

University of London
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Ringers
Annual Report
2003-2004

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Society Officials

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Officers' Reports

Master's Report

What a fantastic year in which to have been Master of the UL! The year got off to a bit of a slow start in May, with low attendance at practices due to claims that people had to work for exams (a poor excuse if ever I heard one!). However, when we arrived back after the summer break in September things could not have been more different. It seemed as if the UL had been breeding over the summer as we had lots of freshers (some postgraduates from other universities who had finally come to the obvious conclusion that the University of London is the only place to be, being among the new recruits) and the old hands were out in force. This enthusiasm continued throughout the entire year and we often had 23 or more ringers up the tower. Whilst this was a bit of a logistical nightmare for me in terms of having to work out who'd rung what and making sure nobody was left sitting out for too long, it was also incredibly rewarding to see so many people there, and the numbers allowed us to ring everything from rounds to eight-spliced and Glasgow and thus created a good learning environment for those who wanted to learn more advanced things or improve their striking. Sunday ringing has been well attended, with us often ringing six or eight.

A further point of note in terms of practices is the introduction of a regular handbell practice before the normal practice each Thursday. This has been run by Nick and is yet another mark of the increased enthusiasm and commitment which the UL has experienced this year. As Nick ran these sessions I have asked him to write something about them and his report can be found at the end of the Master's report.

We rang a number of quarters and peals during the year at various towers. The most notable quarter for me was the London Royal which we rang at St Clement Danes in October. It was a first in the method for Quentin and Andy and first of treble-bob and of royal for Clare. Everyone pulled together to ensure success and the UL really showed what we can do when we put our minds to it – a great achievement!

Peal weekend was the thing I was dreading the most about my year as Master (yes, even more than having to make a speech at the dinner) and it was definitely the most stressful part of the year in terms of organisation. It seemed that every ringer in London had decided to organise ringing for that weekend and so, when I tried to get hold of towers for the Saturday, all of our usual haunts like Bermondsey and Isle of Dogs were booked up. With my knowledge of London towers not being that great I had to turn to those much older and wiser than myself for help. So, it was Roger to the rescue! Roger managed to find towers for Saturday and Sunday and in doing so got me out of the nasty predicament of having full bands and no towers. I owe the success of peal weekend to Roger and would like to thank him for his amazing effort.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in the SUA in Oxford in November. Clare has written about this in her secretary's report so I won't go into too much detail, but what I will say is that this, again, was a super effort on the part of the UL and our performance was a credit to the Society.

Whilst I'm in thanking mode there are two other people whom I would like to thank before leaving you to read Nick's handbell comments and peruse the rest of the report. The first is Katie. This year Katie has been an immense source of support to me behind the scenes, always e-mailing to check everything was OK and taking over the reigns in organising things whenever it all got too much for me. It is this kind of attitude that makes me certain she'll make a great vice-president this year and I thank her. Last, but by no means least, I would like to thank Ben (who was my fiancé and is now my husband) for his support. When I became master he wasn't exactly overjoyed as he thought it would mean he'd never see me (and let's face it, we bellringers are a bit of an odd lot when seen from the outside). However, he still supported me in doing what I wanted to do and put up with more moaning and stressing than anyone else, allowing me to get through the year (and he's still putting up with it as I try to get this report finished) – Thank You!

Thanks again to you all for your immense enthusiasm and I wish Martin good luck in running the Society.

By Kelly Sargent (née Barnes)

Handbell Practice Report

This year has seen the return of regular Thursday night handbell practices before the main UL practice, primarily focused at the beginner level, from plain hunt up to Kent. It is pleasing that handbell practices have been well attended most weeks. However, with several people needing to be the only beginner in a band it is sometimes hard to give everyone a decent go in a 30 minute session. For this reason I've suggested to Martin that next year we go for more quarters and 'pre-planned' practices focused on getting specific people through specific methods.

In addition to Thursday nights, we've had occasional extended practices on Sunday afternoons. Quentin and Clare generously allowed us to use their flat, which is roomy enough to split into separate groups. I feel these practices more than anything have allowed people the time to make real leaps forward. My thanks also go to Roger for allowing us to borrow his bells whenever we needed more bells than the UL set. Congratulations to everyone who has advanced their handbell ringing during the year, and especially to Lucy, Quentin and JennyH who all scored their first quarters in hand.

By Nick Jones

Secretary's Report

I will first start by saying that I have enjoyed being your secretary this year and only wish that I could have been around more last term rather than carrying out my various exciting secretarial jobs from behind the scenes!

Congratulations this year must go to Kelly Barnes and Ben Sargent who got engaged; also to Eleanor Kippin and Simon Linford; Fiona Edwards and Stephen Wheeler. Congratulations must also go to Richard and Helen Saddleton whose son Harry was born in March. We were sorry to hear of the death of Anne Broadhurst, who died earlier this year.

The society's summer tour last year was to sunny Yorkshire, and expertly organised by Katie Town, who managed to keep things running smoothly from London via Andy! The tour was attended by a very good crowd of people, and apart from many of us catching colds and feeling pretty grotty, I for one had a really enjoyable time, so thank you Katie.

I'd like at this point to say what a joy the freshers' tour to St Albans was, but sadly, due to technical reasons, this is not possible at this present moment in time.

The picnic last summer was organised by Jenny Pick and Dave Ottley, and despite slightly adverse weather conditions in the form of torrential downpours and thunderstorms, it was a most enjoyable event and was well attended.

The London Ringers' Christmas Social was organised by the UL, or more specifically Mike Trimm, and whilst I personally was unable to attend, I have heard great reports indicating the success of this event, so thank you Mike.

UL ringing this year has occurred at various towers around London including St Mary Le Bow, Southwark Cathedral, and regular quarter peals at St Clement Danes and Barts. More recently, Sunday morning ringing at Shoreditch has become a regular occurrence. Sunday ringing at St Olave's has been attended mainly by a few core UL ringers. We have had many visiting bands this year, ringing quarters, peals, and general ringing, and the bells continue to be in great demand – last year I had one band booking a year in advance!

The annual dinner was held this year at The Habit. Many thanks to Becky and Sam for organising such a successful event; thanks must also go to the providers of the port! The food was jolly good, and our double act of Chris and Heather Kippin as guest speakers gave excellent speeches. The evening finished with the usual disco, although I confess that I don't remember much of this due to drinking perhaps just a little too much wine, although from the 9000 photos or so that I took, we all seemed to have a fantastic time! I do feel that we should have some sort of tankard amnesty though for the many that went missing that night!

A group of UL ringers attended the SUA held in Oxford, and we were able to put together an 8 and 6-bell band of current students. We did extremely well in the competition, coming 2nd in the 8-bell and 3rd in the 6-bell competition, although the results were obviously fixed, with Oxford coming first in both! The judges' comments focused on our particularly talented tenor ringer, who I feel deserves special mention.

“Extra-curricular” activities have flourished this year, with organised weekends to Staffordshire (thank you Jenny Pick) and Quentin's mansion in Cheltenham! Katie Town has also organised several UL evenings “out on the town”, which I hope will continue to become a regular feature in the life of the society.

I'd like to thank you all for your support over this past year, and I would like to wish the new Secretary all the best for the coming year.

By Clare Dyer

Steeple Keepers' Report.

It has been an active year for Jon and me. Yes, it's unusual, I know, but the steeple keepers have actually done something!

Firstly, we solved the problem of the tenor wheel falling off by borrowing some spanners from Imperial College to fix it. We still check the nuts on a regular basis but they no longer appear to be working themselves loose.

The seventh clapper was adjusted about every three months to try to improve the odd-struckness.

The BIG NEWS item this year is that the cupboard has finally gone to that great cupboard sanctuary in the sky. Early in 2004, Martin and I spent a Thursday afternoon working in the belfry and we can definitely report that we kicked the heck out of it. We also laid the carpet tiles and vacuumed the belfry. If anyone wants souvenirs of the cupboard then please feel free to take the pieces home (they are residing as extra sound control with the bells).

One thing the next steeple keeper should look at is replacing the tail ends on all the ropes.

It has been a good year and thank you to Jon for the inspections he did.

By Quentin Jackson

Accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2004

<u>Balance b/f:</u>	Community Account	353.73
	Halifax Account	1,000.50
	Petty Cash	33.83
	Ringling World Account	56.10
		1444.16
<u>Income:</u>	Membership Subscriptions	30.00
	Donations and Steepleage	159.67
	Visiting Ringers	126.00
	Peal Fees	8.00
	Interest	4.02
	Misc. Income	0.00
	Dinner Profit	5.00
		332.69
<u>Expenditure:</u>	CC Subscriptions	-10.00
	Handbell Insurance	-22.05
	Practices	-26.00
	Ringling World Expenses	-78.33
	Tea, Coffee etc	-8.84
	Report Printing	-24.44
	Misc. Expenditure	-25.07
		-194.73
	Deficit	137.96
<u>Balances c/f:</u>	Community Account	287.18
	Halifax Account	1,020.52
	Petty Cash	244.65
	Ringling World Account	29.77
		1582.12

U₆ Dinner Account

<u>Income:</u>	63 Tickets	1,890.00
	Raffle	109.00
		1,999.00
<u>Expenditure:</u>	Dinners, Corkage etc.	1,944.00
	Charitable Donation	50.00
		1,994.00
	Net Profit	5.00

Events Reports

The Picnic

8th June 2003

The 2003 picnic was organised by Dave Ottley & Jenny Pick. People were told what food/drink to bring and we were told that the picnic would take place in Regent's Park. Those not ringing in the quarter at Clement Danes would find a suitable place and then communicate with the rest of us via mobile phones.

Unfortunately, locating a group of UL in a large park turned out to be harder than we could ever have imagined. Even using the BT tower as a landmark didn't seem to help. However, with the help of our friends on bikes (Jenny & Dave) the whole group was finally united to start the picnic.

Plenty of food was eaten (Ed's elaborate salads being a particular favourite) and drink was drunk, then the rain started. It literally bucketed it down for a few minutes, during which time we all sheltered under a tree, and then it cleared up as quickly as it had appeared and the games were able to commence. The Webb family had brought along a whole host of games equipment and football, cricket, that game with the Velcro things you attach to your hands and chuck tennis balls at (you know the one I mean!), tennis and catch were all played with reckless abandon. Then someone (I forget who but I'm thinking Quentin) instigated a game where people sat on the grass in a circle and got their feet whacked with a newspaper by someone sitting in the middle of the circle. I didn't partake so know no more but I think Katie Webb won. We then made our way to a pub by Great Portland Street tube and some people spent the rest of the evening in there.

Thanks to Dave & Jenny for their organisation.

By Bzcky Bruce

Staffordshire Weekend

4th-6th July 2003

This weekend grew out of Jenny P's desire to do some ringing in honour of an old school friend, Joanna Roome, who was getting married very soon. Enticing people all the way to Cannock for just one quarter peal was not the easiest thing in the world, so Jenny went to the trouble of hosting a very well organised and very enjoyable ringing weekend around her home village of Cannock Wood.

Friday

I set off from York on a Virgin Train, which actually ran on time (unusual for Virgin, I know), and I arrived safely at Jenny P's house, thanks to a lift from Jenny H from Cannock station (with navigation provided by Clare and Quentin, I think) where Jenny's mum had tea waiting for us all.

Once everyone had arrived, we set off, in proper UL tradition, to the local pub. Much beer was drunk. This may explain why I don't remember Quentin cheating at the board games (unlikely I am sure), and why I don't remember Mike and Nick winning (even more unlikely, but Nick assures me this is true!). I do, however, remember the now legendary round of 'Taboo' where Dave H tried to help his team-mates guess that the word they were looking for was 'shrew' by describing it as a bird.

Saturday

We started the day with a bracing walk up the hills and through the forest near the village. Points of interest along the way included Clare *not* wearing flip-flops, and a sighting of the rare winged shrew. I think a picture appeared on Clare's website, so it must be true!

The first ringing of the weekend was at Rugeley. We then had a very pleasant pub lunch by the canal at Armitage, where another rare sight was witnessed. Perhaps the bar had run out of pint glasses (I am sure this is what he would like us to believe), but Olly was spotted drinking a *half* pint!

Ringing at Armitage and Norton Canes followed lunch. There were certain navigational difficulties on the way to Norton Canes which limited some people's ringing time, a matter for which I am certain Ordnance Survey will accept responsibility. I remain convinced that there were more roads on the ground than were marked on the map!

We then turned our attention to the main reason we were in Staffordshire, and proceeded to Cannock with its 10 bells and rang a quarter peal for Jenny's friend. There were also two 'firsts' in the band, so congratulations on those achievements.

By this time, everyone was ready for tea. We went to a very good curry house, which served the largest naan breads any of us had ever seen. I am not sure how many people said, 'No, I ordered a small naan,' before we saw the size of Dave's *large* naan (which could have fed a small family for about a week).

We washed the curry and naan bread down with more beers in the other village pub. Certain people went off adventuring on their way home. Dave H led the expedition, Olly and Quentin climbed trees in sloth-like fashion, Dave lost his shoe in a bog, and Clare found it again using the glow of her mobile phone as a torch.

Sunday

We started off with Sunday morning ringing at Shenstone, where the locals expressed their appreciation of the boost to their usual numbers. It was the first time all 8 bells had been rung on a Sunday for quite some time. On returning to Jenny P's, we also had some handbell ringing. We ranged from complete novice (me) to expert, and the novice would like to express her appreciation of the expert tuition she received.

Jenny's mum then excelled herself by providing lunch for us all (about 17 of us if I am not badly mistaken), which was an absolutely delicious spread with a choice of casseroles and desserts. This seems a suitable point at which to repeat the thanks expressed to both of Jenny's parents for their hospitality over the weekend.

We then rounded off a most enjoyable weekend with afternoon ringing at Lichfield cathedral where we joined the local band in ringing for evensong. After enjoying tea and cakes outside in the sunshine at the cathedral tea shop (just opposite the cathedral) it was time for people to make their separate ways home.

Thanks go again to Jenny P for her organisation, to her parents for their very generous hospitality to us all, to all the drivers who ferried us about for the weekend and also to the local incumbents and ringing masters who allowed us to ring their bells.

By Alison Elwess

The London Reporter

FLYING SHREW SIGHTED!!

In an almost unbelievable incident yesterday morning, a sighting of a somewhat bizarre looking flying mammal was reported in Cannock area, Staffordshire. Several witnesses were present at the time of the sighting, and all were adamant that the being was definitely not a normal bird.

Unfortunately, by the time our reporter arrived on the scene, the mysterious creature had disappeared. However, a local bird expert, Andrew Bradford, 25, described the morning's events: "I was out on my early morning jog at approximately 8.00 today, when suddenly, out of nowhere, a winged beast attacked me. It swooped down from the air looking rather unstable, emitting a loud buzzing sound. The creature appeared to resemble a smallish rodent, armed with what I can only describe as oversized dragonfly wings. Clearly the mammal had little control over its flight path, since it almost hit me, before then carrying on in a somewhat drunken manner."



The flying creature was subsequently identified by local research scientist Dr. Oliver Cross, 25, to be a flying shrew, the subject of one of his current projects. Cross, renowned for his involvement in controversial stem cell experimentation, declined formal interview. He did, however, apologise for any distress caused by the incident and assured us that the shrew does not pose any threat to humans.

The shrew, still at large, is the vital specimen for a breakthrough research project, and the government has offered a substantial reward for its successful capture and return. Readers inexperienced with animals are however, advised to keep their distance should they sight the shrew. An artist's impression of the creature is shown below:



The Ringing Roadshow

26th July 2003

The ringing roadshow was held this year at Lincolnshire Showground on the 26th July. There were loads of stalls (can't remember how many), accommodating everything to do with ringing (no really!). There were two mobile campaniles (I think), the Willoughby Campanile and Matthew Higby's ring; 8 and 6 respectively. There were books and all sorts of literature on ringing that could be bought for a good price.

Seminars were held throughout the day, which included a talk on young ringers. This was hosted by Sarah Andrews, accompanied by Adam Greenley, Gaby Cowcill and Ellen Dew. Each of these ringers gave an account of why they started ringing, how they got into the hobby and what they liked about it - mainly being the social side and meeting new friends. This seminar was to discuss how young ringers start to ring and why they continue this unusual hobby. Also discussed was how to get more young people interested in ringing, like holding open days and trying to get very young ringers who are at school to form their own society.

Plenty of ringers attended the roadshow (2500 approx), including some of the UL gang. Most of the people I spoke to thought it was very enjoyable. I found the day thoroughly enjoyable, would definitely go again, wherever it may be in two years' time, and would recommend it to anyone thinking of going.

By Jon Waters

Summer Tour to Yorkshire

6th – 13th September 2003

A collection of reminiscences, real and imagined.

Saturday

The White Swan in Deighton - a pub whose lamp shades would never be the same again. It was also the rendez-vous point for the ULSCR who arrived from many points of the compass, with varying degrees of tardiness. A pleasant lunch was eaten and the first pints of the tour drunk. Eventually we left the pub to the sound of shattering glass (light entertainment courtesy of Mr Hills) and the 2003 Summer Tour was under way!

We rang for a wedding at Escrick before driving to York to set up home for the week. Katie had arranged superb lodgings in a luxurious student house at Halifax College, University of York. Everyone had their own room (with snore-proof doors, a real boon for light sleepers like me!) and the UL had exclusive use of a communal kitchen & dining room. The only problem was that someone had arrived with a cold and with the UL living in such close proximity for a week, it was inevitable that germs would be shared around. The cold virus rubbed its binding points with glee!

That evening we joined the Selby and District Practice at Tadcaster, before moving on to the home of Alison and Tim Elwess in Tockwith. Alison had arranged a barbecue in traditional fashion with copious amounts of food and smoke. Of course some people are never satisfied (Richard, couldn't you live without cheese for one evening?!)

Returning to 'chez UL', we settled down for what was to be the first of many late evenings drinking beer, gin and cider. Meanwhile, those staying only for the weekend returned to their overnight accommodation on the other side of the campus. All, that is, except Dave who had managed to get into a car he was not supposed to, and ended up at the wrong house. Katie was not amused!

At this point, Quentin decided that the time was right to open his vintage KitKat. Now I admit I hate to see food go to waste, but even I raised an eyebrow at the prospect of someone eating a five year old chocolate bar. The smell alone was enough to convince most of us that it needed taking to Sellafield for safe disposal!

"It'll be fine" said Roger, swallowing one chunk whole and surprisingly not dying. Emboldened by Roger's survival, Mike decided to be the next taster. His big mistake, however, was chewing. One look at the contorted expression on Mike's face and the rest of the rancid thing ended up safely in the bin!

Sunday

With a stroke of genius, Katie had planned the first full day around the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. First port of call was Grosmont, railway headquarters, where we left the cars. Accidentally entering into the trusting spirit of rural life, Mike left his car unlocked all morning.

After a brief tour of the loco workshops (reached by walking through an old railway tunnel) we set off in brilliant sunshine for the walk to Goathland.

Historically there have been two separate railways making the tough climb from Grosmont up to Goathland: the original route necessitated the hauling of carriages up a long steep incline on ropes, while the current railway follows a more gradually ascending route. The original alignment is now a footpath and provided a pleasant leisurely walk along the Murk Esk valley. Crossing the river was the perfect opportunity for Pooh Sticks, won comfortably by, errm... the person whose stick came under the bridge first. Of course at the end of the walk we had the steep incline to cope with; no ropes to haul us I'm afraid!

After a leisurely lunch in Goathland, setting for TV's *Heartbeat*, we headed to the NYMR station to make the return journey by steam train. The train was slightly late but, once the driver had collected the single-line token, we were off down the 1 in 45 gradient back to Grosmont.

Returning to the cars we drove to the only tower of the day, on the cliff above the beautiful fishing village of Whitby. This time Mike made absolutely certain that his car was secure, although he failed to notice the small figure of Mary imprisoned in the back seat! She managed to attract our attention by attempting to break out, which set off the alarm and Mike quickly concluded that it would be wise to release her.

The bells were up and we caught hold for a touch of Cambridge Royal. Some time into the rounds, one eagle-eyed (or eagle-eared?) ringer remarked that royal was going to be difficult with only nine ringers and nine ropes! Embarrassing or what? After retrieving the other rope from the rope room, we had a nice ring then climbed down the steep steps to the beach.

Sandbells (sorry, handbells) were rung, feet were paddled and Dave played "boomerang football" (the rules are simple - you just throw the ball into the sea and see whether it comes back). Unsurprisingly the game was won quickly by the North Sea tide so we got fish and chips and sat next to the harbour to eat them. Dave, not content with losing the football, managed to mislay an entire fish. No-one knows what happened to it, although there was a very guilty looking seagull sidling away!

It was then time to bid farewell to JennyH, Dave and Katie who had to head back to London. It was a great shame (not to say terrifying) to see our organiser leaving us to fend for ourselves but Andy took on the role of 'acting organiser' with great enthusiasm. The rest of us went back to York Uni and got drunk. Again.

Monday

Today I travelled in the luxury of Becky's blue jalopy. Quentin and Clare even agreed to sit in the back and let me map-read, although they seemed unconvinced by my navigating by the sun. Pickhill were a reasonable 6 which were recently installed, I gather, with the help of Katie's dad.

Kirklington were less impressive, as were Masham, although the UL's spectacularly firing out London Royal did not necessarily show them in their best light. As a matter of fact, when I listened hard to the bells I seemed to hear voices crying out for help but when I asked the others about it, they just gave me strange looks...

Lunch was in the Bruce Arms, apparently named after Becky's Uncle Robert, followed by what was for many the highlight of the day – the Black Sheep Brewery tour. This was extremely interesting and our tour guide, Gary, turned out to be a ringer. He was, unlike his namesake, a quiet man – in a noisy brewery – so we didn't hear that much of what he said!

After heading back to York Uni, some of us rang a handbell peal in the spare room before joining the others at the pub in York.

Tuesday

Jon was my chauffeur du jour and we rang at East Witton, Middleham and Askrigg – setting for *All Creatures Great and Small*. No sign of James, Seigfried et al, but Roger made us ring Shipway.

After ringing at Aysgarth, it was time to head for the famous Aysgarth Falls. Not exactly Niagara, but scenic nonetheless. Most were content to watch from the bank but Quentin bravely leapt across to a rocky island in the heart of the raging trickle.

Some went off to York Minster practice, but there was a real treat for those lucky enough to travel in Richard's car as we stopped at Redmire Rail Terminal to look at the MOD's armoured vehicle unloading sidings.

Returning to base, we walked back into York City Centre for an evening in the pub with the York Minster ringers, including UL member Christine Potter. Finally, back at home base it was another late night, playing 'Stone-Paper-Scissors' and 'The Aeroplane Game'.

Wednesday

By the middle of the week, most people had come down with the cold that had been spreading among us. I had managed to escape, partly I suspect by being the only person living on the ground floor (I can only imagine what unhygienic activities had been taking place upstairs!)

Wednesday's first port of call was the market town of Ripon. The superb 10 at Ripon Cathedral were easily my favourite bells of the tour. We still couldn't ring London though!

After lunch, Roger bought Garry an inspirational tea towel. Then it was time for Richard, Helen and Mary to return south. Meanwhile the rest of us prepared for the challenge of Brimham Rocks.

"DANGER – DO NOT CLIMB ON THE ROCK FORMATIONS" – the UL showed its usual sense of restraint and respect for authority. Roger proved that age is irrelevant to expert climbing, Clare proved that there are no heights she won't scale to get the perfect shot and Becky proved that there is at least one sensible person left in the UL! Remarkably, everyone survived without breaking any bones (yes, even Andy). However, the Sharrow local band had apparently not been so careful; we arrived to find the stay of the 2nd broken.

Back at York Uni, another handbell peal was rung and the evening was spent in the campus bar.

Thursday

Today's first tower was Easingwold - a somewhat odd-struck 8, followed by the much nicer 8 at Thirsk. Thirsk was the home of Alf Wight, the 'real' James Herriot, so after lunch I went on the tour of the James Herriot Experience. Not sure what everyone else did but staying in the pub all afternoon is probably a good guess!

For Thursday's highlight, Katie had arranged us a grab at her parents' mini-ring. Now Katie is by no means the first member to allow their family home to be invaded by the UL, but few take the precaution of being hundreds of miles away at the time! So, after a short ring at Ainderby Steeple, we drove to Northallerton and the home of Jennie and David Town.

Trying to ring on their 'Romanby Campanile' was like regressing to one's first days of learning to handle a bell, but eventually most people got the hang of it. Except me. Another highlight was in the attic – Jennie gave us a guided tour of David's model railway. It really is a superb layout. It was a great shame that, David being out at the time, Jennie didn't dare to try and get any of the trains running!

We then joined the local Northallerton practice, before moving on to the pub and eventually an excellent curry. It was on the way home from here that the only real mishap of the tour occurred; Alison scraped the side of her car against the crash barrier on a very nastily curved slip road joining the A1. Luckily she was no more than shaken, but the car could not be driven as the steering had been knocked out of alignment. One by one, the convoy of UL cars pulled over to offer assistance and eventually a breakdown truck was summoned. Mike and Kelly stayed with Alison to wait for the truck while the rest of us returned to York.

Friday

Friday was the tour's designated 'car-free day' and we caught a bus into York for a walking tour of city centre towers. The ULSCR felt right at home ringing at St Olave's, although I think Hart Street are nicer.

Lunch was in the Three Legged Mare (aka the Wonkey Donkey) and the first afternoon tower was St Wilfred where Katie reappeared, to take command once again. We were then invited to tea at the home of David and Christine Potter before David took us around the remaining towers.

The Arts Centre was a lock-out so we spent extra time at the Spurriergate centre, a slightly surreal experience as the church was made redundant some years ago so you are effectively ringing in a café!

We had a pleasant evening meal at Pizza Express, followed by more drinking, while the streets filled with what Roger described as 'slack totty'!

Saturday

Like all good things, this excellent tour had to come to an end. With 'Sergeant' Town back in command, we got the house emptied and cleaned in record time and people drifted away...

Many thanks to Katie for arranging a fantastic tour. Thanks also to Andy for holding the reigns in the middle of the week.

By Nick Jones

S.U.A. Weekend 7th-9th November 2003

The following story is not fiction. It is based upon real-life events. As such, it may contain scenes of a distressing nature, not suitable for all viewers. But not all such scenes, as Lucy slipped me a fiver not to mention freshers from other societies.

The UL's 2003 SUA weekend began early. In fact, it started three days before the competition. No, the venue wasn't in a remote corner of Peru, nor were we taking Andy to navigate. We went to Cripplegate for a practice!

After this fit of keenness, the weekend proper got off to a more traditional start. On Friday evening student ringers from various societies gradually gathered in the 'Far From the Madding Crowd', an Oxford pub, to sample a good range of real ales, meet old friends, make new ones, trip over rucksacks, and cram into an impossibly small area of seating. The drinking was broken only for a supplies party to dash to Sainsbury's, around the corner, to secure cheap wine for later in the evening. This logistical exercise, complete with the traditional UL dither just before the checkout, succeeded in tempering the distress caused by closing time.

After a short walk north to St Giles' Church Hall, and a brief panic over corkscrews, the assembled students started on the wine. Drinking was accompanied by a period of fun, frolics, conversation, and letting down other people's airbeds. As the night drew on and people started to retire to bed your intrepid correspondent went off to a friend's room, where he could sleep on a carpeted floor and have a shower.

Thus rested and sweet smelling, sustained by a pork pie and McDonald's breakfast obtained on the way, I joined what was a fairly hung-over group on the Saturday morning. The draw took place at ten o'clock outside St Thomas the Martyr, an attractive twelfth century church near to the train station. Here the UL had its first success of the day - being drawn to ring before the pubs opened! Being called into the tower, the band ascended, rang a practice piece, rang two courses of Plain Bob Major, and descended.

After the first serious dither of the day the UL band headed for the 'Chequers', which was the venue for lunch. Being suspicious of the water in these foreign parts, further west than even the Metropolitan line stretches, we were forced to sample the beer. As bands gradually drifted in after their exertions the UL took on a valuable and proactive real-time beer quality assessment role by having another couple of pints before heading upstairs for lunch. This took the form of a buffet, set out on tables groaning under the weight of enough food to feed an army, or, more relevantly, Olly.

It's not very often that you get to say truthfully that one of the biggest jokes of a weekend was Chris Kippin's tenor ringing. Not knowing which team was which, the judges praised team number three's ringer of the 11cwt beast of St Thos and provoked sustained laughter from the audience. They quickly twigged that the team was from the University of London, and that the ringer was someone who has been known to ring the odd peal on a tenor.

The results of the 8-bell were:

1st	Oxford A	99 faults
2nd	London	122 faults
3rd	Cambridge	139 faults
4th	Oxford B	160 faults
5th	Bristol	195 faults
6th	Welsh Colleges	201 faults
7th	Exeter & friends	240 faults

Judges: Alex Byrne, Mark Shepherd

Lunch and business concluded, people drifted to St Cross for the afternoon's six-bell competition. St Cross is an interesting ground floor ring of six to the east of central Oxford, boasting a long draught, flighty front bells, and birds' nests coming through the rope holes. After a pleasant wait in the leafy churchyard the UL band entered the church to ring Plain Bob Minor, and then left to visit the Turf Tavern. Cleverly sitting outside in arctic temperatures to avoid the danger of warm beer, we enjoyed the dying winter sunlight and range of real ales. The Master, taking advantage of alcohol-induced loss of judgement, persuaded a poor unfortunate to write a report of the day.

As frostbite set in, the decision was made to warm up with a brisk walk to the evening's entertainment. This took the form of the six-bell competition results and a quiz.

The results were:

1st	Oxford A	30 faults
2nd	Cambridge	34 faults
3rd	London	36 faults
4th	Bristol Cities	39 faults
5th	Scratch	41 faults
6th	Welsh Colleges	44 faults
7th	Exeter & friends	64 faults
8th	Southampton & friends	67 faults
9th	Bristol	74 faults
10th	Oxford B	80 faults

Judges: David and Cecilia Pipe

The judges' comments on the UL band included, "Hang on, it says here... Mention tenor ringing."

After an intellectual tussle that made University Challenge look like Catchphrase the quiz was over, and it was time to eat. The gathering fragmented to head to various ethnic restaurants and takeaways, before eventually regrouping at the hall for more late-night drinking. After a night's sleep and various Sunday morning towers the UL returned to London, pleased with a good performance, and looking back on an enjoyable weekend.

By Martin Cansdale

The 58th Annual Dinner

22nd November 2003

This year dinner weekend began on the Friday night, the master having arranged a practice on the lovely bells of St Mary-le-Bow. This began slowly, with a few of the UL regulars battling away against the back 8. They proved to be slightly more challenging than our regular practice tower, St Olave's, Hart Street. Things improved, however, with the arrival of Olly Cross (not often you can say that), and then even more so when the Town sisters appeared on the scene. The high point of the practice came when Clare Dyer rang Stedman Cinques for the first time. Not only did she not make a single mistake, she also managed to strike the treble!

A steady session in the nearby JD Wetherspoon followed. It started with a rather rude joke from Rachel Town, and finished with one of Martin Cansdale's chips sticking in Quentin Jackson's ice cream desert. An evening typified by mature behaviour. Most unusual.

Saturday morning's itinerary began with ringing scheduled to take place at St Martin-in-the-Fields from 11am. Unfortunately, the rugby world cup final was also scheduled to take place at that time. Accordingly, just 5 eager members rang the back five up, and then back down an hour later, while the rest of the society watched Jonny Wilkinson and the team beat the Aussies.

Thankfully, attendance improved for afternoon ringing at the Imperial Institute. These bells present somewhat of a challenge, even to the most experienced ringer. Indeed, rounds and call changes proved a tall order for the UL's finest. No changes were actually called, although plenty were rung! Nonetheless, we enjoyed ringing on these difficult yet glorious sounding bells.

On to the evening then. Some of us assembled in the UL's Thursday night pub, The Liberty Bounds, for a quick pint, before making the short trip down the road to the venue for the evening. This year was to be the first UL dinner held at The Habit. Last year's venue had unfortunately closed shortly after our (and in particular Henry Coggill's) misdemeanours.

A champagne reception in the bar area greeted us at The Habit, before we were ushered into the main dining area. It was a tight squeeze, but everyone fitted in, in spite of some last minute changes to the table plan that Sam had been not been informed of.

Grace was led by Ben, the Master's fiancé, before we sat down to a very decent meal. The speeches followed. Chris Kippin spoke on behalf of the society, welcoming guests and describing his first year with the society, before proposing the visitors. This year, the response from the visitors came from none other than Heather Kippin. Heather compared the experience of seeing her husband embark on his university degree to that of their daughter leaving for university, some twelve years earlier.

The Master of the society then gave an entertaining speech that described her experiences with the UL, and in particularly her impressions of some of the society's more colourful members. Dave 'disaster' Hills received a special mention for his episode of mishaps during the summer tour a couple of months earlier.

The tables were cleared away and a DJ shipped in, and before we knew it, the room had been transformed into a dance floor. It became immediately apparent that a substantial volume of alcohol had been consumed by a substantial amount of people. Dancing of various forms ensued as the DJ pumped out 70s and 80s hits.

The music then changed, taking on a more Latin flavour. Dancing Salsa did not seem to be in so many people's repertoire. Instead, a 'congo' style line of people wound its way around the bar area and back into the disco room. It appeared to me that it was being led by a stocky drunken lout. In actual fact I was wrong, as the instigator turned out to be that that pillar of respectability, none other than the tower captain of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Oliver D Cross.

Before we knew it, the evening was over, and it was time to leave. It was a splendid evening, and one can only hope that we will be allowed back next year.

By Andy Bradford

The London Ringers' Christmas Social

17th December 2003

I've been asked to do a write-up for the UL annual report.

What – about the canal tour?

No, last year's London Ringers' party.

But that was last year – almost a year ago. Can you remember anything about it?

Not a lot. Can you?

Well, it was in a pub in London.

Great, well that narrows it down a bit. Which pub?

Well, that pub. You know, the one which ran out of beer on the day after the College Youths' Dinner.

Oh yes, I remember, the Chamberlain Hotel wasn't it? Just down from Aldgate. And it was on a Wednesday, because we tried to go to the Cumberlands' practice first but couldn't find it.

That's right – we went to St Seps and there was a service. And then we put 50p in a phone box in Cheapside and tried to look it up on the web site, only it was out of date.

And the practice turned out to be at St Seps anyway. Yes, I remember. So we got to the party early and there was hardly anyone there we knew. Not a good idea getting to parties too early, you might have to be sociable with people you don't know. And I'm not very good at that.

Come on, it wasn't that bad. Who did we talk to?

Can't remember, at least not the people who were there at the start. But there were lots of nice people there later on. Like Simon Brown who, it turned out, had read Music at King's right at the beginning.

What, you mean in 1829?

No, silly, when the Music Dept started, about 1978 or so. It sounded a bit of a laugh then.

They can't have done any less than you seem to have to do on your course.

That's enough of that! Can you remember who organised the party?

Wasn't it that nice Mr Trimm, the one from Bedfordshire? And didn't he provide lots of food, which kept coming, even after we were all full up – plates of chips and things?

Yes, that was good. It's all beginning to come back now. I don't remember there being all that many UL people there. But I think it was after the end of term, so I suppose some of them had gone home.

Perhaps you couldn't remember very much by the end anyway.

I wasn't that bad! We had to leave before the end to catch the train home, and we didn't want to leave it so late that we'd be on the pukers' special at 0105. Was there anyone left when we went?

Oh lots – I expect most of the UL contingent were still there – they may be still there now.

Who's organising it this year?

The Cumberlands, I think.

So that'll be lots of orange juice.

Enough of that – the Cumberlands can down it with the best of them.

I bet they can't keep up with the UL.

No, probably not.

By Chris Kippin
(with a little help from Heather)

Deals
and
Quarters

Peals rung for the University of London Society

LONDON EC3, St Olave, Hart Street
Sunday 17 August 2003 2h42 (11-3-23)

5152 Spliced Surprise Major (23 methods)

(224 each Belfast, Bristol, Buckfastleigh, Caterham, Chertsey, Chesterfield, Claybrooke, Colnbrook, Essex, Huddersfield, London, Malpas, Moulton, Newcastle, Newlyn, Northampton, Pudsey, Richmond, Sonning, Sussex, Whalley, Willesden, Yeading; 160 changes of method, all the work and each lead different)

Comp. Stephen D Chandler

- 1 Andrew P F Bradford
- 2 Katherine L Town
- 3 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 4 Eleanor J Kippin
- 5 Oliver D Cross
- 6 Andrew J Graham
- 7 Simon J L Linfood
- 8 John N Hughes-D'Aeth

Rung as a 23rd birthday compliment to Katie Town.
RW 2003, p855

YORK, North Yorkshire, Lindley House, Halifax
College, University of York
Monday 8 September 2003 2h30 (size 15)

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp. Peter J Sanderson

- 1-2 Oliver D Cross
- 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 5-6 Roger Bailey
- 7-8 Nicholas W Jones

First peal of Surprise in hand: 1-2. Rung on the
Society's summer tour.
RW 2003, p973

YORK, North Yorkshire, Lindley House, Halifax
College, University of York
Wednesday 10 September 2003 2h25 (size 15)

5088 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

Comp. William Barton

- 1-2 Nicholas W Jones
- 3-4 Michael J Trimm
- 5-6 Roger Bailey (C)
- 7-8 Oliver D Cross

First peal of Surprise on an inside pair and first peal
of Lincolnshire in hand: 7-8. Rung on the Society's
summer tour.
RW 2003, p973

LONDON EC3, St Olave, Hart Street
Saturday 14 February 2004 2h52 (11-3-23)

5184 Belfast Surprise Major

Comp. Simon Humphrey

- 1 Eleanor J Kippin
- 2 Robert C Kippin
- 3 Roger Bailey (C)
- 4 Katherine L Town
- 5 Peter J Bennett
- 6 Fiona M Edwards
- 7 Michael J Trimm
- 8 Oliver D Cross

First peal of Belfast on tower bells: 4. Rung for the
Society's peal weekend.
RW 2004, p1025

KENSAL GREEN, Middlesex, 52 Burrows Road
Saturday 14 February 2004 2h25 (size 15)

5120 Spliced Surprise Major (3 methods)

(1760 Cambridge, Yorkshire; 1600 Lincolnshire; 79 changes of
method, all the work)

Comp. John S Warboys

- 1-2 Katherine L Town
- 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 5-6 Roger Bailey
- 7-8 Oliver D Cross

First peal of spliced in hand: 7-8. Rung for the
Society's peal weekend.
RW 2004, p1025

SHOREDITCH, Middlesex, St Leonard
Saturday 14 February 2004 2h40 (8-3-3)

5024 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp. Anthony J Cox

- 1 Gregory J Watson
- 2 Peter J Bennett
- 3 Jennifer A Holden
- 4 Quentin S A Jackson
- 5 Andrew P F Bradford
- 6 Martin J Cansdale
- 7 Robert C Kippin (C)
- 8 Mark C Bennett

First peal of Bristol: 3, 4. Rung for the Society's
peal weekend.
RW 2004, p1025

WILLESDEN, Middlesex, St Mary
Sunday 15 February 2004 2h37 (7-3-7)

5024 Glasgow Surprise Major

Comp. Roger Bailey

- 1 Roger Bailey
- 2 Rebecca S Bruce
- 3 Fiona M Edwards
- 4 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 5 Andrew P F Bradford
- 6 Katherine L Town
- 7 Terry M Astill
- 8 Mark C Bennett

First peal of Glasgow: 5. First peal of Glasgow on tower bells: 6. Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

RW 2004, p1025

BOW, Middlesex, St Mary-atte-Bow
Sunday 15 February 2004 2h48 (13-2-23)

5184 Superlative Surprise Major

Comp. Graham A C John

- 1 Jennifer R Pick
- 2 Gregory J Watson
- 3 Nicholas W Jones
- 4 Quentin S A Jackson
- 5 Jennifer A Holden
- 6 Jon Waters
- 7 Oliver D Cross (C)
- 8 Martin J Cansdale

First peal of Superlative: 4, 5. Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

RW 2004, p1025

CAMDEN, London NW1, 43 Weavers Way
Thursday 15 April 2004 2h18 (size 15)

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp. Christopher P Starbuck

- 1-2 Katherine L Town
- 3-4 Michael J Trimm
- 5-6 Ruth Blackwell
- 7-8 Nicholas W Jones (C)

First peal of Surprise in hand as conductor. First peal in the flat.

RW 2004, p447

LONDON EC3, St Olave, Hart Street
Saturday 24 April 2004 2h50 (11-3-23)

5120 Spliced Surprise Major (8 methods)

(896 Rutland; 704 Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 640 Cambridge; 576 London, Pudsey, Superlative; 448 Bristol; 87 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. Philip G K Davies

- 1 David J Hills
- 2 Jennifer A Holden
- 3 Quentin S A Jackson
- 4 James R S Sawle
- 5 Fiona M Edwards
- 6 Rebecca S Bruce
- 7 Mark C Bennett (C)
- 8 Oliver D Cross

First peal of 8-spliced: 3 and as conductor. Rung on St Mellitus Day to mark the 1400th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of London.

RW 2004, p519

Peals rung for the St Olave's Society

CUMNOR, Oxfordshire, St Michael
Sunday 28 September 2003 2h55 (13-1-4)

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp. Donald F Morrison

- 1 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 2 Clare E F Dyer
- 3 Jennifer A Holden
- 4 Jenny A Dyer
- 5 Jonathan Cresshull
- 6 David J Hills
- 7 Martin J Cansdale
- 8 Quentin S A Jackson

First peal: 2. First peal on an inside bell: 6. First peal of Triples: 3. Rung for the ordination of Barbara Webb and for the Patronal Festival.
RW 2003, p1021

BECKENHAM, Kent, St George
Saturday 6 March 2004 2h51 (14 cwt)

5040 Bristol Surprise Royal

Comp. George H Campling

- 1 Christopher L Rusby
- 2 David J Baverstock
- 3 Joanna M Ainsworth
- 4 John P W Taylor
- 5 Andrew J Graham (C)
- 6 Martin J Cansdale
- 7 Andrew P F Bradford
- 8 Katherine L Town
- 9 James J Hardy
- 10 Oliver D Cross

First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal: 7 and as conductor.
RW 2004, p297

LONDON EC1, St Sepulchre without Newgate,
Holborn Viaduct
Saturday 18 October 2003 3h31 (28-2-16)

5007 Stedman Cinques

Comp. Donald F Morrison

- 1 Andrew J Graham
- 2 Christopher J Poole
- 3 Stephen W Penney
- 4 John P W Taylor
- 5 Andrew P F Bradford
- 6 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 7 Paul C L Bradford
- 8 Martin J Cansdale
- 9 Mark C Bennett
- 10 Paul L Carless
- 11 David J Baverstock
- 12 Rebecca S Bruce

First peal on twelve: 7.
RW 2003, p1071

WATERLOO, Surrey, St John the Evangelist
Sunday 19 October 2003 3h (17-2-13)

5056 Spliced Surprise major (8 methods)

(704 Superlative, Lincolnshire; 672 Rutland; 608 Cambridge, Pudsey, Yorkshire; 576 Bristol, London; 139 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. Andrew N Tyler

- 1 Christopher J Poole
- 2 Mary A Sloman
- 3 Martin J Cansdale
- 4 Andrew P F Bradford
- 5 Jon Waters
- 6 Mark A Bell
- 7 Ian R Fielding
- 8 Oliver D Cross (C)

First peal of 8-spliced: 2. Rung as a get well compliment to Roddy Horton who was to have been in the band.
RW 2003, p1071

Compositions

5184 Belfast Surprise Major
Simon Humphrey

23456	M	W	H

35426		2	
36452	2	F/I	
25634	1	I/O/V/V	1
25463		F/I	2
23564	2		1

3 part.
Contains 93 cru's, 10 8765's.

*Rung for the ULSCR on 14 February 2004
at St Olave's, Hart Street.*

5024 Glasgow Surprise Major
Roger Bailey

2345678	V	W	H

24536		-	2
3247586	[3]	2	

4 part omitting [3] in the 2nd part.
Contains 33 cru's, 12 8765's, Queens,
Tittums and 132 combinations of 5678 in
5678.
4ths place calls.

*Rung for the ULSCR on 15 February 2004
at St Mary's Willesden.*

5024 Bristol Surprise Major
Anthony J Cox

23456	M	W	H

43526		2	1
25346		2	2
52364	2	F/I	1
26543	[2	2]	
23645	2		1

3 part, calling bob B instead of [2M 2W]
in parts 2 and 3.
Contains 144 cru's.

*Rung for the ULSCR on 14 February 2004
at St Leonard's, Shoreditch.*

5040 Grandsire Triples
Donald F Morrison

234567	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

53624	-		-				(4 leads)
423756	-			[-]			(5)
254367	-			-	s	-	(9)
53426		-	-				(4)
43625			-				(4)
63524			-				(4)
36425	-	s	s				(3)
63425	-	-	s				(3)
342576	-	s		-		-	(6)
346527	-			-			(4)
46532	s		-				(3)
65432				-			(4)
34256	-				-		(7)

6 part calling s for [-] in parts 3 and
6.

*Rung for the St Olave's Society on 28
September 2003 at St Michael's, Cumnor.*

5040 Bristol Surprise Royal
George H Campling

234567890	3	4	5	6	8	9

674523	s		ss	s		
654329078			-	-	-	
654327890				-	-	
34562		s	s			
243659078	-				-	-
243657890					-	-
573624	s		ss	s		
563427				-		
43652		s	s			
23456	-	3				

8ths place calls.

*Rung for the St Olave's Society on 6
March 2004 at St George's, Beckenham.*

5088 Lincolnshire Surprise Major
William Barton

23456	B	M	W	H

54632		-	-	
43526	-			3
32654		-	2	
42356		2		

3 part.

*Rung on handbells for the ULSCR on 10
September 2003 at Lindley House, Halifax
College, University of York.*

5007 Stedman Cinques
Donald F Morrison

2314567890E	1	6	19	

21436578E90		(a)		
213465		(b)		

2134657809E		(c)		
3124657890E	s	-	s	A
213465		-	s	
3124657809E	s	-	s	

31246587E90		(d)		B
213465		-	s	
3124658709E		A		

31246578E90		(d)		C
314265		s	2	
4132658709E		B		

2143658709E		C		

- (a) = 1,5,7,8,10,11,s13,15,16 (20 sixes)
 (b) = s9,18
 (c) = 2,s15
 (d) = 2,s13,s15

Rung for the St Olave's Society on 18 October 2003 at St Sepulchre's, Holborn.

5184 Superlative Surprise Major
Graham A C John

23456	B	M	W	H
35264	-			
62543		s	s	s
42536		s	s	
56234		s		-
34265		s	-	
46352	-			
53624		s	s	s
23645		s	s	
34256	-			

3 part.
 Contains 56 cru's including 18 56's, 65's; 12 8765's; 12 each 56's, 65's, 8765's 6543's off the front; Tittums.

Rung for the ULSCR on 15 February 2004 at St Mary-atte-Bow, Bow Road.

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Peter J Sanderson

23456	M	W	H
36452	-		2
65324	2	2	3
26354		-	
43652	-		-
43526	2	2	-
24536		-	
54632	-		3
35426	2	2	2
23456		-	3

Contains the extent of coursing for 3-4 and 5-6.

Rung on handbells for the ULSCR on 8 September 2003 at Lindley House, Halifax College, University of York.

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Christopher P Starbuck

23456	M	W	H
52436		-	
42365	s	2	-

53264	-		-
32564		ss	2
64325	2	-	
34256	s	2	-
23456		4A	

Rung on handbells for the ULSCR on 15 April 2004 at 43 Weavers Way, Camden.

5120 Spliced Surprise Major (3m)
John S Warboys

23456	B	M	W	H	Methods
52436			-		CYNC.NYC
23564	-				CY.YC
62534			-		NNNN.YYY
35426		-	-		CCC.Y.CCC
64523		-		-	YYY.NNNN.

5 part.
 Contains 1760 Cambridge, Yorkshire; 1600 Lincolnshire (N); 79 changes of method, all the work.

Rung on handbells for the ULSCR on 14 February 2004 at 52 Burrows Road, Kensal Green.

5120 Spliced Surprise Major (8m)

Philip G K Davies

23456	B	M	W	H	Methods
23564	-			-	BBBB.PP.
56234			-	-	PPYN.PCC.
42635		-		-	CPC.CR.
45236	-		-	-	RRL.BBB.R.
24536				-	RPNNN.
65432		-		-	R.YCCY.
46532				-	SCSSSSS.
34562			-		YCSP.SNN
25463		-		-	NSN.RRRRRR.
42563				-	LYL.
52364		-			NYL.LRLLLL
43265		-		-	L.YR.
24365				-	NNPCYYY.

2 part.

Contains 896 Rutland; 704 Lincolnshire (N), Yorkshire; 640 Cambridge; 576 London, Pudsey, Superlative; 448 Bristol; 87 changes of method, all the work; 73 cru's.

Rung for the ULSCR on 24 April 2004 at St Olave's, Hart Street.

5152 Spliced Surprise Major (23m)

Stephen D Chandler

12345678	Huddersfield
- 13578264	Whalley
17325486	Malpas
14267835	Belfast
16482573	Bristol
18654327	London
- 13586742	Essex
16452378	Caterham
15634827	Buckfastleigh
17823456	Yeading
12748635	Chertsey
14267583	Sussex
- 18356742	Colnbrook
13684527	Sonning
14267358	Moulton
- 15836742	Richmond
- 17358264	Newcastle
13876542	Willesden
15723486	Chesterfield
14265873	Northampton
16482357	Claybrooke
18634725	Newlyn
12547638	Pudsey
- 15738264	

7 part.

Contains 224 of each method; 160 changes of method, all the work and each lead different; 26 cru's.

Rung for the ULSCR on 17 August 2003 at St Olave's, Hart Street.

5056 Spliced Surprise Major (8m)

Andrew N Tyler

23456	V	M	B	W	H	Methods
45236				-	-	RY.L.
52436					2	CSNRN.B.
42635		-		3		L.N.B.B.L
42356		2		2	-	R.LRP.C.B.R.
63254		-			-	YNN.PL.
32654					2	PYSSPNY.B.
32546			-		-	SY.PS.
43265			-		2	NS.CP.B.
52364		-			-	R.PL.
35264		-	-	-	-	R.PCRC.BBB.R.
23564		-	-	-	-	L.BBB.NLSC.R.
532746	-			-	-	P.L.YYS.
423756		-			-	CSC.NL.
234756					2	CYNYYP.P.B.
372546			-			NN.CS
274536		-				YPN.RS
473526	3	-				Y.CLR.B.SC.CSPN
325746		-			2	R.Y.L.B.
573246			-	-	-	SCNN.YSC.
357246					-	NPNYSC.
735246					-	CSYNNCP.
275346				-		RP.L
243657	2	2			-	P.YRL.PN.B.SL.
36245				-	-	SR.R.
62345					2	NLL.B.
25346		-			2	R.SL.B.
34256			-	-	-	SR.CYP.
23456				-	-	RSR.

Contains 704 Superlative, Lincolnshire (N); 672 Rutland; 608 Cambridge, Pudsey, Yorkshire; 576 Bristol, London; 139 changes of method, all the work; 85 cru's, Queens, Whittingtons, Tittums, 18 2468's, 13 7468's, 11 7568's, 16 8765's.

Rung for the St Olave's Society on 19 October 2003 at St John's, Waterloo Road.

QUARTERS 2003-2004

Strand, City of Westminster, WC2,

London, St Clement Danes.

Sun 11 May 2003 in 49 mins (21-1-23)

1282 Cambridge S Royal

Katherine L Town 1, Jennifer R Pick 2, Michael J Trimm (c) 3, Jennifer A Holden 4, Quentin S A Jackson 5, James K Eggleston 6, Andrew P F Bradford 7, John P W Taylor 8, Martin J Cansdale 9, Rebecca S Bruce 10.

First of Royal: 5. First of Cambridge

Royal: 4. With thanks to the land shark for making us up to 10.

Smithfield, City of London, EC1,

London, St Bartholomew the Great.

Sun 25 May 2003 in 43 mins (5½)

1340 Doubles (2m: Grandsire and Plain Bob).

Oliver D Cross 1, Clare E F Dyer 2, Jennifer A Holden 3, Katherine L Town 4, Quentin S A Jackson (c) 5.

First quarter inside: 2.

Strand, City of Westminster, WC2,

London, St Clement Danes.

Sun 08 June 2003 (21-1-23)

1280 Yorkshire S Royal

Rebecca S Bruce 1, Jennifer R Pick 2, Jennifer A Holden 3, Quentin S A Jackson 4, David H W Ottley 5, Kelly N Barnes 6, Jon Waters 7, Katherine L Town 8, Michael J Trimm (c) 9, Eleanor J Kippin 10.

First S Royal 5. First Yorkshire 4.

Cannock, Staffs, St Luke.

Sat 05 July 2003 in 43 mins (14-0-11)

1259 Grandsire Caters

David J Hills 1, Clare E F Dyer 2, Jennifer R Pick 3, Jennifer A Holden 4, Quentin S A Jackson 5, Alison E Elwess 6, Michael J Trimm (c) 7, David H W Ottley 8, Oliver D Cross 9, Jon Waters 10.

1st on 10: 1. 1st Caters: 2. Rung to congratulate Joanna Roome and Grant Gilmore on their forthcoming marriage.

Ashchurch, Glos, St Nicholas.

Sat 19 July 2003 (11-2-24)

1250 Cambridge S Major

Katherine L Town 1, Mary A Sloman 2, Quentin S A Jackson 3, David J Hills 4, Jennifer A Holden 5, Andrew P F Bradford 6, Rebecca S Bruce 7, Oliver D Cross (c) 8.

Hart St, City of London, EC3, London, St Olave.

Thurs 07 Aug 2003 in 45 mins (11-3-23)

1250 Lincolnshire S Major

Andrew P F Bradford 1, Rebecca S Bruce 2, James K Eggleston 3, David J Hills 4, Nicholas W Jones 5, Katherine L Town (c) 6, Michael J Trimm 7, Roger Bailey 8.

First in method: 4. Rung to celebrate the recent engagement of Kelly Barnes, UL Master, to Ben Sargent.

Strand, City of Westminster, WC2,

London, St Clement Danes.

Sun 12 Oct 2003 in 54 mins (21-1-23)

1360 London (No. 3) S Royal

Clare E F Dyer 1, Kelly N Barnes 2, Quentin S A Jackson 3, Michael J Trimm (c) 4, Andrew P F Bradford 5, John P W Taylor 6, Martin J Cansdale 7, Jon Waters 8, Oliver D Cross 9, Rebecca S Bruce 10.

First quarter of Treble Bob and first of Royal: 1. First quarter of London Royal: 3, 5.

Smithfield, City of London, EC1,

London, St Bartholomew the Great.

Sun 26 Oct 2003 in 41 mins (5½)

1260 Doubles (6m: Union; All Saints; St Osmond's; St Martin's; St Simon's; Grandsire).

Andrew P F Bradford 1, Michael J Trimm (c) 2, Kelly N Barnes 3, Quentin S A Jackson 4, Jon Waters 5.

For evensong.

Strand, City of Westminster, WC2,
London, St Clement Danes.

Sun 09 Nov 2003 in 48 mins (21-1-23)

1280 Bristol S Major

Clare E F Dyer 1, Michael J Trimm (c) 2,
Nicholas W Jones 3, Richard H Hopper 4,
Kelly N Barnes 5, Quentin S A Jackson 6,
Martin J Cansdale 7, Jon Waters 8.

1st inside: 6. Rung for Remembrance

Sunday on the back eight after meeting
short.

Smithfield, City of London, EC1,

London, St Bartholomew the Great.

Sun 23 Nov 2003 in 37 mins (5½)

1260 Doubles (2m: 720 St Simon's Bob;
540 Plain Bob).

Richard H Hopper 1, Adrian R Udal 2, B
Haley Barnett 3, Nicholas W Jones (c) 4,
Quentin S A Jackson 5.

For Evensong.

Strand, City of Westminster, WC2,

London, St Clement Danes.

Sun 14 Dec 2003 in 50 mins (21-1-23)

1280 Superlative S Major

David A Town 1, Jennifer A Holden 2,
Quentin S A Jackson 3, Nicholas W Jones
4, Katherine L Town 5, Andrew P F
Bradford 6, Martin J Cansdale (c) 7,
Jennifer A Town 8.

Hart St, City of London, EC3, London,
St Olave.

Thurs 18 Dec 2003 in 46 mins (11-3-23)

1280 Bristol S Major

Jennifer R Pick 1, Jennifer A Holden 2,
Nicholas W Jones 3, Richard H Hopper 4,
Ed J Webb 5, David H W Ottley 6, Quentin
S A Jackson 7, Martin J Cansdale (c) 8.

For the Rotary Carol Service.

Hart St, City of London, EC3, London,
St Olave.

Thurs 08 Jan 2004 in 43 mins (11-3-23)

1280 Spliced S Major (Standard 8)

Comp. Donald F Morrison

David J Hills 1, Jennifer A Holden 2,
Rebecca S Bruce 3, Andrew P F Bradford
4, Quentin S A Jackson 5, Katherine L
Town 6, Oliver D Cross (c) 7, Martin J
Cansdale 8.

Most spliced: 5.

Strand, City of Westminster, WC2,
London, St Clement Danes.

Sun 11 Jan 2004 in 45 mins (21-1-23)

1250 Cambridge S Major

Jennifer A Holden 1, Lucy M Bricheno 2,
Nicholas W Jones 3, Quentin S A Jackson
4, Martin J Cansdale 5, Katherine L Town
(c) 6, Jon Waters 7, Andrew P F Bradford
8.

Smithfield, City of London, EC1,

London, St Bartholomew the Great.

Sun 25 Jan 2004 in 37 mins (5½)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Jennifer R Pick 1, Kelly N Barnes 2, Jon
Waters 3, Garry Barr 4, David H W Ottley
(c) 5.

First Quarter Peal as conductor.

Westminster, London, WC2

St Clement Danes

Sun 08 Feb 2004 in 44 mins (21-1-23)

1250 Yorkshire S Major

Ed J Webb 1, Jennifer R Pick 2, Quentin S
A Jackson 3, Jennifer A Holden 4, David H
W Ottley 5, Katherine L Town (c) 6, Kelly
N Barnes 7, Andrew P F Bradford 8.

Hart St, City of London, EC3, London,
St Olave.

Sat 14 Feb 2004

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Lucy M Bricheno 1-2, Nicholas W Jones 3-
4, Richard H Hopper (c) 5-6.

First quarter in hand: 1-2.

Stepney, E1, London, St George-in-the-
East

Sat 14 Feb 2004

1260 Plain Bob Triples

John Adams 1, Mary A Sloman 2, Lucy M
Bricheno 3, Kim Garlic 4, Nicholas W
Jones (c) 5, Ed J Webb 6, Richard H
Hopper 7, Richard P G Hayhoe 8.

First quarter on 8 bells: 4.

Waterloo Road, Waterloo, Greater

London, St John the Evangelist.

Sun 29 Feb 2004 (17-2-13)

1280 Yorkshire S Major

Comp. M J Cansdale

Kelly N Barnes 1, Jennifer R Pick 2, Lucy
M Bricheno 3, Jennifer A Holden 4, David
H W Ottley 5, Quentin S A Jackson 6,
Martin J Cansdale (c) 7, Rebecca S Bruce 8

Kentish Town, N7, London, The
Leighton Arms, Brecknock Road.
Sun 07 Mar 2004 (size 12)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Quentin S A Jackson 1-2, Michael J Trimm
(c) 3-4, Katherine L Town 5-6.

First quarter peal in hand: 1-2. Rung to
welcome the birth of Harry Thomas James
Saddleton, born 2 March 2004.

Kentish Town, N7, London, The
Leighton Arms, Brecknock Road.
Sun 07 Mar 2004 (size 12)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Lucy M Bricheno 1-2, Michael J Trimm (c)
3-4, Marika Pascovitch 5-6.

First handbell quarter on an inside pair: 5-
6. Rung to welcome the birth of Harry
Thomas James Saddleton, born on 2
March.

Hart St, City of London, EC3, London,
St Olave.

Thurs 18 Mar 2004 in 39 mins

1260 Plain Bob Minor

Jennifer A Holden 1-2, Nicholas W Jones
3-4, Richard H Hopper (c) 5-6.

First quarter peal in hand: 1-2.

Smithfield, City of London, EC1,
London, St Bartholomew the Great.

Sun 25 Apr 2004 in 42 mins (5¹/₂)

1260 Doubles (3m, 1p: 480 St Martin's
Bob; 360 each Plain Bob, St Simon's Bob;
60 Stedman).

Clare E F Dyer 1, Paul Norman 2, David J
Hills 3, Philip Vracas 4, Quentin S A
Jackson (c) 5.

Rung for evensong. Also to mark the
1400th anniversary of the formation of the
Diocese of London by St Mellitus.

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July 2003 Staffordshire Weekend



September 2003 Summer Tour





October 2003
Freshers' Reception



November 2003
The Dinner



March 2004
Harry Saddleton



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