



Third Time Lucky – or Barnes make it to Lundy at last

During our annual visits to Devon last year and the year before we tried to make a day trip to Lundy but on both occasions we were weathered off. This year it was decided to make a separate dedicated trip and stay overnight on the island in the hope of guaranteeing success. The logistics of the ferry service and the accommodation booking restrictions eventually resulted in 12 of us making a booking for three nights early in April and crossing our fingers in the hope that the spring weather would be kind to us.

An advance party left Lundy in spring sunshine on the morning of April 8th and had a leisurely trip down to Devon pausing after lunch for a quarter peal with some friends. We reached Bideford in time to check arrangements and find that the Lundy shore office were once again worried about an easterly force 3 blowing on the island!

However when we reached the quayside at 6.45am on the next morning the sea was almost like a mill pond and together with over 100 other passengers we were on our way by 8.15. On arrival at the island we made our way straight to the Marisco Tavern and then the Church. A quick quarter was chalked up before lunch and then, while some explored the island and went to find their accommodation, the rest of us began the serious ringing. By 5.00 pm two more quarters had been brought round and another had been a good near miss. The second day was scheduled to be peal day and a start was made at 10.00 am. Yorkshire went well for about an hour and a half before crashing and then the band adjourned for coffee in the sun on the veranda. Although disappointed at losing the peal, everyone was thoroughly enjoying themselves and the weather was perfect. It was about now that there began to be a more relaxed approach to our stay with walking, exploring and climbing taking up the rest of the day and most of the next. Totally uncharacteristic for Barnes ringers it became difficult, nay in some cases impossible, to get them to the tower. An attempt was made to get back to our main business the following afternoon, but when you meet one short on an island three miles long and half a mile wide it is difficult to know where to start looking and after a few touches of minor that session was abandoned.

We had planned to take all our meals in the Marisco Tavern but now some changed to self catering and mouth watering menus were discussed, while others tried desperately to contact the North Light Tandoori! Penny enjoyed her brief period of residence in a castle and the social circle of some of the band was widened by encounters with a group from Exeter University who were on the island for the week and who seemed to set a pretty hard pace in the alcohol and party stakes. At least one of those in the band that met to ring London (it had been downgraded from spliced) on Saturday morning was struggling and after three attempts to get through the first lead, Cambridge was found to go much better! James White joined us for the day and the ringing continued until 3.00 pm and then, still in glorious weather, we boarded the Oldenburg for another mill-pond crossing.

For those who were having difficulty coping with only one tower in three days we were able to have a ring at Little Torrington courtesy Jonathan Eversleigh before switching off for the day. Sunday saw us ringing for morning service at Weare Gifford and then ringing a quarter at Taunton on the way home, to take our total to five

towers and eight quarters in five days. This does not seem revolutionary, but rarely has so much effort gone into organising a Barnes trip! However everybody thoroughly enjoyed all of it, even though we are now anxious to see the appointment of a new manager for the North Light Tandoori!

We are grateful to Bob Caton and Dave Snowden for all their help with the arrangements including the 7-tower standby programme set up in case we were weathered off again. Our thanks also go to all the others who helped, met, rang with us or just provided advice.

Now about this return trip!

Donation £15

Lundy, Devon. 9 Apr, 1260 P B Triples: Andrew Giles 1, Patricia Chapman 2, Mike Wigney (C) 3, Edmund Hartley 4, Penny Bradsell 5, Adrian Udal 6, Michael Brady 7, Bob Merritt 8.

Lundy, Devon. 9 Apr, 1250 Rutland S Major: Adrian Udal 1, Jill Hupman 2, Michael Brady 3, Jane Haslam 4, Edmund Hartley 5, Mark Entwistle 6, Andrew Giles 7, Christopher Gould (C) 8. These two quarter peals rung in celebration of the birth on 10.2.97 of Max Oliver Langford.

Lundy, Devon. 9 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Chapman 1, Jane Haslam 2, Penny Bradsell 3, Christopher Gould 4, Adrian Udal 5, Michael Grady 6, Edmund Hartley (C) 7, Bob Merritt 8. Birthday celebrations all day for 6.

Lundy, Devon. 12 Apr, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Edmund Hartley 1, Jane Haslam 2, Jill Hupman 3, Andrew Giles 4, Michael Brady 5, Christopher Gould 6, Mark Entwistle 7, Mike Wigney (C) 8.

Lundy, Devon. 12 Apr, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: James White 1, Jill Hupman 2, Edmund Hartley 3, Penny Bradsell 4, Mark Entwistle 5, Mike Wigney (C) 6, Christopher Gould 7, Andrew Giles 8.

Lundy, Devon. 12 Apr, 1260 Middlesex Triples: Christopher Gould 1, Andrew Giles 2, Patricia Chapman 3, Mike Wigney 4, Jill Hupman (C) 5, Edmund Hartley 6, Mark Entwistle 7, James White 8. 1st in m: 2.3.

Huish Champflower, Som. 8 Apr, 1260 St Martin's B Doubles: Anne Stening 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Wilf Dunn 3, Adrian Udal (1st in m) 4, John Levin (C) 5, Jill Hupman 6.

Taunton, Som. (St James) 13 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mike Wigney (C) 1, Jill Hupman 2, Edmund Hartley 3, Michael Brady 4, James White 5, Mark Entwistle 6, Christopher Gould 7, Adrian Udal 8.

Ash in Berkshire

Saturday 19th April 1997

Hungerford, Berks. 1260 Stedman Triples: Patricia Tucker 1, David Hammonds 2, Janet Hayter 3, Eddie Hancock 4, Jan Sapiezynski 5, Robert Davis 6, Patrick Tucker (C) 7, Terry Thomas 8.

Midgham, Berks. 1250 Cambridge S Minor: Leonard Pearse 1, Patricia Tucker 2, Terry Thomas 3, Jan Sapiezynski 4, David Hammonds 5, Patrick Tucker (625th Q, C) 6.

East Ilsley, Berks. 1288 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Tucker 1, Fran Aelberry 2, Janet Hayter 3, Jan Sapiezynski 4, Eddie Hancock 5, Robert Davis (C) 6, Patrick Tucker 7, Terry Thomas 8. £3.50

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Taunton, Som. (St James) 19 Apr, 1344 Rutland S Major: Linda Nicholson 1, Wendy Campbell 2, Patricia Yeo 3, Julie Sinden 4, Neil Williams (1st in m) 5, Geoffrey Emerson 6, Ian Campbell 7, James Grant (C) 8.

Ilminster, Som. 19 Apr, 1280 Bristol S Major: Andrew Nicholson 1, Ian Campbell 2, Lester Yeo 3, Elaine Grant 4, Geoffrey Emerson 5, Graham Tucker 6, Alan Sinden (C) 7, James Kirkcaldy 8. Diamond wedding anniversary compliment to Bryan and Eileen Parker of Bristol.

Chard, Som. 19 Apr, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Elaine Grant 1, Julie Sinden 2, Patricia Yeo 3, Graham Tucker 4, Neil Williams 5, Ian Campbell 6, Andrew Nicholson 7, James Kirkcaldy (C) 8. First birthday compliment to Laurie Kirkcaldy.

Thorncombe, Dorset. 19 Apr, 1280 Easingwold S Major: Neil Williams 1, Wendy Campbell 2, James Kirkcaldy 3, Lester Yeo 4, Graham Tucker 5, Andrew Nicholson 6, Alan Sinden (1st in m, C) 7, James Grant 8. £4

Middlesex C.A. & London D.G. Western District Quarter Peal Day

Saturday 10 May, 1997

A blustery showery day, not much good for anything else, so 73 ringers took part in the Western District quarter peal day. At 10 o'clock I rang a quarter of Bob Minor which was my first as conductor, one of the 14 successful quarters out of 18 attempted. During the day five other firsts were scored by Rowena Scott, Fiona Smith, Peter Ramsbottom, Steve Douglas and Dorothy Barker.

In the afternoon I dashed off to Cranford with the family. The children were delighted with the new play area, whilst Mike rang his first quarter of the day. We greatly appreciated the help given by all those from outside our district. Thanks are also due to our experienced ringers who didn't mind dashing round the district to ring several quarters as there were attempts at 16 different towers. Out of the failed quarters we have a moral to learn: "Don't ring with the District Ringing Master; he has too much on his mind organising the day to be able to concentrate on ringing." However Ian Blake and Anita Adams should be thanked for organising the whole successful day, during which we raised '54 for the BRF.

S.M.E.

Cranford, Middx. 1260 PB Minor: Peter Ramsbottom 1, Dorothy Barker 2, Steve Rata 3, Geoff Robinson 4, Fiona Clode 5, Martin Clode (C) 6. 1st minor: 1. 1st PB minor inside: 2. Also 1260 PB Doubles: Andrea Blake 1, Harold Cuthbert 2, Mike Ellis 3, Tom Payne 4, Mike Wigney (C) 5, Valerie Payne 6.

Ealing, Middx. (St Mary) 1250 Cambridge S Major: Ian Redway 1, Mark Regan (C) 2, Sue Falconer 3, Julia Sheffield 4, Mike Sprackling 5, Tim Palmer 6, Steve Russ 7, Alison Regan 8.

Great Stanmore, Middx. 1260 PB Minor: Alison Regan 1, Ian Redway 2, Sue Ellis (1st as C) 3, Alan Luxford 4, Len North 5, Mark Regan 6.

Hanwell, Middx. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Anita Adams 1, Mike Wigney (C) 2, Mary Gage 3, Roger Gage 4, Steve Douglas (1st inside) 5, John Barrance 6

Harefield, Middx. 1260 PB Doubles: Pat Grisdale 1, Audrey Andrews 2, Marion Carruthers 3, Malcolm Pavitt 4, John Hereward (C) 5, Tim Eltringham 6.

Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middx. 1260 Stedman Triples: Joan Hooton 1, Sue Falconer 2, Christine Corfield 3, Tim Palmer 4, Alan Martin 5, Mike Ellis 6, Bob Partridge (C) 7, John Small 8. Associated with Bridget Campbell who stood down on meeting short. Also for the Harrow Music Festival.

Harrow Weald, Middx. 1260 PB Minor: Connie Baron 1, Hilda Brown 2, Mavis Mann 3, Joan Hooton 4, Ted Hibbs 5, Bob Partridge (C) 6, David Gilbert 7, Chris Brundritt 8. Rung with two covers.

Hayes, Middx. 1260 Grandsire Triples: Fiona Smith (1st triples) 1, Anita Adams 2, Audrey Andrews 3, Julia Sheffield 4, John Barrance 5, Mike Sprackling (C) 6, Roger Gage 7, Geoff Robinson 8

Hendon, Middx. 1280 Superlative S Major: Betty Sutcliffe 1, Stella Shell 2, Justin Baker 3, Martin Clode 4, Fiona Clode 5, Martin Sutcliffe 6, Roger Bailey (C) 7, Bob Partridge 8.

Hillingdon, Middx. 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Anita Adams 1, Mary Gage 2, Julia Sheffield 3, Trishia Palmer 4, Steve Russ (C) 5, Roger Gage 6. Also 1260 Stedman Triples: Mark Regan 1, Fiona Clode 2, Jay Bunyan 3, Martin Clode 4, Alison Regan 5, Roger Booth 6, Steve Russ (C) 7, Roger Gage 8.

Uxbridge, Middx. (St Andrew) 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rowena Scott (1st Q) 1, Stella Shell 2, Alison Regan (C) 3, Alan Rix 4, Mark Regan 5, David Gilbert 6.

Willesden, Middx. 1440 S Minor (Durham & Carlisle): Jason Hughes 1, Richard Saddleton 2, Peter Bennett 3, Mark Bennett 4, James Sawle (C) 5, Michael Trimm 6. £10

Minor Method Named

On 8th April 1997, a quarter peal of TDMM 259 was rung at Bozeat, Northants, and named:

Bozeat Delight Minor

PAUL M. MASON.