

Rayleigh, Essex. 14 Sep, 1272 Wells S Minor: Cathryn Corns 1, Gordon Lucas 2, Lydia Roberts 3, Richard Dunhill 4, David Belcham 5, John Harpole (C) 6. 1st in m: 3 & as C. **£3**

Rendham, Suffolk. 12 Sep, 1250 Pudsey S Major: Suzanne Stevens 1, Mary Garner 2, Philip Moyle 3, Gill Waterson 4, Michelle Williams 5, Don Price 6, Jonathan Stevens 7, Mike Whitby (C) 8. 1st blows in m: 5. For the Confirmation of Richard Stevens, at Mendlesham, on 9 September 2014.

Rotherhithe, London SE16. 14 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Andrew Booth 1, Roger Booth 2, Louise Booth 3, Morag Todd 4, Colin Friend (C) 5, Mike Todd 6. For Evensong.

Royal Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 7 Sep, 1260 Single Oxford B Triples: David J Whipp 1, Julian J Hemper 2, Jenny Hancock 3, Kevin J Musty 4, Ruth Plumridge 5, Chris J Taylor 6, Andrew K Woolley (C) 7, Michael J Moore 8. Rung for Evensong. 1st in m: 6.

Ryton on Dunsmore, Warks. 14 Sep, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Janet M Dew 1, Michael J Dew 2, Michael D Fiander 3, Anthony Osborne 4, Andrew Russell-Laing (C) 5, Timothy J Wykes 6. Rung for Ryton on Dunsmore Heritage Open Day.

Saffron Walden, Essex. 14 Sep, 1302 Spl Grandsire & Single Oxford B Triples: John A Hall 1, Mary Bone 2, Roger Collins 3, Nick Hughes 4, Fred Bone 5, Stephen Wood 6, James Watkins (C) 7, Gerald Pearson 8. Rung for Evensong.

St Albans, Herts. (S Peter) 11 Sep, 1280 Staplehurst D Royal: Stephen W Penney 1, Siân E Austin 2, Alan GG Smith 3, Ann Evans 4, Alan M Shepherd 5, Claire C Nicholson 6, Andrew M Reeve 7, Björn E Bradstock 8, Richard A Horne 9, Richard Sales (C) 10. **£5**

St Buryan, Cornwall. 14 Sep, 1320 Xylocopa S Minor: Claire Sowden 1, Jane Hitchens 2, Susan Bateman 3, Chris Venn (C) 4, Neil Hitchens 5, Stephen Bateman 6. 1st in m: 3, 4 & 6.

St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Is. (Town Church) 10 Sep, 1260 Doubles (3m/1v): Judith Laine 1, Sue Park 2, Paul Lawrence 3, Joe Allen (C) 4, Michael Bubb 5, Anne Dorey 6. First as C at tower & most methods & variations as C. For Battle of Britain week.

St Wenn, Cornwall. 13 Sep, 1260 Grandsire & PB Doubles: Jeremy P R Robinson 1, Bryony P H Dorrington 2, Debbie Spittle 3, Martin Spittle 4, Richard B Dorrington (C) 5, Matthew Rodcliffe 6.

Salford, Manchester. (Sacred Trinity) 11 Sep, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Tim Calvert 1, Michael F Leese 2, Andrew D Ingham 3, Andrew Tyler 4, Samuel L Haste 5, Robert Hodgetts 6, Malcolm Murphy 7, Tom Childs (C) 8. First on eight as C. 25th this year: 8. 16 circles of the tower: 7. Ring before deanery eucharist service. **£4**

Sandiacre, Derbys. 7 Sep, 1308 Grandsire Minor: Evie Newton 1, Alec Humphrey (C) 2, Chris Gilbert 3, Mike Redfern 4, Richard Newton 5, Francis Gilbert 6. 100th together: 2 & 6. **£2**

Sandiacre, Derbys. 13 Sep, 1320 TB Minor (5m): Cathy E Potter 1, Nick Daines 2, Linda Pelc 3, Chris Gilbert 4, John Thorpe 5, Alec Humphrey (C) 6. 1st Oxford Group: 4 & 5. For the DDA Southern District QP Day. **£BD**

Sawley, Derbys. 13 Sep, 1287 Grandsire Triples: Christian Peckham 1, Sue Rainsbury 2, Rachel Jopp 3, Elizabeth Heaton 4, Paul Jopp 5, Richard Wolfgang 6, John Hawes (C) 7, Jack Chadwick 8. 1st in m: 3. For the DDA Southern District QP Day. **£BD**

Skipton in Craven, N Yorks. 2 Sep, 1260 Grandsire & PB Doubles: Solna Burnham 1, Nathan Cox 2, Kevin Haseldine (C) 3, Stuart Holtam 4, Chris Wright 5, Jeremy Knowles 6, Stephen Phillip 7, Keith Mollon 8. Rung in celebration of ministry at Holy Trinity & for the institution of the Revd Veronica James as Rector of the parish.

Southwark, London SE1. (Cathedral) 14 Sep, 1311 Stedman Cinques: Stephen Mitchell 1, Mary Gow 2, Joanne Franklin 3, Sheila Cheesman 4, Michael Palmer (C) 5, Thomas Wood 6, Jeremy Cheesman 7, Anthony Matthews 8, Jonathan Slack 9, Ben Meyer 10, Paul Tiebout 11, Ryan Noble 12. For the Installation of The Revd Canon Dr Mandy Ford as Canon Chancellor & Director of Ministerial Education, the licensing of the Revd Andrew Zihni as Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands & the Installation of Honorary Minor Canons.

Stoke on Trent, Staffs. (S Peter ad Vincula) 12 Sep, 1259 Grandsire Caters: J Geoffrey Burton 1, Rosemary E Wright 2, Wendy Daw 3, Margaret Jones 4, David C H Simpson 5, Chris Adams 6, Selwyn G Jones (C) 7, Robert W Barcroft 8, Bernie Payne 9, Raymond H Daw 10. Compliment to 3 & 10 for their Golden Wedding Anniversary today. **£BD**

Stone, Staffs. 13 Sep, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Derek K Knowles 1, Rosemary E Wright 2, Chris Adams 3, R Jean Nixon 4, Jim Nixon 5, David C H Simpson 6, Margaret Jones 7, Timothy C Hine 8, Selwyn G Jones (C) 9, Nigel W Horritt 10.

Stourbridge, W Mids. (S Thomas) 14 Sep, 1260 Grandsire & PB Doubles: Molly Mallinson 1, Richard J Hurst (C) 2, Colin J Hill 3, Stuart Mallen 4, Simon Beckett 5, Bethany Wood 6. For Choral Evensong.

Stretton, Cheshire. 11 Sep, 1280 Bristol S Major: Michael Thomson 1, Peter Wilkinson 2, Andrew Rawlinson 3, Graeme Littler 4, Ian Taylor 5, Simon Taylor 6, Duncan Hyde 7, Nicholas Thomson (C) 8. 1st in m: 6. Circled tower: 3. Rung to mark the induction of the Revd Alan Jewell as vicar the previous evening & to welcome him & his family to Stretton.

Stretton on Dunsmore, Warks. 12 Sep, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: J Wale 1, Janice Sheasby 2, R A Sheasby 3, D P Crawley 4, J Gwynne 5, D C Kempton (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of Eleanor Ann Crawley, grand-daughter to 4. Also to celebrate Ruby Wedding Anniversary to Jean & David Harrison. **£3**

Studley, Warks. 12 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Richard H Spray 1, Michael Bond 2, Alan J Hartley 3, Linda Gatehouse 4, Mick Mears 5, A J Barnfield 6, Rachel D Page (C) 7, Jeanette M Davey 8. 1st in m inside: 4. Rung to welcome Dexter Michael Clarke, born 3 September 2014, first grandchild for 5. **£4**

Swanage, Dorset. 14 Sep, 1260 St Simon's B Triples: Tricia Stephens 1, Mike Jenkins 2, Sally Jenkins (C) 3, Eddie Dicken 4, Phil Miles 5, Mariko Whyte 6, Matthew Pike 7, Brian Dean 8. For Choral Evensong. 1st in m: 2. First in m as C.

Thornborough, Bucks. 7 Sep, 1260 Grandsire & PB Doubles: Fred Ellis 1, Michael A Haynes 2, Michael Gray 3, Alan K Barsby (C) 4, John E Hearn 5. Rung for the Special Pets service.

Tiverton, Devon. (S Peter) 6 Sep, 1250 Bristol S Major: Roger King 1, Ruth Curtis 2, James Clatworthy 3, Frederick Shallcross (C) 4, Lenard J Mitchell 5, Keith W Brown 6, Paul F Curtis 7, Peter L Furniss 8.

Tonbridge, Kent. 14 Sep, 1260 PB Minor: Hamilton Woods 1, Angela Clark 2, Tiffy Lynch (C) 3, Jacqui Fletcher 4, Nick Fulford 5, Steve Coaker 6. For evening service. **£BD**

Tulloch, Highland. 14 Sep, 1260 PB Minor: Helen M McGregor 1, Debbie Johnson 2, Judith Frye 3, Tina R Stoecklin 4, Ruth M Marshall 5, Jonathan Frye (C) 6.

Waddesdon, Bucks. 13 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles: Janice Robinson 1, Caroline Luxford 2, Jeremy Pratt (C) 3, Jane Vowles 4, Richard Pratt 5, Daren Washington 6.

Warminster, Wilts. 10 Sep, 1260 Single Oxford B Triples: Delia Perry 1, Judith Williamson 2, Pat Davidson 3, Christopher Sykes 4, Malcolm Penney 5, Simon Tremewan 6, Robert Wollen (C) 7, Nigel Orchard 8. A Second Wednesday Group Q at the end of our 25th day out! **£4**

Wellesbourne, Warks. 8 Sep, 1264 Spl PB & Yorkshire S Major: M Dane 1, J R L Ingham 2, R Lewis-Skeath 3, A E Hartley 4, Karen M French 5, R A Reeves 6, C F Mew (C) 7, P J F Quinn 8.

West Hallam, Derbys. 13 Sep, 1280 Spl S Major (4m): Nick Daines 1, Rachel Jopp 2, Cathy E Potter 3, John Hawes (C) 4, Paul Jopp 5, Pat Halls 6, Michael Redfern 7, Jack Chadwick 8. 1st Spl: 2. For the DDA Southern District QP Day. **£BD**

West Kirby, Wirral. 13 Sep, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Janet M Jones 1, Helen A Stansfield 2, Samantha C Harrison 3, Valerie M Beecroft 4, Joanne L Wood 5, Randle T J Tinkler (C) 6, Peter W Robson 7, Steven W Hughes 8. Rung at the end of the Earth Fest.

Westminster, London WC2. (S Clement Danes) 14 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Alan J Taylor 1, Louise Booth (C) 2, Jan McHugh 3, Ann Young 4, Dr Michael T Sprackling 5, Colin Friend 6, Simon J O Head 7, Raymond Eddy 8. For morning service.

Withiel, Cornwall. 13 Sep, 1260 Doubles (3m): Martin Spittle 1, Bryony P H Dorrington 2, Richard B Dorrington 3, Debbie Spittle 4, Phil Tremain (C) 5, Jeremy P R Robinson 6.

Withycombe Raleigh, Devon. 14 Sep, 1346 Cambridge S Maximus: Ian Avery 1, Paul Pascoe 2, Jennifer Sparling 3, Alison Waterson 4, Susan Sparling 5, Pauline Champion 6, Ian Smith 7, John Martin 8, Richard Harrison 9, Mike Mears 10, Tom Waterson 11, Matthew Hilling (C) 12. Rung for a special service of thanksgiving for marriage & family life. **£6**

Wiveliscombe, Som. 11 Sep, 1272 Ipswich S Minor: Keith E Beale (C) 1, Christopher J B Marshall 2, V John Lock 3, Michael S Blissett 4, Giles R Morley 5, Andrew F Howard 6. On the back six. **£BD**

Wokingham, Berks. (S Paul) 5 Sep, 1280 Superlative S Major: Irene Rich 1, Matthew Pearson 2, Lynne Jordan 3, Greg Jordan 4, Richard Johnston 5, Alan Barsby 6, Ken Davenport (C) 7, Pete Jordan 8.

Woodchurch, Wirral. 14 Sep, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Jamie Moran 1, Joanne L Wood 2, John McCulloch 3, Gavin E Price 4, Gillian Caulfield-Pleavin 5, Randle T J Tinkler (C) 6. 1st treble bob: 1.

Worle, Som. 10 Aug, 1260 Doubles (4m): Jill Burtenshaw 1, Judy Aplin 2, Jim Lambard 3, Yvonne Criddle (C) 4, John Boorman 5, Ray Jones 6. For morning service. Also to celebrate the Baptism of Oliver David Harding son of David & Kim Harding.

Worle, Som. 17 Aug, 1260 Doubles (5m): Jill Burtenshaw 1, Ray Jones (C) 2, Jenny Spence 3, Christopher Swatton 4, Denis Hawkings 5, Judy Aplin 6. For morning service.

Worle, Som. 24 Aug, 1260 Doubles (4m): Ray Jones 1, Denis Hawkings 2, Judy Aplin 3, Christopher Swatton 4, John Boorman (C) 5, John Parsons 6. For morning service.

Worle, Som. 31 Aug, 1260 Doubles (5m): Frank Jordan 1, Yvonne Criddle 2, Jim Lambard 3, Christopher Swatton 4, Clifford Nicholls (C) 5, John Parsons 6. For morning service. Also to congratulate Greta & Brian Cooper on attaining their Emerald Wedding Anniversary on 29 August 2014.

Worle, Som. 7 Sep, 1260 Old Oak Common Minor: Christopher Swatton 1, Ray Jones 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, John Parsons 4, John Boorman 5, Clifford Nicholls (C) 6. For morning service. 1,225th Q: 5. 1st in m: 3, 5 & 6.

Writtle, Essex. 7 Sep, 1260 PB & Grandsire Doubles: Christina Brewster 1, Jon Waters 2, Laurie Cansdale 3, Andrew Brewster 4, Adam Sloman (C) 5, Roger Bailey 6. Rung as a farewell to 5 who shortly departs for the University of Bath. With congratulations & best wishes from all the tower members. **£BD**

Yate, Glos. 8 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles: Colin Adlam 1, Jonathan Storey 2, Angela Robb 3, Lesley Hall 4, Alan J Coombs (C) 5, Barrie Fletcher & John Cossins 6. Rung for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Travels in Plum Country

With the third weekend of July approaching, those who qualify in the broadest sense as Barnes ringers were heading westwards for that area which abounds in damsons and other drupes, the Vale of Evesham. Teddy bears were out in force again this year, only this time they weren't parachuting from towers but acting as key fobs at the Evesham Hotel, sitting on the reception desk in their little embroidered waistcoats awaiting our arrival. One could say the place is a little quirky – opening the door of the gents, one is confronted by a life-sized ragdoll with a basket of towels – but it's a fine hotel and well placed for a few days' ringing around the Worcestershire/Gloucestershire borders. The small bar has no handpumps but when they heard we were coming they laid on a cask of 'That' from the Teme Valley Brewery. And when they discovered that some of us enjoy a little nightcap before retiring the range of malt whiskeys multiplied overnight.

Evesham Bell Tower and its glorious Taylor twelve need no introduction, but the stonework is crumbling and ringing on the back bells is limited while the restoration appeal gets underway. However we were able to enjoy them when we joined the locals for practice. It seems our efforts were not unappreciated, as a text arrived from the Vicar saying that he was

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enjoying 'the smell of the rain, the sound of the bells and a good bottle of claret'. A follow-up message (perhaps a glass or two later) revealed that the only thing necessary to complete his personal utopia was the presence of Helen Mirren.

'I'll drink to the quotation from Tolkien on the wall of the Royal Oak 'If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world'. For the benefit of anyone going to Evesham practice, the friendly staff here are happy to serve food to ringers after 9.30 (and jolly good no nonsense pub food at that). Otherwise you might try the Trumpet (a lovely Hook Norton pub which was drunk dry during the 2005 12-bell eliminator) or the Red Lion which has just reopened after a 104 year stint as a shop and sells Cannon Royal ales and local cider and perry.

We've become fairly adept at getting Mike and his wheelchair into all manner of towers but occasionally one defeats us. Pershore Abbey was an obvious non-starter (and those who did go up failed to do justice to the bells, perhaps due to the increasing vertiginousness that accompanies advancing years). Great Comberton, with a narrow, dark and uneven staircase in what appears to be a cavity wall between the tower and the nave, also proved unnegotiable, necessitating a quick switch of quarter peal bands. Little Comberton was accessible enough but the 'go' of the bells soon put paid to any thoughts of scoring Reverse Bob Minor and even Plain Bob was a struggle - the ringer of the fifth hadn't sweated so much in a quarter since St Buryan tower.

One aim of the tour was to encourage those who don't normally conduct to call a quarter of Bob Minor. Of four attempts, two were successful - in one case despite the 'experts' in the band making the wrong assumption about the calling of the 540 and proffering advice which thoroughly confused the conductor. Martin didn't succeed, through no fault of his own, but was compensated by a cracking quarter of Lincolnshire, his first blows in the method.

Over the weekend there were some very exotic pieces of machinery in the hotel car park. That most exclusive group, the Bugatti Owners Club, were in residence and helped us finish the ale too. Such is the thoughtfulness of the management that they seated one of their larger bears at the head of the table on Saturday evening, lest anyone should be dismayed at the prospect of thirteen sitting down to dinner. But why did we find ourselves solving logic problems over coffee instead of singing Flanders and Swann?

The last day is often an anti-climax in one way or another. Sometimes it's just the result of dwindling numbers and the prospect of work on the morrow; this year it was an indifferent lunch and a late start at Stratford-on-Avon leading to a hurried and less than satisfactory quarter (You know the scenario - 'We might just get it round in time if we start now' when you all know in your heart it would be far more sensible to just ring a couple of decent service touches). All in all, though, it was yet another superbly organised and thoroughly enjoyable 'Barnes Weekend'.

TONY NUNN

Offenham, Worcs. 16 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mike Wigney (C) 1, Mary Gow 2, Jackie Harrison 3, Monica Trow 4, Roderic K Bickerton 5, Michael de Freitas 6.

Middle Littleton, Worcs. 16 Jul, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Tony Nunn (C) 1, Eddie Hartley 2, Charles Turnbull 3, Andrew Harvey 4, Gill Tomlinson 5, Trisha Hawkins 6. 100th Q: 4.

Bretforton, Worcs. 16 Jul, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Malcolm McAlister 1, Charles Turnbull 2, Andrew Harvey 3, James Ingham 4, Mike Wigney 5, Roderic K Bickerton 6, Gill Tomlinson (C) 7, Tony Nunn 8.

Upton Snodsbury, Worcs. (S Kenelm Churchyard) 17 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Mary Gow 1-2, Mike Wigney (C) 3-4, Jill Wigney 5-6.

Pershore, Worcs. (S Andrew's Centre) 17 Jul, 1260 Stedman Triples: Tony Nunn 1, Eddie Hartley 2, Sheila Cheesman 3, Gill Tomlinson 4, Eddie Heath 5, Mike Wigney 6, Jeremy Cheesman (C) 7, Andrew Harvey 8.

Fladbury, Worcs. 17 Jul, 1302 Grandsire Triples: Mike Wigney 1, Mary Gow 2, Andrew Harvey 3, Gill Tomlinson 4, Malcolm McAlister 5, Jeremy Cheesman 6, Tony Nunn (C) 7, Charles Turnbull 8.

Bishampton, Worcs. 17 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Jackie Harrison 1, James Ingham 2, Monica Trow 3, Andrew Harvey 4, Charles Turnbull 5, Jeremy Cheesman (C) 6.

Little Comberton, Worcs. 18 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Andrew Harvey 1, Mike Wigney (C) 2, Mary Gow 3, Gill Tomlinson 4, Tony Nunn 5, Adrian Udal 6.

Golden wedding first quarter



Denzil Spencer, Robert Bailey, Sue Cheetham, Tricia Stephens, Janet Curran and Phil Stephens

Janet Curran, née Becket, first learnt to ring at Betley over 30 years ago following her father's involvement in restoring the bells. She stopped ringing for some 30 years and started again at Wortley, South Yorkshire in autumn 2013, where she is involved in raising funding to upgrade the bells. She travelled back to Betley to ring her first quarter for her parents' Golden Wedding.

DAVID BECKET

Betley, Staffs, 25 Aug, 1260 PB Doubles: Sue Cheetham 1, Janet Curran (1st Q) 2, Tricia Stephens 3, Denzil Spencer 4, Phil Stephens (C) 5, Robert Bailey 6. To celebrate the Golden Wedding of Anne and David Becket, ringers at this tower, on 22nd August. 2: daughter of Anne and David, 3&5: sister and brother in law of Anne.

Also

27th April 2013, 1260 PB Doubles: Anne Becket 1, Terry French 2, Tricia Stephens 3, Robert Bailey 4, Phil Stephens (C) 5, Denzil Spencer 6. Rung for the culmination of David and Anne Becket's, ringers at this tower, year as Mayor and Mayoress of the Loyal and Ancient Borough of Newcastle under Lyme. 3&5: sister and brother in law of 1.

£8

Somerset Quarter Peal Day – August 2014

For August we headed off to West Somerset, in the hope that we might avoid the worst of the bank holiday weekend traffic and thankfully that part of the plan worked.

We started on the recently augmented six at Bicknoller - although it was third time lucky for your correspondent, having had to withdraw at the last minute on two previous occasions. This is a really nice six, with the addition of a new treble provided by the Keltek Trust, which had previously provided the bell when Bicknoller was augmented from 4 to 5 in 1993 (the extra bell at that time coming from St Saviour's in Bath). The new treble to take the ring up to six came from All Saints in High Wycombe.

Unfortunately our quarter peal attempt at Wootton Courtenay came to grief, when the rope jumped off the wheel on the treble - thankfully the bell set itself at back stroke. Whilst this was slightly problematic, as the ladder onto the frame goes up through the treble pit, it did at least mean the rope had not wound itself around the bell and the problem could be easily sorted out.

We had an enjoyable lunch at the Foresters' Arms in Dunster, complete with its resident parrot that had a fairly interesting vocabulary - the locals had clearly taught it some 'interesting' words after consuming several beers - best not to repeat those in this review!

Our first tower after lunch was in the lovely Exmoor village of Luccombe - a fantastic setting just under Dunkery Beacon (the highest point in Somerset). The tower still contains all five of the bells from when a new ring was installed by William Evans of Chepstow in 1759. We rang one of our Double Oxford variations here, named after a rail depot in South London - poles apart from Exmoor.

We then moved on to Porlock, which is dedicated to St Dubricius - a Welsh saint. The ring was overhauled and augmented to six in 1910 by Llewellyns & James, when three new bells were cast. This remains a lovely ring of six, which has recently seen further work.

For a final special 'treat' we rang a quarter on the three bells at Stoke Pero - a tiny church deep on Exmoor - plenty of reversing was required before we all

safely arrived at the church - which is still waiting for electricity to arrive. This church is one of those where the original dedication is 'unknown' and no saint has subsequently been chosen. The three bells are from three different foundries, dating from the early sixteenth century (tenor), through to 1821, although they were overhauled in 1991, so actually go very well. Matthew was introduced to his first quarter on three bells and seems to have 'got the bug' having been very keen to 'circle the tower' on the day.

As usual, our thanks go to the local incumbents for allowing us to ring and to the local ringers for making us so welcome.

NEIL WILLIAMS

Bicknoller, Som. 23 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: Matthew Weighell 1, Bryan Williams 2, Charlotte Boyce 3, Sue Sawyer 4, John Parsons 5, Neil Williams (C) 6.

Luccombe, Som. 23 Aug, 1260 Slade Green B Minor: Bryan Williams 1, Sue Sawyer 2, Martin Blazey 3, Charlotte Boyce 4, Neil Williams 5, Matthew Weighell (C) 6.

Porlock, Som. 23 Aug, 1260 Dolgoch B Minor: John Parsons 1, Sue Sawyer 2, Bryan Williams 3, Neil Williams 4, Charlotte Boyce 5, Martin Blazey (C) 6.

Stoke Pero, Som. 23 Aug, 1260 Double TB Singles: Sue Sawyer (C) 1, Matthew Weighell 2, Neil Williams 3. £10

Farewell to Revd Stephen Holroyd

These quarter-peals were rung as a farewell to Revd Stephen Holroyd, and to thank him for his support during his 17 years as Incumbent of the Benefice of Silsoe, Flitton & Pulloxhill. The quarter at Silsoe was rung immediately before his final service here.

The bands of both churches would like to send their best wishes to him as he takes up his new position in the Stodden Benefice.

CHRISTINE WILLIAMS

Flitton, Beds. 20 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: Vernon Green 1, Sally Creveul 2, Maureen Morey 3, Barbara Fraser 4, Sue Silver (C) 5, Christine Williams 6.

Silsoe, Beds. 24 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Vernon Green 1, Maureen Morey 2, Barbara Fraser 3, Chris Catlin 4, Simon Stranks (C) 5, David Adams (1st QP) 6.

Friends of Dorothy Society on Lundy Island

Lundy Island, Bristol Channel. 6 Apr, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Carl Melville 1, Philip R Goodyer 2, Malcolm S Edwards 3, Ashley C Fortey 4, Dickon R Love 5, Darran Ricks (C) 6, Robin J Walker 7, Michael A Birkbeck 8, Mark A Wilson 9, George Reynolds 10. Rung by Candle Light. First on 10: 1.

Lundy Island, Bristol Channel. 8 Apr, 1289 Stedman Caters: Darran Ricks 1, Dickon R Love 2, Philip R Goodyer 3, Ashley C Fortey 4, Malcolm S Edwards 5, Robin J Walker (C) 6, Mark A Wilson 7, Richard A Smith 8, Michael A Birkbeck 9, George Reynolds 10.

Autumn Tour

After starting with some local towers on Friday afternoon, September's quarter peal day took us to some of the more northern towers in Devon. The consensus of the band was that the three Treble Bob methods were not particularly worth revisiting, but we were glad to have scored quarter peals of them this time. For me, the highlight of the weekend was the long quarter peal on the delightful bells at North Molton.

TIM BAYTON

Stoke Canon, Devon. 5 Sep, 1272 Venturi TB Minor: Charlotte Boyce 1, Lesley Tucker 2, David Hird 3, Dave Matthews 4, Tim Bayton (C) 5, Graham Tucker 6. Circled tower: 5.

Whitestone, Devon. 5 Sep, 1296 Spl S Minor (12m): Lesley Tucker 1, Tim Bayton 2, Graham Tucker 3, Dave Matthews (C) 4, Charlotte Boyce 5, David Hird 6.

Moretonhampstead, Devon. 5 Sep, 1280 Belfast S Major: Don Roberts 1, Charlotte Boyce 2, Sue Sawyer 3, Graham Tucker 4, David Hird 5, Nigel Birt 6, Dave Matthews 7, Tim Bayton (C) 8.

Pilton, Devon. 6 Sep, 1280 Bristol S Major: Barrie Hendry 1, Lesley Tucker 2, Sue Sawyer 3, Cathy Civil 4, Charlotte Boyce 5, Graham Tucker 6, Dave Matthews 7, Tim Bayton (C) 8.