

Sefton, Merseyside. 12 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: Christina Hassard-Jones 1, B J McCahey 2, Sandra Mitchell 3, H Hassard-Jones 4, P D Hughes 5, L J Mitchell(C) 6. Before Evening Service for the Christening of James Andrew Luke. £1.20

Silsoe, Beds. 15 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: D R Brazier(C) 1, Rachel Needham (1st inside) 2, Margaret Jeeves 3, T P Harris 4, J A Stimson 5, D A Eddy 6. As a tribute to the late Mrs Rosemary Stenning, a member of the Church choir for many years, who's funeral was this day. £1

Smethwick, Birmingham, W Mids (147 Poplar Road). 11 Aug, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Julia R Cater 1-2, Frances Dodds(C) 3-4, A Needham 5-6, A M Daw 7-8. 1st on 8 and S. in-hand; 1-2 & 7-8. 50p

Sonning, Berks. 19 Aug, 1288 P B Triples: Ann Saddleton 1, Pam Elliston 2, Anne Yates 3, Jennie Dane 4, P Saddleton 5, D Court 6, M Dane(C) 7, A Elliston 8. £1

South Perrott, Dorset. 6 July, 1260 April Day Doubles: Yvonne Nicholls 1, Anna Robinson 2, A W O Robinson 3, D A Robinson 4, M R Best(C) 5, P Organ (1st Q.) 6. 1st in m. by all. 75p

Stalbridge, Dorset. 27 Aug, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): J A Bramald 1, D B Ellery 2, T M Andrews 3, B R Gildersleeve (225th Q.) 4, M J Hiller(C) 5, I L Andrews 6. 25th together; 1 & 5 and 1 & 6. 60p

Standish, Lancs. 1 Aug, 1250 Pudsey S Major: C Crossstwaite 1, Helen J Woods 2, Margaret Crossstwaite 3, C K Hill 4, P Newsham 5, D R Pettifor 6, J Regan 7, C Woods(C) 8. 1st in m.; 2, 4 & 5. £1.70

Stone, Staffs. 4 Aug, 1260 P B Triples: Lorna Flower 1, Meryl Shenton 2, F Beech 3, J Flower 4, Jenny Beech (1st as C.) 5, P Mellor 6, A W Harris 7, Glenda Rowley 8. To celebrate the Queen Mother's 90th birthday. 80p

Street, Som. 19 July, 1280 P B Major: Jenny Salmon 1, F A K Prime 2, Janet Hayter (1st in m.) 3, Penelope I Hooper 4, R J Gay 5, T E J Hayter 6, R C Backhurst(C) 7, A K Woolley 8. For the Centenary of the Bath & Wells DACR. £1

Sturminster Marshall, Dorset. 27 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J A Bramald 1, I L Andrews 2, M J Hiller(C) 3, B R Gildersleeve 4, D B Ellery 5, T M Andrews 6. 25th together; 1 & 4. 60p

Teynham, Kent. 19 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): O J M Salmon (1st Q.) 1, Eileen S Palin 2, S C Palin(C) 3, B E Jemmett 4, B F Tumber 5, D G Davis 6. To celebrate the 18th birthday of Oliver Salmon; also a farewell compliment to Oliver who is going to Zimbabwe. £1.20

Thorpe le Soken, Essex. 11 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: J Austen (1st on working bell) 1, A Mackenzie (1st inside) 2, Linda Mackenzie 3, A G Button 4, Eileen Button(C) 5, P W Mills 6. A birthday compliment to Linda Mackenzie. £1

Thorverton, Devon. 19 Aug, 1344 P B Major (variable hunt): P J Sawyer 1, M M Pitchers 2, Lesley A Tucker 3, Susan M Sawyer 4, R C Shere 5, Linda V Cull 6, G P Tucker (1900th Q.) 7, E W Ford(C) 8. For Evensong. £1

Trent, Dorset. 27 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: T M Andrews 1, J A Bramald 2, B R Gildersleeve 3, D B Ellery 4, I L Andrews (550th Q.) 5, M J Hiller(C) 6. To congratulate James Bramald on passing 8 GCSE's (6 A's & 2 B's). 60p

Tydd St Mary, Lincs. 19 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: R W Hazell 1, Beverley A Barber 2, Revd M Haighton 3, P N Green 4, M W Slater(C) 5, J Worboys (1st Q.) 6. For united Service of Evensong; also farewell compliment to Revd Ken Littler, Vicar of Suttons with Tydd. £1

Uplyme, Devon. 30 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P Weare (1st on treble) 1, M J Hiller(C) 2, K A Furzey 3, B R Gildersleeve 4, T M Andrews (200th of doubles) 5, Sylvia Furzey 6. 60p

Upton, Lincs. 18 Aug, 1440 St Clements B & Kent T B Minor: J F Underwood 1, S W Lewis 2, Janet M Clarke 3, S L Clarke 4, C P Turner(C) 5, I Till 6.

Walsham-le-Willows, Suffolk. 15 July, 1260 P B Doubles: S Flatman 1, J Thompson (1st inside) 2, Audrey Foulger 3, Annette Morley 4, A D Fisk(C) 5, B Pollard 6. A farewell compliment to Julian (2nd) and Helen Thompson. £1

Wanstraw, Som. 28 July, 1260 Doubles (8m/v): J Sapiezynski 1, A K Woolley 2, Penelope I Hooper 3, R C Backhurst 4, P C Tucker(C) 5, F G Sandy 6. 70p

West Hoathly, Sussex. 20 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: Joanna Hocken (1st Q.) 1, P Richardson 2, Pauline Ralph 3, Valerie Howard 4, A Howard(C) 5, Margaret Ashton 6. £1

Westbury-sub-Mendip, Som. 1 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: P A Watch 1, Penelope I Hooper 2, P J Payne 3, R F Bowditch 4, A K Woolley(C) 5, D L Woolley 6. 60p

Wilton, Taunton, Som. 9 Aug, 1260 Oxford B Triples: Maureen E Hawkins 1, Charlotte Boyce (1st in m.) 2, B Horrell 3, R J Quick 4, R T Perry 5, J Levin 6, C C Deem(C) 7, D J Hawkins 8. 80p

Wiveliscombe, Som. 19 Aug, 1272 London S Minor: Helen M Hunt 1, Sally K Wheeler 2, Terry M Hicks 3, A Hunt 4, A M Hicks(C) 5, A F Lee (circ.twr. 5 times) 6. For Evensong. 325th together; 2 & 6. 60p

Tony Laughton's 12-Bell Quarter Peal Weekend No. 3

With temperatures soaring and breaking records in the first week in August, some of us were hoping for a cooler spell for Tony's weekend in Manchester and Liverpool. For we had some heavy and demanding bells to ring! It seemed that Tony did some organising with the weather as, mercifully, Saturday dawned a lot cooler in the North. We had arranged to meet at the first tower, Oldham, but traffic congestion in Manchester caused some to be late. In the event, we all had to wait whilst a flag was raised on the tower roof. At first we were quite flattered but later found that it was nothing to do with our visit.

The installation at Oldham is an engineering masterpiece with the 35 cwt 12 on 3 levels; 8, 11 and 12 filling the lower level in a relatively small tower. Grandsire Cinques was scored here. On to the Town Hall, Manchester. A quicker than anticipated journey made up for the earlier late start. This is a glorious, booming 12, judged by many as one of the best in its weight-class. However, some of the back bells, especially the 11th, are very difficult. Cambridge Maximus was successful here. Score so far: Ringers 2, Bells 0.

An excellent lunch in the Sir Ralph Abercrombie near the Town Hall topped up our energy levels and sent us on our way to Liverpool.

There was some time to spare before the next ring so we checked in at The Liverpool Moat House Hotel. Couldn't see any moat, but the view over the Bus Station was — 'breathtaking'! Most of us found that we had been given large rooms each with 2 double beds (did we really need all those separate rooms?!). Then, off we went to Pier Head, another fine 12. Stedman Cinques was again successful but punctuated at regular intervals by sirens. (Ah, there goes another ambulance, must be time for a Single).

That was it for this day's ringing, so some of us cooled off in the hotel's large indoor pool. Later, on Tim Peverett's suggestion, we went to Wong's Chinese Restaurant where we were served up a veritable banquet of Chinese cuisine. Despite the best efforts of the human dustbins, Tim Peverett, Tony Laughton and Peter England, some of the food was re-united with the kitchen. Some of us 'waddled' back to the hotel that night.

The Sunday morning had been left free for us to join in Sunday Service ringing, go sight-seeing, or just sleep.

Early Sunday afternoon saw us meeting up at Liverpool Cathedral, the heaviest ring of 12 in the world. Two separate lifts with stairs between them, deliver you to the ringing chamber — 'Arena' more like! What to ring? Well, we had rung Cambridge Maximus at the Town Hall so Little Bob Maximus was decided on, in order that we could concentrate on the bells, rather than the method. The 1320 we rang here took 1 hour 12 minutes — just the right speed! Well, that was it; Ringers 4, Bells 0.

Well done Tony for, once again, a well organised and highly sociable weekend. We all enjoyed ourselves.

Comment from the organiser: Most of the footnotes were agreed in advance. Jeff Brannan's claim, on his birthday, that his age was the same as the weight of the bell he rang at the Town Hall was highly suspect. Can we add the 11th at Oldham, Jeff? That seems more like it!

My thanks go to the incumbents and secretaries of the towers we visited. Thank you to the local ringers who joined us, Derek Thomas, Clare McAr-

die, Jeff Brannan and Bryan McCahey who contributed to the quality of the ringing, which was creditable, considering the nature of some of the bells and the fact that we, as a band, had not rung together before. Also, well done everyone, 10 out of 10 for effort.

Oldham. 4 Aug, 1253 Grandsire Cinques: D Butterworth (C) 1, J Heaton 2, Elizabeth Heaton 3, Charlotte Gould 4, Lynn Walters 5, Clare McArdle 6, T Oldershaw 7, T Peverett 8, P England 9, D Thomas 10, J Brannan 11, T Laughton 12. For H.M. The Queen Mother's 90th birthday.

Manchester. (Town Hall). 4 Aug, 1294 Cambridge S. Maximus: D Butterworth 1, Elizabeth Heaton (1st S. Max) 2, Lynn Walters 3, Charlotte Gould 4, T Peverett 5, Clare McArdle 6, T Oldershaw 7, J Heaton 8, P England 9, D Thomas 10, T Laughton 11, J Brannan (C) 12. Birthday compliment to Jeffrey Brannan.

Liverpool. (Pier Head). 4 Aug, 1311 Stedman Cinques: P England (C) 1, Lynn Walters 2, Charlotte Gould 3, Elizabeth Heaton 4, J Heaton 5, Clare McArdle 6, T Oldershaw 7, B McCahey 8, T Laughton 9, T Peverett 10, D Butterworth 11, D Thomas 12. Birthday compliment to Jonathan Stevens.

Liverpool. (Cathedral). 5 Aug, 1320 L.B. Maximus: J Heaton 1, Elizabeth Heaton 2, Lynn Walters 3, Charlotte Gould 4, Clare McArdle 5, B McCahey 6, T Oldershaw 7, T Peverett 8, P England 9, D Thomas 10, D Butterworth (C) 11, T Laughton 12. 1st Wedding Anniversary congratulations to 1 and 2. For Afternoon Service. £6

Barnes Go West

Barnes ringers, missing their own bells which have been out of action since April due to building work, enjoyed a weekend in the West Country at the end of July, again based at Colin Yandle's cottage at Bampton. Twenty-one towers were visited over three days and we would like to place on record our thanks to all who helped with arranging the bells, particularly those who turned out to meet us.

£6 EJBH

South Molton, Devon. 28 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: J N Ley 1, E J R Hartley 2, Jill M Hupman 3, T J Eyles 4, A J Marchbank 5, Alex Bayliss 6, D Wallis 7, M J Wigney (C) 8.

Exford, Som. 28 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia M Chapman 1, Jill M Hupman 2, Liz E Marchant 3, T J Eyles 4, E J R Hartley (C) 5, J C Yandle 6.

Bampton, Devon. 29 Jul, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Jill M Hupman 1, T J Eyles (1st Stedman Doubles) 2, A J Marchbank 3, M J Wigney (C) 4, D Wallis 5, J C Yandle 6.

Uplowman, Devon. 29 Jul, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Cathy Bonsell 1, M J Wigney 2, E Ring-Davies 3, J N Ley 4, A J Marchbank (C) 5, E J R Hartley 6.

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