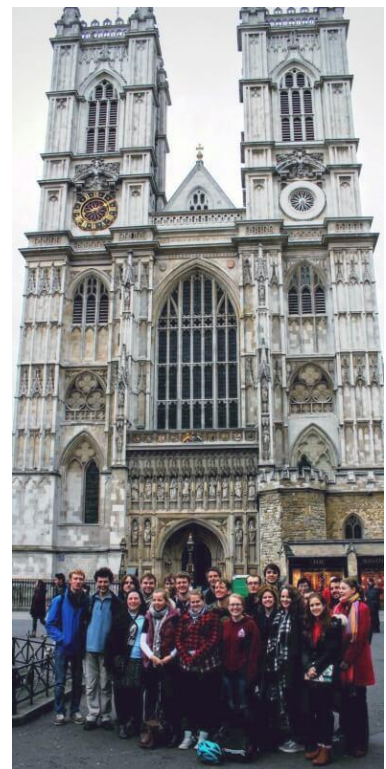


Happy 70th Birthday, UL!!!



**ULSCR 70th Anniversary Year
Annual Report 2015 – 2016**

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Master's Report

Practices started off quite highly attended, with Eight-Spliced often being the pinnacle of the method ringing, but numbers have dropped since January as some of our members are getting older and moving on. However, since September we have had three people learning to ring with us from scratch who are progressing very well and should soon be moving on to Plain Hunt.

For Sunday Service ringing I have tried to keep the quality of the ringing as high as possible, while still trying to maintain a diverse repertoire of methods. Numbers on Sundays have varied from three to sixteen, and we have usually had enough to ring all eight bells, with half courses of Cambridge and Yorkshire being quite common. Occasionally when I have been feeling either impulsive or drunk we have rung Superlative, which is an achievement for most Sunday Service bands.

We hosted the SUA in November and, for our trouble, were awarded 1st place for both the 6-bell and 8-bell competitions.

We had a fantastic 70th anniversary dinner, and the Strand Palace Hotel proved an excellent venue. This was the last to be organised by Charles and Rupert, who have done a wonderful job year after year, and they have been succeeded by Chris Rimmer and Chloe Grimmett, who have already got lots of exciting plans for this November.

We have had some brilliant tours which were organised respectively by Ben, the Browns, Rupert, and Chloe – these included the Summer Tour to Lincolnshire, the Freshers' Tour to Surrey, the Winter Tour to Ealing, and the Easter Tour to Shrewsbury. Lots of good memories, laughter and beer.

A great highlight of the year, or should I say *years*, was our New Years' party at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Everyone seemed to enjoy this. The following day was less successful when we didn't manage to ring a quarter peal at Westminster Abbey or The Queen's Tower, but both of these have now been ticked off thanks to the great work being done by the 70 towers committee. This is for the project to ring a QP at all of the 70 towers nearest to Hart Street in our 70th anniversary year.

This has been a year of change and transition, but there should still be much to look forward to in the year ahead. I have every confidence in Jemma, who has already done a fantastic job at organising the Tewkesbury Shield team, where we came 2nd. I'd like to thank everybody who has supported the Sunday ringing and the practices, to those who have been teaching the learners, to those who have organised and supported events, and to the committee for supporting me personally, particularly Nix and Rupert.

RBP, Heythrop College, 13/5/16.

Secretary's Report

The society has been very busy with multiple socials and events. Given that it is the society's 70th anniversary, there has been a flurry of quarter peal weekends to help the society reach it's 70 quarter peal target. On top of this, there have been many social activities including late nights in the pub, our annual treasure hunt and picnic, our Christmas party up the tower, the London 12 bell and the National 12 bell eliminators in Amersham. There have also been outings & tours to Lincolnshire, Surrey, West London, and Shrewsbury. If that wasn't enough, the UL also hosted the Southern Universities Association this year (where we managed to win both the 6 & 8 bell striking competitions) and we will also be hosting the Ringing World National Youth Contest later on in July.

Beyond this, there have been many weddings and engagements. Many congratulations to Charles Herriott on his marriage to Rachael Smith, Tessa Beadman to Leigh Simpson, and Katie Lane to Ed Hughes D'Aeth. We have more weddings to look forward to, starting with Lizzie Medcalf and Edd Sutch in August, along with the engagements of Lizzie Stokoe to Rob Lee, Helen Herriott to David Maynard, and Pete Bennett to Caroline Suter.

My thanks go out to Charlotte, the church secretary, and Mike, for answering all my questions, as well as all those who helped made this year what it is. All that remains is to say thank you for this opportunity, and good luck to the next secretary.

Nix Ruberry

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2016

Opening Balances

Petty Cash

423.24

-

Lloyds TSB

-

-

NatWest

3,661.83

4,543.34 (*bottom figure indicates year ended 31st March 2015*)

Halifax

-

-

Ringling World

(3.66)

29.12

Total Funds

4,081.41

4,572.46

Income

Tower Donations

Peals and Quarters

14.00

64.00

Steeplage

97.08

40.00

Visiting Ringers

80.00

47.00

Other

187.82

166.00

Membership Fees

100.00

110.00

Profit on 2014 Dinner (2013)

537.00

90.00

Profit on T-Shirt Sales

100.93

76.24

Total Income

1,116.83

593.24

Expenditure

Ringling World Advertisements

17.79

32.78

Ringling World Subscription

70.00

69.00

CC Subscription

30.00

-

CC Meeting Expenses

90.00

-

Loss on 2015 Dinner

743.42

-

Handbell Insurance

34.07

34.07

Website Expenses

47.99

47.99

Engraving SUA Trophy

15.00

-

70 Quarters Map

24.75

-

Sundry Expenses

-

63.15

Striking Competition Entry Fees

125.00

110.00

Donation to Southwark Cathedral

-

305.55

UL Clothing Expenditure in prior year

-

418.91

Steeplekeeping

-

2.84

Total Expenditure

1,198.02

1,084.29

Profit for year

(81.19)

(491.05)

Closing Balances

Petty Cash (Uncashed Cheque)

734.65

423.24

Lloyds TSB

-

-

NatWest

3,237.02

3,661.83

Halifax

-

-

Ringling World

28.55

(3.66)

Total Funds

4,000.22

4,081.41

Dinner Account

Income

Ticket Sales - 180 @ £50

9,000.00

Glassware Sales (estimated figure)

370.00

Total Income

9,370.00

-

Expenditure

Food - 181 @ £52

9,412.00

Menu Printing

30.00

Disco

290.00

Glassware

347.52

Selfie Sticks

33.90

Total Expenditure

10,113.42

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Profit / (Loss) on Dinner

(743.42)

537.00 (*This is the figure for the 2014 dinner*)

There are no comparative figures for the 2014 dinner as no dinner note had been included with the accounts in the 2014 – 15 financial year.

Trustees' Report

The Society's assets are as follows:

- 6 wooden folding chairs
- 14 handbells with box – insured until 23rd October 2016
- Gavel with box
- 8 muffles – one missing a buckle
- 2 clapper ties
- 2 cupboards
- 1 whiteboard
- 3 pinboards
- Various sports equipment
- Various Christmas decorations
- 2 tool boxes with tools
- 1 peal board
- UL-opoly
- Captain's hat
- Disco ball
- 3 music stands
- 5 small collecting buckets
- 3 large buckets
- 1 fan heater
- 1 extension lead
- 1 RCD
- 14 selfie sticks
- 2 vacuum cleaners
- 5 65th anniversary pint glasses
- 3½ boxes of 70th anniversary pint glasses
- Library – full details with the society librarian

Tom Nagel

Helen Herriott

Membership Secretary's Report

This is the 10th year that I have been Membership Secretary and the first for which I have no deaths to report. Of course, this doesn't necessarily mean that no members have died during the year; just that there are none of which I am aware. I would therefore remind all members to let me know when they do die, so it can be recorded in my next report.

It may be interesting to note that, in the 10 years I have been Membership Secretary, we have had 102 new members. I have reported 30 deaths, although 3 of those were not life members. Total membership currently stands at 664, although no doubt this includes a few who may have died but have not yet been recorded as such in the membership database. We had 114 members attend the Society's 70th anniversary dinner in November, which I think must be a record. However, there are a significant number of members who have not engaged with the Society in recent years, and I will be looking to see what can be done to address this in the forthcoming year.

Note: At the time of giving this report, I learnt of the death of Rev Anthony Clayton, who joined the Society in the 1950s. I will include his details in my next report at the 2017 AGM.

Those new members ratified at the AuGM in November 2015 were:

Charlotte Beaver – BA in History at Royal Holloway

Anne Bray – Postgraduate Teaching Certificate at Goldsmiths College

Alan Eyles – Mathematics at Royal Holloway

Sonja Hammes – MA in Creative & Cultural Industries at King's College

Chapman Knott – MSc in Public Health Nutrition at Westminster College

Jemma Mills – BA in Music Production at BIMM London

Thomas Sharp – Institute of Education

Ellen Taylor-Bower - BA in Theatre Practice: Design for the Stage at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama

James Watkins – LPC at the BPP Law School

And ratified at the AGM in May 2016 were:

Rebecca Steed – Pre-registration Pharmacist at King's College (Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust)

Paul Tiebout – Human Nutrition at King's College

Gillian Harris – MA in Library & Information Studies at UCL

Andrew Clark – BA in Sociology & Communications at Goldsmiths College

Laura Brown – BSc in Bioveterinary Science at the RVC

Willy Wennell – BA in Veterinary Medicine at the RVC

Mike Trimm would like to formally welcome all of these to the Society.

Mike Trimm

Auditor's Report

I have reviewed the accounts prepared for the year to 31st March 2016 and all the documentation supplied to me and I am pleased to report that it supports the accounts presented.

Peter Jasper

Treasure Hunt



The event that has been described by some UL members as ‘the highlight of the UL calendar’ this year fell on Saturday 6th June, an excellent day to spend gallivanting round the centre of London in the bright sunshine of English summer.

The meeting place in the morning was The Crosse Keys, where breakfasts, and in some cases, pints, were consumed in preparation for later exertions. Jacqui and Jenny, the organisers, alongside their able team members, Nix and Chris, gave out impressive Treasure Hunt packs to all the teams and explained the rules which would govern this particular bout of ULopoly. Basically, teams would move around the city according to the dice which would be shaken by the organisers from their base in the pub. A shake of the dice would give a number, which corresponded to a tower – but before the teams could set off for their destination they first had to solve the anagram which would tell them what the tower’s name was. There were various points for extra activities, and a musical quiz bonus round attached to the back of the pack.



All team members having made it to the pub, we were off. I was in Team Dog with Robert, Ben C and (briefly) the Poodle. Our first tower was St Martin in the Fields, where we chatted to a flag seller, got confused about counting steps, and took a bad selfie in which StMitF was just about visible. We rang the organisers, and were given our second tower – St Mary le Bow. So far so good. We had a problem with de-anagramming the next tower, so we went to find Chris in The Pride of Spitalfields and get 30 bonus points instead. We were given enough hints to work out that our third tower would be St George's, Borough High Street, and we duly set off. We were peeved to discover that the 'clue' for this tower did not, in fact, relate specifically to this tower, and rang up for our next clue. Westminster Abbey.



So we tubed to Westminster, got bored of tourists, and rang up for our next clue. Shoreditch. I believe it was at this point that we decided to play the system, on our Winning > Taking Part strategy. We found and exploited the 'photo of a theatre/statue/animal = 5 points' loophole, and we may have got into trouble a little bit...

Anyway, I abandoned my treasure hunt team at this point to go and earn some moneys ringing at Hart Street, but we were all reunited in The Minories at 6pm or thereabouts to hear the results. Team Dog narrowly evaded being disqualified, gaining third place and 5 finger puppets, which made me very happy (yay). First place was awarded to "Richard's Bitches" (Rupert, Katie & Becca), their prize being some beautiful mugs & second place to the two Toms & Garry Barr who were awarded bouncing eggs.



The team from Oxford, the "Belsize Boozes" came last and if memory serves were given a pineapple (which they proceeded to eat in the pub). We were joined by a couple of Southwark ringers and pubbing continued in The Liberty Bounds to end a very enjoyable day.

Many thanks go to the organisers, Jenny and Jacqui, for all their hard work in creating the Treasure Hunt this year, it was brilliant! Also apologies for any inconvenience caused by Team Dog's cheeky cheating, I blame my team mates entirely. Roll on Treasure Hunt 2016!

By Rosemary Hill

Picnic – Stratford (not on Avon)

On Sunday 7th June 2015 an epic sporting event took place in London's Olympic park, Stratford. After a whole terms training – drinking in pubs all across London, the athletes finally felt ready for the main event: ULSCR's summer picnic. After a 'rest day' at Saturday's excellent treasure hunt the Olympiads were all fired-up for action. Some members of the squad had been morning ringing at Hart Street and Magnus while others felt that an abandoned quarter peal attempt was the best warm-up.

The day started with a marathon tour-de-Olympic park, mainly due to failed navigation on the part of Team Sky (sorry, team Magnus), while team Wiggins (sorry, team Wallis) had already made a start of the bread and hummus in front of the designated meeting point cafe. Once we finally found our pitch, after a steep descent for some, the post-modern pentathlon began; consisting of frisbee, croquet, bridge, sunbathing, and doing the crossword.

We were well fuelled by a great spread of sweet and savoury goodies, and as should be expected, the athletes kept hydrated throughout each stage of the punishing event. Only one sporting injury was reported following the record attempt, thought to be due to an overdose of warm fish. This was a record breaking picnic which will hold the title for years to come, and thanks go to Rupert for co-ordinating / herding cats and organising such great weather.

Coincidentally, Bradley Wiggins also set some kind of world distance record that day, but whatevs.

Lucy Bricheno,
ULSCR Sports Reporter

Early Summer Tour: 3rd – 5th July 2015

This year's early summer tour was organised by Kate Wallis to the area where she lives, namely north Northamptonshire and south Leicestershire. She very kindly offered to let the UL stay at her house and her parents agreed to this too, something I would never do in a million years! Thankfully we didn't wreck anything and the weekend went by very smoothly, and hats off to Tom Wood and Mariko who cycled the whole thing!

A handful of us turned up on the Friday, some of us earlier than others to take advantage of the super off-peak train fare as London to Kettering during peak time costs an absolute fortune. On arrival Kate, Tom Wood and I went to the co-op to buy alcohol, where both Kate and Tom decided to buy a mozzarella ball each, drain it over the bin outside then eat it as it was on the way back. Even though I found this rather peculiar, I proceeded to do the same the next morning! We spent the evening eating a delicious chilli cooked by Kate's mother, followed by drinking while watching the tennis as a couple more people turned up. I may have consumed a whole bottle of red wine, but thankfully I didn't spill it on the new sofas or the cream carpet so all was well (apart from my head the next morning).

The first port of call on the Saturday was Market Harborough, where following a trip to Sainsbury's we rang at their 10. The ropes were very close together in a small circle and the bells were very loud from the outside, but some Cambridge and Stedman was achieved. Following this was a short ride to the 6 at Brampton Ash, where it didn't matter if our ringing was awful as the tower was in the middle of nowhere. Our picnic lunch came after this under the hot sun at Rushton, a great way to keep costs down and to stop people from getting too drunk at lunchtime! We settled next to a cricket pitch where a match was going on, not far from the 6 at Rushton where we rang following lunch. Then following this was a real treat, the only true 11 in the world at Rothwell which was also where Kate learned to ring. We did manage a plain course of Stedman Cinques, even if the treble couldn't be heard at all inside the tower so it just sounded like something on 10 with a gap. The final tower of the day was Desborough, and by this point we were all very tired so even ringing relatively simple things seemed a challenge. I left this tower early to climb a tree so I don't know if any decent ringing was actually achieved.

The evening's entertainment consisted of a barbeque at Kate's house. There was a nice selection of food, including the leftovers from lunch, some too spicy chicken wings, halloumi and your standard burgers and sausages etc. We were also welcome to as much salad as we liked, but we had to use the coleslaw

sparingly. About half of the group disappeared after the barbeque to catch a train back to London or drive home, leaving the hardcore ones behind. I'm sorry to say that there were no drunken antics, Kate's parents had gone out for dinner and we were getting ready to go to bed by the time they came back!

The next morning, after a light breakfast we made our way to Kettering itself for service ringing. They were a nice 12 and with us plus the locals we had enough to ring all 12 bells to some rounds and call changes. The final four then went on to the Wetherspoons for breakfast.

I very much enjoyed the weekend, as I'm sure everyone else did, and I'd like to say a massive thank you to Kate for the excellent organisation of the tour and to her and her parents for being excellent hosts!

By David Phillips

Summer Tour 2015

Friday 28th August

Today was the day that the UL descended on Lincoln for our annual summer tour. Our first target was the university halls where we would be staying, and more importantly the location of the 144 pints (in 4 polypins) acquired by Chris B.

The UL are clearly creatures of habit and being in a completely new city, while we patiently awaited the arrival of our tour organiser, we headed to spoons for dinner. There were several train sagas on route to Lincoln Central... Ben Meyer's being the most spectacular. As tour organiser he finally arrived at 01.55. This, of course, didn't prevent a drinking session and the most dedicated started tour in true ringers' fashion, retiring to their beds close to 4am.

Saturday 29th August

Up and out of bed far too early for a Saturday morning, some had time to take a leisurely stroll and there was time for a pastry stop or coffee and bacon sarnie at the station, half of us a quick walk and others... woke up at only 07.30 and had a rather quick jog to the station but unbelievably we all managed to catch the 08.01 train from Lincoln to Peterborough. Very impressive for those that had only gone to bed 4 hours previously. I feel also a small miracle for the same 'reliable' train service that had caused Ben such a convoluted journey not that many hours before.

An hour and a half on the train later and a quick walk we arrived at the first tower of tour: *St Mary's (8 bells, 8-3-17)*. There was great excitement at the coloured ropes; unfortunately for Chris R. who was running the ringing he was unable to identify the blue treble and black tenor. An advanced party left the remainder of us to have some colour call changes, which was another struggle for colour blind Chris. Kate's mind clearly already on the pub she suggested port, wine and merlot all as colours.

St John the Baptist (8 bells, 26-2-22) was our second tower of the day. We had some good ringing here run by our new master Richard and we were offered a last minute opportunity to ring at the cathedral. The wedding of two local ringers was at *Peterborough Cathedral (12 bells, 21 cwt)* that afternoon and with most of the couple's ringing friends attending the actual wedding we were going to ring them out... so no pressure!

And... Another train dash! This time to *Newark (10 bells, 31 cwt)* for the last tower of the day. According to the tour sheet (I know! what tour sheet?) Newark is notable for the tower and the octagonal spire being the highest in Nottinghamshire. Our numbers were slightly diminished by this point and the tiredness had hit Ben who forgot his own name when writing in the visitor's book. So as well as being joined by Ben Royal (whoever he was) we were joined by Jemma and managed to successfully not scare her off as a new fresher joining us in September. We decided we didn't much like the bells and they were hard work without more of us. Ryan tried hard to motivate us but with the tower swaying so much it was visible in the pictures hung on the wall, we headed to the pub for a cure to our sea sickness.

A very busy day ringing in 3 different counties: Cambridgeshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. Back at the halls we had many games of Twister. With Becca becoming twister champion without even playing...!

Sunday 30th August

David spent much of the morning telling the story of the laptop incident from the previous night when Ben M. had decided to try to sleep on his desk. Kate and Asher had a different tale to tell. They had used Saturday afternoon to buy new pillows and we were all informed just how much better they had slept. It had to be agreed that the beds in the halls were terrible.

Today we joined the local ringers for Sunday morning ringing around Lincoln. A brisk morning walk up the hill, over the top, and down the hill for the first tower of the day: *St Giles (8 bells, 18-0-02)* also apparently known locally as 'the church that moved'. Others didn't fancy this and caught a taxi or claimed a seat in a car from those driving. Some didn't make it at all but I hear there was some nice ringing here on a pleasant 8.

Next we headed towards the Cathedral and found ourselves in the middle of the steampunk festival. The Asylum Steampunk Festival is the largest and longest running steampunk festival in the World, attracting participants from around the globe. It takes place over the August Bank Holiday weekend in the historic City of Lincoln. Their website suggests to festival goers that: The Asylum is the perfect place to deck out in your most splendid and eye catching outfit. There were certainly many corsets and indescribable costumes all accessorised with wonderful head gear and flying goggles!

Lincoln Cathedral (12 bells, 23-3-13) is the third largest in Britain (in floor space) after St Paul's and York Minster and it was reputedly the tallest building in the world for 238 years (1311-1549). After a lot of stairs we joined the

regular Cathedral ringers. Everyone had the opportunity to ring with rounds and call changes to surprise maximus.

We had a rather long walk all the way back down the hill to our next tower, *St Botolph's (6 bells, 9-2-2)*. This tower had a circus like ladder up to the bells. This was enough to typically UL style cause a very advanced party to the pub. Kate ran the ringing here very well after it had been surprised upon her.

Lunch was taken at the Ritz.

The last tower of the day, *St Mary le Wigford (4 bells, 6-1-7)*, we had Erin and Bristol, a whole array of Canterbury topped off nicely with some crumble and custard. We had some imaginative ringing to make use of more than 4 ringers at once by Plain hunt with 8 people. We even managed a current student band at this tower!

I feel a request for reinstating a UL quotes page (although it may be at slight expense of our lovely past master – who wasn't even present to defend herself). On attempting to ring Roesmary and Thyme:

'No then we will go into rosemary to finish' Chris was certain. However, Ben felt we were 'struggling with the front bits'. Ryan helpfully pointed out that 'most of the bits are on the front'.

A big thank you to Jemma for keeping us well entertained for an hour on 4!

Becca and Ryan (with appropriate eye protection for chopping onions) with the help of several sous-chefs did cooking on grand scale to feed us all Spaghetti bolognese. We then had crumble made by Rachael and Robert. Hills on hearing there was a shortage of bowls turned up in the kitchen with a saucepan to have his dessert in!

Monday 31st August

A rail strike hampered plans for today (which had been for the Grimsby area) and a rain check was taken on an alternate bus plan due to it being a bank holiday. Talking of... rain, rain, rain was the main theme of the day!

A few car shuttles and we started at *St Andrew, Potterhanworth (6 bells, 6-3-24)*. We were not a complete group. We had lost those friends only with us for the weekend and some opted for a lie in. They then decided to further explore the wonders of the Steampunk festival, attending the wacky races and updating their knowledge of the gadgets and gizmo's required for this unique theatrical appearance.

Fortunately for us our lovely tower contact would be with us for the day and he had a car! As the torrential rain continued we arrived at our second tower, *All Saints, Nocton (6 bells, 8-1-11)*. There were not any lights on the spiral staircase here! Our imagination for ringing on 6 was improving and Rachel ran the ringing here for us. Becca and her fellow car passengers left us here to begin to head homebound. So with a shuttle again we headed to the pub for lunch and of course necessary rehydration. Here we were surprised by the morning Steam punk festival goers. They had obviously missed us too much to stay away. Disappointingly none of them had gained any flying goggle accessories though.

A short walk around the corner to *St Peter, Dunston (5 bells, 8-0-8)*. Before lunch, on hearing that the next tower was a 5, Hills responded with a ‘aiuapsebf’ (that is how he told me to write it!) noise of excitement, so suitably he ran the ringing for us here. Sibley found a very small chair to sit on and then took a nap.

Our final tower of the day was *St Wilfrid, Metheringham (8 bells, 6-3-13)* and apparently the lightest 8 in Lincolnshire. There were a couple of mishaps on the way. I had a moment and left my debit card in the reader at the Co-op, to be chased down the street by a very helpful man to get me to come back to collect it. When we arrived at the church we could see that where the road ended Chris had taken the footpath in his car, resulting in some slight abandonment parking.

Nix ran the ringing here with a cup of Lemsip in hand (Which I had been ID’d for in the co-op!). Our tower contact who had stuck with us for the day could not quite understand wanting to come to this tower... The 8 bells were an interesting selection. You could choose the bell with no backstrokes or

alternatively the one with a cracked stay or if you were feeling adventurous the bell with the loose gudgeon.

Back in the halls helped by some wonderful sous chefs I made curry on a vast scale followed by chocolate brownie. Rather gooey brownie following a lot of measurement guess work without a set of scales. Not at all how Mary Berry would cook. But I think it is fair to say it went down well and I think David particularly enjoyed his portion and seconds and thirds, with half round his face.

Tuesday 1st September

Ben made it 2 steps down the path before deciding that a morning run wouldn’t end well. Chris and Jacqui went on a mini bus hunt. So, we started our day with our first mini bus outing of tour.

Someone made the revelation that it was the first day of the month and an old school playground game came out. With Dixie definitely feeling the most pinches and punches. Next we wondered: 'What would constitute an emergency?' (and the need to use the little glass hammer). Dixie wanted to post a letter, I wanted to dry my hair... We decided if an aroma of last night's curry made an appearance it may require emergency action. Chris stated that whoever first opened a window would be buying the first round in the pub. Chris cracked a window first so it seemed drinks were on him!

We had cancelled the first tower of the day in Sibsey as finding the mini bus had taken slightly longer than planned. However our day still began in Sibsey, at the Windmill. Sibsey windmill was built in 1877 and apparently in its day it was the 'Rolls Royce' of windmills. Something that Ben had kept quiet was that he used to work in a windmill so we had ourselves a personal tour guide. We tried to test him with tricky questions but we were impressed with this secret knowledge. We followed the leader round the balcony and headed down, noting some highbrow graffiti on the way.

We had time for a civilised cup of tea and cake in the little coffee shop. Well most of us choose cake. Luke had some interesting breakfast eating the whole jar of pickled vegetables from the windmill shop. There were clocks covering nearly all the wall space in the little café room and as they headed towards the hour they sang and chimed and the cuckoo popped out. However they all seemed to be set at different times we had an entertaining time guessing which would be next, or spotting the one making the current sound.

Ben was too polite to tell the old man that we had to leave. Arriving at *St Botolph's, The Boston Stump (10 bells, 21-1-10)* over half an hour late we had our first (and actually only) lock out of tour.

Not to worry the UL soon found a pub to pass away the time instead. Tim and I managed to locate a fancy dress shop and purchased a gift for Chris. We had decided that as mini bus driver he needed to have a chauffeur's hat!

All aboard the mini bus and with Chris looking dashing in his new hat we headed to our next tower *St Mary's, Frampton (6 bells, 12-2-26)*. This tower had lots of peal boards showing peals that had set new records in spliced surprise minor. We turned up and fired out attempts of LukeO Steadman multiple times and most of the other things we attempted to ring.

Back in the mini bus and onto *St Andrew, Kirton in Lindsey (8 bells, 12-1-10)*. This was a ground floor ring with a very long draft! The more enthusiastic among us managed some good ringing here while the rest of us re-learnt the school gymnastic skill of teddy bear rolls in the carpeted aisle.

Our last tower of the day was *St Lawrence, Surfleet (12 bells, 12-0-9)*. It seemed that the church was double booked with a brownie guide choir. We were very happy for them to sing first while we went to the pub, but the pub was shut! At a loss of what to do Robert took a sun bathe in a rather unfortunate place in front of grave. The leader was very adamant that they were going to sing. However, unfortunately for them their organist did not turn up.

An even longer draft here and the spire seemed to be trying to fall over. It was on such a lean that the point of the spire was directly above the back wall. Sibley had left us at lunch and so 12 bells with only 12 ringers was hard work. Ben and Chris soon found some Lego in the children's corner and with reducing numbers an attempt of Luke O Steadman was made again.

The pub was still shut! So all back in the mini bus and a Morrison's trip was made for alcohol and pizza! Stuffed full the cards against humanity came out. The game started fairly tamely. With more alcohol (the Buckfast was out and Ben's grandmothers lethal sloe gin) the answers got better, although we suffered a few casualties to sleep. We all decided maybe it was bedtime though when David threatened Ben with a knife... I think that he was still dwelling on the laptop incident.

Wednesday 2nd September

There were a lot of specific methods for today listed on the tour sheet (I know, what tour sheet?):

- Alford alliance minor
- A beer bob minor
- Beer treble place minor
- Beer delight minor
- Beer surprise major

Our numbers were diminished further. We started at *St Peter & St Paul, Old Bollingbroke (6 bells, 12cwt)*; a pleasant ground floor ring. Following the ringing here we walked round the corner to the ruins of Bollingbroke Castle. We had fun climbing on the walls and posed for a great group shot.

Back in the mini bus we had Disney after Disney song with very loud choruses. The revelation that David has seen Phantom of the opera 11 times and in 4 different languages (I think, my memory may not be completely accurate). Ben, in charge of navigation, took us on the scenic route. He directed us through a large estate where we seemed to have driven into our very own Cluedo game.

We had a visit to Ben's house for keys and then onto *St Wilfrid, Alford (6 bells, 12-1-24)*. This was Ben's home tower. We all had to ask who Valerie was in the otherwise complete Meyer Peal on the board on the wall. Unfortunately we were unable to gain any embarrassing stories. I feel like most of the time here was spent on the roof admiring the view and Ben C. has his next album cover sorted.

Our next tower was *St Helena's, Willoughby (6 bells, 12cwt)*. The most notable person to come from Willoughby is John Smith, known best for his connection with Pocahontas. The ringing didn't last

ever so long here, having rung up we discovered that the rest of the group had gone in the mini bus for a toilet stop. We had a nice touch and then had finished ringing down when they returned from their pit stop. So that concluded the ringing for the day and I can tell you that we didn't ring any of today's specific methods!

Our afternoon was to be very well spent on a Brewery Tour. There seemed to be a Satnav versus Ben M. navigation battle on route to the brewery. Chris I think enjoyed interpreting directions in his own way and the mini bus bounced along the county side lanes to Batemans Brewery.

We arrived a little early so mused ourselves on the giant games outside until the revelation that we could visit the bar prior to our tour! Batemans brewery shop gave us a new ULSCR mascot! Introducing Little Bob Maximus, who was to join us on our tour for his first trip with the ULSCR! We hoped that he would not reach the same fate as his poor predecessor...

Batemans has been brewing beer from their brewery in Wainfleet since 1874. They believe that with this amount of knowledge they are rather good at it now, and I think it is fair to say that none of us disagreed with them on this. We had a very informative tour looking first at all the old machinery and then the new kit, as it seems health and safety laws have changed slightly in the last 140 years! The brewery was in full swing and we peered into the tanks, feeling the warmth and noticing the smell of the fermentation. We were advised that if we were ever in doubt of the quality of a water supply then beer was of course a better and indeed safer option. We also discovered that employees at Batemans Brewery are entitled to 2 and a half pints free beer per day.

Halfway through the week and, we found Wood! Well, almost... There was his name up on the wall in the Brewery for having attended an anniversary event. Obviously there can only be one Tom Wood. No one else could pull off the outrageous bold statements of colour.

Finally following our tour we of course had to have a proper tasting session.

We had a much needed pee stop on the way back to the halls following our Brewery afternoon and as it was a pub an opportunity for another quick pint was not missed. There was many a sleepy head in the minibus. Back at the halls Jacqui cooked a lovely meal for everyone followed up with cinnamon biscuits. I feel the icing designs may have been a little more mature had Jacqui stayed in charge of these. Students will misbehave even those who have supposedly grown up a little!

Thursday 3rd September

Today we had been confidently informed by Ben that we were going to Hull... but, the thing is you actually don't have to cross the Humber Bridge to get to Hazelmere! With some very impressive late minute organising we had a day around Nottingham instead.

The main event of today was the demise of the minibus. At first we put the dubious smell down to a passing lorry, but the smell of burning rubber too soon became normal around us. Luckily we spotted a pub to pull over at, and most of us had started to plan a breakdown breakfast. Unfortunately the pub was closed however, it did have a playground. While the mini bus sat with the bonnet up cooling off we entertained ourselves on the climbing frame and Little Bob Maximus had a

bit of an action photo shoot. Dixie had a theory that the breakdown of the mini bus was due to the absence of the chauffeur hat. Robert, as today's designated driver, had not been wearing it!

Chris decided that as long as we didn't have to change gear or accelerate we would be okay, so we ploughed bravely on towards Nottingham at a rather slower pace than Wednesday afternoon. Our first tower of the day was *St John the Baptist, Beeston (10 bells, 17-1-14)*. We pulled off and the simulator starting mooing...! Ben's brother had it set to 'Cow'.

With the mini bus having a small rest to hopefully get us home again we caught the tram to *St Peter's (12 bells, 22-2-5)*. Even with 2 extra guests ringing with us we only made 11 here so unfortunately we were unable to ring on all 12. This was due to the loss of Jacqui and Chris as minibus doctor and nurse. Still we had some good ringing on 8 and 10 accompanied by the saxophonist playing jazz directly below the open tower window.

Following lunch we had a bus dash (an alternative to the weeks earlier train dash!) and we headed onto- our last tower of the day *St Paul's, Daybrook (8*

bells, 9-2-3). This was to be our last tower of tour! We rounded off the ringing on this summer tour with a pleasant hour on these recently rehung bells.

The mini bus seemed improved for a rest and it successfully got us all back to the halls. We headed back up Lincoln's only hill for dinner, and we stuffed ourselves completely overfull with all-you-can-eat Chinese, followed up with all-you-can-eat dessert!

Tonight was the cathedral practice and although none of us made it to the ringing, a group of us went to look at the cathedral lit up pretty in the dark. It was then back to the halls to consume any remaining alcohol. For those still awake they wished a rather sleepy Ryan a very Happy Birthday shortly after midnight. I think he was rather more disgruntled than pleased at being woken up.

Friday 4th September

Our adventure in Lincolnshire was to come to an end today. We had had a great week with many towers, much fun and laughter, numerous funny stories to recall and many many pints.

On trying to leave the halls in the morning Ben had misplaced his shoe... It was finally discovered however, I feel everyone's efforts to find his shoe were slightly in vain as it was all but split in 2 and (after acquiring some new ones) only a couple of hours later they went in a bin up The Strait.

Nix left for the station and Jackie and Chris for Scotland. UL members were now outnumbered by non UL members! The group of us met Luke and Dixie in spoons where we then left them consuming lots of refillable coffee. Ben, Ben, Robert, Tim and I headed up the only hill in Lincoln for a trip to the castle. Robert was also on a mission to collect the last of the letters on the bishops that were spread around London.

The end of the week had arrived and so we came to leave Yellow belly country. Loaded well up with all of Ben's stuff (no-one was really sure why he was moving house from London to London via Lincoln) we caught the train back to London.

A big THANK YOU to Ben and Chris for organising. As well as a thank you to all those who ran ringing, to all those who cooked and all those who provided a chauffeur service. Here is looking forward to tour next year!

By Laura Caine

Freshers' Fair 2015



On the morning of the second of October, Chris Brown, Richie Rich and myself found ourselves outside Euston Square underground station, to go and entice some potential recruits to the, quite frankly, irresistible ULSCR. I mean who wouldn't want to join?!

This was the first time we had been allowed to attend the London Freshers' Fair in 10 years!

We were armed with an unbelievable amount of bellringing leaflets (including the blue Central Council "Learn to Ring" leaflets with UL stickers on the back listing our website, email address, Twitter & Facebook links – along with a new UL leaflet: <http://www.ulscr.org.uk/extras/ULSCRLeaflet.pdf>, posters, cartoons (<http://www.ulscr.org.uk/extras/ULSCR-Cartoon.pdf>), UL editions of the Ringing World, and some beautiful photos of UL members. We even took a Kindle with us to play YouTube clips of people ringing.

We decided all of this wasn't enough, so we went to explore our home tower, St Olaves Hart St, to arm ourselves with other random bits and bobs. We picked up a rope, diagrams, a RW diary, Dove's guide and snow globe... then decided it was time for a spoons breakfast, where Chris and I discovered Richards love for cooked tomatoes, and hate for mushrooms.

Suitably filled, we decided it was time to face the Universities of London freshers! Myself being one, this was an odd experience...

The stall looked very inviting (in our opinion) as did our faces, which were freshly painted with face paint and glitter.



The freshers entered, and soon the room was filled. At the start, the amount of people we actually managed to stop was small – we had to up our game! Chris decided to block the path of the students so they had no choice but to be talked at about how amazing we (the UL) are. Kate (of the Wallis variety) joined us briefly before having to go and cover a stall for someone, where she did a very good job of sending us more potential recruits.

We knew at some point we would have more people joining us to help, including Jacqui (Brown), so we decided we had to shift more leaflets before they arrived. By the time Jacqui arrived, we had around 24 names on our sheet.

Towards the end of the day, we were all out of leaflets, there weren't even any left in the bin! We resorted to handing out our posters and writing on scraps of paper, and hoping for the best!

As we were packing up at the end, the event organiser came and gave us all a free drink pass, and then another because he said we were cool. We all agreed and accepted the drinks. When these drinks were done, we headed to the Euston Cider Tap, found some more UL bodies, and discussed the success of our day!

By Jemma Mills

Freshers' Pub Crawl 2015

Unfortunately due to multiple commitments being booked on the same day I arrived late to the pub crawl and of course caught up accordingly! Upon arrival the setting outside the particular pub (name currently unknown – could that be the gin?) was perfect as the Aldgate bells could be heard from across the road. Did Chloe plan this?!?! When entering the cute little pub nicely hidden away down a side street I distinctly remember having a deep discussion with Ellen and a local. They were exchanging facts about ringing, the war and a saying that involves something like a rope on your head? Either way, it appeared that Ellen had impressed the man by her extensive general knowledge and we were allowed to move on feeling very clever!

Dodging the multiple road works and following Chloe like school children we ended up at our final pub coincidentally named The Bell. Entering the pub we were greeted by a very lovely looking bartender who expressed an interest in bell ringing and how his dad was a ringer. It seems you are never very far from a ringer! Grabbing yet another gin and scurrying downstairs we were greeted by an adorable little games room where we would stay for the rest of the night. Multiple ringers slowly arrived from elsewhere across London and the group suddenly became quite big! Darts, table football and a pool table mixed with gin and beer was a great combination for everyone. Ed of course beat everyone at darts (even when I had a large head start!) before moving onto a game of Killers. A Sculptor, Environmentalist, A Bride, Shakespeare and other members named played Pool until we were knocked off the board slowly leaving a winner – I can't even remember who won?! That surely means Chloe did the pub crawl right!

It was a great evening drinking with you all and thank you to Chloe for organising this year's pub crawl!

By Emily Roderick

Southern Universities Association Weekend 2015

This year's SUA weekend was held in London (6th-8th November) which meant it was the UL's turn to host.

The weekend began with some very pleasant ringing at St Mary le Bow (12 bells, 41-3-21) in the evening. There was a very good turnout of ringers, enough for at least two bands. The night concluded with a few laughs down the pub.

Saturday started with breakfast/drinking at the Liberty Bounds. It gave a good opportunity for everyone to meet up, as roughly half just turned up for the Saturday (including myself). The Liberty Bounds was a very good meeting point as it was only a 2 minute walk from St Olave's, Hart Street (8 bells, 11-3-23) where the 8 bell striking competition was taking place. The competition started at 11:00 and UL were drawn at 11:40. By the time it was our turn to ring, the weather had taken a turn for the worse. Fortunately, the ringing wasn't compromised and the band rang some very good Grandsire Triples, which Richard Pullin conducted from the tenor. We then returned for lunch at the Bounds, where the results would be announced.

Once all the bands had rung, the judges, Mike Trim and Edward Hughes-D'Aeth, joined us at the pub, where they were ready with the results. They blamed any inaccuracies on a few tourists asking them for directions during the ringing. However, the results concluded with the UL being triumphant. This was slightly expected as most of the band ring at Hart Street most Thursdays.

After the 8 bell competition there followed open ringing at Christ Church, Spitalfields (8 bells, 17-1-6). Happily the rain had passed which made the day much more bearable. Richard was in charge of the ringing here where there was a good turnout of approximately 30 University ringers. Fortunately, it was a large ringing chamber so it didn't feel too cramped. The bells were very easy going, so we managed some very respectable ringing.

Then followed the 6 bell competition at St. James, Garlickhythe (8 bells, 9-1-25). We were drawn first as a few of the UL ringers had to rush off to the College Youths dinner afterwards. We rang Grandsire Doubles, again called by Richard. The test piece was rung well and didn't have any major hiccups. The waiting area for the competition was in the Hatchet where many students could get back to drinking. The 6 bell competition gave the opportunity for ringers who didn't ring in the 8 bell to be part of scratch bands. Many of these bands rang some unusual, but amusing touches, such as backwards Cambridge Minor.

This made the Judge's job, Peter Emery, much more difficult than a conventional striking competition. Amazingly, the UL won again.

During the time between the 6 bell competition and the ceilidh, everyone was welcome to eat dinner wherever they liked.

The ceilidh took place at Hart Street church hall, where there was a band of musicians waiting for us. There was good amount of people to fill the hall and there was beer on draught to help with the dancing.

I didn't attend any of the Sunday morning ringing, but I heard nothing really eventful happened and it was service ringing as normal.

Overall, the weekend was very well led by the UL. Thank you to those who helped organised it (Nix Ruberry & Chris Brown).

By Alan Eyles

8 Bell Competition:

- ULSCR (London)
- OUS (Oxford)
- SUGCR (Southampton)
- CUG (Cambridge)

6 Bell Competition:

- 1st: 14.5 faults – ULSCR (London)
- 2nd: 16 faults – Oxford ST (OUS)
- 3rd: 22 faults – Cambridge (CUG)
- 4th: 23 faults – Southampton (SUGCR)
- 5th: 23.5 faults – Bristol Wannabes (UBSCR)
- 6th: 26 faults – Oxford MM (OUS)
- 7th: 37 faults – Cambridge Scratch (CUG)
- 8th: 79 faults – Southampton Scratch (SUGCR)



Freshers Tour, Sat 31st October 2015

As a Fresher myself, it was my first tower tour as part of the UL band. This year's tour took place around the Epsom area, and promised to be a great day from the off! After waking up early and travelling an hour on the train, I arrived at the first tower in Leatherhead, where the ringing had already begun.

Following a successful ring on the 10 bells, we all made our way to the next tower which was a few minutes drive to Ashted. Despite being there in perfect time, nobody had turned up to let us in! Despite this, we were quite happy sitting in the sun and eating the Halloween cupcakes Charlotte Ellis had kindly made for everyone! Just after we'd had a group photo together outside the church, someone turned up to let us in. I was put in charge of running this tower which was rather daunting at first, but we had a good range of ringing from rounds and call changes to spliced surprise methods.

Onto a well-deserved lunch, where we could all catch up on the day so far and tuck into some food. We had over 2 hours for lunch, which was especially useful because I had left my bag in the church at the last tower! Thanks to Chris for driving me back to get it! It didn't feel long before we were moving onto Epsom. Possibly the smallest ringing chamber I have been in, which surprised me with it being a 10 bell tower. It was also the fewest steps I have ever climbed to get to a ringing chamber, which is always a bonus! As Jacqui was telling me, this was the church her and Chris had their wedding, so it was nice to be able to ring here.

Finally we headed to Banstead, a rather unusual looking tower with lovely sounding bells. It was the only ground floor ring of the tour and a great 8 bell ring to finish off with. Grandsire and Stedman triples were two methods concentrated on at this tower, both rung well. It was great to spend the day with the band and get to know more of the lovely people who part of ULSCR! Thanks to Jacqui and Chris for organising the day, everyone had a great time.

By Charlotte Beaver



ULSCR 70th Anniversary Dinner Weekend



As it was the UL's 70th birthday, dinner weekend 2015 promised to be special, and it certainly was!

It started, rather unusually for a UL event, in the Costa Coffee next to Bow, where people enjoyed a pre-practice tea/coffee/hot chocolate/mince pie/other. Bow was well attended, and Richard ran a good practice. A slight booking hiccup meant that there was nowhere booked for us, and so we headed to the good old default of The Crosse Keys. This was as busy as you would expect for a Friday night, but we did mostly manage to all find seats in the end.



Saturday morning rolled round quickly enough, and people headed to their respective towers to attempt to score quarters. In total, five quarters were scored towards the UL's 70th Anniversary Year Quarter Peals attempts. For myself, we scored a long length *cough cough* quarter of London Surprise Minor at Cree, and then proceeded to stand and miscall two quarters of Grandsire at Hart Street. The final band had a rummage through the cabinets and cupboards to see what we would bring along for the display for the dinner, and then all headed their separate ways.



Because it was a special birthday, the event was hosted at Strand Palace Hotel. I headed back here with Charlotte and Mariko, and soon met up with Charles and Rupert. We all headed down together to set up – the room looked fantastic! – various bits and pieces, including the photo display in the bar, and the general display in the main room. Sophie arrived and we got ready in my room with mugs of Prosecco (because we are just that classy!)

Wind forward half hour or so, and down we walk to see a throng of people in the main area. There were a lot of people meeting old friends and catching up, and most people got to enjoy a free glass of bubbly.. and this is where my memory starts to get a little fuzzy!



I remember the food being good, the wine disappearing very quickly, and Jenny struggling to get her selfie stick to work. I'm afraid I was too wrapped up in sorting out the sweepstake to pay much attention to the speeches, which is a shame as I hear they were very good! (I lost out by 10 seconds but being organiser it would have looked a bit dodgy if I had won...)

Afterwards, various photos of groups were taken before people hit the dance floor. Again, fuzzy memory, but I seem to remember the dance floor being pretty full for the majority of the night, so I'm going to say the partying was going well!? All too soon though, it was over, and people were (some staggering) on their way.



The following morning, pounding head in tow, I headed to the AuGM at The Watling, where I employed the *best* tip I have ever received from a past

secretary – record the whole thing and worry about it later (thank you Becca!). And so, huddled in the corner, feeling like I was dying, we rattled through the AuGM in double quick time – if only all our meetings could be like that!

So, there you have it. Not the most comprehensive report, and I am sorry for my patchy memory. Everyone I have spoken to about it since has said that they thoroughly enjoyed it. It was lovely to mark the UL's 70th year in such a great way, and a wonderful high for Rupert and Charles to end their dinner-organising stint on. Thank you, and well done boys, and best of luck to your replacements!

Nix Ruberry

Christmas Handbells 2015



l to r: Tom, Becca, Nix, Jacqueline, Ellen, Rosemary

Well it seems to be that time of year again – time to brush off the music stands, crack out the handbells and start the carol-ringing season again! By now something of a fixture in the UL calendar, a band of dedicated festive handbelling keen beans gathered once again to see how much money we could raise in exchange for our expertise in tune ringing this December. Cue the micropore, cue the festive jumpers, cue the merriment.

Enthusiastically and ably rehearsed by Jacqui Brown, we met up the tower at Hart Street to run through our extensive repertoire of seasonal tunes, from Jingle Bells to Good King Wenceslas. We were undaunted in the face of the infamous Glorias in Ding Dong Merrily, and the dreaded runs in Angels from the Realms etc – we laughed in the face of ferocious speed in Jingle Bells, and performed devilish descants in Silent Night and We Three Kings.

Practices complete, we set off for our performance dates. A combination of miscommunication and awkward availability had left us a few practices short of where we thought we would be, but we were fearless in the face of the coming task and set up our music stands next to the Big Christmas Tree at the More London Christmas market in good cheer. The Tulse Hill boiler may have been broken, but our Christmas spirit was not.

Our first performance, accompanied by our loyal bucket shakers, was plagued by such hazards as strong winds, the smell of mulled wine, and a man playing a guitar loudly and badly in a giant Christmas present shaped food marquee next door. Slightly deterred, we renounced the effort after a few rounds of our range of carols and went to the pub.

For our next performance we decided to defy the powers that be at More London, and abandoned our designated post by the Big Christmas Tree. Safely ensconced in a cosy corner of the market, we could not only hear ourselves ring but could also scout out the street food opportunities while ringing! An excellent development, and one which I took full advantage of by buying many churros and more mulled wine. We rang until we could ring no more, and then went to another pub.



L to R: Rosemary, Ben, Jacqueline, Becca, Jemma, Tom

For our final encore, we had scheduled a guest appearance at the Surrey Ringers Carol Service in Battersea. A daunting prospect, but one which we approached with relish and panache (the relish had nothing, nothing I tell you, to do with the mulled wine and mince pies that we had been promised).

The church was a picture, the choir were perfection, and the choir master's shirt was pink as pink can be – the scene was set. We rang Silent Night, accompanied by organ, choir and congregation, and it was delightful. A cheeky rendition of Jingle Bells also went down well, despite the fact that after several weeks and three

performances I still couldn't get the tenors to ring at the same tempo as the rest of the band, and we adjourned to enjoy our mulled wine and mince pies.

Many many thanks go to Jacqui for her tireless enthusiasm and undaunted good cheer throughout the whole process – without her organisation and dedication this fund-raising effort would not be possible. Roll on next year's overdose of mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas tunes – I know I can't wait!

By Rosemary Hill

Ps: we raised £264.52 this year & £1803.85 overall!

Christmas Party 2015

Joy to the world!

The UL came together for their Christmas practice in our nicely decorated tower at Hart Street. Armed with a large selection of cider, wine, amazing homemade sausage rolls and mince pies (some of which were discovered to our great joy and promptly devoured in the New Year).

The practice was started with rounds of the three learners of the society, before the fun part of the evening commenced. Backwards Stedman Triples were rung with much hilarity. They were followed by Grandsire Triples in the style of “Simon Says”: Only calls preceded with “Simon Says” were to be followed.

We also rang a course of Plain Hunt with two people on each bell, where some of the learners were having another chance to join in. The ringing of the evening was concluded with simultaneous normal and reverse Bob Minimus with the trebles crossing over. Copious amounts of delicious food and drink were consumed over the course of the practice (some of it while ringing, of which photographic evidence exists), which was accompanied by the more or less tuneful singing of carols, including the famed UL version of “The First Noël” (replace Noël in the chorus with UL). We concluded the night singing, laughing, and truly merry.

Sonia Hammes

New Year's 2015 – 16

New Year's Eve saw a large number of UL members arrive at a non-descript pub outside St James's Park tube station. Beers were bought, as you would expect and much sought after blue wristbands were obtained that gave an 'access all areas' pass allowing us past the police-lined barriers and into Parliament Square. A couple of quarter peals were attempted of Stedman and Grandsire Caters to ring the old year out along with some open ringing on the half muffled bells of St Margaret's. In between times, the vestry had been turned into the main UL New Year's Party venue with a large array of food and drink available to enjoy. As midnight approached, the UL ascended the tower to stand out on the roof to watch the fireworks at midnight on what was otherwise a relatively mild and dry evening. After the display, the New Year was rung in with the UL managing to fire the bells successfully and then to spectacularly fire out any attempts at Queen's firing! Well, let's start 2016 as we mean to go on! The remainder of the food and alcohol was consumed and everybody wended their way back home to grab a few hours kip. Unusually there was no attempt to drink all night or find some sort of late opening pub (which is not that difficult in the early hours of New Year's Day!), it was almost as if certain members were getting nervous about ringing later that morning...



New Year's Day dawned a few hours after we had left St Margaret's. There are certain things that all ringers want to say they have done. Firstly, it is probably to handle a bell, then perhaps to stay right in a touch of Plain Bob. Later on it may be to have rung a quarter peal or conducted a peal or even to remain sober at a UL Dinner (OK, I lied about the last one!), but probably one of the top things on most ringers' '100 Things To Do Before You Die lists' would be to have rung at Westminster Abbey.

The ULSCR is obviously celebrating its 70th Anniversary this year and to mark this milestone, Michael Uphill, a member of the Westminster Abbey Company of Ringers, suggested that the UL might be invited to ring at the Abbey on New Year's Day. This was agreed and the invite was sent, the first such invitation ever to have been sent to a university ringing society. The unenviable job of choosing those people to ring however would be down to Chris Rimmer and to make matters even more difficult for him, he also had to organise from those invited to be in the open ringing, a band of 10 to ring in a 'you-had-better-score-this' quarter peal.

So it was that 'about 20' UL members gathered nervously outside the Great West Door of Westminster Abbey where we were met by Jeremy Pratt and several other members of the Abbey Company. We made the ascent up the tower (and were very impressed by the metal-reinforced steps – why don't more towers do that rather than just let them get worn away?) to the large, bright ringing chamber. The walls are all adorned with identically designed peal boards celebrating virtually every major national and royal event of the past century. We were unable to start ringing until 1pm (and being 100 yards from Big Ben, there was little argument to be had as to when 1:00 actually was), so Jeremy gave a short history and tour up to the bells. The Abbey are a surprisingly relatively modern 10 only dating from 1971 (they were only a 6 until 1919 and were nigh on impossible to ring until they were augmented to 8 and then completely recast as a 10). There are 5 of the original bells remaining including two bells cast during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.



As 1pm came, the UL grabbed hold to pull off in what was a somewhat nervous touch of rounds and called changes. The second ring included ‘roller coasters’, much to Rosemary’s delight – and the UL struck it as well! For once there was no problem in reminding everybody to sign the visitors’ book!



Following this, the UL grabbed hold for Stedman Caters. We had Andrew Hills conducting from the 9th, a dead cert UL band inside (well it would have been had they not put me in it as well!), I mean what could possibly go wrong with this notoriously easy method to keep right and one that never ends up in a massive fire out! Yet again the opening rounds were good, going into changes

did not see anybody go the wrong way or try ringing Grandsire instead, everybody even remembered to go up to 8-9 dodges even though that never works at Hart Street! In fact the UL rang beautifully, well we rang the first half fine, but then there was an almighty crash and then the 9th fell silent as its clapper fell out smashing through the slider in the process. For the first time in a century, Westminster Abbey's bells had been put out of action through mechanical failure and the UL were on the end of the ropes at the time! The quarter peal was obviously not going to happen any more and seeing that everybody had already signed the visitors' book, the default crisis plan when we're in trouble for breaking something – leave an apologetic note from the CUG and run away – wasn't going to wash either! After checking that everybody had had a grab (apart from Chris who was promised to get a rope at the next available slot – keep a watch out for the next Royal Wedding!), Jeremy lead us on a personal, guided tour of the Abbey instead.

The Abbey looks huge from the outside and it is absolutely massive inside as well. The nave has the highest roof of a gothic church in the country and has huge windows which means it is surprisingly light and airy inside. We started our tour at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior (the only grave you cannot walk on) and headed up towards the Quire. There we passed what Asher and I decided was 'Physics Corner' as not only Newton, but basically every other British Physicist you've ever heard of (which is basically everyone apart from that Swiss guy who sticks his tongue out a lot) has a memorial. Nearby were memorials to most of the famous Prime Ministers of the past, David Livingstone, Ernest Shackleton and pretty much everybody else in 'The Big Book of British Famous Dead People'! On through the Quire we saw the high altar and the various tombs of the medieval monarchs (later ones are buried at Windsor), including Elizabeth I and Mary I who may not have been best buddies in life, but are, in death, next to each other whether they like it or not! Our trip ended up at Poets' Corner to see the memorials to basically every author, playwright and poet you've ever heard of (and several I admit I hadn't, but in my defence I studied Physics and haven't read a book that didn't have Harry Potter in the title since my GCSEs). Finally, as we left we saw the new display on the Coronation Chair which, I must be honest looks like a rather well used, tired old wooden seat. However, I suppose it is over 700 years old and was last sat in by the Queen in 1953 (although certain well known ringers have allegedly also tried it out for size since then)!

It was then becoming high time for lunch and a celebratory pint where Andrew Hills was presented with the 9ths slider (now in 2 parts)! The afternoon saw the

Queen's Tower at Imperial defeat a majority college band in their quarter peal attempt as part of the 70 quarters challenge.

Thank you very much to James White for organising the ringing at St Margaret's on New Year's Eve (can we come back every year please!) and to Michael Uphill, Jeremy Pratt, Nigel Thomson (a former President of the UL) and the rest of the Westminster Abbey Company of Ringers for allowing us to come and ring at their tower even if we did prove that even the most prestigious towers in the world are not made UL-proof!

Peter Jasper



Roger Bailey Memorial Weekend, January 2016

In terms of quarter peal attempts scored, this was a very successful weekend – although we mustn't, of course, forget the prime function of this event, which is to celebrate the legacy of the legendary 'R Bee.' Unfortunately I never met Roger, but there were many ringers taking part on the weekend who knew him well and have happy memories of ringing with him.

Friday evening was Holborn based, with successful quarters at both St. Andrew's, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields. It was extremely cold that night – so cold that I had to wear two coats. I wasn't allocated to ring in either of the attempts, but was in the vicinity as a 'spare part.' Intending on having a grab on the reputedly fine bells of St. Andrew's, before a quick listen outside followed by a Mc'Donald's tea, I met the band outside the church. However, the St. Giles band (who should have started their quarter 30 minutes earlier) had met one short due to a communication error, so I had to get a train from Chancery Lane to Tottenham Court Road at top speed (thank goodness that T.C.R station had recently re-opened), running all the way. I eventually found St. Giles after running in completely the wrong direction, and we swiftly rang a quarter of Yorkshire, conducted by Adrian Udal. I was extremely hungry during this – almost to the point of delirium – as my tea had been delayed by this mix-up. Both bands then met up in the Penderel's Oak, High Holborn, for drink and long awaited food.

On Saturday morning, bands met at Putney, Clapham Common, and West Hill. Two of these were successful. It was a pleasure to ring on the fine bells of Putney. Unfortunately, Garry Barr was less enthusiastic, having had to travel all the way from Barking on the District Line – a fact he very readily informed me of when he arrived. Sorry Garry. The three bands, and others, then met at The Queen's Arms, near Imperial College, for luncheon, before general ringing on the mighty bells of The Queen's Tower. This is an important part of the weekend, as Roger was the official Handbell Instructor at Imperial College (he was also a senior lecturer in the computing department, in his spare time). A couple of ringers had not been here before, but they coped very well on this very challenging and loud ring. It was sometimes difficult to run the ringing here, as people wanted to go onto the cupola to drink in the views of London. They are spectacular views, I have to say.

Afterwards, an attempt for Stedman Caters at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, was unfortunately unsuccessful, but a quarter of Oxford Bob Triples was scored at St. Saviour's, Pimlico. In the evening we had an evening of convivial merriment and jollity in The Crosse Keys. Well, some of us did. The St. Mary Abbots quarter peal band refused to come all the way from Kensington (a journey that some of us used to do every single week!), so they stayed in The Prince of Wales. A party then walked around London to see the January lights.

On Sunday morning we had some nice service ringing at St. Olave's. An off-the-cuff handbell quarter of Bob Major was rung in the ringing chamber of St. Olave's at lunchtime. This was particularly appropriate, as Roger was a famous handbell ringer and mentor. In the afternoon, the attempts at Spitalfields and Bermondsey were both successful. A good weekend all round.

Richard Pullin

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

David Phillips kindly hosted the pancake party this year (9th Feb '16) at his flat in Warwick Gardens, near Earl's Court and Kensington Olympia. Although a very hospitable flat and hosted in an elegant area of West London, for me this was like one of those situations where you drop a piece of toast and it lands butter-side down on the dirty floor. For if we had been to Warwick Gardens the previous February, it would have been within walking distance from my Halls in Kensington Square. And if we had gone to Jenny Willis's flat in Ealing this February, instead of the previous February, it would have been within walking distance of my address now!

But like most of the other party goers, I emerged from a hole in the ground at Earl's Court, and made my way to Chez Phillips in the pre-lent drizzle. We had a good gathering of UL members, old and new. Methods were chosen for the fast-approaching peal weekend, and some ringers present were interrogated as to whether they could take some of the vacant ropes. Tom Nagel was, as ever, quietly and competently at the helm for most of the pancake manufacturing. Luke Camden, as he had done last year, brought along some bacon and black pudding. These truly are superb and exciting as pancake toppings — although it's best to wrap the pancake around them like a pasty. I highly recommend you try it if you haven't before, and if you're not a subscriber to Porphyry's arguments to abstain from animal food.

We had some good chatter, banter, and memories. All too soon the assembled party began to wane. Though the magic pancake machine had been put back in the cupboard for next year, there were still some spare pieces of bacon and black pudding hanging around the place. I picked up a piece of black pudding in my fingers and ate it as if it were a lovely big biscuit. We all thanked David very much, bade him goodnight, and made our way back to Earl's Court tube station. The Piccadilly Line is always nice at night — the gentle hum of the train that sounds like a canal boat chugging along, the relaxing, cushiony smell inside the carriage, the lovely views of West London, and the voice of the train lady so calm and soothing.

As for peal weekend, we had a peal of Bristol S Major which was the first in the method for David, being requested by him at the Pancake Party. It was fitting, then, that we scored this peal for David, who rang very well, as a thank you for organising a most enjoyable evening.

By Richard Pullin

Peal Weekend, February 2016

Friday evening started in fine style with a peal of Bristol Major at St. James Garlickhythe. This was for David Phillips, so that he could ring his first in the method, and he rang very well, too. It was almost going to be Bristol Surprise Minor, due to unforeseen events at the eleventh hour, but luckily two non-members stepped in at very short notice and saved the day. Our thanks to them.

On Saturday morning, an attempt at St. Mary's, Putney, of Jim Diseren's 5024 of Eight-Spliced was lost quite near the end. However, Nix Ruberry – our secretary, and for whom the peal was organised – rang very well, so it was an achievement, nonetheless. I was listening to the first half of the attempt from Pryor's Bank, across the river in Fulham, and the effect of the changes drifting over the water was grand (apart from when I had to dodge a few mad dogs.) A peal of Yorkshire Major at St George-in-the-East also came to grief. Slightly further afield at Dordrecht in the Netherlands, the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild were on their peal tour and very kindly rang one for the UL Peal Weekend.

On Saturday afternoon we had a successful attempt of Stedman Triples on our home bells at St. Olave, Hart Street, this being Chloe Grimmett's first peal inside. This was by no means the first time that the names 'Stedman' and 'Grimmett' have been found close together in the peal columns, and Chloe lived up to the family tradition admirably. In the evening we all gathered in The Crosse Keys for a hearty drink or two, with good cheer all round. The only attempt for Sunday was Yorkshire Royal at St. Clement Danes, and this was lost near halfway due to illness. Oh well; I was starting to feel quite hungry, so didn't mind too much. Five of us rounded off the weekend with refreshment at the Penderel's Oak, Holborn. It had been a great weekend, incorporating members old and new, plus lots of friends, and although we lost a few peals on the way, the social factor is always the main feature of any UL event. This we lived to the full, in unique UL style. Roll on next year!

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Richard Pullin

National 12-bell eliminators, March 2016

I didn't oversleep. My alarm clock worked perfectly. There was no way in which the blame could be transferred from myself to some other, external cause. I simply stayed in bed for longer than I should have. It's a habit that's developed somewhat out of hand just recently. But I had to get to Marylebone Railway Station – and I had to get there pretty damn quick.

On that overcast morning of March 19th 2016 the UL had one aim: complete and total victory over our enemies. We were heading for The Battle of Amersham, where one of the National 12-bell eliminators was to be held. I myself was one of the twelve soldiers to be taking part in the UL band. Except that time was running out...

I changed at Oxford Circus to get to Marylebone, trying to get through the swarms of people as the minutes ticked by. Then I felt a friendly hand groping my shoulder. It was Simon Roberts who was to be ringing for the Southwark team. He was laughing about how we might miss our train. Then we saw Brian Spurling, also cutting it fine. "This is absolutely the last tube that we could have got!" laughed Simon as we approached Marylebone. The three of us ran as fast as we could up the escalators. Good thing that we were such healthy guys, who hardly ever drink. Then we saw a fourth person running ahead of us – Anthony Matthews, to be specific. But Lady Luck was smiling at us and we got to our train unscathed.

At Amersham there was a gathering of the teams and supporters in an upstairs parish hall. It was a typical scene of an eliminator – a long queue for the bacon rolls; familiar, stern faces from the other teams arriving; some of them knowing you vaguely but pretending not to notice you when they walked by; you doing the same to them. After a while we congregated into the church for the draw. Our team was drawn to ring first. Oh well, could be worse – Southwark were drawn to ring last! We performed a valiant and credible opening test piece, and were justly proud of our efforts. You can listen to it on the 12-bell website if you want to.

We packed ourselves into one of the charming, old-worldly pubs on the high street, along with most of the other competitors. However, a large group of Southwark and UL ringers went to a nearby swimming pool (this initiative was planned in advance, so they had swimming trunks, towels, etc, already with

them, in case you were wondering.) Later on I sampled some of the cakes and much of the bacon in the parish hall – all quality fare, prepared by the church people.

I listened to the Southwark test piece. It sounded very good outside, and had a determined brisk pace (to put it mildly.) Then it was time for the results. The UL was graded 7th place, and Southwark 6th place. (In other words, we didn't qualify.) Victory had been snatched from our reach.

We downed a few more pints in the pub, to ease the sense of trauma and mourn hanging over us after the almighty battle. One of the men from the Southwark team grabbed me and gave me a hearty kiss on the lips, and we all trudged back up the hill to the station, stocking up on snacks and booze for the long journey home. James J Watkins looked extremely ill on the train and was given attention by Mrs Taylor, and then a merry Anthony spilt sparkling wine all down my clothes (don't worry: sparkling wine in this context means sparkling wine, and is not some oblique reference.) By the time we got back to Marylebone we were singing and swaying,

picking each other up and collapsing again. What a sight to behold! A policeman watched us but was too scared or bemused to do anything.

We went to a couple of pubs in the suave streets of Marylebone. I accidentally spilt an entire pint of beer over poor Jemma Mills (a pint of beer in this context means a pint of beer, and is not some oblique reference.) Soon after this I decided that I'd had enough, and walked to Paddington Station to get a main line train back to my neighbourhood in West London.

We lost the battle, but perhaps not the war. Thank you very much to Chris Rimmer for organising the team and the practices. However, I think the final word should go to Chris Kippin. Earlier in the week, when reminding the email group that it was a Hart Street Sunday, I added that during our breakfast in the Crosse Keys we could well be celebrating a great victory. Afterwards, Chris replied: "...or not, as the case may be."

Richard Pullin

Easter Tour 2016

The excitement for 2016's easter tour had been building since the 'preliminary info' email Chloe sent us in mid-February. Finally, Friday the 8th April arrived, and the UL were heading to Shrewsbury for a fun filled weekend consisting of (not in any particular order): Drinking, Ringing, Movies, Ringing, Sleeping, Ringing, Ringing and Swimming.

Most of us opted to travel by car to our slumber house (Meole Brace church hall), and not train, which enabled some (probably) noisy journeys without annoying any fellow train passengers, singing along to the favourite hits of the UL. (S Club for the win).

The church hall was amazing, and although it didn't have showers, it had many rooms for sleeping in (including a presidential suite for Rupert), a big hall, a TV with surround sound system, and a large kitchen (for large amounts of bacon). I have to applaud Chloe for finding such a great place for us to stay!

Friday evening started off with random people arriving at random times, having come (mostly) via the McDonalds, and the Sainsbury's to stock up on booze (and sleeping bags...). Once everyone we were expecting had arrived, we found 'American Pie -The Wedding' was being shown on ITV, so we switched on the TV, and the awesome surround sound system, and began an evening of giggles, drinking, and dirty laughs. Shortly after the film ended, and everyone had settled down, most of us retired to our respective bedrooms, and went to sleep.

In the morning, myself and the rest of my poor, unfortunate roommates, were awakened by Ben M's horrible alarm (twice), which he insisted he had turned off. To apologise, he made us all tea, and then ended up helping with the cooking of millions of bacon sandwiches! The bacon helped settle the nerves of several members who would soon be heading St Chads for a peal, after a quick grab at St Mary.

The ringing at St. Mary was pretty good, and consisted of touches of grandsire, stedman, and some surprise royal... Towards the end the numbers were sparse, as many peal ringers were off to find some pre peal nibbles!

Everyone made their way to St Chads before the peal, some to actual ring a peal, some to have a quick grab, then run away.

With that, 8 of us made our way to Upton Magna (6 bells), in two separate cars. My car was the first to make our way there, although we did get a bit lost on the

way, and ended up on a motorway (of which there are none where we were meant to be)!

I made up the lost time by driving at the speed limit on country roads, much to Ben C's enjoyment, and Luke's displeasure (he made sure he was in Robert's car for the rest of the day). We made it first, and awaited the key. I had parked 'under da tree', which would be a theme for the rest of the day. (It has to be sung to the 'Under Da Sea' song...).

It was here I was to call my very first touch, which was Cambridge with a single every lead, which Chloe was nailing (well done!).

After some ringing on some very very well hung, easy going, bells (my dad absolutely did not hang them...) we headed off to the next tower. This tower was to be Atcham (also 6 bells) where the local joined us! A warm ringing gallery awaited our arrival, and we rang some bells! This time we pushed the fabulous tour organiser into half a course of Cambridge (which she did really well at!), and we rang some things for the local, then went to the pub.

Unfortunately the pub had no real trees to park under, so a bush had to do. We devoured our lunch, and once it was all gone, we decided we would attempt a quarter of Stedman triples at the next tower. We walked out of the pub, discovered it was raining, a lot, and ran back in to decide how to conquer the weather. We decided the drivers would unlock the cars and give a signal, then the race began. I regretted parking 'under da bush' as it was long way from the door...

The church of Berrington was not far away, but still, Robert was unsure of the way, stopped in the middle of a rapidly flooding road, while we sat behind tooting our horn and insisting via WhatsApp this was indeed the way to the church. Upon our arrival, we doubted our decision to ring a quarter, and queried whether the ropes would actually last that long. Ringing up was hard and the bells were obviously in need of some love, as they didn't seem to want to move, and were horribly oddstruck. Nonetheless, we began our quarter attempt (Olly in the chair??), but soon lost it, as the bells were hard, as were apparently bobs and singles in Stedman. We spent the rest of our time here ringing Stedman with calls at every six, so that two ringers in particular could practice! After a rather unsuccessful ring, at another place with a lack of trees, we headed back towards Meole Brace, where we would ring on the little 8, and admire the 'change o magic'. We had hoped to meet the peal band here, but they had opted to go for a well earned pub sesh, having earned it!

That evening we were reunited with the exhausted peal band (RIP Becca's stomach muscles) in the nearby Brooklands hotel, where we had interesting meals, and admired the fact that we seemed to have been put in the same room as a wedding reception. Some people nearly missed dinner due to the entertainment of a pool table, while Tom Wood actually did miss his dinner (3 times) due to being with some old friends (who he then brought to the pub).

After the pub, we wandered back to the hall, where we sat and drank our beverages, while some of us played 'never have I ever/I have never' in the main hall area, and some just watched TV. We all eventually (yet again) found ourselves in front of the TV, some with airbeds, to watch a movie. The was accompanied by [Luke's impressive snoring](#) (AMAZING), and Chloe launching herself onto her airbed and ending up accidentally elbowing Ben M (with force) in a painful place.

Many retired early that night after a long day and knowing we had to be out of the hall by 9am, an early end to the day seemed welcome.

After a mad dash to get out of the hall, and a few sore heads, we all congregated in the car park, to organise cars to get to St Chad. we rang (fairly uneventfully) with the locals at St Chad, and then headed back to Meole Brace to join the locals with their local ringing, and apparently 'show them how it's done...'.

We briefly lost Rupert on the way to Meole Brace, to a man with a nice car, who happened to be a ringer at St Chad and offered him a lift. No one knows what happened during this lift, but he left before us and arrived after, with no sightings on route... We then headed back into Shrewsbury for breakfast in the spoons, where Ryan was apparently getting angry (according to the bar staff saying they had to sort him out first to avoid any complaint), and they didn't seem to understand substitutes in the traditional breakfast.

Some very keen-beens among us headed (once again) back to Meole Brace for a quarter of 8 spliced, which was very nice and also a success.

While we were ringing, an advanced party headed to the swimming pool, where the flumes were open (briefly) and the 'fun with floats' session was about to begin. I didn't make it to swimming, but I hear it was fun, and eventful. Poor Olly lost a fight with a diving board, and found putting shoes on for the next week a bit painful...

After an amazing weekend, the UL all headed home, in various different ways, but we all made it back to our final destinations.

Massive thank you to Chloe Grimmett for organising this whole trip, and organising around a peal, so everyone could have a great weekend. Huge congrats to the peal band on their success at St Chads, and I hope you were all healed not too long after!

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By Jemma Mills



A Pre-emptive Tour Report!

“Hey, can you keep a secret?” whispered Chloe, giggling quietly to herself.

“Of course” I replied immediately, wondering what she was up to.

We hurriedly jumped on the 1801 Enfield service at Liverpool Street and found a pair of empty seats.

“I got Wood!” exclaimed Chloe as a bright orange clad body wandered towards us from the far end of the carriage.

The train pulled off as Tom Wood sat down, causing him to stumble and his bag to rattle.

“Train beer?” he asked, innocently, as if the rattling was a perfectly ordinary occurrence, which, of course, it was.

We were the last party to leave London for the easter tour to Shrewsbury in pursuit of fame, fortune, bells and beer. Our first stop was Enfield to collect both Mr Sworder and our onward transport in the form of a specially booked car.

We wiled away the first half hour with gossip, expectations and a discussion of previous tour reports and whether this year’s would be as good as last year’s.

As the train pulled into the station we located our car and driver and heading out uneventfully enough. The only minor scuffle of who got the much coveted death seat was won by Chloe on account of her long legs and superior fighting technique.

After a few hours of playing “find the traffic jam” we arrived in Shrewsbury and unpacked ourselves into the first church hall we found containing bell ringers and alcohol. The evening passed pleasantly with each person consuming a good proportion of their own weight in beer and falling asleep before the volcano erupted, both orally and aurally.

The next day dawned bright and early, which is to say it was both too bright and too early for some. Half the group disappeared to ring some bells for a long time while the rest of us had breakfast and rang bells for a shorter time. We headed optimistically to the pub around 12.30 only to discover the table wasn't quite big enough for all of us and a few of the hardy soles had to make do with being closer to the bar. It was at this point where things started to go wrong.

The peal was due to finish around 2pm with the band joining us shortly after. With such a long lunch, several of the UL decided to have more than a reasonable number of pints for lunch. Kate and Asher disappeared briefly “to investigate the town”, LukeO went briefly crazy trying to figure out the crossword and an old man at the bar kept leering at us and trying to buy us drinks.

As the afternoon wore on, the successful peal band appeared including a very red-in-the-face Hills (the speed was either too fast or too slow, I couldn't grasp which), Ryan, who looked as if he had just gone for a morning stroll and Becca

trying her best to be lady-like as she ordered a frankly ridiculous number of drinks (for others, obviously...). Unfortunately, someone had booked a tower for 2.30 so we all headed out optimistically at 2.20 to discover the ring was actually right next door. "Oh bother" said Richard, "whatever shall we do now?". At this point, there was a moment of indecision: several members felt that 10 minutes was too long to be without either alcohol or church bells whilst the rest made an enthusiastic attempt at sunbathing in the rapidly darkening English afternoon.

As expected of any post-pub tower, the ringing was composed, rhythmical and perfectly struck. This lasted until about 2.32 when the early arrivals started getting the bells up. Some graceful Grandsire, spirited Stedman and bouncy Bristol made an appearance before the locals had had enough. "Let's try some spliced next!" exclaimed Ben, before being thrown several dirty looks. Another relatively uneventful tower followed, so I heard, but to be honest I never made it that far.

On the way back to the hall we stopped off at a supermarket where Rosemary "wavy hair" Hill and Mr Cansdale stocked up on wine for their early train home. The rest of the party decided to purchase enough beer, gin, cider and port to celebrate new years, peal weekend and the dinner simultaneously.

Before the Church Hall there was the evening pub, much to the delight of the "10 mins from alcohol" group. The supper provided here was well required and was finished surprisingly quickly by all involved.

"Do you think we could stay here for the night?" suggested Hills, "I'm sure the owners won't mind!".

"Maybe we should just keep buying beer until we can't walk out" input David.

"They've just run out of beer!" exclaimed Ryan, returning from the bar.

"I'm off then!" shouted Hills on his way out!

Once everyone arrived, the evening festivities could begin. My memory gets a little hazy shortly after this, but there was a definite discussion of going to find the sea (Kate), some rocks (me) and the toilet (the esteemed master).

Next morning, once again, dawned bright and far too early, although Becca seemed to be making the most of it with a cup of coffee in the sunbeams.

With everyone suffering from church related hangovers, a hair of dog cure was attempted in form of the Sunday morning ringing. A reasonable selection of

methods was dragged out and the local band were very grateful for our presence, if not our spirit.

After a well earned spoons breakfast, there was time for a tower and a trip to the local swimming pool before heading home.

The pool had a great deal of inflatables out much to the amusement of everyone involved. David Phillips learned to front flip, Richard could never quite stay king of the inflatable hill and Jemma showed off how well she could dive when being encroached upon. Somehow, everyone emerged unscathed and slightly cleaner before heading to the local establishment for some recuperation.

It was in this small, cozy pub next to the fire that stories of the tour were fabricated, friendships strengthened and comradeship born. Shortly after this it was time to go home, recover from the exertion and curl up in bed whilst wishing fondly that the tour could go on forever. Then, inevitably, everyone would remember the official guidelines on alcohol consumption and decide that perhaps a break is a good thing, every once in a while.

by Ben Clive

Tewkesbury Shield 2016



The first test of our newly elected Master came before she was even fully elected – organising the Tewkesbury Shield band.

The long and early morning train ride makes encouraging people to ring for this a bit of a challenge but our lovely Jemma rose to the occasion. I was fooled through my lack of actual knowledge about where Tewkesbury was when I was asked and I don't know what techniques she employed on everyone else. Nonetheless, 10 under-25s were encouraged to take part and we even had a couple of practices – one of which I will admit to firing out every course we attempted... (and you were wondering why I was on the treble?)

After many train time negotiations and attempts to align ourselves with an apparently non-existent Southwark band it was agreed that most people would catch the 6:09am train from Paddington, which would allow for a Wetherspoons breakfast on arrival at Tewkesbury. I thought this was ridiculously early and opted for an extra hour in bed to ensure I didn't murder anyone through sleep deprivation in the afternoon. I don't know how the morning train journey went but I imagine it was as long and dull as mine. I hear that the ticket inspector

wasn't very kind to Hills and Ryan was upset about the lack of refreshment cart (my train had one and I bought coffee).

And so, we managed to arrive on time, we were all sat in the right place at 11am and the draw happened. We were second to last and let out a loud groan before traipsing to the pub garden over the road. For many hours we drank coke and, amongst other things, observed an old man drive a car backwards and forwards about 2 metres for an estimated half an hour. We also concluded that a whole course of Lincolnshire Royal is too long, we discovered that Ben M is afraid of wasps, we discussed how to reform the constitution and other bellringery things... apart from drinking.

So, the time to ring bells came. We decided to take a pre-ringing photo so that we could at least pretend to be happy. We climbed the stairs. We rang some Lincolnshire.

At this point I departed again on my bike ("Wesley <3") for the 15 minute ride to "Tewkesbury" train station and the 3 hour journey home. Alas, exam revision was calling me. I was kept up to date on the results progressed via social media and was pleased to hear that we came 2nd. This was decided to be a success all round, far surpassing our main aim of beating NUSCR. I think it would be best to not discuss the train journey everyone else had home that evening... the band:
1. Kate Wallis 2. Rosemary Hill 3 Rebecca Steed 4. Alan Eyles 5. Chris Rimmer 6. Richard Pullin 7. Jemma Mills 8. Ben Meyer (C) 9. Ryan Noble 10. Andrew Hills

By Kate Wallis

Peals Rung for the ULSCR 2015 – 2016

NORTHALLERTON, Romanby, 19 The Green

Friday May 29, 2015 in 2h27 (11)

5056 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: Mark B Davies

1-2 Graham G Firman

3-4 Katharine J Firman

5-6 Jennifer A Town

7-8 Peter J Sanderson (C)

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HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire, All Saints

Saturday November 21, 2015 in 3h38 (27cwt)

5090 Spliced Surprise Maximus (2m)

(2784 Zanussi; 2306 Bristol; 54 com, atw)

Comp: A G Reading

- 1 Rebecca A Cullen
- 2 Michael J Trimm
- 3 Katharine J Firman
- 4 Ryan S Noble
- 5 Rosemary E Hill
- 6 Andrew J Graham (C)
- 7 Richard B Pullin
- 8 James J Watkins
- 9 Graham G Firman
- 10 Andrew M Hills
- 11 Martin J Cansdale
- 12 Andrew P F Bradford

To celebrate the Society's 70th anniversary.

1st peal of Maximus: 1.

1st peal of Spliced Maximus: 7,8.

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LONDON, Islington, 9G Highbury Crescent

Friday November 27, 2015 in 2h40 (15)

5040 London No.3 Surprise Royal

Comp: Richard A Pearce

- 1-2 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 3-4 David G Maynard
- 5-6 Katharine J Firman
- 7-8 Graham G Firman
- 9-10 Oliver D Cross

On the Society's 70th anniversary dinner weekend and remembering Roger Bailey who rang his last peal on this weekend in 2012.

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WESTMINSTER, Greater London, Strand, St Clement Danes

Sunday December 6, 2015 in 3h2 (21cwt)

5003 Grandsire Caters

Comp: R B Pullin

- 1 Geraldine R Forster
- 2 Timothy E S Holmes
- 3 Richard B Pullin (C)
- 4 Nix Ruberry
- 5 Jemma L Mills
- 6 Alan M Eyles
- 7 Ryan S Noble
- 8 Benjamin J Meyer
- 9 David G Maynard
- 10 Andrew V Brown

Immediately after the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund Carol Service.

First peal on ten bells: 4.

Circled the tower to peals: 1.
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DORDRECHT, 't Klockhuys
Saturday February 13, 2016 in 2h35 (2cwt)
5184 Bristol Surprise Major
Comp: J W Holdsworth
1 Martin J Cansdale
2 Phillip R J Barnes
3 Elizabeth A Barnes
4 Alan J Frost
5 David I Bassford
6 Timothy E S Holmes (C)
7 Eleanor J Linford
8 Ian G Campbell
For UL peal weekend, on St Paul's Cathedral Guild peal weekend.
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SHREWSBURY, Shropshire, St Chad
Saturday April 9, 2016 in 3h45 (40cwt)
5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus
Comp: Peter Border
1 Robert C Kippin
2 Rosemary E Hill
3 Rebecca A Cullen
4 Richard B Pullin (C)
5 Mariko H Whyte
6 Rachel J Mitchell
7 Rupert H J Littlewood
8 Ryan S Noble
9 Benjamin J Meyer
10 Martin J Cansdale
11 Andrew M Hills
12 Andrew P F Bradford

During the ULSCR Easter Tour to Shrewsbury.

An eightieth birthday compliment, this day, to Ann Cullen - Rebecca Cullen's Grandmother - and a sixtieth birthday compliment to Canon Christopher Pullin, the conductor's Father.

First peal of Maximus on an inside bell: 3.

First of Maximus as conductor.

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Peals Rung for the St. Olave's Society 2015 – 2016

YORK, St Wilfrid
Sunday May 31, 2015 in 3h11 (18cwt)
5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal
Comp: John M Goldthorpe
1 Katharine J Firman
2 Wendy Belsey

- 3 Sophie E Palmer
- 4 Graham G Firman
- 5 Peter J Sanderson (C)
- 6 James W Holdsworth
- 7 Peter G Holden
- 8 Adrian M Moreton
- 9 Jennifer A Town
- 10 Timothy P Bradley

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BEACHAMPTON, 14 Main Street
Sunday June 28, 2015 in 2h22 (13)

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: R R Horton

- 1-2 Michael J Trimm
- 3-4 Lesley J Belcher
- 5-6 Ruth Blackwell
- 7-8 Richard A Pearce (C)

To celebrate the life and mark the passing of Ken Belcher, 1937 - 2015.

Ringling World page ref: 5439.0748

LONDON, Greater London, St Lawrence Jewry
Saturday August 1, 2015 in 3h36 (25cwt)

5184 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: J W Holdsworth

- 1 Benjamin J Meyer
- 2 Rachel J Mitchell
- 3 Alex S Riley
- 4 James J Watkins
- 5 Ryan S Noble
- 6 Timothy E S Holmes (C)
- 7 Andrew M Hills
- 8 Nicholas D Brown

Ringling World page ref: 5445.0890

LONDON, Greater London, St Sepulchre without Newgate
Saturday September 5, 2015 in 3h30 (28cwt)

5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus

Comp: Arr. Mark B Davies

- 1 Henry D Coggill
- 2 W Nigel G Herriott (C)
- 3 Tessa K Beadman
- 4 Jennifer M Herriott
- 5 Michael J Trimm
- 6 Thomas F Lawrance
- 7 Luke O Camden
- 8 Leigh D G Simpson
- 9 Andrew J Graham
- 10 Martin J Cansdale
- 11 Oliver D Cross
- 12 Robert W Lee

To celebrate the marriage today of Charles Herriott and Rachael Smith at St Vedast, Foster Lane.

£6.00

Ringling World page ref: 5448.0962

INVERARAY, Strathclyde, All Saints
Saturday October 24, 2015 in 3h34 (42cwt)
5000 Sgurr A'Chaorachain Surprise Royal

Comp: O D Cross

- 1 Helen M Herriott
- 2 Michael J Trimm
- 3 Robert W Lee
- 4 Rachael C Herriott
- 5 Luke O Camden
- 6 Henry D Coggill
- 7 Leigh D G Simpson
- 8 Andrew J Graham
- 9 Oliver D Cross (C)
- 10 Andrew P F Bradford

First peal as Herriott: 4.

Ringling World page ref: 5455.1130

LONDON, Greater London, St James Garlickhythe
Friday February 12, 2016 in 2h42 (9cwt)
5152 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: R B Pullin (No.22)

- 1 Thomas P Wood
- 2 Timothy R Forster
- 3 Richard O Humphries
- 4 David S Phillips
- 5 Richard B Pullin (C)
- 6 Ryan S Noble
- 7 Andrew M Hills
- 8 Alan Regin

For University of London Society Peal Weekend.

First peal in the method: 4.

Ringling World page ref: 5479.0420

LONDON, Greater London, St Olave
Saturday February 13, 2016 in 2h41 (12cwt)
5040 Stedman Triples

Comp: T Thurstans (A P Heywood's transp.)

- 1 Richard O Humphries
- 2 Michael J Trimm
- 3 Richard B Pullin (C)
- 4 Chloe A Grimmett
- 5 Mariko H Whyte
- 6 David S Phillips
- 7 Simon D Roberts
- 8 Ryan S Noble

For University of London Society Peal Weekend.

First peal on an inside bell: 4.

Ringling World page ref: 5479.0420

BERMONDSEY, Greater London, St James

Saturday February 13, 2016 in 2h57 (14cwt)

5152 Superlative Surprise Major

Comp: Arr. M Maughan

1 Janet E Archibald

2 Christopher P G Rimmer

3 Alan M Eyles

4 Andrew M Hills (C)

5 Thomas P Wood

6 Timothy R Forster

7 D Robert C Swarder

8 Jon Waters

For UL peal weekend.

First in method: 3.

Ringing World page ref: 5493.0802

Compositions

5056 Bristol Surprise Major

By Mark B Davies

23456	M	B	W	H

42356				1
54326			1	
54263		-		1
32465	1	5		1
26354		-		
43652	1			1
43526		-		1
24536			1	
43265		-		
45362	2			1
63254	1		1	
52436	1		1	
34625	1		1	
26543	1		1	
64352	1		2	
23456	1			1

Rung for the University of London Society at 19 The Green, Romanby, Northallerton, on Friday 29th May 2015, conducted by Peter J Sanderson

5090 Spliced Surprise Maximus (2 methods)

By Alan G Reading

23456	M	W	H	Methods
45236		-	-	BZZZBZZBZZ, BBB,
43652	2	-	-	BZZBZZBZZB, ZZ, ZBZZBZZB, BBB,
64352			-	BZZZB,
(54362)		s		ZBB.
24365	s			BZ.ZBZZZ
32465			-	BZZBZ,
64523	-	-		BBB, BZZBZZBZ, ZZ

54326 - ZBZZBZZ, ZBZZZ
 43526 2 BZZBZ, BBBBBBBB,
 (42536) --s ZBB, BZZBZ, BZZZB. (B)

2784 Zanussi, 2306 Bristol, 54 com, atw.

*Rung for the University of London Society at All Saints, High Wycombe, on 21st November 2015,
 conducted by Andrew J Graham*

5040 London no. 3 Surprise Royal

By Richard A Pearce

23456 M W H

42356 -

54326 -

64235 - 2 -

35642 2 -

26543 - -

2-part.

*Rung for the University of London Society at 9G Highbury Crescent, Islington, on 27th November
 2015, conducted by Michael J Trimm*

5003 Grandsire Caters

By R B Pullin

1 2 3 4 5

- 43652

- - 64352978

- - 25463

- - s 32564

- - - 53264

- - - 25364 |

- - s 42563 |

- - s 34265 |

- - - 23465 | A

- - s 52364 |

- - - 35264 |

- - - 23564 |

- - s 42365 |

- - - 24365879

- - s 52463 |

- - - 45263 |

- - - 24563 |

- - s 32465 |

- - s 53264 | B

- - - 25364 |

- - - 32564 |

- - s 43265 |

s s 53246

- - - 34256

x 23456

- - s 42356978

x 34256

x 23456

y 32456

- - - 43256

- - - 24356


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- - s s    42653
- - -      64253
  - -      35462
    A      24563
- - s      32465
- - -      23465879
    B      (32547698)
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x = 2.3.s4.s5.6.7.8 (9)
y = 2.3.s4.s5.6.7.s8 (9)

Rung for the University of London Society at St Clement Danes, The Strand, Westminster, on 6th December 2015, conducted by Richard B Pullin

5184 Bristol Surprise Major

By James W Holdsworth

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23456      M  B  F  V  W  H
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52364      -              2
26354              2
2735468          s
43526          s
34625      2              2
42356      -
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3 Part

A Palindrome

Rung for the University of London Society at 't Klockhuys, Dordrecht, Netherlands, on 13th February 2016 (for ULSCR peal weekend), conducted by Timothy E S Holmes.

Also rung for the St Olave's Society at St Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, on 1st August 2015, conducted by Timothy E S Holmes

5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus

By Peter Border (adjusted by RBP)

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M    W    H
-----
      -    42356
      s    52346
*    s    -    34256
      -    53246
s    s    3    43265
ss   -    s    62435
s    s    (32456)
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In the original version, the pair of singles at M occurs at *

Rung for the University of London Society at St Chad, Shrewsbury, on 9th April 2016, conducted by Richard B Pullin

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

By John M Goldthorpe

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23456      M  W  H
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34256              2
42536      2    s
34526      -
25643    -    -
46352    -    -    ss
53462      -    s
23465    s      3
65432    s    -
23456    -    -    -
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Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Wilfrid, York, on 31st May 2015, conducted by Peter J Sanderson

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

By Roderick R Horton

23456	V	B	M	W	H
34256					2
432756	-	s		-	3
34265	-			-	3
26345				-	-
753246			4ths		-
273546				-	
537246			3	2	2
32564				In	3
63245		-			2
23456			s	2	-

Rung for the St Olave's Society at 14 Main Street, Beachampton, on 28th June 2015, conducted by Richard A Pearce

5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus

By Mark B Davies

23456	M	W	H
54326		s	s
56423	2		-
24365	-	-	
53462	-		-
64352		2	2
23456	s		s

Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Sepulchre-without-Newgate, London, on 5th September 2015, conducted by W Nigel Herriott

5000 Sgurr A'Chaorachain Surprise Royal

By Oliver D Cross

In	7ths	4ths	M	Out	W	23456
				2s		56342
	f					573624
		e		se	f	24653
			f	2e		36452
e	f					674523
		e		4s		46253
e			f			25346
2e				e		23456

f = 14, s = 16, e = 18

Rung for the St Olave's Society at All Saints belltower, Inveraray, on 24th October 2015, conducted by Oliver D Cross

5152 Bristol Surprise Major

By R B Pullin (no. 22)

M	B	W	H
2		2	32654
	2	2	56234
	-		35264 A
In,V			52364
In,V			23564
-		2	34562
	-	-	56342
	-	-	26543
	-		64235
In,V			42635

In,V - 2 24365
 - 62345
 In,V 23645
 A 23456

Rung for the St Olave's Society at St James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill, on 12th February 2016 (for ULSCR peal weekend), conducted by Richard B Pullin

5040 Stedman Triples

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' four-part

231456	2	S	H	L	Q	14	
346125	s						
413265		x	x			x	
143256			x				
126453		x		x			
241563		x	x		x		E
351246			x	x			
326541		x		x			
253461		x	x		x		T
523416			x				
134526				3T			
421536				E			
315426				3T			
(231456)		x		x		s	
536421		x					
345261		x	x		x		O
435216			x				
541326				4T			
342516				O			
231456				4T			

Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Olave, Hart Street, on 13th February 2016 (for ULSCR peal weekend), conducted by Richard B Pullin

5152 Superlative Surprise Major

Arranged by M Maughan

(25364)	M	W	H
26354	6	2	
53624	6	s	s
43625	s	6	
56324	3		s
25364	-		

Snap start and finish

6 = --s--s

3 = -s-

2 = s-

Rung for the St Olave's Society at St James, Bermondsey, on 13th February 2016 (for ULSCR peal weekend), conducted by Andrew M Hills

Quarter peals rung from after the 2015 AGM – before the 2016 AGM

City of London

St Olave, Hart Street

Thursday, 2 July 2015 in 43 mins (11–3–23 in G)

1280 Spliced Surprise Major (8m)

192 Bristol, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire, 128 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey; 37 com

[Composed by Julian Morgan](#)

1 Benjamin A Clive
2 Tessa K Beadman
3 Benjamin J Meyer
4 Nix Ruberry
5 Luke O Camden
6 James J Watkins (C)
7 Ryan S Noble
8 Ed N Hughes-D'Aeth
First of 8 spliced: 4

Ewell, Surrey
St Mary the Virgin
Saturday, 18 July 2015 (12–2–2 in F#)
1260 Grandsire Triples
1 Laura Caine
2 Luke O Camden (C)
3 Nix Ruberry
4 Jacqueline L Brown
5 Andrew M Hills
6 Thomas Wood
7 Timothy R Forster
8 Christopher J Brown
First on 8 - 1, Rung in celebration of Jacqueline & Christopher Brown's 1st Wedding Anniversary.

City of London
St Olave, Hart Street
Thursday, 23 July 2015 in 44 mins (11–3–23 in G)
1250 Bristol Surprise Major
1 Luke O Camden
2 James J Watkins
3 Rachel J Mitchell
4 Kate R Wallis
5 Thomas Wood
6 Jemma L Mills
7 Phillip P Ridley
8 Benjamin J Meyer (C)
First in method: 4 & 6
First in method as conductor.

City of London
St Olave, Hart Street
Thursday, 13 August 2015 in 33 mins
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1–2 Tom Nagel
3–4 D Robert C Swarder
5–6 James J Watkins (C)
First in hand: 1-2

City of London
St Bartholomew the Great
Sunday, 23 August 2015 (5½ in B)
1260 Mixed Doubles
1 Chloe A Grimmett
2 Benjamin J Meyer (C)
3 Benjamin D Kipling

4 Jemma L Mills
5 Colin F Salter

Westminster, Greater London
St Clement Danes
Sunday, 13 September 2015 in 49mins (21–1–23 in E)
1376 Superlative Surprise Major
Composed by Richard Pullin
1 Nix Ruberry
2 Andrew V Brown
3 Cathy Ockwell
4 Ben Clive
5 Richard Pullin (C)
6 Tim Holmes
7 Luke Camden
8 Benjamin D Kipling

City of London
St Bartholomew the Great
Sunday, 27 September 2015 (5 cwt)
1380 Doubles (3 Methods)
360 St Martin's Bob, 360 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire
1 Jacqueline L Brown
2 Edmund H Mottershead
3 Christopher J Brown
4 Richard Pullin (C)
5 Ryan Noble
Rung prior to Choral Evensong.

Westminster
St Clement Danes
Sunday, 4 October 2015 (21–1–23)
1288 Grandsire Triples
[Composed by R Pullin](#)
1 Jenny Willis
2 Jenny Heyworth
3 Sophie Middleton
4 Simon Wilmot
5 Rebecca Cullen
6 Richard Pullin (C)
7 Tom Nagel
8 Christopher J Brown
Rung after the Harvest Festival Service.

City of London
St Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street
Friday, 16 October 2015 in 48m (24–3–2 in Eb)
1280 Bristol Surprise Major
Composed by Trad (HHWMMx2)
1 James J Watkins
2 Martin J Cansdale (C)
3 Jemma L Mills
4 Rosemary E Hill
5 Thomas P Wood
6 D Robert C Swarder

7 David G Maynard
8 Oliver D Cross
A ULSCR 70th anniversary quarter

Waterloo, Greater London
St John the Evangelist
Saturday, 17 October 2015 in 49m (17–2–13 in E)
1344 Grandsire Triples
[Composed by Richard B Pullin](#)

1 D Robert C Sworder (C)
2 Lucy M Bricheno
3 Rachel E Prior
4 Rupert H J Littlewood
5 David S Phillips
6 Ryan S Noble
7 Benjamin J Meyer
1st on 7: All except 1 and 2
With compliments to Chloe Grimmett on an obviously enjoyable evening.

Stepney, Greater London
St George in the East
Saturday, 17 October 2015 in 44mins (6–0–9 in C)
1344 Superlative Surprise Major
[Composed by A S Riley](#)

1 James K Eggleston
2 Lucy M Bricheno
3 Clare E F Dyer
4 Nix Ruberry
5 Rebecca A Cullen
6 Rosemary E Hill
7 David S Phillips
8 Timothy E S Holmes (C)
Rung to celebrate the 70th anniversary of ULSCR

Rotherhithe, Greater London
St Mary
Saturday, 17 October 2015 in 44 mins (10–2–5 in Ab)
1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

1 Rachel Prior
2 Rebecca Cullen
3 Nix Ruberry
4 Clare Dyer
5 David Maynard (C)
6 Peter Jasper
7 Rupert "Welsh Dragon" Littlewood
8 James Eggleston

Limehouse, Greater London
St Anne
Saturday, 17 October 2015 in 46 mins (12–3–25 in E)
1296 Little Bob Royal
[Arranged by D G Maynard](#)

1 Tom Wood
2 Richard Humphries
3 Peter Jasper

4 Robert Swarder
5 David Maynard (C)
6 Dominic Meredith
7 Ben Clive
8 Garry Barr
9 Ryan Noble
10 Ben Meyer
Rung for the Society 70th anniversary quarter peal weekend.

City of London
St James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill
Saturday, 17 October 2015 in 40mins (9–1–25 in G#)
1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major
1 Lucy M Bricheno
2 Rhiannon M Meredith
3 Ben Clive
4 Richard Humphries
5 David S Phillips
6 Garry Barr
7 D Robert C Swarder
8 Timothy E S Holmes (C)

City of London
St Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet Street
Saturday, 17 October 2015 in 46 mins (10–3–23 in G)
1260 Grandsire Caters
[Composed by Simon A Bond](#)
1 Rebecca Cullen
2 Rhiannon Meredith
3 David Maynard (C)
4 Ben Clive
5 Clare Dyer
6 Nix Ruberry
7 James Eggleston
8 Tom Wood
9 Richard Humphries
10 Dominic Meredith
Rung for the Society 70th anniversary quarter peal weekend.

Chelsea, Middlesex
Old Church
Sunday, 18 October 2015 in 46 mins (10 cwt)
1280 Cambridge Surprise Major
[Arranged by R Pullin](#)
1 Dominic Meredith
2 Nix Ruberry *
3 Roger Powell
4 Sean Langton
5 Richard Pullin (C)
6 Thomas P Wood
7 James Eggleston
8 Richard Humphries
Rung prior to Evensong.
Rung for the Society 70th anniversary quarter peal weekend.
* 70th quarter peal.

Battersea, Greater London

St Mary

Sunday, 18 October 2015 (13–2–24 in F)

1280 Plain Bob Major

1 Sophie Middleton

2 Jacqui Brown

3 Kate Wallis

4 Rosemary Hill

5 Becca Cullen

6 Rupert Littlewood

7 Chris Brown

8 Peter Jasper (C)

Rung in celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the formation of the society.

City of London

Cathedral Church of St Paul

Monday, 26 October 2015 in 61mins (61–2–12 in Bb)

1311 Stedman Cinques

[Composed by L J Woodward](#)

1 Timothy E S Holmes (C)

2 Jemma L Mills

3 Christopher P G Rimmer

4 Rachel J Mitchell

5 Susan L Apter

6 Mariko H Whyte

7 Leigh D G Simpson

8 Andrew V Brown

9 Benjamin J Meyer

10 Andrew M Hills

11 Nicholas D Brown

12 Lucinda J Woodward

21st Birthday Compliments to Susan Hills

Pimlico

St Barnabas

Sunday, 1 November 2015 in 51m (19–3–7)

1287 Stedman Caters

Composed by L J Woodward

1 Andrew V Brown

2 Helen M Herriott

3 Rebecca A Cullen

4 Christopher P G Rimmer

5 Rupert H J Littlewood

6 James J Watkins

7 Charles W G Herriott (C)

8 Benjamin J Meyer

9 Ryan S Noble

10 David G Maynard

Rung to celebrate the Society's 70th anniversary.

Westminster

St Clement Danes

Sunday, 8 November 2015 in 43 mins (21–1–23)

1259 Grandsire Doubles

Being ten 120s and a 59

1 Rosemary Hill

2 Chris Rimmer

3 Charlie Martin

4 Thomas P Wood

5 Richard Pullin (C)

6 Anthony Matthews

Rung half-muffled on the back six, following the Remembrance Sunday Service.

Islington, Greater London

St James the Apostle, Prebend Street

Friday, 13 November 2015 in 37 mins (5–0–15 in C#)

1272 London Surprise Minor

1 Helen M Herriott

2 David G Maynard

3 Peter J Blight

4 Rachael C Herriott

5 Charles W G Herriott

6 Ryan S Noble (C)

Rung for the ULSCR 70th Anniversary celebrations and as a birthday compliment to Fr John Burniston, Vicar of this parish.

Islington, Greater London

St Mary the Virgin

Saturday, 14 November 2015 in 45 mins (16–1–21 in E)

1250 Cambridge Surprise Major

1 Rachel E Prior

2 Helen M Herriott

3 Andrew M Hills (C)

4 Clare E F Dyer

5 Rebecca Gingell

6 Richard B Pullin

7 J Chapman Knott

8 David G Maynard

For the UL 70th anniversary

Islington, Middlesex

9G Highbury Crescent

Saturday, 14 November 2015 in 37 mins (11 in G)

1264 Plain Bob Major

1–2 Rebecca Gingell

3–4 J Chapman Knott

5–6 David G Maynard (C)

7–8 Richard B Pullin

First quarter on handbells: 7-8

Highgate, Greater London

St Anne

Saturday, 14 November 2015 (12–3–21 in Fb)

1280 Bristol Surprise Major

1 Clare E F Dyer

2 Helen M Herriott

3 Rebecca Gingell

4 David G Maynard (C)

5 Richard B Pullin

6 J Chapman Knott
7 D Robert C Sworder
8 Andrew M Hills
For the UL 70th anniversary

Dalston, Greater London
St Mark
Saturday, 14 November 2015 in 48 mins (21 in Eb)
1287 Grandsire Triples
Composed by R B Pullin
1 Helen M Herriott
2 Clare E F Dyer
3 Rebecca Gingell
4 Richard B Pullin (C)
5 Jemma Mills
6 Andrew M Hills
7 David G Maynard
8 J Chapman Knott
For the UL 70th anniversary

Stepney, Greater London
St Dunstan
Saturday, 28 November 2015 (28¾ in Db)
1259 Grandsire Caters
1 Christine Potter
2 Katie E M Lane
3 Clara Jackson
4 Harriet J M A Armitage
5 Benjamin Clive
6 Edmund H Mottershead
7 Quentin S A Jackson (C)
8 David Phillips
9 Anthony P Matthews
10 Rupert J Littlewood
Rung on the Society's 70th anniversary dinner weekend

Pimlico, Greater London
St Gabriel
Saturday, 28 November 2015 (15–3–10 in F)
1280 Spliced Surprise Major (5m)
Rutland, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Cambridge, Yorkshire
[Composed by D F Morrison](#)
1 Graham N Scott
2 Jemma L Mills
3 Hayley J Wells
4 Janet A Horton
5 Jennifer A Town
6 Stephen W Horton
7 Timothy E S Holmes (C)
8 Benjamin J Meyer
Rung on the day of the ULSCR 70th Anniversary Dinner

London, City of London
St Katharine Cree, Leadenhall Street

Saturday, 28 November 2015 (9–3–18 in G)
1272 London Surprise Minor
1 Lucy Bricheno
2 Nix Ruberry
3 Kate Wallis
4 Tom Nagel
5 David James
6 Peter Jasper (C)
Rung for the society's 70th Annual Dinner Day.
First blows in method - 3.

Isle of Dogs, Greater London
Christ Church, Cubitt Town, Isle of Dogs
Saturday, 28 November 2015 in 42m (10–3–27 in F#)
1288 Grandsire Triples
Composed by R W Willans
1 Charlotte Ellis
2 Rachel E Prior
3 Chloe Grimmett
4 David G Maynard (C)
5 Asher Kaboth
6 Luke O'Camden
7 D Robert C Sworder
8 Garry Barr
Rung on the Society's 70th anniversary dinner weekend

City of London
St Olave, Hart St
Saturday, 28 November 2015 in 40m (15C)
1344 Plain Bob Major
1–2 Edmund H Mottershead
3–4 Lucy M Bricheno
5–6 Nicholas W Jones (C)
7–8 Quentin S A Jackson
Rung on ULSCR Dinner Day.

City of London
St Botolph Without, Aldgate
Saturday, 28 November 2015 in 52 mins (25–0–7 in D)
1344 Stedman Triples
Composed by David E House
1 David I Bassford
2 Dominic D Meredith
3 Terry M Astill
4 Thomas P Wood
5 Simon Roberts
6 Matthew E Rayner
7 James J Watkins (C)
8 Dr Philip J Naylor
Rung on the Society's 70th anniversary dinner weekend.

City of London
St Olave, Hart Street
Tuesday, 8 December 2015 in 45mins (11–3–23 in G)
1264 Plain Bob Major

Composed by Robert T Kakuk

1 Charlotte Beaver
2 Nix Ruberry
3 Kate R Wallis
4 David S Phillips
5 Jemma L Mills
6 Rupert H J Littlewood
7 Ryan S Noble
8 Daniel J Smith (C)
Rung prior to carol service
30th birthday compliment to Jennifer C E Lane
First QP on 8: 1

Westminster
St Margaret of Antioch
Thursday, 31 December 2015 in 52 mins (26 cwt)
1329 Stedman Caters

Composed by R Pullin

1 Rosemary E Hill
2 Richard B Pullin (C)
3 Tessa K Beadman
4 Kate R Wallis
5 Jemma L Mills
6 Mariko H Whyte
7 Ryan S Noble
8 Benjamin J Meyer
9 Andrew M Hills
10 Martin J Cansdale
Rung with the bells half-muffled, to ring out 2015.
To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the ULSCR.

Westminster, Middlesex
St Margaret of Antioch
Thursday, 31 December 2015 in 0h52 (26–0–26 in D)
1277 Grandsire Caters

Composed by J. White

1 Rebecca Steed
2 Christopher Rimmer
3 Harriet Armitage
4 James White (C)
5 Rupert Littlewood
6 Thomas Wood
7 David Phillips
8 James Watkins
9 Anthony Matthews
10 Edmund Mottershed
Half-muffled to see out the year, finishing at 2320 (approximately).

Holborn, Greater London
St Giles in the Fields
Friday, 15 January 2016 in 0h44m (14–0–16 in F)
1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major
1 Mariko H Whyte
2 Katie E M Lane
3 Sophie M Middleton

4 Kate R Wallis
5 Edmund H Mottershead
6 Richard O Humphries
7 Richard B Pullin
8 Adrian Udal (C)
Rung for Roger Bailey Memorial Weekend 2016 during the ULSCR's 70th year.

Holborn, City of London
St Andrew, Holborn
Friday, 15 January 2016 in 48mins (18–1–21 in F)
1280 Cambridge Surprise Major
[Composed by Simon Read](#)

1 Tom Nagel
2 Ben Clive
3 Nix Ruberry
4 Thomas P Wood
5 D Robert C Swarder
6 Jemma L Mills
7 Timothy E S Holmes (C)
8 Ryan S Noble
Rung for ULSCR Roger Bailey memorial weekend.

West Hill, Greater London
Holy Trinity
Saturday, 16 January 2016 in 45 m (15–0–2 in F#)
1280 Superlative Surprise Major
[View composition](#)
1 Clare E F Dyer
2 Katie E M Lane
3 Timothy E S Holmes
4 Rebecca A Cullen
5 Ryan S Noble
6 Adrian Udal
7 Benjamin J Meyer
8 Andrew M Hills (C)
Rung for the society Roger Bailey Memorial Weekend.

Putney, Surrey
St Mary
Saturday, 16 January 2016 in 45 mins (12 cwt)
1260 Stedman Triples
1 Jacqueline L Brown
2 Mariko H Whyte
3 Alan M Eyles
4 Chloe A Grimmett
5 Richard B Pullin (C)
6 Richard O Humphries
7 Garry Barr
8 Christopher J Brown
Rung for the society Roger Bailey Memorial Weekend.

Pimlico, Middlesex
St Saviour
Saturday, 16 January 2016 in 45 mins (7 cwt)
1302 Single Oxford Bob Triples

Composed by R Pullin

1 Stephanie J Pattenden

2 Tom Nagel

3 Nicholas W Jones *

4 Sean Langton *

5 Roger W Powell *

6 Thomas P Wood *

7 Richard B Pullin (C)

8 Jennifer C Willis

Rung as part of the society's Roger Bailey Memorial Weekend.

Rung during the society's 70th year.

* First in the method.

Spitalfields, Greater London

Christ Church

Sunday, 17 January 2016 in 0:46 (17–1–6 in E)

1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1 Garry S Barr

2 Rebecca A Cullen

3 Jemma L Mills

4 Thomas Wood

5 Nicholas W Jones (C)

6 Ben Clive

7 Richard O Humphries

8 Janet E Archibald

Southwark, Greater London

Cathedral Church of St Saviour

Sunday, 17 January 2016 (48–0–9 in Bb)

1250 Zanussi Surprise Maximus

1 Anthony P Matthews

2 Timothy R Forster

3 Philip P Ridley

4 Hannah L Taylor

5 Christopher P G Rimmer

6 Richard B Pullin

7 D Robert C Swarder

8 Benjamin J Meyer

9 James J Watkins

10 Daniel J Smith (C)

11 Ryan S Noble

12 Andrew M Hills

Circled tower to quarter peals on all 12 bells: 11

City of London

Belfry of St. Olave's Church, Hart Street

Sunday, 17 January 2016

1344 Plain Bob Major

1–2 Richard B Pullin

3–4 D Robert C Swarder

5–6 Nicholas W Jones (C)

7–8 Richard O Humphries

Rung in memory of Roger Bailey.

Bermondsey, Greater London

St James

Sunday, 17 January 2016 in 45m (14–1–15 in F#)

1260 Plain Bob Triples

1 Thomas Nagel

2 Chloe A Grimmett

3 Nix Ruberry

4 Jacqueline L Brown

5 Katie E M Lane

6 Christopher J Brown

7 Mariko Whyte (C)

8 Jennifer C Willis

Rung in memory of Roger Bailey on the Society Quarter Peal Weekend. First Triples as conductor.

Holloway, Greater London

St Mary Magdalene

Friday, 22 January 2016 in 47 (17–2–15 in E)

1250 Glasgow Surprise Major

1 Timothy E S Holmes

2 Helen M Herriott

3 David G Maynard (C)

4 Ryan S Noble

5 Peter J Blight

6 Andrew J Graham

7 Andrew M Hills

8 Robert W Lee

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Helen Herriott and David Maynard

City of London

St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield

Sunday, 24 January 2016 in 37m (5½ in B)

1260 Mixed Doubles

180 Grandsire, 360 St Simons, 360 St Martins, 360 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Rebecca A Steed

2 N Simon D Roberts

3 Thomas Wood

4 Christopher P G Rimmer

5 Anthony P Matthews (C)

Congratulations to David Maynard and Helen Herriott on their engagement this week.

Fulham, Middlesex

All Saints

Monday, 1 February 2016 in 54 mins (18 cwt)

1329 Stedman Caters

[Composed by R Pullin](#)

1 Chloe Grimmett *

2 Richard Pullin (C)

3 Jacqui Brown

4 Helen Herriott

5 Adrian Udal

6 Thomas P Wood

7 Rupert Littlewood

8 Luke Camden

9 Olly Cross

10 Christopher J Brown

* First quarter peal on ten bells, and first blows of Stedman Caters.

Rung in eager anticipation of the 75th anniversary year of the ULSCR.

Westminster

St Clement Danes

Sunday, 7 February 2016 in 43 mins (7–1–15)

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

720 & 600

1 Rhiannon Meredith

2 Thomas P Wood

3 Sophie Middleton

4 Tom Nagel

5 Richard Pullin (C)

6 Garry Barr

Rung after the special anniversary service to mark the 75th year of the RAF Air Cadets, attended by Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cambridge.

Stamford Hill, Greater London

St Ann

Saturday, 20 February 2016 in 41 (7–3–1 in A)

1280 Superlative Surprise Major

Composed by B D Constant

1 Simon D Roberts

2 Helen M Herriott

3 Thomas L Nagel

4 Helena J Mattingley

5 Thomas J Hinks (C)

6 James J Watkins

7 Ryan S Noble

8 David G Maynard

The band wish to associate Andrew P F Bradford with this quarter peal.

City of London

St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield

Sunday, 28 February 2016 in 44m (5½ in B)

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 Jennifer C Willis

2 Thomas Wood

3 Chloe A Grimmett

4 Benjamin J Meyer (C)

5 James Watkins

City of London

St Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge

Wednesday, 16 March 2016 in 55m (26–3–9 in D)

1346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus

1 Charles W G Herriott (C)

2 Rebecca A Cullen

3 Rosemary E Hill

4 Alan M Eyles

5 Katie E M Lane

6 Jemma L Mills

7 Richard B Pullin

8 David S Phillips

9 Christopher P G Rimmer

10 Benjamin J Meyer

11 Ryan S Noble

12 Andrew M Hills
Rung for the ULSCR 70th anniversary.

South Kensington, Greater London
Queen's Tower, Imperial College London
Monday, 28 March 2016 in 56mins (38–1–15 in Db)
1287 Stedman Caters
[Composed by L J Woodward](#)

- 1 Jemma L Mills
- 2 Mariko H Whyte
- 3 Kate R Wallis
- 4 Thomas P Wood
- 5 Richard B Pullin
- 6 Rachel J Mitchell
- 7 James White
- 8 Timothy E S Holmes (C)
- 9 Benjamin J Meyer
- 10 Anthony P Matthews

City of London
St Vedast, Foster Lane
Saturday, 2 April 2016 in 48 m (16–2–12 in F)
1260 St Vedast Bob Doubles
1 Ryan S Noble
2 Chloe A Grimmett
3 D Robert C Swarder
4 Richard B Pullin
5 Andrew M Hills (C)
6 Jennifer C Willis
First in method for all.

Meole Brace, Shropshire
Holy Trinity
Sunday, 10 April 2016 (7–1–7 in Bb)
1280 Spliced Major (8 Methods)
160 each: Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire
1 Jemma L Mills
2 Luke O Camden
3 Thomas Wood
4 Mariko Whyte
5 Benjamin J Meyer
6 Richard Pullin (C)
7 D Robert C Swarder
8 Ryan S Noble
Rung during the UL Easter tour following the Sunday Eucharist.
Most spliced Major as conductor

Westminster, Greater London
Collegiate Church of St Peter
Saturday, 23 April 2016 in 55 m (30–1–15 in D)
1301 Stedman Caters
[Composed by A M Hills](#)
1 Rosemary E Hill
2 Rebecca A Cullen

3 Rachel J Mitchell
4 Katie E M Hughes-D'Aeth
5 Richard B Pullin
6 Ryan S Noble
7 Andrew M Hills (C)
8 Benjamin J Meyer
9 James J Watkins
10 Rupert H J Littlewood
Rung for St George's Day and 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare.

City of London
Cathedral Church of St Paul
Saturday, 23 April 2016 in 59 mins (61–2–12)

1251 Stedman Cinques
1 Martin J Cansdale
2 Tessa K Beadman
3 Richard B Pullin
4 Jemma L Mills
5 Katherine L Town
6 Ryan S Noble
7 James J Watkins
8 Daniel J Smith
9 Benjamin J Meyer
10 Andrew M Hills
11 John N Hughes-D'Aeth (C)
12 Andrew P F Bradford

Rung for St George's Day.
Lewisham, Kent

St Mary
Sunday, 1 May 2016 in 48 mins (21 cwt)
1250 Bristol Surprise Major

[Composed by R Pullin](#)

1 Thomas L Nagel
2 Gillian Harris *
3 Christopher P G Rimmer
4 Andrew P Clark
5 Richard Pullin (C)
6 David I Bassford
7 Simon D Roberts
8 Benjamin D Kipling
Rung prior to Evensong, and in memory of Philip Vracas.
To mark the 70th year of the ULSCR
* First of Bristol.

Waterloo, Surrey
St John the Evangelist
Friday, 13 May 2016 in 53 mins (17–2–13)
1413 Grandsire Triples

[Composed by R Pullin](#)

1 Nix Ruberry
2 Thomas L Nagel
3 Chloe A Grimmett
4 Alan M Eyles
5 James J Watkins
6 Richard B Pullin (C)

7 D Robert C Swarder

8 Thomas P Wood

Rung for ULSCR AGM weekend, and to mark the society's 70th anniversary year.

Length specially chosen to celebrate Friday 13th.

Walworth, Greater London

St Peter

Saturday, 14 May 2016 in 38 mins (3–3–20 in Eb)

1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

1 D Robert C Swarder

2 Rachel E Prior

3 Chris M Gould

4 Thomas L Nagel

5 Jacqui L Brown

6 Benjamin J Meyer

7 James J Watkins (C)

8 Christopher P G Rimmer

Rung for the UL 70th anniversary on AGM weekend.

South Hackney, Middlesex

St John of Jerusalem

Saturday, 14 May 2016 in 51 mins (19–0–11)

1344 Stedman Triples

[Composed by R Pullin](#)

1 Thomas P Wood

2 Rosemary E Hill

3 Rebecca A Cullen

4 Christopher P G Rimmer

5 Jemma L Mills

6 Richard B Pullin (C)

7 Martin J Cansdale

8 Garry Barr

Rung on ULSCR AGM Day, and celebrating the 70th anniversary year of the society.

City of London

St Botolph, Bishopsgate

Saturday, 14 May 2016 in 51 mins (17–1–6 in D)

1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

Composed by Arr. Richard B Pullin

1 Chloe A Grimmett

2 Nix Ruberry

3 Katie E M Hughes-D'Aeth

4 Thomas L Nagel

5 Rupert H J Littlewood

6 Chris M Gould

7 James J Watkins

8 Ryan S Noble (C)

Rung with the band's compliments to our outgoing Master, Richard Pullin, on AGM day.

Also, birthday compliments to Giles Littlewood (25) and John Lewis (88).

Many of these quarter peals included some of the 70 QPs rung in the 70 towers nearest to Hart Street, in celebration of the society's 70th anniversary year. These were possible, thanks to the tireless

organization undertaken by Ryan Noble, Chris Rimmer, and Katie Lane (who became Katie Hughes-D'Aeth over the course of the year.) These 70 QPs, and the statistics about them, are all neatly recorded in a beautiful booklet produced by Tom Nagel, which should be available in the ULSCR library.

Happy Birthday to U-L
Happy Birthday *to U-L*
Happy *Birthday* dear U-LLL
Happy Birthday to U-L

Happy Birthday to U-L
From all who *ring bells*
Whether *singing* or ringing
We wish you very well

Happy Birthday to U-L
We seldom *wear hair-gel*
Whether *we are* hot or not
Only U-L can tell

Happy Birthday to L-U
But was the *compo true*?
Bob at *sixteen* or nineteen
In the UL, it'll do

Happy Birthday to L-U
We would never *sniff glue*
Neither *wee-ed*, nor *spee-ed*
But alcohol will do

Happy Birthday to L-U
Out the lager *we threw*
Give me *ale*, I wail
Coz lager's fish poo

Happy Birshhday L-U
This shhong's end *ishh overdue*
I'm *cruisszhin*' for a pukin'
Oh God I feel - *BLAAAH!*

Richard Pullin