



PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT NEWS

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Saturday 8th May District Practice - Portsmouth Cathedral

The first twelve bell practice at Portsmouth for the District produced sufficient numbers of District ringers to try out the 'New Twelve'. For several, this was a rare opportunity to ring on twelve, other occasions previously being the once a year District visit to Winchester Cathedral in August. With our own ring of twelve in the District there is now increased opportunity to master twelve-bell ringing.

The visitors from the District were well supported by a number of the Cathedral ringers who are gradually getting to grips with the number of bells on Thursday evening practice nights.

The ringing included: Rounds, Call Changes, Plain Hunt, a short but decent sounding touch of Little Bob Maximus was called by Edd Colliss, half a course of Cambridge Maximus, more Plain Hunt, a nice touch of Grandsire Cinques from Mark Esbester. Finally a short touch of Stedman Cinques called by Ed Hughes-D'eath was pushed through and it seemed it came round, before ringing down on twelve. The learning curve on twelve is still steep for previously non twelve-bell ringers. However with the ringers available we achieved very reasonable results.



Afterwards lots of those present went up and looked at the arrangement of the bells in the freshly painted frame. Beer was then taken in the Monks Bar across the road to discuss ringing and other things (in particular to do with things being hung !)

So a big thank you to Portsmouth Cathedral ringers. Also a thank you to all you District ringers who turned out for the practice. Put the next District Practice at Portsmouth in your diary, June 12th. We were just a few short this time for Bristol Maximus so come along next time and we can ring it.

Keep up to date with events and news by visiting the District Website:
<http://www.portsmouthringers.org/>

Tom Bishop
Joint District Ringing Master

Allan Yalden also got a video of the evening, the touch of Little Bob Maximus, which can be viewed on YouTube:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUY7sWgtxhk>

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