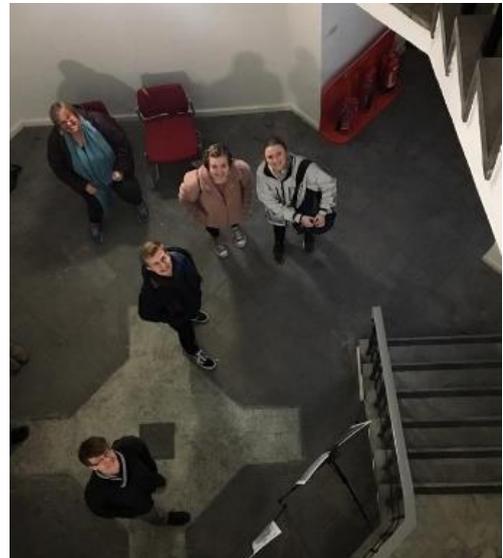


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'The one where half of the committee commutes'

Master: Rachel Deakin

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Where we ring

ST OLAVE, HART STREET (8 bells, 11-3-23 in G)

This has been the UL headquarters since 1954, when the bells were put in, and the UL is responsible for the ringing and upkeep of these bells.

The bells were cast in 1952/3 with the tenor being recast in 1972. These are one of two light rings of eight in the City, the other being St James, Garlickhythe.

Ringling schedule: Practices are held every Thursday during term time - from 7-8.30pm.

Service ringing has varied throughout the year (see the Master's Report on p.7 for more on this).



Master's Report

This year has been an unconventional year for the UL, with three of our Committee commuting in from outside of London! This has not stopped us from having some excellent practice nights and events.

May 2018 - February 2019

Practices have been met with variable attendance; some weeks we would have as few as 5 and only get as far as Rounds and Call Changes and perhaps Plain Hunt, on others (usually on the night of committee meetings) we would have a hearty turn out and be able to ring Grandsire, Cambridge, Stedman and Yorkshire. It's important to note that with several universities making up the UL, reading weeks are not all in sync, which means that there are two weeks in both the Autumn and Spring term which suffer in attendance, as opposed to just one each term – it might be worth drumming up support from the older members of the society and other locals on these particular weeks in order to make these practice nights more sustainable.

With the exception of the practice prelude to the London 12 Bell competition which was held at Magnus, we have practiced only at Hart Street. On occasion (either because of attendance or for by request out of pure fun), some practices have been exclusively handbell or ellacombe chime practices, though we have not had regular handbell practices.

This year we have adopted an experimental approach for our Sunday service ringing. As I have been commuting to London, our secretary Josie has kindly run this for the year. Firstly, we continued with the previous year's Quarter Peal slots on alternate weeks – one of these was rung in farewell to the Reverend Oliver Ross on his last Sunday at St. Olave's. In November we decided to revert this back to general ringing, but for it to occur weekly after the service, instead of before. This was based on a number of factors: new members who were keen but could only ring up to Call Changes, or who did not want to ring for a long time, would be excluded from the quarter peals; they would also prefer a later start (after going out on a Saturday night); people who rang at Southwark could not then get over to Hart Street to help us out with our pre-service ringing when we were short; the increased regularity of Sunday morning ringing prevented disputes over which week was a 'Hart Street Sunday' making it easier for newcomers to adopt it as a routine. I believe the changes were initially successful, however we have not recently had the Southwark ringers come over to join us. Josie reports that there has been Sunday morning ringing every week during term time as even if there have not been the numbers, she has been there to ring the chimes.

Our Summer Tour to Bournemouth was reduced to a weekend this year due to a lack of numbers for the full week. Hopefully this is already on the way to being restored.

The new academic year kicked off with the Freshers' Tour to Enfield, organised by Ben and Jemma. We had two kind-of freshers (new members but not first year's) attend this, in addition to refresher Rosemary!

Our Vice Presidents entered a band for the London 12 Bell striking contest. We came 6th out of 9, with a mark of 63%. Hopefully this is something we will continue to participate in.

Only one member of the society attended SUA this year – this may partly have been due to Remembrance weekend taking precedence for ringers. I personally did not attend this event as I was participating in local remembrance events at home, in aid of my dissertation which was on the First World War.

The past and present secretaries scored a Quarter Peal on Dinner Day, 'the real power behind the society' to quote Peter Jasper, as this was the only successful attempt of the day (a peal attempt had been lost that morning). We would normally try and get Bow for a general ringing slot on the

Friday of Dinner weekend, however the odds have not been in our favour this year! We were unable to get the bells on this occasion due to a concert in the church. I tried to make sure we would get them later on in the year by booking them for AGM day, however due to unforeseen works in the church/tower our slot for this was unfortunately cancelled.

We have had four 'first scores at first attempts' this year. The first was a Quarter Peal at St Dunstan's in the West for Chris Lewis Brown on Roger Bailey day. The second and third were part of Peal Weekend, when Josie and I scored our first together at St George in the East. Oliver scored his first Peal the following day, totalling four. Sonja was keen to go for her first quarter peal which was unsuccessful – this should be reorganised as she has proven herself to be more than capable. Going forwards, Laura has expressed an interest in ringing a Quarter Peal of Cambridge minor, and Chris would like to treble to something.

Roger Bailey day was poorly attended in comparison to previous years – the date evidently didn't work for the majority of those who have previously supported the current students at Queen's Tower. As a result, James White opened our slot up to his Quarter Peal bands as we decided we would not be

able to utilise the slot exclusively, but those of us in the Quarter and Will still attended, with three people getting a grab for the first time.

I officially stood down as Master of the Society on 21st February 2018 as I moved to Bristol for personal and academic reasons. By this time, events for the year had already been organised, so only practice nights would really be affected by this.

March – May 2019

The Committee decided that instead of electing a new Master, the current students, with the help of the Committee, would take it in turns to run practices and experience what being 'the Master' was like. I believe several found this rather enjoyable and productive.

Easter tour went ahead for the first time in two years. This year it was in Lichfield/Birmingham where people got to ring on the famous 16 at the bullring and indulge in an Easter Egg hunt (the UL are cheaters it seems). This tour would not have been viable if it weren't for the locals who came to support us. Particular thanks go to James Ramsbottom, Will Regan and Steph Runting for joining us for the weekend, and my folks for hosting and supporting us also. I hope you enjoyed the Midlands – or should I say the North?

Towards the end of the academic year, several practices have been cancelled due to pre-empted lack of attendance. Whilst it is a shame, it is typical for practices to be poorly attended around this time of the year due to deadlines and exams and it is understandable that members of the society who have considerable journeys do not want to travel in for a poorly attended practice that finishes prematurely as a result. We are perhaps in a unique situation with this as members can easily commute from the outskirts of London and beyond, whereas other members of university societies tend to be based within walking distance of their tower.

Whilst this has undoubtedly been an extremely unconventional year, I would say it has been a success in terms of individual progress. Many of our regulars have jumped to the next level in their ringing careers, whether that be from Rounds to Plain Hunt, learning new methods or getting their first Quarter or Peal. You may be in denial now, but one day you will have tens, or maybe even hundreds of entries under your name on Bellboard!

Rachel Deakin

Secretary's Report

The society hasn't been particularly busy this year, but most events have happened in some form.

The main events were the Summer Tour to Bournemouth, Freshers Tour to Enfield in October, and the Christmas Party, when we went ice skating before the practice! The dinner was very successful and enjoyed by all, despite the broken light! Some people were also involved helping with the Youth Contest, which was in London last summer, and Hart St was used as one of the competition towers. More comprehensive event reports for most of these events can be found on the website.

We've had 4 visiting bands at Hart St this year, and some visiting students from Singapore! We've also rung for a carol service, and for a wedding on the same day as the London 12 Bell!

Congratulations to Ben Meyer and Jemma Mills, and Harriet Armitage and James Dann, on their engagements this year. Also, congratulations for the following births: Rupert Littlewood and Jenny Lane had Ralph, Lucy Bricheno and Dougal Litchman had Sylvia, Katie and Edward Hughes-D'Aeth had Frankie, Olly and Mary Cross had Theodore, and Lizzy and Rob Lee had Alice.

Thank you to the church secretary Huong, and to the committee for their help throughout the year. I'd also like to thank the past secretaries of the society, especially Peter Jasper for telling me how the society is supposed to work, and Rachel for replying so quickly to all of my messages, whether they were about cancelled practices, broken stays, or really important things like which dress I should wear to the dinner!

I've really enjoyed my year as secretary, and wish the next secretary the best of luck!

Josie Godfrey

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report that we have had an excess of income over expenditure, with a profit of £141.61.

The income has seen a decrease in the year, dropping by £100 compared to last year, the main reduction being from the dinner profit which this year was £95.74. This is largely due to the number of speakers' and associated guests' tickets, where there was only one last year and more this year.

Visiting bands and other tower donations was about £22 less than last year. There was another sale of UL clothing last year, but the profit was paid in just after the end of the last accounting year so it appears on this year's accounts. The expenditure this year was significantly lower than last year.

We have seen two lots of handbell insurance and two striking competition entry fees paid out this year.

The striking competition entry fee paid last year was for the year before, so we are now up to date with it rather than being a year behind.

The Central Council subscription paid this year was last year's. Since the end of the year, we have paid this year's Central Council subscription which was also £40.

Overall, the UL seems to be doing pretty well funding-wise, and has plenty of funds to see it into next year. Life membership remains at £10. The peal booking fee for UL peals remains at £0.

I'd like to thank Peter Jasper for providing the audit, and Kate and Rosemary for their help with trying to sort out and set up the MetroBank account, and also Rupert for helping out with the NatWest account.

And so, as I look forward to my retirement, I would like to wish my successor the very best of luck for their time in charge of the UL's finances.

Harriet Armitage

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2019

	Year Ended 2019	Year Ended 2018
<u>Opening Balances</u>		
Petty Cash	£246.35	£20.27
NatWest	£4,031.69	£4,101.94
MetroBank		
Ringing World	£28.55	£28.55
Total Funds	£4,306.59	£4,150.76
 <u>Income</u>		
Tower Donations		
Steeplage	£61.57	
Visiting Ringers	£53.00	
Wedding Fees	£60.00	
Other		£206.35
Membership Fees	£60.00	£40.00
Dinner Profit	£95.74	£224.47
UL Clothing	£33.76	
UL Glassware	£6.00	
Total Income	£370.07	£470.82
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
CCCBR Subscription	£40.00	
Visitors' Book		£14.99
Handbell Insurance 2017	£35.35	
Handbell Insurance 2018	£39.49	
Website Expenses	£53.62	
New Muffles		£280.00
Striking Competition Fees 2017	£20.00	£20.00
Striking Competition Fees 2018	£20.00	
Heater for St Olave's	£15.00	
Total Expenditure	£223.46	£314.99
Profit/(Loss) for year	£146.61	£155.83
 <u>Closing Balances</u>		
Petty Cash	£45.00	£246.35
NatWest	£81.50	£4,031.69
MetroBank	£4,298.15	
Ringing World	£28.55	£28.55
Total Funds	£4,453.20	£4,306.59

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.

Peter Jasper

Trustees' Report

The Society's assets are as follows:

- 6 wooden folding chairs
- 2 cupboards
- 1 whiteboard
- 3 pinboards
- 1 chest
- 2 donation boxes
- 2 clocks
- 2 desk fans
- 2 fan heaters
- 1 extension lead
- 1 residual current device
- 1 vacuum cleaner
- Gavel with box
- 14 handbells, insured from 30 December 2019 and 6 December 2020. There is a box for the bells and spare parts.
- 2 tool boxes with tools and torch
- 8 buckled muffles – one missing a buckle
- 8 sets of velcro double muffles in embroidered bag
- 2 clapper ties
- 2 fids
- 1 peal board
- Various pictures and certificates in frames
- Westminster Abbey trophy
- SUA trophies including two bells, two spoons, various certificates and tankard
- Various sports equipment
- Various Christmas decorations
- UL-opoly
- 2 electric disco lights

- 3 music stands
- 5 small collecting buckets
- 3 large buckets
- Various cutlery/utensils/mallets
- Whitechapel branded mug
- Little Bob Maximus the bear
- Loudhailer
- Headgear including Captain's hat, Reflex hat and wig
- Library – full details with the society librarian
- The Society's inventory currently includes:
 - 4 65th anniversary pint glasses
 - 129 70th anniversary pint glasses
 - Several One-per-learner and Follow-on booklets

In addition to the items listed above there appears to be a generous selection of alcohol stored in the cupboard and floor of the ringing room. There are numerous items of clothing and bedding that should be reunited with their owner. These include

but are not limited to hoodies jumpers and bow ties and a large sleeping bag. We noted that there are several planks of wood in the intermediate chamber. We do not

know the origin or type. In the ringing room there are many bags of rock wool, floor mats and various pieces of wood scattered around the belfry.

Andrew Hills and Ryan Noble

Membership Secretary's Report

During 2018/19 we have had four new members join the Society, all of whom were ratified at the AuGM in November 2018. These are as follows:

- Adam Gibson – BA in Performance Sound at Rose Bruford College
- Ruth Humphries – Bioarchaeological and Forensic Anthropology at UCL
- Laura Martin – MRes in Green Chemistry at Imperial College
- Oliver Porteous – Medicine at Imperial College

I would like to formally welcome all four of them to the Society.

There are two members that I am aware of who have died during the year:

- David J R Martin was an early member of the Society joining in its founding year, 1945/46. He studied at King's College London. He served on the committee from 1952 to 1954, as Vice President from 1959 to 1964 and as President from 1964 to 1968. He rang a total of 12 peals for the UL between 1948 and 1963. Unfortunately, the Society lost touch with David in more recent years, but it is believed he was around 95 years old when he died in December 2018.
- Philip G K Davies joined the Society in 1956/57 while studying at UCL. Although by all accounts a very shy person, he will be remembered for the brilliance and simplicity of his compositions, particularly in bringing "all the work" peals of Spliced Surprise Major within the ambit of ordinary conductors. Philip rang a total of 9 peals for the Society between 1957 and 1959. He died at his holiday home in Fairbourne at the edge of the Snowdonia National Park on 2 March 2019. He was 81 years old.

In the 13 years I have been Membership Secretary, we have had 113 new members (of which 112 joined as life members). I have reported 38 deaths, of which 35 were life members).

Total membership currently stands at 667, although this no doubt includes many who may have died but have not yet been recorded as such in the membership database. For example, the membership database still shows 42 life members who joined in 1945/46, all of whom would be at least in their mid-90s if they are still alive today. Nevertheless, there are a significant number of members who have not engaged with the Society in recent years, and as we approach the UL's 75th anniversary, I will try to reach out to as many of these as I can in the forthcoming year.

Mike Trimm

Librarian's Report

James Watkins assumed that there was a library but had nothing to report.

James Watkins

Steeple Keeper's Report

A bell hanger from Taylors has looked at the bells. The treble is out of balance, and we need new ropes. We have had one new stay this year. There is a bit missing from the 4th! The next steeple-keeper should get someone to look at this. The committee should liaise with the church on buying new ropes.

Jemma Mills

Event Reports

Summer Tour

Summer tour began for me at Heathrow Airport, where I picked up Kate and Tom. The the first half of the journey was very slow and uneventful, but things got more exciting when Tom directed me off the M3 onto a 'shortcut'. Unfortunately, I came off at the wrong junction and then we were immediately hit by rain so heavy that we couldn't see any of the exits from the roundabout which we were accidentally on. After a lot of unnecessary driving, we stopped off at Tesco for food and alcohol, but when we tried to pay I realised that I had left my ID at home. Luckily the nice man on the checkout believed that I was over 18 once I had shown him my student ID card and every other form of ID which I had with me. Unfortunately, this meant that I couldn't buy drinks for myself all weekend (sorry about that Tom!).

Eventually, we ended up outside Chez Matthews. Ignoring the plumber's van outside the house, we all piled inside where we were informed that the toilet had flooded that morning but had just been fixed (luckily, because some of us had been in the car for over 4 hours). Tent pitching ensued, followed by a sneaky cider to ensure that I wouldn't become designated driver for the evening. The first night involved a trip to the beach for a BBQ consisting of some slightly sandy sausages and burgers cooked by Tom and Anthony. We then headed down to the beach to watch the fireworks. After someone suggested that it might be warmer in the water than out of it, Kate and I decided to go skinny dipping. This went well until we noticed some children who had been watching the fireworks, but were now watching us.

The evening ended with more drinks back at Anthony's house, where 'Treble's going... she's gone' was heard before we had even got to the first tower, as the answer to a discussion on what would happen if Taylors dropped a bell as they were going back into St Paul's. Other discussion topics from the evening included Kegels, Kate's wet crotch and Tim's perception of women as 'men with penises inside out'.

Saturday began with ringing in Bournemouth at St John's and then St Peter's. We had lunch at a Wetherspoons in Bournemouth, where baby Edward was the main attraction. After lunch there was some ringing at Sacred Heart, although some people were much more interested in playing with Edward. At this point the promise of a viola lesson from Mrs Matthews caused us to lose the Poodle for the rest of the afternoon (she later described the lesson as 'entertaining'). He had already decided that he had better things to do than to return for the evening's entertainment at the beach, which was lucky as Mrs Matthew's let everyone know that 'I'm not letting Peter Jasper anywhere near my beach hut'.

The rest of the afternoon was spent 'fluming' at Splashdown. It might have been sensible to bring a proper swimming costume, but I brought a bikini which had to be tied in 4 places, and most of the girls experienced some clothing malfunctions and subsequent boob-cupping whilst going down the flumes. Tom provided some amusement by hitting his head at the bottom of a slide, going on the slide again and then hitting his head again in exactly the same place. Despite the unpleasant combination of hangovers and flumes, as far as I know we don't have a new Captain.

We stopped off at Tesco to unnecessarily top up our alcohol supplies, and then returned to Casa del Anton where Mrs Matthews kindly gave us a lift to the beach. After a game of rounders and some fish and chips, Tom got wood and Anthony told Ryan that he was a good blower.

We got up far too early on Sunday and got the bus to Poole for service ringing at St James', where they were so excited to see us that they had included us on the service sheet. While we were waiting for everyone to come down after ringing, a few of us joined in with the first hymn from the porch until they shut the door on us, at which point we were very offended but decided that breakfast was better than hymns anyway. It was very wet outside so we managed to make breakfast last a couple of hours. Most of us emerged from the boat to Brownsea feeling slightly wobbly, either from seasickness or from the beer drunk during the crossing. As the boat had been delayed and the church service had been cancelled, the QP which had been planned was cancelled in favour of some general ringing which included Bristol Major and Queens firing. The firing was intended just to pacify Ryan, but actually sounded surprisingly good and had to be repeated so that we could record it (of course it didn't sound as good the second time).

After this, some of us went to the cafe and some hid from the rain in the gift shop before we got the boat back to Poole for a pub crawl. I don't remember much of this, but the best pubs were the ones which had snooker or bar billiards, and the worst one was where Ryan found a juke box. We ended up at The Stable for cider and pizza, where everyone ate and drank far too much. On our return home, Anthony announced very loudly 'Shhhhhhhh, my mum's asleep. And we like her, remember!'.

Ringing on Monday began at Christchurch Priory, after some of us spent quite a long time trying to find the door, and Jenny spent quite a long time trying to find the church. Next was Sopley, and then lunch at a pub which served pretty much everything, after David had complained that there wasn't enough choice at the pub which we had originally planned to go to. The final tower was Ringwood and involved, in addition to some ringing, 2 successful human knots and one very confused tower contact, when he arrived halfway through the third human knot.

Thank you very much for Ryan for taking over the organisation of the tour at the last minute, and to Anthony and Mrs Matthews for putting us up and putting up with us all weekend.

Josie Godfrey

Freshers Tour

It took me approximately 2 hours to get from Lichfield to Enfield. I'd been up since 6am! I can't remember much of the ringing at either Christ Church, Southgate or St Mary, Enfield! However, I do remember everyone wanting Nando's for lunch, only to be disappointed by the lack of space that was needed to accommodate our large group. We split up, with my half of the group settling on fish and chips instead. I don't think Becca was too impressed by those of us who ordered baked beans – sorry about that!

The highlight of the day was definitely crazy golf; though, I think Laura misunderstood the aim of the game and was determined to get the highest score. We split into three groups to play, though I made an overall leaderboard which declared Tim and Martin as joint winners (not Laura).

After all the ringing and golfing and lunching, we crawled our way across Enfield (and indeed some wary parks/alleys), hitting the pubs Jemma had kindly outlined for us.

Rachel Deakin



Rank	Name	Score	Team
1 =	Tim	52	1
	Martin	52	3
3 =	Asher	53	3
4 =	Alistair	55	3
5 =	Jemma	58	2
6 =	Ben M	61	2
	Ryan	61	2
8 =	Rosemary	62	3
9 =	Rachel	63	1
10 =	Sonia	64	1
11 =	Ben C	65	1
12 =	Adam	66	3
13 =	Becca	68	2
14 =	Laura	81	1

London 12 Bell

The day was finally here. The day of 2018's highly anticipated London 12 Bell competition had arrived. It was Saturday 27th October, and the venue was to be St Michael, Cornhill. This was a slight change of plan from the original venue, but the stage was set, and 9 teams were (just about) lined up to compete on the day.

As we arrived, we were greeted by the inviting smell of hot dogs, lovingly prepared by Enid Lawson and her 'catering' team. This was very welcome on a cold, early winter morning. After the obligatory hotdog, the nerves started to build, as team captains attempted to count to 12 (ringers - I, myself only counted 5 of my team members at this point), panicked a bit when they couldn't, and the draw drew near.

At 10.30am, Stephen Mitchell (Chairman of the London 12 bell committee) welcomed competitors to this years' contest, and thanked the hosts, the incumbents of St Michaels, then handed over to Priest in charge of Cornhill, Charlie Skrine who welcomed and thanked the bell ringers, especially Tony, for the work they do within London particularly at Cornhill.

On to the long anticipated draw conducted by Alan Hughes and Charlie. St Paul's were drawn first, defending champions, SRCY, were drawn second followed by ASCY (e), Southwark, Cornhill, ASCY π, Middlesex, ULSCR and last but not least Croydon/Surrey.

Phil Rogers (contest Secretary) then takes to the mic, to give final details, and confirm timings. Among the useful information given, we were treated to an air-hostess type fire exit demonstration, which helped to calm the nerves of many a nervous ringer.

Shortly after this, there was a rush, as photos were taken of the bands, several names were called over the sound system, names of ringers who had momentarily gone missing in the excitement of the day, but soon, all 9 band photos were complete, and the ringing commenced.

First up, we had St Pauls, winners of the 2016 contest, who went up the tower with high hopes. No one was really sure how the band, who have been homeless for the majority of the year, were going to do, but it seemed the band coped very well. After all, one of their common haunts over the last few months has been Cornhill... The St Pauls band soon emerged from the tower, pleased with how the piece had gone, and moved into the designated pub.

Second up was the Cumberlands, all no doubt pleased with the early draw that enabled more time in the pub to drink plenty of orange juice (so legend has it). The ringing sounded good, and the band seemed very pleased with

the ringing when we saw them briefly in the ringing room before beginning our test piece.

The ASCY e team knew that the bar had been set, and we were determined to better what we had just heard. We set off at a steady pace, and everything was going well, until a ringer error occurred at the beginning of the fourth lead. The ringer of the 7th (who shall remain nameless, but I'm sure you'll work out who it is from the band photo anyway) suddenly forgot how to ring a bell (now blaming it on a migraine...) and let go while the bell was up at backstroke (dodging over), and a period of chaos begun. The rope was flying around everywhere for a matter of milliseconds before the ringer managed to regain control, and bring the bell to a stand. Amazingly, most of the band kept going, completely unfazed, until the conductor eventually called stand. The band quickly decided the ringer in question needed a large amount of wine (even though they were still to ring for another team), and exited the tower. This is where the report becomes a little hazy.

Next up were Southwark, who had actually already been in the pub, but were still no doubt extremely grateful for an early draw. This team had some nerves, as they 'hadn't practiced much', even though they had practiced more than both the CY teams put together (and Southwark only had one practice...). We didn't hear this team ringing, because by this point we were too busy sampling the drinks in the Jamaica Wine House, but the team soon returned to the pub in high spirits and the beer began flowing again.

I think this is a good point to talk a bit about the drinking venue for the day. Our hostelry started its life as London's first ever coffee house, which opened in 1652, counting Samuel Pepys amongst its earliest patrons. Whilst we are on first's, Lizzy and Rob Lee's daughter, Alice, experienced her first London 12 bell, making an appearance at 3 weeks, 3 days old. Anyway back to the pub, it was open especially for the competition and, by kind agreement of Charlie, the churchyard was also available to drink in.

The other bands rang including our other band, the UL. We, again, aren't too sure how the other teams' ringing sounded, as we were in the Jamaica, however, we heard a snippet of the Middlesex touch, and that sounded like something the UL would have to work hard to beat.

After the slip up earlier, the UL were slightly more nervous as to whether or not we would actually make it past lead number 3 (and a bit), but we rang, and we rang well, a credible performance for the band. The UL came, saw, and conkered (spelt wrong due to the injury to the 10th ringers foot).

After the UL, there was one more band to compete on the bells of Cornhill. Croydon/Surrey. Before the UL descended the tower (slowly), the nervous looking band entered the tower, headed up by a very enthusiastic Caroline Prescott, who must've cleared the nerves of the band a lot with her brilliant positivity. The ringing sounded good as we once again headed out to the pub, with some good back bell action.

Between the last team doing their thing, and the results, a decent amount of alcohol (and some soft drinks - we mustn't forget our Cumberland friends) were consumed. And soon the last orders bell rang out (rung by the barman, not one of the pros).

Having drunk one of the pumps dry, the pub was emptied, and the most of the ringers gathered in the church. I say most of the ringers, some ringers had made an early exit to go to wedding ringing, or even halloween parties!

Just before 4pm, the judges, Cathy Hughes-D'aeth and David Brown emerged, looking grateful to be back in a heated room. David began by giving some overall comments, saying how they marked the pieces, with a maximum of 4 faults for each row, and saying that they had to listen to some recordings again, just to 'be completely sure'. They used a system where one of them marked the faults, whilst the other made general comments. David then made some comments about how the bells are a lovely ring, whilst not entirely easy, and sometimes unforgiving. He also said how the oddstruckness appeared to cause some issues throughout the day, especially around the middle. He said the standard of ringing was impressive, and whilst some bands 'struggled', the majority rang really good pieces.

He then passed the baton onto Cathy. Cathy gave general comments and peal speeds.

The comments were very good, and encouraging to all bands. We're giving you a summary of the winning team, and the team who it didn't go so well for, as we thought it was interesting what the judges had to say!

Team B (ultimately the winners - SRCY) had a good compass, with an unsettled few rows, but relaxed more throughout, leading to a very good finish.

Team C didn't finish, they had an unsettled start, but were starting to settle into the ringing until a minor mistake (from the judges view - little did they know...).

After Cathy had given the comments, David took to the podium again to give the final results. The room was silent, but got increasingly louder, the closer we got to the top 3. There were sighs of disappointment, sighs of relief and some cheering. The Cumberlands emerged triumphant, once again, and Tom Mack was handed the trophy by Alan Hughes.

After this, most ringers made the very long trip (20 meters) over to the Crosse Keys, where drinking was to continue late into the evening, and lots of ringers were to make the most of the extra hour they were getting from daylight saving...

Thanks to everyone who organised the day. It was truly fabulous, and the 12 bell committee, the incumbents at Cornhill, and Tony Kench did a fine job.

We very much look forward to seeing what next years contest, to be held at Kingston Upon Thames, has in store. Can the Cumberlands hold on to their crown and make it a hatrick? We'll have to wait and see!

Jemma Mills (and Ben Meyer for a paragraph) written for *The Ringing World*



London 12 Bell Results

Position	Rang	Team	Mark	Speed
1	2nd	Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	82%	3h38
2	6th	Ancient Society of College Youths (π)	79%	3h35
3	5th	St Michael's Cornhill	77%	3h32
4	1st	St Paul's Cathedral Guild	75%	3h36
5	4th	Southwark Cathedral	69%	3h39
6	8th	University of London Society of Change Ringers	63%	3h41
7	7th	Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild	62%	3h33
8	9th	Croydon, Surrey	58%	3h38
9	3rd	Ancient Society of College Youths (e)	%	

SUA

To Southampton I went for SUA
No one else was going, so overnight I did not stay
I rang in a scratch band with the CUG and Matt Child
They let us ring early so everyone smiled

The scratch bands came second: Oxford and Bristol won,
The Ceilidh was tiring, but lots of fun
We rang the Hartley 12 at midnight, and a human pyramid was built
We managed 5 levels before it started to tilt

And so next year if more UL turn up
I hope that we might win the cup
Friends, ringing, drinking – what's not to like?
And it's in Oxford – not such a long hike!

Josie Godfrey

(written at 2am on the Saturday of SUA, while driving home from
Southampton)

Dinner Weekend

The 73rd ULSCR Annual Dinner Weekend began with ringing at Seps on Friday evening. After demonstrating that my ringing has not improved substantially since last year and my striking, as ever is an optional extra, I decided to lead a charge off to the nearby Blackfriar pub for the part of ringing I generally consider myself better at! However, I was quickly informed that I had missed an e-mail / text message / Whatsapp post / pigeon which explained that the post ringing pub had been changed to the Crosse Keys (apparently the need for cheap food outranked the need for a pub within a short walk from the church we were ringing at!) so instead headed on a walk literally across the City to the Wetherspoons. After probably some whingeing that back in my day, students got all their nourishment from a gallon of real ale and I didn't eat food for 3 years etc etc, I enjoyed a lovely burger and probably had pudding afterwards. The evening presumably ended in a beer fuelled haze, but I managed to find my way back to Morden (oh – how much do I love the night tube!) to sleep with a relative or other of mine (it's a Dorset thing)!

The following morning saw a quarter of spliced Triples and Major after a peal attempt came to grief and a somewhat low attendance at open ringing at St Magnus the Martyr which was a little disappointing. After food at the Crosse Keys (for the second time in two days!) the secretaries proved they were still the “Real Power Behind the Society” by scoring their, now traditional, quarter peal. This was followed by some open ringing which was relatively quickly abandoned due to lack of numbers and general thirst by the quarter peal band. Drinking resumed in the Crosse Keys (I'm beginning to see a pattern here!) as those with hotel rooms went off to get changed in comfort. Those without the funds for a hotel room (or those who prefer to spend their funds on alcohol than hotel rooms) changed into their posh clobber in the Wetherspoon toilets.

I have read many, many UL dinner reports so I will spare going into the normal bits (drinking fizz, eating food, gambling on the sweepstake, drinking more wine than is sensible when you have been drinking beer all day, watching an ever increasing number of people eat their pudding without their hands and standing up every so often to take wine with el Pres) and move on to the bits that do change year on year. Richard Humphries began the speeches with his memories of the society when drunk students were causing merry hell on the end of bellropes (how much has changed?) followed by Caroline Prescott of Battersea who, as guest speaker talked about Happy Families within ringing. She identified certain characters needed in the society including the “Whizz kid” who could get the website to work and keep us all up to date with society happenings and the “Sensible one” who as an upstanding member of the society is the one YOU SHOULD ALL LISTEN TO AND IS ALWAYS RIGHT AND TO BE TRUSTED IN ALL EVENTUALITIES. Caroline also presented the society with the

“hand of friendship”, an oversized foam hand branded with the UL logo that virtually everybody was photographed posing with. The Master rounded off proceedings with her warmly received speech and yet again I lost the sweepstake.

The disco this year had the added excitement of a brief pause while some enthusiastic dancing to “Cotton Eyed Joe” caused a large glass lampshade crashed onto the dancefloor as if we had reached the climax of some sort of Wild West themed production of The Phantom of the Opera (I am sure David Phillips would have seen it if so)! Despite some valiant attempts to keep dancing around the broken glass, sanity did prevail for long enough to clear up the glass before dancing continued afresh. For once something did “get knocked down” but did not “get up again”!

The following morning saw a good crowd of people ringing at Hart Street followed by lunch in the Liberty Bounds before the AuGM. Sadly this meeting, the main planning meeting for the society was notable unfortunately for the pitifully small number of members that attended. That aside, it was a fantastic dinner weekend and many thanks to the organising committee for putting on an excellent event – roll on dinner number 74 in 2019!

Peter Jasper – AKA The “Sensible” One



Christmas Shoot for Capital FM

On the 10th day of the month October, in the year 2018, the committee received a rather strange email. An email many members were unsure about. Was it real?

It began with 'Hi, I have an odd request', and the title 'Hand bell ringers required for a Christmas shoot for Capital FM'. The message also contained mention of a sum of money payable to any 'volunteers', tempting indeed.

Jemma decided to take a step into the unknown and reply, of course, after having a chat with the committee. Jemma asked many questions, including what we were required to play, wear, and where and when would this be?!

After a few emails back and forth, we had a date, and a time, and a number of ringers required. It was decided that 5 of the most prominent and active committee members would go along, so myself (Jemma), Ben, Alistair, Rachel and Josie prepped ourselves to go and ring the handbells in a 'Christmassy way' (yes that is actually what the email said), for 6 hours for a tv/radio commercial.

The day before the event, we had the cue sheet come round, and to everyone's excitement, we discovered there would be reindeer, and snow machines, and fake snowballs (how amazing?!). We were all very very excited!

The day arrived – Saturday 23rd October. It was an early start for most of us, as we headed all the way down to Kennington (Josie with bells in tow). Little did we know what the day had in store for us...

First up, we were put into a green room, with some dancers. These dancers had been told they were going to be doing a mean girls style 'jingle bell rock' dance. They actually got made to dress up as Christmas trees and snowmen, which made us worry about what we were going to be dressed up in. While wondering what our fate would be, one at a time, we went into makeup (even the guys), where we all came out with very pink cheeks.

Soon, we were escorted to the set, where we found a winter wonderland. We were asked to show the choreographer the bells, and she was very impressed. For a few minutes, we were left alone to think about what we might end up playing...

After a while, the choreographer came back to us, and asked how you make the bells silent. You can kind of imagine our reactions...

We weren't going to moan though, as this was a paid event!

Bells silenced, we began to be told what we would be doing.

I was asked if I minded being sat in a sledge while someone spun it around, as I was frantically waving a bell in the air. Rachel was asked to do the same. At this point, Ben, Alistair and Josie were in creases, finding the whole thing hilarious. This was, until, Ben and Alistair were dragged off to hold something (completely not bell related) because they were tall.

The morning then consisted mainly of run throughs, me doing accidental sledge wheelies, and Rachel passing someone a phone.

We broke for lunch where we had a lovely (but annoyingly healthy) buffet. At this point, the reindeers arrived.

After lunch, Rachel and I were ditched from our vaguely bell ringing related roles, and I became 'snowball fight participant 3' and Rachel and Josie both became Reindeer handlers. Josie had a rather frisky deer, but she did well to keep it under control! Rachel was a natural with hers although her deer did wee all over set...

A few hours later and everything was done, we had thrown snowballs, petted reindeer, and not done any bellringing at all! What a great day!

We would've done something social together after, but 3 of us had to dash off (after removing red cheek stuff) to a try out at a certain cathedral...

If anyone is reading this and wanting to hire us for anything, do let us know! We're happy to give anything a go really...

Jemma Mills



Roger Bailey Day

This year, Roger Bailey day began with a first attempt at a quarter peal for me! Having already acquired a reputation for breaking stays, this was a risky and possibly premature procedure. However, it all turned out well and no bells were harmed in this performance of Plain Bob doubles.

An intrepid group of UL ringers attended ringing at Queen's Tower having no idea what was in store. After ascending the 200+ stairs (the exact number was counted, but has since been forgotten) we enjoyed ringing the smaller bells while the tower swayed around us.

The final ringing of the day took us back to Hart Street, where we all enjoyed getting paid for a wedding (which was consumed in the Bounds minutes later).

By Chris Lewis Brown



ULSCR Peal Weekend 8th-10th February 2019

Peal weekend began successfully on the Friday night at St George in the East, Stepney. Despite a delayed start while Richard H tried to park his caravan (!), a peal of Stedman Triples was scored. This was both Rachel's and Josie's first peal at first attempt!

The success was repeated on Saturday morning by Oliver who also scored his first-at-first-attempt — Stedman Doubles at Hart St. Lunch was at The Liberty Bounds, where Peter received two pizzas by mistake but managed to eat them both.

The rest of Saturday afternoon and evening were taken up with a pub crawl, ably organised by Josie to a variety of fine establishments including the UL's former regular Thursday night venue The Anchor Tap. Other pubs included The Royal Oak, The Market Porter, The Anchor, Doggett's Coat & Badge, The Blackfriar and The Sea Horse. Dinner was at Nando's. Highlights of the evening included the Poodle riding an electric scooter and Oliver falling asleep in the restaurant!

Unfortunately a quarter peal scheduled for the Sunday, also at Hart St, was unsuccessful.

By Nick Jones

Rachel's Last Practice

Rachel's last practice began in the usual way, with a couple of drinks at the Bounds. I was very excited when I discovered that Spoons have a 'Gin Festival' – G&Ts were cheaper than usual, and there were lots of different gins to try. I carefully selected one from the 'gin menu', and then was told that they didn't have that one. Or the next one. Or the one after that. 'We have Gordon's, would you like that?' asked the bartender. I gave up and got a pint instead.

At 7pm, we moved to the tower to start ringing, eating and drinking. The gin came out of the cupboard, and the table was soon piled high with crisps and cupcakes, but no sausage rolls! Chris brought some homemade marmite rolls, which disappeared very quickly!

Many things were rung, from call changes to surprise major. At 8:30 we rung down, and Rachel asked if we wanted to go to the pub, or stay in the tower where there was plenty of food and drink left. This was the turning point of the evening. Being students, we obviously opted for the cheaper option – staying in the tower. There were Jaeger Bombs. So many Jaeger Bombs.

At some point, the handbells came out, and there is now video evidence that the UL can ring plain bob doubles in hand – as long as each person only has one bell! The memories are a bit fuzzy after this point, as I realised that I had missed the last train home, and would probably have to stay in the tower overnight (can I take this chance to ask – who does the sleeping bag actually belong to? No one seems to know!).

From what was discovered in the tower on Sunday, it seems that we got out the disco balls, found some bow ties in the cupboard, and tipped a whole bag of crisps on the floor. The last of us left the tower at 2:30am, and I did manage to get home eventually, with a little help from an Uber, and from Tom, who



managed to unite me with the Uber after my phone stopped working.

Thank you to Rachel for a fantastic last practice, and we wish you and George all the best in Bristol!

By Josie Godfrey

Easter Tour

Easter tour took the UL to Lichfield, home of our esteemed master Rachel. After her sterling efforts in organising the weekend, she was unfortunately taken ill before the first bell was rung and had to spend the whole time in bed recovering.

The first stop of the weekend was at Lichfield cathedral on Friday evening, my first cathedral ring! With various people yet to join the tour, we had some assistance from local ringers, who bolstered the numbers in order that we could ring all 10. After a beer or two (or more) in the pub, we returned to Gillian's for a competitive easter egg hunt: chocolate carrots vs chocolate eggs. Both teams found their opponents' chocolates before their own, but only one team realised it was a good idea to move them into slightly trickier locations. Congratulations to the egg team of Will, Steph and me, who only cheated mildly in their pursuit of victory. The evening ended with a lengthy session of Cards against Humanity, with the highlights being far too rude to reproduce here.

Several more ringers joined us for Saturday, which was spent in Birmingham. We started off at the BUSCR tower St Bartholomew, accompanied by mascot Sheila the tortoise. We rang some Cambridge and Yorkshire spliced, but the show was stolen by 5-week old Frankie, who behaved remarkably well for her first time in a bell tower. Katie rang for the first time since giving birth, and showed there were no cobwebs that needed brushing away; ignoring the suggestion that she might try call changes as a gentle introduction, she jumped straight in with some stedman triples and rang it very comfortably.

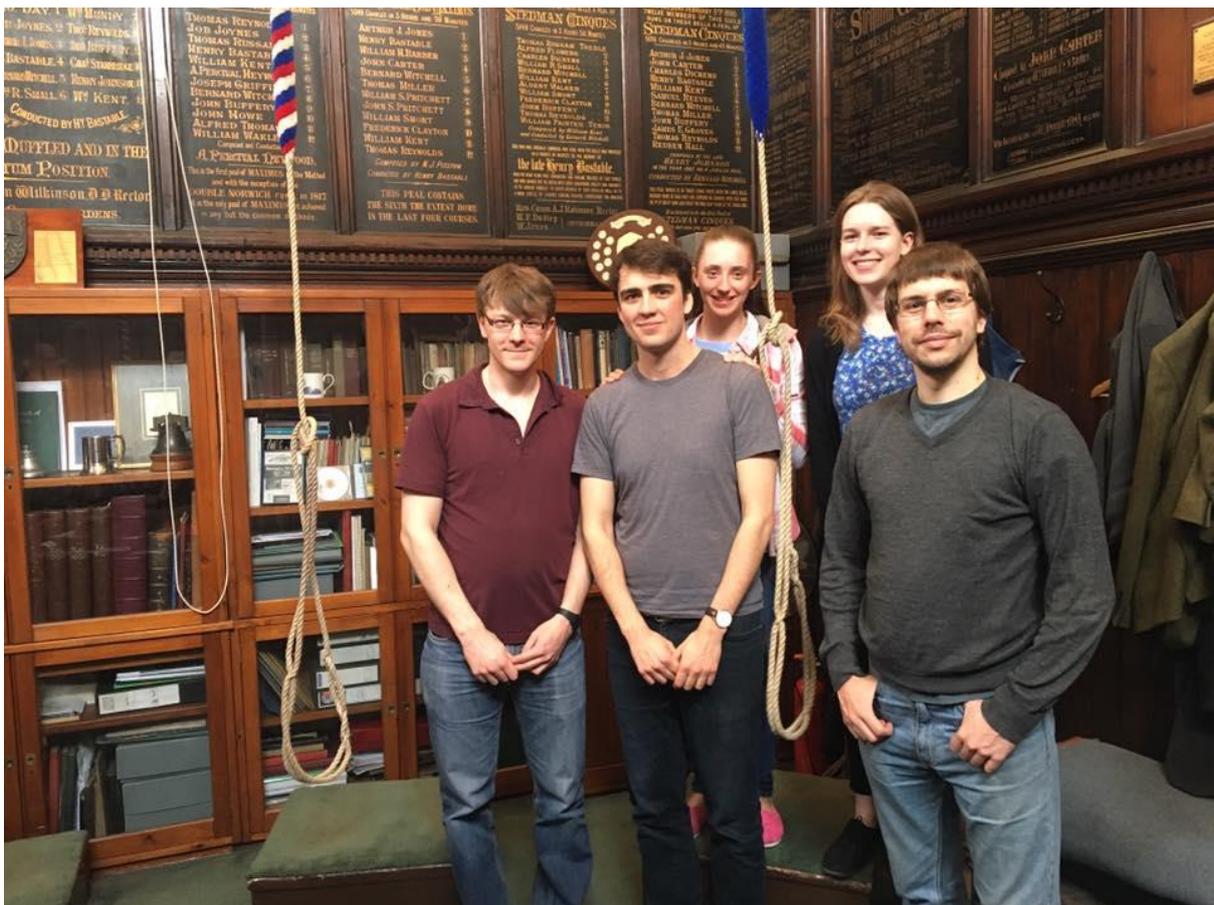
After more time in the pub – a common and enjoyable theme of the weekend – we headed to the Bullring, the only ring of 16 in the country. This was definitely the ringing highlight of the tour, and indeed Jarriet came up specifically to ring there, having been unable to join us for the other towers. I'd only rung on 12 once or twice before this, so my striking was not really up to the task of 16, but I gave it a go. The call change methods used were also new to me, with bells being grouped into 4 groups of 4 with each doing the same set of changes. I thought this was a very neat way of making what would otherwise have been a very lengthy set of changes into a much more manageable affair. Once I'd been safely removed from the bell ropes everyone else rang some Grandsire on 16 and did a much better job of it.

Saturday ended with a private room in the Woodman pub, owned by ringer Simon Linford. Unfortunately many of the UL ringers had headed off by this point so only a small group were there to enjoy it. However, with the assistance of remarkably strong cider, we all still had a great time!

Sunday began with a trip to Rachel's local tower, St Michael's. I would give more details, but I was disorganised with writing this report and can't really remember all that much now. It was definitely enjoyable though! Chris Backhouse headed off after this, leaving me as the sole UL survivor as we headed to St Chad's, the Catholic cathedral, for the final ring of the tour. I had my first attempt hunting to Grandsire triples, and while we got through a plain course, it could not be described as a success.

Finally it was back to London and the rigours of student life. Thank you again to Rachel for organising the tour and to Gillian for providing accommodation, transport and Cards against humanity.

by Chris Lewis Brown



Peals rung 2018-2019

ULSCR

City of London, St Olave, Hart Street
Saturday, 9 February 2019 in 2h 40 (11–3–
23 in G)

5040 Stedman Doubles

15 different extents

1 Alistair A F Smith

2 Peter M Jasper

3 Oliver J Porteous

4 Ryan S Noble

5 Andrew M Hills (C)

6 Richard O Humphries

Rung on Society Peal Weekend.

First peal – 3

Staines, Middlesex, 44 Sidney Road
Sunday, 17 February 2019 in 1h 52 (7 in D)

5040 Surprise Minor (9 Methods)

7 extents: (1) London; (2) York; (3)

Beverley, Surfleet; (4) Bourne; (5)

Cambridge, Ipswich; (6) Westminster; (7)
Norwich

1–2 Muffie King

3–4 Michael J Trimm (C)

5–6 Peter R King

Bells 1, 2 and 4 pealed for the first time,
and the tenor pealed for the first time
since refurbishment.

Staines, Middlesex, 44 Sidney Road
Monday, 25 February 2019 in 1h 56 (7 in D)

5040 Surprise Minor (18 Methods)

7 extents: (1) Berwick, Beverley, Durham,

Hexham, Surfleet, York; (2) London, Wells;

(3) Cunecastre; (4) Bourne, Cambridge,

Hull, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose; (5)

Netherseale; (6) Westminster; (7) Norwich

1–2 Muffie King

3–4 Michael J Trimm (C)

5–6 Peter R King

Staines, Middlesex, 44 Sidney Road
Monday, 25 March 2019 in 1h 57 (7 in D)

5040 Surprise Minor (26 Methods)

7 extents: (1) Cunecastre, London, Wells;

(2) Lincoln, Coldstream; (3) Annable's

London, Lightfoot, Netherseale,

Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth; (4)

Allendale, Westminster; (5) Berwick,

Beverley, Durham, Hexham, Surfleet, York;

(6) Bourne, Cambridge, Hull, Ipswich,

Norfolk, Primrose; (7) Norwich

1–2 Muffie King

3–4 Michael J Trimm (C)

5–6 Peter R King

Peals rung 2018-2019

St Olave's Society (SOS)

Holyport, Berkshire, Larkfield
Friday, 18 May 2018 in 2h 24 (13)
5024 Spliced Surprise Major (8m)
768 Cornwall; 704 Superlative; 672
Lessness; 608 Cambridge; 576 each Bristol,
Cassiobury, London; 544 Glasgow; 138
com, atw
Composed by Graham A C John
1-2 Lesley J Belcher
3-4 Michael J Trimm
5-6 Ruth Blackwell
7-8 Richard A Pearce (C)

Holyport, Berkshire, Larkfield
Tuesday, 12 June 2018 in 2h 49 (13)
5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal
Composed by Richard A Pearce (No.7)
1-2 Lesley J Belcher
3-4 Peter J Blight
5-6 Ruth Blackwell
7-8 Michael J Trimm
9-10 Richard A Pearce (C)
In memory of Bubble (22/06/1998 -
14/05/2018).

Holyport, Berkshire, Larkfield
Friday, 20 July 2018 in 2h 49 (13)
5040 Swindon Surprise Royal
Composed by Alexander E Holroyd
1-2 Lesley J Belcher
3-4 Peter J Blight
5-6 Ruth Blackwell
7-8 Richard A Pearce
9-10 Michael J Trimm (C)

Holyport, Berkshire, Larkfield
Monday, 6 August 2018 in 2h 27 (13)
5152 Spliced Surprise Major (15m)
448 each Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge,
Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Uxbridge,
Yorkshire; 224 each Cassiobury, Cornwall,
Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey,
Superlative; 146 com, atw
Composed by Norman Smith
1-2 Lesley J Belcher
3-4 Ruth Blackwell
5-6 Richard A Pearce (C)
7-8 Michael J Trimm

Holyport, Berkshire, Larkfield
Tuesday, 28 August 2018 in 2h 28 (13)
5152 Spliced Surprise Major (19m)
448 each Cambridge, Cassiobury,
Lincolnshire, Rutland; 224 each Ashtead,
Bristol, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin,
Glasgow, Ipswich, Lindum, London,
Pudsey, Superlative, Uxbridge, Wembley,
Whalley, Yorkshire; 153 com, atw
Composed by Norman Smith
1-2 Lesley J Belcher
3-4 Ruth Blackwell
5-6 Richard A Pearce (C)
7-8 Michael J Trimm

Holyport, Berkshire, Larkfield
Tuesday, 11 September 2018 in 2h 54 (13)
5000 Spliced Surprise Royal (4m)
1320 Yorkshire; 1240 each Lincolnshire,
Swindon; 1200 Cambridge; 23 com, atw
Composed by Richard A Pearce
1-2 Lesley J Belcher
3-4 Peter J Blight
5-6 Ruth Blackwell
7-8 Richard A Pearce (C)
9-10 Michael J Trimm
A wedding anniversary compliment to
Fiona and Stephen Wheeler.

Holyport, Berkshire, Larkfield
Monday, 17 September 2018 in 2h 27 (13)

5152 Spliced Surprise Major (23m)

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 com, atw

Composed by Norman Smith

1–2 Lesley J Belcher

3–4 Ruth Blackwell

5–6 Richard A Pearce (C)

7–8 Michael J Trimm

To mark the 60th anniversary of the death
of Friedrich Paneth.

Exeter, Devon, St David

Saturday, 29 September 2018 in 2h 50 (11–
2–23 in G)

5024 Spliced Surprise Major (4m)

1632 Cambridge; 1280 Bristol; 1216
London; 896 Superlative; 99 com; atw.

Composed by Albert J Pitman

1 W Nigel G Herriott

2 Michael J Trimm

3 Helen M Maynard

4 Jennifer M Herriott

5 Thomas J Hinks

6 Andrew M Hills

7 David G Maynard (C)

8 Katherine L Town

First spliced: 3

Rung to celebrate Helen's 30th birthday

Chislehurst, Greater London,

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, 13 October 2018 in 3h 14 (19–1–
17)

5088 Deva Surprise Major

Composed by Donald F Morrison (No.884)

1 Ryan S Noble

2 Tessa K Simpson

3 Helen M Maynard

4 Thomas J Hinks (C)

5 Andrew M Hills

6 Leigh D G Simpson

7 David G Maynard

8 Andrew P F Bradford

Bromley, Kent, SS Peter and Paul
Saturday, 19 January 2019 in 2h 54 (16–2–
8)

5056 Bristol Surprise Major

Composed by A G Reading (No.7)

1 Luke O Camden

2 Katharine J Firman

3 Simon D Roberts

4 Stephanie E Hills

5 Graham G Firman

6 James S Croft

7 David G Maynard

8 Thomas J Hinks (C)

Rung to mark Tom's 30th birthday next
week.

**Stepney, Greater London, St George in the
East**

Friday, 8 February 2019 in 2h 35 (6–0–9 in
C)

5040 Stedman Triples

Composed by Henry W Haley

1 Colin G Newman

2 Richard O Humphries

3 Josie M Godfrey

4 Richard B Pullin (C)

5 Geoffrey H Foster

6 Ryan S Noble

7 Alistair A F Smith

8 Rachel S Deakin

First peal at first attempt: 3 & 8

For the ULSCR peal weekend.

To mark the 200th anniversary of the birth
of the composer who went on to become
a prominent London ringer.

Holyport, Berkshire, Larkfield

Tuesday, 12 February 2019 in 2h 28 (13)

5152 Spliced Surprise Major (23m)

224 each Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge,
Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double
Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey,
Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston,
Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock,
Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Uxbridge,
Yorkshire; 160 com, atw

Composed by Donald F Morrison (no.6)

1–2 Lesley J Belcher

3–4 Ruth Blackwell

5–6 Michael J Trimm

7–8 Richard A Pearce (C)

Holyport, Berkshire, Larkfield
Tuesday, 12 March 2019 in 2h 47 (13)
5040 www.delight.royal
Composed by BYROC
1–2 Lesley J Belcher
3–4 Ruth Blackwell
5–6 Michael J Trimm
7–8 Richard A Pearce (C)
9–10 Peter J Blight
To celebrate 30 years of the World Wide
Web.
First peal in the method:
www.delight.royal: -5-4.5.2-1-4-5-4-5-4-5 f

Holyport, Berkshire, Larkfield
Tuesday, 26 March 2019 in 2h 44 (13)
5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal
Composed by Richard A Pearce
1–2 Lesley J Belcher
3–4 Peter J Blight
5–6 Ruth Blackwell
7–8 Richard A Pearce (C)
9–10 Michael J Trimm
For the 160th anniversary of the death of
A E Housman.

Holyport, Berkshire, Larkfield
Tuesday, 16 April 2019 in 2h 21 (13)
5120 Spliced Surprise Major (6m)
1280 Rutland; 768 each Cambridge,
Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire;
123 com, atw
Composed by Glenn A A Taylor
1–2 Michael J Trimm
3–4 Lesley J Belcher
5–6 Ruth Blackwell
7–8 Richard A Pearce (C)

Surprise Minor Compositions

Method details for the three ULSCR Surprise Minor peals are listed below. Most of the extents were called WHWx3 (IOIx3 for the Norwich).

5040 Surprise Minor (9 Methods)

- (1) Lo Lo Lo Lo / Lo / Lo Lo Lo Lo / Lo (x3)
- (2) Yo / Yo Yo Yo Yo / Yo / Yo Yo Yo Yo (x3)
- (3) Bv Bv Bv / Bv Bv / Su Su Su / Su Su (x3)
- (4) Bo Bo / Bo Bo Bo / Bo Bo / Bo Bo Bo (x3)
- (5) Cm Cm Cm / Ip / Ip Ip Ip Ip / Cm Cm (x3)
- (6) Ws / Ws Ws Ws Ws / Ws / Ws Ws Ws Ws (x3)
- (7) No No / No / No No No No / No No No (x3)

Rung for the ULSCR at 44 Sidney Road, Staines on 17 February 2019.

5040 Surprise Minor (18 Methods)

- (1) Beverley 6 (see below)
- (2) Lo We We Lo / Lo / Lo We We Lo / Lo (x3)
- (3) Cu / Cu Cu Cu Cu / Cu / Cu Cu Cu Cu (x3)
- (4) Cambridge 6 (see below)
- (5) Ne Ne / Ne Ne Ne / Ne Ne / Ne Ne Ne (x3)
- (6) Ws / Ws Ws Ws Ws / Ws / Ws Ws Ws Ws (x3)
- (7) No No / No / No No No No / No No No (x3)

Rung for the ULSCR at 44 Sidney Road, Staines on 25 February 2019.

5040 Surprise Minor (26 Methods)

- (1) Lo Lo We Lo / Cu Cu Cu Cu / Cu / Lo (x3)
- (2) Li Li Li / Li Li / Co Co Co / Co Co (x3)
- (3) Lightfoot 6 (see below)
- (4) Ws / Ws Ws Ws Ws / Ad / Ad Ad Ad Ad (x3)
- (5) Beverley 6 (see below)
- (6) Cambridge 6 (see below)
- (7) No No / No / No No No No / No No No (x3)

Rung for the ULSCR at 44 Sidney Road, Staines on 25 March 2019.

Beverley 6

Bv /
 Bv Bk Bk Bv Bv /
 Bv /
 Su Su Su Su Su /
 Du Du Du Yo Du /
 He He Su /
 Du Du Du Du Yo /
 Yo Du Du Du Du /

Cambridge 6

Cm /
 Nf Ip Hu Cm Cm /
 Nf Pr Bo Ip /
 3 part

Lightfoot 6

Lf /
 Lf Ro St Lf Lf /
 Lf Ro St /
 Ro St St Ro Ro /
 Ab Ab Ab Ab Ab /
 Lf /
 Wm Lf Wm Lf Lf /
 Ne Ne Ne Ne Ne /

Method Abbreviations

Allendale Ad
 Annable's London Ab
 Berwick Bk
 Beverley Bv
 Bourne Bo
 Cambridge Cm
 Coldstream Co
 Cunecastre Cu
 Durham Du

Hexham He
 Hull Hu
 Ipswich Ip
 Lightfoot Lf
 Lincoln Li
 London Lo
 Netherseale Ne
 Norfolk Nf
 Norwich No

Primrose Pr
 Rossendale Ro
 Stamford St
 Surfleet Su
 Wearmouth Wm
 Wells We
 Westminster Ws
 York Yo

Other Compositions

5056 Bristol Surprise Major Composed by A G Reading (No.7)

M	W	H	23456
		1	42356
	sB/sF		735462
s	a		34562
2	B/sV		472536
	sF/B	1	32465
1	F/I	1	35426
	F/I	2	36452
2	sV	1 1	352746
		1 1	273546
	sF	2	q 53624
	F/I		65432
	qI/F/I	1	34256
	F/I	1	q 64523
	F/I		q 35264
	F/I		23456

q=16
a=s3/F/I/qB/F/I

Contains 24 each 5678, 8765, 15 6578, 124 little bell rollups (Inc 24 each 2345, 5432, 3456, 6543) at the back. 24 each 5678, 8765, 84 little bell rollups off the front. Backgrounds, Kings, Queens, Whittingtons. *Rung for the St Olave's Society at SS Peter & Paul, Bromley on 19 January 2019.*

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Richard A Pearce

M	W	H	23456

-	-	-	64352
	s		54362
-	-	-	23465
ss	-	-	42365
ss	-	-	64325
-	2	ss	42536
	-	s	35426
	-	3	23456

For handbells: 3-4 ring only the 3-4 and 9-10 courses. 20 56s; 12 65s; 57 LB4. *Rung for the St Olave's Society at Larkfield, Holyport on 26 March 2019.*

5088 Deva Surprise Major Composed by D F Morrison (No.884)

234567	B	M	V	W	H
26354	-	-	-	-	-
423756	2	s	In		s
(354627)	-	s	2		
24356	-	-	F,I		
42635	-	-	F,I	s	
42356	-	-	-	-	-

Repeat twice. Fourth place calls.

Contains all 24 each 56s, 65s, 8765s, 8756s, 7568s, 5678s off the front and 8765s off the front, and 12 each 6578s off the front and 8756s off the front. *Rung for the St Olave's Society at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chislehurst on Saturday, 13 October 2018.*

5040 Stedman Triples

Composed by Henry W. Haley

2314567	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	12	13	14
5364217	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3452617	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1253467	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3425167	-	-	-	-	-	3A	-	-	-	-
3564127	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5431627	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2135467	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1524367	-	-	-	-	-	4A	-	-	-	-
1465327	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4513627	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2317564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	s	-
1345267	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2365147	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3521647	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5321467	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3154267	-	-	-	-	-	4A	-	-	-	-
4123567	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
3512467	-	-	-	-	-	3A	-	-	-	-
4562317	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5243617	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(2314567)	s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Contains 24 567s, 24 657s, 144 crus, 96 4-bell runs (48f,48b), 120 46s, Whittingtons, Queens, Tittums, Kings, Backgrounds. *Rung for the St Olave's Society at St George in the East, Stepney on Friday, 8 February 2019.*

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23456	M	W	H

65432	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
26543	-	2	-
45362	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
24536	-	-	2
35426	-	2	2
23456	-	-	-

10 56s; 6 65s; 150 LB4. *Rung for the St Olave's Society at Larkfield, Holyport on 12 March 2019.*

5040 Swindon Surprise Royal

Alexander E Holroyd

23456	M	W	H

42356	-	-	-
45623	2	-	-
52364	-	2	-
24365	-	-	2

Repeat.

3-4 ring only 3-4 and 9-0 courses.

Rung for the St Olave's Society at Larkfield, Holyport on 20 July 2018.

?5,040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal?

??Richard A Pearce??

Composition Unknown – Possibly this one:

23456	M	W	H
64352	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
56423	2	-	-
24365	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-
65432	-	-	-
25346	-	2	-
35426	2	-	-
23456	-	-	-

Contains 18 each 56's and 65's and 74 little-bell rollups.

Rung for the St Olave's Society at Larkfield, Holyport on 12 June 2018.

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5024 4-Spliced Surprise Major
 Composed by Albert J Pitman

	B	M	W	H	Methods
23456				-	LSL.
42356				-	LSL.
43526		3	-	2	L.B.B.C.CSC.LCCSC.
45236		3	-	2	L.B.B.C.CSC.LCL.
62534		-		-	L.BBBBBB.
24536	-	2	-	-	CS.CSSSS.B.C.CSC.
32546				-	LC.L
24365		2	2		L.B.LLLLL.B.L
53462		-		-	L.CL.
36245		-	2		CSC.C.B.SSS
36452	-			-	SC.SC.
34562			-	2	BBBBBB.L.LCL.
42563		-	3	2	CSC.C.B.B.L.CSCCL.
35264		-	3	-	CSC.C.B.B.L.
63254			-	3	LC.L.B.B.
23564			2	-	LC.SSSLCL.
52364			3	-	LC.B.B.L.
54263		2		-	CSC.CLCSC.CL.
54632	-			-	CS.BBBB.
54326	-			-	BBBB.SC.
34256			2	-	LC.CSCLC.CSC.
23456		3		-	L.B.B.CL.

16 5678s (7f,9b), 10 6578s (6f,4b), 90 4-bell runs (42f,48b), 208 5678 combinations (104f,104b),
 13 8765s (6f,7b), Queens, Backgrounds.
Rung for the Saint Olave's Society at St David, Exeter on Saturday, 29 September 2018.

5120 Spliced Surprise Major (6 methods)

Glenn A A Taylor

234567	M	B	I	5	W	H	Methods
65432	-				-	-	CSY/RRRRR/SYP/
532746		-	-			-	CP/N/CYCCS/
253746						-	RSNCN/
325746						-	NCNNNSY/
52364			-	-	-		Y/YSN/R/
32654				2	-		SNCP/PPRPS/PPC/
63254						-	RYR/
26354						-	RNR/
35264			-	-			PPSY/R/
23564						-	RNYSY/
62534					-		RS/R
53246	s				s	-	R/Y/R/
25346						-	RCR/
32546						-	CPNYCPS/

2 part.

108 crus and 18 each 7468 & 7568, all the work.

Rung for the St Olave's Society at Larkfield, Holyport on 16 April 2019.

5024 8-Spliced Surprise Major (Nottingham 8)

Graham A C John

23456	O	M	W	I	F	H	
34256						2	B, B,
24653	-						SSG, OGSC
(56342)	-	-					L, C,
23645	-					-	GCS, WWBW,
423756		3	-			2	LS, B, B, OLS, O, CGGGS,
735246	-	-				3	OO, S, E, EWBEW, B,
275346	-						LOW, E
325746	-						CE, E
524736	-						OCEC, EELWB
342756	-					-	L, CW,
36245	-	3			-	2	SC, LOCL, ELG, COS, CC, G, B,
(45362)	2	-					W, OSG, G,
23564	-					-	OG, SL,
53624	-	2				-	WO, OWW, OECS,
26354		2				2	WBWL, B, L, B,
36452	-						W, G
(54263)	-	-					L, G,
24365	-					3	SO, OEW, LSW, GW,
65243	2	-					W, B, S, E
25346	-					3	W, CE, WS, B,
46253	2	-					E, B, LWBE, L
32654	-					-	W, SW,
36524	-					2	CL, E, B,
35264	-					2	EG, L, ESCSC,
(64352)	2	-					OO, B, S,
23456	-					-	GCG, SE,

----- Cornwall (W), Lessness (E)

114 crus, 13 2468s, 9 8765s, 7 7568s, Kings, Queens, Whittingtons, Tittums.

Rung for the St Olave's Society at Larkfield, Holyport on 18 May 2018.

5152 15-Spliced Surprise Major

[Norman Smith](#)

2345678	W	H	Methods
3578264	-	Y.	
5738264	3	2	UEBBU.NAYILO.RSM.R.CCIKANP.

7 part; 4th observation in first part.

15 5678s (1f,14b), 7 6578s (5f,2b), 58 crus (19f,39b), 115 4-bell runs (43f,72b), 218 5678 combinations (103f,115b), 11 8765s (7f,4b), Backgrounds.

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Rung for the St Olave's Society at Larkfield, Holyport on 6 August 2018.

5152 19-Spliced Surprise Major

[Norman Smith](#)

2345678 W H Methods

3578264 - Y.
5738264 3 2 UEDBV.RLOGNO.MSX.R.CCIKANP.

7 part; 4th observation in first part.
17 5678s (3f,14b), 10 6578s (6f,4b), 63 crus (22f,41b), 105 4-bell runs (40f,65b), 199 5678 combinations (96f,103b), 7 8765s (7f,0b), Backgrounds.
Rung for the St Olave's Society at Larkfield, Holyport on 28 August 2018.

5152 23-Spliced Surprise Major

[Norman Smith](#)

2345678 W H Methods

3578264 - Y.
5738264 3 2 UEDBV.WLTGCO.MSX.R.JHIKANP.

7 part; 4th observation in first part.
18 5678s (4f,14b), 7 6578s (3f,4b), 63 crus (22f,41b), 109 4-bell runs (43f,66b), 212 5678 combinations (100f,112b), 9 8765s (9f,0b), Backgrounds.
Rung for the St Olave's Society at Larkfield, Holyport on 17 September 2018.

5152 23-Spliced Surprise Major

Donald F Morrison (no. 6)

2345678 Bristol
- 4235678 Rutland
3462857 Jersey
2547386 Lincolnshire
7856234 Superlative
- 8634725 Preston
- 6425873 Lindum
2684357 Cray
3872564 Whalley
7358426 Pudsey
- 3826745 Ipswich
5742638 Cambridge
2378564 Cassiobury
6485372 London
8634257 Uxbridge
- 2386745 Glasgow
3624857 Tavistock
5748623 Watford
- 6457382 Yorkshire
7842635 Ashtead
5634278 Wembley
3526847 Cornwall
8273456 Double Dublin
- 7823456

Repeat six times.
18 each 5678s, 4567s, 3456s and 2345s, and 11 each 8765s, 7654s, 6543s and 5432s, with no backstroke 87s.

Rung for the St Olave's Society at Larkfield, Holyport on 12 February 2019.

?5000 4-Spliced Surprise Royal?

??Richard A Pearce??

Composition Unknown

23456 M W H

Rung for the St Olave's Society at Larkfield, Holyport on 11 September 2018.

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Quarter Peals rung in 2018-2019

City of London, St Olave, Hart Street
Sunday, 3 June 2018 in 40m (11–3–23 in G)

1260 Spliced Doubles (14m)

1 Winchendon Place & St Nicholas Bob; 2 St Remigius Bob & Huntley Place; 3 Winchendon Place & Thornborough Slow Course; 4 Winchendon Place & Longford Slow Course; 5 Winchendon Place & Hascome Slow Course; 6 St Simon's Bob & St Martin's Bob; 7 St Osmund Bob & Eynesbury Bob; 8 St Simon's Bob & Slapton Slow Course; 9 St Simon's Bob & Rugby Slow Course; 10 Simon's Bob & Merton Slow Course; 10.5 St Simon's Bob, St Martin's Bob & St Osmund Bob.

- 1 Josie M Godfrey
- 2 Thomas L Nagel
- 3 Andrew M Hills (C)
- 4 Benjamin J Meyer
- 5 Alastair A F Smith
- 6 Richard B Pullin

Rung for morning service and in memory of the victims of the London Bridge terrorist attack last year.

City of London, St Michael, Cornhill
Monday, 23 July 2018 in 56m (32–1–6 in Db)

1346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus

WHwSH (round at the trebles backstroke snap)

- 1 Tessa K Simpson
- 2 Jemma L Mills (C)
- 3 Christopher P G Rimmer
- 4 Rebecca A Steed
- 5 Thomas L Nagel
- 6 Benjamin A Clive
- 7 Rachel J Mitchell
- 8 Alistair A F Smith
- 9 James J Watkins
- 10 Ryan S Noble
- 11 Benjamin J Meyer
- 12 Luke O Camden

First as conductor.

Welcoming 6 & 12 to the society as honorary members

City of London, St Olave, Hart Street
Sunday, 10 June 2018 in 43m (11–3–23 in G)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Jennifer C E Lane
 - 2 Katie E M Hughes-D'Aeth
 - 3 Josie M Godfrey
 - 4 Rupert H J Littlewood
 - 5 Thomas L Nagel (C)
- Rung as a farewell to Rev Oliver Ross on his last Sunday at this church.

Also as a birthday compliment to Brian Lane.
Also to celebrate the baptism of Constance Elizabeth Herriott.

City of London, St Magnus the Martyr
Monday, 24 September 2018 in 54m (26–3–9 in D)

1344 Cambridge Surprise Maximus

- 1 Jemma L Mills
- 2 Alistair A F Smith (C)
- 3 Benjamin A Clive
- 4 Harriet J M A Armitage
- 5 D Robert C Sworder
- 6 Thomas L Nagel
- 7 Rachel J Mitchell
- 8 Hannah L Taylor
- 9 Simon S Meyer
- 10 Timothy R Forster
- 11 Benjamin J Meyer
- 12 Anthony P Matthews

With the rest of the band's best wishes to Robert Sworder and Rachel Prior for their move to Cardiff.

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City of London, St Olave, Hart Street

Saturday, 24 November 2018 in 44m (11–3–23 in G)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Rachel S Deakin
- 2 Josie M Godfrey
- 3 Kate R Wallis
- 4 Sophie M Middleton
- 5 Nicholas J Hartley
- 6 Peter Jasper (C)

Rung by a band of current and past secretaries on the society's annual dinner day. The real power behind the society.

City of London, St Michael, Cornhill

Saturday, 24 November 2018 (32–1–6 in Db)

1268 Spliced Triples and Major (6m/p)

756 Stedman; 96 each Bristol, London, Rutland; 64 each Superlative, Yorkshire.

- 1 Christopher M Gould
 - 2 Martin J Cansdale (C)
 - 3 David I Bassford
 - 4 Richard O Humphries
 - 5 D Robert C Sworder
 - 6 Alistair A F Smith
 - 7 Ryan S Noble
 - 8 Andrew M Hills
- For Society Dinner Day

City of London, St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield

Sunday, 25 November 2018 in 35m (5½ in B)

1260 Stedman Doubles

- 1 Jemma L Mills
- 2 Andrew M Hills (C)
- 3 Ryan S Noble
- 4 Alistair A F Smith
- 5 Benjamin J Meyer

Rung for Evensong and as a (belated) happy Birthday to Chloe Grimmett

Maidenhead, Berkshire, 7 Laburnham Road

Sunday, 6 January 2019 in 35m (12)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1–2 Josie M Godfrey
- 3–4 Katharine J Firman
- 5–6 Graham G Firman (C)

First handbell quarter on more than 4 bells: 1-2

City of London, St Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet Street

Saturday, 19 January 2019 in 41m (10–3–23 in G)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Rachel S Deakin
- 2 Josie M Godfrey
- 3 Gillian Eastwood (C)
- 4 Rebecca C Harwin
- 5 Richard O Humphries
- 6 Christopher H Lewis-Brown

First quarter at first attempt for 6. Rung in memory of Roger Bailey.

City of London, St Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet Street,

Cathedral Church of St Paul

Tuesday, 23 April 2019 in 62m (61–2–2 in Bb)

1299 Stedman Cinques

Composed by Martin J Cansdale

- 1 Christopher P G Rimmer
- 2 Jillian E Parker
- 3 David I Bassford
- 4 David F Perkins
- 5 Martin J Cansdale
- 6 Alistair A F Smith (C)
- 7 Jemma L Mills
- 8 Andrew M Hills
- 9 Neil Buswell
- 10 Andrew P F Bradford
- 11 John N Hughes-D'Aeth
- 12 Benjamin J Meyer

Rung after Evensong on St George's Day

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