

1 Officers and Officials

2004 – 2005

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2 Master's Report

Thanks to a large intake of enthusiastic Freshers, plenty of regular attenders, and welcome visits by many others, the story of the last year seems mainly one of crowded ringing rooms.

This year's ringing for service and at practices has ranged from Plain Hunt Singles to Orion S Maximus. Service ringing at St Olave's has generally been well attended, with Surprise Major often rung. At least three bells have been rung at Shoreditch each month, despite the problems of the early hour, an awkward location, and clashes with people's other service ringing commitments. The Cumberlands have frequently told me how grateful they and the church are for having the bells rung, so thank you from them and from me to everyone who has been along.

Practices have also been well attended, with towers packed to bursting, and have taken place at Hart Street, Southwark, and St Sepulchre. Touches have ranged from rounds and call changes to 8 spliced and Surprise Maximus. Thanks to effort and concentration from everyone, we've had some good ringing and people making substantial progress.

17 UL peals have been rung this year, including nine handbell peals. The morning of the annual dinner brought a clean sweep of two losses, while eight peal weekend attempts were successful, all including firsts. These ranged from first in method to firsts of spliced, of major, of maximus, in hand, and as conductor. The Saturday morning of peal weekend demonstrated the strength of the society, with simultaneous peals of Bristol Maximus at St Martin-in-the-Fields, four spliced S Major at Waterloo Road, and Plain Bob Major in hand.

There have been 33 UL quarters in the past year, 12 of these rung on handbells. Towers included usual haunts such as Hart Street, St Clement Danes, and Bart's, as well as a trip to Egham - scene of Andy Bradford's undergraduate antics. Handbell venues included a barge on the Grand Union Canal, and the top of the Hart Street bell frame.

Thank you to the committee for all their hard work, to the organisers of this year's various social events, tours, and outings, and thanks to everybody who's contributed to the success of the past year by turning up and bringing so much enthusiasm.

Martin Cansdale

3 Secretary's Report

Well, hasn't it been a busy year? Hart street has been in great demand from visiting bands, and for peals, quarters and general ringing. Sunday mornings have been well attended as has the wedding ringing. Weddings have been numerous within the society itself this year. Kelly and Ben Sargent, Emma and John Taylor, Fiona and Steven Wheeler, and Eleanor and Simon Linford have all married. Helen Mansfield and Adrian Udal have recently become engaged, and special congratulations must go to Kelly and Ben, on the birth of their son Jacob.

With regret I report the deaths of Alan Thirst; Peter Layton; Vernon Benning, a founding member of the society; Peter Bruce, father of Becky Bruce; and the Reverend Canon Eric Jarvis, an ex-Rector of St Olave's. We were sad to lose the Reverend Cowling as he retired at the end of 2004. He was made an honorary member of the ULSCR in recognition of his support and encouragement of ringing at Hart Street.

The UL have been a particularly sociable lot this year, mostly due to general enthusiasm, and a good intake of freshers, but I think that handbells might have had a part to play. A semi-regular Sunday afternoon slot has led to an increased frequency in our visits to Brick Lane, but I'm worried that they're starting to recognise us at the Sheraz.

We had a number of socials over the summer holidays. The picnic was well attended, partly due to good weather, but mainly as it was so expertly organised - thanks to Katie and Andy! Trees were climbed, games of cricket and frisbee were attempted, and many ice-cube-down-t-shirt attacks took place. I seem to remember going to the pub afterwards, but then things get hazy...

Nick organised a thrilling ringing weekend in and around Newport, including a tour down 'The Big Pit', handbell ringing on the beach, stair-lift-races, and the now infamous Doctor Who board game. Later in the vacation a group of intrepid explorers (led by Jen H) spent a week on and occasionally in a canal around Warwickshire. Unfortunately I missed Jen taking a dip, but I hear the splash was impressive.

The SUA this year took place in Exeter. There was a top UL-attendance, but winning the 8 bell trophy seemed less of an achievement than drinking out of it. ECG organised some good towers and better pubs, there was an impromptu wrestling match in the church hall, and we just about managed a hung-over 720 of bob minor in a Nissan Micra.

This year's dinner was superb. We were back in the Habit once again, with engaging speeches from the Reverend Cowling, Dave Hills, and Martin, who all coped well with the customary heckling. Later in the evening Roger Bailey's dancing was inspirational to others, and Clare has kindly kept a record of events for us through her pesky digital camera. Many thanks to the organisers (Sam, Becky and Katie) for doing such a good job.

I wasn't planning on mentioning ringing, but I ought to say what a successful time we had on Peal Weekend this year, getting everyone into the same pub in central London *and* taking the majority of them to Wong-Kei's for a Chinese meal was no mean feat!

After last years freshers' tour, anything would have been an improvement, but this year we managed to squeeze in two! Garry gave us a bonus day out in rainy East London, while Kelly organised the main trip - deep into the mists of Hampshire.

There were a couple of miscellaneous events, UL-go-to-the-theatre, and a Shrove Tuesday pancake party spring to mind, and I'm sure there's a lot I've missed out! Thanks to everyone for organising and participating in the ringing and social events this year. I really enjoyed being involved with the committee, and would like to wish the new secretary all the best for the coming year.

Lucy Bricheno

4 Steeplekeeper's Report

There are still eight ropes in the ringing room, and these each appear to have a bell on the end.

Routine maintenance has involved the tightening of all bolts, and fiddling with twiddle-pins to correct odd-struckness. The treble stay was replaced after being cracked, possibly by visitors, then well and truly finished off when Olly rang it up. Many thanks to Garry for making the new stay.

The lock on the tower door also had to be fixed, after falling off when the President slammed the door shut. The repairs involved Garry repeatedly hitting a metal plate, while the unfortunate President was trapped on the stairs and subjected to a constant stream of innuendo. Thanks to both for their help.

Lastly, thanks to everyone who took part in the recent tower spring clean, and to Chris Kippin for periodically removing bags of rubbish.

Martin Cansdale

5 ULSCR Accounts - Year Ended 31st March 2005

Balances b/f	Community Account		287.18
	Halifax Savings Account		1,020.52
	Petty Cash		247.73
	RW account		29.77
			<u>1,585.20</u>
Income	Membership and subs	75.00	
	Donations and Steeplage	259.69	
	Peal Fees	2.00	
	Interest	14.34	
			<u>351.03</u>
Expenditure	CC Subscription	15.00	
	Handbell Insurance	43.05	
	RW expenses	93.51	
	Tea, Coffee etc	17.97	
	New Stay	39.03	
	Sports Kit	25.00	
	Visitors Book	12.49	
	Dinner loss *	230.60	
			<u>-476.65</u>
Loss for the year			<u>-125.62</u>
Balances c/f	Community Account		203.77
	Halifax Savings Account		1,034.86
	Petty Cash		207.19
	RW account		13.76
			<u>1,459.58</u>

* Cheques to the value of 240 were not paid in until after the year end, and one late payment of 30 had not yet been received. Thus the dinner actually made a profit of 39.40.

Peal fees were also not paid until after year end. They will be included in next year's accounts.

6 Picnic 2004

13th June 2004

One summer's day in June 2004 a rather important event occurred in the annual calendar: the UL Annual Picnic.

The afternoon's festivities began with a successful quarter peal of Cambridge Royal at Clement Danes called by the picnic organiser: Katie. This was followed by parties in various cars and using public transport to go via Sainsbury's if necessary to pick up drink. From here the UL in dribs and drabs met at Regents Park including those who hadn't been in the quarter and the now annual discussion over whether you have to pay to park in the Inner Circle was had.

The UL picked a spot near the children's playground but far enough away from the zoo that none of the UL would be mistaken for escaped inhabitants. One issue, however, with this spot which materialised after some time and not hastened by the consumption of alcohol was that there appeared to be no general public conveniences nearby. This problem was remedied by pretending to be accompanied by an imaginary small child and using the children's playground toilets or going for a long walk and discovering that there were no nearby toilets despite them being signposted. The Webb family was at an advantage in these stakes in actually having real small children.

Katie had organised an amazing spread including lots of sweet things, however the food quickly was demolished. I remember Clare bringing Pimm's and some ingenious methods being used to mix it up in the proper quantities and chop the assorted fruit and vegetables that accompany the traditional drink of summer garden parties (and, if the wedding I had been to the day before was anything to go by, the pre-reception drink of choice).

After the UL had taken its fill of food the fun and games began, being accompanied by chatter if necessary to pass the time between laughing at the haphazard attempts of members of the society to play Frisbee and later whilst spectating the wondrous cricket playing abilities of the UL during the annual test match. Andy turned up around the same time that tree climbing, combined with the ice cube relocation games, began.

The day of the 13th June 2004 was being eagerly expected by the great English public, not due to the UL's annual picnic but because it was the day of the France-England football match in Euro 2004. Most of the UL went to a nearby pub to watch the national team's exploits while I drove back to Northamptonshire on the quietest M1 ever. I got home in a record time walking in the door feeling confident England were going to retain their Frank Lampard 1-0 lead despite missing Beckham's penalty being missed. However by the time I had sat down France had equalised and by the time I had made my cup of tea England had lost.

All in all the UL had enjoyed a fantastic picnic ably organised by Katie which far surpassed any disappointment concerning results from pesky football matches.

Jenny H

7 Weekend Tour to Newport

23rd-25th July 2004

The UL arrived in dribs and drabs to Bassaleg on Friday 23rd July. After settling in at Nick's mum's house we went for liquid refreshment down at the local hostelry where everyone was satisfied to find a large selection of beer. After a nice evening we retired to play Trivial Pursuit and to test the 0-60 speed of a stair lift.

Saturday morning started with a nice fried breakfast before we set off to the first tower, St Mary's Abergavenny. The tower step sweepstake was organised whilst we waited for the key and UL day trippers to turn up. After ringing the glorious sounding 10, we headed off to Blaenavon. Whilst waiting to go down Big Pit there were suggestions of taking the handbells down the mine but luckily the plan was abandoned. It was great fun going underground even though most of us wished we were a couple of feet shorter; it was a good job they provided hard hats! Afterwards we rang at Blaenavon church, a nice little 8.

The last tower of the day was St Peter's Mynyddislwyn. After waiting around for ten minutes we assumed a lock out and rang some handbells. However, shortly afterwards the key arrived and we had a quick ring before we had to head off. In the evening we found a great curry house in Newport where even Roy Chubby Brown had eaten. After a few more pints of Black Sheep, Martin and Quentin decided to run back from the pub to Nick's house. It was only about 1.5 miles but uphill all the way. Not surprisingly, both believed that running on a full stomach was fairly stupid. Nick then insisted that we play the Dr Who board game. Luckily no knowledge of Dr Who was required, or we would have been stuffed!

As Sunday morning dawned, we rushed out down the hill to St Basil's Bassaleg for Sunday morning ringing. We had a quick grab at Newport Cathedral. After ringing, we climbed Twmbarlwm mountain (well, we cheated a bit by driving half way up). After lunch in Cardiff we went to the beach. We whiled away the rest of the afternoon by ringing handbells and the men threw rocks into the sea. Finally, five of us helped the local band at Bassaleg ring a quarter peal.

Thanks to Nick for organising the entire weekend and thanks to his mum for letting us invade her house.

Quentin Jackson

8 Summer Tour 2004

17th-24th September 2004

An adaptation of "The Rupert Bear Diaries part 59: Meandering in the Midlands"

Friday 17th September - Gayton to Heyford

The tour began with a tower grab at Gayton, where we met Jen's Gran, who seemed quite normal really. Chris also had his first organ grab of the week (church organ, that is). The group then travelled to Gayton Marina to pick up the boat and argue over who was sleeping where. We were shown around the boat, the Sexy Swallow, and allowed to drive it away on our word that we'd driven one before. Fools!

Seeing Roger skipping across the grass towards us, ice cream in hand, singing "we're all going on a summer holiday", signalled that the UL Tour 2004 was underway... or certainly that it was time to go.

Having turned down driving lessons, seeing as we all know how to drive a boat and don't need to be told, we were quickly introduced to manoeuvres such as the 'Jackson Slam', seeing drawers in the kitchen flying open accompanied by screams from Clare.

Within a few short hours we had bounced our way up to Nether Heyford and grounded the boat outside a pub for the evening, the Forester's Arms. The evening's entertainment consisted of Northamptonshire bar skittles, during which no one was killed, and a meat raffle, although we left before discovering what the prizes were.

Saturday - Heyford to Napton

A tower to start the day, ringing at Nether Heyford. The bells were OK and we rang London, Norwich, Kent and Stedman. We encountered our first locks of the week and Quentin did not make any cup cakes (his first of many failures). At Napton in the evening, Olly managed to get the boat broadside across the canal, causing an approaching barge to shout "give us a clue then" accompanied by suitable arm-waving and eye-rolling signals. Supper in the pub again, followed by darts.

Sunday - Napton to Warwick

This was a tough day, with 25 locks in 14 miles, not helped by Mr Saddleton, a well respected pillock of the society, walking along the bank pelting everyone with apples. After finally reaching civilisation we parked our craft in the restored canal basin and headed into town for dither... I mean dinner, after some indecisions, in ASK, followed by a heavy UNO session back on the boat.

Monday - Day in Warwick

A not so early start and a day moored in Warwick, giving the kiddies a chance to play in the castle and allowing the boring old farts to creep off and look at art galleries and grab new railway lines.

Jon and Marika joined us at the castle and Nick very generously paid for the tickets for everyone, then asked for the money back.

Those without heart conditions and nervous dispositions went on the 'ghosts alive' tour of one of the towers where the windows were blacked out, the lights were off and actors re-enacted a murder. What with actors jumping out from behind doors at you and whispering in your ear it was difficult to pay attention to who was being murdered. Mary was picked out of the group and beckoned forward by a ghost, no doubt because she looked the most terrified and was clinging onto Olly.

We rang at St Mary's Warwick in the evening. This was lucky, as Quentin failed to confirm the tower and the local only came along out of curiosity. He gave us a nice map of real ale pubs and we went to the nearest one (typical). This was followed by our first and only curry of the week. Quentin had too much beer and on the way home decided to lie down in an adventure playground and steal some road signs. Back on the boat we played Scrabble and Olly scored 69 with SEXOGRAM. He's learning English next week.

Tuesday - Warwick to Birdingbury

Quentin's road signs had disappeared overnight. His best day's organisation yet - the local at Leamington was less curious than the Warwick one and we were locked out at the Parish Church. Chris used the time to restock his wardrobe from the charity shop across the road. Two hand bell quarters were rung (Bob minor and Bristol major) later that afternoon and in the evening we went to YAP (yet another pub), where three brave members of the group, demonstrating their

competitive spirit, decided to order 'gut buster' meals involving amongst other things a 16oz rump steak, 8oz gammon steak, two lamb chops, two sausages, a quarter chicken, double portion of onion rings and a pile of chips and veg. The challenge was set - who was going to eat the most? They set off at a fast pace, constantly assessing the situation of their competitors. Whilst everyone else had finished their meals the competitors could still be heard saying "I've eaten more of my steak than you" and "but you haven't even started on your chips yet". Quentin was the first to drop out, admitting defeat and taking the remains back to the boat in a doggy bag. Dave and Olly decided on a draw after valiant attempts to finish the meal with neither succeeding but both un-nervingly quiet and red faced. Dave was accused of rule breaking after part of his steak was found stuffed into his serviette and Quentin discovered more food in his doggy bag on returning from the bar. These accusations were fiercely denied and the draw was upheld.

On returning to the boat Olly had to lie down to sleep off the food and Dave managed to stay up to play scrabble. Surprisingly Quentin awoke the next morning to eat some of the remains of gut buster.

Wednesday - Birdingbury to Welton

Day six was the final entry in the bear's diary:

"The boat was poled off the bank and the remainder of the previous night's gut busters finished off for breakfast. We got locked out of Braunston and somewhere else and Smithfield Doubles has fired up. Richard is pelting us with crab apples and poison darts. the heat is terrible and giant green mosquitoes are tearing the flesh from my body. Nick Jones is forcing two hand bells into my hands. Quentin is busy making a sludge cake. where is the gin bottle. I bequeath the UL my second-best bed."

The journal ends abruptly here. The remainder of the tale, therefore, is merely based on distant memories, speculation and lies. So no real change.

At some point during the day, after buying the ingredients for a sponge cake Quentin decided try his hand at baking. Attempt one came out of the oven sunken and uncooked in the middle. After trying several pieces of the cake himself he decided it was unfit for human consumption and gave it to some people who helped us through a lock. Attempt two had more success, this time producing fairy cakes. In Clare's rush to get a photo of the finished cakes coming out the oven, Quentin was hit by a bout of camera fright and they fell on the floor.

Our return journey today included travelling back through a tunnel, sparking a fit of boat rage when Clare took a photo of an oncoming boat (if only we'd had some cake left to give them). What with being blinded by the camera flash and deafened by the boat horn we emerged from the tunnel a little dazed and with a few more dents on the side of the boat than when entering.

Thursday - Welton to Bugbrooke

With a new driver taking the tiller the occupants of the boat experienced the 'Bailey Bash'. A loud splash was heard and we turned around to see Jenny swimming towards the bank.

Back on the boat a very lengthy game involving naming famous people led to stories of Roger setting fire to people and a demonstration of Olly's knowledge of porn stars. Meanwhile on the roof of the boat some unknown goings on involving throwing lit matches and re-enacting Quentin walking on the roof were occurring. Loud stamping sounds and screams were heard above Roger's cries of "I cleaned the roof today". The brave few still remaining awake and not sleeping half in and half out of the bed (Dave) or slumped across the table (Olly) attempted to finish the remains of the alcohol.

Friday - Bugbrooke to Gayton

In the absence of threatening letters, bailiffs and memory, I can only assume that we must have returned the boat.

Adapted by Olly

9 Freshers' Tour I 2004/2005: A report of great brevity

On 16th October 2004, a freshers' tour occurred, courtesy of Garry Barr. It incorporated a number of 8s and 10s in the east of London. The towers before lunch were St. Mary Islington, the recently rehung 8, and Rotherhithe. Dining at lunchtime occurred in the Wetherspoon pub by Greenwich station. From this point on my memory gets even more (if this is possible) hazy, but ringing in the afternoon included at least some, or fewer, of the following towers: St. Alfege, Greenwich; Christchurch, Isle of Dogs; All Saints Poplar. Following the afternoon ringing, a few people, keen to grab the maximum number of towers, headed off to Stepney, a bonus tower for the exceptionally keen. Most, however, seemed exceptionally keen on going for a pint and travelled without delay to the Half Moon, another of Mr Wetherspoon's fine establishments. Soon after the return of the Stepneyers, the next venue of the tour was decided to be Brick Lane where a fine curry was enjoyed and I left a whole bottle of lager. Some of the above is true.

Thanks are due to Garry for organising a splendid tour, and to Nick for getting me to write this report.

Charles

10 A Fresher's Experiences

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Since arriving in London in mid September, my conversations have been cluttered with people's names, what A-Levels they got and comments on how drunk they got last night. The typical introduction to modern university life I am led to believe — with just an essay or two thrown in for good measure. I had been told about the ULSCR by a few people and seen various articles and adverts about them in the RW. I therefore decided to show up and offer my services on the first practice night of term.

After getting rather lost on the way to St. Olave, Hart Street, even though it is well signposted, I arrived a bit late. Mistaking the timing didn't help either — 7 not 7:30! Not a good start. I was feeling quite shy (I hadn't met a drastically large new group of people for about five years!) but was immediately approached by the Master, asked my name, course and what I could ring, and was promptly placed on the third for a touch!

Everyone in the band was very welcoming and friendly, and the practice passed without further incident. The nearest Wetherspoons was the next stop, and I got to know certain members slightly better...! I was then promptly drafted in to ring for a wedding that same Saturday — that has to be one of my best pieces of advice: weddings can mean useful extra money so sign up for as many as possible. Learn from my mistake though — try not to spend all your hard earned cash that same afternoon in the nearest public house!

Freshers' week came and went, and life progressed as normal — the odd practice, the odd introduction, the odd house party with certain unmentionable games, and so on. (My second bit of advice is try to avoid having to get up before dawn the morning after a house party to go rowing!).

Then about three weeks into term on a mild Saturday afternoon there was the first freshers' tour, which covered a number of towers in East London. Lots of people turned up, some good ringing was done and a nice curry was enjoyed in the evening. The following weekend I rang in another wedding and rang my first quarter for the society — bob doubles in 36 minutes at St. Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield. Tudor bells — what an experience!

The annual freshers' reception also took place that week — where the new intake is traditionally bought drinks and food after the practice; that is if the pub is still serving food..! This was another terrific event, and I even had the satisfaction of beating the Master at table football.

So far I have been having a great time, everyone has been really friendly and welcoming and, of course, I have got to know a lot more people of my generation who ring.

The following weekend I was to meet quite a few more, as the majority of the universities associations in the South congregated in Exeter for the annual striking competition, the SUA. It was hosted by Exeter University which did a grand job in organising towers for general, competition and service ringing throughout the three days, culminating in a trip to the Cathedral, which was an amazing experience, if a bit daunting.

The UL officially won the 8 bell, and the 'A' team came second in the 6 bell — not counting the 'ineligible' teams containing people who were not current students. The 6 bell 'B' team performed well until the treble ringer missed his sally — despite a reasonable recovery the mistake had been made. Certain members of the UL then decided to have a dip in the sea at Exmouth, which was very cold but refreshing - if slightly insane!

Next on the agenda was a trip to Southwark Park to see some fireworks. After arriving at six we watched some fire eaters, ate candy floss, played with coloured sparklers, and then eventually saw some fireworks, which were spectacular. The following weekend was Reading Week — it hardly seemed possible that half the term had passed already. A birthday party in Covent Garden for one of the band was well attended, although those who went were unfortunate enough to witness the author's dancing repertoire — which is not to be recommended! The well organised secretary had arranged a trip to see the Reduced Shakespeare Company in Piccadilly. It was the first time that I had seen them — a very funny and well produced production; well worth a visit.

There have been two away practices away from Hart Street — at Southwark Cathedral and St. Clement Danes — which have given people an opportunity to work on their ringing on higher numbers of bells. And of course London isn't short of towers so it is a great place to go if you want to get involved.

Contrary to popular belief there are a lot of young ringers out there and in my experience they are a great bunch. Ringing at university is a terrific way to make quick progress and meet new people, as well as having a good time in the process.

Rupert

11 SUA Weekend 2004

29th-31st October 2004 Exeter, Devon

Friday 29th October 2004. There were several groups of people going down. Team Garry in Garry's car, Team Dave in Lucy's car (Dave) and people taking the train. Due to torrential rain the railway was flooded between Bristol and Exeter so it was lucky that Jen and Nick were taking the cheaper but longer route from Waterloo.

Team Dave won the race to Exeter and started the weekend with general ringing at St David's followed by drinking in the Imperial: a Wetherspoon's nearby. The UL appeared to take over a room with members sitting on chairs, tables and floors. We all thought Quentin's luck was in when he was seen talking to a girl for a prolonged period of time but it turned out to be a friend's girlfriend. There were several strange statues in the pub and a group of Americans dressed in fancy dress who probably came off worst in their encounter with the UL. We got to laugh when the various members of the Oxford band were not allowed into the pub due to lack of ID! When the pub chucked us out we went to the lodgings for the weekend — Heavitree Church Hall — except Heather and Chris, Garry, and Nick who had decided local B&B accommodation was the better choice.

The UL had claimed the extreme end of the church hall away from the doors and kitchen but also the toilets, but that meant we got to tread on other people on the way to the toilet!

In the usual manner some people got changed, tried to go to sleep but failed, perhaps due to the bout of Judo going on between Marika and Rupert. The UL didn't need to move to socialise with other societies, as they seemed to flock towards us: obviously the society's magnetism rules supreme. Award for best pyjamas goes to Haley for her "Executive Pyjamas".

At some point we tried to go to sleep only interrupted by some of the Southampton lot trying to steal Lucy back.

Saturday 30th October. The morning dawned early and it seemed to have stopped raining. Members of the ECG (the hosts) turned up to cook breakfast. The UL currently under the grip of handbell fever decided to ring some, so Martin, Lucy and Jen decided to attempt a quarter (I still have no idea why this seemed a good idea) in Lucy's car Dave. After shuffling bells and positions, and many strange looks, we rang a 720 instead and went back to the hall.

The striking competition was being held at St David's where we had been the night before. Once we had all got there we discovered we had been drawn fourth. At this point in time we started realising that the number of eligible bands was dwindling and therefore improving our chances. Some handbell ringing went on, including a quarter attempt on gravestones, which didn't quite survive due to the competition of the test pieces of the striking competition, and one which was successful. When it was our turn we climbed the tower and rang some Grandsire Triples. The band was Clare, Lucy, Jen, Haley, Charles, Martin, Chris and Rupert (this should be pretty close to the band placing from treble to tenor). After this the UL dithered and split (so not too different to normal) some went to the previous night's pub, others went to a pub in the centre and others went (shock horror) to general ringing at St. Thomas, a fine sounding but tricky ring of bells. It had some cool crystalline structures in the structure. Eventually the UL managed to reunite in a pub and split into two 6 bell teams, 1 eligible and the other scratch-ish.

Lunch was ordered, beer drunk, ringing occurred in various orders the order was not always the preferable one for good ringing due to the late start of the competition. The competition was held at St Petrock, a light but very tricky six. London A rang Cambridge Minor (Charles, Martin, Haley, Chris, Clare and Jen) while London 1 rang Cambridge Minor too (Rupert, Lucy, Quentin, Garry, Rhiannon and Nick). Some people went wrong due to "concentrating more on the awkward bell than the method" and others missed the sally altogether but it's the 6 bell — the UL excels in drinking at SUAs, not any other activity.

After the 6 bell competition was the results of both contests in the church itself, which interrupted various people wrecking the model of ringing in the body of the church. The results are below.

The result was that we won the 8 bell by coming third! Also came 2nd in the 6 bell from the eligible bands.

After the results the party split, those with cars or other transport going to Newton St. Cyres and Pinhoe while those who were walking went to St. Mark's and Heavitree. Another group decided

Eight Bell	Six Bell
1st Bristol (Scratch) (1st) 75 faults	1st Southampton (6th) 8.5 faults
2nd Bath (Scratch) (6th) 93	2nd Bath (Scratch) (5th) 9.0
3rd London (4th) 95	3rd London (3rd) 9.5
4th Oxford (Scratch) (3rd) 137	4th Bristol (7th) 10
5th Southampton (2nd) 168	5th London (Scratch) (5th) 14
6th Exeter (Scratch) (5th) 187	6th Oxford (1st) 14.5
	7th Exeter (Present) (4th) 17
	8th Bristol (Scratch) (9th) 20
	9th Exeter (Past) (2nd) 26.5

that they'd rung a bit too much that day already and went to the pub to drink, spill pints over each other and attempt to answer the quiz. We did go to ringing at Heavitree though.

We went to the designated pub in the centre of town and discovered a slight lack of food. The ECG had tried but there had be a mix up at the pub. Therefore we got lifts in the minibus to the hall where people went for Indian/chinese/pizza/drinking. The UL seemed to actually all end up in the same pub after buying alcohol at the supermarket. Much merriment took place and we admired Rusty's 2 pint glass. There was a film showing in the hall and drinking going on. Martin as the triumphant master insisted on drinking from the 8 bell tankard (we wouldn't want the 6 bell one after several society members were present when it was squashed in Southampton in 2002).

Sunday 31st October. Due to the end of British Summer Time we all got an extra hour in bed. The UL had offered to provide breakfast. This was started after the second morning of the Salon de Luce hair washing service in the kitchen sink.

We went off to different lots of service ringing either at Heavitree or St David's then off to the Boston Tea Party which was a funky coffee house with large photos of the developing world's urban areas. One group went off to attempt a handbell quarter, which was lost, others settled for reading the Sunday papers in the shadow of the cathedral and some went on a shopping trip in the city centre market.

Lunch was in The Malthouse followed by the unique experience of ringing for Evensong at the Cathedral. Various members of the society rang the tenor, rounds and call changes, surprise maximum and grandsire cinques.

Now when there have been floods, roads and rail tracks washed away and the River Exe in full flow the sensible thing is to go home. No, not the UL. We went to Exmouth for a seasonal dip in the English Channel. Martin, Rupert, Jen and Clare went all the way in and demonstrated the relative tans (Jen had just come back from a week on a Greek island) and dexterity of changing underneath a towel. Haley looked on in horror, Lucy and Charles paddled and Garry took lots of photos.

And from this point we left divided in cars for North of the River (Garry driving Haley, Charles and Clare) and South of the River (Lucy driving Martin, Jen and Rupert) stopping en route for food. Garry's car was entertained by Garry and Lucy's car by 'I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue' and various MP3s of Martin's.

Thanks must go all of the ECG who helped organise the weekend, and for ferrying everyone around in the minibus, also to Matt Hilling and Ian Avery for judging the competitions.

Next year it's being hosted in London, which will be wonderful especially in our 60th Year. Will we retain our 8 bell trophy or will we repeat the exploits of the society when it last hosted the contest in 1998?

Jenny H

12 Annual Dinner 2004

27th November 2004

Dinner Weekend got off to a good start with some well-attended pre-pre-dinner ringing at St Mary le Bow on Friday evening. It also happened that I bumped into a friend from my law course (recently ended in York) whilst waiting to be let in. Apparently, the fact that I was hanging about outside a church was evidence enough to convince her that it probably was me and to come over and say hello.

We had some good ringing that evening ranging from rounds and call changes to Bristol Maximus, followed by enough drinking time for those visiting for the first time that term to try to learn the freshers' names. I say 'try' as there seemed to be an awful lot of them, and it took all weekend to get them all right, but I consider this very healthy for the society, and hope to have just as many new names to learn at our 60th anniversary dinner in 2005.

Dinner day itself began with two peal attempts. Unfortunately, neither was successful, but the handbell band regrouped to score a quarter peal instead. The attempt at Hart Street came to grief too late into the attempt to do anything other than proceed to Imperial (via a consolatory pint, of course, and more unusually, via a French bookshop, which constituted the only Christmas shopping success of the weekend on my part).

The Imperial experience was new to a number of people, me included, and we were all pleased that the physics department (reputedly) regularly makes a project of checking that the tower sway is within safe limits. It did still seem that the view from the window did not remain as steady as might usually be expected, but there were nevertheless no reports of motion sickness.

Ringling at St Mary Abbot, Kensington, followed. There was something of a delay being let in here, but a lock-out was averted when the key arrived. We seemed a little thin on the ground here, some people presumably having drifted off whilst waiting to get in, but those remaining made up for lower numbers with enthusiasm.

Then followed the Dinner itself, for which we returned to The Habit, the previous year's successful venue. The evening started in traditional style with a champagne reception, followed by a very enjoyable meal. Further research could probably have supplied more detail of the menu, but I am sure I recall a very fattening and very tasty chocolate dessert.

As is also traditional, a number of toasts were drunk during the meal, though there didn't seem to be quite so many silly ones as in years past. The Master and President took wine with those who had rung their first HB quarter during the last year (and those who rang with them), and Jenny Holden took wine with all those who had circled the Northampton Ring in a narrow boat. Dave Hills restored the usual order, however, by taking wine with all those wearing a thong!

The speeches followed the meal. Dave Hills spoke first and proposed the toast to the visitors. The response came from the Revd John Cowling, long standing rector of Hart Street, and long-time friend of the Society. Whilst we hope and anticipate that he will continue as the latter for many years to come, he retired from his post at Hart Street shortly after the Dinner. He kindly proposed the toast to the Society, and Martin Cansdale, Master, responded.

The formalities over, the sweepstake on the length of the speeches was alleged to have been a fix (another UL tradition in the making, perhaps?), and the raffle was drawn (and I won my first ever raffle prize!). An adjournment to the bar area was necessary whilst the tables were cleared to provide a dance floor, and the UL and its visitors danced the night away. Jonathan Cresshull led us all in dancing the Macarena and to Wigfield's Saturday Night, and at some point Quentin decided it was simply far too much trouble to pour the beer from the flagon into a glass to drink it. Other unsubstantiated rumours include the romantic liaisons between Martin and Andy Bradford, and serious injury to Clara's foot.

All too soon, it was over for another year, with just the thought of the AuGM to sustain us on our respective journeys home. The meeting passed off smoothly on Sunday afternoon, and was followed by a handbell practice in the church hall.

Many thanks to everyone who was involved in the organisation of the dinner, and to everyone who contributed to what was a successful and very enjoyable weekend.

Alison Elwess

13 Freshers' Tour II

15th January 2005

The 2005 Freshers' Tour (Mark II) was organised by Kelly Sargent, and went to Hampshire. A good number of cars left London — or Basingstoke in Chris's case — and headed for Froxfield. This was swiftly followed by Privett, after which a pub was found and much — but not too much — food and drink was consumed by all. The afternoon towers were Petersfield and Liss, after which everyone headed back to London, and went for drinks in the Head of Steam in Euston. This was followed by a trip to a rather good curry house in Drummond Street, which rounded off a great day out very nicely. Thanks to Kelly for organising a great tour and managing to get the UL outside zone six and in the right place at the right time!

Rupert

14 Peal Weekend

11th-13th February 2005

The organisation of UL Peal Weekend is almost always akin to a last minute sprint, so it was not entirely surprising that Martin Cansdale, the current UL Master, had only begun organisation in earnest 3 weeks before the date. When firm details of the peals planned were sent out over a week before the weekend we knew Martin had pulled off a rare coup: not only were the details arriving much earlier than usual (and with more concrete details), there were students involved in every peal and each attempt was something that would help someone progress their ringing. Of course, we had to actually ring them, but this was a very good start!

When the Friday evening arrived various transport problems colluded against Grandsire Caters at Shoreditch. Even after James stepped in at the last minute we still met 9 and, once the willing volunteer to step down had been identified, Yorkshire Major came to grief after 90 minutes. All was not lost, however, as a handbell peal had been successful earlier in the day and extra pub time is always a bonus.

Despite the extra drinking time, Saturday morning saw everyone turn up to the places they were expected. With peals at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Waterloo Road and a handbell peal, 24 UL members were involved on Saturday morning - an impressive feat of organisation. St Martin's had a slow start as the clock hammers needed some attention before we could start, after which a good peal of Bristol Max was scored. Other notable performances were Peter's first of 'just about everything' at Waterloo Road and Lucy's first in hand.

With barely time to say good-bye to our morning bands many of the morning participants dashed off to far-flung London locations (Bromley, Wandsworth and Camden) for more peals. Again Martin had succeeded in organising peals for people to progress (rather than just for the numbers), including Jenny H's first in hand.

Saturday evening festivities started rather later than planned for some who were stuck on a slow train back from Putney, however, once the UL reached the pub much beer was consumed before a trip into China Town for food. The plans for Saturday night clubbing debauchery were put on hold and consequently the peal bands assembling on Sunday afternoon looked rather better than in previous years. Charles called his first peal at Willesden in fine style and a quarter-peal was rung at Clement Danes. Unfortunately 8-spliced at our local tower, Hart St, came to an early end. As expected drinking ensued by each band, with the hardier of the Willesden band eventually making the long-trek back into town.

Congratulations to all the UL members who rang firsts over the weekend (count them there are a lot), and especially to Martin who did an excellent job organising all the ringing. It was an excellent weekend in terms of ringing (8 out of 10 isn't a bad score) and socialising, thanks to all the incumbents and locals who allowed us the use of their bells.

Next year is our 60th Anniversary and the peal weekend will be 10-12th February 06. It would be nice to see UL members outside London getting together to ring peals, or joining the attempts in London, for more details see our website www.ulscr.org.uk

Katie Town

15 Peals

15.1 ULSCR Peals

CAMDEN, London
43 Weavers Way
Wed May 26 2004 2h21 (15)
5088 Kent Treble Bob Major
Comp. William Hudson
1-2 Nicholas W Jones
3-4 Katherine L Town
5-6 Martin J Cansdale
7-8 Oliver D Cross (C)
First peal in hand: 5-6.
First as conductor in hand.
RW 4859.566

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London
55d Cologne Road
Thu Jul 1 2004 2h35 (15)
5040 Kent Treble Bob Royal
Comp. Ian R Fielding
1-2 Nicholas W Jones
3-4 Oliver D Cross
5-6 Katherine L Town
7-8 Ian R Fielding (C)
9-10 Martin J Cansdale
First on 10 in hand: 9-10.
First on 10 in hand as conductor.
First Treble Bob Royal in hand: 3-4.
RW 4865.711

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London
55d Cologne Road
Wed Jul 14 2004 2h20 (15)
5088 Oxford Treble Bob Major
Comp. John Nichol
1-2 Nicholas W Jones
3-4 Katherine L Town
5-6 Martin J Cansdale
7-8 Roger Bailey (C)
First in method: 3-4, 5-6.
In memory of Vernon J Benning,
a founding member of the Society,
whose funeral took place this morning.
RW 4868.782

CAMDEN, London
43 Weavers Way
Thu Sep 16 2004 2h11 (11)
5088 Norwich Surprise Major
Comp. Ian R Fielding
1-2 Nicholas W Jones
3-4 Katherine L Town
5-6 Martin J Cansdale
7-8 Ian R Fielding (C)
First Surprise in hand: 5-6.
RW 4876.975

WEST HAM, London
All Saints
Sat Nov 20 2004 3h22 (26)
5152 Spliced Surprise Major
(4m: 1312 Bristol, 1280 Cambridge, London, Superlative. 112 com, atw.)
Comp. Albert J Pitman
1 James K Eggleston
2 Jennifer A Holden
3 Roger Bailey
4 Charles W G Herriott
5 Andrew P F Bradford
6 Martin J Cansdale
7 Mark A Humphreys
8 Robert C Kippin (C)
First on 8: 4.
In memoriam Peter Bruce.
RW 4889.11

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London
55d Cologne Road
Mon Dec 6 2004 2h19 (12)
5022 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Comp. Roger Bailey
1-2 Peter J Blight
3-4 Andrew P Sparling
5-6 Nicholas W Jones
7-8 Roger Bailey (C)
RW 4890.36

HART STREET, City of London
S Olave
Wed Dec 8 2004 3h (11)
5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Comp. Ian R Fielding
1 B Haley Barnett
2 Jennifer A Holden
3 Lucy M Bricheno
4 James K Eggleston
5 Nicola E Firminger
6 Katherine L Town
7 Martin J Cansdale (C)
8 Andrew R C Kelso
First peal inside and on eight bells:
3.
Rung by a band of postgraduate students.
In memoriam Reverend Canon Eric Jarvis, Rector of St Olave's 1986 - 1990.
RW 4889.9

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London
55d Cologne Road
Fri Feb 11 2005 2h15 (15)
5088 Lincolnshire Surprise Major
Comp. William Barton
1-2 Nicholas W Jones
3-4 Ruth Blackwell
5-6 Roger Bailey (C)
7-8 Martin J Cansdale
First Lincolnshire in hand: 7-8.
Rung for the Society's peal week-
end.
RW 4910.529

WESTMINSTER, WC2
Liberties of St Martin-in-the-Fields
Sat Feb 12 2005 3h35 (29)
5088 Bristol Surprise Maximus
Comp. David G Hull (no. 4)
1 Eleanor J Linford
2 Fiona M Wheeler
3 Charles W G Herriott
4 Andrew J Graham (C)
5 Andrew R C Kelso
6 Andrew P F Bradford
7 Katherine L Town
8 John P W Taylor
9 Martin J Cansdale
10 Terry M Astill
11 Oliver D Cross
12 Robert C Kippin
First Maximus: 3.
First Bristol S Maximus: 6, 9.
50th peal for the Society: 11.
Rung for the Society's peal week-
end.
RW 4910.529

WATERLOO, London
S John the Evangelist
Sat Feb 12 2005 3h4 (17)
5088 Spliced Surprise Major
(4m: 1344 Rutland; 1248 Cam-
bridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 90
changes of method, atw.)
Comp. Philip G K Davies
1 Rebecca S Bruce
2 Nicola E Firminger
3 Jennifer A Holden
4 B Haley Barnett
5 Peter M Jasper
6 Quentin S A Jackson
7 Michael J Trimm (C)
8 Mark C Bennett
First of Major, first of Surprise and
first of spliced: 5.
Most spliced: 4.
25th peal: 6.
Rung for the Society's peal week-
end.
RW 4910.529

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London
55d Cologne Road
Sat Feb 12 2005 2h20 (15)
5040 Plain Bob Major
Comp. E Maurice Atkins
1-2 Nicholas W Jones
3-4 Lucy M Bricheno
5-6 Roger Bailey (C)
7-8 Peter R King
First Peal in hand: 3-4
Rung for the Society's peal week-
end.
RW 4910.529

WANDSWORTH, London
the Holy Trinity, West Hill
Sat Feb 12 2005 2h54 (15)
5088 London Surprise Major
Comp. Stephen J Ivin
1 Andrew P F Bradford
2 James K Eggleston
3 Alison R Elwess
4 Peter J Bennett
5 Andrew R C Kelso
6 Eleanor J Linford
7 Martin J Cansdale (C)
8 Michael J Trimm
First London: 2.
Rung for the Society's peal week-
end.
RW 4910.529

BROMLEY, London
SS Peter and Paul
Sat Feb 12 2005 2h58 (17)
5056 Superlative Surprise Major
Comp. Charles H Hattersley
1 Dickon R Love
2 Lucy M Bricheno
3 Fiona M Wheeler
4 Adrian R Udal
5 Jon Waters
6 Robert C Kippin (C)
7 Mark C Bennett
8 Oliver D Cross
First Superlative: 2.
Rung for the Society's peal week-
end.
RW 4910.529

CAMDEN, London
43 Weavers Way
Sat Feb 12 2005 2h36 (12)
5088 Kent Treble Bob Major
Comp. William Hudson
1-2 Jennifer A Holden
3-4 Katherine L Town
5-6 Peter J Blight
7-8 Nicholas W Jones (C)
25th peal and first in hand: 1-2.
Rung for the Society's peal week-
end.
RW 4910.529

WILLESDEN, Middlesex
S Mary
Sun Feb 13 2005 2h45 (7)
5056 Cambridge Surprise Major
Comp. Charles Middleton
1 Roger Bailey
2 Katherine L Town
3 Jon Waters
4 Jennifer A Holden
5 Peter J Bennett
6 Michael J Trimm
7 Charles W G Herriott (C)
8 Martin J Cansdale
First peal as Conductor.
Rung for the Society's peal week-
end.

RW 4910.529

KENSAL GREEN, Middlesex
52 Burrows Road
Mon Mar 14 2005 2h18 (15)
5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Comp. John S Warboys
1-2 Katherine L Town
3-4 Nicholas W Jones
5-6 Roger Bailey
7-8 Oliver D Cross (C)
First Surprise in hand as conduc-
tor.

RW 4902.331

15.2 Saint Olave's Society Peals

HART STREET, City of London
S Olave
Sat May 15 2004 2h52 (11)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. Philip A B Saddleton 10 part
1 Michael J Trimm
2 Philip A B Saddleton (C)
3 Peter J Bennett
4 C James Hustler
5 Richard S J Saddleton
6 Terry M Astill
7 Mark C Bennett
8 Philip Naylor
For the baptism here tomorrow of Harry
Thomas James Saddleton.
Also wedding anniversary compliment
to Richard and Helen Saddleton, mar-
ried here 15/5/93.
RW 4858.542

HART STREET, City of London
S Olave
Sat May 14 2005 2h49 (11)
5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Comp. Mark B Davies
1 Alison R Elwess
2 Peter M Jasper
3 Martin J Cansdale (C)
4 Rupert H J Littlewood
5 Andrew P F Bradford
6 Nicholas W Jones
7 Charles W G Herriott
8 Michael J Trimm
First Surprise Major: 4.
First Yorkshire S Major: 7.
Rung on the morning of the Soci-
ety's AGM, and in memoriam Alan
F Thirst, past President of the So-
ciety.
RW 4914.622

WOKING, Surrey
8 Holbreck Place
Sun Jun 27 2004 2h55 (15)
5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus
Comp. Graham A C John
1-2 Nicholas W Jones
3-4 Ruth Blackwell
5-6 Philip A B Saddleton
7-8 Richard A Pearce
9-10 Roger Bailey
11-12 Michael J Trimm (C)
First of Surprise Maximus in hand: 1-2,
3-4.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Kelly
Barnes and Ben Sargent, married the
previous day.
RW 4864.686

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London
55d Cologne Road
Mon Nov 22 2004 2h16 (13)
5088 London Surprise Major
Comp. Stephen J Ivin
1-2 Katherine L Town
3-4 Nicholas W Jones
5-6 Ruth Blackwell
7-8 Richard A Pearce (C)
RW 4890.37

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London
55d Cologne Road
Tue Nov 30 2004 2h14 (13)
5024 Kent Treble Bob Major
Comp. Donald F Morrison
1-2 Marika Pascovitch
3-4 Oliver D Cross
5-6 Richard A Pearce (C)
7-8 Nicholas W Jones
First on 8 handbells: 1-2.
With the best wishes of the band to the
incoming OUS committee.
RW 4890.37

ISLEWORTH, London
All Saints
Sat May 7 2005 3h8 (16)
5007 Stedman Caters
Comp. D Barton
1 Harold W Rogers
2 Rebecca L Sugden
3 Katherine L Town
4 Jennifer A Holden
5 Robert C Kippin (C)
6 James K Eggleston
7 Andrew P Sparling
8 Martin J Cansdale
9 David R Cox
10 Andrew P F Bradford
First on 10 and of Stedman: 4.
Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of
the cessation of hostilities in Europe and
remembering those who died.
RW 4916.670

16 Quarter Peals

Strand, City of Westminster, S Clement Danes. 9 May, 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major:
Nicholas W Jones 1, Marika Pascovitch 2, Lucy M Bricheno 3, Quentin S A Jackson 4, David H W Ottley 5, Alison R Elwess 6, Martin J Cansdale (C) 7, Katherine L Town 8.

Rung to thank the outgoing committee for their hard work in the past year, and to wish the new committee equal success.

Smithfield, City of London, S Bartholomew the Great. 23 May, 1260 Spliced Doubles:
Garry S Barr 1, Jennifer R Pick 2, David J Hills 3, Quentin S A Jackson (C) 4, Katherine L Town 5.

Hart Street, City of London, St Olave Ringing Room. 27 May, 1344 Plain Bob Major:
Katherine L Town (C) 1-2, Richard H Hopper 3-4, Nicholas W Jones 5-6, Quentin S A Jackson 7-8.

First on 8 handbells 7-8. First as conductor in hand. RW594.

Hart Street, City of London, St Olave Ringing Room. 13 Jun, 1260 Plain Bob Minor:
Quentin S A Jackson 1-2, Nicholas W Jones 3-4, Martin J Cansdale (C) 5-6.

First in hand as conductor. RW762.

Strand, City of Westminster, S Clement Danes. 13 Jun, 1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal:
Rebecca S Bruce 1, Jennifer R Pick 2, Katherine L Town (C) 3, Jennifer A Holden 4, Nicholas W Jones 5, Quentin S A Jackson 6, David H W Ottley 7, Ed J Webb 8, Andrew P F Bradford 9, Martin J Cansdale 10.

First of Cambridge Surprise Royal: 7. RW644.

Smithfield, City of London, S Bartholomew the Great. 27 Jun, 1290 Spliced Doubles:
Garry S Barr 1, David J Baverstock (C) 2, David J Hills 3, Quentin S A Jackson 4, Martin J Cansdale 5.

For Evensong.

Hart Street, City of London, St Olave Ringing Room. 4 Jul, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major:
Lucy M Bricheno 1-2, Michael J Trimm (C) 3-4, Nicholas W Jones 5-6, Marika Pascovitch 7-8.
First on 8 in hand: 7-8. First of Treble Bob in hand: 1-2. RW762.

Hart Street, City of London, S Olave. 8 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples:
Martin J Cansdale (C) 1, Lucy M Bricheno 2, Rachel S Town 3, Katherine L Town 4, Richard P G Hayhoe 5, Jennifer A Holden 6, David A Town 7, David J Hills 8.
First Grandsire: 5. RW762.

Bassaleg, Newport, S Basil. 24 Jul, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles:
Jacqueline Jones 1, Clare E F Dyer 2, Lucy M Bricheno 3, Aled Jones 4, Martin J Cansdale (C) 5, Ian Methuen 6, Nicholas W Jones 7, Quentin S A Jackson 8.
Rung with 6,7,8 covering. First Quarter: 6. RW807.

Camden, London, 43 Weavers Way. 19 Aug, 1728 Norwich Surprise Major:
Nicholas W Jones 1-2, Katherine L Town 3-4, Martin J Cansdale 5-6, Oliver D Cross (C) 7-8.

Hart Street, City of London, S Olave. 26 Aug, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major:
David J Hills 1, Lucy M Bricheno 2, Katherine L Town 3, Andrew R C Kelso 4, Martin J Cansdale (C) 5, David J Baverstock 6, Andrew P F Bradford 7, Rebecca S Bruce 8.
Rung as a 21st Birthday compliment to Clare Dyer. RW932.

Grand Union Canal, Warwks, "The Pied Wagtail". 21 Sep, 1260 Plain Bob Minor:
Jennifer A Holden 1-2, Roger Bailey (C) 3-4, Nicholas W Jones 5-6.
Rung on the ULSCR Summer Tour while cruising from Bridge 41 (Leamington) to Bridge 34 (Radford). RW40.

Grand Union Canal, Warwks, "The Pied Wagtail". 21 Sep, 1280 Bristol Surprise Major:
Nicholas W Jones 1-2, Roger Bailey (C) 3-4, Robert C Kippin 5-6, Oliver D Cross 7-8.
First Bristol in hand: 7-8. Rung on the ULSCR Summer Tour while moored at Bridge 21 (Birdingbury). RW40.

Grand Union Canal, Warwks, "The Pied Wagtail". 22 Sep, 1280 Plain Bob Major:
Nicholas W Jones 1-2, Roger Bailey (C) 3-4, Robert C Kippin 5-6, Quentin S A Jackson 7-8.
Rung on the ULSCR Summer Tour while cruising from Napton Junction to Bridge 100 (Wolfham-
pcote). RW40.

Grand Union Canal, Northants, "The Pied Wagtail". 23 Sep, 1260 Plain Bob Minor:
Clare E F Dyer 1-2, Nicholas W Jones 3-4, Roger Bailey (C) 5-6.
First quarter in hand: 1-2. Rung on the ULSCR Summer Tour while cruising from Bridge 18
(Muscot Mill) to Bridge 29 (High House). RW40.

Strand, City of Westminster, S Clement Danes. 10 Oct, 1250 Pudsey Surprise Major:
David J Hills 1, Katherine L Town (C) 2, Lucy M Bricheno 3, Charles W G Herriott 4, B Haley
Barnett 5, Jennifer A Holden 6, Martin J Cansdale 7, Andrew P F Bradford 8.
First in method: 3,5. RW1053.

Honor Oak Park, London, Upper Floor Flat, 1 Bovill Road. 19 Oct, 1344 Plain Bob Major:
Jennifer A Holden 1-2, Katherine L Town 3-4, Nicholas W Jones (C) 5-6, Lucy M Bricheno 7-8.
First quarter on 8 handbells: 1-2. Believed to be the first quarter at this address. RW1076.

Smithfield, City of London, S Bartholomew the Great. 24 Oct, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles:
Charles W G Herriott (C) 1, Rupert H J Littlewood 2, Lucy M Bricheno 3, B Haley Barnett 4,
Garry S Barr 5.
First as Conductor for Society. 25th Anniversary of first quarter (also PB5): 5. RW1170.

Exeter, Devon, St David's Churchyard. 30 Oct, 1260 Plain Bob Minor:
Charles W G Herriott 1-2, Marika Pascovitch 3-4, Nicholas W Jones (C) 5-6.
First quarter peal in hand: 1-2. RW1121.

Strand, City of Westminster, S Clement Danes. 14 Nov, 1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal:
James K Eggleston 1, Rebecca L Sugden 2, Martin J Cansdale (C) 3, Jennifer A Holden 4, Charles
W G Herriott 5, B Haley Barnett 6, Andrew P F Bradford 7, Quentin S A Jackson 8, Andrew R
C Kelso 9, David I Bassford 10.
Rung half muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

Hart Street, City of London, St Olave Ringing Room. 18 Nov, 1280 Plain Bob Major:
B Haley Barnett 1-2, Oliver D Cross 3-4, Roger Bailey (C) 5-6, Lucy M Bricheno 7-8.
First on 8 handbells: 1-2. RW15.

Hart Street, City of London, St Olave's Bell Chamber. 18 Nov, 1344 Plain Bob Major:
Jennifer A Holden 1-2, Martin J Cansdale 3-4, Nicholas W Jones (C) 5-6, Charles W G Herriott
7-8.
First on 8 handbells: 7-8. RW15.

Clapham Junction, London, 55d Cologne Road. 27 Nov, 1344 Yorkshire Surprise Major:
Nicholas W Jones 1-2, Roger Bailey 3-4, Andrew P Sparling 5-6, James R S Sawle (C) 7-8.
For ULSCR Dinner Day. RW13.

Smithfield, City of London, S Bartholomew the Great. 28 Nov, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles:
Clare E F Dyer 1, Lucy M Bricheno 2, Jennifer A Holden (C) 3, Richard P G Hayhoe 4, Quentin
S A Jackson 5.
Rung for the ULSCR 59th Anniversary Dinner Weekend and as a birthday compliment to Ian
Partridge.

Strand, City of Westminster, S Clement Danes. 12 Dec, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor:
Peter M Jasper 1, B Haley Barnett 2, Lucy M Bricheno 3, James P Mort 4, Charles W G Herriott
(C) 5, Garry S Barr 6.
To welcome William Walter Paxson, born Monday 6th December. On the eve of Peter Jasper's
Blue Peter debut. RW42.

Egham, Surrey, S John the Baptist. 12 Dec, 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Royal:
Clare E F Dyer 1, Rebecca L Sugden 2, Charles W G Herriott 3, Katherine L Town 4, Jennifer A
Holden 5, Andrew P F Bradford 6, James K Eggleston 7, David H Stone 8, Martin J Cansdale 9,
Andrew P Sparling (C) 10.
A U.L. "Outreach" Quarter Peal. Also rung in nostalgic celebration of Mr. Bradford's undergrad-
uate antics in Egham. Poor Andy...

Hart Street, City of London, St Olave Ringing Room. 16 Jan, 1344 Plain Bob Major:
Jonathan Cresshull 1-2, Lucy M Bricheno 3-4, Nicholas W Jones (C) 5-6, B Haley Barnett 7-8.
First quarter in hand: 1-2. RW189.

Hart Street, City of London, St Olave Ringing Room. 23 Jan, 1260 Plain Bob Minor:
Clare E F Dyer 1-2, Jonathan Cresshull 3-4, Martin J Cansdale (C) 5-6.
First quarter inside in hand: 3-4.

Egham, Surrey, S John the Baptist. 6 Feb, 1307 Erin Caters:
James K Eggleston 1, Ruth Blackwell 2, Charles W G Herriott 3, Katherine L Town 4, Jennifer
A Holden 5, Andrew P F Bradford 6, Richard A Pearce (C) 7, David H Stone 8, David R Cox 9,
William J Pearcey 10.
Circled tower: 1; First on ten: 10. First Erin for all except 6 and 7. First Erin Caters for all and
Erin as conductor. An incentive for someone to learn to call Stedman Caters...

Strand, City of Westminster, S Clement Danes. 13 Feb, 1260 Plain Bob Triples:
Garry S Barr 1, Clara P Westlake 2, B Haley Barnett 3, Nicholas W Jones (C) 4, Peter M Jasper
5, Lucy M Bricheno 6, Rebecca S Bruce 7, Quentin S A Jackson 8.
Rung for the Society's peal weekend. RW529.

Smithfield, City of London, S Bartholomew the Great. 27 Feb, 1260 Doubles (6m, 1p):
Jennifer A Holden 1, Peter M Jasper 2, Charles W G Herriott 3, Andrew R C Kelso 4, B Haley
Barnett (C) 5.
Most methods: 5. RW334.

Strand, City of Westminster, S Clement Danes. 13 Mar, 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major:
Jennifer A Holden 1, Charles W G Herriott (C) 2, Rupert H J Littlewood 3, Peter M Jasper 4, B
Haley Barnett 5, David H W Ottley 6, Andrew P F Bradford 7, Martin J Cansdale 8.
First in method: 3. RW361.

Hart Street, City of London, St Olave Ringing Room. 5 May, 1264 Plain Bob Major:
Lucy M Bricheno 1-2, Martin J Cansdale (C) 3-4, Nicholas W Jones 5-6, B Haley Barnett 7-8.
RW533.

17 Compositions

1. 15/5/2004 SOS
5040 Stedman Triples
Philip A B Saddleton

231456	2 S H L Q 14	
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346125	s	
216435		x
(231456)		x s
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356412	x x	
512463	x x	
163425	x x	A
641235	x x x	
435216	x x	
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326541	s	
(342516)		x s B
541326	A	
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324156	3B	
125346	A	
231456	4B	
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2. 26/5/2004 UL
5088 Kent Treble Bob Major
William Hudson

23456	M B H
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25463	2 3 2
42356	4
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3 part.

3. 27/6/2004 SOS
5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus
Graham A C John

23456	M W H
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53426	s
46325	- 3 s
24365	- 3
64532	- s
32456	- s s
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Rounds at treble's backstroke snap after W.

4. 1/7/2004 UL
5040 Kent Treble Bob Royal
Ian R Fielding

23456	M W H
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34256	2
53246	1
62345	1 1
34625	1 1
26543	1 1
34562	1 1 1
43265	2 2
64235	1
43526	1 2
25634	1 1
43652	1 1 1
23456	2
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5. 14/7/2004 UL
5088 Kent Treble Bob Major
John Nichol

23456	M B
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26435	2 4
42356	2 3
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3 part.

Rung to Oxford.

6. 16/9/2004 UL
5088 Norwich Surprise Major
Ian R Fielding

23456	M B W H
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42635	4
56234	1 5 1
42563	4 1
35426	4 1
23456	5 1
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7. 20/11/2004 UL
5152 Spliced S Major in 4 methods
Albert J Pitman

23456	M	W	B	H
45236	-	-	-	LC.CSC.
24536	3	-	-	L.B.B.SL.
54632	-	-	-	L.CL
36245	-	-	-	SSS.C.SSS
24365	-	-	-	LC.L.
32465	3	-	-	LS.B.B.L.
42563	-	-	-	CSC.CL
35264	-	-	-	CSC.SL.
35642	-	-	-	CS.BBBB.
35426	-	-	-	BBBB.SC.
42356	-	-	-	LS.CSC.
25463	2	2	-	L.B.LLLLL.B.L
34562	-	-	-	L.CL.
46532	-	2	-	CSC.S.B.SLC.SC.
53462	-	-	-	BBBBBBB.L.
45362	-	-	-	LCL.
23564	-	3	-	CSC.S.B.B.L.
52364	-	-	-	CSCCL.
43265	-	3	-	CSC.S.B.B.L.
64235	-	-	3	LS.L.B.B.
52436	-	-	-	L.SL.
43526	3	-	-	L.B.B.S.CSC.
54326	-	-	-	LCCSC.
32546	3	-	-	L.B.B.S.CSC.
53246	-	-	-	LCL.
62345	-	-	-	L.BBBBBBB.
24653	-	-	-	CS.CS
25346	2	-	-	SSS.B.S.CSC.
23456	-	-	2	LS.L.B.

1312 Bristol, 1280 each Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

8. 30/11/2004 SOS
5024 Kent Treble Bob Major
Donald F Morrison (no. 6)

23456	M	F/I	W
42635	-	a	
56423	1	x	
24365	1	-	1 A
34256	1	x	2
23645	-	a	-
63254	1	x	2
32465	-	x	1
42356	1	x	2
23456	-	A	-

a = B,V,F.

Contains all 24 each 56s, 65s and 8765s, and 16 each 3456s, 6543s and 2345s.

9. 6/12/2004 UL
5376 (5152, 5022) Aldenham Surprise Major
Roger Bailey

(32456)	M	W	H
43256	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-
32645	-	-	3
36425	-	-	2
(36425)	[ss]	-	-

3 part. Start at the treble's backstroke snap.

True to all methods with fch Bac. Reduce to 5,152 by omitting [ss] in the last part, and to thence 5,022 by substituting sH for the final bob H. Contains 15 (14, 13.5) courses of 7-8 position for 3-4 and only 3 courses of 5-6 position.

Rung to Yorkshire.

10. 8/12/2004 UL
5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Ian R Fielding

23456	B	M	W	s3/s4	H
24536	-	-	-	-	2
52436	-	-	-	x	-
42635	-	-	-	-	3
42356	x	-	-	-	-

3 part.

3 courses of 8765's.

11. 11/2/2005 UL
5088 Lincolnshire Surprise Major
William Barton

23456	B	M	W	H
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54632	-	-		
43526	-			3
32654		-	2	
42356		2		
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3 part.

This is a rotation of the published version (CCC 1981 no 80).

12. 12/2/2005 UL
5088 Bristol Surprise Maximus
David G Hull (no.4)

23456	M	9	W	H
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24356				-S-
54326			S	
24365	S		S	
53462	-			-
65432			-	
63452		-S		
23456	S			
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13. 12/2/2005 UL
5088 Spliced Surprise Major (4 methods)
Philip G K Davies

23456	W	B	H
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52436	-		RRRRRR/YCC
35426	-		NNYC/CYC
42356	-	-	CNNN/R/
34256		-	NCCYCCC/
25346	-	-	RY/R/
32546		-	RYR/
43265	-	-	YYYY/CNR/YY/
64235	-		RN/NYN
23645	-	-	CNNN/R/
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3 part.

1344 Rutland; 1248 Cambridge. Lincolnshire (N), Yorkshire; 90 changes of method, all the work.

Contains 114 cru's, Tittums.

14. 12/2/2005 UL
5376 (5040) Plain Bob Major
E Maurice Atkins

23456	W	M	H
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42635	-	-	
56234		-	-
35264	-		
42356	-	-	-
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11 times repeated, calling s for 1st bob H in parts 1, 4, 7 and 10; and s for 1st bob W in parts 1 and 7.

Reduce to 5,040 by calling bob H in lieu of the last part.

15. 12/2/2005 UL
5088 London Surprise Major
Stephen J Ivin

23456	M	B	W	H
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45236			-	-
25346	-	-		-
32546	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-		-
35426				-
24653	-			-
56342	-			-
23645	-			-
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3 part.

69 cru's.

16. 12/2/2005 UL
5056 Superlative S Major
C H Hattersley

23456	B	M	W	H
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52436			-	3
34625		-	-	
23645			-	3
42635				-
62534		-		3
43526		-	-	-
53624		-		3
32546	-			3
35426			-	2
23456			-	3
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17. 12/2/2005 UL
5088 Kent Treble Bob Major
William Hudson

23456	M	B	H
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25463	2	3	2
42356		4	
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3 part.

18. 13/2/2005 UL
5056 Cambridge Surprise Major
Charles Middleton

23456	B	M	W	H
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35264		2	2	3
56342	-			3
64523		2	2	3
42635		2	2	3
23456		2	2	3
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19. 14/3/2005 UL
5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major
John S Warboys

23456	B	M	W	H
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35264	-			
32654			-	2
53624			-	
25634		ss	-	
34256		2	-	
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3 part.

Especially suitable for handbells: contains fifteen course heads with 5-6 coursing.

20. 14/5/2005 UL
5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Mark B Davies

23456	B	M	W	H
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45236			-	-
43652		2	-	-
43526	-			-
23465		2	s	
65432		s	-	
34256		-	-	
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3 part.

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