

## Barnes in Bampton

Barnes ringers based themselves in Bampton once again for another long summer weekend in the West Country. The trip was enjoyed by everyone, with a variety of ringing which ranged from rounds and call changes to a quarter peal of 8-spliced surprise major. There were moments of amusement, delight and, inevitably, irritation! Those who opened a book on how long the 8-spliced would run were surprised by predictions much over 10 minutes and the confidence of the band, however it was justified by competence and deputy captain Jill Hupman won the sweepstake with her prediction of 44 minutes! Many of the other quarter peals were equally successful but we lost a few more than expected and could only blame two failures on broken ropes!

Generally the other arrangements went well, although one pub failed us dismally with its poor lunch time service, and a potential lock-out had to be overcome by negotiation with a local electrician and some skilful use of his ladder. The confusion which followed that incident led to a band assembling to ring London Minor with four inside ringers and two who could treble and we are grateful to Sam Lander who having come to meet us and let us in, volunteered to join us and achieved his first in the method!

The dinner at the Swan Hotel in Bampton on Saturday night (provided by hotelier and local ringer Pam Dunesby and her husband Brian) was a great success and followed by some typically light hearted entertainment. Animal charades had several of us in some very strange contortions. Colin is still wondering why he was in trouble for mentioning the penguin and Maryanne's crocodile had most of us in stitches rather than fear, not to mention the anteater...!!

The five of us who left the return journey until Monday visited Tom and Margaret Chapman at Pigle-tower on the way back and discovered a whole new meaning to the term bell-handling!

Once again we are most grateful to all the incumbents and local ringers who allowed us to ring, made us welcome and turned out to meet us and open up their towers.

E.J.R.H.

**West Buckland, Som.** 14 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: James White 1, Jim Shepard 2, Francis Ring-Davies 3, Peter Valuks 4, Edmund Hartley (C) 5, Giles Dimock 6.

**Uplowan, Devon.** 14 Jul, 1260 St Clements B Minor: Trisha Hawkins 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Stella Shell 3, Francis Ring-Davies 4, Adrian Udal 5, Peter Valuks (C) 6.

**Ashbrittle, Som.** 15 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Lorraine Lysons 1, Jill Hupman 2, Trisha Hawkins 3, Edmund Hartley 4, Adrian Udal (1st doubles as C) 5, Giles Dimock 6.

**Fitzhead, Som.** 15 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Adrian Udal 1, Francis Ring-Davies 2, Mike Brady 3, Peter Valuks 4, James White 5, Mike Wigney (C) 6.

**Norton Fitzwarren, Som.** 15 Jul, 1272 London S Minor: Jim Shepard 1, Stella Shell 2, Sam Lander (1st in m) 3, Edmund Hartley 4, Mark Smith 4, Jill Hupman (C) 6.

**Pilton, Devon.** 16 Jul, 1280 Rutland S Major: Stella Shell 1, Jill Hupman 2, Tony Nunn 3, Edmund Hartley 4, Adrian Udal 5, James White 6, Mark Smith 7, Mike Wigney (C) 8.

**Braunton, Devon.** 16 Jul, 1260 Middlesex Triples: Trisha Hawkins 1, Stella Shell 2, Jill Hupman 3, Jim Shepard 4, Edmund Hartley (C) 5, Mike Brady 6, Mike Wigney 7, Colin Yandle 8.

**Georgeham, Devon.** 16 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Francis Ring-Davies 1, Peter Valuks 2, Gill Tomlinson 3, Jane Kostelnik 4, Tony Nunn 5, James White 6, Chris Stanley 7, Mark Smith (C) 8.

**Barnstaple, Devon.** 16 Jul, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Adrian Udal 1, Stella Shell 2, Francis Ring-Davies 3, Trisha Hawkins 4, Gill Tomlinson 5, James White 6, Tony Nunn (C) 7, Andrew Howard-Smith 8.

**Chittlehampton, Devon.** 16 Jul, 1280 Bristol S Major: Edmund Hartley 1, Peter Valuks 2, Jill Hupman 3, Mike Brady 4, Jane Kostelnik 5, Chris Stanley 6, Mark Smith 7, Mike Wigney (C) 8.

**Thorverton, Devon.** 17 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Nicholas Ley 1, Stella Shell 2, Maryanne Roach 3, Gill Tomlinson 4, Francis Ring-Davies 5, Monica Trow 6, Chris Stanley (C) 7, Adrian Udal 8, James White 9, Trisha Hawkins 10.

**Silverton, Devon.** 17 Jul, 1280 8-Spl S Major (Std 8): Edmund Hartley 1, Jill Hupman 2, Mark Smith 3, Mike Brady 4, Jane Kostelnik 5, Peter Valuks 6, Tony Nunn 7, Mike Wigney (C) 8.

**Woodbury, Devon.** 17 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Stella Shell 1, Mike Brady 2, Monica Trow 3, Maryanne Roach 4, James White 5, Mike Wigney 6, Peter Valuks 7, Adrian Udal (C) 8.

**Cruwys Morchard, Devon.** 18 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Mark Smith 1, Edmund Hartley 2, James White 3, Mike Wigney 4, Adrian Udal 5, Peter Valuks (C) 6.

**Bishops Hull, Som.** 18 Jul, 1304 Grandsire Minor: Lorraine Lysons 1, Gill Tomlinson (200th Q) 2, Maryanne Roach 3, Tony Nunn 4, Nicholas Ley 5, Chris Stanley (C) 6. £25

## Five Quarter Peals in One Day

**Weybridge, Surrey.** 3 Jul, 1250 Ebony S Major: Jennifer Smith 1, Sandra Alford 2, Isabel Woodward 3, Jonathan Franklin 4, Simon Alford 5, Jeremy Alford (C) 6, Edward Woodward 7, David Smith 8. 1st in m for all.

**Egham, Surrey.** 1440 Wolstanton S Royal: Isabel Woodward 1, Sandra Alford 2, Karen Monk 3, Jennifer Smith 4, Malcolm Loveday 5, Simon Alford (C) 6, David Smith 7, Jeremy Alford 8, Edward Woodward 9, Jonathan Franklin 10. 1st in m for all.

**Sonning, Berks.** 1280 Bristol S Major: Matthew Franklin 1, Rachel Franklin (1st in m) 2, Sandra Alford 3, Isabel Woodward 4, Jeremy Alford (C) 5, Jonathan Franklin 6, Simon Alford 7, David Smith 8.

**Bray, Berks.** 1312 The Moon S Major: Matthew Franklin 1, Anne Franklin 2, Jennifer Smith 3, Jonathan Franklin 4, Jeremy Alford 5, Edward Woodward 6, David Smith (C) 7, Simon Alford 8. 1st in m for all.

**Wooburn, Bucks.** 1280 Spl S Major (BLSC): Rachel Franklin 1, Anne Franklin 2, Jennifer Smith 3, David Smith 4, Simon Alford 5, Edward Woodward 6, Jonathan Franklin (C) 7, Jeremy Alford 8. £5

## Geriatric Learners Quarter Peal Day

This quarter peal day followed much the same pattern as previous ones, except that this time the emphasis was on consolidation rather than ringing something new.

The result was that some very good quarter peals were rung and 100% success was achieved. Well done, everyone! Thank you to all those who participated and those who met us and allowed us to ring on their bells.

P.A.M.H.

**Belper, Derbys.** 19 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Pat Halls (C) 1, Angela Truelove 2, John Holmden (1st on 8 inside) 3, Philip Dunderdale 4, Arnold Morley 5, Gordon Halls 6, Philip Mehew 7, Brian Tomlinson 8. £1.60

**Belper, Derbys.** 1260 PB Triples: Brian Tomlinson 1, Chris Willis (1st PB triples inside) 2, Mike Willis 3, Mike Banks 4, Colin Shaw 5, Gordon Halls 6, Arnold Morley (C) 7, Pat Halls 8. £1.60

**Ockbrook, Derbys.** 1260 PB Minor: John Heaton (C) 1, Mike Willis 2, Chris Willis 3, Vivien Suttie 4, Jonathan Stevens 5, Jack Chadwick 6. £1.20

**Spondon, Derbys.** 1260 PB Minor: Angela Truelove 1, Philip Dunderdale 2, Vivien Suttie 3, Don Jones 4, Bob Burfitt 5, Jack Chadwick (C) 6. £1.20

**Brailsford, Derbys.** 1320 Kent TB Minor: Betty Marshall 1, Mary Cox 2, Philip Dunderdale 3, John Marshall 4, Colin Shaw 5, Philip Mehew (C) 6. £1.20

**Mayfield, Staffs.** 1260 PB Minor: Angela Truelove 1, John McCartney 2, Philip Warrington 3, Colin Shaw 4, Brian Tomlinson 5, Philip Mehew (C) 6. £1.20

**S Wingfield, Derbys.** 1260 PB Minor: Gill Hughes 1, Mary Grief 2, Vivien Suttie 3, Glyn Holdgate 4, Eric Sterland 5, John Heaton (C) 6. £1.20

**Pentrich, Derbys.** 1320 Oxford TB Minor: Pat Halls 1, Margaret Crofts 2, Gill Hughes 3, Glyn Holdgate 4, Eric Sterland 5, John Heaton (C) 6. £1.20

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