



# PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT

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## District Training Day Report

The latest District Training Day was run on Saturday 20th March 2010 at Purbrook and, again, it was a cold and wet day. However this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the students that turned up, or the helpers. We had fifteen students and around ten helpers, which was a very full house.

Each of the recruits had an early ring to determine their standard and then we split them into groups for a concentrated session on theory before coming back into the tower for more practice. These theory sessions are designed to push the students so that they could make the most of ringing with a stable, experienced band. Sessions were run on Plain Hunting, Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles, Bell Handling and in addition we had a couple of practical sessions on ringing up and down. There was significant progress by some students who clearly benefited from the mornings activity.

Unfortunately these sessions have become too popular and we now have too many students turning up and therefore one of the key benefits of them has been diluted, which was the extended period of ringing after the theory sessions to boost the confidence and cement the knowledge. For future sessions we plan to restrict student numbers and have set times for certain activities. Also, by popular demand, the name of the event has been changed same product, different name, a bit like Snickers.

The Purbrook bells will be out of action due to a leaky roof in the next few months and therefore we plan to move the event to a new venue. The date and venue will be announced shortly so keep your eye on the e-mail for more details.



Ian Hunt  
(Pictures from a previous DTD)

**Next Beginner's District Training Day: Late June - Early July**  
Book now to avoid disappointment.

Also, if you are interested in furthering your Surprise Minor, we are currently considering an Advanced DTD session. Please express any interest to Diana if you wish to participate in further events.

If you have a story you'd like  
to tell the District, please email  
the Publicity Officer at:  
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A couple of comments I have received after the event "It did wonders for her confidence!" and "These intense sessions really work". So if you have someone in your tower that you think would benefit from this event then get their names to our District Secretary, Diana, at [Castlew2@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:Castlew2@dsl.pipex.com).

Finally, a huge thanks to all those who turned up for the event and especially to the helpers and the crew that keep us supplied with tea and biscuits. Without you these sessions would not be possible!