

Quarter Peals

Coat Monitor Wanted

With the success of our previous excursion to Essex, bar the food, we decided to 'do it again'. The food was delicious this time, however I don't think the landlady was too keen on us waking her up late one evening when we'd locked ourselves out of our rooms!

Navigation this time was unsurpassed with almost no faults! However, that cannot be said for certain ringers who left things behind including a wallet and coat.

The weather stayed lovely for us all weekend and some of the bells were amongst the best we'd rung yet. All in all we had a lovely time with good friends, good food, good bells and a good success rate in quarters! £8

Hythe. 28 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: I Hopkins 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, Jacqui M Dunster 3, E Treagus 4, J H Hunt (C) 5, W A Harris 6, D A Burt 7, S B Dunster 8.

Mersham. 29 Jul, 1250 Superlative S. Major: W A Harris 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, J H Hunt (C) 3, Barbara Salmons 4, Jacqui M Dunster 5, A T Buswell (1st in m) 6, S B Dunster 7, D A Burt 8.

Lyminge. 29 Jul, 1250 Lincolnshire S. Major: Blanche M Hunt 1, Jacqui M Dunster 2, I Hopkins (1st in m) 3, W A Harris 4, E Treagus 5, D A Burt 6, S B Dunster 7, J H Hunt (C) 8.

Elham. 29 Jul, 1280 Rutland S. Major: J H Hunt (C) 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, Barbara Salmons 3, A T Buswell (1st touch in m) 4, M Sales 5, E Treagus 6, D A Burt 7, S B Dunster 8.

Folkestone (SS Mary & Eanswythe). 29 Jul, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: Nikki M Pownall 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, Barbara Salmons 3, Jacqui M Dunster 4, A T Buswell 5, W A Harris 6, S B Dunster 7, J H Hunt (C) 8.

Selling. 30 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: A T Buswell 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, Jacqui M Dunster 3, Nikki M Pownall 4, M Sales 5, J H Hunt (C) 6, W A Harris 7, S B Dunster 8.

Chilham. 30 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Salmons 1, Jacqui M Dunster 2, A T Buswell 3, J H Hunt (C) 4, E Treagus 5, S B Dunster 6, I Hopkins 7, W A Harris 8.

Tenterden. 1 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: Jacqui M Dunster 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, E Treagus 3, I Hopkins 4, A T Buswell 5, S B Dunster 6, J H Hunt (C) 7, W A Harris 8. 1st in m: 4.5.

Buxted. 1 Aug, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: J H Hunt (C) 1, Jacqui M Dunster 2, Blanche M Hunt 3, E Treagus 4, I Hopkins (1st in m) 5, Nikki M Pownall 6, S B Dunster 7, M Sales 8.

Burgess Hill. 1 Aug, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: E Treagus 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, Jacqui M Dunster 3, J H Hunt (C) 4, I Hopkins 5, A T Buswell 6, N M Pownall 7, S B Dunster 8.

Port Sunlight Reunion In The North East

Stokesley, N Yorks. 6 Aug, 1250 Pudsey S. Major: Brenda D Humphreys 1, Jean Hallett 2, M A Humphreys 3, Michelle C Taylor 4, P D A Mills 5, P F Humphreys 6, J G Hallett 7, Christine Mills (C) 8.

Marske by the Sea, Cleveland. 8 Aug, 1280 Spliced S. Major (CYSRN): Brenda D Humphreys 1, Christine Mills 2, Michelle C Taylor 3, M A Humphreys 4, W J P Wishart 5, P F Humphreys 6, M J Halliwell (1st Spliced) 7, P D A Mills (C) 8.

Saltburn by the Sea, Cleveland. 8 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: Brenda D Humphreys 1, M A Humphreys 2, Christine Mills 3, Michelle C Taylor (1st Stedman as C) 4, N D Pictor 5, M J Halliwell 6, P D A Mills 7, P F Humphreys 8.

Whorlton in Cleveland, N Yorks. 10 Aug, 1272 London S. Minor: Brenda D Humphreys 1, Christine Mills 2, M A Humphreys 3, Michelle C Taylor 4, P F Humphreys 5, P D A Mills (C) 6. 1st London S. Minor by all the band.

Burnsall, N Yorks. 11 Aug, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Christine Mills 1, Brenda D Humphreys 2, Michelle C Taylor 3, P F Humphreys 4, P D A Mills 5, M A Humphreys (C) 6.

Whitby, N Yorks. 12 Aug, 1282 Cambridge S. Royal: Brenda D Humphreys (1st T.B. on 10) 1, Christine Mills 2, Margaret E Rand (1st Cambridge Royal) 3, Jean Hallett 4, Michelle C Taylor 5, P F Humphreys 6, P D A Mills (C) 7, M A Humphreys 8, D Elwick 9, J G Hallett 10. 1st Surprise Royal: 4.8. 50th tog: 2.8. 100th tog: 6.8. £4.60

Bang! Bang! — A Charming Lady

Colin Yandle, one of the Barnes ringers has his roots in Devon, and he recently invited the band to join him for a weekend at his "country cottage" near Bampton. Although the number of Barnes ringers who accepted his invitation, five, was a little disappointing, a few enthusiastic friends were found and a very enjoyable weekend was had by all. Colin had discussed the venture with the Rev John Scott and together they planned an interesting route across Exmoor taking in some excellent bells and giving us a chance to appreciate the scenery. To this another 3 towers were added by the enthusiasts and in what became a packed schedule we had a variety of ringing activities, some demanding deep concentration and some providing lighter moments. One event in particular will remain in our memories for some time: Ann Anger seemed all set to score her first quarter of Grandsire Doubles as conductor at Exford, when there was a banging on the trap-door entrance to the ringing chamber. With six extents complete we were reluctant to stop, but the banging became very agitated and so "Stand" was called. Imagine our surprise when a charming lady climbed into the ringing chamber and asked if she could watch! We learnt that she belonged to the parish and was anxious to have the bells rung regularly. Could we teach her to ring?

We lost two other quarters because they were perhaps too ambitious for some of those involved, but seven were successfully completed with a worthwhile scattering of "firsts". Of the 13 towers visited the bells of North and South Moulton, where we had general ringing which ranged from rounds and call changes to spliced surprise, were particularly enjoyed. Colin also made sure we visited three of the best hostleries in the area!

Although he was apprehensive at first about accommodating 12, and Mike valiantly spent the first night in his sleeping bag in the garden, in the end Colin had as much pleasure out of the weekend as the rest of us — almost doubling his tally of quarters from four to seven!

We hope that one day we will have a chance to run (or is it ring?) the course again. Thanks Colin for some superb bells and a first class weekend. EJRH

Morbath, Devon. 28 Jul, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Patricia Chapman 1, Christine Marchbank 2, J N Ley 3, A J Marchbank 4, E J R Hartley (C) 5, C Yandle 6.

Uffculme, Devon. 29 Jul, 1344 Rutland S. Major: E J R Hartley 1, A J Marchbank 2, Ann F Anger 3, T J Eyles 4, Claire F Edwards 5, Jill M Hupman (C) 6, M J Wigney 7, C Buswell 8. 1st in m: 3.4 and as C.

HawkrIDGE, Som. 29 Jul, 1260 P.B. Minor: C Buswell 1, Christine E Marchbank 2, A J Marchbank 3, J N Ley 4, Claire F Edwards (1st Minor as C) 5, M J Wigney 6.

Dulverton, Som. 29 Jul, 1264 P.B. Major: Christine E Marchbank 1, E J R Hartley 2, Ann F Anger 3, J N Ley 4, T J Eyles 5, A J Marchbank 6, M J Wigney 7, C Buswell (C) 8.

Bampton, Devon. 30 Jul, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Claire F Edwards 1, E J R Hartley 2, Jill M Hupman 3, A J Marchbank 4, M J Wigney (C) 5, C Yandle 6. For Morning Service. 1st Stedman Doubles: 1.4.

Brushford, Som. 30 Jul, 1296 Spliced S. Minor (3m): Ann F Anger 1, T J Eyles (1st Spl.S.) 2, A J Marchbank 3, Claire F Edwards 4, C Buswell 5, M J Wigney (C) 6.

Culmstock, Devon. 30 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Claire F Edwards (C) 1, Ann F Anger 2, Jill M Hupman 3, M J Wigney 4, J N Ley 5, T J Eyles 6, C Buswell 7, C Yandle (1st on 8) 8. £5



The group at Isleworth

Leicester Students Take The South By Storm

The culmination of the year's activities for the ringers at Leicester University and Polytechnic was our now traditional summer ringing weekend. Our base was Heston, Middx., where we enjoyed marvellous hospitality from Richard Wheelhouse and his family.

Ringing began in earnest on Saturday when we were joined on our outing by past members of the Society. We began with the very pretty six at Cranford, then moved on to Windsor where we had hoped to ring the ten bells of the parish church only to find that the trebles had not yet been hung! Our ambition to ring at the castle also remains unfulfilled, but this provided a welcome break for some sightseeing. After ringing at Old Windsor we moved on to a well-deserved lunch. After lunch we rang on the sixes at Winkfield and Ottershaw, the eight at St Mary's, Twickenham, and finally we did get some ten-bell ringing on the pleasant ten at Isleworth. The day was then rounded off with a barbecue and some rather unorthodox handbell ringing.

Sunday service ringing took place at Heston, but a quarter-peal after morning service was unfortunately lost. After an excellent Sunday dinner we 'grabbed' one more tower at Norwood Green then headed back to the Midlands.

We were blessed with glorious weather for the whole time, some members even sporting their shorts! The weekend was most enjoyable and thanks are given to towers for the use of bells and to our hosts who looked after us so well. We are all looking forward to welcoming ringers coming to Leicester in October — whatever your standard please come along and join us. B. Heys

Pooh-Day

Have you ever been on a Pooh-Day outing? Age is no barrier. The older you are the better to play Poohsticks on Poohstick Bridge, or run races in Roo's sandy pit and play with blue balloons. This was the scene created by A.A. Milne for Christopher over sixty years ago, but played out today (August 16th 1989) by Sussex County (Eastern Division) ringers — yes, ringing came in too, Danehill and Hammerwood were visited before lunch, Hartfield, Coleman's Hatch and Fairwarp followed — what lovely names — to ring rounds or Primrose or Grandsire.

"Pooh Corner", the village shop at Hartfield, could have been an invite from Rabbit in his burrow up on the nearby forest. All sorts of "Pooh-phanalia" on display — couldn't stay too long — must get back to the tower. But then, with 52 ringers for six bells, it takes time for all to have a ring, but, thanks to Louise (the Master) everyone did have a ring at every tower.

Thanks to Pauline who masterminded the day, it was indeed a fine day, a fun day. Pooh would have been proud of his friends as we finally went our ways home, taking our litter with us, and flying our blue balloons. JMP