

600th Quarter rung on the tower bells at The Bell Tower, Perth, WA.

The [600th quarter](#) rung on the tower bells in The Bell Tower, Perth (aka Swan Bells) was achieved on Saturday 16th May 2009, as part of the Grandsire Caters 'programme' run by local ringers Irene Mackenzie and Sally Simmonds. The programme is aimed to provide 10-bell ringing experience for those WA ringers who have mastered 8-bell ringing and are in need of an introduction to ringing on higher numbers. It consists of dedicated monthly Saturday morning practices with occasional quarter peal attempt 'slots' to reinforce/prove the skills learned. The first quarter peal slot was on [19th January](#) for Irene and Sally themselves to ring their first quarter on ten; the second was the [16th May quarter](#), which was the first inside on ten for Perth ringing stalwart, David Knewstub. Irene and Sally were also appropriately in the band for the quarter, which was also rung as a 100th birthday compliment to Fred Smeaton of Adelaide. A true 'multi-purpose quarter'.



Front row; Laura Davies, Mary Townsend, Vicki Greenhalgh, Irene Mackenzie, Jayne Hodgkin. Back row: Sally Simmonds, David Knewstub, Rhys Greenhalgh, Adam Beer, Ken Hodgkin.

Perth (The Bell Tower (Swan Bells)), WA. **1260 Grandsire Caters** (Comp. A J Beer): Jayne Hodgkin 1, Irene Mackenzie 2, Vicki Greenhalgh 3, Mary Townsend 4, Laura Davies 5, Sally Simmonds 6, David Knewstub 7, Rhys Greenhalgh 8, Adam Beer © 9, Ken Hodgkin 10. The 600th tower bell quarter rung at The Bell Tower (Swan Bells). First on ten inside: 7. 100th birthday compliment to Fred Smeaton of Adelaide.

Adam Beer, Hobart