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## The Ladies Guild of Change Ringers Centenary

From The Ladies Guild of Change Ringers Report of 1916, written by Miss Edith K. Parker ...

"The Guild was the outcome of the Ladies Peal at Cubitt Town, and was formed soon after this was accomplished. The inaugural meeting was held at St Giles-in-the-Fields, London on October 26th 1912, and although but 15 attended yet I had received letters from 40 ladies who were anxious to become members. The meeting was a success in every way. The following officers were elected:- President, Miss Alice White; Honorary Secretary & Treasurer, Miss Edith K Parker; Committee: Northern District: Miss Lillian Wilson, who is now Mrs T. H. Hardy; Eastern District: Miss Evelyn Steel; Western District: Miss Nellie Gillingham; Southern District: Miss Eva N. Belcher; and Midland District: Miss Sarah Pigott."

During 2012 The Ladies Guild will be celebrating its Centenary Year with quarters and peals. We will have a celebration day on **28th April** which will start, just as our very first meeting did, at St Giles-in-the-Fields and end with a celebration Service at Cubitt Town. There will be a ringing holiday in Northamptonshire at the end of June, leading up to our Centenary Dinner and AGM. We have special sweatshirts and other merchandise displaying our 2012 logo. We are looking forward to a very special year and hope that all Ladies Guild members, family and friends will be able to join the celebration.

JAN WYATT

## New Central Council Events Diary and 'Things to ring for'

The Central Council Secretary is now maintaining a 'CC Calendar' – a list of ringing events and meetings, training courses, striking contests, etc. which may be of use to ringing event organisers who wish to avoid unfortunate 'clashes'. It will also tell you the dates of scheduled Council Committee Meetings and RW Board Meetings.

See: [www.cccbr.org.uk/council/calendar.pdf](http://www.cccbr.org.uk/council/calendar.pdf)

The Council's PR Committee also has a "Things to Ring For" list, which includes some interesting suggestions, at:

[www.cccbr.org.uk/things-to-ring-for](http://www.cccbr.org.uk/things-to-ring-for)

## From Shropshire's newest six



*The Beckbury ringers (l-r): Elsie Rowley, Jenny Rowley, Heather Thomas, Andrew Gordon, Judith and Peter Gibbons*

The band has only been ringing since September. They rang for their first service on Christmas Eve. Only rounds but it was a big achievement for them and the village. All have been thought by Andrew Gordon. In the new year we hope to teach another three recruits.

A.G.



## Royal Jubilee Bells for the Diamond Jubilee River Pageant

On Wednesday, 18th January, the organisers of the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant revealed the major details of the 1,000-boat tribute to Her Majesty The Queen's 60-year reign. One of the largest public events ever held in London, the Pageant will take place on **Sunday, 3rd June** – on the river from Putney to Tower Bridge.

The flotilla itself will be over seven miles long and including mustering, dispersal and the avenue of sail will include some 25 miles of Thames river bank and pass under 14 bridges. It will take 90 minutes to pass any given point.

This unique spectacle, inspired by a rich history and tradition of entertainment and theatre on the Thames, is expected to include 20,000 participants on the water, millions of spectators on the river banks and London's public spaces and a global audience expected by the major broadcasters to number many hundreds of millions.

The pageant will be led by a new ring of 8 bells, tenor 9¼cwt, hung for full circle ringing in a tower 5½m above the river. They are due to be cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry next month and have already been granted the title "Royal Jubilee Bells" by Buckingham Palace. They will be rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths who, weather permitting, will attempt a quarter peal.

The Queen will launch the Pageant at 3pm on Sunday, 3rd June, which is the point when the Royal Jubilee Bells will start ringing. Bells in the towers along the banks of the River Thames will also start ringing at 3pm, some for general ringing, others for quarter peals, and others for full peals. **Towers elsewhere in London and further afield are also invited to ring their bells at 3pm for this occasion**, either as a touch, quarter or peal. Details of all ringing planned will be collated and published together by the River Pageant Trust and in *The Ringing World*. Details of performances will also be recorded in the ringing room of St James, Garlickhythe, which is where the Royal Jubilee Bells will find their long term home.

Further Pageant enquiries and notification of performances may be sent to Dickon Love at [dickon@lovesguide.com](mailto:dickon@lovesguide.com).



*Portishead members in early 2012 (l-r) – back: Carolyn Dawson, Gina Scarbro, Veronica Johnstone, Angela Venn, Val Payne, Jan Wyatt; front: Christine Kilvington, Leah Gill and Mary Matthews*