

Winford, Som. 4 Sep, 1250 Lessness S Major: Ann M Brown 1, Maryl R Chambers 2, Mervyn A Arscott 3, David A Huxford 4, Molly S Waterson 5, A Roy Shallish 6, Gerald V Skelly 7, Andrew H Ball (C) 8. 80th birthday compliment to Shelia Arscott Mervyn's mum. 1st in m: 3, 5, & 6.

Withycombe Raleigh, Devon. 7 Sep, 1260 Single Oxford B Triples: Mary Mack 1, Brian Horrell 2, Robert T Perry 3, Roger King 4, Helen Hitchins 5, David Wills 6, John A Foster (C) 7, Trevor Bradley 8. For Morning Service.

Wiveliscombe, Som. 11 Sep, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Keith Beale (C) 1, Joan Hopwood 2, Giles Morley 3, Rosemary Tuhey 4, John Lock 5, Mark Kent 6, Preb Christopher Marshall 7, Andrew F Howard 8. Celebrating the safe arrival of "baby boy" Western, first grandchild of Giles and Carole Morley, on 10th September, co-incidentally the switch-on day of the Large Hadron Collider at CERN.

Woodford, Essex. 18 Aug, 1320 PB Doubles: Maureen Mingay 1, A Faulkner 2, Jillian Laken 3, A Barham 4, D Ellsdon (C) 5, Liz Ruff 6. On practice night for the Patronal Festival Weekend.

Wootton, Oxon. 16 Aug, 1260 PB Doubles: Susan King 1, Roy Jones (C) 2, Alan Hillsdon 3, Mel Leggatt 4, Maarit Kivilo 5, Hugh Deam 6. Congratulations on your 6th wedding anniversary, Alan and Helen Hillsdon.

Worther, Shrops. 29 Aug, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Anne Newcombe 1, Nina L Wilkins 2, Rachel Hamer 3, Richard D Blagrove 4, David W Manton 5, Neil Bennett (C) 6. **£1.20**

Yate, Glos. 10 Sep, 1269 Cambridge S Minor: Ben Gooch 1, Ruth Stickland 2, Katherine Fulcher 3, David Matthews 4, Phillip Pratt 5, Pater Triplow (C) 6. Rung on the 10th anniversary of the beginning of "The Wednesday Night Band". This quarter contained four of the original band being the ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6. This quarter was rung concurrent with a quarter at Alveston which contains much of the current band. The band would like to thank all of the towers and locals for letting us ring the bells and would also like to thank all of the ringers who have taken part, particularly those who have rung at very short notice. Here's to the next ten years!

Yateley, Hants. 7 Sept, 1260 Doubles (2m): Maria Gaskell 1, Patricia Johnson 2, Susan Thomas 3, Ian Wright 4, Ellis Thomas (C) 5, Martin Johnson 6. Rung to congratulate Christopher Gaskell and Tamsin Jolly on their engagement. **£2**

Yatton, Som. 15 Aug, 1280 Bristol S Major: Jane Webster 1, Christine Andrew 2, Mo Sweet 3, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan 4, Teresa Dunstone 5, Bernard North 6, Michael Spencer 7, Mervyn Freeman (C) 8. By happy coincidence, this quarter was arranged on the birthday of the treble ringer!

Yatton, Som. 7 Sep, 1273 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Hunt 1, L Michael Callow 2, Jenny Y Hunt 3, Andrew H Ball 4, Robert Cato 5, Michael R Spencer 6, Bernard G North (C) 7, Claire Youdale 8. Rung for Evensong. Also to congratulate the ringers of 1 & 3 on their recent successful examination results. A farewell Q to Jenny Hunt who will be leaving us at the end of September to commence her university studies at Birmingham University.

Quality from Simplicity in Devon

Keeping it simple worked! The 120% success rate here reflects good concentration and consolidated learning. Special congratulations to Sue Sturdy on her recent excellent progress.

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Plymtree, Devon. 30 Aug, 1270 Bourne S Minor: Sue Sturdy 1, Lynne Hughes 2, Sue Sawyer 3, Mike Brady 4, Neil Williams 5, Tim Bayton (C) 6. **£1.20**

Payhembury, Devon. 30 Aug, 1260 Double Oxford B Minor: Neil Williams 1, Lynne Hughes 2, Sue Sturdy 3, Sue Sawyer 4, Mike Brady 5, Tim Bayton (C) 6. 1st in m: 3. **£1.20**

Buckerell, Devon. 30 Aug, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Lynne Hughes 1, Sue Sawyer 2, Mike Brady 3, Sue Sturdy 4, Don Roberts 5, Tim Bayton (C) 6. **£1.20**

Gittisham, Devon. 30 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sue Sawyer 1, Lynne Hughes 2, Mike Brady 3, Don Roberts 4, Tim Bayton (C) 5. **£1**

Feniton, Devon. 30 Aug, 1272 Ipswich S Minor: Don Roberts 1, Sue Sawyer 2, Lynne Hughes 3, Sue Sturdy 4, Mike Brady 5, Tim Bayton (C) 6. 1st in m: 4. **£1.20**

Feniton, Devon. (Church Car Park) 30 Aug, 1272 Kent TB Minor: Lynne Hughes 1-2, Sue Sawyer 3-4, Tim Bayton (C) 5-6. **60p**

Loughton Bells



The participants sat in the order treble-ringer to the left up to tenor-ringer on the right

Loughton bells were augmented to five in 1902 by Taylors, who recast the second and added a treble. A further treble was added in 1908 by Alfred Bowell of Ipswich. A hundred years later the back four are still going strong, being hung in a strange wooden frame described by Cocks in his *Church Bells of Buckinghamshire* as "constructed by an engineer from Northampton ... to an unusual design ... and will never be a success."

R W WINSTANLEY

Loughton, Bucks. 30 Aug, 1272 PB Minor: Gary Reading 1, Becky Fawcett 2, Ann Birch 3, Anne McIntyre 4, Bob Winstanley 5, Terry Page (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the augmentation of the ring of 6, the dedication service having been held on 30th August 1908.

We All Love Lundy

All of the party had visited Lundy more than once before, and from past experience, all expected more than just a week's holiday. After all, the first time, in October, we were helicoptered off; the second time, in June, the Air-Sea Rescue did a practice drop on to the deck of the Oldenburg; and the third time, in July, the Royal Marines jumped off the cliffs for a drink in the Tavern. We were not disappointed. Although it was August, the wind, rain and fog were, on some occasions, more than enough to rival those of October. When the sun shone, it was plenty hot enough to match that of July. We had a fantastic week, with plenty of walking, scrambling, bird watching and ringing. The MS Oldenburg's 50th birthday, on the Wednesday, provided the occasion for a special brew in the Tavern, and we did our share of downing a few pints. Daily practices up the tower paved the way for quarter peal attempts (eight successes in all, including two on the mainland whilst waiting for an afternoon ferry), and we achieved several firsts. David, who learnt to ring on Lundy two years ago, excelled himself by scoring four firsts – very well done.

Towards the end of the week we started taking an interest in the departure boards in the Tavern. After having listened to the foghorn all night, and being nearly blown off our feet whilst trying to reach the church, we were not really surprised to hear that there was some doubt whether the Oldenburg would make it. It was not until 3pm that we learnt our fate – another night (maybe even two) on the island. We returned to clean sheets and towels in Millcombe House, and decided to make the best of it with some intensive Plain Bob Minor practice. The next day, after about nine months' worth of ringing in a week, Dave rang his first Bob Minor inside. Thanks to Michael Main, who made it all possible, and even organised the indoor games when it was too wet to go out.

Combe Martin, Devon. 2 Aug, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Pauline Ridgwell 1, Catherine Priestley 2, Michael Main 3, Sue Bassett 4, Mick Priestley 5, Penny Watson 6, Richard Horne 7, Alan Shepherd (C) 8.

Berrynarbour, Devon. 2 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: David Bassett 1, Sue Bassett 2, Penny Watson 3, Mick Priestley 4, Alan Shepherd 5, Richard Horne (C) 6. 1st minor: 1. Rung to celebrate the life of Alice Martin, Great Aunt of the treble ringer, who died on 28th July 2008 aged 99 years and 350 days.

Lundy Island, Devon. 3 Aug, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Michael Main 1, Pauline Ridgwell 2, Mick Priestley 3, Richard Horne 4, Penny Watson 5, Alan Shepherd (C) 6 1st Norwich: 2.

Lundy Island, Devon. 4 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: David Bassett 1, Catherine Priestley 2, Pauline Ridgwell 3, Sue Bassett 4, Alan Shepherd 5, Penny Watson (C) 6.

Lundy Island, Devon. 6 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: David Bassett 1, Mick Priestley 2, Pauline Ridgwell 3, Sue Bassett 4, Penny Watson 5, Richard Horne 6, Alan Shepherd (C) 7, Michael Main 8. 1st on eight: 1. 1st Grandsire Triples: 3. For the 50th birthday of the MS Oldenburg.

Lundy Island, Devon. 7 Aug, 1272 Carlisle S Minor: Pauline Ridgwell 1, Sue Bassett 2, Richard Horne 3, Michael Main 4, Alan Shepherd 5, Penny Watson (C) 6. 1st in m: 2.

Lundy Island, Devon. 8 Aug, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: David Bassett 1, Sue Bassett 2, Michael Main 3, Richard Horne 4, Penny Watson 5, Alan Shepherd (C) 6. 1st treble bob: 1.

Lundy Island, Devon. 10 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: Michael Main 1, David Bassett 2, Penny Watson 3, Sue Bassett 4, Richard Horne 5, Alan Shepherd (C) 6. 1st minor inside: 2. To celebrate our extra day!

£9

Barnes Ringers and Friends in Cornwall

From modest beginnings 20 years ago the annual Barnes Ringers and Friends "Weekend" has become an institution. After a relatively low-key event in Kent and Sussex last year, all the stops were pulled out to make this year's tour possibly the best ever. On Tuesday we drifted down to Penzance by various routes and modes of transport, a few stopping at Truro for the cathedral practice, and congregated in the Yacht for supper.

Wednesday got off to a good start with Stedman Triples on the fine eight at Penzance. We then headed for Land's End, via general ringing at St Buryan (form an orderly queue for the tenor), and lunch at the "First and Last". The three at St Just were, shall we say, interesting. Later in the day there were shenanigans with parking at Mousehole ("Good job it wasn't me or we'd never have heard the last of it!") but soon the tinkling of handbells could be heard from around an upturned boat. Mike was advised that it might be prudent to apply the brakes of his wheelchair while perched on the edge of the harbour wall. Fresh fish from Newlyn featured prominently on the supper menu at the Ship.

The Yacht Inn has much to commend it: comfortable bedrooms with spectacular sea views, well-kept beer and a genial landlord. And the place seemed to be peculiarly conducive to vivid dreams which were discussed at the breakfast table, including the story of Maestro Hartley donning his tail coat and long white gloves to conduct an orchestral concert. The significance of a lorry load of Jersey Royals was not immediately obvious, although in retrospect it may have been a premonition (see below). Liz hinted darkly at tales of treachery and betrayal but declined to elaborate, while our poor organiser had dreamt that she was severely rebuked for booking dinner at a Thai restaurant when "we should be eating Cornish food".

The memory of Thursday's ringing, successful though it was, pales into insignificance. Griggs Quay Tea Rooms provided the best cream tea anyone had eaten for many a year – no wretched little plastic packets here but big bowls of home-made jam and proper clotted cream. Having piled it high on the warm scones, some resorted to spooning it up but were still defeated. Apparently the lady of the house runs it as a hobby and had opened specially for us. She bustled around with the scones and cream while her husband potted in and out, dispensing pots of tea and chatting amiably about the bird life on the Hayle estuary. Quote of the day: "I've only been here three days and my shorts have shrunk already."

Friday found us travelling the narrow winding lanes to the little villages of the Lizard peninsula. Philip, leading the band into Mannacan church, barely touched the door when an alarm went off. It eventually turned out to be on the school opposite but his timing was impeccable. St Anthony church, in a picturesque waterside setting, is still lit by candlelight. Quarters

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included a first as conductor, rung to compliment an absent friend on attaining his "three score and ten". At lunch time we were running at a 100% success rate but with Stedman Caters and 23-spliced Minor on the afternoon's agenda we couldn't possibly keep it up, could we? Amazingly both quarters were scored with the bonus of an impromptu one of Bob Major in hand.

There was drama in the village of Constantine on Saturday morning. A tractor towing an enormous trailer full of potatoes (remember that dream?), in the process of negotiating a carelessly parked car, reversed into a wall outside the Methodist Chapel, partly demolishing it. In the 20 minutes or so it took to clear the road a queue of at least six cars had built up, half of them containing ringers en-route to Mawnan. Thankfully we got there in time. Fears that the very light bells might be difficult to handle proved unfounded, leaving the "experts" on standby free to enjoy the view across a steep wooded cove or inspect the ancient bier house which now serves as a disabled toilet. Auntie Stella had, of course, rung there when they were a three.

Dinner at the Queen's Hotel was the occasion for reminiscences on previous tours ("Grandsire Triples eluded us again!") and a presentation to Chris Northeast, without whose local knowledge and organisational skills this year's wouldn't have been possible. Afterwards, most people took the opportunity for a breath of sea air while admiring the beautiful (if premature) harvest moon casting its golden light over the rippling waters and jagged rocks and pondering the mysterious appearance of an oil drilling rig in the bay ("It wasn't there this morning").

After Sunday service ringing there was coffee on St Michael's Mount (the indefatigable Christine had even organised the tides). The first arrivals were able to look back over the causeway with binoculars and witness the unusual spectacle of their leader walking (instantly identifiable by the trademark black bag). Those who ventured up to the castle were met by a bracing wind. Crab sandwiches were pricey but undeniably fresh and accompanied by a barbershop quartet.

At this juncture, some of the party headed for home. Quarters on the last day are often a little fraught and, with the added pressure of only one loss so far, 8-spliced at Tuckingmill soon became "Yorkshire and score". But DNCB at Penzance just wasn't going to go, so, with the curry already on order, we opted for an early finish and a quick pint or two before supper.

As the remnant prepared to disperse on Monday morning it was noticed that the oil rig, which had been

there all day Sunday, had vanished as suddenly as it had arrived. Realising to our astonishment that we had been in Cornwall six days without a single pasty being consumed or even appearing on the menu, a couple of us went to Portreath for the definitive article. All in all, it was a most satisfying trip, from a gastronomic as much as from a ringing point of view (Oh, I nearly forgot the honey and lavender ice cream). Grateful thanks to Eddie and the Barnes ringers and especially to Christine.

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Penzance, Cornwall. 16 Jul, 1296 Stedman Triples: Stella Shell 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Trisha Hawkins 3, Sheila Cheesman 4, Gill Tomlinson 5, Philip Pratt 6, Tony Nunn (C) 7, Jeremy Cheesman 8.

Sennen, Cornwall. 16 Jul, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Edmund Hartley 1, Stella Shell 2, Tony Nunn 3, Gill Tomlinson 4, Christine Northeast (C) 5, Philip Pratt 6.

Madron, Cornwall. 16 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sarah Percival (75th Q) 1, Stella Shell 2, Helen Udal 3, Gill Tomlinson 4, Mike Wigney 5, Adrian Udal (C) 6, Christine Northeast 7, Tony Nunn 8. 500th Q: 6.

Paul, Cornwall. 16 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Cheesman 1, Helen Udal 2, Jill Wigney 3, Sarah Percival 4, Jeremy Cheesman (C) 5, Adrian Udal 6. Birthday compliment to Robert Archer, brother of 2.

Crowan, Cornwall. 17 Jul, 1280 Superlative S Major: Trisha Hawkins 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Jill Wigney 3, Jane Hitchens 4, Mike Wigney 5, Christine Northeast 6, Gill Tomlinson 7, Tony Nunn (C) 8.

Gwinear, Cornwall. 17 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Sarah Percival 1, Stella Shell 2, Sheila Cheesman 3, Eddie Heath 4, Jeremy Cheesman 5, Philip Pratt (C) 6.

St Erth, Cornwall. 17 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Stella Shell 1, Christine Northeast 2, Trisha Hawkins 3, Sarah Percival 4, Edmund Hartley (C) 5, Eddie Heath 6.

Lelant, Cornwall. 17 Jul, 1272 Spl S Minor (3m): Jane Smith 1, Sheila Cheesman 2, Mike Wigney (C) 3, Jill Wigney 4, Jeremy Cheesman 5, Philip Pratt 6.

Ludgvan, Cornwall. 17 Jul, 1320 Norwich S Minor: Philip Pratt 1, Stella Shell 2, Mike Wigney 3, Jill Wigney 4, Tony Nunn 5, Gill Tomlinson (1st in m as C) 6.

Gulval, Cornwall. 17 Jul, 1280 PB Major: Sarah Percival 1, Trisha Hawkins 2, Edmund Hartley 3, Sheila Cheesman 4, Eddie Heath 5, Christine Northeast 6, Francis Ring-Davies 7, Jeremy Cheesman (C) 8.

Mawgan-in-Meneage, Cornwall. 18 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Trisha Hawkins 1, Mike Wigney 2, Sheila Cheesman 3, Eddie Heath 4, Francis Ring-Davies 5, Jeremy Cheesman (C) 6.

Manaccan, Cornwall. 18 Jul, 1320 PB Doubles: Christine Northeast 1, Gill Tomlinson 2, Helen Udal (C) 3, Philip Pratt 4, Adrian Udal 5, Tony Nunn 6. A 70th birthday compliment to James Ingham.

St Keverne, Cornwall. 18 Jul, 1289 Stedman Caters: Jill Wigney (C) 1, Stella Shell 2, Mike Wigney 3, Trisha Hawkins 4, Edmund Hartley 5, Gill Tomlinson 6, Sheila Cheesman 7, Jeremy Cheesman 8, Tony Nunn 9, Philip Pratt 10. A 70th birthday compliment to James Ingham.

Landewednack, Cornwall. 18 Jul, 1264 PB Major: Jill Wigney 1-2, Jeremy Cheesman 3-4, Mike Wigney (C) 5-6, Sheila Cheesman 7-8.

Landewednack, Cornwall. 18 Jul, 1440 Spl S Minor (23m): Christine Northeast 1, Mike Wigney (C) 2, Gill Tomlinson 3, Jill Wigney 4, Philip Pratt (most methods) 5, Tony Nunn 6.

Wendron, Cornwall. 19 Jul, 1276 Cambridge S Minor: Eddie Heath 1, Stella Shell 2, Francis Ring-Davies 3, Christine Northeast 4, Mike Wigney (C) 5, Sheila Cheesman 6.

Mawnan, Cornwall. 19 Jul, 1260 Mixed Doubles (3m): Trisha Hawkins 1, Philip Pratt 2, Helen Udal 3, Adrian Udal 4, Edmund Hartley (C) 5, Sarah Percival 6.

Perranarworthal, Cornwall. 19 Jul, 1284 PB Minor: Edmund Hartley 1, Francis Ring-Davies 2, Trisha Hawkins 3, Eddie Heath 4, Gill Tomlinson 5, Tony Nunn (C) 6.

Gwennap, Cornwall. 19 Jul, 1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Jill Wigney 1, Stella Shell 2, Helen Udal 3, Mike Wigney (C) 4, Adrian Udal 5, Sarah Percival 6. Birthday compliment to Bronson Percival, brother of 6, on his 60th birthday.

Redruth, Cornwall. 19 Jul, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Sheila Cheesman 1, Helen Udal 2, Christine Northeast 3, Tony Nunn 4, Gill Tomlinson 5, Adrian Udal 6, Francis Ring-Davies 7, Philip Pratt (C) 8.

Tuckingmill, Cornwall. 20 Jul, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Trisha Hawkins 1, Stella Shell 2, Edmund Hartley 3, Sheila Cheesman 4, Philip Pratt 5, Gill Tomlinson 6, Tony Nunn 7, Jeremy Cheesman (C) 8.

More quarters in memory of Peter Hardwick

Mells, Som. 19 Aug, 1260 PB Triples: Jenny Norris 1, Janice Skull 2, John Ball 3, Mike Attenborough 4, Ernest Bray 5, Ian Tucker 6, Peter Neil (C) 7, Terry Nicholls 8. In memory of Peter Hardwick.

Beckington, Som. 24 Aug, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Rosemary Ball 1, Ernest Bray 2, Terry Nicholls 3, Don Monro 4, Peter Neil 5, Dave Chiles 6, John Ball 7, David Ball (C) 8. Rung in memory of Peter Hardwick. Peter was a good friend of the Beckington ringers and rang many 1/4 peals on these bells.

Whately, Som. 26 Aug, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Jenny Norris 1, Janice Skull 2, Mike Attenborough 3, Ernest Bray 4, Terry Nicholls 5, Peter Neil (C) 6. In memory of Peter Hardwick. 1000th Q: 4.

See further obituary overleaf.

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Left to right: Trisha Hawkins, Jill Wigney, Tony Nunn, Sheila Cheesman, Gill Tomlinson, Christine Northeast, Sarah Percival, Philip Pratt, Stella Shell, Eddie Heath, Eddie Hartley, Mike Wigney, Jeremy Cheesman