

SOCIETY



Cheers! From left, Olive Butchart, Audrey and Francis Moore, Felicity Workman, Nicky Alder and Gill Myall raise a glass.



Mary Dewhurst, left, Julia Arscott, secretary and treasurer Paul Arscott and David and Josie Lawrenson get away from it all.

## Mothers get away from it all

AROUND 50 people helped raise money for charity and celebrate the birthday of the founder of Mothers' Union.

Members and guests of Finchampstead and California branch of the union gathered at St James' Church Centre, in Church Lane, Finchampstead, for the branch's annual lunch.

The event on Thursday, August 9, raised money for the union's own charity Away From It All, which helps disadvantaged families have a holiday, as well as mark the birthday of Mary Sumner, who founded the Mothers' Union.

Branch leader Sarah Owen said: "It was a very happy occasion and everybody enjoyed themselves."

The amount raised for charity is currently being calculated.



Pete and Jan Cole, Dorothy Taylor, Joan Ray and Lettice Tanner enjoy the lunch.



Audrey Metcalfe and branch leader Sarah Owen, above right. And, left, Pam Smith, Marian Parry, Sharon White, June Warr, Pat Weeks, and Nancy Day.



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## Floral displays brighten up festival

Captain of the bellringers Hugh Dempster shows visitors the bells. bk20123415. Pictures by Steve Smyth.



MORE than £2,000 was raised from St James' Patronal Festival in Finchampstead.

The weekend-long event featured beautiful floral displays in St James' Church, in Church Lane, as well as evening entertainment from The Madding Crowd, before

rounding off with an organ recital.

A spokeswoman said: "We are so grateful for the support of everyone who came."

Money raised from the event which ran from July 20-22, raised money for St James' conservation fund.



Flower co-ordinator Denise Adams with some of the displays.