



ULSCR Annual Report

2007 - 2008

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Master's Report

This academic year has been incredibly busy with the UL ringing for everything from practices and services to weddings, funerals, outings, tours, peals, quarters, fundraising events and occasionally for fun!

Practices have mainly been held at Hart Street although we have had other practices at various towers including Cripplegate, Shoreditch, Aldgate, St Sep's, St Martin's, Limehouse and St Mary le Bow. The ringing at practices has ranged from practice at basic bell handling techniques to surprise maximus with a few society members attempting both at the same time!

Sunday morning ringing has been reasonably well attended at Hart Street this year with at least 6 and on occasions even surprise major being rung! Other Sunday ringing has taken place in our slots at Shoreditch, St Clement Danes and St Bart's, Smithfield. On the very few occasions when not enough people have been around the bells have still been rung with help from the Ellacombe Chime that is now fully back in operation.

We have been very lucky with 7 new members during the year and, although unfortunately a small minority were not from Dorset, it has to be said that still 3 new members of the Dorset mafia have joined as UL members this year which I think must be a record for any society in the world run by a Poodle.

The UL remained a force to be reckoned with on the competitive ground this year. We came a respectable 5th place in the Tewkesbury Shield striking competition and, well we turned up to the SUA even if the only thing we were anywhere close to first place in was the queue for the bar!

This year has seen a number of tours and outings all over the country. We have had one-day tours to Essex, Suffolk (or in some people's case, just Essex twice) and the far end of the Piccadilly Line as well as weekends away in Oxford and on Lundy Island. The Summer Tour saw us head so far North that not even the Northern Line could help us any more. Scotland was the venue for Nick's fantastically organised tour involving surprisingly very little in the way of trains but a lot in the way of whisky. However, his plans of large amounts of handbell ringing were scuppered when he was advised by a doctor to "keep off the wee bells for a while" after hurting his wrist in a bit of extreme... **[Ed. - that's enough about Nick's wrist.]**

Peal weekend saw us score 5 out of 10 peals with an impressive two first peals on 12 and a first of maximus at Seps as well as two first spliced major, a first of surprise in hand and a first quarter for Lian. This was followed up with a Quarter Peal Weekend that saw first quarters on tower bells scored for Lian and Guy as well as Clare's first of 8-spliced and first blows of London! I hope that Quarter Peal Weekend will become a regular feature of the UL year in the future.

It has been an honour to serve as your master for the past year and I would like to thank everybody that helped make this year as successful as it turned out to be. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish my successor the very best of luck for their mastership next year.

Peter Jasper

Secretary's Report

The past year has been another successful year for the UL. We have gained several new members, both new to ringing and more experienced. They have regularly attended and added significantly to the UL's bar bill, much to the delight of the Goodman's Field, which we are now attending again.

Of course, there have been many news stories throughout the year. Within our regular ringing band, Olly Cross got married to Mary Sloman in May, as well as Dave Hills and Ruth Blackwood getting engaged during the year. Within the wider Society, Sam Hovey married Gordon Graham, and quarter was rung at Hart Street for the occasion; Greg Watson got engaged to Smita Dutta and the UL has been procreating like rabbits. New children were born to Alison and Tim Elwess, Kelly and Ben Sargent, Simon and Eleanor Linford, Jason and Helen Hughes, Mark and Emma Humphreys, Paul and Janet Carless and Julia Cater and Jonathan Clarke. Congratulations to all of them.

Socially, we have had many events over the year. Last summer began with the treasure hunt and picnic, the former set by the Poodles and themed around the London Underground. They seemed to have the better end of the deal as they sat in the pub while we traipsed round London on the tube, until we realised that most of the answers could be guessed from the pub down the road. At the end of the summer, the UL inflicted itself upon Scotland, even making it to the top of Ben Nevis as well as ringing at several towers in an excellent tour by Nick Jones.

With the start of term, we saw the well-attended and alcoholic Freshers' Practice as well as the slightly less well-attended, but just as alcoholic, Freshers' pub crawl. Many of the new freshers were then convinced to go off to Bristol for the SUA. Thankfully, I only have to talk about the social side of this event, at which the UL was a great success with a notable exception in the person who organised a touch on beer bottles. Thankfully, no such feat was repeated at the Dinner which was again expertly organised by Katie. The speeches from Roger, Peter and Simon Bond (OUS Master) were all far better than most of the dancing that followed.

In the new year, we had a tour to Essex, care of Helen Saddleton, and even managed to grab Harry's mini-ring in the evening. The Lundy tour this Spring was even better attended than previous years and was a great success, with the trip having much less Lundy Lurgy focus than the Oxford people experienced in December. The most recent tour was of course to Oxford at the end of March. Finally, last night the UL went Ceilidh dancing which was a great success, although possibly more exercise than most of the UL are used to.

And so, having given an account of what I can remember from some of the past year's events, it only remains for me to wish the next Secretary the best of luck in this tireless and thankless role.

Nicholas Hartley

Treasurer's Report

After completion of the annual accounts I am able to report that the society this year experienced an excess of income over expenditure of £13.54. However, this year's expenditure omits the payment for the handbell insurance and the Ringing World subscription, which were paid late, and so do not appear in this year's figures. This is c. 97% reduction on the previous year's profit, and a cursory examination of the accounts this year shows us that income has gone down and expenditure has gone up, in comparison to 2006-07, so that they are now nearly level. However, given that we are a student society and not a commercial business, I am quite happy with having broken even, and am pleased with the accounts' overall performance this year.

In contrast to last year we are now able to distinguish totally between the incomes from peal booking fees, visiting ringers' donations and general donations and steeplage. What is noticeable is that peal booking fees do not represent a very high amount of our income, at just £28.00 for this last year. However a great amount of effort is involved in collecting this fee! Membership fees' revenue is up, which is due entirely, I would think, to our much improved publicity through our website. Recruitment hopefully will continue to improve into the new year, and continue to boost our income.

I cannot report on our income without expressing sincere gratitude, on behalf of the ULSCR, to those who have made significant financial donations to the society. Messrs Jones, Trimm and Joiner have been exceptionally generous this year, and as a society we are indebted to them for helping our financial situation, so our thanks go to them, and also to Katie Town for her superb work for the second year in a row, on the annual dinner, which has once again turned a significant profit.

Chief among our expenditure this year was the handbell refurbishment work. We paid Whitechapel Bell Foundry to complete this. As last year, when we bought new fittings for the handbells, we were making capital expenditure here and it is not likely for the handbells to require further such work (and money) for several years to come, and it is for precisely this sort of larger expenditure that our reserves are built up. The PCC of St Olave's purchased new ropes for their bells this year, and as we have the regular use of them we made a donation to cover the cost of one rope and the postage involved. The society as a whole is grateful to the PCC for spending this money for our benefit.

A word too needs to be said about bank accounts. The accounts show that there were more bank accounts held in the ULSCR's name at the end of the year compared to the beginning. This was part of the process of changing the signatories to people who perhaps have a more active role in the day-to-day running of the society. For current expenditure we operate now out of Natwest, and although this took place after the end of the financial year in question, I am pleased to be able to report that the Barclays account has finally been closed. We have a new savings account with Halifax, our old one with them having also been closed for the purposes of changing signatories.

At the end of the financial year, after having put in place measures to identify our different income strands and gain a clearer idea of what its distribution is, I was able to think about what alterations could be made, if any, to our level of fees for the year 2008-09. It was clear, in the first instance that the peal booking fee is becoming more trouble than it is worth in income. Secondly that recruitment is improving and that as a result membership fees is an area to develop our revenue. Steeplage and general donations this year do appear to be down on last year, but this may be due in part to the separation of income strands, and also the fact that last year's accounts included a large amount (about £100) of steeplage left over from the preceding year. In addition steeplage is a voluntary donation, and the level set by the annual meeting each year is a suggestion only. All I can do is encourage society members to pay it regularly and to realise that we do rely on it financially.

My proposal then for the year 2008-09 is as follows:

- That the peal booking fee is set at £0.00 per head per peal.
- That the fee for a year's membership is increased to £4.00 and for life membership to £10.00
- That the suggestion for steepage donation is frozen at 50 pence per person

As always I would like to express my personal and heartfelt gratitude to Nick Jones and Mike Trimm, for their advice as these accounts were prepared. Over the two years I have been Treasurer they have both been tremendous supports and showed a lot of patience as I became accustomed to a job for which I had no previous experience. As I stand down now I would like to thank the whole UL for your support and wish the new Treasurer every success in his new post.

Finally, on behalf of the whole society, I would like, for the second year running, to express a large vote of thanks to Roger Bailey, who provided the independent examination of these accounts, for his time and effort in auditing.

Thomas Baldwin

Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2008

	2007-08	2006-07
	£	£
Opening Balances:		
Petty cash	30.00	45.00
Barclays	1,087.64	929.58
Halifax (old account)	1,208.44	794.65
Ringing World	25.29	40.24
<i>Total Funds</i>	£2,351.37	£1,809.47
Income:		
2004 dinner income	-	30.00
2005-06 peal booking fees	-	38.50
Steeplage and general donations	176.48	266.86
ULSCR peal booking fees	28.00	67.50
Membership fees	52.50	37.50
Visiting ringers (peals and general)	163.00	236.00
Specific donations:		
Ringing World 2007 binding (prior year: 2006)	55.00	60.00
Float	1.00	-
Handbell refurbishment work	141.39	-
Wedding fee	-	15.00
Payment for St Andrew's Holborn quarter peal fee	-	24.70
Train delay compensation	-	58.50
Dinner profit	167.70	175.80
Profit on T-shirt sales	28.00	24.00
Trafalgar Square handbell ringing collection	-	50.80
EAST Festival fee (prior year: net of payment to ringers)	100.00	65.00
Interest	25.94	13.79
<i>Total Income</i>	£939.01	£1,163.95
Expenditure:		
2005-06 SUA expenses	-	78.01
2005-06 T-shirts	-	63.00
Ringing World 2006 binding	50.00	-
Ringing World 2007 binding	55.00	-
Ringing World subscription	-	40.00
Ringing World advertisements	54.00	44.95
Sixtieth anniversary quarter peal donations to Ringing World	84.70	-
Handbell refurbishment work	441.39	272.46
Handbell insurance	-	49.14
SUA engraving	-	25.07
Contribution to new ropes at St Olave's	119.74	-
Tools	56.73	-
Sundry expenses	28.91	29.42
Tewkesbury Shield entry fee 2008	15.00	-
Central Council subscription 2008 (prior year: 2007)	20.00	20.00
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	£925.47	£622.05
Excess of Income over Expenditure	£13.54	£541.90
Closing Balances:		
Petty cash	5.00	30.00
Barclays	0.00	1,087.64
Lloyds TSB	0.00	-
NatWest	1,113.24	-
Halifax (new account)	1,235.38	-
Halifax (old account)	-	1,208.44
Ringing World	11.29	25.29
<i>Total Funds</i>	£2,364.91	£2,351.37

2007 Annual Dinner Account

Income			
Ticket sales	Adults	69 at £32.50	£2,242.50
Total Income			<u>£2,242.50</u>
Expenditure			
Venue	Dinners	68 at £16.00	£1,088.00
	Pre-dinner fizz	12 bottles at £17	£204.00
	Wine	34 bottles at £11	£374.00
	Service charge	10% of food spend	£108.80
			£1,774.80
Refunded tickets*		2 at £25	£50.00
Disco			£250.00
Total Expenditure			<u>£2,074.80</u>
Profit on Dinner			<u>£167.70</u>

* Two tickets were cancelled after the deadline for confirming numbers. Refunds were made for the elements that were not charged to the UL (food and wine) but a charge of £7.50 was made to cover overheads (fizz, disco and guest speaker ticket).

Auditor's Report

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

Roger Bailey

Assets belonging to the Society at 10 May 2008

The Society's main assets are listed below:

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

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

Michael Trimm

Membership Secretary's Report

The primary role of the Membership Secretary is to foster and maintain links with those members who are no longer regularly active in the Society. In addition, I am responsible for maintaining the membership database and ensuring all new members are properly ratified.

Work on keeping the membership database up to date continues and I shall shortly begin a rolling process of contacting as many members as possible to confirm that the details we hold are up to date. I shall be beginning with all those who have subscribed to the various UL email lists and will then expand this to cover other members of the Society. I have also begun a process of identifying those former members who paid annual subscriptions but did not become life members. I intend to add these former members to the database for completeness, although, of course, they will not have their membership reinstated.

The UL alumni email group continues to be used although there are still not as many subscribers as I would like. This group is for those members who wish to stay in contact with the Society but who don't want to subscribe to the main UL list. If anyone wishes to join the alumni list, including anyone who wishes to switch from the main list to the alumni list, please let me know.

During the last year the Society gained 7 new members. These are:

- **Guy Atchison** studying Biology at UCL;
- **Ewan Marshall** studying Computer Science at Royal Holloway;
- **Jacqui Bale** studying Computing at Roehampton University;
- **Jess Glaisher** studying Lighting Design at the Central School of Speech & Drama;
- **Laura Matheson** studying Medicine at St George's;
- **Katy Pritchard** studying Anthropology at LSE; and
- **Mark Herbert** who studied Classics at King's College graduating in 1970.

Guy, Ewan and Jacqui were ratified at the AuGM in November 2007 and Jess, Laura, Katy and Mark at the AGM in May 2008.

On a sadder note, we have lost 2 members that I am aware of through death.

Martin Cubbitt collapsed and died in the ringing chamber at St Peter Mancroft on 1 July 2007 having just called a touch of Stedman Cinques for the morning service. He was 70 years old. Martin studied at the Royal Dental Hospital in the 1950s qualifying in 1959. Indeed, dentistry was a family tradition as his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all been dental practitioners in their time. Although he rang in London during his student days, he didn't join the UL until 1971 – several years after he had moved to Norwich.

It is perhaps interesting to note that at the AGM when Martin's membership was ratified, a constitutional amendment was passed increasing the life membership fee from 1 guinea to "one pound and 75 new pence", which by my reckoning is an increase of 67%. Of course, in those days such a hike was considered necessary as the Society's funds had been depleted due to losses from the freshers' tour in the previous two years. It was the first increase in membership fees since the Society was founded in 1945, but surely increases of this magnitude would not be considered these days?!

As far as I can tell, Martin rang just two peals for the Society. The first was in 1972 at Waltham Abbey and was the first peal of Londinium Surprise Maximus to be rung by a university society. The second was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at King's Lynn in 1974. At 3 hours and 9 minutes, this was described as "rather fast ... since because of the tenor's low sally Nigel [Thomson] had to stand on the floor rather than the box."

Rowland H Gwillim died on 8 September 2007 at the age of just 43. He learnt to ring at Abergavenny in the late seventies and came up to London in 1985 to begin a degree in biology at what was then North East London Polytechnic. However, not long after the course was started, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer of the lymphatic system, and had to abandon his course and return to South Wales for treatment. He came back to London in 1987, this time to study theology at Thames Polytechnic and graduated in 1990 with a BA in Theological Studies (or 'BATS' as Rowland liked to call it).

During his time in London, Rowland was an active member of the Society. I use the word 'active' in the loosest possible sense as Rowland was perhaps the laziest person I have ever met. When I first came up to London, Rowland was living in Vauxhall and every Saturday morning, his girlfriend (I won't say who this was, but many of you know who I mean) would travel from the depths of Essex to spend the weekend with him. Rowland being Rowland would scarcely be out of bed by the time she arrived, but would then demand a cup of tea and breakfast! Another example arose on the 1989 Summer Tour to the Cotswolds. We were trying to find the source of the Thames and got to some fields where we had to abandon the minibus and continue by foot. Guy Wilkinson's report of that moment reads: "Rowland, a new age man, unencumbered by outmoded and insulting principles of gallantry, ordered Frances to carry the handbells and off we set."

Rowland was my successor as Master of the Society in 1989-90 and perhaps the most memorable episode of his year in this post was the 1990 UL peal weekend. We set out with the aim of ringing peals of Stedman on all stages from Doubles to Cinqes, as well as various other peals. Stedman Doubles was lost on the Friday night, Caters on the Saturday morning, Triples on the Saturday afternoon and we didn't even start for Cinqes on the Sunday afternoon after someone dropped out that morning. Along with lost peals of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters that weekend, the same Guy Wilkinson famously told a dejected Rowland that he had presided over the biggest disaster in the history of the UL! It is perhaps fitting that we lost a peal of Stedman Triples in Rowland's memory on Dinner Day last year.

Rowland himself was not a prolific peal ringer, nor for that matter a great method ringer. He generally restricted himself to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman rather than any of that Surprise nonsense and preferred ringing quarter peals to peals. However, he did ring some 44 peals in his lifetime, 6 of which were for the UL – 2 of Grandsire Triples, 2 of Plain Bob Major and 2 of Grandsire Caters. Ringing aside, Rowland will be remembered for his dry sense of humour and his quick wit. I have many memories, some of which are more hazy than others, particularly of late nights drinking in The Pride of Spitalfields followed by long waits outside Liverpool Street station in hope of a night bus, and then getting to Waterloo station and drinking tea from the stall under the bridge until dawn.

Rowland left London in 1990 to undertake teacher training in Aberystwyth and then took a job at a school in South Wales. Given his inherent laziness, it still amuses me that the subjects he taught were RE and PE! He rejoined the band at Abergavenny and became Tower Captain there in 1996, a post he held until he left to take up a teaching position in Shrewsbury in 1998. Thereafter, we lost contact with Rowland as it seems did many of his ringing friends, although his name occasionally appeared in the quarter peal columns of *The Ringing World*. It seems his earlier cancer returned last year and this time he didn't recover. It is perhaps testament to how fondly he was remembered that a memorial service held at his former home village of Llanwenarth, just outside Abergavenny, was packed with friends and family including a large UL contingent.

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

I would like to end by thanking all those who have offered me help and advice throughout the year, and wish to extend a warm welcome to all those who have recently joined the Society.

Michael Trimm

Librarian's Report

The ULSCR Library continues to be well organised and in good condition. The 2005 and 2006 Ringing Worlds were received from the bindery shortly after the AGM in May 2007. The 2007 Ringing Worlds were bound in February 2008 and all are now available for use by any society members. Tim Joiner kindly donated the cost of the binding the 2007 journals, as he has also done in previous years.

A small number of other items were also added to the library over the last year. These were;

- *Discovering bells and bellringing* by John Camp (1975), donated by a friend of a ringer
- *ULSCR 60th anniversary 1945-2005 : annual report 2005-2006* (yes, this is the title that it was given!)
- *A guide to Church Bellringing* by Jacqueline Bale (CD ROM format)
- *Minutes 1940s* (CD ROM containing scanned images of the society minutes, 1945-1955).

However, whilst the library continues to be in a good state, it continues to have one crucial problem; most of it continues to reside in the tower, rather than being borrowed by society members. The current librarian would ask whoever takes on the role in the forthcoming year to consider dealing with this concern a priority. She also invites all ULSCR members to take a look at the library, either physically or via the online catalogue, to see if there is anything that they would like to borrow.

Josie Crimp

Steeplekeeper's Report

Despite the UL's usual efforts, no major work was required to be undertaken this year with regards to the maintenance of the Hart Street bells, with no stays, sliders or bells broken during the course of the year.

The 4 remaining old ropes were replaced in October with new sallies and tails, when also further work was undertaken to perform minor repair work on the bells, which included replacing a loose bolt on the tenor wheel, and tightening further wheel fixing bolts to reduce wheel wobble. These were inspected and again re-tightened on the 8th May 2008.

In December, the committee consented for a tower tool box to be purchased with a selection of useful tools. This was bought and is now kept in the ringing room. With regards to the tower, the ringing room has been re-decorated and the ceiling above the tank repaired over the summer. In addition, a pull handle has been added to the main tower door to make opening the door easier.

Work proposed to be done on the tower in the near future is for a new lock to be fitted to the bell chamber door which can be opened from the inside. This has been agreed to by the PCC, with the PCC arranging for the lock to be fitted. Also, following last years quinquennial inspection a full inspection by Whitechapel bell foundry has been proposed by the PCC. It is likely that they will suggest that the bell frame should be re-painted as this has not been done for at least 20 years.

It has also been proposed that in future, the steeple keeper should join the Middlesex County Association for insurance purposes.

Hugh Spalding

Wedding of Olly Cross and Mary Sloman

Saturday, 26th May 2007

The wedding of well known London ringers, Oliver Cross and Mary Sloman, took place at Mary's home church of St Mary the Virgin, Prittlewell, Essex on Saturday 26th May. Ringers and friends from all over the country descended on this corner of the country, looking forward to helping this popular young couple celebrate their wedding day. The weather forecast for the day was not very promising but luckily the rain predicted turned out to be light showers and the weather held for the outside portions of the day. The general ringing before the service was run by Mary's uncle Peter. Ringing guests and members of the local band, were joined by the groom, who looked surprisingly calm but whose nerves were betrayed by his miscalling of half a course of Cambridge Major, much to the amusement of his best man, Ian Fielding! A service touch of Stedman Caters was rung by a band of members of Olly and Mary's respective university societies (they met at the 2002 ULSCR Dinner); the University of London and Oxford University Societies, followed by a few minutes of rounds until a bang on the door from usher Andrew Cairns informed us that the bride had arrived.

A slight delay on the tower steps for the 10 ringers while Mary, looking stunning in a strapless ivory gown with fitted bodice, made her way down the aisle to Purcell's Trumpet Tune on the arm of her father David, followed by her two bridesmaids; sister Kath and childhood friend Phillippa. The service was conducted by friend of the Sloman family and retired rector of St Mary's, Canon Roger Mason who has known Mary for many years, assisted by Rev Frank Smith with music provided by the church choir. After the formalities of the service, Olly and Mary made their way back up the aisle to Widor's Toccata. Guests were told to exit the church by the side door and gather round the door at the bottom of the tower for Olly and Mary to "burst through". Upon doing so they were greeted with a rapturous round of applause and much photo taking. The official photographer set about her job and organised everyone with the help of the ushers, even managing to get the whole of Mary's family together for a photo, eventually! The weather continued to hold for the next hour as the happy couple were photographed with various groups of friends and family, including some very creative photos of Olly, his best man and the six ushers running and jumping whilst wearing shades! The bells were rung during this time by a band of friends from the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths who, spending rather more time up the tower than they had expected, were very grateful for the refreshments which had been laid on in the tower!

The reception was held at The Chichester Hotel in nearby Wickford, where 120 guests enjoyed a fantastic meal. Then came the time for the speeches. Mary's father David reduced the bride to tears with his touching speech, next Olly spoke on behalf of his wife and himself and thanked everyone who had helped make the day so memorable by presenting them all with gifts. Ian Fielding's anecdotal speech kept the guests amused and revealed that Olly's parents know little of his antics in the 10 years he has lived in London!

We all made our way back to the bar while the dance floor was prepared for the evening's festivities. 42 additional guests arrived for this portion of the evening during which time Olly and Mary cut the cake. After the newly weds' first dance, the dance floor was packed all evening, members of SRCY showing the rest of us the way to do it, as the DJ played tunes all specifically chosen by the bride and groom. Even the bar staff showed their approval of the playlist, particularly YMCA! It is fairly safe to say that the minimum spend at the bar was achieved as guests danced, chatted and generally enjoyed the evening. At the end of the night everyone made their way back to various hotels in the area, all agreeing that it had been a splendid day. Olly and Mary honeymooned in the Caribbean and returned home to Ealing. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Becky Bruce

Treasure Hunt

Saturday, 16th June 2007

Our day of treasure hunting started in the Lord Moon of the Mall, the pub thinking they'd hit pay dirt with a full pub by eleven am but it was not to last. Once everyone had turned up Clara and Peter handed out the first set of puzzles and got everyone's team names.

It turned out we were to spend the day sniffing around for answers on the underground. I myself started the day with what seemed to be the winning team: Nick Jones, chief rail enthusiast, Lian Von Wantoch and Ana Tam who between them have more books on London than anyone else I can think of. We were first out of the gate and we rushed off to St Paul's full of confidence only to arrive from the wrong station and to miss all of the clues.

Rather than having a quick look (as most teams seemed to have done) and rushing off to the next station it was a good hour before we left, still not having found all the answers. After a further tour of what seemed the most distant tube stops in London — Marylebone, Sloane Square, and Waterloo (who thought of this route?), we were far behind the rest of the UL.

With Jones's reputation as a train spotter plummeting faster than the lifts at Godge Street it was time to start cheating. With Charing Cross and Earl's Court the next two stations to visit, Jones disappeared into the warren of tunnels around Charing Cross station before emerging with the answers to the Earl's Court stations saving us a trip.

Unfortunately he'd been spotted; exiting the TARDIS outside Earl's Court even though he's not a time lord, now the dog was loose with Sean spotted riding a sheep around Soho, and Rupert being very showbiz and catching a helicopter from Hyde Park.

Soon Clara was phoning round checking to see if groups were together, but having been drinking since 11 she wasn't really paying attention to what people said so some rough impressions saved the day. Finally with legs tired from vaulting barriers and unpaid fare tickets mounting it was time to retire to the pub.

With two hours still to go however, there was plenty of time to bribe the Poodles with beer and, with the help of a nearby pub regular, try to answer a few more questions. Soon we were rattling through the questions in a pub full of other UL members doing the same; the race to the finish was on.

The last minute questions worked, helped of course by buying a few more beers for the Poodles, and we shot up the league tables, however it was too late and the winning team was Hair of the Dog, who'd nosed their way to victory with the Poodle friendly team name, regular beer bribes and a surprising knowledge of the underground. We managed to salvage a surprising second place, but with our earlier poor performance we still ended up with the Pants team's pants. Still, so long as I can find my pants I'll always be able to find my way home from now on.

Hugh Spalding

Annual Picnic

Sunday, 17th June 2007

After a slightly higher turnout than normal for a "Hart St Sunday" the picnickers repaired to the Liberty Bounds for breakfast. Meanwhile our dedicated party planners Josie, Hugh and Ana visited Sainsbury's. Suitably refreshed (well about as good as you'd get from 'Spoons) a convoy departed by tube and headed for Hampstead Heath. The only absentee at this point was Jen who couldn't resist the promise of ice cream after the Hart St morning service.

The party set up camp near the Hampstead Heath Lido. The food section of the picnic followed promptly, the highlight of which revolved around Mr Spalding's attempt to give everyone Salmonella. After opening the pot of chicken bits that he'd chosen, Hugh passed them around with several people sampling the product. Once the tub reached Rupert he commented that they were not to his liking and seemed almost as if they hadn't been cooked properly. On closer inspection of the packaging it was revealed that the cooking instructions were on the reverse! The weather did take our revenge for us though as every time Hugh unpacked his kite the wind would drop.

This year's sports events began with an exciting game of football played by Rupert, Andy and Olly over the heads of the main group. The climax of the entertainment in this match was the instituting of double points for hitting your partner! The customary rounders match followed with Rupert's team beating Andy's, 10 rounders to 6. As Rupert, Josie, Ana, Andy and Nick Jones went to explore the Lido (and try to catch their death of cold) I packed up my things and headed west. No doubt this was followed by some post-picnic pub-based beer-type fun, whilst I sat with my buffet car beer on the train, contented with a fun day out and the usual sense of melancholy that leaving the UL always brings.

Sean Langton

Summer Term 2007

Wedding of Olly Cross and Mary Sloman – Saturday, 26th May 2007



Treasure Hunt – Saturday, 16th June 2007



Annual Picnic – Sunday, 17th June 2007



Day Trip to Suffolk

Saturday, 14th July 2007

My first outing with the UL started at a ridiculous time in the morning on Saturday 14th July, when the first navigational challenge for some of us was actually finding the right car park at King's Cross Station on time. This proved difficult as distractions such as finding breakfast, finding toilets, getting cash out and excitable tourists taking pictures of Platform 9¾ slowed our progress. Having overcome these diversions we met at the car park bleary eyed and planning a nice long sleep in the car on the way to the first tower.

The nap never happened though as Lian, Clare and I munched hot cross buns whilst tantalising a very hungry Rupert with them through the window. The second navigational challenge of the day was getting to the first tower. The situation went as follows; We had been on the road for at least an hour when Andy glanced through the directions Jen had printed off... Andy: "Why does the AA website think it takes an hour and half to travel a couple of miles?" A light bulb pings on above Andy's head. Andy on the phone to Rupert: "Err... you're at the wrong Hadleigh dude". Rupert: "Yes we know dude". Andy: "You would have thought the name 'Day Trip to Suffolk' would have given some clue to which Hadleigh I meant".

Anyway, we were greeted at Hadleigh, Suffolk by the rest of our party (minus Rupert's car) and the delicious smell of coffee from the coffee morning being held in the church. The fact that we were allowed to help ourselves probably contributed to the great ringing that followed – maybe even living up to the name of 'professional ringers' given to us by the ringer who let us in (that was, however, before she had heard us, not after). Peter, Clara, Jen and Rupert were only 20 minutes late in the end, which I think was quite impressive.

Ten minutes down the road (or 53 miles depending on which directions you look at) was the second tower; Kersey. The church was at the top of the hill overlooking the beautiful village with a ford flowing over the road. Clare, Lucy and Lian immediately took off their shoes and started paddling, whilst Rupert and Andy played Pooh sticks but soon gave this up as their sticks floated back the way they came. Nick H then suggested that they take the name of the game more literally and take a dump off one side of the bridge and see what happened. We're still waiting on that one...

The ringing was wonderfully organised by Peter, and for those waiting their turn in the belfry, there was a church sale of old records and books. Lucy was particularly interested in a book in which women with dodgy 80s hairdos taught you how to sew. Now that she has bought it, I expect her to turn up to all future UL events wearing clothes made in the same era.

Lunch was at The Cock in Lavenham, most of us had sandwiches or soup. Clare however, ordered Pate followed by an 8oz steak and Nick Jones managed to devour a three course meal. The church at Lavenham is magnificent; a grand building that can be seen for miles around, with a tall tower that houses a nice ring of eight and has picturesque views from all of the belfry windows. The ringing, on the other hand, was slightly less impressive than the surroundings – ringing is not pretty when UL has just had lunch. Mike is even less pretty when he is annoyed at the terrible ringing. Even so, Nick Hartley managed to put his leadership skills into practice by turning it around to some first-class ringing by the end.

The experience of Andy's driving to St Mary Le Tower, Ipswich was somewhat traumatic but when we got there Andy was in his element; in charge of some great 12 bell ringing.

Having said goodbye to the sensible (ahem) Mike and Nick Jones who weren't coming to the pub, we came across the third navigational challenge of the day – how do we find our way out of the car park? Three laps round the multi-storey later and we were on the open road.

The fourth navigational challenge of the day was getting into London without sitting in traffic for hours on end. We failed this challenge. After sitting in traffic queues in a very dodgy part of East London for longer than was probably safe, we arrived at The Market Porter to the smug-looking Rupert, Jenny, Peter and Clara who had all gone an alternative route in Rupert's car, had been there for at least 30 minutes and were on their third pint already. A lot of beer and banter flowed and I got disgusted looks from every corner as I ordered lager instead of one of the many real ales they serve. The Chinese soaked up the alcohol wonderfully, Rupert's suggestion of clubbing did not go down quite so well, but the photos on Facebook the next day suggested he had a great time without us.

Many thanks to Andy Bradford for organising a successful (and yes, very pretty) tour on the one day in July when it didn't actually rain.

Laura Matheson

Summer Tour 2007 - The Scottish Tour *8th–16th September 2007*

On Saturday 8th September, between the hours of 11am and midnight, 22 members of the University of London Society of Change Ringers accumulated in Glasgow, arriving by train, plane and automobile. Our tour was to take in 3 different places of accommodation, 6 cities, 16 towers, roughly 1000 miles travel via minibus, a mountain, a canal, a monster, a steam train, and every possible takeaway food imaginable.

Despite a few technical hitches (one train was stationary for over an hour, one ringer missed their flight, and another was on an aeroplane that only landed successfully on the third attempt!) most ringers arrived in time for the first tower, St Mary's Glasgow, at 5pm. We then headed for a Chinese all-you-can-eat buffet for the evening, where our tour organiser managed to eat 3 portions of pudding. The next day being a Sunday, we attended service ringing at Paisley, before driving to Inveraray, a lovely lochside town. At 41-2-8, Inveraray are the heaviest 10 in Scotland, and not the easiest ring but, excitingly, the church shop sold postcards of the belfry! We had time for both general ringing, and what turned out to be (unfortunately) a bit of a lumpy quarter. Our organiser Nick had been having a few problems with his wrist, and these were getting worse, so we had it examined by the best medic present — Sean the vet. On Sean's recommendation, Nick went to the local A&E to get it checked out, where a nurse strapped it up and told him to "stay off the wee bells for a while". We were all agreed that this meant no handbell ringing, but church bells would be fine! That night, 5 excellent assistants and I cooked for the entire group, whipping up pasta and bolognese, with jelly and ice cream for afters - delicious if I say so myself.

On Monday we rang at Dunblane and Alloa, before going on the Falkirk Wheel — an amazing bit of technology created in 2002 to link the Forth and Clyde, and Union Canals. There was plenty of time for a walk along the canal as well as a trip on the Wheel itself, which lifts boats 24 metres up/down. That evening, we arranged our own food. A group of 12 all ordered Indian takeaway, which turned out to be something of a disaster when it arrived with no description or number on any of the boxes! After some experimentation we all found something that we could eat. We were all up for a night out in Glasgow, especially as we didn't need to be up particularly early the next morning. The most hardcore of the group eventually ended up at a gay club... It wouldn't be fair for me to reveal who got chatted up whilst we were there!

On Tuesday we travelled by train to Edinburgh. We split up for the morning; some people slept and arrived later, some were energetic and climbed up Arthur's Seat, others visited the amazing fudge shop. We rang at St Mary's (cavernous ringing chamber and ponderous bells), St Cuthbert's and SS Andrew & George. Wednesday then involved a lengthy journey from Glasgow to Aberdeen, where we'd be staying on Wednesday night. As the minibus had no boot, all our bags had to be piled into the aisle between the seats, making everything a bit squashed!

We stopped off en route at the ruined Cathedral of St Columba in Dunkeld. The ring of 6 is housed in the one part of the Cathedral that still has a roof. The Cathedral is by a river, in a beautiful setting — I would highly recommend a visit to both ringers and non-ringers. We then headed on to Dundee where we rang at another two towers. We finally arrived at Aberdeen at about 7pm. Here we split up according to budgets — some staying at the youth hostel whilst others had arranged B&Bs. The next morning we rang at St Mary's, where we had some difficulty in being able to hear the bells at all from the ringing chamber, and St Machar (where Nick had reassuringly put in the tour itinerary "We will also need to take turns guarding the minibus"!). We then headed onto Aviemore, our next residence, which is right up in the highlands. On the way we stopped at Dufftown for a tour of the Glenfiddich Distillery. We seemed to acquit ourselves with a certain amount of expertise; Ruth managed to correctly detect pears in the nose of their 12 year whisky and our tour guide remarked of Peter, Clara and Sean; "you're either connoisseurs or alcoholics".

Merely being report writer, I would not dare to clarify which of those I'd use to describe them! I also did quite well at the tasting, as I managed to drink most of the driver's taster in addition to mine. Finally, that evening we arrived at our accommodation in Aviemore, which turned out to be gorgeously decorated bungalows with lovely views, and containing things like real coffee machines!

Friday was a non-ringing day, and so we split up into several groups. The main party were planning to climb Ben Nevis, an exercise which soon sorted the sheep from the goats. The mountain goats pranced their way up quite happily, whilst the sheep were herded up by a Poodle and a Welsh Springer, at a slow but steady pace. Meanwhile, three Billy Goats Gruff decided to go on an alternative, less challenging walk, where they had some difficulty in finding a bridge but didn't come across any trolls. The remaining small ruminants were taken on a trip around Fort William, with a qualified vet to ensure their welfare. This included journeys on a cable car and (rumour has it) the same steam train a certain Mr Potter has previously used. In the evening we all recombined for — you guessed it — more takeaway.

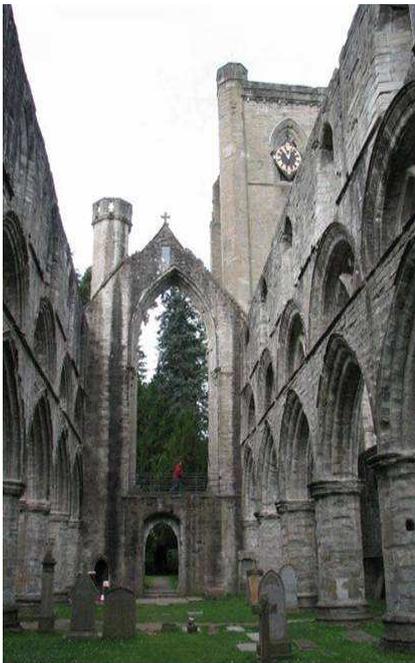
Saturday was sadly the last day. In the morning there was a variety of occupations, but most people chose to go on the steam train, possibly out of a sense of loyalty to the tour organiser. We then drove off to Inverness to ring at lunchtime, where the ringing room was painted a very attractive shade of pink! After this, we headed to Loch Ness for some monster spotting. We then had our final tower of the tour which was Peter Shipton's 1-0-11 mini-ring. These sounded very cute, but took a while to get used to if (like me) you've never rung on a mini-ring before. Not only did we get to ring their bells, but they also provided plentiful amounts of tea and homemade scones. I had to think about putting this in the report, in case all future visiting bands start expecting such hospitality, but in the end it was so nice I couldn't leave it out!

As it was the last night, we decided to go to a nice restaurant in the evening, and so managed to get 3 tables at the local hotel after over an hour's wait. After dinner, ULSCR Master Peter Jasper presented the organiser Nick Jones with a few presents as thanks for his tremendous efforts in organising the tour, including a towel designed to look like a kilt! On behalf of everyone, I'd like to repeat those thanks here in print. It was an absolutely fantastic tour - the ringing was good with no lockouts and a few comedy towers, there were lots of fun activities, and the company was unbeatable.

Josie Crimp

Summer Holidays

Summer Tour 2007 – The Scottish Tour
8th – 16th September 2007



Freshers' Pub Crawl

Wednesday, 24th October 2007

After my discovery of the ULSCR and a very enjoyable freshers' reception I was keen to take part in the freshers' pub crawl. The thought of quality beer with friendly ringers easily beat an afternoon of reading textbooks on behavioural ecology, and so with this in mind I met Nick Hartley at Farringdon station to embark on the crawl.

As we walked towards the Jerusalem Tavern Nick explained who was maybe going to turn up later and who wasn't at all as it was just the two of us. Inside the pub over the first refreshing pint Nick began the who's who of the society. Soon our pints sat empty and thirst set in so we headed south to the Old Mitre. A second pint was soon drunk as we discussed life at Imperial and UCL. With the promise of more ringers to double the numbers we walked down to Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese. As we sat in another lovely pub that I had never been to before, Nick's who's who moved onto the immensely complicated relationships chapter. As time passed so did the beer but the glasses rarely sat empty for long. With fresh pints on the table Rupert arrived on his steed and shortly afterwards Jenny joined us from KCL.

More drinks were had and we were soon out in the evening air walking to the next pub. Jen had to return to work, so Rupert, Nick and I set off for the Market Porter where the challenge of drinking a different half pint for every drink was set. However hunger rapidly set in so Rupert and Nick led me to a reputable Chinese restaurant nearby. Rupert and I shared a couple of starters and a seafood platter while Nick tucked into a rice and pork dish wrapped up in vine leaves which was roughly equal to a house brick in terms of size but luckily not flavour. With full stomachs we returned to the Market Porter and the half pints were drunk but at a slightly slower pace. Jen returned and even the Poodle made a brief appearance in his canine form. The Southwark ringers arrived, swelling the numbers considerably.

Around 10pm we started to depart. I headed to the student night cheapskates in Soho. There I learnt the lesson that half a dozen rum & cokes, some crazy dancing and two burgers on a stomach full of beer is a very bad idea! I enjoyed my freshers' pub crawl very much and my thanks go to Nick for organising the day and to everyone who came along.

Guy Atchison

Freshers' Tour

Saturday, 27th October 2007

My first UL tour was “along the western end of the Piccadilly line”. Being unfamiliar with navigation of public transport I left plenty of time to arrive and obviously got there ridiculously early — time for some shopping! The theme for the day seemed to be 8-bell towers in F with the first two starting at Ealing. Groups of the UL then arrived at the correct time and Nick Hartley started off the day by running the first tower where we had a nice mixture of ringing for all to have a decent go.

After finding out I was in charge at the second tower however, I realised I really should have paid attention! The bells were pretty unpredictable with the second and tenor bell being especially characterful in dropping at peculiar, unplanned moments! Again, it was another good tower.

Lunch ensued at “The Three Tuns” in Uxbridge, which was short tube journey from South Ealing. The UL enjoyed good food, good beer — ‘Poodle Quality Control’ certainly saw to that— and some returned later after the last tower.

An advance party was sent on to ring for a wedding at the next tower (Uxbridge) — it seemed more time was spent in silly antics on the roof looking through the windows and making faces at the slightly worried congregation! The rest of the UL duly arrived, having dragged themselves out of the pub and the ringing was run wonderfully by Katie Town. Unfortunately for the Poodle, an incriminating photo of him sleeping was taken at this tower!

The real test of the day was in getting from the third to the fourth tower whilst avoiding the pub that came between them. I believe a few couldn't resist and we may have lost a small number in this fine establishment on the way there. The last tower was run by Laura Matheson where more nice ringing was had.

The UL split in to several groups at this point, a section went off to ring handbells at Lian's, some went back to the lunchtime pub, others went to another pub closer to the dinner venue. Somehow, with varying means, most convened at the ‘Jugged Hare’ near Victoria Station for more drinks and ‘shenanigans’ before a lovely meal was had at the Rochester Row Curry House. Whilst some stayed for cocktails, others returned to the ‘Jugged Hare’ for more pubbage! Lots of thanks go to Clara Westlake for organising such an enjoyable outing.

Jacqueline Bale

Southern Universities Association Weekend

9th–11th November 2007

On a fine Friday evening in November, the UL bravely set off, equipped only with beer, pasties and a hand-drawn map of Bristol, to the SUA competition. Organised only days beforehand, we were surprised to have a map at all but thankfully it was accurate enough to get us to the first pub, having arrived, in the finest traditions of the Society, late enough to avoid any ringing. After several drinks, leaving the Poodle quite incapacitated, we were led back to the hall, which turned out to be locked.

Thankfully, we managed to get inside and, after enjoying the tricycles and other toys which were apparently left there for the children's group that used it, decided we needed some sleep before the ringing the next day.

And so, with various degrees of enthusiasm, the SUA awoke to the sight of industrial amounts of toast, bacon and orange juice. After consuming what our stomachs would let us, we made our way into the centre of town towards St Mary Redcliffe, stopping only to find Peter's toothbrush on a set of steps. The ringing on the part of the UL was at least as good as their competition showing, so we left quickly and went towards the tower where the 8-bell competition was being held. Arriving early, both of our teams (neither of them eligible) got to ring early in the order leaving us more time to return to the Wetherspoon's that we had spent so much time in the night before.

After a half hour wait, we managed to order some beer and food, and mentally prepare for the 6-bell competition in the afternoon. This mainly involved drinking and in one case ripping open trousers jumping a fence, but we arrived for the 6-bell competition optimistic about our chances to win. We entered three teams and once they'd all finished we adjourned to a local pub and then got lost trying to find the next tower, opting instead to again adjourn to a different pub, where we met some NUA people who were apparently gatecrashing. Thankfully, we had chosen the pub that the scores were being announced in so we were happily drinking when the rest of the ringers arrived. With bated breath the scores were read out, and London was read first every time, putting us in a convincing last place in every competition.

Not wanting to let that dampen our spirits, we continued with a long argument about poker and then some more drinking and then moved onto a hall where the barn dance was taking place. Amid much drinking and falling over, the UL showed that while it might not be able to beat the other universities at ringing, we could certainly give them a run for their money on the dancing. Exhausted, we eventually made it back to the hall to play truth or dare and 'ring' with half-full bottles tuned to different notes.

The next morning, the Bristol master showed us how a real SUA does drinking by swigging from a bottle of Tesco cider while running Sunday morning ringing.

This was followed by breakfast near Redcliffe, and drinking the bar dry within minutes of it opening, before moving on to St Thomas to ring on Bristol's 'comedy' eight. Possibly the worst bells the UL have rung on in some time, these bells dropped at every single stroke so the ringing turned into more of a firing session, with the UL bravely leading the way. And so, finally, we found the station, waited in a pub for the train to arrive, and made it back to London, not victorious, but having had a very good weekend. Roll on Southampton next year!

Nick Hartley

Annual Dinner

Saturday, 24th November 2007

The dinner weekend started with some stunning UL ringing at Bow. This was followed by a visit to Ye Olde Watling. Much beer was consumed by all, although I wish I could purge from my memory the sight of Peter and Linda Jasper doing what brothers and sisters from Dorset do (have a good snog) throughout the evening. The alcohol might have had something to do with this event since by all reports Linda redecorated most of London on her way back to Wimbledon in an interesting well-known UL shade: 'hint of vom'.

The peal band was not entirely successful on the Saturday morning at Wandsworth. After waiting 45 minutes for some keys we only managed to ring for 45 minutes. Luckily it was just in time for the pubs to open so, after a quick couple of pints and a round of Sambuca before midday, we got a bus to Queen's Tower (getting there in time to have another quick one in the Zetland Arms). The dinner day quarter at Pimlico was far more successful with Laura Matheson ringing her first quarter peal for the Society.

The dinner (superbly organised by Katie Town) was at the Calico again (amazingly they really wanted us to come back). The food and wine were great. Olly Cross was even seen having the vegetarian option, although it was rumoured he asked for a side dish of steak to go with it.

Winston Churchill once said: "There are two things that are more difficult than making an after-dinner speech: climbing a wall which is leaning toward you and kissing a girl who is leaning away from you." Well personally the speakers this year made it look ridiculously easy to make an after-dinner speech, although I am sure some UL members were seen attempting the two more difficult things later in the evening and being less than successful.

The speakers were:

- Roger Bailey (society)
- Simon Bond (visitors)
- Peter Jasper (dog speech)

After the speeches the UL moseyed on down to the dance floor, for some S Club, ABBA and other well known hits. I think the photos clearly indicate the general skills of the UL dancing through the night.

On the Sunday the Society rang a quarter peal of To The Pub Doubles at St Bart's. This was to commemorate the spectacular last place achieved by the SUA band one year earlier, ringing the same method. The judges' comment was: "Sounded more like From The Pub Doubles".

Disclaimer:

Since it's been almost a year of nagging from Poodle and Jones for me to write this report, I decided I had to put a legal disclaimer on the report. This report contains my recollections of the weekend (some reconstructed from photos) and may not be entirely factually correct. Some events may be missing because I value my life... others may be clouded by the passage of time and much alcohol consumed during the evening. Some descriptions (e.g. stunning ringing) are purely opinions that may not be shared by everyone present at the event. If there is any inaccuracy in the report I hope it is so wildly inaccurate that it actually is more aesthetically pleasing to the reader.

Quentin Jackson

Whitechapel Bell Foundry Visit

Saturday, 8th December 2007

In December 2007
The UL went, in the rain,
With members from London and Devon,
To the East End (train-wise, quite a pain!)

Along the Whitechapel Road
Beyond the City bound'ry,
On rain-soaked feet we strode
To the Whitechapel Bell Foundry!

We stood in the entrance in presence of fame,
The ghost of a thousand news' at ten
The shape of a bell that all there could name,
The biggest bell cast, old Big Ben!

With a guide with 100 stories,
Who sounded like Michael Caine,
We learnt of bells' Harmonic glories
Which was anything but mundane!

In the attic on top of the main part,
Up some stairs now old and worn,
Was an area close to the president's heart,
Where we learned how the hand-bell is born!

Our guide did explain how they hang 'em
From frames high up in a tower,
Hung up with the clappers that clang 'em
To ring out with gusto and power!

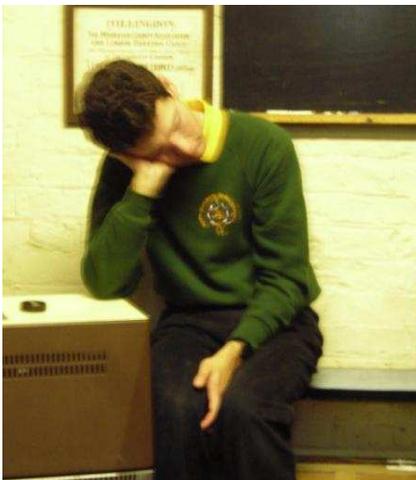
The funniest part of the tour,
When the guide asked us to confess
Was a showing of hands from the floor
Now I wonder if you can guess?

He talked to us about bell-swingers
(When asking who might understand)
"How many are not church bellringers?"
Only 5 people put up their hand!

Jess Glaisher

Autumn Term

Freshers' Tour – Saturday, 27th October 2007



Southern Universities Association Weekend – 9 - 11th November 2007



Annual Dinner – Saturday, 24th November 2007



Whitechapel Bell Foundry Visit – Saturday, 8th December 2007



Christmas Practice – Thursday, 13th December 2007



Winter Tour

Saturday, 26th January 2008

To avoid confusion, it had been decided that the tour formerly known as the “Freshers’ Tour II” would henceforth be called the Winter Tour. Helen Saddleton volunteered to organise the inaugural Winter Tour and it was a great success, as described below.

Everyone met up bright and early at St Mary, Shenfield – well, everyone except the local who had forgotten to come and let us in! After Richard had dragged the poor bloke out of his house we finally made it up the narrow ladder-cum-staircase to the church roof and the ringing ‘room’. Quotation marks are necessary because a room traditionally has things like walls, floor etc. This was just a gap in the roof structure with beams criss-crossing at shin-height, waist-height etc; more like a Go-Ape course than a ringing chamber! Eventually people managed to find places to put feet while having arms within reach of ropes (or were they just having an impromptu game of twister??) and somehow we managed some creditable 6-bell ringing. This was led by Nick J, the first of 4 presidents to be running the ringing today. At this point, we were joined by a newcomer to UL tours – Tobias Sawle and his mummy.

Writtle were a fine ring of 10, unusual for having two extra trebles to make a light 8. Mike ran the ringing here but was banned from attempting to ring on all 12! Meanwhile Harry tried to make it 13 by ringing the model bell in the ringing room.

A country lane brought us to the White Hart in Margaretting Tye for a satisfying pub lunch, and a chance for the babies (Tobias, and Mike Trimm!) to play with their toys. The pub’s back yard contained quite a menagerie, including birds, guinea pigs and a seriously obese goat who could barely waddle over to be fed some grass. Bright sunshine inspired several of us to walk to Margaretting church via the fields, where ‘Brich the Hamster’ had fun with a human-size exercise wheel.

I have always wanted to ring at Margaretting¹ as the church is unique in being connected to its car park (and the outside world!) via a level crossing over the main London-Norwich rail line. James took charge of ringing at this ground floor ring but the church was cold and the heating controls couldn’t be found so we didn’t linger too long. After stopping for one more train to go over the crossing, we were reunited with the cars (and Mort the Land Rover) for the short journey to Ingatestone.

Here we were joined by yet another past-president – Mark Bennett – along with Caroline, Daniel and William. Richard ran the ringing here (after all, he is the tower captain) but this was just the preamble; the real Ingatestone attraction was going back to the Saddletons’ house for tea. Helen had provided a massive feast of sandwiches, cake and biscuits – more than even the UL could demolish. Harry Saddleton showed us his mini-ring and all of his various train sets in the house, followed by the pièce de résistance on the patio: a garden railway with real-steam loco. Sadly, like many rail managers these days, Harry has difficulty recruiting good staff and he couldn’t disguise his frustration when the chief engineer kept derailing the loco! With failing light we returned indoors where Lucy enjoyed getting hammered then drilled by the boys.

A final ride in Mort, a train ride back to London and a pint in the Hamilton Hall rounded off a very enjoyable day. A big thank you to Helen for organising the tour and hospitality, and of course to Harry for providing the entertainment.

Nick Jones

¹ The UL visited in 2001 but I missed that tour, contrary to what the 2000-01 UL Report implies!

Pancake Party

Tuesday, 5th February 2008

This year the pancake party was kindly hosted by Lian. Lian had made up batches of pancake batter in advance. However, a combination of cookbook overestimation and UL appetites meant more was made up to use up all the eggs in the house. Poodle cuisine provided a Bolognese savoury filling to precede the menagerie of sweet fillings provided by the attendees. The fillings included chocolate, raisins, Nutella, blueberries, sugar, lemon and, at a later point in a 'dirty' pancake, soil from a potted plant. I had to leave early to get a train, at which point in time the dirty pancake was being concocted and an alcohol topping up mission had already taken place. A request for more information in order to write this report led to the following comments:

"I will be uploading photos soon so I imagine you will be able to piece together the complete carnage that was the pancake party...!"

"hee hee"

"Is anyone going to a District line station...?"

About photos on facebook: "Re: Pancake Carnage. Please Please Please remove some of the more terrible ones of me please!!! lol, i'll buy you several drinks!!"

"Still recovering lol! Hows you feeling now? I can't Believe what happened last night!"

"It started out as a lovely civilised pancake party. Ended up a lot of drunken imbeciles..."

"Isn't it awful when you can't remember what happened?"

"Oddly this falling on the floor is not due to alcohol consumption..."

Jenny Holden

Peal Weekend

8th – 10th February 2008

The Annual ULSCR Peal Weekend was held this year between the 8th and 10th of February. Friday night saw no less than three simultaneous attempts of Yorkshire Surprise Major take place, of which one in hand was successful. (The other handbell peal fired out after a valiant effort and the third, tower bell peal was lost after a former master of the society managed to slip wheel!) The evening was spent in the Shooting Star as the UL made sure that any losses were suitably drowned in a sea of Discovery beer.

Saturday morning saw Lucy's first peal of Surprise in hand scored in Mottingham as well as one of Cambridge Maximus scored at St Sepulchre, including 2 first peals on 12 as well as a first of Maximus, an impressive achievement for all involved. The peal of Grandsire at Waterloo Road was unfortunately lost although a quarter was scored by the band. With no time, even for Rupert, to squeeze in a beer for lunch, the bands all moved on to the afternoon towers.

The afternoon saw a quarter of Superlative at Spitalfields scored after the peal came to grief as well as one of Plain Bob at Chelsea. The afternoon's peal attempt was one of 6 Spliced Surprise Major seeing both Nick H and Clare score their first spliced peal with both Clare and Andy certainly having the blisters afterwards to prove it!

The evening's festivities saw everybody convene at the Harp near Trafalgar Square to have a well deserved pint of Harvey's Best Bitter before moving on for a Chinese at the UL's regular haunt of Wong Kei's.

The following day saw Lian score her first quarter peal, ringing Plain Bob on handbells as well as Josie and Jacqui scoring their first quarter of Little Bob. Finally, a peal attempt of Cambridge Royal was scored at Shoreditch.

Overall, the weekend saw 5 peals and 5 quarters scored including no less than 9 firsts of some sort or another. All in all a successful and good fun weekend was had by all. Roll on Peal Weekend 2009!

Peter Jasper

Lundy 2008

29th February – 3rd March 2008

The UL made its annual pilgrimage to Lundy from February 29th – March 3rd, 2008. In accordance with Clare's plans, the adventure began on Friday as we all converged on the pub in shifts via helicopter. After suitable fortification, Quentin led the exodus to the old lighthouse across the fields into gale-force winds and driving drizzle that concealed the lighthouse until we nearly ran into it. This called for a warm and cheery fire, which Quentin and Clare provided — after a suitable interval. We celebrated with G&Ts all around before heading out for general ringing and dinner. Lucy's homemade sloe gin was the highlight of the evening. It went quickly, and darkness fell on our final toast as the power was turned off for the night. So began our nightly tradition of wandering about in the dark searching for the lighthouse, the castle, Hammers...

Saturday dawned bright and windy, and we headed out in various parties to explore the island. Most of us lunched at the North Light Tandoori at some point during the day and recommend it for future visits. Roger was spotted searching for puffins; he didn't spot any (outside the stuffed ones in the gift shop). Guy had more success identifying a specimen of the rare Lundy cabbage. The seals were out in force, sunning themselves and playing among the rocks on the lee side of the island oblivious to those of us perched on the hillside watching. Some managed to find time to ring on Saturday. There was a quarter of Stedman Caters, and Alex Dicks rang in his first quarter of Superlative Surprise Major.

The speed Scrabble craze continued unabated throughout the weekend. The meaning of the word “scrabble” became all too apparent as we grabbed for tiles to augment our words among cries of “take!” as one of us completed a stage of the game. JW won hands down for most creative use of the English language. Lucy was banned from play for being too good.

Sunday was Mothering Sunday and Harry Saddleton’s fourth birthday. Quarter peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung to celebrate. James Dyer also rang his first quarter of Surprise: Cambridge Surprise Major. Hugh and Clare braved the strong winds to fly their kites on the headland, while handbellers rang a quarter of Kent Treble Bob Major in cosy Stone Cottage. The afternoon culminated with Harry’s pirate-themed birthday party and Helen’s excellent pirate map-shaped chocolate cake. Harry “knighted” many of the party guests with his new toy sword — and then executed them with his pirate pistol.

The generator expired early on Sunday night, forcing a switch from beer to wine just as the evening festivities got into full swing. The giant Jenga set took centre-stage at this point, as we tried to extract and balance the blocks in the glow of the firelight and emergency lighting. Laura was the star, removing blocks from a supine position on the floor without mishap. Lian, alternatively, managed to tip the entire structure on Rupert without touching any of the blocks — honest.

We gathered in the pub Monday morning for the return journey looking only slightly the worse for wear — except Mike, who was sporting his “danger man” sunglasses, having lost one of the lenses to his regular glasses unnoticed in the night (a likely story). Since the weather was bright and sunny, a group of us ventured one last walk to stand at the edge of the sheer drop down to the lime kiln. Successful, we sat with our backs to the wind enjoying the sunlit views, oblivious to the black cloud advancing on us from behind — until we started to get pelted with hail. It was time for a hasty retreat to the pub. We returned dampened, but undeterred, and ready for next year’s outing to Lundy.

Many thanks to Clare for organizing a great trip!

Lian von Wantoch

Spring Term

Winter Tour – Saturday, 26th January 2008



Pancake Party – Tuesday, 5th February 2008



Peal Weekend – 8th-10th February 2008



Lundy Tour – 29th Feb - 3rd Mar 2008



The Oxford Diary *28th – 30th March 2008*

(Some characters' identities have been switched — a key is at the end of the weekend's activities).

Friday 28th March

Total tenor weight: 11-1-12

Pub count: 3

Beer count: 43 pints

The weekend kicked off to a good start with our first tower of the weekend, the 6 at St Aldate. Unfortunately I arrived just as ringing down had begun, so headed straight for our first pub grab of the weekend, The Old Tom. The beer here was limited with not a spectacular choice but they offered a good food selection so we ate, then Mark Darcy suggested moving to St Aldate's, a much better pub, so we all followed, ooh he has such brilliant ideas... mmm. After a few here it seemed like a good idea to head back towards our sleeping quarters via "The Bear". This is a fantastic little pub where the landlord has a fetish for collecting ties (whatever turns him on I suppose), and displaying them around the walls, so if you have ever lost the bottom few inches of your tie in Oxford I suggest you head here! At some point during the evening whilst discussing sleeping arrangements, Jen declared "I'll share a bed with anyone!" and so she ended up in a poodle and Sharon combo in the living room at Chateaux Bricheno.

Saturday 29th March

Total tenor weight: 47-12-17

Pub count: 5

Brewery trips: 1

Beer count: 160 pints

(Un)tactical beer disposal: none witnessed

Hangovers: 1

The day began as it was never going to end, with a crowd of sober clear-headed UL members with a few Oxford for good measure offering their assistance for bells and beer. The first tower of the day was Carfax, a tower in the centre of Oxford with the body of the Church long removed to make way for the road system. The views of the dreaming spires stretching out with some reasonable ringing made a lovely start to the day. We then followed Mark's instructions to the 8 at Lincoln College and then the 10 at St Mary Magdalene. These bells were very light, too light and therefore far too quick for the average UL brain to cope with plain and little spliced! Needless to say our ringing here didn't exactly excel itself, although with hindsight I think we were at our best at Lincoln! Oh dear.

Our suggested lunch venue was “Far From the Madding Crowd” which had a fantastic beer selection and food menu and here it all became clear at what the UL does best. After a suitable feeding and watering we caught the bus to Witney. Unfortunately for our ringing ability the bus left us with 30 minutes to spare before ringing, so the UL scattered itself between “The Royal Oak” and “The Cross Keys” for a cheeky fortified hop squash. The beer consumption was in evidence at Witney; the 8 here should have posed no problems although plenty were had, and the beer-o-meter suggests that most had had 4 pints... unable to ring on that? What is the UL coming to – lightweights! Fortunately our next destination was much more within our range, the Wychwood brewery, although they weren’t expecting us for another half hour, so for the purposes of comparison we decided to... you guessed it... have another beer in the Angel.

The Wychwood brewery tour was excellent; we were able to climb and look down into the mash tun etc. The reason behind Brakspear’s having become a more pleasant beverage a few years ago is in evidence as it is now brewed by Wychwood, using the old Brakspear equipment in a side barn. After a tour of the premises we were all sat down in a bar and given a variety of beers to sample then the opportunity to purchase beer and other brewery memorabilia in the shop.

The bus journey back to Oxford gave us the opportunity to sample some of the beer just purchased with thanks to Sharon for sharing these **[Ed. — Mrs Jones is adamant that they were her beers not Sharon’s!]**. Sharon is great, never short of trick to cheer up any situation.

We then headed to Jess’s local, the “Harcourt Arms”. Here much merriment and discussions of the day’s antics took place, although by about 7.30pm some were showing signs of the day. Mary was struggling to finish her curry avoidance dinner and so left it for the dog. The scraps were not enough though, so the dog plus a few others headed off for a curry leaving those who either thought eating was cheating or just didn’t like curry to continue topping up alcohol levels. The remainder of the evening remains a beery mystery to me, I seem to remember arguments with Mum and Dad and someone falling over or something in the curry house but everyone who can remember believes they had fun so that’s the main thing.

(Note to self: from now on I will lead a healthy salad and fruit juice filled life with lots of exercise. That does sound dull... maybe from tomorrow.)

Sunday 30th March

Total tenor weight: 70-0-3

Pub count: 2

Coffee shops and other hangover remedying establishments: 2

Beer count: 20 pints

Health check: ouch. Headache and strangely thirsty ...

Ugh. Our itinerary suggested we wake up bright and early. Early, yes, bright, no. A few brave attempted to find their way up the tower at Christ Church Cathedral, which left a few stragglers lost in the college grounds unable to find a suitable way up or indeed which tower the bells were in. Bright was definitely not a phrase to describe some UL. However, Christ Church are a superb ring and those that managed to make it were rewarded with some beautiful ringing. UL ringing beautiful? Obviously we were joining the local band.

The itinerary gave us no minutes to transfer to our second ring at St Mary Magdalene for the weekend, so a few left at the service touch and wandered though the market cursing the lack of sausages being cooked and so headed towards a bakery for some breakfast. We were joined at St Mary Magdalene by those too lazy to move their sorry carcasses from wherever they had made a bed for the night.

We then headed off for a quick coffee/fruit juice in the “Nosebag” which despite its name was a rather nice little coffee shop, before heading for our last tower, the 10 at St Thomas’.

Health and vitality restored and ringing over (for a while anyway), we split ways. Some went wandering around Oxford, some homewards, others to pick up some picnic bits before punting! We were in two boats, the first dominated by people that knew how to punt (or learnt very quickly). Lucy was the first at the helm here and sped away, leaving the boat of Mark and those who had no idea — namely Daniel, Bridget, Sean and Lian. Mr. Darcy took the punt first and kept a good pace behind Lucy. Daniel took over momentarily and we moved forwards only by the benefit of the river current. Sight of the other punt was fleeting, so Mark expertly took over again and we caught up, only to get the punt stuck leaving our boat drifting. Somehow after interwoven bouts of cursing and laughing we somehow picked it up again without any of Mark’s famous wet shirt scenes. The antics of punting got worse, Daniel messed up again by somehow managing to get the punt wedged front and back in the bank with the punt 90 degrees to the flow of the river, and I contributed negatively by going backwards, and so it was once again Mark who saved the day and punted us back to base. Only to find the other boat had gone the other way upstream for a jaunt and back before we did! Oh dear.

We then retired to the “Angel and Greyhound”, where the barman told us off for finishing our picnic, so we headed off in various directions for a wander around the City, prior to our last tower of the tour, the 10 at New College. These were heavy and difficult to ring, but fortunately Clare’s parents and a few other Oxford ringers helped us not embarrass ourselves too much. We then had a final beverage in the “Kings Arms” before heading London-wards.

What remains to be said is a big thank you to Nicholas “Darcy” Hartley for organising such an excellent weekend and Mary “Helen Fielding” Cross for the idea of how to write a report.

Characters:

Mr. Mark Darcy – Nicholas Hartley, for his fantastic organisation and saving of the hapless punters

Mr. Daniel Cleaver – Peter Jasper, for his somewhat pathetic attempt at punting

Dad (Mr. Jones) – Mr. Jones for his bickering with Mrs. Jones

Mum (Mrs. Jones) – Michael Trimm for his bickering with Mr. Jones

Bridget Jones – Clara Westlake for writing this entry

My best friend Sharon – Quentin Jackson, for saving the day with the bus beers.

Bridget Jones

Tewkesbury Shield

Saturday, 3rd May 2008

After the usual dithering and disinformation about the meeting place (thanks Charles!) the cars headed west on the M4. Andy and Rupert both seemed determined not to be overtaken by the other but Andy's car appeared to be winning the race – until he mysteriously pulled over onto the hard shoulder. The mystery continued for all of 3.2 seconds until Clare's 'stomach upset' had been advertised to the world via Facebook (again, thanks Charles!)

Fortunately, Clare was looking much less green by the time we reached Swindon for our practice session. Some very creditable Cambridge Royal was rung – actually far better than anything the band had managed before. Or, as it turned out, subsequently.

In addition to the ringing competition, Tewkesbury was hosting a food festival which filled the town with parked cars as far as the eye could see. We eventually managed to abandon the vehicles and walked what seemed like miles back to the Abbey for the draw. With every name out of the hat the UL was willing it to be us but it was to no avail. We were drawn last – a disastrous result! How could the UL possibly remain sober while seven other bands rang ahead of us? To make it worse, the UL support team of Rhiannon and Clara, both known for being "virtually teetotal" were already in the pub and had the first round in!

While some managed to distract their thirsty stomachs by visiting the food festival, others went for a nice long walk, taking in the obligatory old railway line and the new flood defences (only partially successful as the ground was still very waterlogged in parts). Eventually it was time to ring and, although it wasn't disastrous, it's fair to say the performance was not as good as at Swindon.

The one good thing about being drawn last is you don't have to wait long for the results from the judges (this year Mike Mears and Ian Avery). The UL was fifth out of eight which seemed to accord with our own assessment – unlike the controversial result last time we entered! The Shield was presented to the winning team (Gloucester & Bristol) by the mayor of Tewkesbury, Councillor Ken Powell, whose father had once been a leading light in the Tewkesbury band.

The full results, as reported by David Bagley are below:

Winners: Gloucester and Bristol (27.5 Faults)

Peal speed 3h22

This was a very confident piece of ringing with a good rhythm from the outset. This was in no small way due to the back four bells working well as a unit. Most faults were incurred when the little bells got amongst the bigger bells.

2nd Place: Oxford Diocesan Guild (28.5 Faults)

Peal speed 3h28

This band had a slightly hesitant start for the first lead but soon developed into a good controlled piece of ringing. Although it tailed off a little towards the end, the ringing in the middle of this test piece was the best of the day.

3rd Place: Derby Diocesan Association (34.5 Faults)

Peal speed 3h40

This band had a rather poor start to the test piece. It felt as though there was some good ringing trying to get out but some hesitations took the edge off it a little. Some of the little bells didn't appear particularly comfortable with the relatively slow speed of the ringing.

4th Place: The Oxford Society (38.5 Faults)*Peal speed 3h42*

This was the slowest ringing of the day. The rounds were rather poor at the beginning and even when in changes the ringing took some time to settle. The 4-5 leads in the middle of the test piece were good but wasn't sustained and finished rather poorly. The faults were a little like buses - without for sometime and then several in quick succession. The little bells didn't appear happy with the rather slow speed but the ringing kept its shape and the leading was even.

5th Place: University of London Society (46.5 Faults)*Peal speed 3h30*

This band had an untidy start and although it improved the ringing never got quite as good as it sometimes promised. Whilst never marking heavily, the ringing incurred faults throughout the test piece.

6th Place: Worcestershire and Districts Association (50.25 Faults)*Peal speed 3h30*

Rounds at the beginning were rather poor and the band didn't appear to gain from remaining in rounds for so long. The leading was uneven which made the ringing at times seem rushed. As the test piece progressed it failed to hold its overall shape but did improve a little towards the end.

7th Place: Coventry Cathedral Society (87 Faults)*Peal speed 3h14*

This was the fastest ringing of the day. It seemed like a band on a mission. The ringing appeared very rushed and uneven and the leading was poor. The ringing did improve slightly towards the end.

8th Place: Hereford Diocesan Guild (121 Faults)*Peal speed 3h23*

This seemed like a nervous and inexperienced band and the test piece had a very uneven start. The method mistake took several rows to rectify but they came through this. There were signs of improvement and reverse rounds (sic) came up almost perfectly. However, a second method mistake seemed to affect the band quite badly and one could almost sense the relief from the band when rounds came up at the end.

Peter Jasper and Nick Jones

Ceilidh

Friday, 9th May 2008

Selected members of the UL congregated under Josie's orders at Cecil Sharp House in Camden, for an evening of much music, frivolity, exercise and no ringing whatsoever. On Josie's recommendation, we paid up for an evening consisting of precise instruction and general Ceilidh dancing.

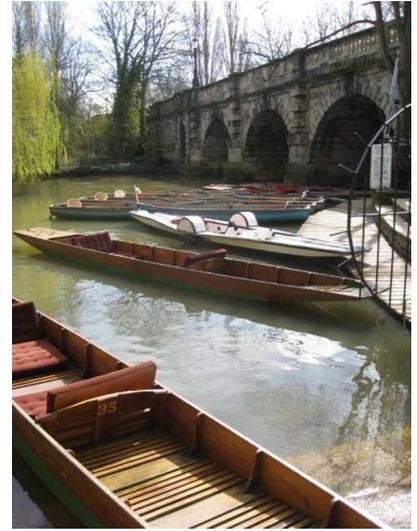
A live band with an instructor, several kilts in evidence, and the presence of some two hundred people made for a very energetic and successful evening. Slight problems over distinguishing between left and right, and of moving in a confined space were all generally forgotten about in the fun that was had. Dancing included baskets, which (for those unfamiliar) involves two men putting their arms around 2 ladies' waists and turning fast on the spot. Carried off successfully this involves the ladies feet coming off the floor during the spin! Another favourite was "Stripping the Willow", which left many a gentleman wondering who this Willow was!

The evening ended with the traditional polka and Auld Lang Syne, before most of the UL crew headed off for some well-earned liquid refreshment in a nearby establishment. Highly recommended to everyone, particularly those not used to dancing!

Thomas Baldwin

Summer Term 2008

Oxford Tour – 28th-30th March 2008



Tewkesbury Shield – Saturday, 3rd May 2008

Ceilidh – Friday, 9th May 2008



Peals Rung for the ULSCR in 2007-08

STAINES, Surrey, 44 Sidney Road
Tuesday 26 June 2007 2h18 (size 15)

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp. Charles Middleton

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

A birthday compliment to Roger Bailey.

RW 2007, p741

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints

Saturday 7 July 2007 3h4 (32-0-20)

5000 London No. 3 Surprise Royal

Comp. Donald F Morrison (No. 2604)

- 1 Charles W G Herriott
- 2 Katherine L Town
- 3 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 4 John P W Taylor
- 5 Quentin S A Jackson
- 6 Jason W Hughes
- 7 Andrew P F Bradford
- 8 Martin J Cansdale
- 9 Andrew J Graham
- 10 Oliver D Cross

First in method: 5, 7.

Rung during the 50th anniversary year of the casting of the bells and remembering the victims of the terrorist atrocities two years ago today.

RW 2007, p810

CAMDEN, London NW1, 43 Weavers Way

Friday 8 February 2008 2h18 (size 13)

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp. Arr. Ian R Fielding

- 1-2 Nicholas W Jones
- 3-4 Katherine L Town
- 5-6 Michael J Trimm
- 7-8 Ian R Fielding (C)

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

RW 2008, p623

MOTTINGHAM, London SE9, 2 West Park

Saturday 9 February 2008 2h18 (size 15)

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp. Simon Humphrey

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

First of Surprise on handbells: 1-2.

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

RW 2008, p623

LONDON EC1, St Sepulchre without Newgate,
Holborn Viaduct

Saturday 9 February 2008 3h26 (28-2-16)

5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus

Comp. Donald F Morrison (No. 43)

- 1 Robert C Kippin
- 2 Katherine L Town
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 Peter M Jasper
- 5 Peter J Bennett
- 6 Charles W G Herriott (C)
- 7 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 8 Nicholas W Jones
- 9 Quentin S A Jackson
- 10 Martin J Cansdale
- 11 Andrew P F Bradford
- 12 Oliver D Cross

First on twelve: 3, 4. First of Maximus: 7.

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

RW 2008, p623

BERMONDSEY, London SE16, St James

Saturday 9 February 2008 2h45 (14-1-15)

5056 Spliced Surprise Major

(6 methods: 1184 Rutland; 1056 Superlative; 768 each Bristol, Cambridge; 672 Yorkshire; 608 Lincolnshire; 109 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. Neil R Aspland

- 1 Lucy M Bricheno
- 2 Andrew P F Bradford
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 Nicholas J Hartley
- 5 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 6 Rebecca S Bruce
- 7 Quentin S A Jackson
- 8 Katherine L Town

First of spliced: 3, 4.

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

RW 2008, p623

SHOREDITCH, London E1, St Leonard

Sunday 10 February 2008 3h11 (25-1-11)

5000 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Comp. Donald F Morrison (No. 536)

- 1 Clare E F Dyer
- 2 Charles W G Herriott
- 3 Peter M Jasper
- 4 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 5 Fiona M Wheeler
- 6 Katherine L Town
- 7 Quentin S A Jackson
- 8 Andrew P F Bradford
- 9 Martin J Cansdale
- 10 Michael J Trimm (C)

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

RW 2008, p623

LONDON EC2, St Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street
Saturday 19 April 2008 3h9 (24-3-2)
5024 Spliced Surprise Major
(4 methods: 1344 Glasgow; 1248 London; 1216 each Belfast, Bristol;
113 changes of method, all the work)
Comp. Roderick R Horton
1 Michael J Trimm
2 Andrew J Graham (C)
3 Katherine L Town
4 Charles W G Herriott
5 Andrew P F Bradford
6 Martin J Cansdale
7 Oliver D Cross
8 John N Hughes-D' Aeth
Rung as a get well compliment to Alan Frost, past
Master and President of the Society.
RW 2008, p522

SOUTHWARK, London SE1, Guy's Hospital
Friday 2 May 2008 2h21 (size 15)
5152 Spliced Surprise Major
(3 methods: 1888 Lincolnshire; 1632 each Cambridge, Yorkshire; 43
changes of method, all the work)
Comp. Robert W Lee
1-2 Nicholas W Jones
3-4 Caroline M Ogilvie
5-6 Roger Bailey (C)
7-8 Mark J Herbert
First of spliced on handbells: 7-8.
RW 2008, p595

MOTTINGHAM, London SE9, 2 West Park
Saturday 10 May 2008 2h23 (size 15)
5088 Kent Treble Bob Major
Comp. Andrew J Corrigan
1-2 Nicholas J Hartley
3-4 Caroline M Ogilvie
5-6 Nicholas W Jones
7-8 Roger Bailey (C)
First on handbells: 1-2.
RW 2008, p623

LONDON EC3, St Olave, Hart Street
Saturday 10 May 2008 2h56 (11-3-23)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. John Holt (10 part)
1 Oliver D Cross
2 Michael J Trimm (C)
3 Laura M Matheson
4 Clare E F Dyer
5 Andrew P F Bradford
6 Quentin S A Jackson
7 Katherine L Town
8 Rupert H J Littlewood
First peal: 3. Circled tower: 1.
Rung on the Society's AGM day and as a belated 21st
birthday complement to Laura Matheson.
RW 2008, p650

Peals Rung for the St Olave's Society in 2007-08

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London SW11, 55d
Cologne Road
Tuesday 17 July 2007 2h29 (size 13)
5184 Superlative Surprise Major
Comp. Anthony J Cox (PM 280)
1-2 Sheila Dickinson
3-4 Nicholas W Jones
5-6 David G Maynard
7-8 Roger Bailey (C)
First in method: 1-2.
RW 2007, p811

CLAPHAM JUNCTION, London SW11, 55d
Cologne Road
Monday 21 January 2008 2h8 (size 13)
5088 Spliced Surprise Major
(8 methods: 736 Superlative; 704 each London, Rutland; 608 each
Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey; 576 Bristol; 544 Yorkshire; 120
changes of method, all the work)
Comp. Noel J Diserens
1-2 Nicholas W Jones
3-4 Richard A Pearce (C)
5-6 Ruth Blackwell
7-8 Ian R Fielding
A birthday compliment to Ruth Blackwell.
RW 2008, p292

AMBLESIDE, Cumbria, St Mary
Saturday 15 March 2008 3h37 (32-2-2)
5120 Bristol Surprise Major
Comp. Anthony J Cox
1 Ian R Fielding (C)
2 Katherine L Town
3 Paul C L Bradford
4 Andrew P F Bradford
5 David A Town
6 Jennifer A Town
7 James E Andrews
8 Oliver D Cross
RW 2008, p748

Compositions

5120 Bristol Surprise Major

Anthony J Cox

234567	M	B	W	H
35426			2	
23564	-		2	
36524			2	
23645	-		2	
63425			2	1
532746	-	sT	1	s
273546			s	1
462537	2	sV		
32465	2	F/I		2
26435		a	2	
32654	-		2	
25634			2	
32546	-		2	
24536			2	
45362	sT,sV	1	1	
23456	2	F/I		2

a = B,sF,sB,B.

Contains 132 cru's including 24 56s and 65s; 24 8765s; 22 8765s and 20 5678s off the front;

Queens, Whittingtons and backgrounds.

Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Mary, Ambleside on 15 March 2008, conducted by Ian R Fielding.

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Charles Middleton

23456	B	M	W	H
35264	2	2	3	
56342	-		3	
64523	2	2	3	
42635	2	2	3	
23456	2	2	3	

Contains 58 cru's.

Rung for the ULSCR at 44 Sidney Road, Staines on 26 June 2007, conducted by Peter R King.

5000 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Donald F Morrison (No. 536)

23456	M	W	H
46352	-		s
43652	-	ss	s
56234	-		
34265	s	-	3
32564	-	s	a s
64523	-		s
35426	-		
23456	-		3

a = sV,sB,s7ths,sF.

Contains 70 little bell roll-ups including 23 3456s (22 at backstroke).

Rung for the ULSCR at St Leonard, Shoreditch on 10 February 2008, conducted by Michael J Trimm.

5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus

Donald F Morrison (No. 43)

23456	M	W	H
34256			2
56423	-	2	2
24365	-	-	
64532	-	s	ss
52436	-		s
(32456)		s	

Contains 60 little bell roll-ups including 22 each 23456s and 65432s.

Rung for the ULSCR at St Sepulchre, Holborn on 9 February 2008, conducted by Charles W G Herriott.

5040 Grandsire Triples

John Holt (10 part)

234567	
752634	1
347265	2
243576	5
542637	5
765342	1
367254	5
543726	2
745632	5
647253	5
246375	5

Call 5 times, with a Holt's Bob Single (3.4567) at the end to produce 1235476, then:

235476	
642735	1
746523	5
547362	5
345276	5
763524	2
567432	5
245367	1
342756	5
743625	5
257364	2

Call 5 times, with a Holt's Bob Single (3.456) at the end to produce 1234567.

Rung for the ULSCR at St Olave, Hart Street on 10 May 2008, conducted by Michael J Trimm.

5088 Kent Treble Bob Major

Andrew J Corrigan

23456	M	B	W	H
34256				2
45623	1		2	
54326	-	1	2	
53246	1	-	2	2
52436	1	-	2	2
23564	-			

3 part.

Contains 120 cru's.
Rung for the ULSCR at 2 West Park, Mottingham on 10 May 2008, conducted by Roger Bailey.

5000 London No. 3 Surprise Royal

Donald F Morrison (No. 2604)

23456	M	I/V	W	H
45236	-			-
32546			s	s
54326	-			-
45263		x		s
62534	s		s	s
34562	-	a	2	-
23465		x		-
43652	s		2	-
23456		x		-

a = 7ths,V,F,6ths.

Contains 159 little bell roll-ups, including 22 87654s. Every course contains little bell roll-ups.

Rung for the ULSCR at All Saints, Maidstone on 7 July 2007, conducted by Michael J Trimm.

5184 Superlative Surprise Major

Anthony J Cox

(25364)	B	M	W	H
45263		2		
54632	-			s
24635		s	6	
56432	-			-
36452			s	
26453		s		

2 part, starting and finishing at the treble's backstroke snap. 6 = --s--s.

Rung for the St Olave's Society at 55d Cologne Road, Clapham Junction on 17 July 2007, conducted by Roger Bailey.

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Arr. Ian R Fielding

23456	M	W	H
42356	-		
32654	-	(3)	
56423	-		
34625	-		
63425	3	-	

3 part, calling (3) in part 1 only.

Contains just 2 courses of 5-6 position for 3-4.

Rung for the ULSCR at 43 Weavers Way, Camden on 8 February 2008, conducted by Ian R Fielding.

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Simon Humphrey

23456	B	M	W	H
52436	ss	-	3	
42635	-		3	
42356	-			-

3 part.

Contains 67 cru's.
Rung for the ULSCR at 2 West Park, Mottingham on 9 February 2008, conducted by Roger Bailey.

5152 Spliced Surprise Major (3 methods)

Robert W Lee

23456	M	W	H	Methods
43652	-	-	-	YYY/NNNN
56234	-	-	-	CCC/C/CCC
23564	-	-	-	NNNY/YY/
52364	-	-	-	NNCCYY/
35264	-	-	-	YYCCNNN/

5 part, omitting [3H] and associated methods in part 3.

1888 Lincolnshire (N); 1632 each Cambridge, Yorkshire; 43 changes of method, all the work. Rung for the ULSCR at Guy's Hospital, Southwark on 2 May 2008, conducted by Roger Bailey.

5024 Spliced Surprise Major (4 methods)

Roderick R Horton

234567	M	I	B	F	V	W	H	Methods
35264	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BBL/BFF
42563	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BLLG/BFBFLL/
64523	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	GB/L
26543	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	LG/B
64235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	FBFLLG/BFB
36524	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	BLL/GB/BG/FL/GGGG/
23564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	FFBFBFF/F
45362	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L/GB/
34562	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	LLG/
(53624)	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	L/F/LL/LG/BG/
53246	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	GG/F/G/F/L/
45236	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	LG/L
(32654)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L/G/
(65243)	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	GG/BG/BFB/
42635	3	3	-	-	-	2	-	GG/GB/BG/BFF/F/FB/
23645	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	L/B/B/G/B/L
46532	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L/G/F
(63425)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BFBB/
(723465)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	G/F/L/FF/
273564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	GB/L/F
(742365)	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	LL/BL/GL/
(625734)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BG/
275463	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	F/F/GB/B/G/F/F/
742653	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	L/GL/G/B/L
(732456)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	G/
352764	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	GG/BF/FFL/GL/F/L/B
234567	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	G/FL/

1344 Glasgow; 1248 London; 1216 each Belfast (F), Bristol; 113 changes of method, all the work. Contains 45 cru's and 12 2468s including Queens. Rung for the ULSCR at St Lawrence Jewry on 19 April 2008, conducted by Andrew J Graham.

5056 Spliced Surprise Major (6 methods)

Neil R Aspland

23456	M	B	W	H	Methods
45236	-	-	-	-	RS/SRYRY/ (a)
25634	-	-	-	-	R/YSSC
65432	-	-	-	-	YSS/BC
65324	-	-	-	-	SC/YN/
36524	-	-	-	-	NNCYN/ (b)
52364	-	-	-	-	BBBBBBB/R/
43265	-	-	-	-	R/YR/
24365	-	-	-	-	RNCNS/
36245	-	-	-	-	CSSC/R/
23645	-	-	-	-	RCYNS/

3 part.

(a) = RS/SRYCRY/ in part 2, RS/R/ in part 3. (b) = RRRRRR/ in part 2, SNNYR/ in part 3. 1184 Rutland; 1056 Superlative; 768 each Bristol, Cambridge; 672 Yorkshire; 608 Lincolnshire (N); 109 changes of method, all the work.

Contains 98 cru's. Rung for the ULSCR at St James, Bermondsey on 9 February 2008, conducted by Michael J Trimm.

5088 Spliced Surprise Major (8 methods)

Noel J Diserens

23456	M	B	W	H	Methods
45236	-	-	-	-	LC/PSP/
34256	3	-	-	-	L/B/B/C/R
52643	-	-	-	-	L/Y/L
34625	-	-	-	-	NNC/N/YYS/
46325	-	2	-	-	SYYPNY/B/
62345	2	-	-	-	YNPY/B/L
43526	-	-	-	-	L/S/R
32654	2	-	-	-	R/B/BBB/CS
25346	-	-	-	-	YS/SC
54263	2	2	-	-	L/B/RLLLR/B/L
46532	-	-	-	-	CS/SY
32465	-	2	-	-	SP/BBB/B/R
64523	-	-	-	-	R/S/L
26543	-	-	-	-	LC/CNN
45362	-	-	-	-	L/C/L
23564	-	-	-	-	R/CL/
53462	-	-	-	-	PSP/CL
43265	-	-	-	-	NSN/NR
52364	-	-	-	-	YSS/PR/
53624	-	2	-	-	RC/PPP/B/
65324	-	-	-	-	PPRCP/
35264	2	-	-	-	SL/B/R/
25463	-	-	-	-	CNC/YL
25634	-	-	-	-	NY/NS/
53246	-	-	-	-	SN/YN
24536	-	-	-	-	LY/CNC/
26435	2	-	-	-	R/B/LP/
64235	-	2	-	-	PCRPP/B/
52436	-	-	-	-	CSS/RRLRRR/
35426	-	-	-	-	RP/SSY
23456	-	-	-	-	RN/NSN

736 Superlative; 704 each London, Rutland; 608 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire (N), Pudsey; 576 Bristol; 544 Yorkshire; 120 changes of method, all the work. Contains 57 cru's. Rung for the St Olave's Society at 55d Cologne Road, Clapham Junction on 21 January 2008, conducted by Richard A Pearce.

Quarter Peals Rung in 2007-08

City of London, St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield
27 May 2007 42m (5½ cwt)

1272 Minimus

(3 methods: Plain Bob, Double Bob, Double Court)

- 1 Hugh J Spalding
- 2 Clara P Westlake
- 3 David J Hills
- 4 Peter M Jasper (C)
- 5 Ana Tam

First Minimus for all.

Rung for Evensong with best wishes to Mary and Olly Cross following their wedding on 26th May 2007.

Westminster, St Clement Danes
10 June 2007 47m (21-1-23)

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Hugh J Spalding
- 2 Jennifer A Holden
- 3 Rona M Joiner
- 4 David J Hills
- 5 Dominic D Meredith
- 6 Nicholas J Hartley (C)
- 7 Rebecca S Bruce
- 8 Rupert H J Littlewood

Westminster, St Clement Danes
12 August 2007 48m (21-1-23)

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Clare E F Dyer
- 2 Nicholas J Hartley
- 3 Hugh J Spalding
- 4 Peter M Jasper (C)
- 5 Clara P Westlake
- 6 Rhiannon M Meredith
- 7 Ian K Bushell
- 8 Andrew P F Bradford

First Grandsire inside: 3.

To congratulate David Hills & Ruth Blackwood and Oliver Lomax & Caroline Lee on their engagements.

Inveraray, Argyll, All Saints
9 September 2007 55m (41-2-8)

1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

- 1 Roger Bailey
- 2 Katherine L Town
- 3 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 4 Jennifer A Holden
- 5 Nicholas J Hartley
- 6 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 7 Jon Waters
- 8 Quentin S A Jackson
- 9 Andrew P F Bradford
- 10 Oliver D Cross

Rung on the Society's 2007 Summer Tour to Scotland.

Stirling, Central, Holy Rude
10 September 2007 44m (6-3-25)

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Lucy M Bricheno
- 2 Michael J Trimm
- 3 Clara P Westlake
- 4 Clare E F Dyer
- 5 Quentin S A Jackson
- 6 Peter M Jasper (C)

First Cambridge Minor: 3.

Rung for the 75th Anniversary of the Scottish Association.

Shoreditch, St Leonard
14 October 2007 46m (8-3-3)

1320 London Surprise Minor

- 1 Philip Vracas
- 2 Benjamin J Carey
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 Clara P Westlake
- 5 Nicholas J Hartley
- 6 Peter M Jasper (C)

First in method: 4.

Rung to congratulate Thomas Baldwin, Rupert Littlewood, Charles Herriott, Tom Sibley and Peter Jasper on attaining their degrees.

Westminster, St Clement Danes
14 October 2007 47m (21-1-23)

1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- 1 Emma L Pym
- 2 Clara P Westlake
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 Jacqueline L Bale
- 5 Peter M Jasper
- 6 Nicholas J Hartley (C)
- 7 William J Dawson
- 8 Benjamin J Carey

First in method: 4.

Rung to welcome all new freshers to the ULSCR.

City of London, St Lawrence Jewry
5 November 2007 48m (24-3-2)

1250 Superlative Surprise Major

- 1 Oliver D Cross
- 2 Martin J Cansdale
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 David J Hills
- 5 Katherine L Town (C)
- 6 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 7 Charles W G Herriott
- 8 Andrew P F Bradford

First in method: 4.

Rung to celebrate Andy and Dave's birthdays.

Pimlico, St Saviour
24 November 2007 46m (7-1-20)

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Laura M Matheson
- 2 Lucy M Bricheno
- 3 Clara P Westlake
- 4 Thomas D Baldwin
- 5 Linda D E Jasper
- 6 Clare E F Dyer
- 7 Peter M Jasper (C)
- 8 Alexander J Dicks

For Society Dinner Day.

City of London, St Olave, Hart Street
1 December 2007 40m (11-3-23)

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 2 Clare E F Dyer
- 3 Jennifer A Holden
- 4 Katherine L Town
- 5 Andrew P F Bradford
- 6 Nicholas J Hartley (C)

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Samantha Hovey and Gordon Graham, which took place earlier today at St Michael, Cornhill.

Southwark, Cathedral
2 December 2007 53m (48-0-9)

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Jennifer A Holden
- 2 Katherine L Town
- 3 Charles W G Herriott (C)
- 4 Clare E F Dyer
- 5 Martin J Cansdale
- 6 Peter M Jasper
- 7 Andrew P F Bradford
- 8 Rupert H J Littlewood

Rung for Evensong.

Westminster, St Clement Danes
9 December 2007 50m (21-1-23)

1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

- 1 Emma L Pym
- 2 Jacqueline L Bale
- 3 Jennifer A Holden
- 4 Jon Waters
- 5 Nicholas W Jones
- 6 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 7 Leon G Thompson
- 8 Peter Valuks
- 9 David G Maynard
- 10 Katherine L Town

First on ten: 1, 2.

City Of London, St Giles, Cripplegate
10 December 2007 46m (11-0-05)

1344 Spliced Surprise Major

(6 methods: 224 each Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire; all the work)

Comp. Richard J Angrave

- 1 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 2 Andrew P F Bradford
- 3 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 4 Clare E F Dyer
- 5 Nicholas J Hartley
- 6 Charles W G Herriott
- 7 Katherine L Town
- 8 Ian R Fielding

Most spliced: 4.

City of London, St Olave, Hart Street
3 January 2008 41m (11-3-23)

1250 Pudsey Surprise Major

- 1 Peter M Jasper
- 2 Charles W G Herriott
- 3 Jacqueline L Bale
- 4 Clare E F Dyer
- 5 Nicholas W Jones (C)
- 6 Nicholas J Hartley
- 7 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 8 Oliver D Cross

First in method: 7. First blows in method: 3, 4.

A get well compliment to Ken Brown.

Westminster, St Clement Danes
13 January 2008 47m (21-1-23)

1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- 1 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 2 Jacqueline L Bale
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 5 Nicholas J Hartley
- 6 William J Dawson
- 7 Katherine L Town
- 8 Andrew P F Bradford

City of London, St Olave, Hart Street
(Ringing Chamber)

20 January 2008 (size 13E)

1280 Bristol Surprise Major

- 1-2 Katherine L Town
- 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 5-6 Roger Bailey
- 7-8 Oliver D Cross

Waterloo, St John the Evangelist
9 February 2008 44m (17-2-13)

1260 Grandsire Triples

- 1 Laura M Matheson
- 2 Jacqueline L Bale
- 3 Clara P Westlake
- 4 Thomas D Baldwin
- 5 Hugh J Spalding
- 6 Adrian R Udal
- 7 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 8 Nicholas J Hartley

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

Spitalfields, London E1, Christ Church
9 February 2008 45m (17-1-10)

1280 Superlative Surprise Major

- 1 Oliver D Cross (C)
- 2 Clara P Westlake
- 3 Jacqueline L Bale
- 4 Peter M Jasper
- 5 Peter J Bennett
- 6 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 7 Charles W G Herriott
- 8 Mark A Humphreys

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

Chelsea, All Saints, Old Church
9 February 2008 45m (10-2-12)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Thomas D Baldwin
- 2 Laura M Matheson
- 3 Tim Joiner
- 4 Rona M Joiner
- 5 Nicholas W Jones (C)
- 6 Adrian R Udal

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

Westminster, St Clement Danes
10 February 2008 45m (7-1-15)

1280 Little Bob Minor

- 1 Roger Bailey (C)
- 2 Josephine K Crimp
- 3 Jacqueline L Bale
- 4 Clara P Westlake
- 5 Nicholas J Hartley
- 6 Nicholas W Jones

First in method: 2, 3.

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

Kensal Green, 52 Burrows Road
10 February 2008 47m (size 12F)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1-2 Lian von Wantoch
- 3-4 Marika Pascovitch
- 5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)

First quarter peal: 1-2.

Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

City of London, St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield

24 February 2008 39m (5¹/₂ cwt)

1260 Doubles

(3 methods: 60 Stedman; 600 each Grandsire, Plain Bob)

- 1 Clara P Westlake
- 2 Rhiannon M Meredith
- 3 Peter M Jasper (C)
- 4 David J Hills
- 5 Nicholas W Jones

Rung to celebrate Rhiannon's promotion and for Evensong.

Lundy Island, Devon, St Helen
1 March 2008 43m (13-1-18)

1287 Stedman Caters

- 1 Sheila M Bruce
- 2 Lucy M Bricheno
- 3 Jennifer C E Lane
- 4 Quentin S A Jackson
- 5 Richard S J Saddleton
- 6 Rebecca S Bruce
- 7 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 8 Ian O Partridge
- 9 Jon Waters
- 10 Rupert H J Littlewood

Lundy Island, Devon, St Helen
1 March 2008 39m (13-1-18)

1250 Superlative Surprise Major

- 1 Michael J Trimm
- 2 Clare E F Dyer
- 3 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 4 Alexander J Dicks
- 5 Quentin S A Jackson
- 6 Jon Waters
- 7 Andrew P F Bradford
- 8 Oliver D Cross (C)

First in method: 4.

Lundy Island, Devon, St Helen
2 March 2008 42m (13-1-18)

1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

- 1 Katherine L Town
- 2 Jennifer C E Lane
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 Nicholas J Hartley
- 5 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 6 Quentin S A Jackson
- 7 Oliver D Cross (C)
- 8 Jon Waters
- 9 Andrew P F Bradford
- 10 Michael J Trimm

Rung for Mothering Sunday.

Lundy Island, Devon, St Helen
2 March 2008 42m (13-1-18)

1250 Cambridge Surprise Major

- 1 Quentin S A Jackson
- 2 James W A Dyer
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 5 Andrew P F Bradford
- 6 Oliver D Cross
- 7 Roger Bailey
- 8 Katherine L Town

First of Surprise: 2.

Lundy Island, Devon, St Helen

2 March 2008 (13-1-18)

1259 Grandsire Caters

- 1 Katherine L Town
- 2 Jacqueline L Bale
- 3 Laura M Matheson
- 4 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 5 Clare E F Dyer
- 6 Jennifer C E Lane
- 7 Nicholas J Hartley
- 8 Quentin S A Jackson
- 9 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 10 Hugh J Spalding

Rung to celebrate Harry Saddleton's 4th birthday.

Lundy Island, Devon, Square Cottage

2 March 2008 (size 13E)

1312 Kent Treble Bob Major

- 1-2 Nicholas J Hartley
- 3-4 Ian O Partridge
- 5-6 Roger Bailey (C)
- 7-8 Lucy M Bricheno

Westminster, St Clement Danes

9 March 2008 49m (21-1-23)

1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

- 1 Charles W G Herriott
- 2 Katherine L Town (C)
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 Peter M Jasper
- 5 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 6 Nicholas J Hartley
- 7 Quentin S A Jackson
- 8 Nicholas W Jones
- 9 Jon Waters
- 10 Andrew P F Bradford

Rung on the occasion of Quentin's 26th birthday.

Westminster, St Clement Danes

13 April 2008 (21-1-23)

1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

- 1 Charles W G Herriott
- 2 Nicholas W Jones
- 3 Rebecca S Bruce
- 4 Peter M Jasper
- 5 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 6 Jon Waters
- 7 Quentin S A Jackson
- 8 Katherine L Town
- 9 Andrew P F Bradford
- 10 Michael J Trimm (C)

Shoreditch, St Leonard

26 April 2008 50m (25-1-11)

1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

- 1 Nicholas J Hartley
- 2 Nicholas W Jones
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 Peter M Jasper
- 5 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 6 Jon Waters
- 7 Quentin S A Jackson
- 8 Katherine L Town
- 9 Andrew P F Bradford
- 10 Michael J Trimm (C)

Rung for the Society's quarter peal weekend in memory of Humphrey Lyttleton.

Spitalfields, Christ Church

26 April 2008 48m (17-1-10)

1279 Spliced Surprise Major

(8 methods: 160 each Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire; 159 London; 39 changes of method)

Comp. Donald F Morrison

- 1 Lucy M Bricheno
- 2 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 Jennifer A Holden
- 5 Nicholas J Hartley
- 6 Andrew P F Bradford
- 7 Quentin S A Jackson
- 8 Katherine L Town

First of 8-spliced and first blows of London: 3.

Rung for the Society's quarter peal weekend.

Shoreditch, St Leonard

26 April 2008 44m (8-3-3)

1293 Stedman Triples

- 1 Jacqueline L Bale
- 2 Rhiannon M Meredith
- 3 Andrew P F Bradford
- 4 Jennifer A Holden
- 5 Garry S Barr
- 6 Jon Waters
- 7 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 8 Guy W Atchison

First quarter peal: 8.

Rung for the Society's quarter peal weekend.

Bow, St Mary-atte-Bow

26 April 2008 (13-3-23)

1280 Bristol Surprise Major

- 1 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 2 Lucy M Bricheno
- 3 Peter M Jasper
- 4 Clare E F Dyer
- 5 Nicholas W Jones
- 6 Nicholas J Hartley
- 7 Katherine L Town
- 8 Quentin S A Jackson (C)

Rung for the Society's quarter peal weekend.

Pimlico, St Saviour

26 April 2008 44m (7-1-20)

1282 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

- 1 Garry S Barr
- 2 Jacqueline L Bale
- 3 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 4 Jennifer A Holden
- 5 Nicholas J Hartley
- 6 Jon Waters
- 7 Katherine L Town
- 8 Quentin S A Jackson

Rung for the Society's quarter peal weekend.

Walworth, St Peter

26 April 2008 40m (3-3-20)

1420 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Clare E F Dyer
- 2 Peter M Jasper (C)
- 3 Lucy M Bricheno
- 4 Nicholas W Jones
- 5 Rhiannon M Meredith
- 6 Lian von Wantoch

First quarter peal on tower bells: 6.
Rung for the Society's quarter peal weekend.

Wimbledon, 6 Ranmore Court, Worple Road

27 April 2008 41m (size 11G)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1-2 Clara P Westlake
- 3-4 Lucy M Bricheno
- 5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)

First quarter in hand: 1-2.

First quarter on this set of handbells.
Believed to be the first quarter at this address.

Rung for the Society's quarter peal weekend.

Wimbledon, 6 Ranmore Court, Worple Road

27 April 2008 37m (size 9B)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1-2 Lian von Wantoch
- 3-4 Lucy M Bricheno
- 5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)

Rung for the Society's quarter peal weekend.

Holborn, St Giles-in-the-Fields
27 April 2008 49m (14-0-16)

1344 London Surprise Major

- 1 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 2 Clare E F Dyer
- 3 Peter M Jasper
- 4 Jennifer A Holden
- 5 Katherine L Town (C)
- 6 Quentin S A Jackson
- 7 Andrew P F Bradford
- 8 Michael J Trimm

First in method: 2.

Rung for the Society's quarter peal weekend and with the Society's best wishes to Alan Frost for a speedy recovery.

Battersea, St Mary

27 April 2008 44m (13-2-24)

1260 Plain Bob Triples

- 1 Jennifer A Holden
- 2 Clare E F Dyer
- 3 Jacqueline L Bale
- 4 Josephine K Crimp
- 5 Nicholas W Jones (C)
- 6 Peter M Jasper
- 7 Quentin S A Jackson
- 8 Jon Waters

25th quarter together: 2 & 7 and 6 & 7.

Rung for the Society's quarter peal weekend and as a get well compliment to Sean Langton.

City of London, St Botolph-without-Aldgate

27 April 2008 48m (25-0-7)

1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- 1 Garry S Barr
- 2 Lucy M Bricheno
- 3 Clara P Westlake
- 4 Nicholas J Hartley
- 5 Katherine L Town
- 6 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 7 Andrew P F Bradford (C)
- 8 Michael J Trimm

Rung for the Society's quarter peal weekend

Chelsea, All Saints, Old Church

27 April 2008 (10-2-12)

1250 Cambridge Surprise Major

- 1 Lucy M Bricheno
- 2 Rhiannon M Meredith
- 3 Clara P Westlake
- 4 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 5 Jon Waters
- 6 Katherine L Town
- 7 Michael J Trimm
- 8 Nicholas J Hartley (C)

Rung for the Society's quarter peal weekend.

City of London, St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield

27 April 2008 39m (5¹/₂ cwt)

1260 Stedman Doubles

- 1 Jacqueline L Bale
- 2 Quentin S A Jackson (C)
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 Peter M Jasper
- 5 Garry S Barr

Rung for the Society's quarter peal weekend.

Did I Really Say That?

Can you match the UL quotation with the person who actually said it?

- | | | |
|----|---|-------------------|
| 1 | “When I came, you were there!” | Sean Langton |
| 2 | “I wiped mine off very carefully” | Jen Holden |
| 3 | “You’re a bit of a ringing... ummm what’s the word... Slut!” | Peter Jasper |
| 4 | “How much would it cost for me to sleep with you?” | Charles Herriott |
| 5 | “Nobody got pregnant when I was at school, but I did go to an all boys one” | Chris Kippin |
| 6 | “I’m glad I’m not wearing a short skirt!” | Rupert Littlewood |
| 7 | “We’ve got plenty of stuff for sandwiches...except perhaps the bread” | Clara Westlake |
| 8 | “If you’re going to vomit, let me know so I can spread my legs.” | Andy Bradford |
| 9 | “I don’t really drink gin, in fact I don’t really drink at all!” | Dominic Meredith |
| 10 | “The UL is not a political body” | Lucy Bricheno |
| 11 | “You just plug it in and whack it on. Two minutes, then it’s up!” | Guy Atchinson |
| 12 | “I can get off on a railing!” | Mike Trimm |

What Are You On About?

What or whom do each of these UL quotations refer to?

- 1) "They've got virgin innards, but they're still quite stiff!"
- 2) "Did the other three quarters survive?"
- 3) "He's very like Bow tenor: he makes a lot of noise, he weighs over 2 tons, he's bloody hard work and he's probably not hung as well as he could have been!"
- 4) "It's cosy on a cold day"
- 5) "It's kind of like musical chairs"
- 6) "Is the person ringing the 7th a really rubbish ringer or are the bells here hard work?"
- 7) "Next time I'm going to dip your sausage in it"
- 8) "They should have used you on East German radio"
- 9) "Does it come with extra furry bits?"
- 10) "I can't believe it. I've only just finished talking to [REDACTED] and already five people have asked me if I'm okay!"
- 11) "Ooh it's a bit strong!"
- 12) "Can I come into you and worship in you?"
"Yes"

ULSCR & Friends Top Trumps

Rules:

All the cards are dealt among the players. There must be at least two players, and at least one card for each player. The starting player (normally the player sitting on the dealer's left) selects a category from his or her topmost card and reads out its value. Each other player then reads out the value of the same category from their cards. The best (i.e. the largest) value wins the "trick", and the winner takes all the cards of the trick and places them at the bottom of his or her pile. That player then looks at their new topmost card, and chooses the category for the next round.

In the event of a draw, the cards are placed in the centre and a new category is chosen from the next card by the same person as in the previous round. The winner of that round obtains all of the cards in the centre as well as the top card from each player. Players are eliminated when they lose their last card, and the winner is the player who obtains the whole pack.

Categories:

Scores are out of 10 and were (mostly) devised in a pub in Wimbledon surrounded by many empty glasses (i.e. we were battered). Don't take the scores seriously.....

Session Score

Simply, alcoholic capacity. Points have been deducted if the subject is more likely to be found drinking cider, lager or alcopops than real ale, and also if they get wasted after a pint and a half, regardless if they then continue to drink 14 more. Eg: 10 = borderline alcoholic, 1 = Nick Jones.

UL 'Get In' Factor

How likely the subject is to turn up to UL events. Bonus points have been awarded if the subject is not a ULSCR member. Eg: 10 = turns up to the opening of an envelope, 1 = will possibly emerge for the dinner, before returning to hibernate.

Embarrassment Quotient

The subject's potential for embarrassing events. Bonus points have been added if said subject has UL song(s) written about them. Eg: 10 = might attempt to throw themselves off Tower Bridge to impress some ladies, 1 = eminently sensible.

Fire Power

Chances of subject causing a fire up in a given piece of ringing. Also includes performances when not sober. Eg: 10 = non-ringer, 0 = Katie Town

Fear Factor

Subject's scariness. Score will increase if subject is President or Vice President, or a Past Master.

Bailey Bonus

Points are awarded 50/50 between gin capacity and Baileyesque dancing. Consequently, scores can only be judged after attendance of a UL dinner. Obviously, Roger Bailey scores maximum points in this category.

			
Ana Tam	Andy Bradford	Charles Herriott	Clara Westlake
Session Score	5	Session Score	10
UL 'Get In' Factor	5	UL 'Get In' Factor	9
Embarrassment Quotient	3	Embarrassment Quotient	4
Fire Power	5	Fire Power	1
Fear Factor	1	Fear Factor	2
Bailey Bonus	8	Bailey Bonus	10
Session Score	10	Session Score	10
UL 'Get In' Factor	9	UL 'Get In' Factor	7
Embarrassment Quotient	4	Embarrassment Quotient	9
Fire Power	1	Fire Power	1
Fear Factor	2	Fear Factor	5
Bailey Bonus	10	Bailey Bonus	7

			
David Hills	Guy Atchison	Hugh Spalding	Jacqui Bale
Session Score	7	Session Score	8
UL 'Get In' Factor	5	UL 'Get In' Factor	7
Embarrassment Quotient	2	Embarrassment Quotient	4
Fire Power	7	Fire Power	8
Fear Factor	4	Fear Factor	1
Bailey Bonus	8	Bailey Bonus	5
Session Score	8	Session Score	8
UL 'Get In' Factor	7	UL 'Get In' Factor	6
Embarrassment Quotient	4	Embarrassment Quotient	6
Fire Power	8	Fire Power	6
Fear Factor	1	Fear Factor	2
Bailey Bonus	5	Bailey Bonus	9

			
Jenny Holden	Jess Glaisher	Jon Waters	Josie Crimp
Session Score	5	Session Score	0.5
UL 'Get In' Factor	8	UL 'Get In' Factor	7
Embarrassment Quotient	1	Embarrassment Quotient	8
Fire Power	5	Fire Power	8
Fear Factor	6	Fear Factor	3
Bailey Bonus	6	Bailey Bonus	5
Session Score	0.5	Session Score	9
UL 'Get In' Factor	8	UL 'Get In' Factor	7
Embarrassment Quotient	8	Embarrassment Quotient	7
Fire Power	8	Fire Power	9
Fear Factor	3	Fear Factor	2
Bailey Bonus	5	Bailey Bonus	5

			
Laura Matheson	Lian Von Wantoch	Lucy Bricheno	Martin Cansdale
Session Score	2	Session Score	1.5
UL 'Get In' Factor	4	UL 'Get In' Factor	8
Embarrassment Quotient	3	Embarrassment Quotient	3
Fire Power	7	Fire Power	6
Fear Factor	5	Fear Factor	4
Bailey Bonus	7	Bailey Bonus	5
Session Score	7	Session Score	7
UL 'Get In' Factor	4	UL 'Get In' Factor	6
Embarrassment Quotient	3	Embarrassment Quotient	8
Fire Power	6	Fire Power	6
Fear Factor	5	Fear Factor	2
Bailey Bonus	7	Bailey Bonus	8

			
Mike Trimm	Nick Hartley	Nick Jones	Olly Cross
Session Score	10	Session Score	8
UL 'Get In' Factor	9	UL 'Get In' Factor	8
Embarrassment Quotient	9	Embarrassment Quotient	9
Fire Power	1	Fire Power	4
Fear Factor	9	Fear Factor	6
Bailey Bonus	25	Bailey Bonus	7
Session Score		Session Score	10
UL 'Get In' Factor		UL 'Get In' Factor	9
Embarrassment Quotient		Embarrassment Quotient	6
Fire Power		Fire Power	1
Fear Factor		Fear Factor	7
Bailey Bonus		Bailey Bonus	2

			
Quentin Jackson	Rhiannon Meredith	Roger Bailey	Rupert Littlewood
Session Score	9	Session Score	8
UL 'Get In' Factor	7	UL 'Get In' Factor	6
Embarrassment Quotient	8	Embarrassment Quotient	3
Fire Power	3	Fire Power	7
Fear Factor	4	Fear Factor	3
Bailey Bonus	6	Bailey Bonus	8
Session Score		Session Score	10
UL 'Get In' Factor		UL 'Get In' Factor	8
Embarrassment Quotient		Embarrassment Quotient	8
Fire Power		Fire Power	2
Fear Factor		Fear Factor	7
Bailey Bonus		Bailey Bonus	∞

			
Sean Langton	Thomas Baldwin	Tom Sibley	Ruth Blackwood
Session Score	7	Session Score	1
UL 'Get In' Factor	3	UL 'Get In' Factor	3
Embarrassment Quotient	5	Embarrassment Quotient	3
Fire Power	8	Fire Power	9
Fear Factor	2	Fear Factor	2
Bailey Bonus	4	Bailey Bonus	5
Session Score		Session Score	5
UL 'Get In' Factor		UL 'Get In' Factor	2
Embarrassment Quotient		Embarrassment Quotient	3
Fire Power		Fire Power	8
Fear Factor		Fear Factor	1
Bailey Bonus		Bailey Bonus	4

			
Peter Jasper	Mary Cross	Katie Town	Clare Dyer
Session Score	8	Session Score	8
UL 'Get In' Factor	9	UL 'Get In' Factor	4
Embarrassment Quotient	8	Embarrassment Quotient	4
Fire Power	4	Fire Power	2
Fear Factor	2	Fear Factor	6
Bailey Bonus	6	Bailey Bonus	8
Session Score		Session Score	9
UL 'Get In' Factor		UL 'Get In' Factor	9
Embarrassment Quotient		Embarrassment Quotient	7
Fire Power		Fire Power	0
Fear Factor		Fear Factor	10
Bailey Bonus		Bailey Bonus	8

Answers to Quizzes

Did I Really Say That?

- 1) Charles Herriott
- 2) Guy Atchinson
- 3) Andy Bradford
- 4) Mike Trimm
- 5) Dominic Meredith
- 6) Chris Kippin
- 7) Jen Holden
- 8) Clara Westlake
- 9) Lucy Bricheno
- 10) Sean Langton
- 11) Rupert Littlewood
- 12) Peter Jasper

What Are You On About?

- 1) Handbells with newly refurbished inner working parts.
- 2) A lost quarter peal (being discussed with a non ringer).
- 3) Olly Cross
- 4) The feeling a vet has when he sticks his arm into a cow's bottom to check on the progress of an unborn calf.
- 5) Inter-society relationships
- 6) Roger Bailey at the Queen's Tower, Imperial College
- 7) Tomato ketchup
- 8) Jon Waters
- 9) A haggis
- 10) Nick Jones
- 11) A glass of water (admittedly after it had been poured out of a bottle of gin!)
- 12) Trying to guess Hart Street church in a game of 20 questions

Managing External Pressures

The following notice is being included in the annual report at the request of the Central Council.

The Tower Stewardship Committee of the Central Council has compiled a number of leaflets that offer advice on how to manage external pressures that may affect bell towers and bell ringers. They cover the following areas:-

- Tower Management
- Child Protection in Towers
- Church Law in Relation to Bells
- Fire Risk Assessment
- Insurance and Ringing
- Tower Safety and Risk Assessment

These leaflets can be found on the Central Council web site at:-

<http://www.cccbr.org.uk/tsc>

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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 (only given for photos with clear face shots). Unless stated otherwise, each list runs from left to right as the photo is viewed.

Summer Term 2007

Wedding: Oliver Cross, Mary Cross

Treasure Hunt: Peter Jasper, Clara Westlake, Nick Hartley, Quentin Jackson, Jess Glaisher

Picnic: Hugh Spalding, Josie Crimp, Sean Langton, Lian von Wantoch, Clara Westlake, Peter Jasper, Andy Bradford

Summer Holidays 2007

Falkirk Wheel: Lian von Wantoch, Sean Langton, Dave Hills, Peter Jasper, Hugh Spalding, Ana Tam, Jon Waters, Clara Westlake, Mike Trimm, Josie Crimp, Roger Bailey, Nick Jones, Katie Town, Andy Bradford, Nick Hartley, Rupert Littlewood, Lucy Bricheno, Jenny Holden, Quentin Jackson, Mary Cross, Olly Cross, Clare Dyer

Pile On: Nick Hartley, Mary Cross, Clara Westlake, Olly Cross, Peter Jasper, Andy Bradford

Ben Nevis Summit: Mike Trimm, Clara Westlake, Nick Jones, Hugh Spalding, Andy Bradford, Peter Jasper, Nick Hartley, Katie Town, Quentin Jackson, Rupert Littlewood, Dave Hills

Autumn Term

Uxbridge St Andrew: Charles Herriott, Peter Jasper, Lucy Bricheno, Nick Hartley, Lian von Wantoch, Jenny Holden

Uxbridge St Andrew: Peter Jasper

Indian Diner: Nick Hartley, Jacqui Bale, Peter Jasper, Ana Tam, Mike Trimm, Jon Waters, Josie Crimp, Clara Westlake, Guy Atchison

St Mary Redcliffe: Peter Jasper, ?, Quentin Jackson, Philip Pratt, ?, Ewan Marshall

SUA Ceilidh: Jacqui Bale, Dominic Meredith, ...?..., Linda Jasper, Quentin Jackson

Dinner: Becky Sugden, ?, Josie Crimp, Mary Cross, Charles Herriott, Helen Herriott, Quentin Jackson, ?, Nick Jones, Hugh Spalding, Laura Matheson, Jenny Holden, Nick Hartley, Simon Bond, Thomas Baldwin, Terry Astill?, Rhiannon Meredith, Peter Jasper, Simon Barnes, Simon Robinson, Georgina Kearton, Katie Town, Rae Town, Sean Langton, Clara Westlake

Christmas Practice: Jess Glaisher

Spring Term

Margaretting Level Crossing: Nick Jones

Margaretting 'Mouse Wheel': Lucy Bricheno

Shenfield: Lucy Bricheno

Pancake Tossing: Clara Westlake, Jacqui Bale, Rupert Littlewood, Guy Atchison

Pancake on the Floor: Peter Jasper, Clara Westlake, Jacqui Bale

By the Oven: Jacqui Bale, Rupert Littlewood

The Harp: Charles Herriott, Laura Matheson, Rupert Littlewood, Nick Hartley

Blistered Hands: Andy Bradford

Lundy: Olly Cross, Mary Cross, Andy Bradford, Katie Town, James Dyer, Hannah Collins, Guy Atchison, Nick Jones, Josie Crimp, Chris Brown, Hugh Spalding, Lian von Wantoch

Summer Term 2008

Beer Bottles: Peter Jasper, Quentin Jackson

Punting: Sean Langton, Nick Hartley, Clara Westlake

Tewkesbury (band order – front to back): Charles Herriott, Nick Jones, Clare Dyer, Peter Jasper, Rupert Littlewood, Jon Waters, Quentin Jackson, Katie Town, Andy Bradford, Mike Trimm

Ceilidh (clockwise): Jacqui Bale, William Dawson, Jenny Holden, Thomas Baldwin, Jess Glaisher, Guy Atchison, Clara Westlake, Nick Hartley

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Peter Jasper (& Nick Jones)



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