

Loughborough, Leics (Bell Foundry). 23 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: John Pladdys 1, Andrew Mudge 2, Paul Pascoe 3, Jeremy Burnham 4, John Steere 5, Philip Mudge 6, George Mudge (C) 7, David Pike 8. To celebrate the casting of two new trebles for Tavistock.

Monks Kirby, Warks. 14 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Grewcock 1, Judith Lake 2, John Illingworth 3, Jayne Davis 4, Tony Davis 5, Timothy Wykes 6, William Haynes (C) 7, Caroline Collier 8. On the 77th anniversary of the 1st peal on the bells. £1.80

Oadby, Leics. 2 Aug, 1260 PB Triples: Simon Smith (circ twr) 1, Gwenyth Tyler 2, Jane Farrelly 3, John Thompson 4, Diana Young 5, George Hebborn 6, Andrew Young (C) 7, Caroline Carter 8. Farewell compliment to the Revd David Clark, prior to his last service, leaving to take up a new post at St James the Greater, Leicester. All other members of Oadby band wish to be associated. £1.60

Orwell, Cambs. 8 Aug, 1504 PB Major: David Hawkins 1, Walter Hunt 2, David Coleman 3, Marion Perryman 4, Richard Fletcher 5, Alan Petri 6, Owen Davis 7, Geoffrey Perryman (C) 8. 1st on the bells after augmentation. £1.60

Plymouth, Devon (St Andrew). 15 Aug, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Clare Staggs 1, Penny Alexander 2, C W Temperton 3, R C Shere 4, A R Climo-Thompson 5, T M Bayton (1st in m) 6, R Brown 7, F M S Stracey (C) 8. We wish Dominic a speedy recovery. £2.20

Rushden, Nthants. 9 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: Meg Boatright 1, Pam Bailey 2, Jack Hadley 3, Vivienne Striblehill 4, John Vintiner 5, Alan Marks (C) 6. Wedding compliment to Frances Vintiner & Andrew Peplow, married on 1 August at Great Doddington. Retirement compliment to Jack Hadley. 98th birthday wishes to the Queen Mother. £1.20

Sandridge, Herts. 16 Aug, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Christine Harris 1, Sue Mathison 2, A T Hawkins 3, A W Jeffs 4, R D R Brown 5, R J Crocker (C) 6. For Evensong. Farewell compliment to the Revd Paul Nelson, going to the Hundred River Benefice near Beccles, Suffolk. £1

Sutton cum Lound, Notts. 15 Aug, 1272 London S Minor: Megan Lane 1, Bryan Birkett (1st in m) 2, John Coates 3, Michael Lane 4, Brian Freeman 5, David Holland (C) 6. For the engagement of David Lane to Cinnamon Vincent, recently announced in Auckland, New Zealand. £1

Other Quarters

Aberdeen (St Machar's Cathedral). 9 Aug, 1320 PB Doubles: Ann Stott (1st Q) 1, Stuart Still 2, Liz Robertson 3, Robert Oakeshott 4, Mark Reynolds (C) 5, Liz Smart 6.

Aldbourn, Wilts. 10 Apr, 1260 Doubles (5 m/v): G Cook 1, G A Newman 2, W Newton 3, A G Keen 4, M Hart (C) 5, C Barnes 6. Half-muffled on Good Friday. £1.20

Castle Cary, Som. 16 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: John Dunford 1, Robert Davis 2, Jenny Alderson 3, Alexander Watt 4, Brian Shingler 5, Chris Tough (C) 6. After meeting short for branch S Major practice. £1

Great Somerford, Wilts. 17 Aug, 1320 Munden S Minor: R G Edwards (45) 1, E D Chivers (50) 2, E T Lee (50) 3, M J Horseman (45) 4, A E Cox (36) 5, J Brain (C, 40) 6. By some of the Old Codgers who suddenly realised they had a total of 266 years ASCY membership between them. £1

Norwich, Norfolk (St Giles). 4 Aug, 1320 Norwich S Minor: Barbara Cattermole 1, Sarah Cattermole 2, Roy Wiles 3, Sarah Hodgson (1st in m) 4, Maureen Gardiner 5, Jeremy Spiller (C) 6.

Rushden, Nthants. 14 Aug, 1272 Primrose S Minor: Meg Boatright 1, Pam Bailey 2, Jack Hadley 3, John Vintiner 4, Paul Mason (C) 5, Alan Marks 6. On practice night. £1.20

Shaftord, Surrey. 6 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: Roger Bull 1, Nick Hagggett 2, Michael Bryant 3, Jennifer Hepburn 4, Sally Schupke 5, Julian Morgan 6, David Hester (1st Stedman as C) 7, Ruth Blackwell 8. £1.60

Streatham, London SW. 4 Aug, 1260 PB Doubles: Tony Nunn 1, Martin Harris 2, Helen Atkins 3, Robert Barber 4, Gill Tomlinson (C) 5, Eddie Adams 6.

Swoffham, Norfolk. 12 Aug, 1280 Spiced S Major (8m): Mick Cole 1, Adrian Clifton 2, Shirley Drew 3, Simon Rudd (C) 4, Brian Hullah 5, Angela Clifton 6, Geoff Drew 7, David Riley 8. 1st for 29 years: 3!

Barnes in the West No. 10

For the tenth year running the Barnes ringers and their friends based themselves in Bampton, Devon, for a "weekend" (which for some stretched to six days!), and enjoyed several days ringing in Devon and Somerset.

The advance party left London on Wednesday morning and after coffee and a ring at Mere lunched just outside Ilminster before starting the serious ringing as we made our way to Bampton and our hotels. Before the day was out Giles had rung his first quarter! Thursday saw us cross Exmoor in the mist for an early start at Luccombe and then we rang our way along the Somerset coast from Porlock to Dunster. Then at Timberscombe Trisha rang her quarter of triples inside. Some of the band had found the Dunster bells very tempting and returned for the local practice while the rest of us went back to the practice at Bampton.

Friday saw us south of Exeter, starting at Chudleigh where Adrian called a quarter of Cambridge Major for the first time, and then after Ide and Dawlish with their new bearings, we lunched on the coast at the Smugglers Inn. Then on to Kenton and Powderham where Andrew rang his first quarter, before enjoying some Stedman at Exminster.

Saturday we were closer in to Exeter. At St Mark's we rang for a wedding (although the couple had not booked the bells!), then after an excellent quarter at Pinhoe, on to Heavytree, St Petrock's and the Cathedral, where our recent recruits found out what really big bells look and sound like!

As usual, Sunday was mostly Service ringing, though we did "squeeze" in a couple of extra old favourites (Uplowman and Milverton), with lunch at one of our favourite watering holes, the Anchor Inn by the river at Exbridge. The cream tea at the Old Well, Waterloo Cross, and Evensong ringing at Wellington were meant to be the end of the trip for the majority, but some left earlier and others were persuaded to stay longer. Those that did finished the day with an excellent quarter at Milverton.

The final ring of the trip was a quarter at Wiveliscombe the next day when Andrew Howard the local captain joined us to make up the number and celebrate his birthday!

Our thanks to all who arranged for us to ring and who met and welcomed us at the 33 towers we visited. As ever we look forward to the next time!

Morebath, Devon. 15 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Maryanne Roach 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Stella Shell 3, Adrian Udal 4, Nicholas Ley (C) 5, Giles Dimock (1st Q) 6.

Luccombe, Som. 16 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Jill Hupman 1, Stella Shell 2, Edmund Hartley 3, Maryanne Roach 4, Mike Wigney 5, Adrian Udal (C) 6. 1st Cambridge minor: 6.

Timberscombe, Som. 16 Jul, 1260 P B Triples: Mike Wigney 1, Maryanne Roach 2, Stella Shell 3, Trisha Hawkins (1st triples inside) 4, Edmund Hartley 5, Ian Church 6, Jill Hupman (C) 7, Nicholas Ley 8.

Chudleigh, Devon. 17 Jul, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Jim Shepard 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Stella Shell 3, Jill Hupman 4, Ian Church 5, Nicholas Ley 6, Mike Wigney 7, Adrian Udal (1st C major as C) 8.

Kenton, Devon. 17 Jul, 1260 St Clements & P B Minor: Stella Shell 1, Jim Shepard 2, Adrian Udal 3, Nicholas Ley 4, Ian Church 5, Mike Wigney (C) 6.

Powderham, Devon. 17 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Colin Yandle 1, Jill Hupman 2, Trisha Hawkins 3, Maryanne Roach 4, Edmund Hartley (C) 5, Andrew Howard-Smith (1st Q) 6.

Thorverton, Devon. 18 Jul, 1278 Grandsire Caters: Jill Hupman 1, Mike Wigney (C) 2, Jane Kostelnyk 3, Stella Shell 4, Ian Church 5, Maryanne Roach 6, Monica Trow 7, Jim Shepard 8, Mark Smith 9, Nicholas Ley 10.

Stoke Canon, Devon. 18 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Colin Yandle 1, Maryanne Roach 2, Trisha Hawkins 3, Adrian Udal 4, Edmund Hartley (C) 5, Andrew Howard-Smith 6.

Exeter, Devon. (St Marks) 18 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Stella Shell 1, Mike Wigney (C) 2, Ian Church 3, Monica Trow 4, Jane Kostelnyk 5, Nicholas Ley 6, Jill Hupman 7, Mark Smith 8.

Pinhoe, Devon. 18 Jul, 1296 L B Major: Jill Hupman 1, Stella Shell 2, Maryanne Roach 3, Ian Church 4, Edmund Hartley 5, Jane Kostelnyk 6, Adrian Udal 7, Mike Wigney (C) 8. A 60th birthday compliment to James Ingham from all the band.

Bampton, Devon. 19 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Colin Yandle 1, Stella Shell 2, Nicholas Ley 3, Monica Trow 4, Mike Wigney (C) 5, Andrew Howard-Smith 6. For morning service.

Morebath, Devon. 19 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mike Wigney (C) 1, Ian Church 2, Trisha Hawkins (1st in m inside) 3, Edmund Hartley 4, Jane Kostelnyk 5, Jill Hupman 6.

Milverton, Som. 19 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Stella Shell 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Monica Trow 3, Nicholas Ley 4, Mike Wigney 5, Adrian Udal 6, Jim Shepard (C) 7, Jill Hupman 8. 550th Q: 7.

Wiveliscombe, Som. 20 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Adrian Udal 1, Jim Shepard 2, Andrew Howard 3, Jill Hupman 4, Stella Shell 5, Edmund Hartley 6, Mike Wigney (C) 7, Trisha Hawkins 8. A birthday treat for 3.

Pearce Hand in Glove with Hereford Mob

By Our Reporter

The Oxfordshire ringers known as the 'Hereford Holiday Mob' were seen in North Devon recently in the company of J 'For Jesus' Pearce. Pearce, 59, who has the delicate hands and tender skin typical of an expoliceman, was noticed to be ringing wearing one gardening glove.

Ringers React to Ropes

The Holiday bunch found the long Devon ropes a challenge and were frequently seen in pubs applying cold glasses to their blistered fingers.

Marcham Ringer in Transfer Discussions

Pearce's local knowledge led to the group trying their hands at Devon call changes at Pilton practice night. Marcham ringer Paula Utting, 24, scored a big hit as Treble Queen. 'We enjoyed her quick handstrokes' said locals.

Ringers Survive Seasickness Drama

The group braved the huge waves of the Bristol Channel to travel to Lundy Island on a day trip organised by 'Whispering' Mike Harrison, 52, who had to adapt his usual understated calling style for a quarter peal at St Helena's.

Molton Coffee

At the final tower of the trip, South Molton, ringing was well under way when a chef appeared at the door. 'Darlings! Wonderful ringing!' he exclaimed, and at that moment the clapper fell out of the 4th with a loud bang. After a free cup of coffee in the chef's cafe the Hereford mob left the area.

Never Again

Organiser Utting, 38, who had been quoted as saying 'Never again' was later heard to say 'Where shall we go next year?'

Abbotsham, Devon. 27 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): James O'Beirne 1, Fiona Brocklehurst 2, Barbara Payne (C) 3, John Pearce 4, Michael Harrison 5, Louise Dixon 6.

West Down, Devon. 28 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Paula Utting 1, Sylvia Harrison 2, John Pearce 3, Andy Utting 4, Michael Harrison 5, Peter Day (C) 6.

Lundy Island, Devon. 29 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Fiona Brocklehurst 1, Sylvia Harrison 2, Barbara Payne 3, John Pearce 4, Andy Utting 5, Michael Harrison (C) 6, Peter Day 7, James O'Beirne 8.

Swimbridge, Devon. 30 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Barbara Payne 1, Paula Utting 2, Sylvia Harrison 3, John Pearce 4, Peter Day 5, Michael Harrison (C) 6. £5

Quarters in Cornwall

St Buryan. 25 Jul, 1274 Cambridge S Minor: Trystan Hitchens 1, Diane Reynolds 2, Catherine Watson 3, Mick Priestley 4, Julian Watson 5, Chris Venn (C) 6.

Paul. 25 Jul, 1320 Norwich S Minor: Diane Reynolds 1, Jane Hitchens 2, Trystan Hitchens 3, Mick Priestley 4, Julian Watson 5, Catherine Watson (C) 6.

Penzance. 25 Jul, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Julian Watson 1, Catherine Watson 2, Christine Northeast 3, Diane Reynolds 4, Mick Priestley 5, Jane Hitchens 6, Chris Venn (C) 7, Trystan Hitchens 8. Happy birthday to Neil Hitchens. £2

Quarter peal forms are available (free) from the RW Office, Guildford. Send a stamped/addressed (9"x4") envelope now.