

Prittlewell's Diamond couple

Saturday, 12th March 2011 was a special day for Bernard and Jose Sadler of Prittlewell. It was the day they renewed their wedding vows and had their marriage blessed at St. Mary the Virgin, Prittlewell; the same church in which they married some 60 years previous.

A large gathering of family and friends were in attendance to witness this solemn occasion. Prior to the service, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung on the recently installed new ring of 10, this being only the second quarter rung on the new bells, and the first of Royal. Details as under:

1260 PB Royal; John Grainger 1, Lawrence Beal 2, David Field 3, Allen Cansdale 4, Peter Sloman 5, Tom Sharp 6, Stephen Halliwell 7, Gerry Bacon 8, Oliver Cross 9, David Sloman (C) 10.

Following the obligatory picture taking after the service, we then headed to the church hall at Christ Church, Thorpe Bay, where a sumptuous afternoon tea awaited for all the invited guests.

One of the highlights of the day was meeting up with so many old ringing friends, who, under the care of Bernard and Jose, spent their formative years under their care and protection. Amongst the many photographs taken on this memorable day, was a picture of the ringers who were associated with them in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

We wish them well for a long and continuing happy life together, and thank them for all their kindness over many years.

GERRY BACON



Left to right, Stephen Halliwell, Peter Sloman, Jen Watts (née Emms), Gerry Bacon, Jose and Bernard Sadler; Christine Moles (née Lewis), David Sloman, Penny Sloman (née Halliwell) and Janet Gasson (née Rowe)



The on-line Dove's Guide for Church Bell Ringers can be found at:

dove.cccb.org.uk/home.php

Updates to your tower's information (such as change of practice night) are really helpful to potential visitors.

Also – do please supply full details of your bells and frame if not already shown.

Centenary Day at St Dunstan-in-the-West



Michael Royalton-Kisch and Dickon Love at the exhibition

We had approximately 100 visitors (not all ringers) during the course of the afternoon, who were able to browse the exhibition, which included the 1877 Cumberlands peal board,

and were able to see the old ringing room and the views from the roof of the church. As a consequence were able to raise a lot of awareness in the media of our project. By 5pm we were the second most important item of news in England on the BBC website after the TUC March! Amongst the visitors it was a pleasure to meet a man who informed us he was the great great great grandson of the architect who designed St Dunstan's church (John Shaw; the building was completed by his son in 1831). We still have a few more bells to find sponsors for, but they are being snapped up fast!

DICKON LOVE

YOUR RINGING WORLD NEEDS YOU!

To contribute articles, news items, cartoons, reports, snippets, letters, poems and suggestions. Remember high quality photographs and illustrations make all the difference. Please send to:

ROBERT LEWIS,
 Editor, *The Ringing World*,
 35A High Street,
 ANDOVER, Hampshire, SP10 1LJ
 Tel: 01264 366620
 Email: editor@ringingworld.co.uk

Married 75 years!



Left to right: Nick & Sue Gill, Su & David Gambling, Deborah & Brian Crawley

Three ringing couples all from Hemel Hempstead celebrated their silver weddings by joining together in a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. We rang at the light six at Little Gaddesden in consideration of some of our physical frailties

The quarter had been planned for some time (although not 25 years), but had to be deferred owing to a broken foot scuppering the original date, and which was deemed unlikely to stay the course until recently. We felt it was important to ring it after all three couples had survived their 25 years and before the 26th anniversary of any of them (23rd March), so we just squeezed it in.

It nearly didn't happen on the day as the keyholder had forgotten about it until reminded, and turned up at 5.15pm, the quarter needing to be finished by 6pm for evensong. An anxious Vicar and Churchwarden were hovering around for the last course, probably wondering whether to intervene!

Little Gaddesden, Herts. 20 Mar, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Sue Gill 1, Deborah Crawley 2, Susan Gambling 3, Nicholas Gill 4, Brian Crawley 5, David Gambling (C) 6. For the Silver Weddings of 1 & 4, 2 & 5, 3 & 6. First in the method: 2. **£6**