



ULSCR Annual Report 2009 - 2010

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Master's Report

The UL has continued to be extremely active in the last year, not least due to the arrival of some enthusiastic freshers. The vast majority of practices have been at Hart Street and have been well attended. There was only one practice with fewer than eight people; on this occasion a quarter peal was rung. The repertoire on practice nights has varied from rounds and call changes to 8-spliced, and lots of people have made good progress. There was a focus on Glasgow Surprise Major in the first term and Belfast Surprise Major in the second term. All of the out-of-Hart Street practices were held at St Magnus the Martyr.

Sunday service ringing continues to suffer from poor attendance. Although we have managed surprise major on a couple of occasions, there has more often been fewer than six people present. Quarter peal attempts have continued at St Clement Danes and St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, with four and six scored respectively. Society quarter peals were also organised at Spitalfields, St Saviour, Pimlico and St James, Islington. There were only four quarter peals rung at Hart Street this year, and no peals. This is due to new restrictions on ringing.

On dinner day there was a peal scored at Walworth (which was three people's first of 8-spliced) and a quarter peal scored at Battersea. General ringing took place at St Mary-le-Bow and on the newly rehung six at St Katherine Cree. Five tower bell quarters and a St Olave's Society peal were scored on Lundy, including several firsts.

Peal weekend was slightly more successful than last year, with two UL and one SOS tower bell peals scored, including spliced ULSCR at Rotherhithe. Attempts at St George-in-the-East and St Clement Danes were lost but quarter peals were rung successfully instead.

SUA in Oxford was well attended. Of the eligible bands, we came last in the six bell competition and, erm, last in the eight bell competition. This was due to a combination of slightly ambitious method choices and too much time spent in the pub! Other striking competitions the UL have entered this year include the inaugural London 12 bell competition. We rang a very respectable half course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and were placed seventh out of eleven teams, although many people thought we deserved to be placed higher. Thanks go to Katie Town for her organisation. We came last in the Tewkesbury Shield Competition, but this was only by half a fault, and it was a great opportunity and experience for the band, half of whom were current students.

Thank you very much for your support over the last year and good luck to the next Master.

Heather Forster

Secretary's Report

This year, social events have seen the UL engaged in its usual, high levels of debauchery! In June we enjoyed an expertly organised Treasure Hunt organised by Hellen and Jen along the banks of the Thames followed, as seems to be tradition, the next day with the Picnic, this year on Tooting Bec Common and including an incredibly cold swim in the Tooting Bec Lido! Over the Summer, an intrepid group of UL members got dressed up to see Ceris Hine appear in the touring production of *The Rocky Horror Show* complete with the UL audience wearing fishnets and dresses (and that was just the boys!). The Freshers pub crawl in November was, as would be predictable on such an occasion, highly alcoholic, but ended up in the Southwark Tavern and not, for once in a certain Karaoke Bar the other side of Borough High Street. The Dinner was organised again by Clara and whilst a toast was taken to the Freshers (one being an alcoholic, one being unable to hold their alcohol and the other being teetotal altogether), by the end of the evening one was sitting outside feeling rather unwell, one was throwing up all over Ana's coat and the third had been converted to alcoholism with the help of 2 pints of cider, normal service had now been resumed! SUA saw us head to Oxford to demonstrate that while we may be unable to strike anything, we are still able to drink heavily and can out-dance anyone else at the Ceilidh. The Christmas practice saw its top quality levels of eating and drinking and all the ringing was predictably up to usual UL Christmas Practice standard. In February, Hellen hosted the Pancake Party which was a hugely successful event allowing the UL a rare chance to socialise in a controlled way with non-ringers.

Practices were, as would be expected followed by the pub, this year usually the Windsor underneath Fenchurch Street Station where the unparalleled “delights” of EPA have been endured and the Giant “you’re not kidding” Chocolate Fudge Cake enjoyed on a regular basis. The discovery of the Blue Eyed Maid has certainly helped to extend the post practice socialising and you never know, if S Club 7 ever need a tribute act, the UL choir could be the place to talent hunt!

Elizabeth Stokoe (bearing a remarkable resemblance to Peter Jasper...)

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report that the UL have seen an excess of income over expenditure leading to a profit of £27 in the year.

Income has seen a sharp decrease in the year dropping by £500 when compared to last year. The main reduction has been from visiting bands and visitors ringing peals and quarters at the church because the rector has now requested that no ringing can take place in what used to be a popular mid-week peal and quarter peal slot. New membership fees have halved in the year as we had an unusually huge number of freshers last year and have now returned to a more normal 7 newbies this year although I am again pleased to report that yet another member from Dorset has joined augmenting the ranks of the Dorset Mafia! The dinner saw a profit of £63.90 despite us failing to make the minimum bar spend for the first time in living memory. Mike Trimm effectively bought a “super round” at the end of the night to bail out the dinner and has subsequently gone on to sell or give away the bottles of wine he bought. I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Mike and anybody else who bought wine to help bail out the dinner this year. The re-launched ULSCR fashion label has seen impressive sales and due to a few people that are still yet to pay me, the profit is only £18.20. If everybody had paid up promptly, the profit would be nearer £100. Our so called high interest account with the Halifax has been predictably a bit disappointing gaining just £1.40 in interest.

Expenditure has seen just one years worth of handbell insurance, Ringing World binding and subscriptions this year so there are some differences with last year when we either didn't pay at all or paid for 2 years worth of bills in the same year. We entered the new London 12-bell competition which saw striking competition entry fees increase from the normal Tewkesbury Shield £15 to £45 this year. Since the end of the year, we have now paid our Central Council subscription of £20.

Overall then, the UL is doing pretty well and has plenty of funds to see it into its 65th Anniversary year. It now comes to me to announce the new fees for the society that will take effect for the next academic year. Due to the culture of deciding not to spend our way out of the recession as has been the fiscal plans of most major world governments, I am please to announce that I do not see any need to increase charges for the forthcoming year and will freeze rates for the second year running to be at 2008 levels. Therefore fees are as follows:

- **Membership fees:** These remain at £10 for life membership and £4 for annual membership. After 5 such consecutive payments of annual membership you automatically gain life membership (and have paid double for it!).
- **Peal Booking Fees:** The fee that all UL members who ring a UL peal must pay will remain at nil for the next year.
- **Steeplage:** The recommendation for the donation for UL practices attended will remain at 50p.

All it remains for me to do now is to thank Roger Bailey for providing the audit of the accounts and also to all of the signatories for signing almost any cheque I put in front in them. As I now look forward to my retirement in my UL funded second home, I would like to wish my successor the very best of luck for their time in charge of the UL's finances.

Peter Jasper

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2010

	Year Ended 31 st March 2010	Year Ended 31 st March 2009
<u>Opening Balances</u>		
Petty Cash	10.00	5.00
Lloyds TSB	-	-
NatWest	889.23	1,113.24
Halifax	1,755.32	1,235.38
Ringing World	32.29	11.29
Total Funds	2,686.84	2,364.91
<u>Income</u>		
Tower Donations		
Peals and Quarters	32.00	204.00
Steeplage	139.48	194.48
Visiting Ringers	61.00	112.00
ULSCR Peal Booking Fees	-	12.00
Membership Fees	70.00	139.00
Handbells in Trafalgar Square	-	72.00
Profit on Dinner	63.90	111.40
Profit on T-Shirt Sales	18.20	14.88
Interest	1.40	19.94
Total Income	385.98	879.70
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Ringing World Advertisements	69.13	79.00
Ringing World Subscription	55.00	95.00
Ringing World Binding	60.00	-
Donation to Katherine Cree	-	72.00
Keys for belfry	3.99	11.97
Handbell Insurance	55.02	102.69
Website Expenses	57.48	68.89
Posters	-	13.74
Cash Box	-	23.36
Sundry Expenses	5.37	6.03
Striking Competition Entry Fees	45.00	15.00
Central Council Subscription	-	20.00
Freshers' Reception	-	23.10
Fan Heater	-	16.99
New Rubbish Bin	7.99	-
One Per Learner Books	-	10.00
Total Expenditure	358.98	557.77
Profit for year	27.00	321.93
<u>Closing Balances</u>		
Petty Cash	-	10.00
Lloyds TSB	-	-
NatWest	943.96	889.23
Halifax	1,756.72	1,755.32
Ringing World	13.16	32.29
Total Funds	2,713.84	2,686.84

2009 Annual Dinner Account

	28th November 2009	22nd November 2008
Income		
Ticket Sales - 72 @ £35.00 (2008: 77 @ £33.25)	2,520.00	2,560.25
Total Income	<u>2,520.00</u>	<u>2,560.25</u>
Expenditure		
Venue Hire	-	100.00
Food - 73 @ £17.95 (2008: 78 @ £16.00)	1,310.35	1,248.00
Pre-Dinner Fizz - 12 bottles @ £18.00 (2008: 13 @ £17.00)	216.00	221.00
Wine - 37 bottles - 18 @ £13.25 & 19 @ £13.75 (2007: 39 @ £12.95)	499.75	505.05
Service Charge - 10% of food spend	130.00	124.80
Disco	300.00	250.00
Total Expenditure	<u>2,456.10</u>	<u>2,448.85</u>
Profit on Dinner	<u>63.90</u>	<u>111.40</u>

Auditor's Report

I have examined all the documentation supplied to me and I am pleased to report that it supports the view of the accounts presented above.

Roger Bailey

Trustees' Report

The Society's main assets are listed below:

Library *
 Set of 14 handbells with box
 Gavel with box
 2 wooden clapper ties (for bells 3 and 6)
 Set of 8 muffles
 Set of 6 fold up wooden chairs
 2 cupboards
 Various sports equipment
 Vacuum cleaner
 Tool box and tools
 3 notice boards
 1 peal board
 Various pictures, certificates and photographs

* The library includes books about ringing (and pond life), journals (mainly the Ringing World), various Society documents such as Annual Reports and certain other items. The vast majority of items in the library can be borrowed by Society members (contact the Librarian). A full catalogue can be downloaded from the Society's website (www.ulscr.org.uk) and a hard copy is available in the tower at St Olave's, Hart Street .

Andrew Bradford and Katherine Town

Membership Secretary's Report

The last year has seen 8 new members join the Society and I am pleased to report that this time all have joined as life members. The new members are:

- **Susan Parnell** – Veterinary Medicine at The Royal Veterinary College
- **Thomas Wood** – Computing at Imperial College
- **Andrew Hills** – Geology at UCL
- **Mariko Whyte** – Chemistry at Imperial College
- **William Carruthers** – Egyptian Archaeology at UCL
- **Chloe Grimmett** – English Literature and Creative Writing at Kingston University

all of whom were ratified at the AuGM in November 2009; and

- **Geraldine Forster** – Physiotherapy at St Mary's Hospital Medical School
- **Kathy Arkless** – Geography under the University of London External Programme

who were both ratified at the AGM in May 2010.

I'd like to welcome all new members to the Society.

It is with regret that I report the loss of 3 members through death.

Paul Cattermole was born in 1941 and learnt to ring at Beccles at the age of 12. By the time he was 16, he was already teaching fellow youngsters and forming bands of ringers. He came to London to study mathematics at King's College and joined the UL in 1959. He served as Master from 1961 – 1963 and rang some 28 peals for the Society at this time, including 15,000 Doubles at Foster Lane in 1962 which was, at the time, the longest peal of Doubles yet rung.

He took a teaching diploma in Oxford and then taught for 10 years at King's School, Worcester before becoming Head of Mathematics at Norwich School. However, he always had an interest in the history and archaeology of churches and combined this with his interest in bells and bellringing by undertaking a comprehensive study of the bells of the Norwich Diocese. This research led to his PhD from the University of London in 1984. He was a well respected historian and served as the official archivist at Wymondham Abbey. He was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 2004. Among the various bellringing posts that Paul held, he served as the Diocesan Bells Advisor initially in Worcester and then for some 31 years in Norwich.

Paul contracted aspergillosis in 2002, possibly from his time spent in belfries or from handling ancient documents, and although this was eventually eradicated, the damage to his organs had been done and he died on 31 July 2009, aged 67.

"Peter Foote was the outstanding British figure of his generation in the field of medieval Icelandic literature and Old Norse studies." This is how his obituary begins in The Times of 14 October 2009. Denis Layton, our first Master, in bringing this obituary to my attention described Peter as probably "the most academically distinguished member the Society has ever had."

He was born and brought up in Swanage and obtained a scholarship to the University College of the South West of England (later the University of Exeter) in 1942. In 1943 his studies were interrupted by service in the Royal Navy, most of this in the Far East. He resumed his studies in 1947 and graduated with a first class honours degree in English in 1948. He spent a year at the University of Oslo under a Norwegian government sponsored research studentship before enrolling as a postgraduate in the Department of English at University College London.

His academic rise was rapid, and in the space of 13 years he advanced to lecturer in Old Icelandic, reader in Old Scandinavian, and professor of Scandinavian Studies. For 20 years, he headed the Department of Scandinavian Studies at UCL which was expanded to include the study of modern Scandinavian languages alongside Scandinavian history, together with medieval studies and philology.

Peter was by all accounts a scholar of enormous distinction, the author of numerous books and articles on the medieval Norse world, and a highly valued translator and English stylist. The esteem in which he was held was reflected by the various honours bestowed on him by Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden as well as his membership of learned societies across the Nordic world.

He learnt to ring as a teenager in Swanage and joined the UL in the 1940s. He rang just one peal for the Society in 1952, but regularly rang at practices. Denis Layton describes him as being "very interesting and convivial company in the Railway Tavern after practices at Belsize Park". Indeed The Times obituary ends by stating that he was at his most convivial, and I quote, "with a pint of beer and a large gin on the table before him." He died on 29 September 2009, aged 85.

Valerie Willard was born in 1923 in Leighton Buzzard. She was a gifted musician and played violin for the English Youth Orchestra. She studied law at University College London but relocated to Cambridge during the war. She took up bellringing in 1944, and in the same year began working at Bletchley Park.

After the war, Val was employed by the Foreign Office in London and joined the UL in the 1945/46 academic year. She was posted to Australia in 1951, where she rang in the Society's first two handbell peals. Returning to the UK in 1955, she joined what is now GCHQ in Cheltenham. She was an active member of the Gloucester & Bristol Association and rang many peals during her time there, but only 3 of these were for the UL: one in hand (the Society's first in the northern hemisphere!) and two on tower bells. In 1984 she retired to Buckinghamshire and continued to ring regularly with the local band and association until she could no longer get up the tower. She died on 4 December 2009, at the age of 86.

I try to pick up deaths of members during the year from a number of sources, mostly from the Ringing World obituary pages and by word of mouth, but it is not always easy to identify all such deaths in any given year. If anyone becomes aware of former UL members who have passed away, I'd be grateful if they would let me know so that I can update the membership database and include them in my report for the next AGM.

The membership database continues to be updated as new information is sent to me. As I have reported in previous years, it is clear that the contact details for many members are out of date. I would therefore urge all those who change address to let me know so that I can keep the database as up to date as possible, and I would like to thank all those who have done so in the past year. If anyone would like to check his or her entry on the database, please let me know.

Finally, a reminder about the UL_alumni email group, which is aimed at those members who wish to keep in contact with the Society but don't want to belong to the main UL list. If anyone wants to join this list, please let me know.

Michael Trimm

Librarian's Report

The ULSCR library stands on the left hand side of the tower as you enter and is housed in a cabinet. I begin with this description because it often feels as though nobody knows it's there! Perhaps it should be re-named 'Diagrams Cabinet with additional paper materials'? What I'm trying to say, in an amusing way rather than the usual, is that the library has seen the usual small amount of use in the last year with the notable exception of Holly, who borrowed 5 books, kept them for several months and, upon returning them, never returned to the society. I like to think that she wasn't scared off by the contents of the books, but you never know!

One book has been returned to the library today after nearly 20 years of absence. Found by Mike Trimm in Germany, the book was borrowed many years ago but has now found its way back. Its a good thing that the society doesn't enforce late fees...perhaps we should on the basis that this loan alone could give us a profit for the year?

The 2009 editions of the ringing world have been sent to the binders and should be bound within four weeks.

All that remains is for me to wish the next librarian good luck in the year to come.

Jessica Glaisher

Steeplekeeper's Report

Basically I spent about 3 hours tightening all of the nuts and bolts the day before the AuGM in my year as steeplekeeper, and at the same time I also spent a good 2 hours cleaning and hoovering the ringing room! Guy and I spent one Saturday reattaching the Sanctus Bell at the request of the vicar, which involved assembling a wire/rope system. This appeared successful for some time, though I am not sure if it still works. One point that came out of this was that the vicar was adamant that no one should be allowed to go up the vertical metal ladder in the belfry for health and safety reasons as people could fall to their death. It was agreed that there would be some negotiations/enquiries about putting a protective metal cage around the ladder, but in the meantime a notice should be attached to the ladder to stop people from going up it. I confess I didn't quite get around to implementing this, so perhaps the current steeplekeeper could take this issue up?

Clare Dyer

Treasure Hunt

Saturday, 13th June 2009

The First Lady and the Treasure Hunt

The day of the treasure hunt, 13th of June
An early morning start in a Wetherspoon
The questions based around the river
An ideal chance for a UL dither
Amusing photos increase your score
And museum leaflets even more
Points for unusual drinks - where to go?
To buy team mate Lizzie a J2O?!

The grassing up began at the start of the day
No, I don't mean the tardis and BNJ
But the poodles cheating, with Lian and Q
And Dave Hills spotted in an ivory canoe
Some teams to a hot air balloon were tied
Whilst others joined in the naked bike ride
A helicopter was used by 'the randoms' team
The rule breaking this year was just obscene

For extra points, in case of tie break
A photo on a boat each team had to take
And guess the lunch venue for the organising team
A place they thought they would never be seen
But they picked somewhere en route - foolish I know
And to make it easier sat by the window!

Back to the pub by 5 for a chance to win
And just enough time to get a round in
At least we didn't get the wooden spoon
But on the podium for us there's no room
Team members that came third won a duck
But my team came fourth, oh.....
And the poodles team, up to old tricks
Won the first prize, it's a fix, it's a fix!

But our thanks go to the organisers, Hellen and Jen
The marks we give them - ten out of ten!

We raised **£153.60** including Gift Aid with the placings of teams as follows:

1.	Rude Dog and the Dweebs	224 points
2.	The Squashed Tomatoes	189 pts
3.	Team Otty	175 pts
4.	The Randoms	174 pts
5.	5½ Hills	156 pts
6.	A.P.A	124 pts

Mary Cross

Annual Picnic

Sunday, 14th June 2009

After many years of having to trek up to the wilds of North London, finally some South Londoners (and it's not often Laura and Hugh get referred to as southerners!) saw the picnic return to the south of the Thames. A beautifully hot day saw the UL descend to Tooting Bec Common (conveniently within rolling home distance for Laura) and after a quick game of football, some pretty serious eating got underway.

After the post-picnic snooze and sunbathe, we all collected up our things and headed over to Tooting Bec Lido to get changed for a swim in Britain's largest open air swimming pool. Nick Jones offered to look after everyone's belongings after he was not allowed inside a public swimming pool fully clothed with a long-zoom lens camera (believe it or not)!

For the rest of us, the pool sat there looking a tempting blue, but being as it was June, even if the air temperature was hot, that did not necessarily mean that the water temperature was (it's all thermodynamics you know)! Hugh "helped" anyone that was trying to get in slowly and gently with a shove that saw Jess and Jen experience the quick way to find out how cold the water was.

Once everyone had made a return trip to the far end (a ridiculous 90m away) and deciding that the deeper part of the pool was not only colder as it was deeper, but also hadn't seen the sun much that afternoon, we decided to stay down the shallower end with an improvised game of water volleyball.

Once most people were suffering from the early stages of hypothermia (and that included the UL's resident doctor-to-be), we got out of the pool and got changed ready to start that UL Picnic favourite of a game of rounders.

Having decided a couple of innings that, for a UL event it was getting rather too sporty, we headed off to the Bedford pub in Balham to enjoy a refreshing pint or two. Thanks are due to Laura and Hugh for organising a truly excellent picnic.

Peter Jasper



Norfolk Tour

10th – 12th July 2009

The Norfolk tour started at roughly 4 o'clock in the afternoon in true UL fashion, in the nearest pub. The nearest pub to the train station was the Coach and Horses, and we stayed for a quick drink before departing for Norwich city centre. Once in the city centre we visited another pub called Murderers, before ringing at our first tower of the tour, All Saints. The bells were lovely, and some of us branched out and tried new methods. When the ringing was over we headed off for another time honoured UL tradition ... a curry.

In the curry house Jacqui amazingly discovered a new species of animal known as a licken, or a chamb. I believe it to be a strange cross between a lamb and a chicken. After the curry we went in search of the accommodation. Robin decided on the way that he needed to stop off at a

Tesco to buy some alcohol and mixer. The only problem was that it was past midnight, and there wasn't an open shop in sight. Eventually, with the aid of 2 sat navs, and a route that went via John O' Groats, we found a 24hr Tesco, which refused to sell us any alcohol as only half the party had ID with them. After this huge disappointment we made our way to Clover Hill village hall, where we were sleeping.

In the morning we departed the hall early to ring at St. Peter Mancroft. We only just managed to grab the 12, with some help from a couple of locals. The second tower of the day was St. Giles, a 10 minute walk away, so most of the party took a necessary Starbucks break on the way. After St. Giles we went for lunch in a waffle house.

After lunch we rang at St. Georges, Colegate. The bells were really nice, which set us up for a big fall at the next tower, St. Michaels, Coslany. The ropes at Coslany were springy, and the bells were a nightmare to ring. It was the best tower for comedy on the tour. In order to recover afterwards, half the group hit the pub, and the other half went for a soothing cup of tea at the house of an old UL member.

We then travelled to South Walsham and had a quick drink in the pub before ringing at the tower. Heather had a sudden creative burst and composed a touch of bob minor and Cambridge minor spliced. In the evening we were invited to join the NDA for a barn dance, led by the Stedman Stompers. We all slept well afterwards, having been thoroughly danced out.

On the Sunday morning we rang at St. Peter's, Raymerston, followed by St. Andrew's, Hingham. It was obvious that the bells at Hingham are not rung very often. They went very heavy, and were hard to stand. On the way to the next tower we stopped off for lunch and also managed to grab the local mini-ring, which was out for a special occasion. For some of us it was our first try on a mini-ring, but it went quite successfully.

The next tower was Wymondham Abbey. The locals came along here to help us out again, as only some of the group were strong ringers. After a good session on the bells, and a photo session, we continued to St. Remigus, Hethersett, the last tower of the tour. When we had pulled our last bells, we returned to Norwich train station to catch our trains back to Liverpool Street, and so ended the tour. With 10 towers and an impromptu mini-ring, we had a very busy weekend. A huge thanks to Jacqui and Chris from everyone who went, for a very enjoyable tour.

Hellen Richardson



Summer Tour - Ireland

5th-13th September 2009

In true UL fashion, I am sitting here writing the story of a Summer Tour months after I have forgotten everything that happened and yet again wondering why I didn't write this up 6 months ago while it was still fresh in my mind. Anyway, I'll try and piece together what I can from a few hastily made notes written in a pub in Belfast over the Summer and with luck, you will find this report will be just like a pint of Guinness. After all, good things come to those who wait, don't they...

Saturday, 5th September

The 2009 Summer Tour saw the UL head abroad again. Having nearly grabbed every tower in Scotland 2 years ago, the UL attempted to finally grab an entire country and headed across the Irish Sea to invade Northern Ireland.

We all arrived at Arnie's Backpackers hostel in Belfast to be greeted with a roaring fire and cups of tea. Having decided that although cups of tea and fire are nice, when it was T-Shirt weather outside and Clara had organised a 9-pub crawl, it wasn't long before a party began an 'investigation' into the city's drinking establishments.

The UL's first stop was, somewhat predictably the local Wetherspoons to be very pleasantly surprised that 'Headless Dog' beer was being sold for £1.39 a pint! As the latecomers joined us, more pints were consumed in more pubs some of which included live Irish music (thankfully of the folk kind rather than Westlife). The first evening finished off with a very good Chinese and chocolate fudge cake before a 'last one' in the Spoons. Unfortunately, it might have been one too many for me as I got confused between an open door and the glass wall to the side of it ending up with a large bump on my forehead to much general amusement!

Sunday, 6th September

The following morning was a 7am start as our first tower was 10:30am in Dublin. Astonishingly, we all managed to get into the bus to drive South to the Republic. Oddly enough, the traffic was rather quiet at 7 on a Sunday morning and we arrived at 9, just 1.5 hours early! So, with time to kill in a city where even the public parks weren't open yet, some investigated the Cathedral bookshop, others the local Spar and Jacqui disappeared on the first of what would become a regular adventure in search of a public toilet (that girl has problems!). Eventually it was time for ringing and we joined the local band at St Patrick's Cathedral for service ringing. After the ringing there we headed off to the next tower, SS Augustine and John, a beautiful Roman Catholic church that unfortunately was never built to house bells. This meant that the vertical ladder, followed by an open spiral staircase with a beautiful view straight down to the nave miles beneath us saw 3 people defeated, leaving us with just enough to ring all 10 bells. I wish I could say that it was worth the effort when you got there, but a rough, anti-clockwise 10 were made even worse after a certain Poodle managed to break the rope on the 3rd during the second touch!

After taking our lives in our hands for the second time on the descent (which was actually even scarier than going up!) we decided to do what the UL does best and went to the pub. It was here that we discovered that whilst Belfast was ludicrously cheap on the alcohol front, Dublin wasn't. However despite the Euro exchange rate, we were well entertained by the Irish sport of Hurling, essentially an aerial game of hockey played at head height and just as violent - surely a sport worth considering for the next UL picnic!

After lunch we headed off to Christ Church, a 45cwt ring of 16 with twice the number of bells we are ordinarily used to. After a long dither in the pouring rain outside the tower, we eventually decided that a local beer shop up the road would be the most sensible thing to visit. Guinness is the largest brewery in the world and has been brewing stout since 1759. The tour included the world's largest pint glass as well as opportunities to pull your own pint of Guinness and various tastings of the beer culminating in a pint in the 360 degrees bar with panoramic views over the city. The beer was not to everybody's taste, with Quentin explaining that he was "not a stout man". A sentiment that was not necessarily agreed on by all present!

Following the tour, we headed back into the City Centre to the hostel in the centre of Temple Bar (the city's main pub district) that we were staying in. The evening started with a meal of traditional Irish Boxty (a sort of meat stew) and after a few beers (including Charles's round of 4

drinks coming to €28!) we ended up larging it in the city enjoying the Craic including finding a traditional "singalong" pub drinking with the locals until the small hours.

Monday, 7th September

The President and First Lady of the UL headed off to bed at a relatively sensible hour that evening to be woken by Mssrs Trimm, Bradford and Spalding who decided to give el Pres a mascara makeover at 2am while he was asleep. Rumour has it that the makeover was not 100% appreciated by the President...

The following morning saw the UL in their bizarre waking up rituals. Jacqui sanded her legs whilst Andy jumped out of his bunk wearing very little and giving Jacqui the fright of her life! Breakfast for those that were not having a lie in was followed by an exploration of Dublin including such cultural delights as the "Tart with the Cart", the "Hags with the Bags" and a play area with a fantastic whispering toy working on the same principal that St Paul's Cathedral's dome works (well it entertained a physicist for a long enough period of time!). Unfortunately there were some accidents to report, Sean got himself done by the litter police and Clara managed to bruise her coccyx on a fireman's pole in the playground. By early afternoon the UL met up again at the minibus to head off to Taney and Drogheda the latter of which saw us meet up with Garry who was joining us so he could complete his Ireland grabbing. Following the ringing we headed back to Belfast to enjoy vast quantities of takeaway pizza washed down with even larger amounts of Port. I cannot remember exactly how the evening ended, but it is a pretty safe bet to assume that some traditional UL singing took place.

Tuesday, 8th September

The morning began with that traditional cold-pizza-from-the-night-before breakfast and then ringing down the road at St Thomas's, Belfast. It was then followed by a mission across Northern Ireland to get to Londonderry on the Western border with the Republic of Ireland. The town was very badly affected during the Troubles and still has a number of murals supporting one or other side. Londonderry (or Derry if you don't like the idea of the town being named after an English city), was very much on the front line during the Troubles and is still heavily segregated between the Protestants and Catholics. We decided for safety to park the minibus in what appeared to be a fiercely (and when I say fiercely, I mean bars up at all the windows to stop things being thrown at them fiercely) Protestant neighbourhood next to some "United Kingdom Forever" graffiti.

Following some lunch in the local Wetherspoons where we met up with Katie's parents who were doing a completely separate ringing outing to Northern Ireland that week, we went for a walk around the city walls before ringing at the 32cwt 10.

After returning to our (still intact) minibus, we drove back to the other side of the country (Ireland, like Scotland is not blessed with the same density of towers that England is) for a ring at Carrickfergus. By the time we arrived there was about 5 minutes for a quick half (yes, a half on a UL tour!) in the local Wetherspoons before ringing. Carrickfergus have an unusual tower being that it doubles up as the gatehouse for the church as the bells were too large for the tower. Following the ringing, we returned to Belfast and enjoyed a meal in a lovely Thai restaurant near the hostel. As Clare was not quite feeling her usual perky self, she ordered the Pineapple Rice as it seemed quite a small, light meal only to later be rather alarmed when it came out served piled high in half a pineapple!

The evening continued with a visit to a National Trust property - the Crown Liquor Saloon. This pub dates from 1885 and includes a number of cosy booths where most of the UL could fit and be safely contained. I for one, was rather disappointed however that my National Trust Card did not appear to entitle me to a free pint!

Wednesday, 9th September

The following morning saw us heading off to what must have been one of the most expensive towers ever rung at on a UL tour costing us £40 for the privilege so it was imperative that we should not be late. Unfortunately however, Quentin insisted on using his Sat Nav to direct the minibus with the inevitable consequences of Trimbo explaining in no uncertain terms that he could not turn the wrong way up a one-way street even if the Sat Nav said we should! We weren't too late and enjoyed a good ring at the new light ring of 12.

With Quentin now relegated to the back of the bus and banned from using his Sat Nav, we proceeded without problems to the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. This is a rope bridge that is put up

every year by the local fishermen to give access to an island just off the Irish mainland that happens to sit slap bang in the middle of prime fishing grounds. The bridge was not remotely scary after ringing at the anti-clockwise 10 in Dublin and so I seem to remember some UL members trying to find out how much it could be made to swing and bounce around! Following some ice creams and cream teas, we moved on to the Giant's Causeway.

In my opinion, the Causeway is far more impressive than it ever looks in the photos, especially as when we were there the tide was coming in and breaking over the end. On one particularly dare devil stunt, the immediate past master ended up getting himself stuck on the very end of the causeway on what became a little rocky island completely surrounded by the incoming tide. A lot of photos were taken for posterity which seemed a far better idea than anyone risking getting their feet wet helping him - such is the caring side of the UL!

We moved on to ring at Coleraine and then bought up some vital supplies as Nick and Jess were on mass catering duties that night. The return journey was eventful as an alarm, sounding very much like a police car, went off inside the minibus. After a lot of getting out of the bus and looking at it, the general consensus was that the back step was not quite aligned as we had started off with and possibly the minibus didn't take too kindly in being driven like a rally car! Fortunately a well aimed kick shut the alarm up and we limped gently back to Belfast. The meal that night was excellent with Nick and Jess cooking a Chicken Curry on what looked like an industrial scale. Well, when I say Nick and Jess, Jess actually did the cooking whilst Nick was relegated to chopping the onion (which, incidentally made him cry... a lot)! The evening continued with card games such as Shithead and Cheat where the huge variations in rules between different schools meant that players could generally make up the rules as they went along and then claim they were playing by the "(Insert Name of School Here) Rulebook". Following this failure, we decided to drink more and then play the Guessing Game that saw so much silliness on the Canal Tour last year. There were huge variance in abilities ranging from the virtually telepathic who could guess correctly before the mime had even started, to the hopeless who appeared unable to successfully describe the word "Titwank"!

Thursday, 10th September

Breakfast involved crumpets or toast for all except Quentin who needed something nearer to Gutbuster proportions and managed to find himself a 12" Breakfast Sub instead. Yet, this might have been needed as the first tower of the day was Newcastle. Olly was disappointed that Newcastle wasn't quite as he remembered the Newcastle he grew up in although the bells were certainly memorable. We were met by a churchwarden who knew nothing about ringing and the first band proceeded to raise the bells in what must be one of the smallest ringing chambers in the world. As they went to stand it was realised that there were no stays on any of the bells! Fortunately only 2 bells went over and as we didn't have access to the bell chamber to sort them out, we used the next best thing - a large weight to counterbalance them back over the balance. I knew we brought Garry along for some reason!

Following ringing at the next tower, Rostrevor, we found a local butcher who provided a fantastic lunch enjoyed by all, especially Andy with fantastic views from a picnic area halfway up the local mountain. All too soon it was time to head off back towards Belfast (with a quick stop to kick the back step again) and what is probably one of Northern Ireland's best tourist attractions. In fact, the Giant's Ring is so famous and special that Mini D came all the way from Kazakhstan just to meet up with us to see it. The tour itinerary described it as a "Stonehenge/Avebury type structure" which it is (assuming you've forgotten that both Avebury and Stonehenge have a circle of standing stones!). Actually, there was a circular bank that surrounded a Neolithic burial chamber that we showed due reverence to by seeing how many people we could fit inside it and having a group photo taken on top of it. There was more ringing at Ballylesson before we headed back to the hostel.

The evening saw us hitting the town with a Chinese and then multiple beers at various drinking establishments. The evening goes hazy, but I believe Mary had 3 glasses of Bailey's in quick succession and then decided to hit the gin...

Friday, 11th September

Today was due to be Loud Shirt Day. Unfortunately this ended up being cancelled as most people were not ready for fluorescent colours after the previous night and secondly because Hugh

had a very, very bright orange shirt which was deemed not the best colour to walk around Enniskillen in when a republican bomb had been defused on the border nearby the previous day!

Ringin' began at Hillsborough after an emergency stop for water for those feeling a little dehydrated and Jacqui to have yet another of her many toilet stops! The UL have probably rung better on a 18.75 cwt 10, but then I'm sure we've rung worse as well! Ringin' continued at Lurgan where we provided the bells for a wedding (the lucky souls!).

The tour had been so well organised that there had been relatively little chance for dithering, but fortunately lunchtime gave us the dither we had been saving up all week for! Should we stay where we are and eat in Lurgan, move on to Enniskillen and eat there or wing it and find somewhere between the 2? Eventually a decision was made to wing it and even later a small town in the middle of nowhere provided a pub and a greasy spoon to suffice most UL appetites. The bus journey to Enniskillen included the dreaded "Random i-Pod Game". Here any brave participants passed their i-Pod to the UL's very own DJ Dyer who would set it to play any song at random from the listing! Attempts were made by some to hurriedly "lose" some more embarrassing songs from playlists, not all of them successful!

Finally, we arrived at Enniskillen to enjoy a lovely ring on the 10 followed by a huge "ringers' tea" with tea and cakes laid on by the local ringers, surely a tower to go back to. Feeling rather "tea'd out" we headed back to Belfast in fine voice to such favourites as The Quartermaster's Store, Quentin's Sock and something to the tune of Londonderry Air. Mike and Andy evidentially started to get fed up with the 99th rendition of the Jacqui Bale Song and thus decided to see whether the radio could compete - (un)fortunately it could and singing had to be put off for a while.

Back at the hostel, it was time for Hugh's legendary "Huge Stew" with Hellen helping ably in the role of sous-chef. While the stew was, well stewing, Clare found an incredibly out of tune piano in the front room and the singing (oddly almost perfectly in tune with said piano) restarted with a vengeance that managed to ensure that Sean didn't manage an afternoon nap! The evening ended with another trip out to the local Wetherspoons where there were even more drinks and a night playing with a new kind of triv machine that could double up as a table.

Saturday, 12th September

Ringin' began just up the road at St Dunelda and then we headed off to Greyabbey dropping Hellen back off at the airport on the way for her flight home. Greyabbey was a new and tiny little 6. Following a very long dither to buy some lunch in the village, we headed off to the beach and had a picnic looking out over the Irish Sea. Some headed off to have a paddle and somewhat predictably, came back very wet and cold!

The pub beckoned and we had a quick stop in a very windy Bangor to rehydrate. It was here that a bit of i-Phone stealing found that a certain UL member (whose name has had to be censored from this report) had a new app on their phone. "Masturbator Pro" was an app that allowed the phone's vibrator mode to be adjusted for frequency as well as the period it went on for! The mind boggles, but the phone's owner did deny any knowledge of it. This was believed by nobody.

Ringin' at Bangor was followed by Holywood where half courses of Belfast were scored (sort of) and then we headed back to the hostel to get changed and head out for food. The end of tour meal (having been dithered about on and off since the first day) ended up being the at the Chinese and Chocolate Fudge Cake restaurant near the Crown Liquor Saloon. Here, Clara was given her well deserved presents for organising the tour and the evening was rounded off with a few more beers.

Sunday, 13th September

The last day of the tour dawned and we headed out to ring for Sunday service with the locals. We began at St Dunelda again and rang our last tower of the tour, and for everybody that hadn't had to get a flight earlier, the last ringable tower left in Northern Ireland, St Donard. We signed our names and included a footnote to note the achievement (for almost everybody there, the first country they had been able to completely tick off in Dove) and then headed back into a virtually completely closed Belfast to find a greasy spoon before heading home with the front pages of the newspapers showing Clara's flat with postmen (who had been on strike all week) sorting out the post in the road!

Thank you to Clara for organising an excellent tour.

Peter Jasper



The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Friday, 25th September 2009



London 12-Bell Competition

Saturday 24th October

This was the inaugural London 12 bell competition and was held at St Magnus the Martyr, where a new ring of bells had been installed earlier in the year and which is rapidly becoming famous for the excessive amount of tower movement! The test piece was half a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and the UL practised hard in the run-up to the competition. We were also under strict instructions that we were not to end up in Reflex the night before. On the day we produced a very respectable piece of ringing that we were very happy with as a band and there seemed to be a general consensus that seventh place did not really reflect our achievement. Refreshment before and after (and in some cases during) the results took place at the Walrus and Carpenter. I must end this report here as, unfortunately, I have no recollection of the evening. This of course has absolutely nothing to do with the consumption of too much beer... All that's left for me to say is thank you to Katie Town for organising the practices.

The results were as follows:

1 st	College Youths (M)	88%	3h 30m
2 nd	Cumberland Youths	81%	3h 30m
3 rd	College Youths (J)	75%	3h 27m
4 th	Southwark (M)	72%	3h 23m
5 th	St Martin-in-the-Fields	65%	3h 23m
6 th	Southwark (V)	63%	3h 26m
7 th	University of London	61%	3h 29m
8 th	Middlesex	60%	3h 34m
9 th	South Croydon	45%	3h 25m
10 th	Kingston	35%	3h 21m

Heather Forster



Freshers' Tour

Saturday, 31st October 2009

On the cool, rather grey, and uninteresting morning of Saturday, 31st October nine members of the UL met at Bank Underground Station. This was the start of an epic tour of four towers, almost as many pubs, and also numerous toilets for Jacqui.

After being 'driven' on the Docklands Light railway by Lizzy and Poodle we arrived at the first tower which was Christ Church, Cubitt Town on the Isle of Dogs. This came as a bit of a shock for Tom as he had to run the ringing; my turn was to come at the next tower. Nevertheless we managed several touches of Stedman Triples, and some Grandsire. These seemed a fairly pleasant, easy going ring of eight; a good start to the day.

Unfortunately, after enjoying the first tower too much meant that we had to get cracking to get the DLR back to Westferry, then find the next church, St Anne's, Limehouse; and most importantly find another ringer! We managed the first and third part but finding the church and entering it proved harder! Eventually we got into the ringing chamber, quarter of an hour late, but did enjoy some good plain hunt on nine to warm up, some Grandsire Caters, and Yorkshire S Major as the back eight were particularly good.

It was now half past twelve and we were in serious need of liquid refreshment, and a bite for lunch. These we found in The Grapes public house just down the road from the church; mysteriously it took the Master's group much longer to find it using a map!? The pub served good food and importantly beer, meaning leaving was quite difficult for some.

After a quick stumble down the road towards Stepney we were joined by reinforcements (in the form of Nick Hartley!). After a short wait to get up the tower of St Dunstan's church (for all those keen enough to leave the pub early) it was time for Lizzy to crack her whip and get us to do some ringing on these rather challenging bells; especially after lunch in a pub. After some rounds and call changes on the ten, some Grandsire Triples and Cambridge S Minor (miss-called by me?) we managed to use up our time here.

The final tower, St George-in-the-East, was run by the Master who gave us a chance to have a go at the special method of the day: Cornwall S Major. By this time our numbers had swelled from those that left the pub after scoring a peal. Yet more Stedman, Grandsire and other methods followed filling our allotted time and sadly we had to leave these delightful little bells.

The Black Friar set the scene for a post tour drink, and then dinner at the Hare and Tortoise. To wash down our dinner further drinking ensued at The Black Friar finishing the day off nicely. But as November loomed we were in danger of turning into pumpkins, and so proceeded with all speed for night cap at the Southwark Tavern, or to bed!

All in all it was a very enjoyable day. Organisation thanks should go to the Master (even though it was last minute) and the towers who agreed to let us loose on their bells!

Andrew Hills

Freshers' Pub Crawl

Friday, 6th November 2009

For me and Nick Hartley, the pub crawl started 2 pints before everyone else with a quick tour around the pubs local to Imperial, the Queen's Arms and the Anglesea Arms, the nearest pub to my halls of residence. Then it was off to the tube (in an already rather worryingly inebriated gait for myself) to join the others to begin the crawl!

The crawl this year was organized by Lizzy, whose knowledge of the pubs most-frequented by ringers is not to be underestimated. It officially began in Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese, which has to be one of the weirdest - and thus best - pubs I've ever been in, the walls literally oozed with history. But, historic usually also means cramped, which it very much was, the 7 or so that arrived crammed into a corner of the tiny main bar. Heather announced the Master's challenge for the evening - a different shot in each of the pubs - Peach schnapps to begin with.

6.30 approached rapidly, so we set off to pub #2 - The Blackfriar, and the first pub familiar to me - I'd got to know it well after the Tour the previous week. They had an interesting range of beers on, the ginger (alcoholic) beer was particularly odd enough for my tastes. It was also here

that I discovered my drinking pace does not match most of the others on the crawl; this was much to Nick's disgust, when he announced it was my round and I was almost a pint behind...

The Felix (Imperial's "news"paper) was browsed over, the agony aunt pages providing much amusement from the depravity of some of the letters (I will never think of spaghetti in the same way again)... The Master's challenge was tequila - a new spirit on me (not that I can remember what it tasted like, nor that I would want to). I'm told it's becoming a UL tradition for the longer sessions...

I seem to remember being made a part of the advance party to colonise a corner of The Paternoster by St Paul's. Aha, I thought, I recognise some of these beers (I'd only ever been to Young's pubs in the past). Unfortunately, the Kew was off, and I was unable to drink much of whatever was on (London Pride?) due to a slight mishap with my glass' verticality. This saw me consigned to a large amount of water for the rest of the night...

The advance party moved off after one pint to The Market Porter, where everyone rejoined after a while. When The Porter closed, a short walk took us to The Southwark Tavern, which was, as always, crammed on the inside, so standing room only on the pavement.

The group slowly dissolved until last left were the two freshers on the crawl, still standing, unlike one of them the previous week - obviously not enough had been drunk ;)

Thomas Wood

Southern Universities Association Weekend

13th–15th November 2009

Having missed both the Freshers tour and the pub crawl this was my first UL event. I do not pretend that this is necessarily a true and accurate representation of the events occurring, but I hope that I have got some of it right at least.

On the Friday afternoon I met Heather and Nick H at Notting Hill Gate to get the Oxford Tube down. On arrival in Oxford we went first to the pub (I don't remember which one) in order to collect Tom who had taken the cheaper and quicker option of a train ride. Suitably refreshed after a quick drink, (coke of course for me!) we headed on to the Carfax tower for the evenings ringing. Squeezing into a tower seemingly full of Bristolians was no mean feat and after a quick ring many headed off to the pub. Having stayed on for a while longer, myself and Tom found ourselves facing the challenge of having to locate the named pub for the evening, resorting eventually to asking a passing stranger, who, being a visitor to the city himself, had no idea but quickly whipped out his iphone and googled it. Thus back on track we retraced our steps and soon arrived at our destination for the evening. There henceforth followed a very social evening with ringers far outnumbering all the other patrons of the establishment.

Later on as many people had left, a small group of the UL contingent hurried out into the night desperate to find someone who looked like they knew where they were going. Fortunately we managed to tag on to a group of OUS members who seemed fairly confident of their directions and, after walking for what seemed like an age through the many twists and turns of the Oxford streets, we arrived at our lodgings for the weekend.

Waking at an early hour the following morning, there was rapid bustle as the hall had to be cleared and vacated during the day. Setting off into Oxford for breakfast, it was soon realised that we had hit upon a significant problem.... the chosen breakfast Spoons did not open for another 20 minutes... The large group of assorted bellringers milled uncertainly on the pavement outside and many prepared to settle down for a good long dither, some attempted to force entry, others were content to wait.

Then, just as a prolonged dither looked imminent, an enterprising few broke free from the crowd and struck out in search of a greasy spoon that would satisfy their needs. Sheep-like, around half the group broke away and followed these decisive leaders, a few minutes later finding themselves outside a small cafe that was indeed open and serving breakfast. Here began another dither as the size of the establishment and its prospective ability to cater for a dozen hungry ringers was debated. The inevitable result was to wander back to the Spoons where there were now only a few minutes to wait until opening time.

During the day on Saturday there was ringing at various towers around Oxford, which were [Those present insert your own impressions of the general ringing here as I can't remember where we rang, let alone what it was like]. In addition there were also the striking competitions, ostensibly the main event of SUA, none of which saw the UL covering ourselves in glory, the eligible teams coming last in both the 6 bell and 8 bell competitions and the scratch teams coming, I think, 4th and 7th. During lunch a quiz was passed out, and covert spying missions and outright bribery were attempted to obtain all the correct answers. It is maintained that had a certain musicals round written by Jess not been removed, our score would have been much higher!

Having got all the business with the bells out of the way, the ringers went back to what they do best before returning to the hall for an excellent dinner and ample beverages. There followed a Ceilidh, a new experience for me but I can confirm it is definitely the most fun you can have with a large group of people you don't know well, like a barn dance with better moves! After the last dance had been danced and the band had departed, the evening's entertainments continued with an impromptu sing-song, initiated by the OUS but rapidly commandeered by the UL who were determined not to be outdone. We freshers received an education in the UL Songbook that night!

Many thanks go to the OUS for an excellently organised weekend!

Mariko Whyte

Annual Dinner

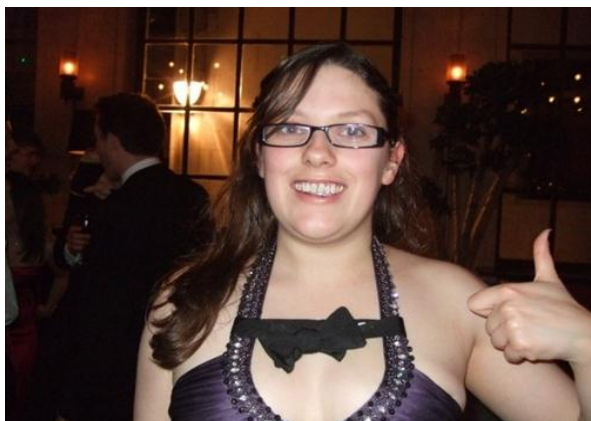
Saturday, 28th November 2009

Dinner weekend kicked off on the Friday night with ringing at St Magnus the Martyr followed by drinking in the nearby Walrus and Carpenter. This was many members' first ring on the bells, which were installed earlier in the year.

Due to building work at the Queens Tower we were unable to ring there on dinner day this year. This gave us the opportunity to pay a visit to the newly restored ring of six at St Katherine Cree and ring at St Mary-le-Bow. Due to a small incident involving the lock at the latter (the culprit has never been identified but I would like to record my apologies to Simon Meyer), the Master was left with only an hour and a half to get from the City to South Tottenham, get ready, and get back to the City again. Oh, and finish her speech.

The 64th annual dinner was held at the Pitcher and Piano on Cornhill. The evening consisted of a champagne reception, a three course meal, the opportunity to nominate people to take wine with others, the customary disappearance of the gavel, speeches by Jess Glaisher, Rhiannon Meredith and Heather Forster, numerous Jägerbombs, copious amounts of beer, wine and gin, and a disco until 2.30am!

Heather Forster





Winter Tour

Saturday, 16th January 2010

Having arrived at Hook station bright and early, we were led off to the first tower of the day, Rotherwick, a decidedly uninteresting six with the only highlights being a post in the middle of the floor with Grandsire written out on each side, and a tenor which was so light set that each touch had to allow extra time for it to be stood. We already knew, though, that the next tower would be much more interesting.

Our itinerary informed us that Heckfield was a 15 cwt. anticlockwise five and while this alone would have been enough to make it the comedy tower of the day, it was only when Mariko had got the second most of the way up that we found out what made this ring even more exciting. After a few minutes of trying, and with Peter's help, Mariko managed to stand the bell, it having slipped wheel several times. The local blithely informed us that 'That doesn't happen very often' so with Peter optimistically planning to ring it for some plain hunt, we pulled off.

Rounds was relatively uneventful, with the Master leaping into the air with every pull on the tenor because 'The rope was a bit short and it was the only way to stop it ringing down'. Only when the method started did the second immediately slip wheel several strokes in a row. Richard Saddleton was the next to step up to the plate, blaming his wheel-slipping on a dodgy pulley and poorly aligned holes. With our spirit fading, we decided to ring down and we knew that nothing would go wrong this time and we would have a faultless lower... Alas, even James White could not prevent the bell from slipping wheel - no wonder we mere mortals had had such trouble! Thankfully, we managed to ring down and left to go to the pub, where the lack of bar staff appeared to have thwarted our plans to get a pint quickly. Clara offered to go behind the bar and pull pints, but, astonishingly, her aid was refused!

Arriving early at St Michael, Sandhurst, we tested out our fighting skills with a battle to live on in military history as snowballs flew across the car park, hitting friend and foe alike. Harry was cruelly brought down by a shot from 'Nasty' Nick who then courageously fled inside to join a band ringing (for no good reason) British Scholars' Pleasure. The next tower on the itinerary was Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst, but before that, Nasty Nick had a surprise waiting for him, as Harry and his henchman Richard had prepared an ambush to teach him a lesson. He ran when they broke cover but could not prevent being brought down by a barrage of snowballs.

The final tower of the day, then, was a 11/2 cwt. ring of 6. While one band rang, the rest could stand in the church hall and see the bells through a window into the tower or listen to the wise words from Harry as he stood at the lectern in the corner. The local appeared happier to stand in the corner and look disapproving... On leaving, the phenomenon of evening took Tom the fresher by surprise as he exclaimed 'It's got dark!' but he managed to reconcile himself to it and so we returned to London, to the inevitable post-Winter Tour Jugged Hare drinking session and curry.

'Nasty' Nick Hartley

Pancake Party

Tuesday, 16th February 2010

The PANCAKE PARTY this year was organised by HELLEN Richardson and saw a small, but faithful group of pancake partiers heading to Hellen's place near KENTISH TOWN OVERGROUND station to cook, TOSS and eat huge amounts of pancakes to celebrate the start of LENT. From the photos I can find (as this was a very LATE REPORT, I am writing this in October 2011, I can't remember much!), but I think that TOM, NICK (JONES and HARTLEY), JESS, JEN, PERT and the POODLE were there, there may have been more, but they were obviously more camera shy! There were certainly some NON-RINGERS (most of them VETS) there, but I doubt that we socialised much especially after Pert demonstrated how to make a pancake with a DIRT TOPPING out of soil, unfortunately a tradition that started at Lian's Pancake Party in 2008 and is still yet to die a death! The more traditional toppings of BOLOGNAISE as well as the classic LEMON and SUGAR were enjoyed by everybody else along with copious amounts of BEER.

Because I have written such a short report on what was a fantastic event (sorry Hellen), I have given you a little wordsearch with the key words in capitals above to find. Words are written forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally. If you finish it, you might even find the secret hidden message from the leftover letters!

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Peter Jasper



Peal Weekend

12th – 14th February 2010

This year's UL peal weekend was held on the 12th-14th February. Things started well on the Friday night with a successful handbell peal of Yorkshire Major, which was Nick Harley's first of Surprise on handbells. There was also a tower-bell peal of spliced Uxbridge, London, Superlative, Cambridge and Rutland Surprise Major at Rotherhithe. This was the first ULSCR peal of ULSCR, and was also the Master's first spliced as conductor. Thanks go to Graham John for the composition.

Saturday morning saw the society score a peal of 8-spliced at Jewry, which was a first for two of the band and another first of spliced as conductor. Unfortunately the attempt for Grandsire Triples on the light eight at St Martin-in-the-Fields came to grief just before halfway. It turns out that staying in the Blue Eyed Maid until 4am is not conducive to scoring peals. Sorry Hellen and Tom!

A jet-lagged tenor ringer, bobs in Glasgow and an ambitious choice of methods resulted in three losses on Saturday afternoon, but quarters of Cambridge Royal and Cambridge Minor were rung instead, and a Saint Olave's Society peal of Bristol Major was scored at Stamford Hill. Evening drinking took place in the Blackfriar and most people went for a Chinese meal to celebrate the Master's birthday. Thanks to Lizzy for the cake!

Sunday's tower-bell total equalled that of the whole of last year's peal weekend, with losses at both St Magnus the Martyr and Willesden, but the handbell brigade saved the day, continuing their unbroken record with a peal of Lincolnshire Major, a "first" for Jenny Holden.

Thank you to everyone who took part. The attempts (successful or otherwise) undoubtedly provided valuable practice for many members of the society.

Heather Forster (with help)

Lundy Tour

1st – 8th March 2010

This year's UL trip to Lundy came with a new twist- for the first time 15 intrepid souls committed themselves to an entire week of each other's company, with a further 24 coming to inspect the wreckage for the final long weekend and, in the process, breaking last year's record of 37 attendees.

The full-week experience began on the Sunday lunchtime with the negotiating of London traffic and then the M4. For a change, Andy's driving was non-fatal; although this might have been due to the fact that the car was kept below the speed limit by the combined weight of 5 men and their luggage. 12 of the 15 of us were staying overnight in Clovelly where Quentin, ever the opportunist, had arranged a tower-grab- although this proved less of an attraction than going straight to the pub for several of the party.

Surprisingly hangover-free, the expedition assembled at Hartland Point first thing on Monday morning for the helicopter flights to the island. David managed to incur a double excess baggage charge by bringing a set of 12 handbells, although these were clearly vital instruments of pleasure for the days ahead. Most of the 'full-weekers' were based in Millcombe House; with Clara and Quentin in Big St John's and Mr Coaker ensconced in the Radio Room.

The pattern for the week was quickly set with an obligatory visit to the Marisco Tavern while the luggage was being delivered to the properties; although most were persuaded to go outside long enough to walk to the Battery on the island's west coast and admire the cannon. The Tavern management had been thoughtful enough to provide an alternative beer- a chocolate chilli stout. Mindful that this might damage PV's health when he arrived in 4 days' time, the party nobly sought to remove temptation from his way by drinking it- an aim that was achieved the first evening. The President took the first night laurels by consuming 1 pint of Old Light followed by 15 of Cockleroaster, although I personally felt that my contribution of a gallon of each was much more symmetrical and aesthetically pleasing. At some point during the evening, Mike bought several peculiarly coloured cocktails, David taught everyone in the pub the Stevoh song and Henry got so excited playing giant Jenga that he started throwing bricks onto the fire. Mike also lost a lens from his glasses, although I gather that this is normal for UL trips to Lundy.

Although most evenings were spent in the tavern consuming fine local lamb products (I was particularly amused to see an animal with my tab number painted on its side early during the week and wondered if that was my 'share' of the island's livestock), Henry's top culinary skills were displayed in a Wednesday night curry (it was, to be fair, too far to walk to the North Light Tandoori). Come Friday and the island was suddenly flooded with the sounds of chattering voices. Yes, Lizzy and Heather had arrived (among others). Sportingly, Chris drew attention away from the new arrivals by dislocating his knee on the rocks at Rat Island, necessitating emergency evacuation to the mainland via Sea King helicopter. Luckily he not only made a full recovery, but is also set to star in series 2 of Sea Patrol UK, coming soon to your TV screens...

Contrary to popular expectation, the weather was fantastic all week with not so much as a drop of rain and brilliant sunshine nearly every day, leading to a significant percentage of the planned ringing being ditched in favour of experiencing the spectacular scenery. Once people could be persuaded up the tower, an SOS peal of Spliced S. Royal was rung, at blistering speed and in fine style considering the condition of several members of the band- a session on whisky, calvados and assorted rum-like spirits the previous evening, combined with a couple of 'mild' stomach bugs led to some interesting facial colouration during the ringing.

The hammering the bells took during this, however, seemed to make them somewhat grumpy since two further attempts were lost over the weekend - Bristol Royal due to a broken tenor rope and Grandsire Triples owing to total internal change failure. 4 quarters were rung, however, and congratulations go to Chris for his first on 10 (swiftly followed by his first of Royal), Clara's first of Surprise Royal and Tessa's first of Stedman as conductor.

Handbell focus began on the Tuesday morning with the first of 3 twelve-bell quarters during the week. All told, there were 6 firsts on 12 in hand- for Tessa, David, Olly, Henry, Quentin, Leigh and Andrew Hills; and other quarters provided a first of Surprise Royal in hand for Tessa, first in hand for Tom Wood and both first on 8 and first inside in hand for Heather. Handbell ringing was not confined to 'serious' daytime attempts- it was certainly amazing how much easier Littleport Maximus was by torchlight after several pints of Old Light.

With the balance of numbers now in the UL's favour, the tavern was more or less monopolised over the weekend in the evenings. All the old favourite pub games came out, including Speed Scrabble; however the newly-invented sport of building a tower of Jenga bricks taller than Tessa was soon abandoned as it was far too easy. The tavern staff generously forgave their early loss to the ringers at darts and provided access to their private pool table. A UL trip wouldn't be the same without a sing-song of course and this too was duly accomplished- Lundy had certainly not heard the like of the Maynard/Beatles songbook before...

All too soon, Monday morning dawned and the tavern was full of ringers again, this time waiting for flights back to Hartland Point and listening to the sound of a cheeky extra handbell quarter being rung in the gallery. It would be difficult to imagine topping this week, although I certainly hope the UL will be back next year to try. Everyone's thanks go to Andy and Clare for their sterling hard work and organisation.

Andrew Graham





Easter Tour - Salisbury

9th – 11th April 2010

Arriving in the town particularly early, I took the chance to explore the centre a little, learn the road layouts, and do a quick check over the suggested pubs to see if they'd match up to expectations - they didn't. So I went onto an easy pub to find for those arriving by train: The King's Head, Salisbury's Weatherspoons. A quick pint here, and I headed off to collect the keys for the church hall, before being joined by Alan, Jen and Nick. We then took a ride around the maze of one-way back streets, to pick up Peter whose train arrived 10 minutes before ringing at Britford.

Britford was an interesting tower - pretty much in the middle of nowhere, 6 ropes hung in the circle of an 8, rung from the crossing point of the chancel, and with a very long draught (without rope guides). It didn't help that most of the ropes were pretty long, and that the tail end of the 3 unwound as I was ringing it to the first touch of the evening... A bit of expert retucking by Peter got it to a reasonable length and made it ringable again. Once we got used to the bells, they seemed alright (as far as I can remember after the evening's drinking!)

The evening's drinking consisted of a pub called The Queen (which seemed surprised that it had customers!) followed by some UL dithering, Wagamama, and then finally ending up in The New Inn - a Badger pub, much to Peter's pleasure and Eleanor's displeasure.

Saturday morning saw us being ejected from the hall by 9am - the Samaritans had a booking for the day, so we got out of their way by starting the day in the traditional UL way - in a pub ('spoons).

Our first tower of the day was unscheduled, mainly because it has no bells - Salisbury Cathedral. But we had to grab it anyway, even if it was just a few short touches on the handbells outside! Then onwards to St Thomas', a fairly heavy 8, (as Peter discovered when trying to ring up the tenor on his own!), Stapleford, a recently rehung 6 with an odd weight ordering around the front, and a 3 that's easy to put up the wrong way.

Lunch in the King's Head Chitterne was pretty reasonable, even if the paint was still fresh on the walls inside. As the next was a 5, this was a perfect chance for us to all brush up on our doubles methods and variations. Apart from being a little odd struck, I enjoyed the bells.

Shrewton was our final tower of the day, and lined up to be the comedy tower, it wasn't far under our expectations: the tenor wouldn't go to the balance at backstroke, and the wheel on the 5th was very unlikely to be circular. I count this tower as a success, having looked up St Clements that morning, and just about recovered from the beer at lunch, I managed to get through my first touch in the method and possibly my first attempt at the method, too!

A drive back to Stapleford (tractors are too slow), to rescue forgotten Diagrams books, the discovery of a playground, and more handbells (this time up a tower!)

A much more informed pub choice saw us taking up residence in the Wig and Quill for several hours (FizBuzz!), followed by a takeaway in the hall and more drinking games, including the famed "remember the code to turn off the burglar alarm when it goes off due to power cuts". I don't think the rest is mentionable to those who weren't there, although Sibley does not know his prime numbers, and I'm not good with words, even when sober.

Sunday saw yet more handbells in the hall, with doughnuts as a substitute for breakfast, followed by joining the St Martin's ringers for the service ringing, and then a massive picnic (and more handbells) on top of Old Sarum.

Thomas Wood



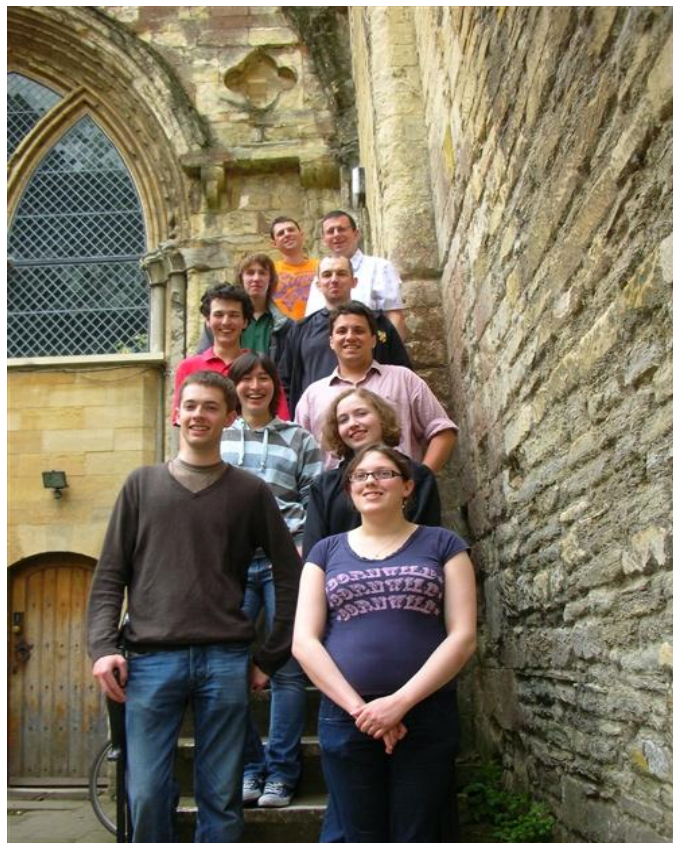
Tewkesbury Shield

Saturday, 1st May 2010

A band of regular UL "Thursday Night" members including two freshers entered the 38th Annual Tewkesbury Shield competition. We had (unusually for us) a good draw when compared to the OUS (the only people we really wanted to beat!) who had not only been up since 5am to ring for May Morning, but had a late draw with a band of UL members happy to buy anyone in their band as much as they wanted to drink over lunch. However, despite our best efforts, we unfortunately gained an extra 5½ faults when compared to them and came 8th. We can only hope for better luck next year!

1 st	Oxford Society	49½ faults
2 nd	St Martin's Guild	52 faults
3 rd	Oxford Diocesan Guild	52½ faults
4 th	Worcestershire & District Association	62½ faults
5 th	Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association	81 faults
6 th	Oxford University Society	125½ faults
7 th	Hereford Diocesan Guild	130½ faults
8 th	University of London Society	131 faults

Peter Jasper



Did I really say that?!

A small sample of some of the things UL members have said during the year:

“If Katy doesn't come, I'll come twice.” Peter

“I trump your grandmother!” Ditto

“Open your mouth, I can aim from here!” Luke to Tessa

“I want to see if your mother can pick me up.” Olly to Heather

“It may be that my ears are drunk.” Clara

“It's not a speech impediment, it's a nationality.” Heather

“Have you never been to a Gallifrey convention?!” Nick Jones

Meanwhile, Lizzy 'common sense' Stokoe has the dubious honour of having a section of the quotes page dedicated entirely to herself...

“I'm a one woman man!”

“I don't understand how fat people have sex.”

“I haven't chundered since Sunday!”

“What's etiquette?”

“Do I need my passport to get to Lundy?”

UL members
~~German for Dummies~~

While I should have been hard at work producing this report, I could actually be found at the foot of an alp, surrounded by empty cans of Zipfer¹ and sexually inappropriate snowmen. As evidence that my year abroad was not entirely wasted, I have produced this handy guide for use in the event of the Germans having another go at turning us into an offshore slave colony. They'll be singing 'UL, UL über alles' in no time...

Verband der Glockenläuter der Universität von London (VGUL) = ULSCR (I suggest we stick with the English for now...)

Ein/zwei/viel Bier bitte. = One/two/lots of beer please.

Verkaufen Sie auch Jägerbombs? = Do you sell Jägerbombs?

Der Präsident = El Pres

Der/die Meister(in) = The Master (female form in brackets)

Steig ein!= Get in!

Steig aus!² = Get out!

Ich habe meinen Pudel verloren. = I've lost my poodle.

Steht! = Stand!

And especially for Jacqui:

Wo sind die Toiletten? = Where are the toilets?



UL girllies invading Austria!



Cathedral Church of St James, Innsbruck... Hart Street sound better on Sunday mornings!

¹ Hideous Austrian lager.

² These are literal translations and would mean nothing at all to 'normal' Germans, other than when instructing someone to get in or out of a bus/train/tank.

Peals Rung for the ULSCR in 2009-10

SOUTHWARK, London SE1, Guy's Hospital
Wednesday 13 May 2009 2h18 (size 15)

5058 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp. W J Couperthwaite (PM 329)

- 1-2 Tessa K Beadman
- 3-4 Caroline M Ogilvie
- 5-6 Nicholas W Jones
- 7-8 Roger Bailey (C)

First peal of Surprise in hand: 1-2.

RW page ref 5119.0589

WALWORTH, London SE17, St Peter

Saturday 28 November 2009 2h25 (3-3-20)

5120 Spliced Surprise Major

(8 methods: 896 Rutland; 704 each Lincolnshire and Yorkshire; 640 Cambridge; 576 each London, Pudsey and Superlative; 448 Bristol; 88 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. Philip G K Davies

- 1 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 2 Andrew M Hills
- 3 Elizabeth L J Stokoe
- 4 Heather M Forster
- 5 Nicholas J Hartley
- 6 Oliver D Cross
- 7 Fiona M Wheeler
- 8 Martin J Cansdale

First of Surprise Major: 2. Most spliced: 3,5.

Rung on the Society's annual Dinner Day.

RW page ref 5149.0011

SOUTHWARK, London SE1, Guy's Hospital

Friday 12 February 2010 2h12 (size 15)

5024 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp. Stephen Ivin

- 1-2 Nicholas J Hartley
- 3-4 Caroline Ogilvie
- 5-6 Ruth Blackwell
- 7-8 Roger Bailey (C)

First peal of Surprise in hand: 1-2.

Remembering Stephen Ivin. Rung as part of ULSCR peal weekend.

RW page ref 5166.0421

ROTHERHITHE, London SE16, St Mary the Virgin
Friday 12 February 2010 2h40 (10-2-25)

5120 Spliced Surprise Major

(5 methods: 1024 each Cambridge and Superlative; 992 each London, Rutland, Uxbridge; 138 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. Graham A C John

- 1 Heather M Forster (C)
- 2 Jennifer A Holden
- 3 Elizabeth L J Stokoe
- 4 Clare E F Dyer
- 5 Andrew M Hills
- 6 Michael J Trimm
- 7 Andrew J Graham
- 8 Charles W G Herriott

First spliced as conductor.

Composition rung for the first time, on UL Peal Weekend.

RW page ref 5185.0916

LONDON, EC2, St Lawrence Jewry

Saturday 13 February 2010 3h11 (25)

5024 Spliced Surprise Major

(8 methods: 640 each Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire; 608 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire and London; 120 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. N J Diserens

- 1 Charles W G Herriott (C)
- 2 Andrew P F Bradford
- 3 Roger Bailey
- 4 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 5 Peter M Jasper
- 6 Gwen Rogers
- 7 Martin J Cansdale
- 8 Oliver D Cross

First peal of spliced: 4, and as conductor.

Rung in memory of Maurice Wakeman of Shanklin, Isle of Wight. For ULSCR Peal Weekend.

RW page ref 5185.0916

MOTTINGHAM, London SE9, 2 West Park

Sunday 14 February 2010 2h23 (size 13)

5056 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

Comp. Stephen Ivin

- 1-2 Jennifer A Holden
- 3-4 Nicholas W Jones
- 5-6 Caroline Ogilvie
- 7-8 Roger Bailey (C)

First peal of Lincolnshire in hand: 1-2.

Remembering Stephen Ivin. Rung as part of ULSCR peal weekend.

RW page ref 5166.0421

SOUTHWARK, London SE1, Guy's Hospital

Monday 29 March 2010 2h20 (size 15)

5088 Spliced Surprise Major

(4 methods: 1344 Cambridge; 1248 each Lincolnshire, London and Rutland; 101 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. Philip G K Davies

1-2 Katherine L Town

3-4 Caroline M Ogilvie

5-6 Nicholas W Jones

7-8 Roger Bailey (C)

First peal of Surprise in hand: 1-2.

RW page ref 5164.0367

SOUTHWARK, London SE1, Guy's Hospital

Monday 12 April 2010 2h23 (size 15)

5120 Spliced Surprise Major

(6 methods: 1120 Rutland; 896 Superlative; 800 Pudsey; 768 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire; 98 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. M C W Sherwood

1-2 Stuart M Cox

3-4 Caroline M Ogilvie

5-6 Nicholas W Jones

7-8 Roger Bailey (C)

RW page ref 5167.0475

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London SW11, 55d Cologne Road

Tuesday 30 March 2010 2h34 (size 13)

5088 Kent Treble Bob Major

Comp. William S Hudson

1-2 Peter M Jasper

3-4 Ruth Blackwell

5-6 Roger Bailey

7-8 Nicholas W Jones

First peal in hand: 1-2.

RW page ref 5169.0526

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London SW11, 55d Cologne Road

Saturday 8 May 2010 2h29 (size 13)

5152 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

Comp. Richard J Angrave

1-2 Nicholas J Hartley

3-4 Nicholas W Jones

5-6 Roger Bailey

7-8 Michael J Trimm (C)

First in method in hand: 1-2.

RW page ref 5173.0619

Peals Rung for the St Olave's Society in 2009-10

WESTMINSTER, London WC2, St Clement Danes

Saturday 6 June 2009 3h6 (21)

5000 Bristol Surprise Royal

Comp. Ian R Fielding

- 1 Elizabeth L J Stokoe
- 2 Ian R Fielding (C)
- 3 Heather M Forster
- 4 Linda D E Jasper
- 5 Peter Valuks
- 6 Paul C L Bradford
- 7 Mark A Humphreys
- 8 Graham M Bradshaw
- 9 Charles W G Herriott
- 10 Edward N Hughes D'Aeth

First Royal: 4. First Bristol Royal: 5,6.

A birthday compliment to Philippa Stokoe.

RW page ref 5123.0684

SHOREDITCH, London E1, St Leonard

Friday 9 October 2009 2h43 (9)

5152 Spliced Surprise Major

(23 methods: 224 each Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire; 160 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. N Smith

- 1 Saskia E Palmer
- 2 Ian R Fielding
- 3 Heather M Forster
- 4 Andrew J Graham
- 5 Tessa K Beadman
- 6 Iain J Anderson
- 7 Peter Valuks
- 8 Oliver D Cross

First of 23-spliced: 3.

RW page ref 5140.1094

LONDON EC2, St Mary le Bow

Saturday 31 October 2009 3h28 (42)

5019 Stedman Cinques

Comp. Ian R Fielding

- 1 Ian R Fielding (C)
- 2 Rebecca L Sugden
- 3 James H Foster
- 4 Clare E F Dyer
- 5 Michael J Uphill
- 6 David G Maynard
- 7 Andrew J Graham
- 8 Michael J Trimm
- 9 Philip R Goodyer
- 10 Peter Valuks
- 11 Oliver D Cross
- 12 Andrew P F Bradford

200th peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells: 5.

32nd birthday compliment to Andrew Bradford.

RW page ref 5143.1167

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints

Saturday 14 November 2009 3h26 (32)

5002 Bristol Surprise Royal

Comp. David G Hull

- 1 Clare E F Dyer
- 2 Charles W G Herriott
- 3 Katherine L Town
- 4 Graham M Bradshaw
- 5 Andrew J Graham
- 6 Martin J Cansdale
- 7 David G Maynard
- 8 Stephen A Coaker
- 9 Oliver D Cross

10 Andrew P F Bradford

RW page ref 5145.1218

STAMFORD HILL, London, St Ann

Saturday 13 February 2010 2h38 (8)

5120 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp. M B Davies (No. 3)

- 1 Graham M Bradshaw
- 2 Henry D Coggill
- 3 David G Maynard
- 4 Elizabeth L J Stokoe
- 5 Andrew J Graham (C)
- 6 Heather M Forster
- 7 Geraldine R Forster
- 8 Peter Valuks

Rung as part of the University of London Society peal weekend to celebrate the Master turning twenteen.

RW page ref 5185.0916

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon, St Helen

Wednesday 3 March 2010 2h39 (13)

5000 Spliced Surprise Royal

(4 methods: 1280 Yorkshire; 1240 each Bristol, Cambridge and London (No. 3); 101 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. R C Kippin

- 1 Clare E F Dyer
- 2 David G Maynard
- 3 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 4 Henry D Coggill
- 5 Quentin S A Jackson
- 6 Andrew P F Bradford
- 7 Andrew J Graham
- 8 Leigh D G Simpson
- 9 Oliver D Cross
- 10 Stephen A Coaker

First Spliced Surprise Royal: 5,6.

RW page ref 5181.0819

LONDON EC3, St Magnus the Martyr

Saturday 13 March 2010 3h25 (27)

5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus

Comp. J N Hughes D'Aeth

- 1 Stephen A Coaker (C)
- 2 Clare E F Dyer
- 3 Charles W G Herriott
- 4 Graham M Bradshaw
- 5 Heather M Forster
- 6 Katherine L Town
- 7 Jonathan J F Stokoe
- 8 Andrew J Graham
- 9 David G Maynard
- 10 Henry D Coggill
- 11 Andrew P F Bradford
- 12 Ian R Fielding

A twentieth birthday compliment to Lizzy Stokoe.

RW page ref 5162.0319

SPITALFIELDS, London E1, Christ Church

Friday 7 May 2010 3h2 (17)

5152 Spliced Surprise Major

(23 methods: 224 each Adelaide, Belfast, Brighton, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Chesterfield, Cornwall, Dorchester, Ealing, Ecclestone, Glasgow, Lessness, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire; 160 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. R A Pearce

- 1 David A Town
- 2 Andrew J Graham (C)
- 3 Mary E Holden
- 4 Katherine L Town
- 5 Jennifer A Town
- 6 Graham M Bradshaw
- 7 Stephen W Penney
- 8 Ian R Fielding

RW page ref 5170.0547

PIMLICO, London, St Saviour

Friday 9 April 2010 2h57 (7)

5088 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp. Donald F Morrison (No. 951)

- 1 Andrew J Graham
- 2 Heather M Forster
- 3 Jessie H MacLeod
- 4 Matthew D Hetherington
- 5 Peter Valuks
- 6 Stephen J F Mitchell
- 7 Martin J Cansdale
- 8 William J Dawson (C)

RW page ref 5166.0418

Compositions

5120 Bristol Surprise Major

Mark B Davies (5120 no.3)

234567	M	B	W	H

42356			-	
43526			-	2
45236			-	2
34562	-			2
46253	2			-
52643			s	s
53246	2			-
64235	-		-	-
43265	-	-		
65324	2	-		2
354762	-	sV,V		
654327		sF,I	-	-
674523		V		
324657		F		-
26354	-			
64352	-			2
23456	-			-

Contains cyclic courses 8234567 (forward) & 3456782 (reverse); 68 5678s/8765s front and back; 18 6578s; 120 4-bell little-bell roll-ups and 36 5-bell little-bell roll-ups.
Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Ann, Stamford Hill on 13 February 2010, conducted by Andrew J Graham.

5000 Bristol Surprise Royal

Ian R Fielding

23456	M	W	H

(52436)	-		
(34625)	-	-	
43526	2		2
24365	2	2	2
53462	-		-
(65432)	-		
23456	-	-	-

4ths place calls.
Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Cement Danes, Westminster on 6 June 2009, conducted by Ian R Fielding.

5002 Bristol Surprise Royal

David G Hull (5002 no.11)

234567	7	M	W	H

43256				2*
(25634)		-	2+	
65432		-		
64352	2*			s
56342			-	
32465	2*	s		-
(64523)		-	-	
32546		-	-	-
(42536)			s	

2* = -s, 2+ = s-. 4ths place calls.
Rung for the St Olave's Society at All Saints, Maidstone on 14 November 2009, conducted by Oliver D Cross.

5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus

John N Hughes-D'Aeth

23456	M	W	H

54326		2	2
56423	2		-
24365	-	-	
53462	-		-
65432		-	
23456	-	-	-

Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge on 13 March 2010, conducted by Stephen A Coaker.

5088 Cambridge Surprise Major

Donald F Morrison (no.951)

234567	V	B	I	M	W	F	H

327564	-	-	-	s	-	-	s
537264	-	s		s	s	s	-
752364	-	s		-	s	s	-
372564	s	-	-	-	-	-	s
635724	-	s		-	s	-	-
352467	s	-	a	-	s	-	-
32456	-	s		-	s	s	s
34256	s	s		-	s	s	s

3-part.
a = sT,sT,In.
Contains a call every lead; 12 56s & 8765s; 15 7568s; Whittingtons; with no backstroke 87s and is all the work.
Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Saviour, Pimlico on 9 April 2010, conducted by William J Dawson.

5088 Kent Treble Bob Major**William Hudson**

23456 M B H

 25463 2 3 2
 42356 4

3-part.

Contains 60 cru's. Also true to Oxford Treble Bob, Bristol Surprise and Double Dublin Surprise (in each case with 64 cru's).
Rung for the ULSCR at 55d Cologne Road, Clapham Junction on 30 March 2010, conducted by Nicholas W Jones.

5152 Lincolnshire Surprise Major**Richard J Angrave**

234567 B M W H

 35264 -
 427365 4ths
 247563 In s s 4ths
 452367 In
 53462 -
 63452 s X
 42356 s -

3-part. X = In, Out, 4ths; called in final part only.

Contains 18 each 5678s, 7568s, 2345s, 5432s; 19 7654s; 13 6478s (51 cru's); Tittums. Includes 5 each 87654s, 65432s, 45678s; 3 12345s; 2 76543s at the back; 6 5678s off the front.

Rung for the ULSCR at 55d Cologne Road, Clapham Junction on 8 May 2010, conducted by Michael J Trimm.

5056 Lincolnshire Surprise Major**Stephen J Ivin (RW 1998, p844)**

23456 B M W H

 43526 2 -
 53624 -
 32546 -
 54326 - -
 46325 - 2

25634 2 |
 32654 - | A
56423 - -

36524 A
 34625 A -
 35426 2 3 -
 52364 -
 65324 -
 23456 - -

Contains 8 before and no 82s.

Rung for the ULSCR at 2 West Park, Mottingham on 14 February 2010, conducted by Roger Bailey.

5016 (5019) Stedman Cinques**Ian R Fielding**

(2143658709E) 6 19

 2143657890E a
 21346578E90 b
 215463 s 3
 213456 c
 3124 - s
 4152638709E d
 513264 - (ss)
 314265 - ss
 4132 - s

3-part, omitting (ss) in one part.

a = 3.13.14.16.17.18.19 (20 sixes)

b = 1s.2.9s.15s.18

c = 5.14s.19s

d = 2.4.5.7.12.13.15.16.17.18.22.23 (24 sixes)

Start at backstroke with rounds as the 1st row of a slow 6.

For 5019, start with rounds as the 4th row of a quick 6 and call the first course of the first part as a* instead of a.

a* = 5.7.8.10.11.13s.15.16 (20 sixes)

Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Mary le Bow, Cheapside on 31 October 2009, conducted by Ian R Fielding.

5058 Yorkshire Surprise Major**W John Couperthwaite (PM 329)**

23456 M W H

 45236 - -
 25346 2 -
 42356 -

25364 s 2 3 |A
62354 - ss

54326 s -
 53246 ss - 2
 52436 - 2
 62435 A
 (32456) s s

Contains 93 cru's; Tittums.

Rung for the ULSCR at Guy's Hospital, Southwark on 13 May 2009, conducted by Roger Bailey.

5024 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Stephen J Ivin (RW 1956, p557)

23456	B	M	W	H
52436			-	3
23564	-			3
62534			-	3
23645	-			
42635			-	3
42356	-			
54326			-	3
63425	-			
32654	-			
36524			-	2
62345	-			
34625			-	
23456	-			2

Contains 4,5,6 the extent in 5-6 within the limits of the method, and no 82s or 83s.

Rung for the ULSCR at Guy's Hospital, Southwark on 12 February 2010, conducted by Roger Bailey.

5088 Spliced Surprise Major (4 methods)

Philip G K Davies (RW 1974, p106 adapted)

23456	M	W	H	Methods
(52436)	-			LC/
42635	-			NRNC/LLLLLL
56234	-		-	R/CL/
23564		-	-	RC/L/
45362	-		-	CNN/NL/
64352		-		RC/L
35642		-	-	RRRRRR/L/
26543	-		-	R/NL/
52643		-		CNNCINN/
65243		-		NCNCCCC/
42356	-	-		R/C/R

3-part.

Contains 1344 Cambridge; 1248 each Lincolnshire (N), London, Rutland; 101 changes of method, all the work.

Rung for the ULSCR at Guy's Hospital, Southwark on 29 March 2010, conducted by Roger Bailey.

5024 Spliced Surprise Major (5 methods: ULSCR)

Graham A C John

234567	B	M	W	I	F	H	Methods
34256						2	ULS/CRR/
56342		2	-				U/RRC/S/CCS
23645		-				-	L/SU/
423756				-		2	RSCC/RCS/RSL/
573246		-	-			-	U/RURUL/L/
735246						2	CSLCS/RLC/
325746			2				SL/UUC/U
342756		2				-	R/LUS/LLULLU/
274536	-	2					SC/CSL/LSL/LS
362457		-			-	2	U/CS/C/RCR/
45362		2	-				U/CUL/S/L
23564		-				-	L/SU/
53624			2			-	SU/CRL/U/
26354			2			2	CL/UCU/R/USCSC/
54263		2	-				U/RCL/S/L
32465		-				-	R/LURURU/
24365						2	RSR/CSCUC/
46253		2	2				R/RSCC/S/LLS/R
32654		-				-	U/CR/
36524			-			2	RS/R/LCL/
35264			-			2	SR/U/USU/
64352		2	-				L/RRC/S/U
23456		-				-	L/RS/

Contains 1024 each Cambridge, Superlative; 992 each London, Rutland, Uxbridge; 138 changes of method, all the work; 102 cru's; Queens, Tittums and Whittingtons.

Rung for the ULSCR at SS Mary and Paul, Rotherhithe on 12 February 2010, conducted by Heather M Forster.

5120 Spliced Surprise Major (6 methods)

Marcus C W Sherwood (RW 1975, p986)

23456	B	W	H	A	B
45236	-	-		CCCS/PYS/	CNCC/CSC/
24536		-		SPSPSNN/	PPYYNNN/
52436		-		NYNPSYS/	NYPNYPP/
52364	-			PS/CY/	YS/CY/
35264		-		RRRRRRR/	RRRRRRR/

5-part, calling AAABB or any rotation.

Contains 1120 Rutland; 896 Superlative; 800 Pudsey; 768 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire (N), Yorkshire; 98 changes of method, all the work; 52 cru's.

Rung for the ULSCR at Guy's Hospital, Southwark on 12 April 2010, conducted by Roger Bailey.

5120 Spliced Surprise Major (8 methods)**Philip G K Davies**

23456	M	B	W	H	Methods

34256				2	B/YYYYCPNN/
52436			2	2	RY/LLLLLRL/YYN/LYL/
35426			-		RRRRRR/NSN
56423	-			2	NNS/PSCY/SSSSSCS/
54263			-	2	YCCY/R/NNNPR/
24653	-	-		-	R/BBB/LRR/
65243			-	-	RC/CPC/
32546	-			-	CCP/NYPP/
24365		-			PP/BBB

2-part.

Contains 896 Rutland; 704 each Lincolnshire (N), Yorkshire; 640 Cambridge; 576 each London, Pudsey, Superlative; 448 Bristol; 88 changes of method, all the work; 73 cru's.
Rung for the ULSCR at St Peter, Walworth on 28 November 2009, conducted by Michael J Trimm.

5024 Spliced Surprise Major (8 methods)**Noel J Diserens**

23456	M	B	W	H	Methods

45236			-	-	LC/CSP/
34256	3		-		L/B/B/S/R
(52643)	-		-		L/Y/
46325	-		-		PRNC/N/YYS
62345			2		YNPY/B/L
43526	-		-		L/S/R
32654	2	-			R/B/BBB/CS
25346		-			YS/SC
54263	2		2		L/B/RLLLR/B/L
46532		-			CS/SY
32465		-	2		SC/BBB/B/R
64523	-		-		R/S/L
34625	2				L/B/YPNY
(26543)	-		-		SYI/C/
45362	-		-		CNRP/Y/L
23564	-		3	-	R/S/B/B/L/
53462	-				PSC/CL
43265	-				NCN/NL
52364	-		-		YYS/PR/
53624		-	2		RC/PPP/B/
65324			-		PPRCN/
35264			2	-	SL/B/R/
25634	-	-		-	CNN/YPRY/NS/
24536		-	-	-	SN/YRPY/NNC/
26435	2			-	R/B/LS/
64235			2		NCRPP/B/
52436	-		-		PPP/CR/
35426			-		RP/SYY
23456			-		LN/NCN

Contains 640 each Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire; 608 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire (N), London; 120 changes of method, all the work; 59 cru's.
Rung for the ULSCR at St Lawrence Jewry on 13 February 2010, conducted by Charles W G Herriott.

5152 Spliced Surprise Major (23 methods)**Richard A Pearce**

2345678	Methods

4263857	Superlative
- 2357486	Belfast
5243678	Lincoln
- 2378564	Dorchester
8634257	Lessness
- 2386745	Lindum
8273564	Yorkshire
3624857	Cambridge
4567382	Glasgow
5748623	Cassiobury
- 8236745	London
3872564	Pudsey
2684357	Adelaide
5743682	Ealing
- 6457238	Brighton
7348625	Ecclestone
- 3825764	Cornwall
7243685	Watford
4762538	Chesterfield
5684372	Wembley
8536247	Lincolnshire
- 5647823	Bristol
- 4567823	

7-part.

Contains 224 each Adelaide, Belfast, Brighton, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Chesterfield, Cornwall, Dorchester, Ealing, Ecclestone, Glasgow, Lessness, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Watford, Wembley, Yorkshire; 160 changes of method, all the work.
Rung for the St Olave's Society at Christ Church, Spitalfields on 7 May 2010, conducted by Andrew J Graham.

5152 Spliced Surprise Major (23 methods)

Norman Smith

2345678	Yorkshire
- 3578264	Uxbridge
7325486	Cornwall
4267835	Double Dublin
6482573	Bristol
8654327	Whalley
- 3586742	Watford
8375264	London
7823456	Tavistock
5634827	Glasgow
6452378	Cambridge
2748635	Cassiobury
- 8356742	Lindum
5873264	Superlative
3684527	Wembley
- 5836742	Rutland
- 7358264	Jersey
8634725	Preston
4265873	Ipswich
3876542	Cray
5723486	Ashtead
6482357	Lincolnshire
2547638	Pudsey
- 5738264	

7-part.

Contains 224 each Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Yorkshire; 160 changes of method, all the work.

Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Leonard, Shoreditch on 9 October 2009, conducted by Andrew J Graham.

5000 Spliced Surprise Royal (4 methods)

Robert C Kippin

23456	M	W	H	Methods
52436	-			YL/YBBYC
35426	-			LB/L
42356	-	-		LY/YCLYCLB/
54326	-			LY/L
64235	-	2	-	CBCBB/Y/CLCYLYBC/L/
26435			-	BL/
43265	-	-		LC/BYYLCY/
24365			-	YBBYBC/
32465			-	BCCLCBB/
64523	-	-		L/Y/YLCYLYC
32546	-	-	-	L/C/CYBBC/
43526			-	LY/L
24536	3	-		CBCYLB/CBBBYB/YCYBB/B/L
53246	-	-		CL/L/
25346			-	CBYBBC/
34256	-	-		CL/CLCCLYB/
23456			-	YYLYYLYCL/

Contains 1280 Yorkshire; 1240 each Bristol, Cambridge, London (No.3); 101 changes of method, all the work.
Superlative (No.2) may be rung for Yorkshire throughout.

Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Helen, Lundy Island on 3 March 2010, conducted by Michael J Trimm.

Quarter Peals Rung in 2009-10

LONDON EC1, St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield

24 May 2009 42m (5½ cwt)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Jessica A Glaisher
- 2 Peter Valuks
- 3 Nicholas J Hartley
- 4 N Heather M Forster
- 5 Katherine L Town (C)

First away from cover: 1.

SPITALFIELDS, London, Christ Church

16 July 2009 46m (17 cwt)

1280 8 Spliced Surprise Major

(8 methods: 160 each Superlative, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Bristol, Cambridge, London and Rutland)

- 1 Rebecca L Sugden
- 2 Ian R Fielding (C)
- 3 Katherine L Town
- 4 Elizabeth L J Stokoe
- 5 Jennifer E Butler
- 6 Martin J Cansdale
- 7 Andrew P F Bradford
- 8 Oliver D Cross

WESTMINSTER, London, St Clement Danes

9 August 2009 48m (21-1-23)

1280 Bristol Surprise Royal

- 1 Ian R Fielding
- 2 Shirley McGill
- 3 Elizabeth L J Stokoe
- 4 Clare E F Dyer
- 5 Hugh Wilkinson
- 6 David G Maynard
- 7 Heather M Forster
- 8 Charles W G Herriott
- 9 Andrew J Graham
- 10 Oliver D Cross

First like quarter of like Bristol Royal: 3.

LONDON EC1, St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield

27 September 2009 40m (5½ cwt)

1260 11 Doubles

(120 each Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St Bartholomew, St Martin's, St Nicholas, St Osmund, St Remigius, St Simon's, Stedman and Winchendon Place; 60 Plain Bob)

- 1 Ian R Fielding (C)
- 2 Heather M Forster
- 3 Elizabeth L J Stokoe
- 4 Nicholas J Hartley
- 5 Oliver D Cross

First mixed doubles: 2

WESTMINSTER, London, St Clement Danes

11 October 2009 47m (21-1-23)

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Clara P Westlake
- 2 Andrew M Hills
- 3 Hellen V Richardson
- 4 Heather M Forster
- 5 Peter M Jasper (C)
- 6 Oliver D Cross
- 7 Andrew J Graham
- 8 Nicholas J Hartley

First inside: 3. First for the Society: 2.

LONDON EC1, St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield

25 October 2009 40m (5½ cwt)

1260 11 Doubles

(120 each St Augustine, All Saints Place, St Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St Remigius, Reverse Canterbury, St Martin's, St Simon's, St Osmund and Plain Bob; 60 Grandsire)

- 1 Thomas P Wood
- 2 Peter M Jasper
- 3 Andrew M Hills (C)
- 4 Mariko H Whyte
- 5 Peter Valuks

First for the Society: 1, 4. Most methods: 4. First on 5: 1, 3. For evensong.

WESTMINSTER, London, St Clement Danes

8 November 2009 45m (21-1-23)

1250 Glasgow Surprise Major

- 1 Heather M Forster
- 2 William J Dawson
- 3 Quentin S A Jackson
- 4 Nicholas J Hartley
- 5 Andrew J Graham (C)
- 6 Andrew M Hills
- 7 Andrew P F Bradford
- 8 David G Maynard

Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

LONDON EC1, St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield

22 November 2009 42m (5½ cwt)

1260 11 Doubles

(120 each Eynesbury, Huntley, St Osmund, St Remigius, St Simon's, St Nicholas, St Martin's, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob; 60 Stedman)

- 1 Andrew J Graham
- 2 Andrew M Hills
- 3 Heather M Forster
- 4 Clara P Westlake
- 5 Quentin S A Jackson (C)

Rung for evensong

BATTERSEA, London, St Mary

28 November 2009 43m (14)

1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- 1 James W A Dyer
- 2 Charles W G Herriott (C)
- 3 Laura M Matheson
- 4 Clare E F Dyer
- 5 Luke O Camden
- 6 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 7 Andrew J Graham
- 8 Andrew P F Bradford

First in method: 3.

Rung as a get well compliment to Luke Camden after his traumatic experience in A&E last night.

LONDON EC3, St Olave, Hart Street

3 December 2009 42m (11)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Thomas P Wood
- 2 Mariko H Whyte
- 3 Elizabeth L J Stokoe
- 4 Alan F R Bain
- 5 Andrew M Hills
- 6 Heather M Forster (C)
- 7 Thomas J Sibley

First quarter as conductor (!).

Rung without "the bunch of massive losers who didn't turn up for practice!"

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London SW11, 55d Cologne Road

8 December 2009 44m (size 13)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1-2 Clara P Westlake
- 3-4 Jennifer A Holden
- 5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)

PIMLICO, London, St Saviour

19 January 2010 43m (7-1-20)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Guy W Atchison
- 2 Hellen V Richardson
- 3 Clara P Westlake
- 4 Peter M Jasper (C)
- 5 Mariko H Whyte
- 6 Thomas P Wood

First in method: 2. 100th quarter: 5.

Rung in celebration of finding 4 pint pitchers of Harvey's beer being sold for £10.

WESTMINSTER, London, St
Clement Danes
13 February 2010 (21-1-23)
1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal
1 Andrew P F Bradford
2 Nicholas J Hartley
3 Jennifer A Holden
4 Mariko H Whyte
5 Ed Gosden
6 James Egglestone
7 Jon Waters
8 Clare E F Dyer
9 Mark Humphries
10 Stephen Mitchell (C)

STEPNEY, London, St George in
the East
13 February 2010 (6-0-9)
1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor
1 Clara P Westlake
2 Thomas D Baldwin
3 Annelise O Felton
4 Rachel C Aland
5 Alan F R Bain
6 Quentin S A Jackson (C)
First surprise minor: 2.

WESTMINSTER, London, St
Clement Danes
14 February 2010 47m (21-1-23)
1295 Grandsire Caters
1 Quentin S A Jackson
2 Michael J Trimm
3 Heather M Forster
4 Clara P Westlake
5 Mariko H Whyte
6 Charles W G Herriott
7 Andrew M Hills
8 Peter M Jasper
9 Andrew J Graham (C)
10 Oliver D Cross

ISLINGTON, London, St James the
Apostle
22 February 2010 46m (5-0-15)
1380 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Mariko H Whyte
2 Thomas P Wood
3 Clara P Westlake
4 Guy W Atchison
5 Peter M Jasper
6 Hellen V Richardson
First inside: 4. First in method: 2.
First cover: 6. 200th quarter: 5.

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London
SW11, 55d Cologne Road
23 February 2010 43m (size 13)
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1-2 Guy W Atchison
3-4 Jennifer A Holden
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London
SW11, 55d Cologne Road
26 February 2010 46m (size 13)
1260 Plain Bob Minor
1-2 Mariko H Whyte
3-4 Jennifer A Holden
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)
First in hand: 1-2.

LONDON EC1, St Bartholomew the
Great, Smithfield
28 February 2010 39m (5½ cwt)
1260 6 Doubles
(Eynesbury, St Osmund, St Simon's, St
Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob)
1 Helen E Richardson
2 Hellen V Richardson
3 Nicholas J Hartley
4 Peter M Jasper (C)
5 Andrew M Hills
Most methods and first blows on St
Simon's and Eynesbury: 2.
For evensong.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon,
Millcombe House
2 March 2010 55m (size 15)
1344 Kent Treble Bob Maximus
1-2 Tessa K Beadman
3-4 Andrew J Graham
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
7-8 David G Maynard
9-10 Oliver D Cross
11-12 Henry D Coghill
First on 12 in hand: 1-2, 7-8, 9-10,
11-12.
Rung in memory of the barrel of
Cockle Roaster.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon, St Helena
3 March 2010 45m (13-1-18)
1259 Grandsire Caters
1 Stephen A Coaker
2 Clare E F Dyer
3 Clara P Westlake
4 Michael J Trimm
5 Henry D Coghill
6 Chris J Brown
7 Quentin S A Jackson (C)
8 Andrew P F Bradford
9 David G Maynard
10 Tessa K Beadman
First quarter on 10: 6.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon,
Millcombe House
3 March 2010 53m (size 15)
1440 Cambridge Surprise Royal
1-2 Tessa K Beadman
3-4 Oliver D Cross
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
7-8 Andrew J Graham
9-10 David G Maynard
First of surprise royal in hand: 1-2.
Compliments to Rear Admiral
Simpson on his spectacular
performance last night.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon, St Helena
4 March 2010 43m (13-1-18)
1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal
1 Chris J Brown
2 Andrew P F Bradford
3 Jacqui L Bale
4 Leigh D G Simpson
5 Clara P Westlake
6 Michael J Trimm (C)
7 David G Maynard
8 Tessa K Beadman
9 Quentin S A Jackson
10 Andrew J Graham
First quarter of royal: 1. First of
surprise royal: 5.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon,
Millcombe House
4 March 2010 51m (size 15)
1312 Spliced Maximus
(1284 Kent Treble Bob; 64 Bastow Little
Bob; 6 changes of method)
1-2 Tessa K Beadman
3-4 Andrew J Graham
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
7-8 David G Maynard
9-10 Oliver D Cross
11-12 Quentin S A Jackson
First on 12 in hand: 11-12.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon,
Millcombe House
5 March 2010 51m (size 15)
1268 Spliced Maximus
(1200 Kent Treble Bob; 68 Bastow Little
Bob; 6 changes of method)
1-2 Leigh D G Simpson
3-4 Tessa K Beadman
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
7-8 David G Maynard
9-10 Oliver D Cross
11-12 Andrew M Hills
First on 12 in hand: 1-2, 11-12.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon, Big St John's

5 March 2010 39m (size 13)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1-2 Clara P Westlake
- 3-4 Quentin S A Jackson
- 5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon, St Helena

5 March 2010 40m (13-1-18)

1287 Stedman Caters

- 1 Tessa K Beadman (C)
 - 2 Oliver D Cross
 - 3 Jacqui L Bale
 - 4 Andrew J Graham
 - 5 Quentin S A Jackson
 - 6 Michael J Trimm
 - 7 Leigh D G Simpson
 - 8 David G Maynard
 - 9 Andrew P F Bradford
 - 10 Henry D Coghill
- First Stedman as C.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon, Big St John's

6 March 2010 43m (size 13)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1-2 Thomas P Wood
- 3-4 Quentin S A Jackson
- 5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)

First quarter in hand at first attempt: 1-2.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon, Millcombe House

6 March 2010 41m (size 15)

1260 Plain Bob Major

- 1-2 Heather M Forster
- 3-4 Andrew J Graham
- 5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 7-8 Peter Valuks

First on 8 in hand: 1-2.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon, Big St John's

6 March 2010 38m (size 13)

1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- 1-2 Nicholas W Jones
- 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 5-6 Roger Bailey
- 7-8 Quentin S A Jackson

With best wishes for a speedy recovery to Chris Brown, whose rescue took place while this quarter was being rung.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon, St Helena

7 March 2010 42m (13-1-18)

1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

- 1 Michael J Trimm
- 2 Helen M Herriott
- 3 Charles W G Herriott (C)
- 4 Lucy M Bricheno
- 5 Henry D Coghill
- 6 Paul C L Bradford
- 7 Andrew P F Bradford
- 8 Ian R Fielding

First blows in method: 2.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon, Marisco Tavern

8 March 2010 33m (size 13)

1320 Plain Bob Minor

- 1-2 Nicholas W Jones
- 3-4 Heather M Forster
- 5-6 Ian R Fielding (C)

First in hand on an inside pair: 3-4.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon, St Helena

8 March 2010 43m (13-1-18)

1277 Stedman Caters

- 1 Clare E F Dyer
- 2 Quentin S A Jackson
- 3 Clara P Westlake
- 4 Stephen A Coaker
- 5 Oliver D Cross (C)
- 6 Roger Bailey
- 7 Charles W G Herriott
- 8 Michael J Trimm
- 9 Andrew W R Wilby
- 10 James K Eggleston

LONDON EC3, St Olave, Hart Street

13 March 2010 43m (11-3-25)

1280 Superlative Surprise Major

- 1 Ian R Fielding
- 2 Elizabeth L J Stokoe
- 3 Laura M Matheson
- 4 Heather M Forster
- 5 Clare E F Dyer
- 6 Charles W G Herriott
- 7 Jonathan J F Stokoe
- 8 Stephen A Coaker

First in method: 3.

Birthday compliments to Phil

Manning, Laura Matheson and Lizzy Stokoe.

ROTHERHITHE, London, SS Mary and Paul

13 April 2010 (10-2-5)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Clara P Westlake
- 2 Nicholas W Jones
- 3 Guy W Atchison
- 4 Peter M Jasper (C)
- 5 Thomas P Wood
- 6 Nicholas J Hartley

Rung on the 440th Birth Anniversary of Guy Fawkes.

LONDON EC1, St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield

25 April 2010 39m (5½ cwt)

1272 11 Doubles

(120 each Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Stedman, St Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St Remigius, St Osmund, St Martin's, St Simon's, Plain Bob; 72 Staines Alliance)

- 1 Thomas P Wood
- 2 Peter M Jasper
- 3 Heather M Forster (C)
- 4 Henry D Coghill
- 5 Andrew J Graham

PIMLICO, London, St Saviour

28 April 2010 42m (7-1-20)

1260 Kennington Doubles

- 1 Nicholas W Jones
- 2 Mariko H Whyte (C)
- 3 Thomas P Wood
- 4 Guy W Atchison
- 5 Peter M Jasper
- 6 Jessica A Glaisher

First in method: 3, 4 and 5. First entirely in method: 2.

LONDON EC3, St Olave, Hart Street

8 May 2010 (11-3-23)

1280 Plain Bob Major

- 1 Elizabeth L J Stokoe
- 2 Clara P Westlake
- 3 Thomas P Wood
- 4 Mariko H Whyte
- 5 Jon Waters
- 6 Thomas Baldwin
- 7 Ed Gosden
- 8 Peter M Jasper

First major: 3.

Rung on the society's AGM day and for the 65th Anniversary of VE Day. Also a birthday compliment to David Maynard.

Names and Faces

Picnic

L-R: Charles Herriott, Clara Westlake, Olly Cross, Lizzy Stokoe, Heather Forster, Hugh Spalding, Rupert Littlewood, Ana Tam, Guy Atchison.

Norfolk Tour

L-R: Andrew White, Chris Brown, Alan Bain, Heather Forster, Jacqui Bale, Annelise Felton, Hellen Richardson, Robin Hickmott, Tom Sibley.

L-R: Hellen Richardson, Andrew W, Jacqui Bale, Alan Bain, Robin, Chris Brown, Heather Forster.

Summer Tour

L-R: Clare Dyer, Clara Westlake, Andy Bradford, Peter Jasper, Hellen Richardson, Jacqui Bale above the Carrick a Rede rope bridge.

Clockwise from top middle (ringing): Clare Dyer, ?, ?, Hugh Spalding, Olly Cross, Jess Glaisher, ?, Mike Trimm, Clara Westlake, ?. Sitting out, clockwise from bottom left: Charles Herriott, ?, Mary Cross, Jacqui Bale, Peter Jasper, Nick Hartley at Londonderry.

L-R: Andy Bradford, Charles Herriott looking out to see from the Giant's Causeway.

Rocky Horror Show

L-R: Rupert Littlewood, Clara Westlake, Peter Jasper, Becky Sugden, Clare Dyer, Jen Holden, Katie Town, Jess Glaisher.

L-R: Clara Westlake, Rupert Littlewood, Ceris Hine, Nick Jones, Peter Jasper, Jen Holden, Nick Hartley, Jess Glaisher, Becky Sugden, Clare Dyer.

London 12-Bell Competition

Clockwise from front right: Tessa Beadman, Clare Dyer, Lizzy Stokoe, Heather Forster, Becky Bruce, Hugh Wilkinson, Rupert Littlewood, Andrew Hills, Katie Town, Charles Herriott, Andy Bradford, Olly Cross.

Dinner

L-R: Clare Dyer, David Maynard, David Hills, Laura Matheson, Charles Herriott, Lizzy Stokoe, Andy Bradford, Jonathan Slack.

L-R: Annelise Felton and Andrew Hills.

Lizzy Stokoe.

The UL doing the Macarena! L-R: Robert Sworder, Quentin Jackson, ?, Rhiannon Meredith, Andrew Hills, ?, Luke Camden, Mariko Whyte, Helen Richardson, Mark Williams, Clare Dyer, Jen Holden, Robert Lewis, Helen Richardson, Helen Herriott, Edward Hughes-d'Aeth

Pancake Party

L-R: Jen Holden and Tom Wood.

Lundy

L-R: Hellen Richardson, Helen Richardson, ?, Tom Sibley, ?, Philip Naylor, Ian Fielding, Roger Bailey, Andy Bradford, Helen Herriott, Suzie Daniels, Mike Trimm, Charles Herriott, Alex Dicks, Tom Wood, Jacqui Bale, Lucy Bricheno, Nick Jones, Jen Holden, Tessa Beadman, Paul Bradford, ?, ?, Nick Hartley, Heather Forster, Sean Langton, Clara Westlake, Andrew Graham, Lizzy Stokoe, David Maynard, Clare Dyer, Mary Cross, Olly Cross, James Eggleston, Peter Valuks, Annelise Felton, Quentin Jackson in the Marisco Tavern.

St Helena's Church, Lundy Island

L-R: David Maynard, Leigh Simpson, Tessa Beadman.

Norfolk Tour

Andrew W, Chris B, Alan, Heather, Jacqui, Annelise, Hellen, Robin, Tom S.

Easter Tour

Peter Jasper.

Tom Sibley, Peter Jasper, Jen Holden, Tom Wood, Alan Bain, Mariko Whyte, Eleanor Wallace, Canna Whyte.

Upside-down Mariko Whyte.

Tewkesbury Shield

Front to back, treble to tenor: Lizzy Stokoe, Charles Herriott, Heather Forster, Mariko Whyte, Rupert Littlewood, Peter Jasper, Nick Jones, Andrew Hills, Andrew Graham, Andrew Bradford.

German for UL members

L-R: Heather Forster and Lizzy Stokoe.

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