

# ULSCR

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1945-2005



Annual Report  
2005-2006



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## Master's Report 2005-2006

This year has been an extremely successful and busy one for the society. Practices have been generally well attended, with Glasgow, 8-spliced and touches of Stedman interspersed with rounds and call changes on the back six for our learner for the year Tim Moran, who has made significant progress during his first year of ringing under the watchful eye of Messrs Jasper and Cansdale. There have been monthly twelve bell practices at St Sepulchre's and Cripplegate, which have been incredibly useful for all involved. Handbell practices have also been well attended, with significant progress made in all areas. Sunday Service ringing has however been less well attended, especially at Shoreditch where we were lucky to ring three most months. Quarters have been scored of royal or caters every month at Clement Danes, with all being firsts for one or more of the band. Bart's quarters continued to happen, and a new regular third Sunday slot was secured at Southwark Cathedral, while the traditional practice slot there was abandoned due to poor attendance.

The society took part in three major striking competitions during the year, for which detailed reports follow later. The WWWWorthington Trophy was a good day out in September, and the ringing probably deserved better, although the master being ill following an incident with some beer, a nectarine and a suspect tuna sandwich probably didn't help matters. A band hadn't entered The Tewkesbury Shield, held in May, for a number of years, and were it not for some suspect judging, we might well have been placed higher than we were. The annual SUA was hosted by London, and organised very proficiently by Jenny Holden and Lucy Bricheno. The UL won both the 6-bell and the 8-bell trophies in fine style.

Recruitment has also been good this year, with many new members young and old joining the ranks. In early October, the society managed to secure a stall at the ULU Freshers Fayre, which was a success and raised the profile of the society immensely. Officially the fair is only open to ULU-affiliated societies but an exception was made for us this year. The old chestnut of affiliating to ULU was raised as this would bring major benefits in terms of both finance and publicity. Direct affiliation of the ULSCR to ULU would require major changes to our membership makeup but an alternative approach was suggested: the creation of an affiliated sister society e.g. the ULUSCR. In the end this was not pursued but it may be worth considering in the future.

It was another good year for peals and quarters (see detailed figures below) with notable peals being the 6060 of Stedman Cinques for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and both a masters' peal and a presidents' peal on dinner day. In addition to our regular slots the UL has been quarter pealing the length and breadth of London to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The ambitious idea of ringing quarters at the 60 nearest towers to Hart Street was dreamed up by past master Kelly Sargent and the quarters have been coordinated throughout the year by Garry Barr, with Katie Town leading the effort at the 12-bell towers. Many of the quarters were rung during intensive quarter peal weekends in January and April which were highly enjoyable if exhausting!

	UL Peals	SOS Peals	Quarters
<b>Tower</b>	10	3	44
<b>Hand</b>	7	-	18
<b>Total</b>	17	3	62

There have been ringing tours to all areas of the country. The Summer Tour organized by Andy Bradford was hugely enjoyable, and included a very competent ring at Exeter Cathedral. The Freshers' Tours went in October to North London, organised by Garry Barr and Lucy Bricheno, and in February to Surrey, organised by James Eggleston. Two more weekend excursions also went to Lundy Island, organised by Clare Dyer, and to Dorset, organised by Peter Jasper. There was also an outing to the glass tower at Basildon, and another weekend tour to Hampshire, coordinated by Lucy Bricheno.

Peal Weekend passed off without incident as did the splendid occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Weekend. The year has been one of the busiest and most active in living memory, and apart from the building work has been smooth and unobstructed. It has been a privilege to lead the society this year, and my best wishes go to my successor Charles Herriott.

Rupert Littlewood (with help from Nick Jones).

## Secretary's Report 2005-2006

This academic year has been ridiculously busy with, on average, at least one UL event every week of the year, so in order to summarise these I have decided to split them up within what I shall call the **Secretary's** or **Sec's Review of the Year**.

I shall start with this year's **Births, Marriages and Deaths**. I would like to congratulate Jason and Helen Hughes on the birth of their daughter, Abigail, Olly Cross and Mary Sloman as well as Tim Joiner and Rona Shaw and Sam Hovey and Gordon Graham on their engagements and Adrian Udal and Helen Mansfield on their marriage this year. Nobody appears to have died!

Next, the **Sports Review of the Year**. Team UL have enjoyed a successful year in sports this year with an all day treasure hunt around London looking for, among other things, the offices of the Dundee Courier and somebody's name written on a manhole cover! The picnic this year involved the UL version of The Ashes as well as Frisbee, bowls and football. On SUA weekend the SUA Superstars competed in various sports day events including the three legged race, sack race and egg and spoon race, ensuring that we got all far fitter and more in trim than last year. The biggest well done though goes to Fiona Wheeler who completed the London Marathon in April in under 4 hours 50.

The **Showbiz Review of the Year** saw the UL play Trafalgar Square live on two separate occasions ringing a mini-ring for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony and also playing carols on handbells around the tree to entertain shoppers. TV appearances for UL members have included the local news, "Songs of Praise" and "Supervets" although I don't think anyone got a badge for their efforts! The non ringing related UL trips to everything from Shakespeare performed by the Master to the more highbrow "Sing-along-a-Sound-of-Music" have been popular. As well as this, we've had a couple of cinema trips to the latest Harry Potter and Wallace and Gromit films and a theatre trip to "The Producers". In the world of fashion, the "Dave Hills Collection" came out giving UL members the chance to wear the official UL strip in one of three fetching colours.

The **Gourmet's Review of the Year** comprises the various food based activities of the society and I'm not just talking about our many visits to the Shiraz and Wong Kei's! We held a special 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party for the society with jelly and ice cream and birthday cake in October as well as the Christmas practice attracting a good number of people and plenty of food and gin. Peal Weekend was followed by the cheapest curry in the world although there were rumours that Olly was threatening to add a kebab to stop it being completely vegetarian! Clara organised a successful pancake party although unfortunately I was unable to attend as I was busy tending to the interior decoration of the Lord Mayor of Westminster's parlour! The main food event of the year is of course the UL dinner with the legendary disco and sing-along, but UL spies have also been to the CY, Southampton and Oxford dinners to double-check that we still have the best one.

The **Alcoholics Review of the Year**: UL members are still regarded as regulars in the Goodman's Field and Liberty Bounds...and Rising Sun; Hung, Drawn and Quartered; Founders' Arms; Crosse Keys; Ship & Shovel; Counting House; Sir John Oldcastle; Paternoster; Shakespeare's Head; Market Porter and a certain snooker club near King's Cross among many others. Although no UL event is complete without at least a "cheeky pint" somewhere, some have been specifically dedicated as a hardcore pintage session. The Freshers' Reception was enjoyed by all as well as UL members going to the Great British Beer Festival, the London Ringers' Christmas Social and we all said goodbye to Haley Barnett when she went back to America. However even these pale into insignificance compared to last June when the Master tried drinking 19 pints on his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. Unfortunately to fit them in before 11:00 closing time, he set off a bit too quickly to achieve his goal and was fast asleep and being looked after by 9pm. Luckily for Rupert, pubs are now allowed to be open 24 hours a day so there should be no problem this year!

Finally we have the **Tonk Review of the Year** detailing the slightly sillier news events from the society. This year, we've discovered that the boss of the Locksmith's Guild is indeed called Olly Fent, the UL songbook has given hours of choir practice and BNJ has become a much used abbreviation for the President. The UL phrasebook has gained some new phrases, "tidy piles", "cheeky touch" and "tonk" being some of the best known and the quotations page has produced a few gems with members getting St Paul's and Seps confused, admitting that they had had Santa's Little Helper, or questioning whether four entrances are indeed possible!

I have really enjoyed being your secretary for the past year and wish the next idiot who wants the job the very best of luck – they'll need it!

Peter Jasper, May 2006

## **Tower Maintenance Report 2005-2006**

The main tower maintenance points of the year are summarised below:

- Builders worked on the tower for several months during summer/autumn 2005, during which time they thoroughly cleaned the outside of the tower and replaced some brickwork. They also replaced the tower clock.
- The crown staple on the third had worked loose and was causing wear. The problem was fixed by Whitechapel Bell Foundry, at the Society's expense.
- The bottom of the outside tower door was shaved down by the builders so that it opens somewhat more easily.
- The yale lock was refitted to the outside door, following damage that occurred in November 2004. Unfortunately the arrangement is still not very secure as the lock is not directly attached to the door and is unlikely to withstand any significant pressure on the door (e.g. a hard kick). An alternative suggestion currently being investigated is to fix or replace the original metal dead lock.
- The chiming apparatus has been disassembled in order that it can be repaired.
- All the ropes are in a bad way below the tops. The bottom ends will need to be replaced in the near future.
- The Rector's unwanted junk was finally removed from the intermediate chamber, allowing it to be used for handbell ringing and improving sound quality in the ringing chamber.
- There has been no progress on the ringing chamber ceiling.

Nick Jones

## **Librarian's Report May - November 2005**

The last 6 months have been an active and exciting time for the UL library. The library stock has been checked against the catalog, and orders placed for items to replace those that are missing and, in addition, for many new items that I hope will prove useful to UL ringers of all levels. Most of these items have already arrived and are being added to the library.

The 2001-2004 issues of the Ringing World are being bound into four separate volumes. When this is complete, the library will contain bound volumes of the Ringing World as follows: 1952-1960, 1963-1985, 1987-2004. If you happen to have the 1961, 1962, or 1986 volume of Ringing World issues that belongs in the library, please return it.

Annual reports from the last approximately 10 years have been sent to the Senate House library for inclusion in the University Archives. Future reports will be sent there as well.

I urge you to consider what the library can do for you. You are welcome to borrow most items, and there are some items (such as minute books from old meetings) that can be reviewed in the tower. Please feel free to browse through the materials when you're next in the tower, or contact me for a listing of the current catalog (update in progress).

Haley Barnett, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2005

## **Librarian's Report November 2005 - May 2006**

Three more books were received to add to the library. These were histories of other ringing societies.

The library stock was moved so that it was all located in the same cupboard, with the more popular items being left out on top of the cupboard. This also meant that stock was kept separately to any food/drink, which should better ensure its safety.

A new notebook was purchased to record borrowings/returns.

A start was made on a catalogue to record the items present in the library. Anyone interested in seeing the progress on this catalogue should speak to Josie Crimp, who can email you a copy in its current state.

Tim Joiner has kindly donated the cost of having the 2005 Ringing Worlds bound. These will soon be sent off to be bound.

Josie Crimp, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

## Accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006

	£	£
<b>Balances b/f</b>		
Community Account		203.77
Halifax Savings Account		1,034.86
Petty Cash		207.19
RW Account		13.76
		<hr/> 1,459.58 <hr/>
<b>Income</b>		
Interest	9.79	
Membership	142.50	
Dinner tickets 2004	240.00	
Peal fees	70.50	
Donations and Steeplage	296.39	
SUA income	28.00	
T-Shirt Profit	85.84	
Profit on dinner	1.00	
		<hr/> 874.02
<b>Expenditure</b>		
RW expenses	150.52	
RW binding	200.00	
Handbell insurance	47.04	
Loss on Freshers' tour	38.00	
Sports Equipment	22.27	
Engraving	16.95	
Sundry expenses	21.85	
Striking competition fees	27.50	
		<hr/> 524.13
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<hr/> 349.89 <hr/>
<b>Balances c/f</b>		
Community Account		929.58
Halifax Savings Account		794.65
Petty Cash		45.00
RW Account		40.24
		<hr/> 1,809.47 <hr/>

## Dinner Account – Sixtieth Anniversary Dinner, November 2005

		Number	Price	£
<b>Income</b>				
Ticket sales	Adults	126	40.00	5,040.00
	Students	20	33.00	660.00
	Guests	2	0.00	0.00
Beer sales	Sales at the dinner	242	2.50	605.00
	Sale of surplus stock	10	1.50	15.00
Donations	Students' tickets	20	7.00	140.00
	Guests' tickets	2	40.00	80.00
	Disco			250.00
	Quiz prizes			52.25
	Postage			1.00
	Other donations			149.00
Total Income				<b>6,992.25</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Hotel	Dinners	148	40.00	5,920.00
	Beer corkage	242	1.00	242.00
	Late licence fee			100.00
Other expenditure	Disco			250.00
	Cost of beer			427.00
	Quiz prizes			52.25
Total Expenditure				<b>6,991.25</b>
Overall profit				<b>£1.00</b>

### Auditor's Report

Due to incomplete records it is not possible to provide an opinion on the accounts. However, they are as accurate as is possible with the information available and the closing balances have been verified as the true value of the Society's funds as at 31st March 2006.

Sam Hovey

### Assets belonging to the Society

*As of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2006*

The Society's main assets are listed below:

Library *	Vacuum cleaner
Set of 14 handbells with box	Set of spanners and screwdrivers
Gavel with box	3 notice boards
Set of 8 muffles	1 peal board
Set of 6 fold up wooden chairs	Various pictures, certificates and
2 cupboards	photographs
Various sports equipment	

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

Mike Trimm



## ULSCR Treasure Hunt 2005

*11<sup>th</sup> June 2005*

Following a kind offer by Chris Kippin to organise a UL day out in the form of a treasure hunt around the City of London, at 1200 hours on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2005 a number of society members gathered in the Crosse Keys public house for a formal briefing of the day ahead.

The briefing informed us that the hunt was to consist of 71 questions, the answers to all of which could (allegedly at least) be found on the streets of the City of London. The order of the questions had been helpfully muddled to prevent any sort of obvious route to take becoming apparent, though we were assured by Chris that a test run had been successfully conducted by himself visiting all necessary sites in under 3 hours. Due to the well known tendency for UL members to require frequent breaks for liquid refreshment en route, and to a lesser extent also to allow time for answers to questions to be located, teams were given a rather more generous 6 hours to complete the hunt, rendezvousing at 1800 hours in The Goodman's Field for debrief.

Upon completion of the briefing session, different strategies emerged. While teams eagerly raced out onto the streets armed with an A to Z to begin hunting clues immediately, others remained seated and worked on planning an efficient path around the City. Soon enough though, all teams had departed, and the hunt was on.

As the afternoon progressed, answers to clues were slowly but surely tracked down. Competition between the teams was strong, and in one case involved a team member attempting to distract an opponent from a nearby answer through making small talk. In itself this would not be noteworthy, though it was later discovered, much to the amusement of both participants, that the opponent in question had been attempting to achieve exactly the same goal!

Members of the public did not escape unscathed from the events of the afternoon. An off-license employee was caught off guard when he received a request for the year Holborn viaduct was built, and an unsuspecting couple appeared to be somewhat surprised when they were approached by Quentin and asked "How's your mythical knowledge?"

Teams reconvened in The Goodman's Field at 1800 hours as planned for debriefing and some much needed refreshment. Details of all answers were given by Chris, prompting several moments of 'enlightenment' as it was realised that in many cases the answers had been staring us in the face. Indeed in one case, a photograph had even been taken of a sign that constituted one of the answers but the team in question had not realised its significance!

The final scores for the day were as follows:

Position	Team Members	Score
1st	Martin Cansdale, Becky Sugden & Eleanor Linford	65
2nd	Garry Barr & Stuart Taylor	62
3rd	Lucy Bricheno & Peter Jasper	54
4th	Clare Dyer, Quentin Jackson & David Hills	51
5th	Becky Bruce, Ed Webb (+ offspring) & Sam Hovey	48
6th	Rupert Littlewood & Jenny Holden	42 ½

A prize was awarded to the winning team and the rest of the evening was spent reminiscing about the events of the day over food and drinks.

Many thanks go to Chris for organising such an enjoyable event. Hopefully the success of this day will prompt another similar event in the future.

David Hills

## **UL Picnic in the Park 2005**

*16<sup>th</sup> June 2005*

The 16<sup>th</sup> of June was a lovely hot summer's day (well, warm with the threat of rain really), which conveniently was also the day of the UL picnic. Despite the master's threats of cancelling and forming alternative pub-related plans we went ahead and after a massive supermarket run (thank you to Jen for shopping and Martin for pushing the trolley) UL members and associates met in Regent's Park with various beverages of choice (beer, Pimms and more beer).

After catching up and being introduced to the newest recruits of baby Jacob Sargent, who was looking very well, and the 6-year-old version of Rupert (aka his little brother), a dividing up of the food ensued complete with plates, serviettes, plastic cutlery and plastic sheets to sit on as the grass was rather damp (who said students were uncivilised creatures?) There was a fantastic spread of pâtés, roast chicken, cheese, fruit, bread, salad and crisps and dips. There is not much else really to report at this stage, as everyone was too busy eating and drinking.

Then followed the "who's the UL version of Freddie Flintoff" competition which I think has to go to Andy in seeing he managed to play without his glasses!! Nick also proudly demonstrated the never previously seen 'Welsh curl' which, for those of you unable to make this demonstration of superior bowling tactics, is an over arm style throw but all the movement is from the elbow and down as the elbow is firmly stuck by your side, just above your hip. At the moment of letting go of the ball there is also a little skip.... The bowls also caused some amusement, as Rupert junior seemed convinced that a football was a perfectly legitimate method of play.

As the evening drew on and the beer started to run out, we decided to reconvene in the pub. During the packing up some of us showed how stupid they were and began putting all the chicken bones in the plastic tubes we had been sitting on. Unfortunately a plastic tube has an opening at the top like the standard bin bag and, as the name tube suggests, a hole at the bottom. A few minutes were then spent removing said chicken remnants from Lucy's handbag. Fortunately I don't think she noticed. (OK, sorry Lucy that was me).

The chosen pub was Quinns in Camden, which for those of you not familiar with this pub sell a very large variety of foreign beers. By this stage of the evening my memory is somewhat in a beer related haze but I do remember the raspberry beer being particularly good!!

What is left to be said of this lovely evening is a big thank you to Rupert, Jen and Martin for organising, shopping and carrying food to the park and to everyone else for coming despite the day's threats at raining off the event.

Clara Westlake

## **Lucy's Southampton Weekend**

**Or There and Back Again: A ULSCR Tale**

*5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2005*

### **Chapter One – An Unexpected Curry**

It must be a record for the society! Within 10 mins of Lucy's Southampton weekend getting underway, the UL were in the curry house. Well, three of them anyway – Andy Sparling, Nick Jones and Lucy, plus Lucy's adopted 'mother', Judy Holmes. The first evening's pub was the Southwestern Arms, aka Nellie's Nob, which offered a bewildering array of beers (and more exotic concoctions). Hercules the pub cat (called 'Dave' by Lucy for reasons known only to her) was fishing away in the goldfish pond and 'Nellie' watched from the old pub sign. Clara appeared just before last orders, swelling the numbers to five.

## **Chapter Two – Queer Lodgings**

Accommodation was at Lodge Rd church hall. However, on the way back from the pub Lucy nearly got run over by a car driver who was apparently even more drunk than she was! Following Lucy's strict instructions from her 'mum' to lock the hall doors securely, the UL went to sleep although, at 2am, the slumbering hordes were woken by the arrival of Clara's brother – 'Fresher Jon' of the SUGCR. Next morning, bacon sandwiches were clearly needed but the hall contained neither grill nor frying pan. Fortunately Clara managed to locate a filthy saucepan, infested with dead woodlice, cobwebs and mouse droppings – perfectly hygienic provided nobody found out – and a highly nutritious meal was quickly created and consumed.

## **Chapter Three – Out of the Frying-Pan into the Firing**

After breakfast, the first tower was St Mary's – scene of the UL's sound thrashing by Cambridge (and everyone else!) in the SUA some years ago. Peter had turned up but the UL's numbers were still nowhere near enough for ringing on ten. Fortunately Lucy had prepared for this eventuality by inviting the Southampton University Guild, who arrived en masse about 30 seconds before the start time. Firing out Stedman Caters together was a great way of breaking the ice between the two societies and an excellent joint tour got underway. The SUGCR's method of the month, Norwich S Royal, was also rung, then on to St Michael's where Garry turned up in time for ringing down. Lunch was in the Duke of Wellington, which did a fine job of catering for so many people so quickly. Clare arrived in time to nibble on people's leftovers.

## **Chapter Four – Office Chairs Out of Bond**

Getting to New College early, there was time for a quick handbell practice before entering the redundant chapel, currently used as a dumping ground for abandoned office furniture. Threading their way through a jungle of derelict filing cabinets and office chairs on wheels, the UL came across a rather diminutive ring of twelve. These were Southampton's famous "Hartley Twelve" - creation of SUGCR veteran Mark Place. They went surprisingly well for a mini-ring: plain hunt on 11 was successful and a whole course of Bristol Major came round. Meanwhile, those not ringing had started to play dodgems on the wheelie chairs and Nick got one of his 'great ideas' – a ULSCR train. Before you could say "shunt bob" a locomotive named Clara was coupling up to chair-coaches 'Peter', 'Lucy', 'Clare' and 'Nick'. The guard blew her whistle and the 14.35 set off for the next tower...

## **Chapter Five – On the Doorstep**

The next tower was St Barnabas, Lodge Rd, a ground floor ring of six where the church doors closed directly across the centre of the rope circle. With the doors shut, three of the ringers would be safely inside the church, with the other half of the band outside on the doorstep! This all made for an entertaining experience although not necessarily for the best quality ringing. Still, a touch of variable-cover 'Silly Spliced' by Olly Hall came round successfully. Bitterne Park was a tower with no less of a split personality: a huge ringing room with the 1,2,7 and 8 ropes in a straight line along one wall and the other four along the opposite side! The ringing was better than might be expected but people left in rather a hurry when the organiser suddenly realised we only had two minutes to get to the next tower!

## **Chapter Six – Rides in the Dark**

Arrival at North Stoneham was actually half an hour early (Lucy had got the time wrong). These sounded glorious but were a bit lumpy and extremely odd struck. Leaving here ahead of schedule gave ample time for a visit to Pizza Hut. After dinner, the SUGCR went home (or maybe they knew a better pub), while the UL returned to Nellie's once again. Dave was still (unsuccessfully) fishing and the beer was still good. At closing time, Garry gave Clare a lift back to Oxford and the rest staggered back towards town – all except Clara, that is, who managed to ride Nick's bike, (surprisingly without sustaining injury: "I can ride much better when I'm drunk!")

## **Chapter Seven – A Thief In the Night**

The safety of the church hall was nearly reached but the evening was far from over, as the UL suddenly forked off towards ‘The Hobbit’ – a Middle-Earth themed bar, serving weird and wonderful cocktails such as ‘Gollum’ and ‘Frodo’. Soon after entering, Lucy turned very pale and slumped motionless over a table. Some said she had been stung by a poisonous spider known as ‘Old Rosie’ (or did I mishear?) but, whatever the cause, she could not be woken. There was really nothing the rest could do but down a few more ‘Gandalf’s in the hope of breaking the spell. When Lucy finally did return to consciousness, her mobile phone had disappeared without trace – presumably stolen. Neither the phone nor the culprits were ever found but from what Lucy was muttering, she clearly had her suspicions: “Thief Baggins! - We hates it, we hates it for ever!”

## **Chapter Eight – A Warm Welcome**

After the Middle-Earth excesses of the previous night, a relaxing lie in was called for. It didn’t happen. A 6am breakfast, and off to the first tower, South Stoneham, a ring of three that not even Lucy had rung at before. Six excessively keen people turned up to ring at 07.30, starting a circuit of service ringing that revisited most of the towers from the previous day. The UL received an invitation to coffee at the home of Nic Firminger (like Lucy, a recent UL/SUGCR transfer), which was eagerly accepted. The urn-like biscuit tin prompted the question of which ancestor it contained, but thankfully its contents were edible for non-cannibals. For some reason the conversation turned to Rocky Horror and people recounted their happy experiences in stockings & suspenders.

## **Chapter Nine - Roast Beef, Lamb & Chicken**

The remaining members of the group moved on to Winchester where a pub by the cathedral served an excellent roast lunch. However, Nick Jones was mortified to discover that the SUGCR had spent the entire previous day believing him to be David Baverstock! Wandering the grounds of the cathedral looking for a suitable handbell venue, Edmund Wratten was spotted and recruited to a course of Bob Major. Unfortunately the cathedral groundsmen were less impressed and the UL were quickly moved off the grass, bringing back memories of the previous autumn’s trip to Exeter. Up in the cathedral tower, Edmund had rigged up a CCTV system so that people could watch their bell at the same time as ringing it. Going one better, he had also made a miniature mobile camera, which scuttled around the ringing chamber filming people’s ankles. Unfortunately at this point some spoilsport suggested we probably ought to ring. There were only enough to ring eight at a time but, with plenty of eights to choose from, every bell was rung at least once. After ringing, Peter presented Lucy with a card and an alcoholic thank you present.

## **Chapter Ten - Not at Home**

The final tower of the weekend was supposed to be Winchester College. However, the tower captain wasn’t in so Lucy didn’t know if we had permission to ring. Instead people just ate ice cream and went home. A very big thank you to Lucy for an excellent, fun-filled weekend!

Bilbo

## **W W Worthington Cup Striking Competition**

*September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005: Derby Cathedral*

Let the winds blow high,  
Let the winds blow low,  
Down the street in my pants I go  
And all the ringers say ‘hello!’  
Master, where’s your troosers?

*(Traditional Scottish Song, slightly modified...)*

There is a worrying pattern emerging, which goes something like this: “James, will you ring in XYZ striking competition, in N months time, please?” It goes into the diary, followed perhaps a week before the event by, “Erm, sorry, I can’t ring: I’ve broken my <insert any limb, or indeed a selection, here>.” Is it a recently acquired subconscious phobia of striking competitions causing these incidents or merely my body’s reactionary manner of suggesting my striking is truly atrocious and my own disablement would be for the greater good of the society? Probably the latter. Nevertheless, the UL’s 2005 entry in the W.W. Worthington Cup – our first (and possibly last) for some years was a day to remember.

Just ten days before the competition, someone prostrated themselves at my front wheel and I catapulted myself off my bicycle on a cycling tour just outside Abingdon, rendering myself unringable for nearly three months. Fortunately, the society’s favourite import, Haley Barnett came to the UL’s rescue. The test piece was a plain course of Cambridge Royal, and the night before the competition, the band assembled for a practice at Shoreditch, followed by a ‘few’ beers. Hmm.

On the day itself, I decided to come along for the ride as cheerleader, negligently leaving my pompoms in Egham and joined the Bradford-Town, Graham, and Littlewood contingent at Weavers Way early on the Saturday morning for a day out in sunny Derby. It soon became apparent that Rupert was “not feeling too well”, having been dangerously separated from food during the previous couple of hours. However, a nectarine was considered a suitable interim source of nourishment. Before long, the intellectual hum in the Bradmobile that was Andrew’s Suduko, James and Katie’s study and Andy’s driving music was interrupted by a worried “I need to stop” somewhere at the base of the M1. Alas, we were too late. Rupert’s trousers managed to contain most of the nectarine, which had reappeared as if by magic in a Stella Artois marinade denying Andy of a more unusual customised interiors extras for a Ford Focus . I don’t know whether Andrew had finished his Sudoku puzzle, but we did find use number 101 for his newspaper on the hard shoulder of the M1.

Motorway service stations are not sponsored by Carlsberg and as such don’t generally offer a wide selection of trousers, so after Rupert paraded around in his pants at the nearest stop off point, we decided to press on in earnest. Arriving in Derby, we heard the bells ringing – they sounded better than I remembered (they are the oldest complete ring of ten bells). “That ringing sounds like the last course of a peal; shall we go back?” said our conductor, sagely – we decided to be brave. We met up with the rest of the team in a tea shop while Rupert who was still feeling “a bit ill” wandered around Derby’s town centre in his pants searching for fulfilment in the trouser department before assembling for the draw. We were up against the Derby D.A. on their home territory, the Leicester D. G. (The cathedral peal band, of which most knew the bells pretty well), and ringers from Sheffield representing the Yorkshire Association.

Sitting on a bollard outside the cathedral in between talking to children and tramps, I heard most of the ringing before the ice cream van arrived. Although Rod Pipe placed us last, for a team that had only rung together for the first time the night before, it was a laudable performance – the other teams were effectively peal bands out on a jaunt on a beautiful summer’s day. Post ringing was spent in the traditional manner – there was a very good pub in the shadow of the cathedral with a garden, and the winning team very kindly filled the trophy with a lethal concoction of beer, brandy, port and silver polish to be passed around the participants. Perhaps as a way of making sure we don’t compete next year...

Thanks to Rupert for entering the team, organising the practice and providing the entertainment, and to the team for giving up their time. We should do it again next year; maybe leave off the nectarines, though?

## **Team**

Rupert Littlewood; Becky Bruce; Katie Town; Andrew Bradford; Quentin Jackson; Haley Barnett; Andrew Graham (c); Martin Cansdale; Sam Hovey; Becky Sugden; James Eggleston (Mascot).

## **Results**

- 1) Derby Diocesan Association (58 points)
- 2) Leicester Diocesan Guild (68 points)
- 3) Yorkshire Association (108 points)
- 4) University of London (116 points)

## **The Ringing World Roadshow 2005 (plus a visit to Exeter)**

*10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September 2005*

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

It was early September. Summer was drawing on, the cricket season was moving to a close, and it was time for the UL to set off on a trip full of fun, excitement, and adventure – a visit to the Ringing World Roadshow 2005! Having been issued with instructions to meet at Olly and Mary's at 1015, the UL instead dithered at King's Cross, until Andy arrived in a minibus to take us to Newbury.

Despite the entreaties of his passengers, Andy let Olly on board when we got to Ealing, and so it was with a groaning suspension that the bus made its way along the M4 to Newbury race course. Once there, the UL contingent dispersed to sample the minirings, stalls, ringing demonstrations, queues for food, and Hogsback Brewery T.E.A.

Having seen all that the Roadshow had to offer in the way of jumpers with blue lines knitted into them, we returned to the minibus. It seemed to us all that it would be a waste to head straight back to London without making the most of our trip. Luckily Andy just happened to have organized a few towers in Exeter. As a pint or two there would be more or less on the way home, we set off further West.

In the early evening, we arrived at our accommodation – two floors of very comfortable student rooms on the University campus. With communal areas and plenty of fridge space for tonic water, it seemed that we had an ideal base for the week – and apart from some slight confusion over the layout of Roger's room, this proved to be the case. For now, however, we struck out in search of something to quench our thirst after the long drive.

In one of those strange quirks that science can never hope to explain, the route to the Imperial (a large Wetherspoon's) from the University doesn't match the route back. The way downhill is short, direct, and easy to spot. After a frugal meal and an abstemious sampling of the beer on offer, we found that the way back up the hill involved an extended trek through bushes, up and down banks, and down numerous dead ends. Luckily, restorative measures of gin were available when we arrived back.

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Sunday morning dawned, and keen UL ringers dispersed to St David's, St Mark's, and Heavitree to join in the local Sunday ringing. After reconvening in the Imperial for brunch, we set off to the cathedral. Once up the tower, with the itinerary's warning that the 72 cwt bells would "present slightly more of a challenge than Hart Street" firmly in mind, there were many nervous gazes taking in the cavernous ringing room.

In spite of the weight of the bells, we made a decent job of ringing for evensong, with call changes, cinquies and maximus being rung. Flushed with success, some of the party headed to Tesco to buy some food for the evening, while the rest retired to a tea shop. A breakaway group headed to the Prospect, a pleasant pub on the Quayside. The tea drinking contingent soon saw the error of their ways, and soon all were enjoying beer from the Otter brewery, before heading back to the campus for a superb spaghetti bolognese cooked by some kind volunteers. After a trip to the Victoria Inn – a studenty pub just down the road from the campus – the main activity of the evening was attacking Peter's hair. Withstanding straightening irons and mousse, his mop remained defiantly curly. Defeated, we returned to drinking gin and trying to steal Andy's trousers.

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Monday morning dawned in much the same way as Sunday. Clutching cups of tea and chewing on slices of toast, the UL gradually made their way towards consciousness. Having shepherded us onto the minibus, Andy whisked us off to Bovey Tracey, on the edge of Dartmoor. After ringing on this fine Taylor eight, we struck out for Haytor. One of the highest points on Dartmoor, this granite avenue tor gave us the opportunity to show how fit and energetic we were. A miraculously accident free scramble to the top, and we were enjoying fine views of a sunny moor. After the obligatory group photo and a rapid descent, a game of catch amongst assorted animal droppings provided a hygienic prelude to lunch.

We ate at the Olde Inn at Widecombe in the Moor. As well as the usual West Country fare such as haggis (yes, really), this pub offered a mixed grill only slightly smaller than Haytor. This was too much of a challenge for Rob to ignore, and the only difficulty he experienced in polishing it off was an interruption caused by him knocking over a full pint. Following a leisurely mooch around the village fête, or a couple of leisurely pints in the pub garden if preferred, it was time for more ringing at the church of St Pancras. Visits to another two towers – St Michael's Chagford and St Andrew's Moretonhampstead – involved pleasant driving through some of the most scenic areas of the moor.

The itinerary confidently predicted taking about half an hour to get back to Exeter. A navigational error on the outskirts of the city (for which I may just possibly have been responsible) delayed us by a few minutes, but we were still back in time to catch the highlights of the last day of the Ashes. Surprisingly, we then opted to spend the evening having a few drinks and going for a curry.

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Another morning, another trip in the minibus. Finding Buckfastleigh, a pretty market town and the home of Buckfast tonic wine, proved very straightforward. Once there it became apparent that finding the tower would be a stiffer test. As the church with bells burnt down in 1992, asking for directions just led us to a modern church in the centre of the town. After a frantic drive onto the limestone rock that overlooks the town, with increasing worry about keeping the local with the keys waiting, we found the church in the nick of time and had our first lock-out of the tour.

As the tower is the only bit of the church not in ruins, we were able to get into the roofless nave and put our time to good use. Most of the party played the human knot game. The rest of us thought up songs suitable for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner until Andy was able to contact the tower correspondent and get us let in. There was time for a quick grab, but then we had a train to catch.

The South Devon Railway originally ran from 1872 to 1962, being part of God's Wonderful Railway from 1876 to nationalization. Since 1969 it has been run as a preserved steam line. We arrived at its Buckfastleigh terminus in plenty of time and boarded the 1215 to Totnes, pulled by the ex GWR locomotive 1369. The UL immediately turned into railway enthusiasts when it was realized that the train had a buffet car stocked with Somerset cider.

Bottles bought, glasses filled, and whistles wet, we sat back to enjoy a relaxed journey along the beautiful Dart Valley. Concerned at the buffet car running out of cider halfway to Totnes, we were reassured when the guard asked which train we were travelling back on, so that they could stock up. In the meantime, alighting at Totnes station, we had to go thirsty for a while longer. We climbed what seemed like 5000 feet into the town and to the Kingsbridge Inn. This was the venue for a filling lunch and some good beer, before the refreshed and refueled party headed to St Mary's. For future reference, this is the place to go if there is ever a global shortage of tenor rope, as there are yards to spare here.

After the ringing, and with Sherpa porters in tow, we made the precipitous descent through Totnes back to the station. The buffet car attendant told us that for the 1630 they'd restocked the buffet car with all the cider in the railway's storeroom. The 1630 was, however, delayed waiting for a coach party to meet the train. It therefore became the 1650, by which time we'd again bought them out of cider.

On our return to Exeter, some of the more useful and competent (that is, female) members of the group cooked sausage casserole, and we all had a few glasses of tonic water for health purposes, before retiring for an early night – all were in bed by six o'clock.

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

I literally had a rude awakening on Wednesday morning. Having carefully set my alarm the night before, I was woken by Andy banging on the door to tell me that the minibus was leaving in ten minutes. It was almost certainly the rush that caused me to fall over while putting my socks on.

There were quite a few dazed and tired looking people on the minibus as we headed to Thorverton. To quote the itinerary, "Roger will be in charge. I hope he has not had too much to drink the night before!" This was ironically far from the truth, but we still had some well run, decent ringing. More of the same followed on the magnificent 25cwt eight at Tiverton, before we headed to the Racehorse for lunch.

Wednesday had been planned as ‘cider day’, with everyone tucking into the local scrumpy. This scheme was defeated by some appalling hangovers, and the first pub all week not serving real cider. This did perhaps leave us in better shape to ring at Uffculme than would otherwise have been the case.

We were in for a long afternoon, with Cullompton’s 10 and Broadclyst’s 8 also on the itinerary. Spirits were kept high by bubble blowing on the bus, and Peter playing with a My Little Pony from Lucy’s car. On our return to our accommodation we were revived by mountains of pizza and Chinese takeaway, collected by Lucy. As quinine is an ideal accompaniment to monosodium glutamate, we also tucked into the gin.

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

A late start today, before setting off to Kingsteignton and ringing on the fine Gillett eight there. After a brief delay for the minor minibus scrape which comes as standard on this sort of trip, we proceeded to the six at Stoke Gabriel. This attractive village also provided us with the New Church Inn, our venue for lunch. Good food and good beer was enjoyed by all, before Quentin sat in the stocks outside the pub. Unfortunately we weren’t fast enough finding a padlock. The sensible members of the party enjoyed the rest of our drinking time, while the President led others to ring handbells in a car park.

Our destination after lunch was Brixham, a ten bell tower near the coast. Here Clare and Quentin found a playground with a see-saw, and couldn’t resist trying it out. A slight disparity in weight launched Clare high into the air, before she fell back to the ground, injuring herself. When those in slower cars arrived, her wounds were being treated by members of the nearby bowls club, who then kindly drove her to Casualty. Clare was collected later in the day, with a cut chin and arm in a sling.

After the excitement of Brixham, there was more to come. From Kingswear, we were to take the ferry across the mouth of the Dart to Dartmouth. A boat journey wouldn’t be complete without a drink afloat, so a number of people stopped off at an off licence for some cider. As the journey was only half a mile or so, consumption had to be fairly speedy.

In the shadow of the Royal Naval College we made our way to St Saviour. Ringing here included a touch of the standard eight rung half lead spliced, thanks to Rob’s compositional abilities. Then there was time for chips by the waterfront, before taking the ferry and then minibus back to Exeter. Dithering and a curry followed.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

The last day of the tour was spent in Exeter itself. Things got off to a good start, thanks to a shop selling full English breakfast pies. Suitably fed, we rang on the eights at St Mark’s, Heavitree and St David’s. Heavitree church contained a number of wooden puzzles, perfect for keeping UL members quiet when they weren’t ringing.

With more than two hours available for lunch, we headed back to the Imperial. Here Andy and Katie were presented with presents to thank them for their organization – including a model of Michael Schumacher’s Ferrari, in recognition of Andy’s skillful use of the racing line on country roads.

Thanks and drinking over, it was time for more ringing. The six at St Petrock are light, and the itinerary asked us to “please be gentle.” Accordingly, Mary kept Olly and me in the pub. All were reunited in time for the interesting eight of St Thomas the Martyr, where Rupert came in for some gentle ribbing.

On to the pub for the final time, and the tour was over all too soon.

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Early on the Saturday, various people were seen sneaking out to catch trains. Contrary to rumour this was due to our varied destinations, and wasn’t a reflection on the quality of Andy’s driving. Those left behind finished their packing, boarded the minibus, and headed East.

Thanks must go to Andy for his brilliant organization, Katie for her work as his glamorous assistant, and everyone who let us ring or let us in.

Martin Cansdale



# Summer Tour 2005 to Exeter

## Wordsearch

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Exeter

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Jon

Katie

Kingsteignton

Lafrowda

Mary

Mike

Minibus

Moor

Moretonhampstead

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Peter

Pizza

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**Photographs from the 2005 Summer Vacation**



**Basildon Glass Bell Tower**



**Southampton Weekend**



**Worthington Cup**



**Summer Tour to Devon**

## **Anniversary Day**

*12<sup>th</sup> October 2005*

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1945, five keen students gathered at Imperial College to found the University of London Society of Change Ringers. Exactly 60 years later a number of events were organised to commemorate the anniversary. To kick off the day's celebrations, a handbell peal of Kent Royal was rung by current and former Imperial students and staff. IC Union kindly allowed this to take place in a meeting room inside the Union Building, where the inaugural meeting had been held.

That evening, a children's birthday party was organized by Sam Hovey (aka 'Miss') at Hart St church hall. The event provided ample opportunity for normally mature and sensible UL members to regress to a second childhood and behave like 5 year olds, playing with balloons and extremely loud blowouts\*. Having said that, certain people were wearing their balloons in a distinctly adult manner!

A sumptuous feast of sandwiches, cakes and (of course) jelly & ice cream was consumed, UL appetites – if nothing else – greatly exceeding that of the average five-year-old! In keeping with the childish theme no alcohol was allowed, making this probably the first dry social event in the UL's 60 year history. However, with the sugar rush from the vast quantities of sweet food and fizzy drinks, people could hardly be described as sober!

To burn off this excess energy, Miss had arranged a plethora of traditional party games such as musical chairs, pass the parcel and pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey. With DJ Beckster in charge of music, Roger's legendary dancing skills were once again demonstrated in the musical statues. Finally a 'human knot' led, thankfully, to only minor injuries. The lights were dimmed and a special UL birthday cake appeared, decorated with bells made of Smarties. The master blew out the candles and the president cut the cake, before everyone adjourned to the pub to end the evening in more traditional UL fashion.

Many thanks to Sam for organising the party, to Jen for making the birthday cake, and to everyone else who contributed food or helped make it a success.

Nick Jones

\* Those things that you blow into, causing them to unfurl and emit a highly irritating noise.



## Photographs from the ULSCR's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday

*Left to Right:*  
*Mike Trimm (5-6)*  
*Peter King (7-8)*  
*Roger Bailey (3-4)*  
*Martin Cansdale (9-10)*  
*Ruth Blackwell (1-2)*



**Anniversary Handbell Peal Band at Imperial College**



**Scenes from the UL Birthday Party**

## **Autumn Freshers' Tour to North London**

*22<sup>nd</sup> October 2005*

The ULSCR autumn term Freshers' Tour is well known for being the tour where you are very unlikely to meet a fresher and this year was no exception! A good number of the old crowd had a great day around North London on a tour jointly organised by Garry and Lucy.

Those that had tried to skive off on the Friday afternoon (or alternatively go to university as opposed to work and were sitting in the pub) did not receive the e-mail saying that the first tower of the tour had been cancelled at extremely short notice as they couldn't find anyone available to let us in. So a good number of us enjoyed some coffee outside St Andrew's, Holborn before heading up towards Highbury & Islington tube station to squeeze in a greasy spoon breakfast before our first proper tower, Holloway.

Holloway were a good 17cwt eight, most remembered for the tower local's immortal line on seeing Garry Barr arrive - "Oh no, it's the big man!" a sentiment that has been repeated many a time before and since by society members! We then took the North London Line around to Hampstead having a complete history of the line and every signal box on it provided by Nick Jones (who else!).

The lunchtime pub, just up the road from "Jasper House" where the author of this report had the obligatory photograph taken, was the White Bear which served up some great food with some equally lovely beer. The afternoon drinking session was interrupted by the handbell club who had to sit outside to get their fix of method ringing before we headed up to the newly restored bells of Hampstead. We were one of the first bands allowed to ring at this glorious new 24cwt eight and attracted a good bit of press attention with our time there interspersed with posing for photographs for the parish magazine.

It was back to the Northern Line for our fourth tower (also beginning with the letter H!), Hendon. A 15cwt eight with a good Young's pub almost in the churchyard, from where a few notable UL members disappeared and were conspicuous by their absence during the ringing!

Kingsbury was the final tower and was reached (after a huge dither on the subject of which bus stop we should be standing at) on the number 83 bus. Unfortunately for those not in the know, the tower in Kingsbury with bells in is nowhere near Kingsbury High Street so while the rest of us were ringing, a small party led by our illustrious master went the scenic route and managed to join us in time for the ring down!

Finally, it was back to the Shakespeare's Head at Holborn to have another dither to decide what was to be done about evening meal. The secret ballot (probably organised by Nick) showed a clear 50:50 split between those quite happy to stay in the pub and go for a curry later and those that were very hungry and needed a Chinese pretty soon as starvation was setting in! The Chinese contingent went to Wong Kei's (where else?) and as they finished their meal, the "curry" group arrived having found a distinct lack of curry houses open in Chinatown! It had been a fantastic day out for all involved and special thanks must be given to Lucy and Garry for organising a great tour.

Peter Jasper

## **Southern Universities Association Weekend 2005**

*28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> October 2005*

Each year the bellringing societies of the Southern Universities Association gather in late October/early November for a weekend of socialising along with deciding the winners of the 6 and 8 bell striking competition tankards. The SUA in 2005 was hosted by the University of London Society of Change Ringers in their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

On Friday we congregated outside the church hall waiting for the key to arrive. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances we were unable to obtain a key. The problem of where do 30 people from different universities stay for night became paramount. We were not sure if we could obtain enough cardboard boxes in time. Luckily the local flower seller came to our rescue (he had a key and kindly got us another one cut).

Jen and Lucy then kicked everyone out to go and ring at Bow. After a packed practice we found the nearest hostelry, the Green Man. Everyone enjoyed their drinks and Garry Barr got chatted up by a really hot random woman (she was ecstatic to see a man wearing a Welsh Rugby top). After the pub closed we staggered back to the church hall. Frisbee was played until we were unable to catch it any more.

The following morning we found Mike Trimm sleeping on two chairs in the kitchen. After waking Mike (he was the judge for the eight-bell) we walked from church hall in Tower Hill to St James, Bermondsey to meet others who had just arrived from other parts of the country. After a morning of ringing we headed back into the city for lunch and beer.

After an enjoyable lunch in the Rising Sun and a few legs of darts for some and lunch at the Crosse Keys for others, the six-bell competition started at St Vedast, Foster Lane. It was a long afternoon of some excellent ringing judged by Tom Lawrance.

The popularity of change ringing on handbells has risen dramatically in University societies in recent years. By popular demand the first ever SUA hand bell striking competition was held. The rules were fairly basic, either minor or major method(s) could be rung, and each ringer was required to ring two bells. Philip Earis and Nick Jones judged the competition and were pleased with the entries and hoped to see more in future years.

After rounding up people from the Paternoster the results of the three striking competitions were announced. The judges were pleased with the standard of ringing throughout the day. London retained the eight-bell trophy as they were the highest placed eligible team (a team that contains all current students). London also gained the six-bell tankard as the highest placed eligible band. Cambridge were the first winners of the handbell competition.

In the evening the SUA quiz was held in a Fullers' pub. After a debate with the pub over the definition of how much food should be in a buffet for 60 people the quiz started. Everyone enjoyed a couple of hours of answering the impossible questions devised by Jen and Lucy especially with the Discovery beer that was flowing freely. The quiz was a close run event with four teams tying for the top two places!

The evening's merriment continued back at the church hall with more Frisbee, trolley surfing and drinking Mike's bottle of gin (his present for judging the competition). When the sun rose the following morning some people wished they had drunk a little less the evening before.

Sunday started with ringing at a variety of churches: Waterloo Road, Hampstead, St Martin's & Shoreditch. Visitors then went to collect their bags from the church hall. The key, which was not a perfect copy, had always taken a bit of skill to use. So after a couple of attempts at trying to jiggle it in the lock, Peter stepped up and said "Let me try." With all his enthusiasm he managed to break the key! Luckily it turned out he was handed the wrong key in the first place. After retrieving luggage there was open ringing at Shoreditch. The SUA sports day was abandoned after it decided to rain. There was more enthusiasm to head to the pub. *[Ed. - A scaled down version of the 'SUA Superstars' was held in Tower Gardens later that afternoon when the rain had stopped.]*

The weekend was thoroughly enjoyable - thanks to Jen & Lucy for all their effort and organisation. Also thanks to the judges for giving up their time. Next year the SUA will be held in Cambridge.

**8-Bell Competition Results**

Position	Society	Method	Peal Speed	Faults	Rang
1	Bristol	Plain Bob Major	2.52	28.5	5 <sup>th</sup>
2	ULSCR (1)	Grandsire Triples	2.57	32	2 <sup>nd</sup>
3	Cambridge	Yorkshire S. Major	2.48	33.5	4 <sup>th</sup>
4	ULSCR (2)	Grandsire Triples	2.45	35.5	1 <sup>st</sup>
5	Oxford	Grandsire Triples	2.53	47.5	7 <sup>th</sup>
6	Drivel List	Percy's Tea Strainer	2.45	48.5	3 <sup>rd</sup>
7	Exeter	Grandsire Triples	3.01	53	8 <sup>th</sup>
8	Southampton	Grandsire Triples	2.56	91	6 <sup>th</sup>

**6-Bell Competition Results**

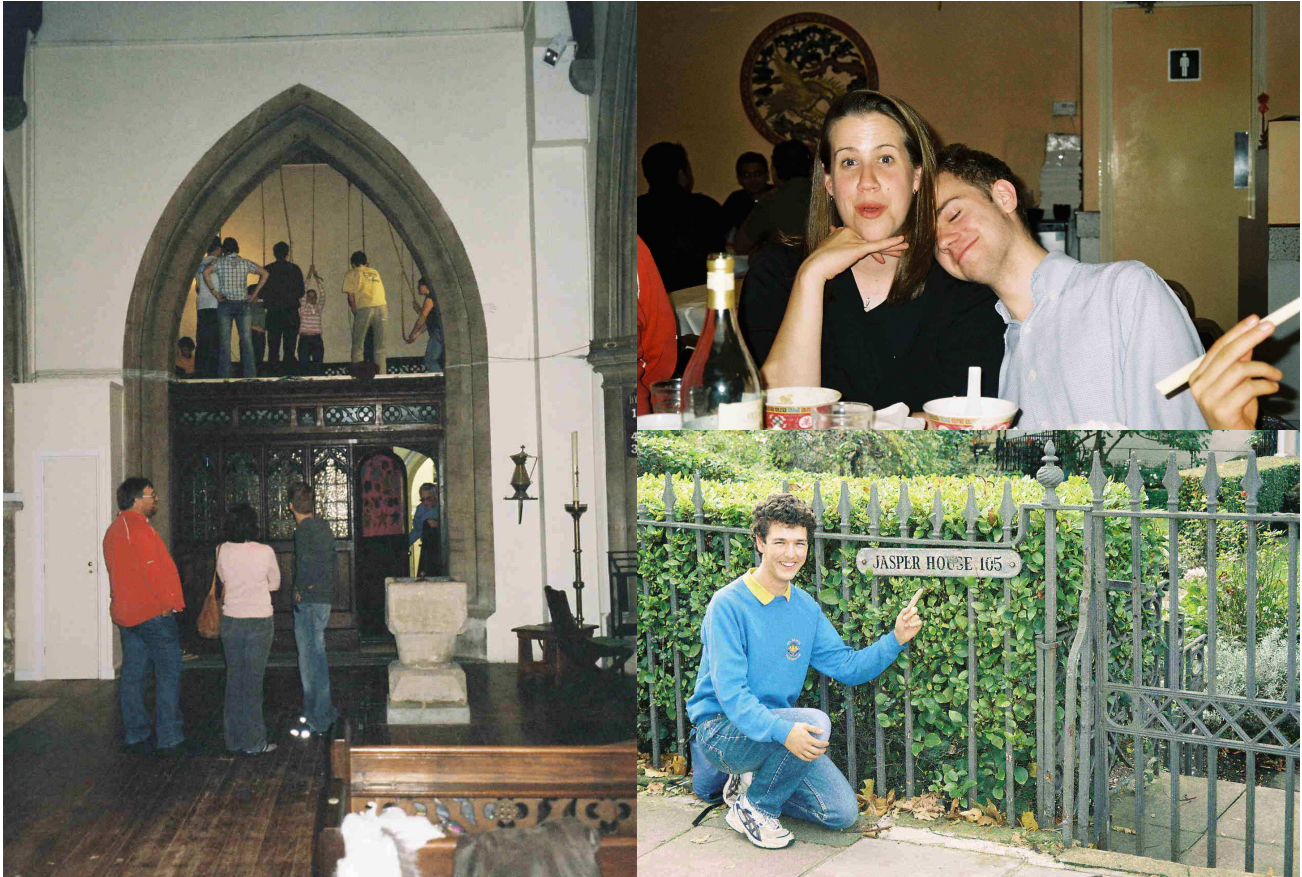
Position	Society	Peal Speed	Percentage	Rang
1	Cambridge (3)	2h55	73%	11 <sup>th</sup>
2	ULSCR (1)	3h15	71%	4 <sup>th</sup>
3=	Bristol (1)	3h34	70%	6 <sup>th</sup>
3=	Cambridge (2)	3h09	70%	8 <sup>th</sup>
5	Bristol(2)	3h23	69%	9 <sup>th</sup>
6	ULSCR (2)	3h05	67%	2 <sup>nd</sup>
7	Cambridge (1)	3h11	63%	5 <sup>th</sup>
8	Drivel List	2h59	62%	3 <sup>rd</sup>
9	Siblings Scratch	3h02	61%	12 <sup>th</sup>
10	Oxford		60%	1 <sup>st</sup>
11	Exeter		58%	10 <sup>th</sup>
12	Southampton	3h13	55%	7 <sup>th</sup>

**Handbell Competition Results**

Position	Society	Method	Peal Speed	Faults	Rang
1	Cambridge (1)	Spliced Minor	2.10	9½	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2	ULSCR	Plain Bob Major	2.38	21½	2 <sup>nd</sup>
3	Exeter	Plain Bob Minor	1.58	33	4 <sup>th</sup>
4	Cambridge (2)	Plain Bob Minor	2.41	40	1 <sup>st</sup>



## Photographs from late October 2005



**Autumn Freshers' Tour – North London**



**SUA -London**



## **Sixtieth Anniversary Dinner**

*26<sup>th</sup> November 2005*

This current academic year saw the anniversary of the founding of the Society, some 60 years ago on 12 October 1945. Numerous events have been and are continuing to be organised to celebrate the occasion. The annual dinner was planned to be much larger than dinners of previous years and the intention was to try to involve as many old members as possible.

The weekend began on Friday night with ringing on the superb twelve bells of St Mary-le-Bow. This was followed by refreshments in a nearby pub where a room was booked and a buffet arranged. Unfortunately a stay was broken whilst ringing up at Bow, and so ringing could only take place on the front eight bells. Although unfortunate, this did not dampen people's spirits; a useful practice was had and a very enjoyable evening followed in the Shooting Star on Middlesex Street.

Saturday saw three UL peal attempts and some general ringing. All peals were successful, and included a Masters' peal at Waterloo Road, a Presidents' peal at Hart Street, and a further Society peal at Bermondsey. In addition a St. Olave's Society peal was rung at West Hill, Wandsworth.

General ringing took place at the demanding but potentially rewarding bells of Imperial College. This was then followed by ringing at the slightly easier rings at Chelsea Old Church, and St Mary Abbots, Kensington. People then scurried off to get suited and booted for the dinner, which was to be held at a new venue in Kensington.

The Harrington Hall Hotel proved to be an extremely smart venue, very fitting for such an occasion. 150 guests sat down to dinner in fine surroundings. A very good four-course meal was followed by speeches. Mr Philip Gray, Master of the Society 1946 to 1947 and a founding member of the society, opened. He was followed by Dr Phil Barnes, Master for the academic year 1983/4.

The tempo was then raised as the penultimate speaker, Simon Holden, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths took the floor. Although not a member of the Society, Simon knew many of those currently actively involved with the UL, and he delivered an amusing speech which included several jokes made at the expense of notorious Society members, in particular one Oliver Cross.

Prior to the final speech an impromptu presentation was made by the immediate past Master, Martin Cansdale. The current Master, Rupert Littlewood, was presented with the broken stay from the tenor at St. Mary, Woolnoth, which he had managed to smash the previous week having missed his sally. This was met with loud applause from the assembled diners.

Finally Rupert was called upon to speak by the President. Rupert appeared to have little in the way of notes, but improvised in fine style to give an amusing closing speech.

The tables were cleared away and the partying began. The DJ pumped out some floor-filling 80s hits, and almost immediately the dance floor was filled with merry ringers bopping about with varying degrees of rhythm. As the evening wore on, the moves became less well executed and the scenes more and more chaotic, culminating in a pile up involving several large framed back-enders.

The evening was a resounding success; the venue was perfect for the occasion, the food worthy of the venue itself, and the organisation and entertainment second to none. Special thanks should be given to Sam Hovey, Becky Bruce and Mike Trimm for arranging such a memorable occasion.

Andy Bradford

## Photographs from the Sixtieth Anniversary Dinner

**ULSCR Presidents**



**ULSCR Masters**



**Other Scenes from the Dinner**

## **Ringin' Around the Christmas Tree**

*18<sup>th</sup> December 2005*

Think of Christmas and often carol singing around the tree will come to mind. The University of London Society, celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, had other ideas as some intrepid handbell ringers descended on Trafalgar Square for an evening of “Ringin’ Around the Christmas Tree”.

Method ringing on handbells has been a popular activity within the society for many years, but some members felt that we should have a go at tune handbell ringing. A “have a go” session was held despite the disapproval of many of the “method ringing purists”! Luckily this first meeting was a success and it was decided that we would practise some Christmas carols and go busking over Christmas.

The society was then invited to help support a mini-ring as part of the Trafalgar Square tree lighting ceremony and it was discovered that voluntary groups could apply to perform Christmas carols on a stage erected under the tree. This seemed like a challenge we could not turn down although the GLA secretary was a bit baffled, having never been asked by a group to ring carols under the tree as opposed to sing them, but the UL were given a slot to perform in the evening on the Sunday before Christmas.

Now a proper “performance” had been planned, and we had less than a month to perfect it, handbell practices commenced in earnest. After the last tower bell practice of term, a “dress rehearsal” was held in the tower accompanied by the beautiful tones of the other members of the society singing along!

The following Sunday was “the big day” with handbell practices interspersed with service ringing and trips to the local Wetherspoon’s pub for food and a little Dutch courage! Armed with buckets for donations and a table to act as a music stand, we set off for Trafalgar Square. Well, we would have done had the table not been a bit too big to fit inside the car. This led to the interesting sight of various UL members carrying a 6ft table onto the tube and successfully blocking the entire central gangway! A coffee stop was needed before we went on stage so the table was set up outside a branch of Starbucks so we had somewhere to drink our takeaway coffees!

The programme included both traditional Christmas carols, such as “Once in Royal David’s City” and “We Three Kings”, as well as the likes of “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star”, “Jingle Bells” and “The Ringers’ Hymn”. The actual performance was a huge success as well as being great fun to perform in and, despite the freezing temperatures and rain, the crowd were fantastic giving cheers after each piece and singing along. According to our collectors the most popular pieces were “In the Bleak Midwinter”, “O Come O Come Emmanuel” and “O Come All Ye Faithful” but there was some bafflement at “The Ringers Hymn”! Due to the large sound system that had been set up in the square for the carols under the tree concerts, the handbells even managed to drown out the service ringing at St Martin-in-the-Fields!

After the hour long performance, Ruth had thoughtfully brought along some champagne and mince pies to celebrate with. We then retired to the pub to count the donations, with over £40 having been collected for society funds. The whole event had been such a success that it was decided to try to make tune ringing in Trafalgar Square an annual event and widen the society’s tune ringing repertoire with ideas ranging from musicals to pop music – this week Trafalgar Square, next week the world!

Peter Jasper and Jenny Holden

## **Freshers' Tour Spring 2006: Leafy Surrey (and Staines)**

*4<sup>th</sup> February 2006*

February 4<sup>th</sup> – ah yes: St Veronica's day, patron saint of photographers (Clare Dyer, take note). Aside from this, and the cheek of a higher education establishment's ringing society south west of Milton Keynes deciding to hold its annual dinner on the same day, a brave selection of the UL's finest did the unthinkable on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2006 by passing through the iron curtain known to Londoners as 'The M25' to sample some of the unique rings of bells the Chertsey District of the Guildford Guild has to offer in the noble cause that is the Annual Freshers' Tour.

A minor hiccup the week before meant a last minute revision to the day's schedule and we are grateful to the ringers of Hersham for letting us ring at relatively short notice. The bells here are not the most rewarding; sadly typical of some of the local installations. Reputed to be the work of the well known Surrey founder, Armitage Shanks, it is thought by some that these bells were tuned to an experimental temperament by a distant relative of Harrison Birtwistle. Nevertheless, some very creditable ringing was achieved on these less than easy bells, and later in the week I received an email thanking us for such 'good quality ringing'.

St Mary, Oatlands Park is a relatively rare tower for visiting ringers, owing to the close proximity of a modern housing development, but more significantly, it is the home tower of the Master, Rupert Littlewood. Unusually, Rupert was wearing trousers for us on this occasion – and not a nectarine in sight.<sup>1</sup> Whether this added or detracted from our ringing here is lost in the dusty labyrinth of my memory, but we certainly did not disgrace ourselves on these pleasant bells. White trainers and shell suits were donned by all except Nick Jones (who cycled in fluorescent yellow throughout the day) as we crossed into Staines to ring at St Mary's, Staines – improved almost beyond recognition since their major restoration and retune. It was here that for many years the Royal Holloway College Society of Change Ringers (a now sadly defunct UL splinter group) held their practices and there is a handsome peal board from the twenty fifth anniversary dinner day peal hanging in the ringing chamber.

After genuflecting at the recently erected MDF 'sculpture' of Staines' most famous resident, Ali G and taking a most enjoyable long lunch at 'The Bells' (an excellent Youngs' training pub) we popped over to St Peter's, Staines. Potentially libellous comments overheard in the pub about how enjoyable ringing at a vintage Warner eight in a brick tower could be were proved unfounded, and here we were joined by a number of extra wandering UL minstrels which enabled us under Jenny's watchful eye to ring a wider selection of methods to a high standard. Our ringing Grand Day Out came to an end at St John the Baptist, Egham and the ethos of the day – giving the less experienced opportunity to try something new – continued. Four people rang their first touches on ten, and ringing on these easy going bells ranged from rounds and call changes to Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Royal. Although a few delinquents managed to squeeze in some handbell ringing first, attending to the serious business of the day – beer, curry and more beer was frankly overdue. On these matters, I must quote from President Nick Curry Jones' appraisal of the food situation: "IMHO the curry house in Egham was one of the best the UL's been to in a good while!"

So, there is life outside of Zone Two, and a good day had by all, I think, although as ever, South West trains are to be congratulated on their uncanny ability at being unable to provide a service on the occasions members of the UL come out to see me. Thanks indeed to those who kept off the sauce to drive those who had not done so back to the big smoke. I gather for some, the drive home was fairly entertaining.

JEgg.

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<sup>1</sup> See the W.W.Worthington Cup report to resolve any additional confusion to the norm.

## **ULSCR Peal Weekend**

*10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2006*

The first two things people told me on becoming master were to start writing my dinner speech now, and that peal weekend was a nightmare so I should start planning that as well! Thus I started asking for towers and trying to pin people down. Christmas came and went, and despite some very last minute pull-outs, and suddenly remembering I had booked Spitalfields as well – which proved to be one too many – the weekend happened between Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February. A (fairly quick!) peal of Bristol Royal was scored on Friday at Shoreditch, while a handbell peal of Kent was scored at Guy's Hospital, and one was lost of Superlative in Clapham. People moved to the Shooting Star for some well-earned refreshment.

Saturday started with Superlative lost at Jewry after 2 hours, and Cambridge Maximus was lost at St Martin-in-the-Fields after 3 hours. There was success in Clapham however, where a peal of Kent was scored on handbells. In the afternoon, Yorkshire Royal at Limehouse came to grief after 10 minutes due to a rope break, and Cambridge Minor at Foster Lane also stopped after 1 hour 45 minutes. However, the band at Wandsworth were successful: Yorkshire Major was scored – Charles's first as conductor, Dave's first of Yorkshire and Thomas's first Treble Bob. The evening activities consisted of a very good, filling and most importantly inexpensive trip to the Belpoori Indian Veg Curry House in Islington, followed by drinks at the Head of Steam, Euston and O'Neills on the Euston Road for the most hardy revellers!

Sunday consisted of quarter peals – Plain Bob at Clement Danes and Yorkshire on handbells at Kensal Green. Finally, a peal of Stedman Cinques was scored to round the weekend off, which was Rupert and James's first on 12, with some much needed beer and food at the Sir John Oldcastle. So, 5 out of 11 attempts – all firsts of some sort, and a good weekend had by all. Roll on 2007!

Rupert Littlewood

## **ULSCR Invades Lundy**

*10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006*

Over the years Lundy Island has been invaded by the Vikings, the Normans, the Welsh, the Scots, the Irish, the French, the Spanish, the Turks, the Dutch and, more recently, by Andrew Wilby, but this was the first time the University of London Society had landed on the island's shores. For many of us, it was our first visit to Lundy, although others had been before with lesser parties.

As rocks in the Bristol Channel go, Lundy has much to offer by way of fantastic scenery and wildlife. Over the course of 3 days we had time to explore the entire island, from the lighthouses, beaches, cliffs and landing points to the remains of the North Light Tandoori (although this was unfortunately closed for renovation during the weekend we were there).

The excuse for the trip was the ring of 10 bells at St Helena's church. We were permitted up to 2 peals or 4 quarter peals each day, but (George Campling take note!) there was no chance of us wasting all our time up the tower. We did though have a general ringing session on the first day and successfully rang a number of quarter peals. There was also an attempt at a peal which went the way that many attempts at Stedman so often go. Why do people insist on ringing what is essentially a 5-bell method on higher numbers...?

In addition to the tower bell quarters, we were 'lucky' enough to have our President, Nick Jones, with us. This is a man who has a set of handbells surgically attached to his body which meant that several handbell quarters were also rung.

Despite the ringing, the social scene was the real focus of the trip, and we were very impressed with the wide variety of night spots that Lundy has to offer. Our favourite was the Tavern, where we engaged in all sorts of activities from eating and drinking to playing darts, chess, giant Jenga, blow(-dry) football and stone paving decoration (expertly demonstrated by Olly Cross). Late night entertainment was provided at the Brambles Villa, where the girls were treated on our last night to an exhilarating impromptu show by the Chippendales who just happened to be passing by.

Special thanks go to Clare Dyer for organising the trip and generally being so enthusiastic about the entire Lundy experience. It really was as good as you said it would be! Thanks are also due to Clare's brother, James, who graciously stepped in to the vacant place left by our Secretary, Peter Jasper. Whilst we were of course delighted to have James with us, we all hope and pray that Peter will regain his sense of priorities as soon as possible and trust that this lapse of judgement will not recur.

Mike Trimm

## **The UL Goes West: Dorset 06**

*31<sup>st</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006*

The tour started properly on Saturday morning, when we awoke bright and early to a fine breakfast of a vat of Clara's porridge. We started in Wareham, followed by Kingston, before moving on to Corfe Castle. Built more than 1000 years ago, the castle here was renowned for its impregnability. Despite this, the handbell contingent were out in force, and managed to storm the castle defences in order to ring at the very top – undoubtedly scaring off a few tourists in the process!

Our next waypoint was Swanage, where we arrived using state of the art Dorset transport: a vintage steam train. Unfortunately, Dorset is too far out in the suburbs for Oyster to be accepted – so we had to buy so called 'tickets' to permit us to travel.

We finished the day with pizza and tea, accompanied by large quantities of Badger.

Service ringing on Sunday called for an early start, and somehow we all managed to make it out in time to set off. The first port of call was the 12 at Christchurch Priory, accompanied with good views of the surrounding area from the top of the tower.

We dithered our way towards Poole, grabbing Sopley en route. Lunch and more Badger were procured from a house of the public variety, before we set sail for the major attraction of the day: Brownsea Island. The island is one of the last remaining enclaves of red squirrels in the UK, but sadly there were none spotted. We did however see a handful of communal garden UL 'tonks', bathing in the icy waters off the south of the island.

The last stop was St James, Poole, before we finished up with dinner in The Angel. Here, the secretary was presented with a ceremonial flower pot, perhaps to the bemusement of his parents who happened to be sat at the next table. After we ate, drank and were merry, we returned to the hall for a few more beverages before calling it a night.

The last tower, on the last day, was Hampreston, where the peal boards bore at least one notable (or perhaps notorious?) name. After, we headed for the second attraction of the day: Go Ape. We signed away our lives and donned harnesses before taking to the trees to complete a high ropes course. Favourite obstacles included the stirrups (nigh on impossible for people with feet bigger than size 6), the giant tarzan swing, and the zip lines (guaranteed to fill you with bark and make you look like an arse). Fortunately, there were no major casualties (apart from Jon nearly severing a finger) and no-one whose name wasn't Nick Jones managed to get themselves stuck halfway down a zip line and need to be rescued. Result! After a relaxed pub lunch it was time for everyone to go their separate ways.

Special thanks have to go to Peter for organising an excellent tour - in fact, the best UL tour I've ever been on!

Tim Moran



## Photographs from the 2006 Spring Tours



**Lundy Island**



**Dorset 06**

## **Tewkesbury Shield**

*Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2006*

Early on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, members of the UL left London by car from Kingston and Surbiton and by train — not for Tewkesbury but for Reading, for the band's practice for the Tewkesbury Shield (the two cars taking different routes having met at a roundabout but arriving at similar times). This was a little too early in the morning for some of the band who had been at the CY Informal Dinner the night before but everyone had recovered any sleep by the time we arrived in Reading. Or 9/10 of the band had arrived in Reading for the practice at St Laurence; the president, having borrowed his sister's purple fiesta from Guildford, was missing. It transpired that he had underestimated the time to get to the centre of Reading. However, of churches to be stuck waiting at, it wasn't bad. There were comfy sofas and table football. Finally the president turned up. We rang the test piece and off we went to Tewkesbury.

At Tewkesbury there was a food and drink fair going on. This meant that various members of the UL were entertained by a farm animal petting zoo and traditional children's sweets. We also ran into some of Peter's relatives (but they seem to be everywhere). We got into to the Abbey for registering and the draw and some mild banter with various members of the Kensington and D&N teams. We also got to meet Charles's Mum later on in the pub.

We were drawn third, an ok draw really so we went to the pub for food and refreshment. We rang, had the traditional photo at the bottom of the stairs and went back to the pub.

We then went to the results. The comments on the UL's ringing seemed good – it was called 'promising'. Then when judging competitions it is useful to be able to read your own handwriting because to be honest all everyone cares about is the positions. So it was a little surprising when the UL were read out as 6<sup>th</sup> place, with the fastest peal speed when the comments had suggested if anything we were a little slow and a different band had been commented on as being too fast. That band (of which Q had inside knowledge) then proceeded to come 4<sup>th</sup>, behind Kensington. Protesting to the judge (a member of the band's godfather) was to no avail.

Deciding that getting out of Tewkesbury was the best solution we all piled into cars overtaking each other on the motorway. We then went to the Prince Charles on Ruple Street and for a curry finishing off a UL day out in traditional style.

### **The Results in Full**

<b>Band</b>	<b>Peal Speed</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Oxford D. G.	3.39	85%
Lichfield Cathedral	3.28	75%
St Mary Abbot's, Kensington	3.33	74%
Gloucester & Bristol Association	3.18	70%
Hereford D. G.	3.26	67%
ULSCR	3.38*	63%
Worcester & Districts	3.34	49%
Wickham (Durham & Newcastle)	3.30	47%

*\* This is the UL peal speed as published some weeks later in the Ringing World. However, the figure read out during the competition results ceremony was 3h18.*



Thanks to the band (below) especially Andrew Graham for being in charge and Quentin for coming out to support us.



*The ULSCR Team*

*Front to Back (Treble to Tenor): Rupert Littlewood, Charles Herriott, Jennifer Holden, Peter Jasper, Nick Jones, Andrew Kelso, Andrew Bradford, Martin Cansdale, Andrew Graham, Oliver Cross*

Jenny Holden

### Miscellaneous Photographs



**ULU Freshers' Fair**



**Quarter Peal Day – April 2006**



**AGM Day Quarter - Bermondsey**

## Peals Rung for the ULSCR

**KENSAL GREEN**, Middlesex, 52 Burrows Road  
Monday 16 May 2005 2h20 (size 15)

### **5120 Spliced Surprise Major**

(3m: 1760 each Cambridge, Yorkshire; 1600 Lincolnshire, 84 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. Philip G K Davies (sort of)

- 1-2 Peter J Blight
- 3-4 Nicholas W Jones
- 5-6 Roger Bailey (C)
- 7-8 Martin J Cansdale

First of Spliced in hand: 7-8.

*RW 2005, p551*

**LONDON EC2**, St Giles, Cripplegate  
Saturday 1 October 2005 3h10 (34-0-6)

### **5064 Stedman Caters**

Comp. Thomas F Lawrance

- 1 Charles W G Herriott
- 2 Gwen Rogers
- 3 James White
- 4 John P W Taylor
- 5 Thomas F Lawrance (C)
- 6 Andrew Sparling
- 7 Martin J Cansdale
- 8 David J Baverstock
- 9 Andrew J Graham
- 10 Roger Bailey

For the centenary of Friends of the Elderly.

*RW 2005, p1064*

**PIMLICO**, London SW1, St Gabriel  
Sunday 2 October 2005 3h1 (15-3-10)

### **5058 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

Comp. Thomas F Lawrance

- 1 Thomas F Lawrance (C)
- 2 B Haley Barnett
- 3 Jennifer A Holden
- 4 Quentin S A Jackson
- 5 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 6 Dickon R Love
- 7 Terry M Astill
- 8 Michael J Trimm

For the Patronal Festival.

Rung to mark the Society's 60th anniversary, this being the Society's first headquarter tower.

*RW 2005, p1037*

**LONDON EC3**, St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside  
Saturday 8 October 2005 4h16 (41-3-21)

### **6060 Stedman Cinqes**

Comp. John N Hughes-D'Aeth

- 1 Katherine L Town
- 2 Michael J Trimm
- 3 Charles W G Herriott
- 4 Rebecca S Bruce
- 5 Andrew P F Bradford
- 6 Andrew R C Kelso
- 7 John N Hughes-D'Aeth (C)
- 8 Martin J Cansdale
- 9 Oliver D Cross
- 10 Mark C Bennett
- 11 Robert C Kippin
- 12 Timothy P Bradley

Rung in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Society, founded 12th October 1945.

*RW 2006, p10*

**IMPERIAL COLLEGE**, London SW7, Union Building, Beit Quadrangle  
Wednesday 12 October 2005 2h38 (size 13)

### **5040 Kent Treble Bob Royal**

Comp. Donald F Morrison (no.12)

- 1-2 Ruth Blackwell
- 3-4 Roger Bailey
- 5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 7-8 Peter R King
- 9-10 Martin J Cansdale

60th birthday compliment to the Society which was founded at a meeting in this building and on this day in 1945.

*RW 2005, p1039*

**WATERLOO**, London SE1, St John the Evangelist  
Saturday 26 November 2005 2h53 (17-2-13)

### **5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

Comp. Anthony J Cox

- 1 Rebecca S Bruce (1996-97)
- 2 Jennifer A Holden (2000-01)
- 3 Rupert H J Littlewood (2005-)
- 4 David H W Ottley (2002-03)
- 5 Simon M Barnes (1997-98)
- 6 Katherine L Town (1999-00)
- 7 Martin J Cansdale (2004-05)
- 8 Oliver D Cross (1998-99) (C)

Rung in a Masterly fashion on the Society's 60th anniversary dinner day.

*RW 2006, p176*

**BERMONDSEY**, London SE16, St James  
Saturday 26 November 2005 2h55 (14-1-15)  
**5120 Superlative Surprise Major**

Comp. Brian D Price

- 1 Peter J Sanderson (C)
- 2 Peter J Bennett
- 3 Andrew P F Bradford
- 4 Alison R Elwess
- 5 Jennifer A Town
- 6 Quentin S A Jackson
- 7 Richard O Humphries
- 8 Terry M Astill

Rung on the Society's 60th anniversary dinner day.  
*RW 2005, p1221*

**LONDON EC3**, St Olave, Hart Street  
Saturday 26 November 2005 2h56 (11-3-23)  
**5120 London Surprise Major**

Comp. Thomas Hooley

- 1 Michael J Trimm (1994-00) (C)
- 2 Roger Bailey (1978-84)
- 3 Nicholas W Jones (2004-)
- 4 Alan J Frost (1972-76)
- 5 James R S Sawle (2000-01)
- 6 Richard S J Saddleton (1988-94)
- 7 Mark C Bennett (2001-04)
- 8 Nigel Thomson (1984-88)

Rung by a band of past and present Presidents of the  
Society on the Society's 60th anniversary dinner day.  
*RW 2006, p176*

**SOUTHWARK**, London SE1, Guy's Hospital  
Wednesday 30 November 2005 2h24 (size 15)  
**5056 Cambridge Surprise Major**

Comp. Philip A B Saddleton (GBT p.24)

- 1-2 Peter J Blight
- 3-4 Caroline M Ogilvie
- 5-6 Nicholas W Jones
- 7-8 Roger Bailey (C)

*RW 2005, p1255*

**LONDON EC3**, St Olave, Hart Street  
Monday 16 January 2006 2h41 (11-3-23)  
**5088 Rutland Surprise Major**

Comp. Robert W Lee (no.2)

- 1 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 2 Lucy M Bricheno
- 3 David H W Ottley
- 4 Jennifer A Holden
- 5 Martin J Cansdale
- 6 James K Eggleston
- 7 Oliver D Cross (C)
- 8 Andrew P F Bradford

First in method: 2, 3, 4, 6 and as conductor.

In celebration of the life of Betty Lois Ottley (née  
Rice), grandmother of the ringer of the 3rd, who died,  
aged 84, on 26 December 2005.

*RW 2006, p129*

**CLAPHAM JUNCTION**, London SW11, 55d  
Cologne Road

Wednesday 8 February 2006 2h27 (size 13)

**5120 Spliced Surprise Major**

(3m: 1760 each Cambridge, Yorkshire; 1600 Lincolnshire; 84  
changes of method, all the work)

Comp. Philip G K Davies

- 1-2 Marika Pascovitch
- 3-4 Nicholas W Jones
- 5-6 Andrew J Graham
- 7-8 Roger Bailey (C)

*RW 2006, p207/p735*

**SOUTHWARK**, London SE1, Guy's Hospital  
Friday 10 February 2006 2h14 (size 13)  
**5088 Kent Treble Bob Major**

Comp. William Hudson

- 1-2 Ruth Blackwell
- 3-4 Caroline M Ogilvie
- 5-6 Quentin S A Jackson
- 7-8 Nicholas W Jones (C)

First Treble Bob in hand: 5-6.

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

*RW 2006, p451*

**SHOREDITCH**, London E1, St Leonard  
Friday 10 February 2006 3h7 (25-1-11)

**5122 Bristol Surprise Royal**

Comp. David G Hull (no.1)

- 1 James K Eggleston
- 2 Roger Bailey
- 3 Jennifer A Holden
- 4 Charles W G Herriott
- 5 Katherine L Town
- 6 Andrew P F Bradford
- 7 Oliver D Cross (C)
- 8 Martin J Cansdale
- 9 Eleanor J Linford
- 10 Ian G Campbell

First of Royal: 3.

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

*RW 2006, p451*

**CLAPHAM JUNCTION**, London SW11, 55d  
Cologne Road

Saturday 11 February 2006 2h22 (size 13)

**5088 Kent Treble Bob Major**

Comp. William Hudson

- 1-2 Lucy M Bricheno
- 3-4 Ruth Blackwell
- 5-6 Peter J Blight
- 7-8 Nicholas W Jones (C)

First Treble Bob in hand: 1-2.

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

*RW 2006, p451*

**WANDSWORTH**, London SW15, Holy Trinity, West  
Hill

Saturday 11 February 2006 3h3 (15-0-2)

**5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

Comp. Donald F Morrison (no.24)

- 1 Thomas D Baldwin
- 2 David J Hills
- 3 Peter M Jasper
- 4 Alison R Elwess
- 5 James K Eggleston
- 6 Simon M Barnes
- 7 Charles W G Herriott (C)
- 8 Michael J Trimm

First of Major: 1.

First of Surprise Major inside: 2.

First in method as conductor.

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

*RW 2006, p451*

**LONDON EC2**, St Giles, Cripplegate  
Sunday 12 February 2006 3h15 (34-0-6)

**5019 Stedman Cinqes**

Comp. Robert E J Dennis

- 1 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 2 Katherine L Town
- 3 Andrew P F Bradford
- 4 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 5 Gwen Rogers
- 6 James K Eggleston
- 7 Rebecca S Bruce
- 8 Andrew R C Kelso
- 9 Martin J Cansdale
- 10 Andrew J Graham
- 11 Oliver D Cross
- 12 Thomas F Lawrance

First on 12: 4, 6.

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

*RW 2006, p451*

**SOUTHWARK**, London SE1, Guy's Hospital  
Thursday 13 April 2006 2h22 (size 13)

**5088 Kent Treble Bob Major**

Comp. William Hudson

- 1-2 Sebastian B Lucas
- 3-4 Caroline M Ogilvie
- 5-6 Roger Bailey
- 7-8 Nicholas W Jones (C)

First Treble Bob in hand: 1-2.

*RW 2006, p427*

**TWICKENHAM**, Middlesex, All Hallows  
Saturday 13 May 2006 3h12 (18-2-23)

**5080 Yorkshire Surprise Royal**

Comp. David G Hull (no.1)

- 1 James K Eggleston
- 2 Charles W G Herriott (C)
- 3 Michael J Trimm
- 4 Jennifer A Holden
- 5 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 6 Alison R Elwess
- 7 Quentin S A Jackson
- 8 Andrew P F Bradford
- 9 Andrew R C Kelso
- 10 Martin J Cansdale

First in method: 2, 4, 5, 6.

First on ten as conductor.

On AGM day in the Society's 60th anniversary year.

Birthday compliments to Giles Littlewood, John Lewis,  
Lucy Bricheno and Becky Bruce.

*RW 2006, p550*

## **Peals Rung for the St Olave's Society**

**LONDON EC2**, St Lawrence, Jewry

Saturday 12 November 2005 3h22 (24-3-2)

### **5056 Cornwall Surprise Major**

Comp. Anthony J Cox

- 1 James K Eggleston
- 2 Heather A Kippin
- 3 Andrew P F Bradford
- 4 Martin J Cansdale
- 5 Anthony J Cox (C)
- 6 Colin M Lee
- 7 Rebecca J Cox
- 8 Robert C Kippin

Rung for the Lord Mayor's Show.

*RW 2005, p1166*

**BARNET**, Herts, St John the Baptist

Saturday 28 January 2006 3h3 (22-3-15)

### **5040 Grandsire Triples**

Comp. Joseph J Parker (12 part, 7th observation)

- 1 Jennifer A Holden
- 2 Lucy M Bricheno
- 3 Thomas D Baldwin
- 4 Charles W G Herriott
- 5 Adrian P Sweeting
- 6 Katherine L Town
- 7 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 8 Rupert H J Littlewood

First peal (first attempt): 3.

First of Triples: 2, 4, 6.

*RW 2006, p179*

**WANDSWORTH**, London SW15, Holy Trinity, West Hill

Saturday 26 November 2005 2h51 (15-0-2)

### **5088 Bristol Surprise Major**

Comp. Robert W Lee

- 1 David A Town
- 2 Anthea S Edwards
- 3 Nigel J Bailey
- 4 Penelope J V Sharpe
- 5 Rachel S Town
- 6 Philip A B Saddleton
- 7 Simon R Holden
- 8 Robert W Lee (C)

Rung by friends of the University of London Society on its 60th anniversary dinner day.

*RW 2006, p176*

## Compositions

### 5088 Bristol Surprise Major Robert W Lee

234567	M	B	W	H
43526			2	-
32546			2	
43265		-		2
43652		-		-
65432			-	-
53624		-		
432756	s3rds,	5ths		2
374526		-		
263547	2	s5ths		
24653	2			-
56342	-		-	
23645		2	2	
423756		In		2
375246	S		S-	-S
453627		s4ths,B		-
23456	2	4ths,In		2

Contains 75 cru's (including 24 each 56s & 65s), 24 each 8765s & 7568s, 18 7658s, 17 each 5678s off the front & 8765s off the front, 16 3456s, 12 each 2468s (including Queens & Kings) & 5432s and Whittingtons.

*Rung for the St Olave's Society at Holy Trinity, Wandsworth on 26 November 2005, conducted by Robert W Lee.*

### 5122 Bristol Surprise Royal David G Hull (no.1)

23456	7	M	W	H
64352		-		-
56342			-	
53462	-S	S-		-
65432			-	
24536	-S	S	-	2
(42536)			-S	

4ths place calls.

*Rung for the ULSCR at St Leonard's, Shoreditch on 10 February 2006, conducted by Oliver D Cross.*

### 5056 Cambridge Surprise Major Philip A B Saddleton

23456	B	W	F/I	M	H
56234		3	x	-	-
35264		-			3
56342	-				3
23645				-	-
64523		-	x	3	3
42635	-				3
23456	-				3

Contains 53 cru's (including 18 56s). True to all BDEKacdefYZ.

*Rung for the ULSCR on handbells at Guy's Hospital, Southwark on 30 November 2005, conducted by Roger Bailey.*

### 5056 Cornwall Surprise Major Anthony J Cox

234567	4	O	6	H	I	V	W
23645		-		-			
53246						-	
374526		-	S			-	
364527	S					3	
472536	S					2	
537264			s7ths		3		-
243657			-				
32546		3		-			
34256		2			-		
427365		2					-
352647			-			3	
23456				-			

6ths place calls.

Contains 96 cru's, 12 each 8765s & 8756s, 16 7568s, 8 7468s, 24 5432s, 24 each 5678s off the front & 8765s off the front and 14 each 6578s off the front & 8756s off the front.

*Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Lawrence, Jewry on 12 November 2005, conducted by Anthony J Cox.*

**5040 Grandsire Triples**  
**Joseph J Parker**

234567		
-----		
- 752634	1	
- 237546	3	
S 562437	1	
- 375246	2	
- 753246	4	
- 627453	1	
- 276453	4	
- 762453	4	
- 537246	2	
S 265437	1	
- 742365	1	
- 537642	1	
S 625437	1	
- 376542	2	
- 423657	2	
-----		

12 part, calling S for last - in parts 6 and 12.

*Rung for the St Olave's Society at St John's, Barnet on 28 January 2006, conducted by Michael J Trimm.*

**5088 Kent Treble Bob Major**  
**William Hudson**

23456	M	B	H
-----			
25463	2	3	2
42356		4	
-----			

3 part.

Contains 60 cru's.

*Rung for the ULSCR on handbells at Guy's Hospital Southwark on 10 February 2006, at 55d Cologne Road, Clapham Junction on 11 February 2006 and at Guy's Hospital, Southwark on 13 April 2006, all conducted by Nicholas W Jones.*

**5040 Kent Treble Bob Royal**  
**Donald F Morrison (no.12)**

23456	M	W	H
-----			
54326		2	2
26543	2	1	
35642	1		1
42563	1	2	2
24365	2		2
-----			

2 part.

Contains 20 each 56s & 65s and 78 little bell rollups including 48 3456s. Especially suitable for handbells: between Middle and Wrong 5-6 are always coursing or home.

*Rung for the ULSCR on handbells at the Union Building, Imperial College on 12 October 2005, conducted by Michael J Trimm.*

**5120 London Surprise Major**  
**Thomas Hooley**

234567	M	I	4	B	5	W	H
-----							
35426	-			-			
25463	-	-			-	-	
235746				-	S	-	-
523746	-			-		-	-
352746	-			-		-	-
235647	-			-	S	-	-
52364	-			-		-	-
35264	-			-		-	-
453726				-	S	-	
423567				S	-		
25346	-			-			
54326	-			-			
32546	-	-	-	-	-		
-----							

2 part.

Contains 86 cru's and 19 each 7468s & 7568s.

*Rung for the ULSCR at St Olave's, Hart Street on 26 November 2005, conducted by Michael J Trimm.*

**5088 Rutland S. Major**  
**Robert W Lee (no.2)**

23456	M	B	W	H
-----				
43526	-	-	-	
24365		-		2
54263	[	-	-	
34562		-	-	
32465	]	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-
-----				

3 part replacing bracketed calls with bob  
Middle in 2 parts (best done in parts 1 &  
3 to maximise the 5678s & 8765s).

Contains 128 cru's and Tittums.

*Rung for the ULSCR at St Olave's, Hart  
Street on 16 January 2006, conducted by  
Oliver D Cross.*

**5064 Stedman Caters**  
**Thomas F Lawrance**

231456789	1	5	6	8	14	16	18
-----							
321457698			(a)				
213457689			(b)				
213459687			(c)				
3421	-		S		S		
4132	-		S	S		S	
1243	-		S	S		S	
2314	-		S	S		S	
-----							
142357968	-	-		S	S	S	
2134			A				
3421	-			S		S	
2314			A				
-----							
142358769	-			S	S	S	S
2314			B				
-----							
142359876	-	-		S	S	S	
2314			B				
-----							
142356978	-			S	S	S	S
2314			B				
-----							
142356789			(d)				
2314			B				
-----							

(a) = 2.s4.6.s8.10.11.s14.16 (16 sixes)  
(b) = 1.5.12.13.s16  
(c) = s3.s7.s14  
(d) = 2.5.s9.s12.15.16

*Rung for the ULSCR at St Giles,  
Cripplegate on 1 October 2005, conducted  
by Thomas F Lawrance.*

**5019 Stedman Cinques**  
**Robert E J Dennis**

2314567890E	5	6	9	18	19
-----					
(3124568709E)			(a)		
2134		-			S
2143			S	-	
4123		-			S
4132			S	-	
3142		-			S
-----					
31425678E90			(b)		
3124			A		
-----					
312456E9780			(c)		
2134		-			S
2143			S	-	
4123		-			S
4132			S	-	
31524	S	-			S
51324		-			S
31425	S	-			S
-----					
31426578E90			(d)		
3124			A		
-----					
21346587E90			(e)		
2143			A		
-----					
(2134658709E)			(f)		
2143			A		
-----					

(a) = s2.s6.7.s13.s15.s19.s1  
(b) = 2.s13.s15  
(c) = 3.s8.s12.21  
(d) = 3.s8.s10.s12.21  
(e) = s2.6.s13.s15.s19  
(f) = 9.10.s13.18.22.s1

*Rung for the ULSCR at St Giles,  
Cripplegate on 12 February 2006,  
conducted by Michael J Trimm.*



**6060 Stedman Cinques**  
**John N Hughes-D'Aeth**

132547698E0	6	7	9	16	18	19	
-----							
1234658709E	s6.s8.17	(21	sixes)				
2413	S	-					
435261	-	-	S			3	
314265	-					S	
12346578E90	2.s13.15.16.18						
-----							
2413	S	-					
4321	S	-					
3142	S	-					
1324	S	S	-				A
3412	S	-					
4231	S	-					
2143	S	-					
-----							
413256E9780	(a)						
2143758609E	1.2.3.9.10.s12.s16.18.21						
21537486E90	2.s6.s15						
1253	S						
12346587	s3.s6.s9.12.18						
2143	A						
-----							
2143658790E	s10.s13.22						
21436578	s2.s13.s15						
3124	s1.9.10.s16.18						
135264	S	-					
12345678E90	1.s5.6.s14.18						
2143	A						
-----							
213546E9780	(b)						
2153648709E	1.2.3.s8.9.10.s12.18.21						
132465	-	-	-				
3412	-	-	S			2	
4231	S	-					
2143	S	-					

Start from rounds as the first row of a slow six.

- (a) = 6.7.s11.13.14.15.16.17.19.21.22.  
 24.26.29.31 (32 sixes)  
 (b) = 6.s9.s11.13.15.19.21.22.24.26.29.  
 31 (32 sixes)

*Rung for the ULSCR at St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside on 8 October 2005, conducted by John N Hughes-D'Aeth.*

**5120 Superlative S Major**  
**Brian D Price**

23456	B	M	W	H
-----				
52436		-		
46235		-		S
46352	-			-
36254		-		
65342	-			
32546		-		S
24365	-			

4 part, calling Single half-way and end.

Contains 68 cru's (including 16 each 56s & 65s) and Queens.

*Rung for the ULSCR at St James, Bermondsey on 26 November 2005, conducted by Peter J Sanderson.*

**5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major**  
**Anthony J Cox**

234567	V	M	W		H
-----					
34256					2
32546			-		2
472536			3	s3rds	
532467	SS	3		s4ths	-
62345		S			S
42365			S		3
63245			S		S
537246	S	-		s3rds	-
325647				In	3
45236	-			s4ths	
23456		-			-

Contains 94 cru's (including 22 56s & 19 65s), 22 8765s, 11 2468s (including Queens) and Tittums.

*Rung for the ULSCR at St John's, Waterloo Road on 26 November 2005, conducted by Oliver D Cross.*

**5058 Yorkshire Surprise Major**  
**Thomas F Lawrance**

234567	V	M	W
-----			
274536	(a)		
624537	2	-	
42356	-	3*	

3 part, calling -S for 3\* in last part (rounds at treble's backstroke snap).  
 (a) = s5ths, s2nds, 4ths, In, Out.

Contains 42 cru's and 18 each 8765s & 7568s.

*Rung for the ULSCR at St Gabriel's, Pimlico on 2 October 2005, conducted by Thomas F Lawrance.*

**5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major**  
**Donald F Morrison (no.24)**

23456	B	M	W
-----			
54632		-	-
64235		-	SS
35642		2	-
54326	-		
42356			2

3 part.

Contains 72 cru's (including 21 56s & 18 65s) and all 7 near misses.

*Rung for the ULSCR at Holy Trinity, Wandsworth on 11 February 2006, conducted by Charles W G Herriott.*

**5080 Yorkshire Surprise Royal**  
**David G Hull (no.1)**

23456	I/V	M	W	H
-----				
64352		-		-
34562			2	-
24365	x		-	SS
53462		-		-
43652			2	-
23456	x		-	3
-----				

*Rung for the ULSCR at All Hallows,  
Twickenham on 13 May 2006, conducted  
Charles W G Herriott.*

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

23456	B	W	H	Methods
-----				
45236		-	-	CCCY/CCC/
24536			-	NCNCNNN/
52436			-	YYNYYYY/
52364	-		-	YC/CY/
35264			-	YNNCNNY/
-----				

5 part.

Contains 1760 each Cambridge, Yorkshire;  
1600 Lincolnshire (N); 84 changes of  
method, all the work, 51 cru's.

*Rung for the ULSCR on handbells at 55d  
Cologne Road, Clapham Junction on 8  
February 2006, conducted by Roger Bailey.*

**5120 Spliced Surprise Major**  
**(3 methods)**  
**Philip G K Davies (sort of)**

23456	B	W	H	Methods
-----				
45236		-	-	CCCN/CCC/
24536			-	NCNYNNN/
52436			-	YYCYYYY/
52364	-		-	YC/CY/
35264			-	YNNCNNY/
-----				

5 part.

Contains 1760 each Cambridge, Yorkshire;  
1600 Lincolnshire (N); 84 changes of  
method, all the work, 51 cru's.  
A slight modification of the original  
(shown above).

*Rung for the ULSCR on handbells at 52  
Burrows Road, Kensal Green on 16 May  
2005, conducted by Roger Bailey.*

## Quarter Peals

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart  
Street (Ringing Chamber)  
15 May 2005 30m (13E)

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1-2 Clare E F Dyer  
3-4 Jennifer A Holden  
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)  
First in hand on an inside pair: 3-4.  
First quarter peal rung on these  
handbells.

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart  
Street (Rectory)  
15 May 2005 (15C)

**1344 Plain Bob Major**

1-2 Lucy M Bricheno  
3-4 Andrew P Sparling  
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)  
7-8 Alison R Elwess  
First in hand: 7-8.

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart  
Street (Church Roof)  
2 June 2005 48m (13E)

**1344 Plain Bob Major**

1-2 Lucy M Bricheno  
3-4 Kristine K Fowler  
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)  
7-8 Peter M Jasper  
First in hand: 7-8.

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart  
Street (Rectory)  
15 May 2005 (15C)

**1280 Kent Treble Bob Major**

1-2 Charles W G Herriott  
3-4 Marika Pascovitch  
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)  
7-8 Lucy M Bricheno  
First in method in hand: 1-2. First in  
method on an inside pair: 7-8.

**City of London**, St Bartholomew  
the Great, Smithfield  
22 May 2005 39m (5-2-0)

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

1 Clare E F Dyer  
2 Kristine Fowler  
3 Jennifer A Holden (C)  
4 Lucy M Bricheno  
5 Rupert H J Littlewood

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart  
Street  
2 June 2005 (15C)

**1312 Kent Treble Bob Major**

1-2 Jennifer A Holden  
3-4 Martin J Cansdale (C)  
5-6 Katherine L Town  
7-8 B Haley Barnett  
First in method: 7-8 and as  
conductor.

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart Street (Ringing Chamber)  
5 June 2005 49m (15C)

**1344 Plain Bob Major**

1-2 Clare E F Dyer  
3-4 Lucy M Bricheno  
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)  
7-8 Jennifer A Holden  
First on eight in hand: 1-2.

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
12 June 2005 49m (21-1-23)

**1299 Stedman Caters**

Comp. David E House  
1 Andrew P F Bradford  
2 Peter M Jasper  
3 Samantha J Hovey  
4 Sebastian B Lucas  
5 Rupert H J Littlewood  
6 Michael J Trimm (C)  
7 James K Eggleston  
8 Rebecca S Bruce  
9 Martin J Cansdale  
10 Quentin S A Jackson  
First in method: 2, 5.

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart Street  
3 October 2005 41m (15C)

**1312 Kent Treble Bob Major**

1-2 Nicholas W Jones  
3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)  
5-6 Roger Bailey  
7-8 B Haley Barnett  
Rung during the North American quarter peal fortnight by members of the North American Guild of Change Ringers.

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
9 October 2005 50m (21-1-23)

**1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal**

1 Sebastian B Lucas  
2 Martin J Cansdale (C)  
3 Rebecca S Bruce  
4 Andrew P F Bradford  
5 Rupert H J Littlewood  
6 Peter M Jasper  
7 B Haley Barnett  
8 Nicholas W Jones  
9 Katherine L Town  
10 Charles W G Herriott  
First blows in method: 5. Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**City of London**, St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield  
23 October 2005 40m (5-2-0)

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

1 Clara P Westlake  
2 Helen Mansfield  
3 Peter M Jasper (C)  
4 Richard P G Hayhoe  
5 Nicholas W Jones  
Rung for evensong and to celebrate the bicentenary of thrashing the French!

**Bermondsey**, St James  
29 October 2005 35m (13E)

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1-2 Peter M Jasper  
3-4 Quentin S A Jackson  
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)  
First on six in hand: 1-2.

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart Street  
12 November 2005 48m (11-3-23)

**1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

1 Lucy M Bricheno  
2 Martin J Cansdale (C)  
3 Jennifer A Holden  
4 Andrew P F Bradford  
5 Rupert H J Littlewood  
6 Katherine L Town  
7 Rebecca S Bruce  
8 B Haley Barnett  
Farewell compliment to Haley Barnett on her return to the USA.  
Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
13 November 2005 53m (21-1-23)

**1331 Grandsire Caters**

1 Rebecca L Sugden  
2 Charles W G Herriott  
3 Lucy M Bricheno  
4 B Haley Barnett  
5 Jennifer A Holden  
6 Peter M Jasper  
7 Martin J Cansdale (C)  
8 Sebastian B Lucas  
9 Nicholas W Jones  
10 Rupert H J Littlewood  
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart Street (Rope Room)  
17 November 2005 in 28m (9B)

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1-2 Marika Pascovitch  
3-4 Charles W G Herriott  
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)

**City of London**, St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield  
27 November 2005 38m (5-2-0)

**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

1 Lucy M Bricheno (2004-05)  
2 Clare E F Dyer (2003-04)  
3 Jennifer A Holden (1999-2000, 2001-02) (C)  
4 Peter M Jasper (2005-06)  
5 Quentin S A Jackson (2002-03)  
Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary on the day after Dinner Day by the past five Secretaries: "the real power behind the Society".

**Holborn**, St Giles-in-the-Fields  
4 December 2005 46m (18 cwt)

**1344 Plain Bob Major**

1 Clara P Westlake  
2 Lucy M Bricheno  
3 Thomas D Baldwin  
4 Peter M Jasper  
5 Jennifer A Holden  
6 Rupert H J Littlewood  
7 Garry S Barr  
8 Charles W G Herriott (C)  
First on eight: 3. Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
11 December 2005 (21-1-23)

**1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal**

1 Rupert H J Littlewood  
2 Lucy M Bricheno  
3 Andrew P F Bradford  
4 Peter M Jasper  
5 Jennifer A Holden  
6 Michael J Trimm (C)  
7 Charles W G Herriott  
8 Andrew R C Kelso  
9 Martin J Cansdale  
10 Oliver D Cross  
First in method: 2.

**Waterloo**, St John  
11 December 2005 (17-2-13)

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

1 Clara P Westlake  
2 Peter M Jasper  
3 Thomas D Baldwin  
4 Jennifer A Holden  
5 David H W Ottley  
6 Edmund Wratten  
7 Michael J Trimm (C)  
8 Garry S Barr  
First in method: 3. Rung for the parish carol service and for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart Street (Rope Room)

19 January 2006 42m (15C)

**1344 Plain Bob Major**

1-2 Jennifer A Holden

3-4 Lucy M Bricheno

5-6 Nicholas W Jones

7-8 Charles W G Herriott (C)

First in hand as conductor.

**Greenwich**, St Alfege

21 January 2006 47m (23-2-14)

**1280 London (No. 3) Surprise**

**Royal**

1 Peter J Bennett

2 Michael J Trimm (C)

3 Nicholas W Jones

4 Rebecca S Bruce

5 Katherine L Town

6 James R S Sawle

7 James K Eggleston

8 Andrew P F Bradford

9 Roger Bailey

10 Dickon R Love

First in method: 7. Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Deptford**, St John

21 January 2006 39m (14-0-18)

**1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

1 Clare E F Dyer

2 Garry S Barr

3 Lucy M Bricheno

4 Rupert H J Littlewood

5 Jennifer A Holden

6 Peter M Jasper

7 Charles W G Herriott (C)

8 Quentin S A Jackson

Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Limehouse**, St Anne

21 January 2006 45m (12-3-25)

**1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal**

1 Samantha Hovey

2 Andrew P F Bradford

3 James S Sawle

4 Peter J Bennett

5 Quentin S A Jackson

6 James K Eggleston

7 Rebecca S Bruce

8 Roger G Booth

9 Dickon R Love (C)

10 Michael J Trimm

Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Isle of Dogs**, Christchurch

21 January 2006 44m (10-3-27)

**1250 Superlative Surprise Major**

1 Rupert H J Littlewood

2 Clare E F Dyer

3 Lucy M Bricheno

4 Charles W G Herriott

5 Peter M Jasper

6 Jennifer A Holden

7 Nicholas W Jones

8 Roger Bailey (C)

First in method: 2, 5. Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Poplar**, All Saints

21 January 2006 50m (23-3-06)

**1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal**

1 James Eggleston

2 Samantha Hovey

3 Peter M Jasper

4 Jason Hughes

5 Nicholas W Jones (C)

6 Peter J Bennett

7 James R S Sawle

8 Rebecca S Bruce

9 Andrew P F Bradford

10 Michael J Trimm  
First in method: 3. Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Walworth**, St Peter

21 January 2006 42m (3-3-20)

**1280 Plain Bob Major**

1 Garry S Barr

2 Quentin S A Jackson

3 Jennifer A Holden

4 David J Hills

5 Clare E F Dyer

6 Rupert H J Littlewood

7 Charles W G Herriott (C)

8 Lucy M Bricheno

Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Bow**, St Mary-atte-Bow

21 January 2006 47m (13-2-23)

**1344 London Surprise Major**

1 Rebecca S Bruce

2 Peter M Jasper

3 James R S Sawle

4 Nicholas W Jones

5 Peter J Bennett

6 Michael J Trimm

7 Jason W Hughes (C)

8 Andrew P F Bradford

Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**South Hackney**, St John of Jerusalem

21 January 2006 47m (19-0-11)

**1250 Bristol Surprise Major**

1 David J Hills

2 Nicholas W Jones

3 Michael J Trimm

4 Peter M Jasper

5 Quentin S A Jackson

6 Andrew P F Bradford

7 Rebecca S Bruce

8 James R S Sawle (C)

Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Bethnal Green**, St Matthew

22 January 2006 42m (13-3-23)

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

1 Andrew P F Bradford

2 Oliver D Cross

3 Jennifer A Holden

4 Thomas D Baldwin

5 Peter M Jasper

6 Katherine L Town

7 Michael J Trimm (C)

8 Rupert H J Littlewood

Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Leyton**, St Mary the Virgin

22 January 2006 39m (8-2-16)

**1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

1 Garry S Barr

2 Rupert J Cheeseman

3 Lucy M Bricheno

4 Ed J Webb

5 Rebecca S Bruce

6 Quentin S A Jackson

7 Jason Hughes (C)

8 Nicholas W Jones

Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Walthamstow**, St Mary

22 January 2006 47m (19-0-05)

**1259 Grandsire Caters**

1 Quentin S A Jackson

2 Rupert J Cheeseman

3 Lucy M Bricheno

4 Michael J Trimm (C)

5 Nicholas W Jones

6 Ed J Webb

7 Katherine L Town

8 Andrew P F Bradford

9 Rebecca S Bruce

10 Garry S Barr

Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**City of London**, St Botolph-  
without-Aldgate  
22 January 2006 46m (25-0-07)

**1260 Plain Bob Triples**

- 1 Clara P Westlake
- 2 Jennifer A Holden
- 3 Thomas D Baldwin
- 4 Peter J Bennett
- 5 Charles W G Herriott
- 6 Peter M Jasper
- 7 Oliver D Cross (C)
- 8 Rupert H J Littlewood

Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Dalston**, St Mark  
22 January 2006 43m (21-0-0)

**1260 Grandsire Triples**

- 1 Katherine L Town
- 2 Quentin S A Jackson
- 3 Rupert J Cheeseman
- 4 Rebecca S Bruce
- 5 Nicholas W Jones
- 6 Garry S Barr
- 7 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 8 Andrew P F Bradford

Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**City of London**, St Bartholomew  
the Great, Smithfield  
22 January 2006 40m (5-2-0)

**1260 Doubles**

(2 methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire)

- 1 Thomas D Baldwin
- 2 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 3 Clara P Westlake
- 4 Peter M Jasper (C)
- 5 Jennifer A Holden

Circled tower: 5.

**City of London**, St Michael,  
Cornhill  
29 January 2006 53m (42-0-6)

**1344 Bristol Surprise Maximus**

Comp. W H W H

- 1 James K Eggleston
- 2 Katherine L Town (C)
- 3 Paul L Carless
- 4 Charles W G Herriott
- 5 Andrew R C Kelso
- 6 Philip R J Barnes
- 7 Andrew P F Bradford
- 8 Roger Bailey
- 9 Jon Waters
- 10 Michael J Trimm
- 11 Andrew J Graham
- 12 Oliver D Cross

Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
12 February 2006 50m (21-1-23)

**1280 Plain Bob Major**

- 1 Lucy M Bricheno
- 2 Sebastian Lucas
- 3 Clara P Westlake
- 4 David Ottley
- 5 Simon M Barnes
- 6 Alison Elwess
- 7 Quentin S A Jackson
- 8 Peter M Jasper (C)

Rung on the Society's peal weekend.

**Kensal Green**, 52 Burrows Road  
12 February 2006 (15C)

**1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major**

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

First in method in hand: 1-2. Rung on the Society's peal weekend.

**City of London**, St. Sepulchre-  
without-Newgate  
20 February 2006 55mins. (28-2-16)

**1346 Cambridge Surprise**

**Maximus**

- 1 Rebecca L Sugden
- 2 Katherine L Town
- 3 Andrew P F Bradford
- 4 Peter M Jasper
- 5 John P W Taylor
- 6 Jennifer A Holden
- 7 Charles W G Herriott
- 8 Rebecca S Bruce
- 9 Andrew R C Kelso (C)
- 10 Eleanor J Linford
- 11 Martin J Cansdale
- 12 Oliver D Cross

First on twelve: 4, 6. Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart  
Street (Ringing Chamber)  
2 March 2006 42m (14D)

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

- 1-2 Thomas D Baldwin
- 3-4 Marika Pascovitch
- 5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)

First in hand: 1-2.

**Stepney**, St George-in-the-East  
6 March 2006 35m (6-0-9)

**1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major**

- 1 Rebecca S Bruce
- 2 Charles W G Herriott (C)
- 3 Katherine L Town
- 4 Jennifer A Holden
- 5 Peter M Jasper
- 6 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 7 Martin J Cansdale
- 8 David J Baverstock

First blows in method: 6. First in method: 5. Birthday compliment to Margaret Bell, grandmother of the ringer of the 4th. Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Lundy Island**, The Radio Room  
10 March 2006 54m (13E)

**1344 Plain Bob Major**

- 1-2 Katherine L Town
- 3-4 Quentin S A Jackson
- 5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)
- 7-8 James K Eggleston

First in hand: 7-8.

**Lundy Island**, St Helena  
11 March 2006 42m (13-1-18)

**1263 Stedman Caters**

- 1 Oliver D Cross (C)
- 2 Charles W G Herriott
- 3 Lucy M Bricheno
- 4 Michael J Trimm
- 5 Jennifer A Holden
- 6 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 7 James K Eggleston
- 8 Rebecca S Bruce
- 9 Andrew P F Bradford
- 10 Quentin S A Jackson

First in method: 3.

**Lundy Island**, St Helena  
11 March 2006 44m (13-1-18)

**1259 Grandsire Caters**

- 1 James K Eggleston
- 2 Andrew P F Bradford
- 3 Clara P Westlake
- 4 Clare E F Dyer
- 5 David J Hills
- 6 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 7 Rebecca S Bruce
- 8 Katherine L Town
- 9 Charles W G Herriott
- 10 Nicholas W Jones

First on ten: 3. First on ten inside: 5.

**Lundy Island**, St Helena  
12 March 2006 46m (13-1-18)  
**1280 Cambridge Surprise Major**

- 1 James W A Dyer
- 2 Andrew P F Bradford
- 3 Jennifer A Holden
- 4 Clare E F Dyer
- 5 David J Hills
- 6 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 7 Rebecca S Bruce
- 8 Charles W G Herriott (C)

First of Treble Bob: 1. First with  
boxers on head: 6.

**Lundy Island**, Old Light Lower  
12 March 2006 44m (13E)

**1260 Plain Bob Royal**  
1-2 Katherine L Town  
3-4 Lucy M Bricheno  
5-6 Michael J Trimm  
7-8 Nicholas W Jones (C)  
9-10 Quentin S A Jackson  
First on ten in hand: 3-4.

**Lundy Island**, Old Light Lower  
12 March 2006 39m (13E)

**1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major**  
1-2 Jennifer A Holden  
3-4 Nicholas W Jones  
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)  
7-8 Oliver D Cross

**Lundy Island**, St Helena  
13 March 2006 44m (13-1-18)  
**1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor**

- 1 Clara P Westlake
- 2 Lucy M Bricheno
- 3 Charles W G Herriott
- 4 James K Eggleston
- 5 Katherine L Town (C)
- 6 Andrew P F Bradford

Rung on the back six.

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart  
Street (Rope Room)  
16 March 2006 40m (15C)

**1312 Kent Treble Bob Major**  
1-2 Lucy M Bricheno  
3-4 Martin J Cansdale  
5-6 Oliver D Cross (C)  
7-8 Charles W G Herriott  
First in method away from trebles:  
7-8.

**Spitalfields**, Christ Church  
22 March 2006 48m (17-1-10)  
**1260 Stedman Triples**

- 1 Rebecca L Sugden
- 2 Jennifer A Holden
- 3 Alison R Elwess
- 4 Peter M Jasper
- 5 Rebecca S Bruce
- 6 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 7 Martin J Cansdale (C)
- 8 Richard P G Hayhoe

A birthday compliment to Clara  
Westlake. Rung for the Society's  
60th anniversary.

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart  
Street  
23 March 2006 (11-3-23)

**1280 Superlative Surprise Major**  
Comp. A Tonk

- 1 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 2 James K Eggleston
- 3 Jennifer A Holden
- 4 Katherine L Town
- 5 Peter M Jasper
- 6 Charles W G Herriott
- 7 Martin J Cansdale (C)
- 8 Nigel J Bailey

A 25th birthday compliment to  
Martin Cansdale. 150th quarter peal:  
2.

**Shoreditch**, St Leonard  
27 March 2006 51m (25-1-11)  
**1346 Cambridge Surprise**

**Maximus**  
1 Mary A Sloman  
2 David J Baverstock  
3 Gwen Rogers  
4 Charles W G Herriott  
5 Michael J Trimm  
6 Rupert H J Littlewood  
7 Rebecca S Bruce  
8 Martin J Cansdale (C)  
9 Andrew P F Bradford  
10 Andrew R C Kelso  
11 Andrew J Graham  
12 Oliver D Cross

First of Maximus: 6. Rung for the  
Society's 60th anniversary.

**City of London**, St Mary-le-Bow,  
Cheapside  
24 April 2006 52m (41-3-21)

**1250 Orion Surprise Maximus**  
Comp. sW sH M sW  
1 Rebecca S Bruce  
2 David J Baverstock  
3 Charles W G Herriott  
4 Andrew R C Kelso  
5 Andrew P F Bradford  
6 Andrew J Graham (C)  
7 Gwen Rogers  
8 Martin J Cansdale  
9 Eleanor J Linford  
10 Nigel J Newton  
11 Robert C Kippin  
12 John N Hughes-D'Aeth  
Rung for the Society's 60th  
anniversary.

**Camberwell**, St Giles  
29 April 2006 51m (22-02-27)

**1260 Plain Bob Royal**  
1 Katherine L Town  
2 Lucy M Bricheno  
3 James R S Sawle  
4 Clara P Westlake  
5 Peter M Jasper  
6 Nicholas W Jones  
7 Quentin S A Jackson  
8 Garry S Barr  
9 Andrew P F Bradford  
10 Michael J Trimm (C)  
First in method: 4, 5. Rung for the  
Society's 60th anniversary.

**Lewisham**, St Mary the Virgin  
29 April 2006 47m (21-1-14)  
**1250 Cambridge Surprise Major**  
1 Quentin S A Jackson  
2 Clara P Westlake  
3 Peter M Jasper  
4 Katherine L Town  
5 Nicholas W Jones  
6 David Hollis  
7 Michael J Trimm (C)  
8 Andrew P F Bradford  
Rung for the Society's 60th  
anniversary.

**Stepney, St Dunstan**  
29 April 2006 50m (28-3-0)

**1259 Grandsire Caters**

- 1 Andrew P F Bradford
  - 2 Clara P Westlake
  - 3 Katherine L Town
  - 4 Nicholas W Jones
  - 5 Lucy M Bricheno
  - 6 Peter M Jasper
  - 7 Rupert J Cheeseman
  - 8 Garry S Barr
  - 9 Michael J Trimm (C)
  - 10 Quentin S A Jackson
- Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Hackney, St John**  
29 April 2006 45m (16-1-06)

**1296 Little Bob Royal**

- 1 Clara P Westlake
  - 2 Lucy M Bricheno
  - 3 Peter M Jasper
  - 4 Rupert J Cheeseman
  - 5 Andrew P F Bradford
  - 6 Quentin S A Jackson
  - 7 Nicholas W Jones
  - 8 Garry S Barr
  - 9 Katherine L Town
  - 10 Michael J Trimm (C)
- First in method: 3. 200th quarter  
peal: 6. Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Tottenham, All Hallows**  
30 April 2006 39m (13-2-00)  
**1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor**

- 1 Lucy M Bricheno
  - 2 Peter M Jasper
  - 3 Nicholas W Jones
  - 4 Rupert J Cheeseman
  - 5 Quentin S A Jackson
  - 6 Michael J Trimm (C)
- Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Wood Green, St Michael**  
30 April 2006 39m (10-0-20)  
**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

- 1 Rupert H J Littlewood
  - 2 Rupert J Cheeseman
  - 3 Sean D Langton
  - 4 Quentin S A Jackson
  - 5 Nicholas W Jones
  - 6 Peter M Jasper (C)
- First of Minor: 3. Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Stamford Hill, St Anne**  
30 April 2006 38m (7-3-01)  
**1250 Cambridge Surprise Major**

- 1 Garry S Barr
  - 2 Lucy M Bricheno
  - 3 Rupert J Cheeseman
  - 4 Quentin S A Jackson
  - 5 Peter M Jasper
  - 6 Rupert H J Littlewood
  - 7 Nicholas W Jones (C)
  - 8 Michael J Trimm
- Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary.

**Imperial College, Royal School of Mines Building**  
4 May 2006 (13E)

**1312 Bristol Surprise Major**

- 1-2 Muffie King
- 3-4 Nicholas W Jones
- 5-6 Ruth Blackwell
- 7-8 Peter R King (C)

**Imperial College, Royal School of Mines Building**  
11 May 2006 (15C)

**1312 Bristol Surprise Major**

- 1-2 Muffie King
- 3-4 Peter R King (C)
- 5-6 Ruth Blackwell
- 7-8 Martin J Cansdale

**Bermondsey, St James**  
13 May 2006 45m (14-1-15)  
**1260 Plain Bob Doubles**

- (with 7-6-8 covering)
- 1 Lucy M Bricheno
  - 2 Tim Joiner
  - 3 Rupert J Cheeseman
  - 4 Clara P Westlake
  - 5 Nicholas W Jones (C)
  - 6 Rona Shaw
  - 7 Peter M Jasper
  - 8 Tim Moran

First quarter peal: 8. Rung for the Society's 60th anniversary on AGM day. Also to congratulate The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Tim Joiner (ringer of the 2nd), on his contribution to promoting bellringing during his year of office.



## **Articles by ULSCR Founder Members**

The inaugural meeting of the ULSCR in 1945 was attended by Vernon Benning (sadly now deceased), Edward Challis, Philip Gray, Denis Layton and Paul Williamson. Two of these founder members, Philip Gray and Denis Layton, were able to attend the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner and have been kind enough to share their thoughts and memories in the two articles below.

### **Then and Now – 60 Years On**

*By Philip Gray, based on his speech at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner*

Well the ULSCR has made it! 60 years is a long time to survive many ups and downs but you have seen it through.

It is an appropriate time to have a look at our Ringing Exercise as it is today and see how and where it is has changed over those 60 years. Members of the ULSCR have played many parts in this saga. From what I see, hear and read of present day students you seem to do and enjoy exactly the same things as we did 60 years back. That's good! No change here.

The ringing of our Church bells goes on week by week and it would appear from periodic attempts at head counts by the Central Council since the 1950's that the total number of people active as ringers in this Country has not changed a great deal. One therefore concludes that the amount that bells are heard on Sundays and other days of the week has not changed that much either

This is an interesting deduction when you remember that the Anglican Church, which is overwhelmingly the main host of Church bells, is repeatedly reported to have declined steeply in all its activities over these 60 years. It may be therefore that ringing is the only activity in that Church that has not declined. That is something to boast about !

The age range of parish ringer recruits seems to have gone up. They are now likely to be middle age rather than teenage. Older recruits learn more slowly and need more patient individual help to achieve self confidence. Standing beside with quiet words in their ears of encouragement on how to place their bells accurately does much more to achieve that triumphant cry of 'I can do it!' than does shouting at them across the ringing room.

What has changed for the better is that a lot more professionalism and expertise has been brought in to help the parish ringer do his and her jobs better. We have seen, entirely within the 60 years, the advent of ringing courses, of videos and illustrated manuals, of centres of excellence and of simulators. All these have not only helped people to learn the difficult skills of ringing better but have also helped the techniques of teaching them. 60 years ago a beginner was entirely at the mercy of whether someone in the tower had the ability and patience to teach them. I personally think that we should now go further in registering professional teaching skills to help. It is customary to pay for professional coaching in the difficult skills of, say, playing a violin or playing cricket. Ringing is not easy either and is too important to be left to the mercy of inept teaching.

I find that when I now go on an outing or ringing day it is less likely that I will be struggling with bells that are difficult to master and either deafen or whisper in my ears. Today our detailed knowledge of bell and tower engineering is greater but the big difference over the years is that more money has been raised and spent on bells. It parallels the affluent society. One must also pay tribute to the many, professional and amateur, that have made major contributions to the knowledge of bell and tower movement and sound control. The extraordinary growth and size of the Ringing Roadshow is testimony to this.

The phenomenal rise in ringing overseas is something with which I have had quite a lot of involvement. 60 years ago overseas ringing was almost defunct. In Australia, when Joan and I first went there in 1951, there would have been barely a dozen towers where the bells were rung even occasionally – many rings were in very poor condition. In percentage terms the expansion in the overseas countries in the past few decades far far exceeds any measure of growth in the UK. This expansion has been aided by the growth in transport, both international and within huge countries such as Australia and North America. But that does not explain why a quintessentially English practice should suddenly blossom in countries that over 200 or more years have steadily grown away from their UK ties. From my personal observation of this over nearly all the past 60 years I can only ascribe it to the extraordinary power and fascination that ringing and hearing bells has for people from any background. Think back to when each of you were first hooked by ringing. What was it that gripped and held you? It was powerful: it calls up something from the depths of our being. I have observed this enthusiasm at work many times particularly in the remote (by English standards) country towns in Australia which have acquired rings of bells recently. Learning how to ring them to changes (call or scientific) is a real uphill battle with the next nearest tower perhaps several hundred miles away and with expert assistance only occasionally available. I have to say that often the ringing I have heard by the local band was not too good and it would not be a surprise if discouragement were rife. Far from it! Their enthusiasm and dedication individually and as a team is second to none. One finds teams bubbling with enthusiasm, even without a driving force from conquering new methods or peals. It is uplifting to see. It says something about what the sound of bells is really about.

We are a University Society and one would expect that University education will have had a major influence on the world in which we live and ring. So it has. When Denis and I were students we were in the 7% of our age group who went on to full time tertiary education. The figure now, I believe, is more like 50%. One consequence has been the accelerating rate of technical development in every walk of life from medicine through electronic communication, transportation to bell ringing. It is no great surprise that the influx of ringers with advanced technical knowledge has fostered a spread of advanced change ringing. More and more complex methods are rung on more and more bells and for longer and longer times. I have to admire the superior sustained concentration this demands. I do not know whether the advances in medical knowledge also account for the greater bladder control that some performances require.

It is still true however that the complex world of method and composition technology seems to have as much relevance to the parish ringer as do the ritual dances of party politics in the Westminster Village to most UK voters.

It is still true, nevertheless, that any time that a bell sound comes from a church tower it is, as it always has been, a connection between church and all people. The ‘subtle’ distinctions between ringing for a service, a wedding or a peal do not register strongly with our customers. They all know where the sound comes from when they hear it.

One of the highlights of my time as a ringer was in an inner London parish where I assisted in an augmentation – from no bell to one - in a turret. This is now chimed briefly before every daily service. Soon after the augmentation our local newsagent, an Indian, told me how much he and his family (non-Christians) now appreciated being brought into the parish church’s life by that bell. Those who lived within that parish come from every possible race, creed, sect and nation. The bell played a part in creating a bond between people as has the spread of overseas ringing I have mentioned. That, more than anything, has given me a big kick to being a ringer.

Philip Gray, November 2005

## **ULSCR - The Early Years**

*Memories of the Society’s early years by Denis Layton*

In 1944, at the summer training camp of the University of London Senior Training Corps, I met Vernon Benning for the first time - I think we were both trying to scrounge some extra supper from the cookhouse where Vernon was on fatigue duty that evening. We quickly established that he was at Kings and I at Imperial, both churchmen and both ringers.

Vernon introduced me to the Universities Association founded in 1942 to provide an organisation to which all universities could affiliate - Oxford University and Cambridge University had their own Society and Guild respectively established in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Trouble arose when a peal for the UACR, conducted by me, was rung on 30 June 1945 which included in the band an External Student of London University. This was initially not acceptable since at Oxford and Cambridge only resident students existed. However, the matter was resolved at a general meeting of the UACR held during the Summer tour centred on Norwich in August 1945. It was pointed out that the University of London Act 1926 contained a comprehensive definition of the status of member of the University, which included External Students, and this definition was accepted. (During the week in Norwich VJ Day was announced and everyone joined in spontaneous and enthusiastic celebrations that evening).

As our ringing contacts became more extensive and frequent, we established that there was quite a number of ringers who were, or had been, at London University. Indeed, we discovered that some attempt had been made around 1937/8 to start a ringing society associated with the University but without success. In October 1945 Vernon Benning, Philip Gray, Paul Williamson, Ted Challis and I met at Imperial College and adopted a constitution for the University of London Society of Change Ringers. I was the first Master, Philip Gray the Secretary, and we invited Dr James C E Simpson - a very well known and respected ringer, and lecturer in the University at Kings from 1935 to 1939 - to be the first President. Of the founding members, Vernon Benning died in July 2004 but at the time of writing (May 2006) the other four are still alive. Vernon played a big part in ringing and teaching learners in the early years and was Master 1947-8.



*Masham 1948*

The founding officers and members appear in the photograph taken at Masham in 1948. Vernon Benning is extreme left front row, next to him is Bill (the name by which he was known in the Society) Simpson, Paul Williamson is extreme right front row, Philip Gray is second right middle row, and I am extreme left middle row (positions as viewed). Also identified in the photograph are David Martin next to Paul, Rachel Yeld next to me, Ranald Clouston extreme left back row, Geoffrey Carter and Janet Mattinson second and third right back row.



*Framlingham 1955*

Further early members can be identified in the photograph at Framlingham 1955 - the first three from the left in the front row are Pamela Martin, Margarete Hart (non member but frequently with us) and Margaret Floyer who married me on 12 July 1958. In the second row from the left are David Priestley (3rd), John Seager (4th), David Robinson (6th), Geoffrey Carter (7th), Graham McKay (8th).

Copies of the earliest reports were lodged (as was then thought to be required by law) at the British Museum Library. I have confirmed that they are still kept by the British Library, but since they are in store in West Yorkshire consulting them might require some effort and patience.

At the very beginning, the Society had its base at S Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Pimlico, organised by Philip Gray who discovered that an ex Scoutmaster from his youth had become Vicar there. The bells had not been rung since before the War, and Philip and I spent an exhausting afternoon clearing out what felt like tons of pigeon manure and nesting material from the bell chamber and cleaning the ringing chamber. The ropes were rotten at the top so, because we couldn't afford new proper bell ropes, I obtained a large amount of hemp rope from a chandler in Dockland that my father knew, and we spent another afternoon splicing the bottom ends of the existing ropes, which were good enough for up to about 10 feet from the sallies, on to the new rope. Since the total draught was long and the hemp rope was initially very elastic we had some rather exciting times ringing!

We taught learners with silenced bells on Thursday evenings, and practised with open bells on Mondays. Regular Sunday ringing was not possible because most of us were attached to other local towers, but we did sometimes ring quarter peals for special occasions. The arrangement lasted for a couple of years or so, but eventually we were asked to leave because the level of complaints from residents in the area became too high - the church was completely surrounded by houses and we had no means of sound reduction.

We then led a somewhat nomadic existence for a while - ringing on the 8 bells at S Mary's Lambeth (by the gates to Lambeth Palace) and for quite a period at S Stephen, Belsize Park, Hampstead with 10 bells though we mostly rang the back eight or the front six.

Our headquarters became S Olave, Hart Street as the result of my writing in October 1954 to Bert Hughes at the Whitechapel Foundry to ask if he knew of any church restored after war damage, and with restored bells, who did not have a regular band and who would be prepared to give us a home. By that time I had become a College Youth and fairly regularly attended their practices at Cornhill, Southwark and S Paul's. Harold Pitstow, who was in charge at Westminster Abbey and tower captain at Banstead where I lived and learnt to ring, was a close friend of Bert who was also a friend of The Rev A Powell Miller who at that time was Rector of S Olave's. I had hoped when I wrote that Bert might suggest S Olave's and I was very happy when in fact he did so and made the necessary introductions. S Olave's has been a wonderful base and successive Rectors have been helpful and hospitable hosts and congenial company at the Society's annual dinners.

In the very early years we rang a lot of call changes (very good for our striking), Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The repertoire widened as we gained more members and experience, and, for example, on the Yorkshire tour centred on Ilkley in 1948 we scored good peals of London Surprise Major and Little Bob Royal and rang a good half course of Cambridge Major on the back eight at York Minster with Bill Simpson on the tenor (he was in fact one of the highest rated heavy bell ringers in the country at that time).

When the ULSCR was founded in 1945, Dr J C E Simpson agreed to become the first President on condition that it should be for a reasonable but limited time - he was adamant that the Society must be the institution, not any of the officers. In the event, his untimely death in 1952 at the age of 43 coincided with the time he had in mind as the limit of his period in office. The principle he laid down concerning periods in office has been adhered to throughout the Society's history.

There is no doubt that the support that he gave to the Society, and his spirited defence of university ringing, which had come under strong criticism in 1945 and 1946 for alleged concentration on new methods rather than good striking, were of very great value. He was a very busy man, and time and distance did not allow him to spend as much time as he, and the Society, would have wished. In 1948, however, Bill managed to join us for the summer tour in Yorkshire. During that week of happy memories many members met him for the first time, and his wholehearted participation in, and obvious enjoyment of, all the concomitant activities of such a tour endeared him to everyone. Bill's masterly handling of the 60 cwt tenor at York Minster, turned in to a half course of Cambridge on the back eight, will not be readily forgotten by those who witnessed it. He conducted two of the three peals he rang in for the Society, and one of these was the first peal of London Surprise rung by any university society.

The custom of organising Whitsun and Summer tours was established early and those in the first few years are listed below:

	<u>Whitsun</u>	<u>Summer</u>
1946		Somerset
1947		Folkestone
1948	Chichester	Ilkley
1949		Oxford incl Glos and Warks
1950	Hants incl IoW	Hunts and Cambs (camp)
1951	St Leonards	Kings Lynn
1952	Bedford	Dorchester, Dorset
1953	Watford, Herts	Kempsey, Worcs
1954	Leatherhead	Whitehaven, Cumbria
1955	Westerham, Kent	Ipswich
1956	Harlow	Wolverhampton
1957	Petersfield, Hants	Norfolk Broads
1958	High Wycombe	Shipham, Somerset
1959	Hitchin	Northumberland & Durham
1960	Brasted, Kent	Birmingham (Warks and Worcs)
1961	Guildford, Surrey	Cheshire & North Wales
1962	Kent	Cambridge (Selwyn College)

After ten years of existence the members of the ULSCR reckoned that the Society was sufficiently well established to be affiliated to the Central Council. Application was therefore made and affiliation was approved at the Council's meeting at Leicester on 22 May 1956. I was admitted as the first representative of the ULSCR at that meeting.

Denis Layton, May 2006

# The London English Dictionary

*The Words and Phrases of the ULSCR*  
*Compiled by JP (with help from the poodle)*

**Balders** n: Thomas Baldwin

**Big Man** n: Garry Barr

**Big Tit** n: St Paul's Cathedral (orig. the shape of the dome that looks similar to a woman's breast)

**BNJ** abbr: Bloody Nick Jones

**bonus** int: fantastic

**to Bound** v: to change pubs from the Goodman's Field to the Liberty Bounds when the former stops serving

**Brucester** n: Becky Bruce

**to camp it up** v: to send quarter or peal details to the Campanophile website

**carnage** n: the aftermath after something has gone wrong (for example a touch of Stedman can end in carnage as can a particularly alcoholic pub session)

**Chaz** n: Charles Herriott (also **Chazmeister** or **Chazillicious**) See also **Herriott**

**cheeky chunder** n: a vomit than cannot be described in any way as tactical (for example into a flowerpot in the Lord Mayor's parlour!)

**cheeky touch** n: a piece of ringing lasting a few minutes used when the tower captain entrusts the conductor to determine the most sensible length of touch for the situation *e.g.*: *Chris, could you call us a cheeky touch of Stedman*

**comedy** adj: describes an amusing event (for example watching somebody severely under the influence of alcohol attempt to ring a bell up)

**constitution** n: the body of rules that govern the way the society is run, often quoted and argued over at meetings. See also **secret ballot**

**controversial** adj: the usual response to a new or radical idea *e.g.*: *Shall we go somewhere other than the Goodman's Fields? Controversial!*

**Cool Brad** n: Andrew Bradford

**coolio** adj: cooler than cool

**cunning** adj: an ingenious idea

**danger danger** n: a warning of something that could be viewed as being hazardous or likely to cause problems. *e.g.*: *I'd been drinking beer all evening and then went on to cider. Danger danger!* See also **high voltage**

**Dave** n: Lucy Bricheno's car

**Dave twin** n: a car identical in all but the number plate to Dave

**disco** n: 1) the dance fest that follows the UL annual dinner 2) abbreviation for Discovery, a very nice Fuller's beer

**dither** n: a long period of indecisiveness with the end result of a lot of wasted drinking minutes, a tradition at which the society excels (for example the debate as to which pub to go to often whilst standing outside the one that will eventually be decided upon anyway)

**Dottley** n: Dave Ottley

**downwards** adv: the command to commence ringing something at the end of a practice which is guaranteed to fire out

**El Pres** n: the president (orig Spanish *el presidente* = the president)



**error** n: a mistake *e.g.: I tried to dodge with you and then realised that I should have been making places. Error!* See also **schoolboy error**

**excellent** adj: (pron. spoken in a deep, slightly scary voice attempting to sound like a cyberman) extremely good

**exciting** (pr. ppl. v. to excite): something that could be described as being thrilling

**explode** v: the stage when somebody (usu. Peter) is getting a bit too excited over something *e.g.: That is so exciting, I might actually explode*

**fiend** n: somebody who is very good at something *e.g.: You're a Stedman fiend!*

**finger-wigglingly good** adj: the state when something is so good or exciting that Lucy Bricheno's fingers move up and down uncontrollably

**focus<sup>1</sup>** n: a specifically aimed practice designed to help somebody with their ringing, usually on handbells *e.g.: Kent focus*

**focus<sup>2</sup>** suff: placed at the end of almost any word or phrase describing doing something *e.g.: District line focus, church hall focus, bell focus*

**Fresher Jon** n: Jonathan Westlake (sometimes abbreviated to **Fresh**)

**genius** n: a very clever person or idea

**get in** int: 1) a request to get inside something (for example the tower when it is raining) 2) to show approval of something. See also **get out**

**get out** int: 1) a request to get outside of something 2) the traditional response to "get in"

**good skills** n: a term of congratulation to somebody who has achieved something impressive *e.g.: Was that your first quarter inside? Good Skills!*

**Great Barr** n: 1) A suburb of Birmingham with a ring of 6 2) Garry Barr (orig. Great (as in large or occasionally fantastic) + Barr)

**gutbuster** n: a very large meal that even manages to be too much food for certain members of the society known for their eating prowess

**Herriotty** n: (pron. spoken in a deep Slavic accent in an attempt to sound like a vodka swilling Croatian) Charles Herriott (orig. the surname of Charles's presumed Croatian family)

**high voltage** int: the traditional response to "danger danger"

**issues** n: to have a problem with something *e.g.: I'm having a few navigational issues!*

**J Egg** abbr: James Eggleston

**JP** abbr: Peter Jasper

**JW** abbr: Jon Waters (usage: not Jon Westlake)

**lameo** n: unconvincingly feeble excuse to do something other than a UL event *e.g.: He's not coming to the pub because he's being lameo*

**to large it** v: to go out being "one of the lads" usually involving copious amounts of alcohol and Cool Brad

**legend** n: a person who has done something of note within the society

**meal buddy** n: a person who is willing to share a two-fer with you. *e.g.: Do you fancy being a meal buddy?* See also **two-fer**

**mission** n: a difficult challenge (for example to attempt to drink the most at the dinner)

**ner-ner-ne-ner-ner** int: (pron. In a sing-song type of voice like you used to do when you were at primary school) So there (also **ner ner ne ner and indeed ner**)

**Ollyphant** n: Oliver Cross (orig. Olly + elephant)

**passing loop** n: the last thing you hear when trying to have a conversation with Nick Jones on a train *e.g.: So Nick, as I was saying, what did you think... sorry, passing loop!* (synonyms: signalbox, station, track, platform etc.)

**Perty** n: Rupert Littlewood

**pintage** n: the act of going for a pint of beer. See also **pubbage**

**pizza and tea** n: 1) a euphemism for a chap taking a girl back to his place *e.g.: Fancy coming back for some pizza and tea? (accompanied by a wink!)* 2) an Italian type of food and an oriental drink eaten when Peter invites you back to his place *e.g.: Fancy coming back for some pizza and tea? (accompanied by a frozen pizza and teabags!)*

**poodle** n: Peter Jasper's hair, believed by some to be a separate entity *e.g.: Shall we ask the poodle?*

**pubbage** n: the act of going to a public house

**Q** n: 1) (also **Big Q** or **K**) Quentin Jackson 2) Believed by some to be the initial letter of the capital of Malaysia

**Quentin's sock** n: a knitted garment for the foot and lower leg owned by Q rumoured not to be used for the usual purpose

**really** adv: (pron. emphasis on first syllable preferably at a pitch as high as possible) an expression of disbelief and usually excitement in a particularly juicy piece of gossip *e.g.: The UL have been invited to be the subject of a television documentary. Really?*

**regular rectangle** n: a square *e.g.: Be there or be a regular rectangle* (also arch. **rectangular-shaped thing**)

**remedial** n: a harsher term for a tonk implying that medical attention may be required.

**riduckulous** adj: something that is even more ludicrous than a ridiculous thing

**Rude-mobile** n: Dave Hills's car

**schoolboy error** n: a mistake that happens so regularly that you kick yourself every time you make it (for example ringing Stedman Caters and turning around in 4-5 instead of 6-7 at a bob)

**secret ballot** n: 1) a vote where people mark ballot papers, controversially all UL elections are conducted in this way regardless of the number of candidates standing for a post 2) a threat to decide something in this manner if a long dither is looking imminent (for example which pub to go to when two different places are suggested simultaneously)

**sess** n: (pron. sesh) an abbreviation of **session**

**session** n: a prolonged period usually involving drinking beer in a pub. see also **sess**

**Spoon's** n: a pub owned by J.D. Wetherspoon or one of a similar vein

**tactical chunder** n: the act of removing the contents of one's stomach so one can get back to drinking without feeling unwell, usually done discreetly

**tidy piles** n: an instruction to keep your pile of cards in a tidy fashion, essential when playing bridge with Lucy Bricheno

**tonk<sup>1</sup>** n: 1) a plonker or idiot 2) Rupert Littlewood (usu. **The Tonk**)

**to tonk<sup>2</sup>** v. 1) (**tonk about**) to mess around 2) (**tonk something up**) to make a complete hash of something 3) (**to tonk it**) to go somewhere quickly *e.g.: If we're going to get there in time we're seriously going to have to tonk it.*

**tonkish behaviour** n: the way of acting like a tonk

**Tonkmeister** n: an alternative to **The Tonk**

**Trimbo** n: Mike Trimm

**triv** n: the pub quiz machine that eats all your money

**tubeage** n: the act of using London's underground network

**two-fer** n: the cheap Wetherspoon's menu where two meals can be bought for £6.99. *e.g.: Fancy going for a two-fer?* See also **meal buddy** (Orig. "Two for £6.99" menu)

**to waste** v: to deal with somebody in a presumed violent way *e.g.: If you knock over my pint I'm going to waste you.*

**wasted** adj: the state reached after consuming far too much alcohol than is strictly necessary.

**waster** n: 1) somebody who is, or appears to be wasted 2) a general term of abuse and/or endearment

# ULSCR CONSTITUTION

*(last amended at the AGM in May 2006)*

1. TITLE: The Society shall be called the University of London Society of Change Ringers.
2. OBJECTIVES: The objectives of the Society shall be:
  - 2.1) ringing for Divine Service.
  - 2.2) the promotion of the art and science of change ringing in the University of London.
3. AFFILIATION:
  - 3.1) The Society shall be affiliated to the Senate of the University of London.
  - 3.2) The Society shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.
4. MEMBERSHIP:
  - 4.1) ELIGIBILITY:
    - 4.1.1) FULL MEMBERSHIP: Full membership of the Society shall be open to all:
      - 4.1.1.1) past and present members of the University of London, as defined by statute 4 of the Statutes of the University.
      - 4.1.1.2) past and present full time employees of the University of London.
      - 4.1.1.3) persons undertaking courses of tertiary education at City University, Brunel University, or any other college in London.
    - 4.1.2) HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: Honorary membership may be conferred on any individual who has been of signal service to the Society.
  - 4.2) ELECTION OF MEMBERS:
    - 4.2.1) Persons eligible for membership under rule 4.1.1 shall become members upon payment of a subscription, as laid down in rule 4.4.1, subject to ratification as described in rule 4.3.
    - 4.2.2) Persons eligible for membership under rule 4.1.2 shall be invited to become a member upon election at a General Meeting, provided that they have previously been approved by the Committee.
  - 4.3) RATIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP:
    - 4.3.1) Persons eligible for membership under rule 4.1.1 shall have their names and affiliations read out at the General Meeting following the payment of their subscription, for the purpose of ratifying their membership.
    - 4.3.2) Persons eligible for membership under rules 4.1.1.2 and 4.1.1.3 shall have been previously approved by the Committee, and they shall be identified separately to the Meeting.
    - 4.3.3) Should the eligibility of any person be called into question at the meeting, it shall be the duty of the Committee to investigate the facts of the case. If the Committee's findings support the case for membership the person's membership shall be considered to be ratified. If, however, the Committee's findings do not support the case for membership the person shall be considered never to have been a member, and their subscriptions shall be returned.
  - 4.4) SUBSCRIPTIONS:
    - 4.4.1) FULL MEMBERS: Full members shall pay either:
      - 4.4.1.1) an annual subscription. Five such payments made in consecutive years automatically conferring life membership. Or:
      - 4.4.1.2) a single payment for life membership.
    - 4.4.2) HONORARY MEMBERS: Honorary members shall pay no subscription.
    - 4.4.3) RATES: Subscription rates shall be decided each year at the Annual General Meeting, to take effect from the beginning of the next academic year.
  - 4.5) DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP:
    - 4.5.1) Persons shall remain members as follows:
      - 4.5.1.1) Life members - until death.
      - 4.5.1.2) Annual members - until the end of the academic year in which their subscription is received.
      - 4.5.1.3) Honorary members - until death, or such time as they become a full member of the Society.

- 4.5.2) At the end of the academic year the Secretary shall furnish all annual members with a reminder that their subscription is due, and shall cease to supply them with information about the Society's activities.
- 4.5.3) The Committee shall have the power to inform a person whose subscription is in arrears that their membership of the Society has lapsed.
- 4.6) CONDUCT: All members of the Society shall agree to abide by the rules of the Society, as laid down in the Constitution.
- 4.7) COMPOSITION: The Society shall, at all times, be predominantly composed of members of the University of London.

## 5. OFFICERS:

- 5.1) POSTS: The Officers of the Society shall be (in descending order of seniority);
  - 5.1.1) The President.
  - 5.1.2) The Vice-Presidents (the number, at least one and not exceeding three, to be decided at the time of election)
  - 5.1.3) The Master
  - 5.1.4) The Secretary
  - 5.1.5) The Treasurer (this post may be combined with that of Secretary).
  - 5.1.6) The Membership Secretary
  - 5.1.7) Two Trustees
  - 5.1.8) The Auditor
- 5.2) ELIGIBILITY: With the exception of the Auditor, all Officers must be full members of the Society.
- 5.3) DURATION OF OFFICE:
  - 5.3.1) Any officer may stand down at any time, having first given at least six weeks notice to the Committee (where practical).
  - 5.3.2) With the exception of the Membership Secretary, the Trustees and the Auditor, all Officers must stand down at the end of the first Annual General Meeting following their election.
  - 5.3.3) The Membership Secretary and each Trustee must stand down at the end of the third Autumnal General Meeting following their election.
  - 5.3.4) The Auditor must stand down at the end of the first Autumnal General Meeting following his or her election.
  - 5.3.5) The term of office of all the Officers shall commence at the end of the General Meeting at which they are elected.
- 5.4) ELECTION: The Officers shall be elected at General Meetings, as is necessary to minimise the amount of time for which a post lies vacant.

## 6. CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

- 6.1) POST: The post of Central Council Representative may be combined with that of any of the Officers.
- 6.2) ELIGIBILITY: The Central Council Representative must be a full member of the Society.
- 6.3) DURATION OF OFFICE: The Central Council Representative shall serve for three years, in accordance with Central Council rules.
- 6.4) ELECTION:
  - 6.4.1) The Central Council Representative shall be elected at the Autumnal General Meeting immediately preceding the first meeting of a new session of the Central Council
  - 6.4.2) If the Central Council Representative can no longer represent the Society, a new Representative shall be elected at a General Meeting to serve until the end of the aforementioned three years.

## 7. GOVERNMENT: The Society shall be governed by a Committee consisting of:

- 7.1) The Officers (with the exception of the Trustees and the Auditor).
- 7.2) the Central Council Representative (if not otherwise on the Committee).
- 7.3) up to three other full members (to be elected at the Annual General Meeting).
- 7.4) anyone else that the Committee sees fit to co-opt.

8. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE: In addition to those duties described elsewhere, the Committee shall:
  - 8.1) cause to be published an Annual Report of the activities of the Society in time for the Autumn General Meeting following the year to which it pertains. This report shall:
    - 8.1.1) include an audited statement of the Society's accounts.
    - 8.1.2) include a breakdown of the Society's membership, by institution.
    - 8.1.3) be as comprehensive as circumstances permit.
  - 8.2) advertise, as they see fit, all events organised in the name of the Society.
  - 8.3) elect a steeple-keeper, librarian, PCC representative and webmaster from among their number.
9. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Committee shall meet, in open session, at least once a term, in accordance with the following rules:
  - 9.1) QUORUM: Five full members, including one Officer, shall constitute a quorum at any Committee Meeting.
  - 9.2) CHAIRMANSHIP: The Chair shall be taken by the Master, or, if he or she is absent, the most senior Officer present.
  - 9.3) ORDINARY MEETINGS: An Ordinary Committee Meeting shall be any meeting convened in accordance with rules 9.1 and 9.5.
  - 9.4) EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS:
    - 9.4.1) An extraordinary Committee Meeting may be called at any time, provided that it is quorate in accordance with rule 9.1.
    - 9.4.2) The decisions taken by an Extraordinary Committee Meeting shall be presented at the next Ordinary Committee Meeting, where they may be overruled.
  - 9.5) NOTICE OF MEETINGS: All members of the Committee shall receive at least one weeks notice of a Committee Meeting, where practical.
10. GENERAL MEETINGS:
  - 10.1) QUORUM: The quorum for a General Meeting shall be either:
    - 10.1.1) the same as for a Committee Meeting. Or:
    - 10.1.2) in the case of a meeting at which changes to the Constitution are proposed, fifteen full members, including two Officers.
  - 10.2) CHAIRMANSHIP: The Chair shall be taken by the most senior Officer present, where this does not involve a conflict of interests. If no suitable Officer can be found, the Meeting may offer the Chair to the full member of their choice.
  - 10.3) ORDINARY MEETINGS:
    - 10.3.1) The Annual General Meeting shall be held, where practical, on the second Saturday in May. Otherwise another date, at the beginning of the summer term, shall be selected by the Committee.
    - 10.3.2) The Autumnal General Meeting shall be held, where practical, on the last Saturday in November. Otherwise another date, at the beginning of the academic year, shall be selected by the Committee.
  - 10.4) EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS: An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called to take place in the following circumstances:
    - 10.4.1) within six weeks of written notice being received by the Secretary from at least ten full members.
    - 10.4.2) as the Committee sees fit.
  - 10.5) NOTICE OF MEETINGS: The Committee shall cause notice of a General Meeting to be published in 'The Ringing World' at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.
  - 10.6) PROPOSALS:
    - 10.6.1) NOMINATION FOR OFFICERS (& OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS)
      - 10.6.1.1) Nominations shall be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary, proposed, seconded, and with the consent of the nominee, not less than one week before the published date of the meeting.
      - 10.6.1.2) The names of the proposed shall be available to members before the meeting, along with the names of the proposers and seconders.
      - 10.6.1.3) If no nominations are received for a particular post, the Meeting may decide to accept nominations from the floor.
    - 10.6.2) AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION: Proposals for amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary, proposed and seconded, not less than four weeks before the published date of the meeting.

- 10.6.3) AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION: Proposals for amendments to proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary, proposed and seconded, not less than one week before the published date of the meeting.
- 10.6.4) OTHER:
  - 10.6.4.1) Any other proposals may be taken from the floor.
  - 10.6.4.2) Once seconded they shall be voted on before passing on to other business.
  - 10.6.4.3) If no seconder can be found for a proposal, it shall be considered never to have been made.
- 10.7) OTHER BUSINESS: The Secretary shall be given written details of any item to appear on the Agenda of a General Meeting at least one week before the published date of the meeting.
- 10.8) ELECTIONS:
  - 10.8.1) OFFICERS (& OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS): All Officers and other Committee members shall be elected by secret ballot. In all cases the option 'none of the candidates' shall be an acceptable vote.
  - 10.8.2) HONORARY MEMBERS: Honorary members shall be elected by secret ballot, or a show of hands, as the Meeting sees fit.
- 10.9) ORDINARY VOTES: All other votes shall be conducted by a show of hands, the count of which shall be declared to the Meeting and entered in the Minutes.
- 10.10) ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE:
  - 10.10.1) With the exception of the Chairperson, any full member may take part in any vote.
  - 10.10.2) The Chairperson may only vote so as to resolve a tied vote.
  - 10.10.3) No honorary member may take part in any vote.

## 11. PEALS:

- 11.1) No person who is not a member of the Society shall be permitted to ring in a peal claimed by the Society.
- 11.2) Should any member who is in arrears ring in a peal claimed by the Society, the conductor of that peal shall be responsible for paying their subscription, otherwise the peal shall not be recognised by the Society.
- 11.3) Every member who rings in a peal claimed by the Society shall pay a booking fee, the amount of which is to be decided each year at the Annual General Meeting.
- 11.4) The conductor of the peal shall be responsible for paying the booking fee to the treasurer by 31st March following.
- 11.5) A peal for which the booking fee has not been paid shall not be recognised by the Society.
- 11.6) The Society, in the person of the Committee, reserves the right to disassociate itself from any Peal (or Quarter Peal) rung in its name.

## 12. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

- 12.1) The constitution may only be altered by a two-thirds majority of those present, and eligible to vote, at a General Meeting which is quorate in accordance with rule 10.1.2.
- 12.2) A copy of the proposed amendments, together with the names of the proposers and seconders, shall be placed on the Society's noticeboard not less than two weeks before the published date of the meeting.
- 12.3) The Committee shall ensure that adequate publicity is given to any such proposals.
- 12.4) If an amendment to the Constitution is accepted:
  - 12.4.1) the new Constitution shall be effective from the end of the meeting.
  - 12.4.2) a copy of the new Constitution shall be included in that year's Annual Report.

## 13. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY:

- 13.1) The Society may only be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of those present, and eligible to vote, at a General Meeting which is quorate in accordance with rule 10.1.2.
- 13.2) Upon dissolution, the assets of the Society shall be transferred to another society devoted to change ringing in London.



## **APPENDIX A: JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE POSTS**

### **THE PRESIDENT SHALL:**

- i) ensure that the constitutional objective of the Society are actively protected.
- ii) act as tower contact during the vacations.
- iii) vet any communication to be forwarded to the public press which purports to express the views of the Society.

### **THE VICE-PRESIDENT(S) SHALL:**

- i) be responsible for the organisation of the Social activities of the Society, including the Annual Dinner, the Freshers' Tour, and the Summer Tour.
- ii) ensure that the duties of the President are carried out in a proper manner.
- iii) advise subordinate Officers on the effective performance of their duties.

### **THE MASTER SHALL:**

- i) be responsible for the Society's ringing activities.
- ii) organise weekly practices in term time.
- iii) organise Sunday service ringing in term time.
- iv) be responsible for the organisation of ringing for any special occasions (including weddings).
- v) be responsible to the Committee for the production of the Annual Report pertaining to their year in office and ensure that its production is in time for the Autumn General Meeting following the end of that year in office. The Master shall also be responsible for the other activities of the Committee.

### **THE SECRETARY SHALL:**

- i) act as the Society's point of contact with the general public, the Church authorities, the University, and other ringing organisations.
- ii) pass the names of the Officers, and an address for the Society, to 'The Ringing World' and the Vice-Chancellor, or other appropriate Officer of the University, as soon after the Annual General Meeting as is possible.
- iii) be responsible for ensuring that copies of the Annual Report are sent to those members of the Society who request them, and the Vice-Chancellor, or other appropriate Officer of the University.
- iv) keep the Society's peal book up to date.
- v) produce written Minutes for all General Meetings and Ordinary Committee Meetings.

### **THE TREASURER SHALL:**

- i) keep the Society's books.
- ii) produce annual accounts, which shall be passed to the Auditor in time to be audited for the Annual General Meeting.
- iii) ensure that steepage is collected after each practice.
- iv) be responsible for the management of the Society's finances.

### **THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY SHALL:**

- i) maintain a database of all members of the Society. This should include up-to-date contact details for those members who have consented to such details being recorded.
- ii) foster and maintain links with those members who are no longer regularly active in the Society.
- iii) ensure that the names and affiliations of all new members are read out at the Committee Meeting and General Meeting following the payment of their subscription, for the purposes of ratifying their membership.

### **THE TRUSTEES SHALL:**

- i) hold the Society's property in trust.
- ii) prepare and maintain an inventory of the Society's property.
- iii) ensure that the Society's property is safely kept and (by arrangement with the Secretary and/or Treasurer) insured where appropriate.
- iv) present a report of the state of the Society's property to the Annual General Meeting each year.

### **THE AUDITOR SHALL:**

- i) audit the Society's accounts, and be responsible for their presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

**THE LIBRARIAN SHALL:**

- i) be responsible for the Society's library and archives.
- ii) maintain and update the library catalogue, and make this catalogue available to Society members.
- iii) be responsible for monitoring the borrowing of items from the library and archives.
- iv) be responsible for the addition of appropriate materials to the library and archives.
- v) promote the collection to, and encourage its use by, members of the Society.
- vi) preserve the collection safely and securely for the use of future members of the Society.

**APPENDIX B: UNIVERSITY REGULATION FOR RECOGNISED SOCIETIES AND CLUBS OTHER THAN STUDENT SOCIETIES AND CLUBS.**

1. Any society or club desiring to be recognised by the Senate must apply for recognition through the Collegiate Council.
2. The constitution and rules of any society or club applying for recognition must be reported to the Collegiate Council.
3. Any alteration to the constitution or rules of any recognised society or club must be communicated to the Collegiate Council.
4. Recognition will in general not be granted to any society or club (a) which is not predominantly composed of members of the University as defined in Statute 5; or (b) whose membership does not number twenty.
5. Each society or club which has been recognised must submit for the consideration of the Collegiate Council an annual report together with a detailed statement of accounts duly audited.
6. Statute 38 prescribes that public appeals for funds may not be made by or on behalf of University Bodies or Schools without the express permission of the Court. In the case of recognised University societies or clubs applications for such permission shall be made through the Collegiate Council, who, if they approve, shall endorse the application and forward it to the Senate for submission to the Court.
7. Recognition may at any time be withdrawn by the Senate, without assigning any reason for such withdrawal.
8. No recognised society or club shall be affiliated to any body not connected with the University without first obtaining the permission of the Collegiate Council.

The following societies have been approved under the foregoing Regulations:

University of London Boat Club Association  
University of London Fabian Society  
University of London Middle Temple Society  
University of London Society of Change Ringers  
London Graduate Mountaineering Club.

**APPENDIX C: STATUTE 4 OF THE UNIVERSITY STATUTES**

The members of the University shall be the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellors, the members of the Council, the Professors, Readers and Teachers of the University, the Emeritus Professors and Readers, the academic-related staff employed by the University and Colleges, the Graduates, the Students, and such other persons as the Council shall from time to time decide, provided always that the Council shall have the power, at the request of a member, to release that person from membership of the University subject to such agreements as the Council may require that the person will continue to observe the Statutes and Ordinances of the University.

## Names and Faces

*This annual report contains several photographs showing the many members and friends who participated in the year's activities. The names associated with the faces shown are recorded for posterity in the lists below. In each case, the list runs from left to right as the photo is viewed.*

### Cover Photo

Rupert Littlewood

### Summer Vacation

**Basildon Bell Tower:** Helen Saddleton, Harry Saddleton, Richard Saddleton, Jenny Holden, Lucy Bricheno, Nick Jones

**Lodge Rd, Southampton:** ?, Garry Barr, Clare Dyer, Mark Place, Lee Pinnington

**Hartley Twelve:** Mark Place, Judy Holmes, Alex Cannon, Oliver Hall, Lucy Bricheno, Andy Sparling, Lee Pinnington, Garry Barr

**Worthington Cup:** Rupert Littlewood

**Summer Tour Group Photo:** Roger Bailey, Haley Barnett, Lucy Bricheno, Alison Elwess, Clara Westlake, Andy Bradford, Quentin Jackson, Rae Town, Rupert Littlewood, Peter Jasper, Nick Jones, Becky Sugden, Martin Cansdale, Rob Lee, Jon Westlake

**Chicken Head:** Martin Cansdale, Olly Cross

**Lap:** Roger Bailey, Andy Bradford, Clara Westlake

**Path:** Peter Jasper

**Pub Garden:** Nick Jones, Andy Bradford, Mary Sloman, Clara Westlake, Jon Westlake, Lucy Bricheno, Rob Lee

### 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Handbell Peal Band:** Mike Trimm, Peter King, Roger Bailey, Martin Cansdale, Ruth Blackwell

**Party Balloons:** Martin Cansdale, Charles Herriott, Roger Bailey

**Musical Chairs:** Haley Barnett, Mike Trimm, Sam Hovey, Thomas Baldwin, Martin Cansdale, Clara Westlake

**Cutting Cake:** Nick Jones

### Late October 2005

**Wong Kei's:** Haley Barnett, Thomas Baldwin

**Jasper House:** Peter Jasper

**The Rising Sun, Bart's:** Jenny Holden, Clare Dyer, Nick Jones, Thomas Baldwin, Rupert Littlewood, Quentin Jackson, Peter Jasper, Charles Herriott

**Hamilton Hall:** James Eggleston, Clare Dyer, Haley Barnett

**Egg & Spoon:** Jon Westlake, Rupert Littlewood, Clara Westlake, Peter Jasper, Dominic Meredith

**SUA Superstars:** Jon Westlake, Peter Jasper, Dominic Meredith, Rupert Littlewood, James Eggleston, Clara Westlake, Lucy Bricheno, Clare Dyer

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

#### Presidents

**Seated:** Philip M J Gray, Denis N Layton

**Standing:** Michael J Trimm, Roger Bailey, Alan J Frost, James R S Sawle, Richard S J Saddleton, Nicholas W Jones, Nigel Thomson, Mark C Bennett

#### Masters

**Seated:** Katherine L Town, Jennifer A Holden, Philip M J Gray, Alan J Frost, Denis N Layton, Rebecca S Bruce, Kelly N Sargent (née Barnes)

**Standing:** David H W Ottley, Oliver D Cross, Geoffrey Gillman, Martin J Cansdale, James R S Sawle, Nicholas W Jones, Richard O Humphries, Rupert H J Littlewood, John Armstrong, Richard W Butler, Geoffrey R Bryant, Graham G Firman, Simon M Barnes, Marcus A Wheel, Michael J Trimm, Nigel Thomson, Peter J Sanderson, Phillip R J Barnes, Philip Bosworth

**Top Table:** Rupert Littlewood, Jenny Holden, Philip Gray, Nick Jones, Penny Sharp, Simon Holden, Elizabeth Barnes, Phillip Barnes

**Pint & Cigar:** Charles Herriott, Rupert Littlewood

**Seated:** Candace Farman, Katherine Gray, Tom Sibley, Tim Moran

**Head to Head:** Mike Trimm, Phillip Barnes

## **2006 Spring Tours**

**Lundy Tower Roof:** Lucy Bricheno, Rupert Littlewood, Quentin Jackson, Clare Dyer, Dave Hills

**Radio Room Handbells:** Nick Jones, Clare Dyer, Lucy Bricheno, Mike Trimm, Katie Town

**Helicopter:** Lucy Bricheno

**Paddling at Swanage:** Thomas Baldwin, Clare Dyer, Josie Crimp, Clara Westlake, Alison Elwess

**Kitting Up for Go Ape:** Candace Farman, Jon Waters, Alison Elwess, Quentin Jackson, Peter Jasper, Rupert Littlewood, Josie Crimp, Thomas Baldwin, Jenny Holden

**In the Trees:** Jenny Holden, Rupert Littlewood

**Inside a Barrel:** Peter Jasper

## **Miscellaneous Photographs**

**Freshers' Fair:** Haley Barnett, Rupert Littlewood, Jenny Holden, Peter Jasper

**Quarter Peal Day:** Rupert Cheeseman, Garry Barr, Lucy Bricheno, Nick Jones, Andy Bradford, Katie Town, Clara Westlake, Quentin Jackson, Peter Jasper, Mike Trimm

**AGM Day Quarter:** Nick Jones, Peter Jasper, Rupert Cheeseman, Rona Shaw, Tim Joiner, Lucy Bricheno, Clara Westlake, Tim Moran

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Nick Jones, November 2006