

Tony Ratcliff	61.22	Peter Garner-Gray	5.83	Ken Richardson	2.28	Vic Ward	1.12
Filip Kurbalija	51.86	Mike Hampton	5.76	Marjorie Morris	2.21	Diana Panniers	1.06
Patrick Jourdain	45.05	Pam Edwards	5.65	Simon Richards	2.13	Warwick Horspool	1.04
Dean Hardie	35.57	John O'Sullivan	5.32	Susan Raybould	2.10	Vera Robinson	1.02
Mike Hirst	35.17	Anne Hyatt	5.13	Irene Thomas	2.01	Nate Gable	1.02
Tony Haworth	35.08	Fred Hyatt	5.13	Esme Parry	1.97	Barrie Robinson	1.02
Keith Pratt	33.96	Joe Patrick	5.08	Brian Crawford	1.80	Linda Tatham	1.00
Adrian Thomas	33.59	Val Kennewell	4.98	Peter Nickson	1.80	Mike Climer	1.00
Akram Zaman	28.58	Steve Jarvis	4.97	Frank McAleavy	1.80	Patrick Maslin	1.00
Jill Casey	27.29	Michael Close	4.84	Margaret Lane	1.74	Ifor Davies	1.00
Rob Charlesworth	26.36	Martin Jones	4.81	Jill Knight	1.64	John J Evans	1.00
Gary Martin	26.05	Steve Kennewell	4.75	Irene Weaver	1.56	Geoff White	0.96
Diane Kurbalija	25.20	John Salisbury	4.75	Pearl Nash	1.56	Anne Jones	0.96
Tony Disley	22.64	Andrew Scott	4.71	Harry Packer	1.56	Sheila Shea	0.90
Stephen Daniel	20.81	Philip Dunn	4.70	Laurie Delmonte	1.56	Pam Woodhouse	0.88
John Glubb	19.93	David Ronson	4.61	Bill Parkinson	1.52	Glenda Dorling	0.88
Gilly Clench	19.66	David Hamilton	4.46	Michael Clare	1.44	Philip Dorling	0.88
Trevor Towers	19.57	David Melville	4.38	Richard Thomas	1.44	Elaine Gracie	0.88
Ceri Pierce	19.32	John Isaac	4.26	Eric Favager	1.44	Diana Jones	0.88
Peter Goodman	19.05	John Cox	3.81	Margaret Banks	1.44	Betty Evans	0.88
Tony Casey	15.47	Paul Seal	3.74	Pat Haworth	1.42	Marjorie Williams	0.84
Maggie Pierce	13.71	Arwyn Evans	3.33	Mollie Evans	1.40	Peter Smith	0.84
Tom Reddy	13.57	Graham John	3.22	Teresa Byrne	1.40	Andrea Martin	0.84
Liam Sheridan	12.88	Brian Clements	3.22	Janet Rees	1.40	Dewi I Jones	0.84
Maureen Sheridan	12.28	Harry Leach	3.14	John Murray	1.40	Vera McAndrew	0.84
Alex Maddocks	11.89	Mary Moore	3.00	Bob Graham	1.40	Tony Waller	0.80
Geoff Evans	10.88	Adam Dunn	2.99	Phil Jones	1.40	Daphne Patrick	0.80
Phillip Felman	10.12	Paul Cunningham	2.97	Colin Heard	1.40	Max Powell	0.80
Ann Hirst	10.02	John Seal	2.88	Robin Parris	1.38	Sian Ellis	0.80
David Birt	9.48	Anne Garvie	2.84	Sid Evans	1.36	Peter Lane	0.78
Simon Edwards	9.48	Annie Favager	2.84	Noelle Bond	1.28	Margaret Watson	0.66
Nick Forrest	9.24	Dianne Knight	2.80	Kathryn Cox	1.28	Charles Watson	0.66
Richard Trew	8.17	Gordon Roxburgh	2.74	Jim Fletcher	1.25	Adrian Trickey	0.60
Diana Harris	7.60	Liz Atkinson	2.67	Paul Allsopp	1.24	John Poole	0.56
Laura Woodruff	7.09	Robert Upton	2.48	Norman Large	1.20	Carmel Wiseman	0.48
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Jill O'Sullivan	6.41	Krista Stephenson	2.41	Paddy Murphy	1.20	Andrew Phillips	0.48
Mike Baker	6.28	Wendy Wood	2.34	Fred Moyses	1.15	Bryan Edwards	0.48
Susan Ingham	5.89	Enfys Powell	2.32	Ray Smith	1.12	Tony Jodo	0.48

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Editorial

WBU 50th Anniversary

On 30th September 1948 the marriage of the Welsh Bridge Association and the North Wales Contract Bridge Association took place at the Angel Hotel Cardiff. From that day forward the happy couple were known as the Welsh Bridge Union.

Mission Impossible

Lost in a world of my own at a WBU council meeting, in the distance I heard the following edict:
"Your mission Linda, (which you have no option but to accept) is to tell the ordinary member what goes on at WBU council meetings, so that they know what we do & why we do it. Make it lively, interesting & informative. This tape will self destruct in 5 seconds".

Suspecting I had been lumbered, I sat bolt upright only to realise it wasn't a dream. First report on page 14.

Moving

6 months after selling my flat, I finally move to the address below on the day before the Welsh Foursomes, two days before the WBU Finance meeting, & two days after this magazine goes to press. Panic - Who me? Please send your articles, cheques & bills to the new address.

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Results Round-up

Camrose Final Trial 1

Held at Cardiff B.C. on 12-13 September 1998. Four teams took part and played matches of 32 boards against each other.

Team 1.	Peter Goodman, Adrian Thomas, Tony Haworth, Keith Pratt
Team 2	Filip Kurbalija, Jill Casey, Patrick Jourdain, Tony Ratcliff
Team 3	Mike Hirst, Jim Luck, Simon Richards, Alex Maddocks
Team 4	Mike Hampton, Andrew Scott, Richard Trew, Mike Close

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Total
Team 1	-	0	1	14	15
Team 2	20	-	7	17	44
Team 3	19	13	-	16	48
Team 4	6	3	4	-	13



Mid Wales Congress

- 1st L. Greenland, K. Richardson, B. Nicholls, K. Shuttleworth
 2nd. A. Haworth, K. Pratt, R. Charlesworth, T. Disley



Cardiff Café Charity Bridge Drive 12th July 1998

Leading scores:

1. Tony Haworth & Keith Pratt (Porthcawl) 66%
2. Keith Davison & Stewart Pye (Neath) 64%
3. Jennifer Challoner & Bill Maddox (Bristol) 62%
4. Pat Haworth & Diana Panniers (Porthcawl & Swansea) 61%
5. Derrick & Sue Munday (Malvern) 60%
6. Giorgio Jeronimidis & Arwyn Evans (Reading & Bridgend) 59%

I can only publish the results I know about, congress organisers please note!

Pre-empting Pays?

by David Hamilton

I am a great believer in heavy pre-empts. They often tempt opponents into indiscretions that result in large penalties, only a few of my partners agree with me.

Dealer North
Love All

76
K8742
108
A742

854 A
5 QJ1096
K764 A53
J10983 KQ65

KQJ10932
A3
QJ92
None

North	East	South	West
Pass	1H	4S	All Pass

South bought the contract, as East-West could not be tempted to bid on without more strength so the pre-emptive ploy did not materialise. Worse was to come when West led his singleton heart, declarer won in hand and played a trump, East won the ace and gave partner a ruff. The ace and king of diamonds saw the contract one down.

Perhaps it was not such a good bid after all, spades is the controlling suit, and you are in charge of the auction, a bid of one spade would have been enough. Criticism from partner was, however, levelled at the play. "Why didn't you win the first trick in dummy and throw the HA on the CA? Then you could ruff the next heart high, draw trumps and just give up two diamonds."

Why didn't I think of that?

Master Point of View

By Noelle Bond

September 1998

As has happened before, after the annual Master Point ranking lists were published in the WBU Journal, I received some calls from people who could not find their own names there. I was unable to do other than pass their queries on, for as it says in the Journal, only those currently members of the WBU are listed there. After I produce the full list from the computer, Val Kennewell, our membership secretary, checks the names and removes any who are listed as not having paid a subscription for the year. Subscriptions were due in April, so if you are in any doubt about whether yours has been paid for this year, I recommend that you check with your club secretary now, and make sure your name is where it should be next year.

I have now received information about some of the oldest WBU members. Mrs. Madge Badley of Llandudno is 91, and Mr. Bert Sadleir, also of Llandudno will be 91 sometime in September. (This information comes from Morag Clare whose husband took the unexpected Boxing Day dip in his fish pond.) I know I'm not alone in hoping that bridge will keep me active and my mind sharp for what used to be called "the declining years". It certainly seems to be working in the Swansea area, for I hear that for the afternoon sessions, one has to be over eighty to get a North South. One of their members, Mrs. Lilian James was recently ninety, but as the West Wales newsletter says, there are "no easy tops at her table."

Recently I've had a few queries about Gold Points: because of the peculiarities of this system, and its five year run, these can only be calculated after the Master Point year end work, quite separately from the normal Master Point computer system, so any Gold Point holdings will not appear on your Master Point record card. A list of those members with more than 10 Gold Points appears in the Journal, but the full ranking list appears only in the Newsletter. (It was held back from the last edition through lack of space.)

I can provide a detailed list of Gold Points for each year if anyone really needs it.

It seems that the change to smaller coins not only lighten pockets, they some times fill them. One member went through her hoard of winnings' envelopes to remove any old fifty pence pieces and was surprised to find she had accrued eighty pounds. She had a choice for this windfall, either get her tooth capped or neuter the cat. When she told this, in all seriousness, to a friend giving her a lift, he laughed so much he nearly drove off the road. In the end, capping won over catting, but pussy is definitely next on the list, and it seems her only chance of having kittens is if her owner is less successful in future.

This story, of course, was to come to me with points to be registered. Remembering all my past requests and advice, the points were carefully counted, carefully secured in a suitable envelope, weighed to ensure postage was correct, and all those other good things. With a glow of pride in a job well done, (and a smile of freshly capped teeth?) they were popped in the post. Only to be returned by the Post Office some days later, because, although everything else was as right as could be, she had forgotten to write my name and address on the envelope.

Sincerely,

Noelle

Please send your points to:

Mrs N. Bond, 45 Buttrills Road, BARRY, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 8EG

MASTER POINT RANKS

	Master Points		Master Points
Club	2	Two Star	150
Local	10	Three Star	200
County	25	Four Star	250
Master	50	Five Star	300
Advanced	75	Tournament	400
One Star	100		
Regional	100 including 25 National (Green)		
Premier Regional	200 including 50 National		
National	300 including 75 National		
Premier National	400 including 100 National		
Life	600 including 150 National		
Senior Life	900 including 300 National		
Grand	1200 including 600 National		

Master Point Promotions

to 11th September 1998

Club Master

Mrs Jane Allen	WS
Mrs Margaret Brookes	CA
Mr Robert Brown	NP
Mrs Sian Brown	NP
Mrs Margaret Ellis	A
Mr William Glynn	GA
Mr Eddie Jones	PC
Mrs Mari Jones	PC
Mr Eric Joseph	R
Mrs Eileen Parry	MB
Mrs Maria Richardson	MB
Mr Syd Sewell	C
Mrs Joan Worrall	Y

Local Master

Mrs Anne Brambley	GA
Mrs Estelle Cohen	C
Mrs Joan Dickinson	WS
Mr Roy Dickinson	WS
Mrs Lilian Duffield	C
Mr Desmond Jeffries	MG
Mrs Alison Johnston	C
Mr Bryan Morgan	GA
Mrs Beverley Sear	PT

County Master

Mrs Joan Bird	VOG
Ms Teresa Byrne	PN
Mr Norman Clewer	R
Mrs Joan Davies	S
Mr Pat Mullally	CN
Mrs Funflan Persimmon	W
Mrs Justine Petters	LD
Mrs Marian Power	GA



Master

Mrs Jane Bartlett	PN
Mrs Jo Davies	A
Mrs Marie George	C
Mr Archie Grainger	MT
Mrs Christine Jones	M
Mr Michael O'Leary	MG
Mr Peter Richards	CR
Mr Gregory Williams	PC
Mr Viv Williams	C

Advanced Master

Mr Adam Dunn	CA
Mrs Anita Jones	CA
Mrs Elizabeth L Lewis	PD
Mr Frank Scott Verdon	BV
Mrs Catherine Spalding	CN
Mrs Jean Tonkin	S

1 Star Master

Mr Peter Fray	PR
Mr Jack Loxton	C
Mrs Anne Raw Rees	A
Mrs Marilyn Runham	CN
Mrs Ann Williams	NT

2 Star Master

Mrs June Teychmann	A
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3 Star Master

Mrs Helen Duff	SH
Mr Barry Jones	W
Mr Dewi Jones	PD

4 Star Master

Mrs Renate Cater	LD
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5 Star Master

Mr John Baxendale	LD
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Regional Master

Mr Rodney Burden	C
Mr Gareth Jones	PD
Mrs Cecilia McCreary	CD
Mr Brian Schofield	RH

Premier

Regional Master

Mrs Gwyneth Flaye	AA
Mrs Betty Spencer	CD

National Master

Mrs Sian Ellis	PW
Mrs Mollie Evans	PW
Mr Ivor Owen	W

Premier

National Master

Mr Paul Cunningham	BV
Mrs Susan Ingham	BV
Mr Dewi I Jones	A
Dr Paddy Murphy	CBY

Life Master

Mrs Eileen Hughes	BV
Mrs Mary Moore	BR

CARDIFF CAFÉ BRIDGE 1998

Gathered in St David's Hall Cardiff were a large selection of bridge players, all apprehensively eyeing the rain which was falling with a vengeance on the grey pavement of the Welsh Capital. There was an odd assortment of people – casual bridge players right through to the professional eagerly sizing up their victims in search of the grand prize.

Then Lo! A track suited, baseball capped apparition arrives, his Reebok trainers gliding through the hall as he nods to old acquaintances, sending a cheery wave to others – the epitome of an old-fashioned school master trying to raise the spirits of his charges before the cross country. Mr Patrick Jourdain, bridge correspondent of the Daily Telegraph made his rallying speech, "the weather is our special test so we can tell if we are on to a winner". This stiffened the sinews and with a blast of his whistle, umbrellas raised, coat collars turned up, we trudged to our starting positions in the Café quarter.

It must have appeared a strange sight to anyone else wandering around the deserted streets to see 100 bridge players advancing down the road clutching instructions in search of a café.

Our destination is open, so partner and I take our first alcoholic drink of the day. We had an agreement, I'm not sure if it is alertable, to have one drink at each venue. We had not realised there would be so many ports of call. At least we were in the right spirits.

The bridge is a mixture of social & duplicate, the boards remain on the table and you move according to your instructions. All of the café staff & participants were extremely friendly, but some of the other customers did view us with the degree of uncertainty reserved for those of feeble mind.

As the event continued I found myself wandering around the ice rink (I really was supposed to be there), I found the cooling plant and after a further search, the bridge. The only bridge hand that has remained with me through the haze is :

S AK96 H KQ8 D 2 C AQ986

After 3 passes I opened 1C, North overcalled a sporty 1D, and partner, who had a diamond mixed in with her hearts, bid 1H on a four card suit. The problem in my befuddled state was what to do next. Being able to remember only one convention I trotted out the old Blackwood, and we ended up in 6H. As the club finesse worked, and both majors broke 3-3 we gained a top for this 6% slam.

We returned home having had a thoroughly enjoyable day, I hope this discourse encourages more of you to pick up your umbrellas and convention cards for next year's episode, I'm sure you will enjoy it.

Hanging Partner when he protects you



My usual style when sat at the bridge table is to bid the hand to the full, and then worry about how to make the contract. If I think the hand is going to be particularly difficult, I try to arrange it so that partner is declarer. As a result my partners venture into the auction with caution.

Recently however, one partner has read a book on "protecting". This involves not letting the opponents play the contract too cheaply at the one or two level. This is a fine principle, not used enough in Wales. The main idea is that if the auction stops at a low level, then the points are nearly evenly balanced, and you should make every effort to bid in pass out position, even on very few points since partner must have some. Theory says that with luck you find a fit, and improve your score, or push the opponents to the three level, & they might go down, occasionally the axe will fall, but -800 isn't so bad once you get used to it. What I find difficult is bearing in mind that by protecting, partner has already bid my hand for me, and I should think carefully before bidding on. My regular partner has taken protecting to heart, and rather than pass out the hand recently came hurtling in over the opponents sequence: 1D - 1NT - 2D with 2 Spades on a five count with JTxxx spades. I held:

♠ Axxx, ♥Kx, ♦ Jxx, ♣ AQxx

and had been unable to bid over the 1D opener, since I've got nowhere to go if partner responds 1H to my double, and neither of my 4 card suits are good enough to risk an overcall.

Imagine my delight when partner protected! In the euphoria I bid 4♠, which is excusable if I'd been playing teams, but since this was pairs it wouldn't have cost me anything to bid an enquiring 3♦, showing a good raise to 3♠, knowing that partner will bid game with a hand to be proud of, and sign off with his actual hand. I am learning not to hang partner, but its hard for one overbidder to play with another.

Welsh Interest in Lille

The World Bridge Championships were held in Lille, France between 21st August and 4th September and were open to anyone, but you had to have the agreement of your National Organisation (BBL) to play.

Teresa Byrne has just recently moved from Dublin to Newport, and started playing bridge with Lionel Fifield in the clubs at Penarth, Gwent and Glascoed. She and Lionel entered the mixed pairs. This event consisted of 3 qualifying sessions with nearly 1200 entrants and the top 240 were joined by the experts who had been playing in an exhibition tournament to form a 262 pair final.

Teresa and Lionel reached this final, Teresa being the only Irish representative in same, and the fact was reported in the Irish times. Oh for such coverage in our national newspapers. Sadly their form did not hold and they finished well down the field, but are looking forward to Montreal in 2002 where they have vowed to do better.

Other "Welsh" participants in Lille were Patrick Jourdain, Tony Ratcliff, Jill Casey & Filip Kurbalija who entered the teams championship and finished respectably half way up their group after 13 matches, but did not qualify for the knock-out stages.

Adrian Thomas & Peter Goodman, playing with the English pair, Dhondy & Pagan, finished 4th in their group to qualify for the last 64, but sadly did not progress from there.

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Why do we do it?

We frequently wonder
Occasionally say
Why do I do it?
Why do I play
This stupid game?
Enduring nights when
Though you strive ever do much
You come up against
The reverse Midas touch.
But, though we do badly,
There's always a "line"
There's always a reason
For failing to shine.
We had little luck,
Our opponents were mad –
They bid when they shouldn't,
Shut up when the had
Masses of points.
In short, we weren't that bad.
The luck wasn't with us
It wasn't our night
I need a new partner
The system's not right
Whatever it is.....

By Shirley Howarth

Next time will be different
Next time will be right
Next time we'll be masters
We'll have a great night.
And, yes it does happen
You can not go wrong
You walk on clear water
You play like a song:-
An endplay? No problem
Elimination? OK.
Go down in a contract?
Not likely. No way.
The joy of it, the bliss!
There's nothing to touch it,
Not to be missed.
It isn't a habit
That's easy to kick,
We all become addicts
Who need the next fix.
Does this answer the question?
Perhaps you'll agree
By the way –
Next Monday
You wouldn't be free?

National Tournament Organiser's Corner

Veteran Pairs The entry form in the centre of the WBU Journal is completely wrong. The entry fee is £1.75 per player not £5.00. The closing date is 31st October not 31st August. I will accept entries on last year's form, or on plain paper, giving the WBU number of each player. I have asked the treasurer to refund overpayments made already.

Llangollen Autumn Congress

Unfortunately due to illness the congress has been cancelled this year.

Simple Systems — The Tournament & Masterpoint Committee wish to emphasise that whilst clubs may insist upon simple systems for club events, in Simultaneous events or in heats of Area or National competitions, the appropriate level of system **MUST BE ALLOWED.**

Letter to the Editor

July 26, 1998 Aberystwyth

Dear Editor,

Whilst browsing through my mother's Summer newsletter I came across Noelle Bond's Article where she speculates on the oldest player in the WBU.

My mother, JOYCE JOY, is 89 (90 in January) and is a 5 star master. She started playing Auction Bridge when she was eleven. She plays weekly at the very active Aberystwyth Bridge Club with her partner, June Teyncham, who is 86 and a one star master. They regularly win masterpoints and hope to do well at the 25th Aberystwyth Bridge Congress in August.

I hope this will inspire all bridge players!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Lewin

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OBITUARIES

Llanelli B.C. have recently lost **Mrs Nesta Thomas** and **Mr John Evans**. Both were long serving members of the club and gave much to a game which they loved. They will be sadly missed.

Executive Ramblings

The new slimline (one fewer rep. per area) WBU executive commenced at 10.30a.m. on Sunday 6th September. President Di Harris sat at the top of the table with her whip, determined to beat the record set at the previous meeting of a 2.45p.m. finish.

One Day Green point Profit. After the minutes of the last meeting & matters arising, the first item on the agenda was the allocation of the profit arising at One Day Green Pointed events between the hosting area and the WBU. Suggestions had been made that the WBU was entitled to 10% for its role in administration and negotiations with the BBL. Vote taken: For 1 (WBU treasurer) Against 11 (Area reps). Time to reduce the number of area reps again.

Treasurer's report. A quiet time of year. Since last meeting money spent on training directors, sending two schoolchildren on EBU junior teaching weekend, and orange books to clubs and directors.

National Tournament Organiser. Calendar for 1999/2000 produced and discussed. In a further effort to confuse the English, the Bangor Swiss Pairs will be held in Llandudno in 1999. Graded masters to be brought forward one week in Jan. 2000 to avoid a clash with Junior Camrose at home.

As usual a flurry of entries for Welsh & Cambria cups after the draw has taken place. Decision:- give overworked newsletter editor job of reminding people to enter in the summer edition, since members only read the WBU journal to compare masterpoint holdings.

Possibility of seeding some teams through the early rounds of Welsh & Cambria Cups, and a restricted inter-area competition to run beside the Perry & Spickett referred to Tournament & Masterpoint Sub-committee for investigation.

Junior Bridge. The dire state of Welsh Junior Bridge (lack of players not ability) was discussed. All approaches to schools had failed, new methods to be tried.

Novice Pairs. Normally all contestants in a WBU licensed congress should be members of one of the Home Unions. Request received for exemption for the Novice pairs at the East Wales Congress. Granted. **Unfair discrimination against men** (about time too!)

Request from Shelton Cross to add a men's pairs competition to the inter area Perry Shield (Open - women can play if the male selectors think they are good enough) & Spickett (women only). Men might not get a chance to play! They need a men's pairs. Six women on the council collapsed in heaps of laughter, EWBA chairman Eric Favager expressed a desire to play in the Ladies teams, unfortunately there is a long waiting list on the NHS. Lloyd Lewis was heard to mutter something about broad shoulders. Proposal rejected.

Identifying WBU Directors. Costings to be investigated for sew-on badges bearing WBU Logo for Welsh TDs shirts so that they can be identified. (possible alternative?: T-shirts with targets on the back)

Area pages in WBU newsletter. If requested each area can have a page in the newsletter for local news & results. East & West decided to take up the offer, Mid & North to consider.

2.40 p.m. meeting closed, whip packed away. Members go home to tend wounds.

Gold Point Listing

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			Dave Barwood	0.24	
(Continued from page 16)	Menna Roberts	0.40	Sandra James	0.24	
	Geoff Fielding	0.40	Viv Hamilton	0.22	
Fred Hiles	0.48	Pat Fielding	0.40	Ann Ellis	0.22
Binnie Job	0.48	Cliff Rushton	0.40	Glyn Ellis	0.22
Mike Jones	0.48	Gwynne Williams	0.40	Ann Fox	0.21
Eileen Jenkins	0.45	Rona Morgan Edwards	0.32	Bill Turner	0.21
Jimmy James	0.44	Pearl Duncan	0.25	Alan R Powell	0.20
Geoff Rollings	0.44	Peggy McCombie	0.25	Renee Cox	0.20
Bill Nicholls	0.44	Liz Commins	0.24	Don Jenkins	0.20
Eleanor Price	0.42	Marion Brooke	0.24	Graham Hadlow	0.20
Peter Millar	0.42	Gaynor Jones	0.24	Don Owen	0.20