

Barnes goes to Norfolk!



The appointment of the Rev Richard Ames-Lewis, former Rector of Barnes, as Incumbent of East Dereham supplied good reason to make the Phoenix Hotel, within eye- and ear-shot of East Dereham's lovely ring of eight, the base for our 'week-end' (by tradition long since extended from Wednesday to Monday).

By dint of a huge amount of planning by the joint organisers (Eddie Hartley and Trisha Hawkins) ringing at 40 towers was arranged, accommodating 24 ringers arriving and departing at various stages, and quarter-peals often scheduled concurrently at two towers (usually by two entirely separate bands!).

A quarter at Newmarket (en route from London) never got off the ground, as ringing was interrupted almost immediately by the news that we had happened to coincide with an annual gathering of folk from all over the county in the nearby hall, and the local dignitaries were unable to hear themselves think. The next quarter, at East Harling, fared only slightly better, the attempt at Yorkshire S Major firing out after 25 minutes, probably because the ringers were allocated ropes in alphabetical order round the circle. Early arrival at the third tower produced the conclusion, based to some extent on advance information, that repair works would render ringing impossible, and thus a retreat to the next destination. The only solace by the end of the first day was that two quarters had eventually been achieved, and the thought that things could only get better!

They duly did! Over the next five days the number of successful quarters rose to 26 and we enjoyed some varied and sometimes demanding general ringing. Highlights were the ringing on the magnificent 12 at St Peter Mancroft, with its array of historic peal boards (e.g. first peal of Stedman Cinques), and quarters of Yorkshire and Bristol S Major at East Dereham, Spliced Standard Eight at St Michael's Coslany, and Variable Hunt Little Bob Minor at Shipdham. There were also many individual achievements in the quarters with several firsts including one first as conductor, a first on an inside bell and at least five first in method. We were very pleased that David Smith, a local ringer happily came to our rescue when we ran out of willing quarter peal ringers, and similarly, he was pleased to achieve a first in each quarter he rang!

A number of 'local' methods were practiced including Double Coslany at Coslany, and Norwich and Norfolk Surprise at various locations although attempts to quarter Norfolk failed to succeed. The usual crop of lighter moments presented themselves. These included, bizarrely, a rope breaking in the chime of queens on the completion of a lower following a successful quarter; a comedy skit type search - without anyone moving their feet - for a contact lens dislodged by a rope tail, the ringer in question having persisted heroically until the end of the quarter, and Sandradee's amazement and reluctance when, having asked for a glass of wine at lunch, she found she had the whole bottle to dispose of!

We were delighted to be so warmly welcomed in East Dereham, firstly by Richard and Katharine Ames-Lewis for tea at the Rectory on Friday, and then by the local ringers at their practice and for Service ringing on Sunday.

Ian Church had expected to be with us as usual on this trip, and his mother had valiantly invited over 20 of us to Sunday Lunch. Sadly at the last minute Ian was unable to come with us, but his mother insisted that she should still provide the lunch and what an excellent repast it proved to be. We are most grateful to her and daughter Eileen for their hospitality and all their hard work!

Although Sunday went well with six out of the seven quarters succeeding, including the simultaneous three after lunch, Monday proved that the first day's jinx had not been entirely exorcised. Soham bells did not want to settle to our attempt at Caters and then one of our number (who shall remain nameless) went to Welwyn Garden City instead of Welwyn for the last quarter resulting in a final day's tally of one out of three!

Our grateful thanks go to all the ringers, incumbents and parishioners who made their bells available and turned out to welcome us.

Now we have to decide where to go next year!!

C.T. & E.H.

Caston, Norfolk. 18 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Maryanne Roach 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Charles Turnbull 3, Trisha Hawkins (1st as C) 4, Peter Valuks 5, Christine Northeast 6.

East Dereham, Norfolk. 18 Jul, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Charles Turnbull 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Trisha Hawkins 3, Stella Shell 4, Maryanne Roach 5, Adrian Udall 6, Peter Valuks 7, Mark R G Smith (C) 8.

Marsham, Norfolk. 19 Jul, 1260 Stedman Triples: Jill Wigney 1, Stella Shell 2, Maryanne Roach 3, Trisha Hawkins 4, Mark Smith 5, Peter Valuks 6, Mike Wigney (C) 7, Charles Turnbull 8.

Aylsham, Norfolk. 19 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Jill Wigney 1, Stella Shell 2, Maryanne Roach 3, Edmund Hartley 4, Mike Wigney (C) 5, Christine Northeast 6, Adrian Udall 7, Peter Valuks 8, Mark Smith 9, Trisha Hawkins 10.

Coltishall, Norfolk. 19 Jul, 1272 Kent TB Minor: Edmund Hartley 1, Charles Turnbull (1st in m) 2, Trisha Hawkins 3, Christine Northeast 4, Peter Valuks 5, Mike Wigney (C) 6.

Wroxham, Norfolk. 19 Jul, 1272 London S Minor: Adrian Udall 1, Jill Wigney 2, Gill Tomlinson 3, Maryanne Roach 4, Tony Nunn 5, Mark Smith (C) 6.

Barton Turf, Norfolk. 19 Jul, 1260 St Clements Bob Minor: Maryanne Roach 1, Trisha Hawkins (1st in m) 2, Adrian Udall 3, Gill Tomlinson 4, Mike Wigney 5, Mark Smith (1st in m as C) 6.

Martham, Norfolk. 1348 Grandsire Minor: Edmund Hartley 1, Charles Turnbull (1st Grandsire Minor) 2, Stella Shell 3, Christine Northeast 4, Peter Valuks 5, Tony Nunn (C) 6.

Swanton Morley, Norfolk. 20 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Stella Shell 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Trisha Hawkins (C) 3, Charles Turnbull 4, Jill Wigney 5, Andrew Howard-Smith 6.

Salle, Norfolk. 20 Jul, 1250 Superlative S Major: Adrian Udall 1, Christine Northeast 2, Gill Tomlinson 3, Mark Smith 4, Maryanne Roach 5, Mike Wigney 6, Peter Valuks 7, Tony Nunn (C) 8.

Heydon, Norfolk. 20 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Trisha Hawkins 1, Charles Turnbull 2, David Smith (1st Minor inside) 3, Maryanne Roach 4, Christine Northeast 5, Adrian Udall (C) 6.

Gressenhall, Norfolk. 20 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Helen Mansfield 1, Stella Shell 2, Adrian Udall 3, Gill Tomlinson 4, Charles Turnbull 5, David Smith (1st triples inside) 6, Mike Wigney (C) 7, Andrew Howard-Smith 8.

Whissonsett, Norfolk. 20 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Trisha Hawkins 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Christine Northeast 3, Gill Tomlinson 4, Tony Nunn 5, Peter Valuks (C) 6.

Scarning, Norfolk. 20 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Helen Mansfield 1, Charles Turnbull 2, Mike Wigney 3, Francis Ring-Davies 4, Adrian Udall (C) 5, Andrew Howard-Smith.

Ketteringham, Norfolk. 21 Jul, *1260 PB Doubles: Trisha Hawkins 1, Andrew Howard-Smith (1st inside) 2, Edmund Hartley (C) 3, Charles Turnbull 4, Mark Smith 5, Lorraine Lysons 6.

Norwich (St Michael AA, Coslany). 21 Jul, 1280 Spliced S Major (Std 8): Monica Trow 1, Maryanne Roach 2, Gill Tomlinson 3, Jill Wigney 4, Tony Nunn 5, James White 6, Mike Wigney (C) 7, Peter Valuks 8.

Norwich (St George Colegate). 21 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Edmund Hartley 1, Trisha Hawkins 2, Stella Shell 3, Francis Ring-Davies 4, Adrian Udall 5, Mark Smith (C) 6.

Hethersett, Norfolk. 21 Jul, 1280 PB Major: Francis Ring-Davies 1, Charles Turnbull 2, Helen Mansfield (1st Major inside) 3, David Smith (1st Major) 4, Stella Shell 5, Monica Trow 6, Adrian Udall 7, Tony Nunn (C) 8. Rung to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr and Mrs Christmas.

East Dereham, Norfolk. 21 Jul, 1280 Bristol S Major: Christine Northeast 1, Gill Tomlinson 2, Maryanne Roach 3, Jill Wigney 4, James White 5, Mike Wigney (C) 6, Mark Smith 7, Peter Valuks 8.

Yaxham, Norfolk. 22 Jul, 1296 Surfleet S Minor: Monica Trow 1, Francis Ring-Davies (1st in m) 2, Stella Shell 3, Christine Northeast 4, Maryanne Roach (1st in m) 5, Peter Valuks (C) 6.

Holm Hale, Norfolk. 22 Jul, 1260 St Clements Bob Minor: Monica Trow 1, Stella Shell 2, Maryanne Roach 3, Christine Northeast 4, Francis Ring-Davies 5, Peter Valuks (C) 6.

Shipdham, Norfolk. 22 Jul, 1320 Variable Hunt Little Bob: Mike Wigney 1, Jill Wigney 2, Mark Smith 3, Tony Nunn 4, James White 5, Peter Valuks (C) 6. 1st variable hunt Minor for all the band.

Saham Toney, Norfolk. 22 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Anne Crocker 1, Christine Northeast 2, Helen Mansfield (1st Doubles inside) 3, Adrian Udall 4, Monica Trow (1st Doubles as C) 5, Francis Ring-Davies 6.

Watton, Norfolk. 22 Jul, 1260 Mixed Doubles: Lorraine Lysons 1, Stella Shell 2, Trisha Hawkins 3, Gill Tomlinson 4, Edmund Hartley (C) 5, Andrew Howard-Smith 6.

Hingham, Norfolk. 22 Jul, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Stella Shell 1, Christine Northeast 2, Peter Valuks 3, Gill Tomlinson 4, Monica Trow 5, Mark Smith 6, Tony Nunn (C) 7, Trisha Hawkins 8.

Northwold, Norfolk. 23 Jul, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: Edmund Hartley 1, Stella Shell (C) 2, Monica Trow 3, Gill Tomlinson 4, Christine Northeast 5, Peter Valuks 6, Tony Nunn 7, Mark Smith 8. £35



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