

Summer. Ringing to celebrate Canada Day on July 1. Vacation time and our regular ringers away. Ander visited his family in England. Eve, Peter, Jeff, Alan and Mae joined the tour with the College Youths visiting over 60 towers. Visitors come to our part of the world to ride the Rocky Mountaineer, cruise to Alaska, enjoy our rugged countryside and join us for a ring. Thanks to all our visitors who added a different dimension to our practices, allowed us to ring some challenging methods or boost our numbers during those times when so many of our regular ringers were away. Rebecca Woodgate has been a welcome guest on many weekends. She keeps us informed of the status of the bells in Seattle. My first ringing teacher Diana Anderson joined us for a practice in August. Ken Brown, Joyce and David Cornwall rang a quarter peal with us. The visiting peal ringers from the east coast were almost published in a local paper.

We remembered the victims of the London bombings with a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor. The brothers at Westminster Abbey in Mission were thankful for our help ringing their bells for the Installation of the new Abbott, Father John Braganza on September 29. Congratulations to Omer on his first quarter peal inside to Plain Bob Minor and treble to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Our Saturday morning practices are regular and lively with Jim, James, Pam, Ruth, Ralph and Omer. However, two Saturday morning practices were cancelled, so please check ahead if you intend to visit. We rang for 9 weddings this season, with handbell sessions between weddings, a new preoccupation in the tower. Another distraction between weddings (and at other times) has been the installation of the simulator. It is almost complete.

Next year marks the 100th Anniversary of the installation of our front five bells from Llewelyn and James and the re-installation of our back three bells from Paccard. 1906 was the beginning of change ringing in Vancouver. To celebrate our tower is hosting the NAGCR AGM in 2006. Preparations for the AGM have kept Pam and Jim busy. Handouts were available at the AGM 2005 in Houston. The winning slogans from our contest in June as selected by our respected judge, Roger Dancey, were "Ring for Joy" submitted by David Forsyth and "VANCOUVER 2006 100 years of change ringing" submitted by Pam Cooper. Thanks to all who sent in their suggestions. Watch for details of the plans on our website at www3.telus.net/ringer. We hope you can join us.

Fall. The evenings are getting shorter, we return to our regular schedules, and we look ahead to the Festive Season. All the best to you and yours.