under a years experience, rang rounds on 8, unaided.

**Jack Pease**



## Bell Tower Open Day 21st July

Our Band of Bellringers would like to thank all helpers and visitors to our Tower Open Day on 21st July which saw the church buzzing with interest. We had 10 people interested in learning how to splice a rope, over 25 wanting to have a go at ringing themselves, great interest in the

handbells (more on that later in the year) and several people who wrote a dedication on a bell. We served refreshments all day and finished by ringing for the dedicated bells on the tree. See the website for photos.

<http://www.smlm.co.uk/bellringing-at-st-marys/>

We raised £1037.30 to go towards our much needed Ladders to the Belfry.

## Quarter Peal

*Saturday 6th October*

A first Quarter Peal for Viv and Cathy



## Handbell Concert

7th November

We said you would be in for a treat and that is just what was served up to 74 visitors at St Mary's church on Wednesday night. Clapper Chaos, a Handbell group based in Poole performed 16 tunes and the sound was beautiful. The pretty handbells rang out and filled the Grade 1 listed medieval church with tunes ranging from 'Let it go' to 'Thine be the Glory'. As well as the handbells we were introduced to their historical chimes which added a different sound to the music.



Tim from Clapper Chaos talked about the group and how they began and Debbie (Tower Captain) talked about the two projects, one for new permanent ladders and the other for a full bell restoration for the bells at St Marys.

We would like to thank all those who came to the concert, made donations and bought raffle tickets. We would like to thank Clapper Chaos for their support of our Fundraising and to give their time for us. We raised just over £600 which will go towards our new fixed ladders so we will be able to safely get up to the bell chamber.

## Skittles Evening



This week we raised another £51 towards the new ladders at Lytchett Matravers by holding a fun skittles contest! East Dorset Branch Bell Ringers versus the Dorset Conservation Group. Well done to the Conservation group for winning. Most importantly we're another step closer to our goal!

## Ringling Remembers

11th November 2018

Congratulations to our 4 'Ringling Remembers' ringers who rang in rounds today along with 7 of the rest of the Band.

## Bob Doubles Challenge Starts

3 December 2018





Debbie Phipps (Tower Captain) has challenged 5 of our ringers and one from Lytchett Minster to ring the method called Bob Doubles at most of the towers in the East Dorset Branch to raise money for our bell restoration project but also for extra practice to learn the method and improve our ringing. This morning was our first day and we thank the experienced ringers who came to support us. All 6 of us made an improvement in our ringing and thanks to our donations we have started our challenge with £30.10. We plan to

ring once a month until at least July!

## Set Up a Facebook Page

Emma and Debbie started a Bellringing Facebook page