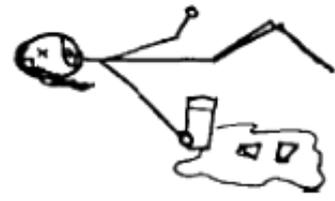


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Master's Report

The UL has had an extremely successful year due mostly to the huge number of very keen Freshers who have joined. Practices have been very well attended with regular Quarter Peals being rung alongside practices during the autumn term in order to control numbers! As well as practices at Hart Street, there have been 12-bell practices at St Magnus, Cornhill, Seps, Shoreditch and Cripplegate. Sunday morning ringing has been very well supported and we have been able to ring up to Surprise Major on almost every Sunday in term time. We have taken on both first and second Sunday Quarter Peal slots at Danes as well as maintaining a fourth Sunday slot at Barts. These have resulted in a notable number of firsts for many ringers.

There have been 10 peals rung for the society over the past year, 3 of which were in hand and 4 of which were rung on tower bells during UL Peal Weekend. This includes a peal of 8-Spliced by a current undergraduate band last month which included a lot of firsts. There was one SOS peal rung on tower bells on Peal Weekend with 7 more being scored through the rest of the year, 5 of which were in hand.

We have entered several striking competitions this year including the London 12-Bell where we came a very respectable 4th out of 9 teams. In November we attended SUA and although didn't do as well as hoped – due to a certain committee members inability to ring the morning after – it gave several people their first experience of ringing in a striking competition and a scratch band ringing ULSCR spliced was placed second in the 8-bell competition. Last week we rang in the Tewkesbury Shield ringing a course of Yorkshire Royal with an all student band. We came a close 7th - an improvement on the last two years!

There have been several ringing tours through the year going to Horsham, Nottingham, South London, Canterbury and the Isle of Wight. We also made a return to Trafalgar Square ringing handbells this Christmas raising over £120 for the Southwark Cathedral bell restoration appeal.

Finally I would like to thank you all for the support you give the UL, turning up to events and practices. It's been great being master with such an active membership and I wish the next Master as much luck!

Mariko Whyte

Secretary's Report

This year has been another fantastic exciting UL fest of activities. Particular congratulations go to Dave and Ruth Hills on the birth of their son Sebastian. We would also like to congratulate Quentin Jackson and Clara Westlake, Hellen Richardson and Mark Williams, and Hayley Barnett and David Baverstock on their recent engagements. The following were married this year: Martin and Becky Cansdale and Mark and Miranda Humphreys-Green.

The UL has frequented many pubs particularly the Windsor and the Southwark tavern where we have become familiar faces and now own part of the building. The Liberty Bounds is still popular as is the mythical Blue Eyed Maid. The freshers have proved that they are able to hold their alcohol with several drunken pub crawls, although the new Captain Vom hat has made frequent appearances.

We have had a variety of social events this year with a record number of Ceilidhs including a pre AGM ceilidh last night. There was dancing at Jacqui's barn dance and we definitely out danced

and out drank every other university society at SUA this year. Not only this but we managed to gate crash (Well bought tickets to) a Ceilidh when we were on the Isle of Wight for Easter Tour.

One of the highlights this year must have been the summer tour to Nottingham, where some of us may now be banned from due to very drunken singing, tequila slammers and a minibus party. Something which no doubt will be repeated in Liverpool this year.

We enjoyed more drinking and dancing at the Annual Dinner which was thoroughly enjoyable and I would like to thank Rupert and Charles for organising this successful event.

Trying to become a cultured society we have been to the cinema where we saw Johnny English and the Iron Lady and there was much singing in the street before and after a trip to see Les Mis in the West End. At Christmas we went ice skating at the tower of London and luckily despite much worry no one was injured. There was also the infamous Christmas practice complete with food and more singing and the reappearance of the hat.

Despite our best efforts to become a sporty society, the annual picnic was rained off however the day before was spent running round London looking for clues in the brilliant treasure hunt ULopoly.

I have really enjoyed this year as secretary, I would like to wish the new secretary luck for the following year.

Jennifer Willis

Treasurer's Report

The UL funds are looking very healthy this year, with a profit of £768 at financial year end. However, the prepared accounts do not take into consideration several outstanding debts due to cheques paid out at the end of the financial year. Once these are adjusted for, the year's profit is a far saner £225, with income of £640 and expenditure of £415.

As treasurer this year, I have been into no fewer than 10 branches of NatWest nationwide in attempt to get the account signatories changed, whether due to being given the wrong sort of form, misinformation, or having to collect replacement forms when lost by one of the new signatories! Eventually we got the signatory change submitted to the bank, only to receive 2 months later (the post was delayed) confirmation that we needed to submit more forms. Frustratingly, we were in a position of not precisely knowing who valid signatories were for a period of 3 months, in particular in the period leading up to the financial year end. The bank confirmed last month that the signatory change is now made, our signatories currently are: Peter Jasper, Rupert Littlewood, Mike Trimm and Andrew Bradford.

We had a significant reduction in the number of visiting bands this year, with income generated down by £130 from £200.95 to £68.50. However, for the first time in a few years, we had been requested to ring for weddings held at the church, of the fees, £80 was set aside for the UL accounts. The wedding fee was set by the president and master. Steeplage remained approximately the same on the previous year, raising £72.49.

In this financial year, 16 new members joined, their membership fees provided a significant portion of the income for the year.

This year, we sold 26 items of UL branded clothing; at year end, £383 had been collected for clothing sales. The projected profit for this year's clothing is £117.07. Initial feedback regarding the clothing indicate that the hoodies were a good choice, however the T-Shirt selection this year was not of the best quality, this is one of the disadvantages of remotely ordering from a catalogue, I will

recommend the next treasurer choose a different brand of T-Shirt from the wide selection offered by our supplier. This year also saw the introduction of the UL Rugby top line of clothing, this was a reasonably popular choice and I would recommend it be continued in the future.

The UL entered a number of striking competitions this year, the figure shown on the accounts shows the 2011 London 12-bell entry fee, which was paid in this financial year. Paid after year end were the 2012 Tewkesbury shield entry fee (£15) and the London 12-bell entry fee for 2010, which hadn't been claimed for during that year (£30).

The handbell tune ringing at Trafalgar Square at Christmas raised £123.06 for the Southwark Cathedral bell fund. The Southwark Cathedral Society thanked the UL for the donation the collected monies were paid to them after the close of year.

I am pleased to note that the secretary kept adverts placed in the Ringing World to the minimum word count, saving nearly £100 on last year! There were no exceptional expenses incurred during the course of this year, compared to the £140 of last year, which accounts for the bulk of the difference in profit on last year.

All it remains for me to do is to set the society's fees for the year 2012-13, the cost of life membership of the society shall remain at £10. The UL peal booking fee (amount to be paid by UL members ringing in a UL peal) will remain nil. The recommended steepplage donation at practices is 50p.

I wish my successor all the best in their role next year.

Thomas Wood

Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2012

	Year Ended 2012	Year Ended 2011
<u>Opening Balances</u>		
Petty Cash	(20.00)	-
Lloyds TSB	-	-
NatWest	2,533.54	943.96
Halifax	257.24	1,756.72
Ringling World	(11.80)	13.16
Total Funds	2,758.98	2,713.84
<u>Income</u>		
Tower Donations		
Peals and Quarters	20.00	77.95
Steeplage	72.49	71.37
Weddings	80.00	-
Visiting Ringers	48.50	123.00
Girl Guides Handbell Session	-	100.00
Membership Fees	170.00	110.00
Profit on Dinner	-	41.60
Income/Profit on T-Shirt Sales	383.00	55.38
Profit on Treasure Hunt	-	1.19
Freshers' Reception Surplus	8.00	-
Book Sale	0.50	-
Interest (less tax)	0.21	0.52
Profit on Glassware	33.00	-
Trafalgar Square Handbells (for Southwark)	123.06	-
Total Income	938.76	581.01
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Ringling World Advertisements	21.96	114.96
Ringling World Subscription	-	60.00
Ringling World Binding	-	55.00
Loss on Glassware Sales	-	48.23
Handbell Insurance	58.30	-
Website Expenses	59.98	58.73
Birthday Party	-	43.95
Replacement Gavel	-	60.00
Striking Competition Entry Fees	20.00	15.00
Central Council Subscription	-	40.00
Repair of St Mary le Bow Lock	-	40.00
Total Expenditure	160.24	535.87
Profit for year	778.52	45.14
<u>Closing Balances</u>		
Petty Cash (Uncashed Cheque)	10.00	(20.00)
Lloyds TSB	-	-
NatWest	3,303.81	2,533.54
Halifax	257.45	257.24
Ringling World	(33.76)	(11.80)
Total Funds	3,537.50	2,758.98

Dinner Account

	26th November 2011	27th November 2010
Income		
Ticket Sales - 102 @ £38 (2010 96 @ £40)	3,876.00	3,840.00
Beer Honesty Box	-	68.00
Overpayments (TO BE SORTED BEFORE THIS GOES TO TREASURER)	84.00	-
Total Income	3,960.00	3,908.00
Expenditure		
Food - 103 @ £22.95 (2010: 97 @ £27)	2,363.85	2,619.00
Pre-Dinner Fizz - 18 bottles @ £21.77 (2010: 16 @ £33)	391.86	528.00
Wine - 37 bottles @ £13.41 (2010: 9 @ 15.50)	496.17	139.50
Corkage on Beer	-	68.00
Service Charge - 10% of food spend (2010: 12.5%)	295.48	261.90
Disco	250.00	250.00
Total Expenditure	3,797.36	3,866.40
Profit on Dinner	162.64	41.60

Auditor's Report

I have examined the extensive documentation supplied to me by the Treasurer (bank statements, passbooks, chequebooks and paying-in books, invoices and receipts) and conclude that it supports the picture of the Society's finances given in the final accounts.

Roger Bailey

Trustees' Report

The Society's main assets are listed below:

Library *

Set of 14 handbells with box

Gavel with box

2 wooden clapper ties (for bells 3 and 6)

Set of 8 muffles

Set of 6 fold up wooden chairs

2 cupboards

Various sports equipment

Vacuum cleaner

2 tool boxes containing 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 (<http://www.ulscr.org.uk/>) and a hard copy is available in the tower at St Olave's, Hart Street .

In addition, the UL owns items of merchandise for sale. These include 2 ULSCR black t-shirts and 2 boxes of engraved glassware including 7 x glass tankards and 3 x pint glasses.

Andrew Bradford and Katherine Town

Membership Secretary's Report

2011/12 was a bumper year for new members, with no fewer than 21 people joining the Society. Indeed, such is the popularity of the UL at the moment that three people tried to join but subsequently withdrew their applications when their eligibility for membership was called into question!

Those who met our stringent eligibility criteria and who were ratified at the AuGM in November 2011 were:

Anna-Marie Grundy - Biochemistry at UCL

Stephen Trafford - Theology at Heythrop College

Christopher Rimmer - Economics at LSE

Ryan Noble - Building Surveying at Kingston University

Rachel Mitchell - Human Molecular Genetics at Imperial College

Benjamin Meyer - Business Computing Systems at City University

Rebecca Cullen - Biology at Queen Mary

Katie Lane - Physics & Engineering (Medical) at King's College

Tom Hebdige - Physics at Imperial College

Andrew Brown - Study of Religion at SOAS

Mami Nishikiori - English Exchange Student at London Metropolitan University

Roxy Hughes - Biochemical Engineering at UCL

And at the AGM in May 2012 the following were ratified:

Asher Kaboth – Physics at Imperial College

Rosemary Hill – Spanish & Italian at UCL

Joe Taylor – English Admissions at UCL

Janice Pariat – History of Art at SOAS

Joan Xavier – Divisional Administrator at King's College

Suzanne Creighton – Divisional Research Manager at UCL

Terry Bryan – Technical Assistant at King's College

Tom Nagel – Biochemistry at Imperial College

In addition, **Catriona Shearer** (PGCE at the Institute of Education) joined the Society during the year, although her ratification was inadvertently delayed until the AuGM in November 2012.

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

There are 4 members that I am aware of who died during the year.

Dennis Beresford joined the Society in 1952/53. He learnt to ring at Lichfield Cathedral and came to London to read Chemistry at King's College. He was a leading light in the Cumberlands over many years and is widely regarded as having transformed that society in the 1960s and 70s, introducing weekly practices and extending the repertoire of methods regularly rung. Among other things, he led the project to transfer the bells from St Stephen's, Clapham Park and install them at Christ Church, Spitalfields in 1972.

Unfortunately a viral infection and subsequent complications meant that in 1976 Dennis was confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life. However, he maintained his interest in bellringing and even after moving to Devon following a forced early retirement, he was known to teach and run practices from his wheelchair. He died on 30 June 2011, aged 77.

Mark A S Jones joined the UL in 1999/2000. He was brought up in Chislehurst and learnt to ring at the age of 10. He was a talented musician and studied music at Trinity College, Cambridge. After graduating in 1994 he undertook further studies at the Royal College of Music. He rang regularly at Southwark Cathedral among other places, as well as with the UL, and became a College Youth in 1999. However, it was his talent as an organist with which many of us will always associate Mark, not least because of his involvement with the London Ringers Carol Service held at Cripplegate each Advent.

Mark was diagnosed with a sarcoma, a rare form of cancer, shortly after his marriage in 2007. Although he received the all-clear following an intensive course of treatment, the cancer soon returned and he was subsequently diagnosed as terminally ill. He died just four weeks later, on 5 July 2011, at the Royal Marsden Hospital. Mark was 36 years old.

Noel J Diserens, better known as Jim, was born in Brighton and took up bellringing in Reading when his family moved there at the outbreak of the Second World War. Because of the wartime ban on church bellringing, Jim initially learnt to ring handbells, but when the ban was lifted in 1943, he learnt to ring tower bells at the age of 11. On leaving school, he went to work as an electrical technician at EMI in Hayes, Middlesex. Whilst there, he studied for his degree by taking evening classes at Chelsea College (now incorporated in King's College) and it was through this connection that he rang with the founder members of the UL, joining the Society in its inaugural year.

Jim was an accomplished ringer and conductor, both on tower bells and in hand, but it is perhaps as a composer that he leaves a lasting legacy. His most famous composition is his one part all-the-work Standard 8 Spliced Surprise Major, composed in the 1960s and still rung often today.

Jim had planned to ring a peal of 23 Spliced Surprise Major on his 80th birthday, but unfortunately suffered a fatal heart attack whilst visiting his son in Germany. He died on 8 September 2011, aged 79.

Perhaps the saddest and most shocking news during the last year was the death of **Helen E Richardson**. Helen joined the Society in 2008 whilst studying at The Royal Veterinary College. Coincidentally, another Hellen Richardson (albeit spelling Hellen with two L's) who was also studying at the RVC, joined the UL at the same time. They thus became known as "Single L" and "Double L" respectively. It is truly amazing how imaginative the Society can be at times!

Single L was a popular face at UL practices, but perhaps her most infamous moment occurred on the UL trip to Lundy in 2010. Now is not the time or the place to go into details, but it involved a broken bed, a hole in the wall and a dish offered up by the assistant chef that was not on the menu!

To many of us, Helen gave the impression of being a fun person. However, despite outward appearances, she was clearly troubled within, and it was a great shock to all of us to learn of her sudden death while still so young. She died on 3 December 2011. Though unable to make the long trip north for Helen's funeral, a group of UL members attended the memorial service held at the RVC in January 2012 and rang handbells to Helen's memory as part of the service.

I end this report with my usual request for members to please let me know whenever their contact details change, and a general reminder about the UL_alumni Yahoo! Groups mailing list. This group is for those members who wish to maintain relations with the Society but don't want the day-to-day contact offered by the main UL mailing list. If anyone wants further details, or wants to switch groups, please let me know.

Mike Trimm

Librarian's Report

In the course of the year, the library was recatalogued and sorted into a more logical ordering. The full library catalogue is available on the website.

Thomas Wood

Steeplekeeper's Report

Bells

During the past year routine maintenance has been carried out at Hart St, with the bells generally being in good order.

The only problems to be reported are that the sixth stay is still cracked, but with no appreciable change. I recommend that the next steeple keeper obtain an immediate replacement as the life expectancy cannot be guaranteed. A small crack has been observed on the third's stay, below the fastening bolts, and therefore of limited risk.

During one practice night a strand on the tenor's rope failed, requiring a splice, and removal of weak rope. Thanks, unfortunately, have to go to an OUS member who provided some help with this. It would be recommended to get a replacement set of ropes as more are likely to break from age related wear. The waiting time for a new set would encourage this to be done sooner rather than later!

The frame is becoming rusty in certain areas and it would be advisable to think about a repaint within the next five years or so to prevent this becoming a major problem.

Fabric

The outside door lock has been temporarily repaired but a more permanent solution to the problem should be sought from a professional lock smith. The current system is liable to become loose and needs tightening up on a relatively regular basis.

As reported at the AGM this is an immediate concern, now we are into the summer, and after various committee involvement resulting in dithering, meant that a net has not been bought or attached. If the bee hive is unsuccessful this problem will quickly disappear.

Ringling Chamber

Has been cleaned after Christmas practice, thank you to everyone who helped here! A word of caution though, the hoover needs treating with respect!

One of the light bulbs has blown and should probably be replaced; the overall lighting conditions in the tower are not particularly affected though.

The installation of a spider cord by Quentin in the early 2000s finally came to end one night by a reckless individual who should remain anonymous. Fortunately as it was such a simple system an immediate repair is underway, once all the nuts have been relocated.

A new belfry key should be cut to replace the one in the ringling room that was misplaced by a drunken rabble of ringers, whilst muffling the bells during the Christmas practice.

Good luck to the next steeple keeper!

Andrew Hills

65th Anniversary Quiz

Friday 10th June 2011

After many changes of date and rearrangements of venue, the 65th Birthday Quiz was finally held in the Crosse Keys on Friday 10th June. There were 7 UL teams present as well as an optimistic majority non-ringing team headed by our secretary Jenny.

In my team was Hellen, Sarah G and Tom W, a good core of UL members with what turned out to be a very useful high get-in factor as many questions focused on UL events, something Jenny's team did not score so well on!

The rounds were many and varied and included two Children's Television Theme Tune rounds (1945 – 1979 and 1980 – 2010) to allow those of all age groups to participate, our team did rather better at one than the other! General UL knowledge was tested with UL Tour Destinations and a London Churches picture round. We were also tested on subjects close to our heart such as UL Gossip and Beer Labels.

A memorable round was the Links round, where the answers to all the questions had some overall link. The answers were all London Towers and the link was guessed by Tom after the first two answers – they are all mentioned in the Jacqui's Boyfriend song!

Our reputations were put to the test by a Students' Degree Subject round, and both Lizzy and I disputed the answer to the Chemistry question.

The final rounds were musical; first we had to name the musical that songs mentioning bells in the lyrics were from. For this round our team played our "Jasper's Joker" to get double points!

Finally, the bonus round was to write a new UL song based on the tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down". The results of this were varied in terms of musical quality but the overall favourite was that penned by Rupert's team (I think!), although I can't remember how it went!

When the time came for the results to be announced our team was scandalously unrewarded as the quiz masters forgot to give us our double Jasper's Joker points! After a quick recount we claimed the moral victory although the prize had already been given away. Jenny's non-ringers team became the proud owners of a Spanish E-coli cucumber as the booby prize!

Thanks go to Peter and Jess for their time devoted to making sure we (eventually) got a good event!

Mariko Whyte

ULopoly (Treasure Hunt)

Saturday 11th June 2011

Saturday 11th June saw the day of the famous UL treasure hunt, this year organised by Lizzy and Peter, who had created ULopoly, similar to the traditional monopoly but involving towers through London rather than streets. With glorious sunshine it was going to be a fantastic day!

The day began in the Crosse Keys with keen team members turning up early to ensure a famous Wetherspoon's breakfast before a day of running round London, looking for clues, taking photos and answering questions. Teams were then divided up into groups of around three and each was sent to a different London tower. Any subsequent team landing on your tower then paid the original team rent and so a points system was created.



While the organisers moved around pubs and rolled the dice, the teams were sent throughout London, with some people unlucky enough to roll from Queens Tower, back to the City and then South again. I don't think I have ever done so much exercise in one day nor seen so many London Churches – including, Shoreditch, Southwark, Pimlico, St Martin in the Fields, Jewry, Foster Lane, St Clement Danes, Aldgate and also this years Dinner venue (Browns), to name but a few places that our team visited.

There were some unlucky chance cards such as having to buy everyone in the UL a pint- leading to a considerable loss of points, however points were collected for 'passing Go' or in this case ringing on a Sunday! One team was 'unlucky' enough to be forced to go to the Pub for half an hour (the equivalent of being sent to jail) and some teams lost members who disappeared to ring for weddings, the majority of people however spent the entire day charging round looking for clues around churches including looking for dates, names and other information- the questions took us to many interesting places such as Francis Crick's house and the place where the East India Trading Company was founded.

Following the final roll of the dice at 5pm, there was a mad rush back to the Blackfriars before 6 to ensure no points were lost for lateness, Peter and Lizzy were waiting and after looking at the photos and checking answers and with surprisingly few disputes over scores – the winning team consisting of Rupert, Charles and Jenny was announced and they were awarded a bottle of Port, where as the losing team of Garry and Dom received a Spanish cucumber possibly contaminated with E-coli...

Many thanks to Peter and Lizzy for organising such a great day it was really fun and a great success. Congratulations to Rupert, Charles and Jenny for winning! I'm looking forwards to next year's adventure.



Jenny Willis



Annual Picnic

Sunday 12th June 2011

This year the picnic was 'organised' by Lizzy (who didn't actually turn up having gone to Bristol the night before for a booty-call). This being the case, the final organisation was taken over by Peter. It took place on Sunday 12th June, the day after the Treasure Hunt. There was a Danes quarter of Grandsire Caters at 12.30 to start the day off, and then whilst some of us went to Sainsbury's to buy food, the rest of us hurried to Hyde Park Corner to meet up with the attendees who weren't in the quarter. I'm sure you will all remember that after giving us such a glorious day for the treasure hunt, the weather decided that the only thing for the picnic was for the rain to hammer it down all day. This did present rather a problem when trying to have a picnic in Hyde



Park, and so it was decided that one of the many Imperial Union bars would be a much better place to hold the event. We were lucky enough to find the bar closed and the room empty, and so had the place to ourselves.

Considering fewer than a dozen people actually showed up, there was plenty of food and drink to go round, even with Wood's frozen scotch-eggs being totally inedible. Jess managed to make up for the

loss of the scotch-eggs by making the most amazing gooey cupcakes with loads of icing. They were phenomenal! Despite being an indoor picnic we were lucky enough to have a pigeon grace us with its presence inside the Imperial building. It took quite a few tries, and quite a few members, to shoo the pigeon out of a window before we sat down to eat.

After some debate we decided that indoor cricket/rounders would be a little dangerous and decided to play Guy's word game instead (everyone writes down a few words on folded bits of paper and puts them into a 'hat'. The group is split into pairs and take it in turn to take words from the hat. One person describes the word whilst the other person guesses it. For the first round you can describe it with as many words as you like, for the second round you can only use one word, and for the third round you have to mime the word). After a good few rounds of the game we were rudely interrupted by Imperial students wanting to use the bar, and so we packed up and headed to a different bar with slightly better music and nicer beer.

We all decided to call it a day around 19.30 and headed off home. It had thankfully stopped raining for a brief interval and so the journey home wasn't too bad.

Thank you to everyone that showed up, it was a really enjoyable day.

Hellen Richardson

Cycling Tour

Friday 29th - Sunday 31st July 2011

The Summer cycling tour this year was, despite the initial disadvantage of not being in Dorset, every bit as brilliant as last years. It occurred on the last weekend in July in Horsham, hosted by Tom Sibley and his welcoming parents.

Canna and I arrived on the Friday night with bikes strapped to the roof of the car, having lost only a few bits and bobs along the motorway! Having erected the tent, a welcoming beer was provided almost immediately and both Toms, Peter, Canna and I all settled down for a lovely dinner of lasagne a la Mummy Sibley.

On Saturday morning the arrivals of Jess and Hugh completed our select company and we set off for our first tower of the day at Shipley (6) which had a typical Sussex windmill next door. After a bit of a ring and our first go at (bicycle) Stand Doubles, we continued to West Grinstead (6) where it turned out the Pratts must sit at the back and the Champions at the front! These bells had a rather long draft and were a bit trickier. A 20 minute cycle ride led us to a well-deserved lunch in Cowfold.

After lunch our route took a cross-country turn through some fields and allowed those on mountain bikes a chance to gloat for a bit. In the afternoon, the ringing became more challenging, not just due to the lunchtime pints but also because the number of bells were increasing. Luckily, through the day we had been accumulating local Horsham ringers which allowed us to get the best out of the bells at Slaugham (8), Lower Beeding (8) and Warnham (10).





After a hard days cycling and ringing we returned to Horsham for beer and a BBQ at Tom's house. We were provided with an impressive array of charred goods as well as outdoor games in the form of a table tennis table (luckily not too many bits to break or lose!)

In the morning, we leisurely wandered to Horsham church where we joined the local band at Sunday service ringing. Bacon sandwiches followed and we set off again on two wheels to the next tower of the day. The cycling today was mostly along a cycle path on the route of an old railway line which made for nice easy cycling. The first tower was Slinfold (6) followed by Rudgewick (8). We had a nice lunch in the Sussex Oak at Warnham before the final tower of tour, Rusper. Here we were greeted by the unusually welcome sight of Garry Barr who was one tower short of having grabbed Sussex. Making up our band to 8 we had a good ring then returned back to Tom's and from there travelled back to our respective dwellings.

Many thanks to Tom for organising a great tour and thanks to his parents for putting us up!

Mariko Whyte

Summer tour – Nottingham

Saturday 3rd – Saturday 10th September 2011

Day 1 – Saturday

Most of the UL Summer Tour-ers arrived in Nottingham with one notable exception – Jenny Willis who managed to get the wrong train (claiming that there were 2 trains on the platform) and ended up taking the long, scenic route to Nottingham.

There were only two towers today one of which had some awful sounding bells. As is common for the UL, lunch was in a Wetherspoons where Wood showed the extent of his culinary ability by applying various condiments (including mint sauce) to his chips.

The evening's entertainment consisted of being handed a map of Nottingham with the reasonable pubs marked on it and creating our own pub crawl around all the interesting ones, including all 3 of the pubs claiming to be the oldest. In the end Olly was taken back to his room at 10pm while the rest of us continued drinking. We managed to patronise 9 pubs today, and managed to promote at least one of the group to Captain Vom.

Day 2 – Sunday

Sunday was the day that Poodle's tower grabbing desire started to show as we had 5 towers organised for the day. The ringing was unusual for the UL since a touch of Stedman actually came round – an achievement not normally achieved on a tour, and whilst ringing at the third tower, Harry B was seen running out the door after finding out there was a service being conducted inside the church. But normality was resumed towards the end of the day when the ringing ability hit rock bottom, which caused anger from some members of the society.

Lunch didn't go quite to plan as we had all bought lunch in a supermarket as we were told there was a park behind the church – around the back of the church there was a small patch of grass with a sprinkling of broken glass and other items next to a busy main road. After managing to find a reasonably clean area we settled down and ate, only to be told just before leaving that there was a massive park on the other side of the road 5 minutes away.

Throughout the day we had been travelling by foot and public transport – and were all shocked to find photographic evidence of Harry S driving a tram! Other problems arose during the day because Luke Camden arrived again at the halls – only to be told that he had already checked in and was now looking very different from Adam Crocker – and thus the ringer Luke AC Camden was created for the weeks' visitor books. Since we ate pizza and drank at the Halls that evening, the society had a pretty poor show by only supporting 2 pubs.

Day 3 – Monday

Today Luke MT Camden collected the minibus and we ventured outside Nottingham to ring at 4 towers including the anticlockwise 12 at the home of the Bramley Apple. We were also promised that the lunch stop would give us the opportunity to buy some famous gingerbread – however the credit crunch had got there first and the 1560's shop had recently closed.

The evening's entertainment was supposed to be clubbing, until we found out that there were no clubs open on a Monday night in the summer holidays so we went to a Chinese buffet where the real Luke Camden used the chocolate fountain to coat his sushi – but doesn't recommend it! Everyone except Luke JLB Camden and Luke CB Camden (who went back to the halls) then went to a pub called The Bell (well we couldn't not go there) and Luke JW Camden discovered the joy of cocktail umbrellas. For a Monday it didn't seem so bad that we only inspected three licensed purveyors of alcoholic beverages.

Day 4 – Tuesday

Today everyone was feeling good since the itinerary said that Nick Jones would be arriving today. Our ringing commenced at the home of the Bakewell pudding – where almost everyone tried one as a mid morning snack. Several people also tried the empty coffins outside the church for size. We were then back on the minibus to the station to get the steam train to Matlock which unfortunately turned out to be a dry train because of staff shortages.



Once in Matlock we had time for lunch before ringing – although the recommended pubs were up a steep hill. Most of the group decided to sample the food at one of the pubs, but a few decided to go for the liquid lunch option in 4 of the recommended pubs. After ringing at Matlock we made our way back to the station, via the supermarket to stock up on some train beers.

Once back on the minibus we headed over to Ashover to ring, then headed back to the halls for a sausage and beef casserole prepared by Luke

JG Camden and Luke MW Camden. After dinner Luke JW Camden decided to challenge Luke AD Camden, Luke MT Camden and Luke CB Camden to a Tequila drinking competition which resulted in us requiring a new plug socket – and she still claims she won! We didn't do too badly today as we spent the evening drinking in the halls and still patronised 5 licensed purveyors of alcoholic beverages.

Day 5 – Wednesday

Wednesday was Lincoln Green day because we would be heading into Sherwood Forrest after lunch. Most managed to find something green to wear, but Luke AD Camden, Luke AB Camden, Luke OC Camden and Luke MC Camden didn't join in! The morning's ringing took us to Nuthall, Sutton-in-Ashfield (where we found the back 6 were half muffled as they had last been rung for a memorial service which made ringing on 8 sound very weird, although Luke AD Camden and Luke O Camden missed this as they decided to go to the pub rather than ring) and Mansfield (where there was a crazy guy in the church who appeared to think he was a prophet and gave us great amusement watching him wave his fork in the air).



After lunch in Edwinstowe we rang at the church where Robin Hood and Maid Marion are alleged to have tied the knot, to celebrate this there are some scary looking scarecrows of them in the church and one of a thin Friar Tuck! After ringing we headed into the forest to visit the Major Oak, which is supposed to be the location of Robin Hood's hideout. The millennia old tree was disappointing to see as its main branches are propped up with scaffolding poles, but the visitor centre had some interesting exhibits. It was here that we decided to purchase a thank you gift for Poodle – although it turned into quite a challenge to smuggle a bow and arrow set into the minibus without it being seen!

After walking around the forest we headed off to our last tower at Oxten and then back to Nottingham for a curry. After the curry we all regretted convincing Luke AD Camden to stay on the tour as he decided to wash almost all his clothes – the only item which didn't get washed was his underwear and pink tie, which we were all grateful for! Today we totalled 4.5 drinking establishments (the half being the tower substitute pub), although we could have all done with a lot more before seeing Luke AD Camden in that state, and a select few managed to move the party to the minibus in the early hours.

Day 6 – Thursday

Today we were supposed to have an early (8:30) start, however the minibus driver only moved from the minibus to his bed at 7:15 so this didn't happen. When we finally removed the whisky bottles and glasses from the minibus and left for Duffield some of the group were still looking worse for wear. In fact one of the minibus partiers slept all the way through the ringing, and Duffield Major was attempted by some of the awake members of the group. We then rang at Burton-upon-Trent where Luke AD Camden attempted to go out to 15th place whilst ringing plain hunt on all 8 bells.

After the morning's ringing we spent several hours at the National Brewery Centre where along with exhibitions on how beer is brewed we saw the vehicle that most would love to own – a 1920's Daimler car shaped like a beer bottle. After walking around the centre we moved onto the

beer tasting where Luke AD Camden made his personal best... 2½ hours to drink a pint! The afternoon's ringing was at Newhall and Coleorton – where after parking on the drive for a private manor we had to overcome an obstacle course to get to the church which could rival Go Ape. The evening's food of Chilli was prepared by Luke O Camden and Luke SL Camden. Our drinking tally consisted of a brewery today which unfortunately we didn't manage to drink dry.

Day 7 – Friday

The penultimate day of the tour started with a trip around the Loughborough Bell Foundry, but the first tower had to be cancelled as Taylor's hadn't yet finished hanging their ring of 12 (which didn't come as a surprise to most of the group). After the tour we headed off to Melton Mowbray, the home of the pork pie and one of the few places where stilton can be made. After buying the traditional pies we went to the pub next to the church as we had 3 hours before ringing (thanks to the earlier cancellation) where Luke AD Camden had a broken pint glass as "it" kept spilling his beer and Luke SL Camden had beer coming out of his nose! Whilst in the pub we heard wedding ringing from the church and it was discussed whether we should go over and help ring the rest of the bells – we didn't in the end which was a good move because we could not ring well on the oddly struck bells. Whilst ringing at Clifton in the afternoon we managed to wake the tower residents – 3 long eared bats which started flying around the belfry as we rang.

In the evening we headed back into Nottingham to the Chinese we visited earlier in the week, and celebrated Luke JG Camden's Official UL birthday (9th September) when she was presented with an ice swan! We then headed over to the "Pit and Pendulum" a sinful themed pub where everyone had to go to the toilet behind the bookcase. Many cocktails were consumed, with lots of lust, a bit of gluttony and not much pride. After heading back to the halls we played several rounds of UL Charades and Luke CB Camden's inflatable sheep felt rather deflated having its orifice probed by Luke O Camden. Today we only patronised 4 drinking establishments, but from the number of new songs composed we obviously had more than 4 drinks each. At this point it's probably good to ask the UL Troubadour for the lyrics of the new songs, if that position existed and she had a ULSCR song book!



Day 8 – Saturday



Unfortunately Saturday brought with it the last day of the tour. It is believed that everyone managed to take the correct journey home from Nottingham, and no-one got on the wrong trains, although Luke TW Camden did take the same train home as most of the group but chose not to sit in the same carriage. Many thanks are given to Poodle for organising the tour and to our minibus driver, Luke MT Camden, who should have forgone many drinks each day. And our quote of the tour has to go to One Too Many who came out with "I'm never drinking again!"

Tom Sibley

Party in the Park – The Last Night of the Proms

Saturday 10th September 2011

On Saturday 10th September the UL arrived at Hyde Park, fresh from the Summer tour, even Tom still had his Limoncello. The first challenge of the evening was to find everyone, and with 44,000 people expected this proved a challenge. That was until Peter pulled out his ULSCR flag that was easily identified amongst the sea of union jacks.

It wasn't long before we were all drinking pimm's (thanks to Mariko), some of us more than others, as Jenny had only just recovered from her night of tequila in Nottingham. Kerry had brought some face paint, sadly our artistic skills weren't that great so we only managed a St George's cross on our faces not the UL flag, but it was a beautiful St George's flag.

The performances included the Overtones, Catherine Jenkins, Lang Lang and Russell Watson who were all amazing. However the highlight of the evening was definitely the legend that is Rolf Harris! His rendition of Rule Britannia to the tune of Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport was awesome although the UL had their own version involving Mike Trimm.

The night, of course, ended with the live feed from the Royal Albert Hall. Thankfully there was a microphone malfunction during the conductor's speech but everything was all up and running for the music so there was plenty of singing, bobbing, and flag waving. The night finished at 11 and we all packed up and left with the stampede, some heading to party at The C. Overall, it was a really good evening and we should definitely go next year.

Sophie Middleton



London 12-Bell Competition

Saturday 22nd October 2011

The London 12-bell competition this year was hosted by the Cumberlands and held at Shoreditch Church. The day started at 10am with tea coffee and bacon rolls provided in the church hall. These were supplemented by some with chunks of Chinese crispy duck courtesy of Luke Camden who had got a bit peckish the previous night!



The draw was held with 9 teams entering to ring the test piece of 6 leads of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The UL were drawn to ring 6th and so we settled down with a couple of pints and hot toffee apple cider to wait patiently for our turn. Lunch (more bacon sandwiches) was attempted just before our slot but unfortunately the volunteers in the kitchen were not prepared for the number of hungry bell ringers present and they had run out of both bread and bacon.

Ascending the stairs the band consisting of Heather, Clare, Michael, Mariko, Peter, Nick, Rupert, Ryan, Andrew H, Charles (C), Andrew G, and Olly rang very creditably. At the results this was confirmed by the UL's 4th place finish with 70.8%, less than 3% below the CY's and Cumberlands.

The overall scores were:

St Michael's Cornhill 79.2%

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths 73.7%

Ancient Society of College Youths 73.3%

University of London Society 70.8%

Southwark Cathedral 2 57.5%

Southwark Cathedral 1 57.1%

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild 50.1%

St Martin-in-the-Fields 40.4%

South Croydon 36.5%



After the results, the gathered ringers slowly trickled to the pub where a good few pints were had and Ben invited just about anyone named Forster to the UL Dinner as his date! The evening finished for most with a curry on Brick lane where we could rest on our laurels and feel superior to Southwark.

Thanks to the SRCY for a well organised day and all the bacon sandwiches!

Mariko Whyte

Freshers' Tour

Saturday 29th October

On the 29th Oct 2011, the UL set off South across the river on the Freshers' Tour. This year has seen a large intake of new freshers (13 or 14 I am told?!) so it promised to be a good day. Tom Wood had organised to meet and catch the 10.25 from London Victoria together, but some of us missed this... me being one. Nevertheless we all congregated at St George, Beckenham for 10am. The bells went nicely and we rang Stedman Caters and Yorkshire Royal.

We all caught the tram (I was extremely excited as it was only the second time in my life I've been on one) and by 11.30 we were settled in the pub for lunch! It was a standard 'spoons but being out of central London, the beer was cheaper which went down well ... then someone had the great idea of moving on to cocktails...

At 2.30 and advanced party made it on time to the second tower of the day in Mitcham (although not the person who was supposed to be running it). This tower has an interesting way of patching up ropes, with what looked like bandages! We rang Stedman doubles minus a cover

before Ben Meyer turned up... still sipping a JD & coke which he had transferred to his insulated coffee mug. Having nearly 3 hours in a pub for lunch probably wasn't such a great idea as we managed to fire out most things including, I think, call changes. Still we can't have rung that badly as the lady who unlocked for us had stayed to listen and complimented us on our ringing...

The final tower of the day was a cute 6 in Colliers Wood. Here we rang several things including whole pull Stedman (which was fired out... reoccurring theme?!). After this we headed back into London on the Northern line and ended up in another pub to meet up with the SUGCR who had their freshers' tour to London on the same day. Finally, a curry was enjoyed by all which was a lovely end to the day.

Thanks to Tom Wood and Lizzy Stokoe for organising the tour!

Becca Cullen

Lewes Bonfire Night

Sunday 5th November 2011

It all began at not such an unsociable hour on the morning of Saturday 5th November when three of us (Mariko, Peter and myself) boarded a train at Victoria, later joined by Mr Sibley, heading for the deepest darkest parts of Sussex – to Becca's house, who had volunteered (been forced) to host us for the event.

On our arrival to Lewes, we had to find a pub. This was for a number of reasons, firstly we had been deprived of alcohol for some time, secondly we had also been deprived of food and thirdly we knew Nick and Jess, who decided to come down a bit earlier, were waiting for us in one of these local establishments – we just weren't sure exactly where it was! We eventually found the pub after a short walk and Peter and Tom making their minds up on which route to take. A couple of pints later, it had been arranged for us to ring at Southover (10 bells), where we were joined by Peter's family who had also come to see the bonfire night fun. We were able to ring a good selection of things including Rounds and Call Changes, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and some Surprise Major.

Drinking resumed after this at Becca's house where other refreshments were also provided and, to add to the effect, we could already hear exploding sounds from bangers being set off by



some of the bonfire societies in Lewes. We headed off into town to see the marches just as it was starting to get dark. Fortunately, we managed to get a fairly good spot to see what was going on, which included the effigies being marched through town and past the war memorial. The number of times that we heard the Last Post was uncountable – as were the number of tunes that we knew some words to (be it the UL versions or the actual versions) and we also had a large number of bangers set off close by to us meaning that we couldn't really hear properly for some time afterwards!

A little later in the evening (after getting lost) we found our way to one of the 'free' bonfire sites where you put donations in afterwards. There was a MASSIVE fire and the effigies were ready

to be set off. We were again in a reasonable position as we could see some fireworks from several other sites and the view was amazing.

We ended up getting to sleep at about 2 am, after a dither with sleeping arrangements and remembering that we had to get a train at 7.20 back to Victoria in order to ring at Hart Street. This meant getting up at 6am and persuading Becca to get up and make us some breakfast – which was much appreciated! For those that are actually interested, we made it back in time to ring at St Martin's in the Fields and Hart Street, although we probably all smelt of smoke and were incredibly tired (but didn't look as bad as certain other people who went to the CY dinner the night before!)

Many thanks to Becca for allowing us to stay at her house and, as far as I am aware, I don't think we caused any trouble or damage so perhaps another year we might be allowed back?

Ryan Noble

Southern Universities Association Weekend

Friday 10th-Sunday 12th November 2011

The UL attended an eventful and thoroughly enjoyable SUA which, I have been reliably informed, may even have been as good as when we hosted it last year (I know... shocking!). For those people who decided to accept the President's Challenge, the event started early (11.30am), while those of us who are taking sensible degrees had to attend Uni. By 18.30 the main UL contingent were on the train and, since there was no music available, provided a live performance of Christmas carols and UL songs (in practice for the ringers' Carol Service on the 28th November). With a nearly empty carriage at Cambridge it was decided that our services were no longer required and it was time to find some bells.

The first tower of the weekend was St Bene't's, where the UL rang, among other things, a bob course of Cambridge Minor with only three calls. As we are such a friendly lot we swiftly went to meet some of the other university societies (strangely we found them in the pub...).

After Andrew made it clear to the manager that he didn't like the pub because one UL member wasn't allowed in due to having no ID, he was invited to leave. The UL moved next door to celebrate the completion of the President's Challenge with some small glasses of unknown multi-coloured liquids. Peter then decided that we should call it a night and (after Harry had cleaned up the floor on Poodle's behalf) move to the Church Hall.



The UL had a credible result in both the eight bell and six bell striking competition. The UL scratch band came second in the 8-bell striking competition with "the best and worst ringing of the day", having rung "ULSCR" Uxbridge, London, Superlative, Cambridge and Rutland spliced. While the eligible UL teams came a respectable fifth and eighth. In the six bell team we also had some further respectable results coming fourth and tenth with eligible teams.

Some members of the UL decided to grab St Edward's where the locals, to some members' disgust, were ringing whole pull everything. Ryan, tactful as ever, loudly voiced his opinion, resulting in a tower official "speaking" to him.

Following results and a *short* wait for the band to set up, the Ceilidh started, but not without a comment from the CUG (whilst they were holding a glass of orange juice): “Please be reminded and cautioned that beer DOES contain alcohol, UL!”

Fun was had by all at the Ceilidh, although during some/most of the dances Hills looked incredibly confused and lost.

Sunday was an early rise to vacate the hall by 9am and so we went to find bacon, sausage and egg baguettes prior to the ringing at GSM.

The event was finished off by a very quiet train journey home...

Our thanks go to the CUG for an unforgettable weekend!



Ben Meyer

Dinner Weekend

Friday 24th – Sunday 26th November 2011

The Dinner weekend this year started at Spitalfields with an unusually low turnout for some open ringing. However some good ringing was enjoyed including some silly Bristol. The turnout to the Gun following the ringing was much better showing that many people were doing the classic UL trick of skipping the ringing and going straight to the pub!

On Saturday morning the day began very early for some members who were attempting a peal at Danes at 9am. Unfortunately it was lost after two hours of ringing. The quarters arranged were equally unsuccessful, only superlative at Pimlico being scored of the three attempted. In the afternoon, following a swift pint at the Queens Arms, the traditional ring at the Queen’s Tower was enjoyed. Well, I say enjoyed... although some newcomers were insistent on being very happy to sit out after one ring and we were kept entertained by the antics of the Jasper family as Peter failed to pull the tenor off for about 5 goes in the first touch and Linda tried to chime the tenor on the way down and fell off the box in a spectacular manner! After the Queen’s Tower there was open ringing at Kensington which was also a grab for many people. The much easier going bells gave us a chance to ring more than the rounds and call changes we had been restricted to before and everyone had a good ring.

The 66th UL Dinner was held at Browns, Old Jewry and a very generous champagne reception was held as everyone arrived before the dinner. Canna and I arrived very late as she had come straight from winning the Christchurch Regatta back in Oxford and had to get changed at the venue but luckily we didn’t miss out on any of the food as it was an impressive and very tasty menu on offer!

Following the dinner and the toasts came the moment I’d been dreading, first Mike Trimm stood and made a very well researched speech, having spent the previous day delving in the UL archives for some comedy gems. Next James Forster spoke, mostly picking on Heather and Tim as they were easy targets. Finally I stood and said my piece and it’s lucky I kept it short as the sweepstake was won by Katie Town whose guess was very close to the upper limit of the estimates!

After the speeches, the real business of the dinner was begun and most people headed onto the dancefloor, swapping heels for dancing shoes on the way! This year the DJ had been prewarned and no 'cool' music was attempted all night. However Jess was shocked at the Freshers' lack of knowledge of classic dance moves such as those to Tragedy!

After the last dance had been danced, everyone trickled off home, another fantastic dinner over.

Thanks to Rupert and Charles for their brilliant organisation, I look forward to next year!

Mariko Whyte



Ice-Skating

Sunday 3rd December 2011

On the 3rd December 2011, a select number of the UL (Jenny, Mariko, Ryan, myself and my boyfriend Mark) ventured out on to the ice to go ice skating! We stayed close to home, going to the ice rink at the Tower of London. It was a busy day with Mariko, Ryan and I scoring a UL eligible student peal at Spitalfields that morning.

I was really excited about going, but once we got booted up and outside, I felt like Bambi on ice! We all clung on to the side, with Ryan being brave enough to let go first. Slowly we gained confidence; I found having Mark's hand to hold gave me much more confidence! The main peril was that the ice was melting quite a lot and falling over would have resulted in getting very wet!!!! Nobody fell over surprisingly, although our skating time was not entirely incident free; Ryan may or may not have been the reason why another skater got quite wet... and I nearly got taken out by a stranger grabbing me round the waist as they fell over!

Peter turned up to watch from the side lines prepared with a camera and probably got some quite unflattering photos. We skated for an hour before our session ended. Once we had our feet back on non-slippery ground, our attention turned towards a really cool thermal imaging camera. All our faces and skin were bright red on the images but Peter's hands were blue, a point he then proved by putting them on my face!

We then retired to the Bounds for a hot drinks, chocolate cake and beer. All in all, it was a great day and many thanks must go to the secretary, Jenny Willis, for organising it!

Becca Cullen

Handbells in Trafalgar Square

Friday 9th December 2011

After some time of deliberation Mariko booked our Trafalgar Square slot:

"I've booked a slot for us to perform which will be on Friday 9th December from 8-9pm... Practices will be 16th Oct, 6th Nov, 20th Nov and 4th Dec between about 1pm and 2:30pm at Hart St. I also suggest a practice at Hart St immediately before the performance would be a good idea, from 6:30-7:30pm on Friday 9th Dec."

16th October First Practice: this went well to begin with until we realised that we would be a) performing for a whole hour, b) we had a huge amount of music to learn, and c) that the six planned practice sessions organised wouldn't be nearly enough! This prompted the following email:

"We only have about a month before the Trafalgar Square Performance on 9th December. Those of you who were at the practice yesterday probably agree that we could do with a lot more practice!"

Eight more dates were immediately booked, taking in all the Friday nights and Sunday afternoons until the big day. This was bad news for anyone living out of town – Network Rail's maintenance schedule meant at least one 3-hour(?) journey home! Over the course of these practices we were joined by Jess Glaisher (who couldn't make the performance) and Rosemary Hill (rang some of the carols). We were also watched regularly by: Ryan Noble, Andrew Hills and Harry Baulcome – all of whom had the occasional attempt at getting the 'A' in the right place!

Here are some notes on the status and problems of each carol:

The First Nowell: there is actually more to this carol than just: “UL, UL, UL, UL...”! Had teething problems getting over this hurdle!

Infant Holy Infant Lowly: I’ve never seen so many eights and sevens in one carol!

I Saw Three Ships/Once in Royal: tricky timing... note: DON’T COUNT OUT LOUD!

Remember the “Dong” bit in “Jingle bells *dong* Jingle bells *dong*...”

Ben’s reply to Becca – “...but I was counting...” (possibly Silent Night)

Ding Dong Merrily on High: Gloria chorus bit – repeated several times and many times more because of me.

Sunday 4th: this was the practice before dress rehearsal and the stress was definitely starting to show. We messed up our runs in “O Little Town of Bethlehem”, couldn’t get the timing right in “I Saw Three Ships” and some ‘serious work’ was required in Jingle Bells.

Friday 9th 6:00: at the ‘dress rehearsal’ we ran through all the music and timed it to around 45 minutes – so plenty of faff time between each piece.

Friday 9th 7:45: during the week Peter noticed that music stands would not be provided – plan B = trestle table. Apart from some rather bemused looks on the tube, we managed to transport our: table, bells, buckets (plus shakers) and performers without incident to Embankment so we could take in the atmosphere, acclimatise (it was very cold) and set up shop.

When you are performing it’s quite difficult to get a gauge of how well something is going, but from the various parents and bucket shakers around I gather it was ok. We dithered so little between each carol we went through the whole book and nearly half again to make up the hour slot!



A mother’s verdict:

“Positioned firmly in the front row I had a sudden flashback to clapping wildly at school nativity plays; Wondered if other parents were there and thinking the same...”

After first carol I realised that this was unfair – these guys were really GOOD so started to relax and enjoy it without worrying that they might make a mistake. Became increasingly frustrated that I wasn’t ringing – I would have enjoyed it, even the challenging bits...

Eavesdropping on other listeners it seemed everyone else thought it was an excellent performance too, contributing to the festive atmosphere in the square that night. Well done everyone!”

Congratulations to everyone who took part, thanks to the bucket shakers and special thanks to Mariko and Peter who organised the practices and sorted out the music. We raised just over £120 for work being carried out at Southwark Cathedral!

P.S. Bucket shaker competition results:
Rosemary = around £17, Andrew = around £23, Ryan = £82!!

Jacqueline Bale

Winter Tour

Saturday 14th January 2012

On Saturday 14th January the UL set off for Canterbury on the Winter Tour. Those hardy souls who got up really early enjoyed a leisurely journey through the mists and frost of a chilly winter morning, whilst those who got up rather later were treated to a high speed whisk through Kent to our destination. The first tower of the day was St Stephen's, situated conveniently close to a children's play area (with a zipwire!!) which the Master and the President made good use of before we had to go and do some ringing.

Becca and I ran the ringing at St Stephen's, a lovely eight where we rang London Major, Stedman and Grandsire (amongst other things) very well. Having rung for a whole hour we decided it was high time we had some food and alcohol and headed into the centre of Canterbury in search of a pub. On the way Jenny and several other lucky UL members were assaulted by a sheep called Douglas, but soldiered bravely onto the pub nevertheless.

The Cathedral was immediately after lunch, and happily all members arrived in a suitably sober state to do ourselves justice. Andrew Hills ran the ringing, and with a little help from some local ringers we managed two good touches of Grandsire Cinques and a service touch of Grandsire Caters. Most of us took the opportunity of visiting the memorial to Thomas Becket and generally looking around a very beautiful Cathedral before moving on to the most interesting tower of the day...



The ringers room at St Alphage was accessible only via a vertical ladder, but despite this awkward entrance had been turned into a storeroom/attic for the rest of the church. Items found included two lampshades, several large portfolio folders, an old TV box and a dead bird in a collecting bucket. The cumulative effect meant that from most sides of the ringing chamber the treble ringer was as good as invisible (apart from Peter Jasper, whose hair managed to make itself seen over the mountain of stuff in the centre of the circle). The bells an 'interesting' 6, described by one ringer as feeling like: "They're about to fall out of the tower." Ben Meyer

ran the ringing, and we managed St Martins and St Simons spliced, despite several ringers making an early exit.

One coffee fix later and we were just about ready for our last tower of the day, St Dunstan's. Ryan Noble was in charge, and we rang an exciting variation of doubles and minor methods that left several members abashed at their lack of expertise in this area. Despite the onslaught of tiredness some energetic ringing was managed on a 6 that felt a lot heavier than 13cwt, and it was a good end to a wonderful day out. A sneaky pint was just squeezed in before we hurried back to the station to catch the train to London, and we rounded off the winter tour with a trip to the Wong Kei restaurant in China Town and another pub session afterwards.

Thanks go to Andrew Hills for organising a wonderful outing.

Rosemary Hill

Freshers' Pub Crawl

Friday 20th January 2012

It was the 20th January 2012 when the UL embarked on what would be a most enjoyable, if somewhat optimistic, fresher's pub crawl. The plan, thought out in meticulous detail by our then Secretary Jenny Willis, was to visit 15 pubs in total, starting at the Euston tap and doing a big circuit around Fitzrovia then back to the Cider tap.

It was a great way to socialise and get to know new members, and everyone was immediately engaged in conversation, it was decided that in order for the conversation not to descend into a discussion about ringing, certain words were banned in each pub, under pain of a shot or downing a drink. Imagine how hard it must have been for Ben Meyer not to mention the word "quarter" in a sentence, or for certain members not to mention hand bells! We continued on our way through Fitzrovia, a few of us decided to have a pizza at ICCO and I even managed to snaffle a few free slices from Heather, so a most successful visit!

Jenny continued to lead us on our way, through various pubs such as The Court and the Fitzroy Tavern, the timing was dictated by a nominated pace pint, when they finished their drink we would have to move on to the next pub, this became slightly out of control when people started to "penny" the pace pint, and so a rule was brought in to make that illegal, of course it didn't stop everyone trying to get Peter instead. After this we ended up in ULU, which was very fun especially with UL members fighting to try and get a pirates hat. I believe we only managed a total of 8 pubs before the decision was then made to move on to the Roxy where the few remaining survivors of the pub crawl also had a fun time, although I don't know the details as I didn't quite make it that far.

Thanks for organising Jenny!

Chris Rimmer

UL Goes to the Theatre – Les Miserables

Wednesday 1st February 2012

On Wednesday 1st February the UL went to see Les Miserables at the Queen's theatre. We all met at Leicester Square Tube station and headed to China Town. We soon found an all you can eat buffet and ate lots of food. After realising that we need to be at the theatre very soon and collect the tickets, we decided to stop eating and leave quickly.

Luckily we managed to get to the theatre in time and find our seats in the Upper circle. The show was absolutely amazing and, of course, we all had ice cream in the interval. After the show we all decided to go to the Chandos. Some of us not knowing the way decided to follow Peter as the President always knows the way to the pub. However after walking halfway to Piccadilly Circus we discovered that Peter was in fact going home and so had to turn back and find our own way to the pub. After eventually getting there we all had drinks until closing time and then set off home. Thank you to Jenny for organising the trip.

Sophie Middleton

Peal Weekend

Friday 11th-Sunday 13th February 2012

This year's Peal Weekend was held on 10th-13th February. For the third year running there has been an increase in success rate with 5 out of 7 peals being scored, four of which were rung for the ULSCR with one being SOS. The attempt of Yorkshire Maximus on Friday night came to grief early on but the excellent pub session that followed did not hamper the bands ringing on Saturday morning when both peals were scored.

At Pimlico a peal of Three-Spliced Surprise Major was scored being first inside for Roxy Hughes and first spliced major for Ben Meyer and Becca Cullen. At Limehouse a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major was scored after a very late start due to the inadequacies of the London transport system!

A quick change to the afternoon towers saw St Simons Triples scored at Hampstead, being first on tower bells for Stephen Trafford and an attempt of 8-Spliced Surprise Major was lost at St Magnus the Martyr. In a rare show of restraint, it was decided that going to the pub too early would be a silly idea so a quarter peal of Bristol Major was rung instead, although the speed may be a sign of the bands keenness to get a drink!

On Sunday afternoon two peals of Bristol Major were scored at Spitalfields and Walworth. Well done to everyone who took part!

Mariko Whyte

Pancake Party

Tuesday 21st February 2012

The pancake party was held, as expected on Shrove Tuesday and kindly hosted by Nick and Jess at their flat in Battersea. A wide array of fillings were brought including the usual lemon, and sugar and golden syrup as well as bolognaise, bananas and nutella and crème eggs. The tesco metro just opposite the bus stop near Battersea bridge had a boost in business from unorganised UL members that night!

We were treated to a scintillating variety of pancake colours courtesy of Jess's food colouring collection although it was generally agreed that blue pancakes were not the most appetising food in the world. A particular favourite was the green ham and cheese pancake which looked almost like a healthy meal (OK, use your imagination!).

Once UL members had been filled to bursting point with pancakes and beer and Hills had finished a half gallon bottle of Westons cider we all headed home.

Many thanks go to Nick and Jess for hosting and for Jess's tireless beating of yet more pancake batter!

Mariko Whyte

Easter Tour – Isle of Wight

Friday 30th March – Sunday 1st April 2012

2012's Easter Tour saw the UL descend on the Isle of Wight for a weekend of drinking, socialising, and of course ringing (most of it good!). The tour started on Friday the 30th of March with 11 ringers turning up in Portsmouth ready to catch the 9pm ferry to the island. Some confusion arose as to whether passports were needed, but thankfully everybody managed to make it across the border.

After finding the campsite (and picking a spot as far away from civilisation as possible) the only challenge that remained was to erect the 10 man tent. At this point we were joined by Tom Wood, who had cycled to the island earlier, making our numbers up to 12. No time was wasted in breaking open the gin and tonic, and a game of "guess the UL member" was played with the freshly printed Top Trumps cards. Fortunately everyone had remembered to bring a sleeping bag!



Saturday marked the start of the ringing; the first tower, after a breakfast in the local Wetherspoons, was the imposing 8 bell All Saints' Church in Ryde. This tower was being run by Ryan, and although the bells were heavy (26 cwt) they sounded nice and rang well, allowing for some surprise major to be rung.

After an hour in Ryde we moved on to the 8 bell St. Mary the Virgin in Brading (9 cwt), the ringing chamber of which could only be entered via ladder from the church porch below. This tower was run by me, and although the bells here were not especially easy going, I tried to continue to ensure a good variety of ringing, with methods including Grandsire and Pudsey.

The third tower we visited was St. Saviour on the Cliff, Shanklin (18 cwt). This tower was run by Sophie, who organised ringing including Stedman and spliced Surprise Major; meanwhile I managed to live up to my "fire power" rating of 7 and fire out some unusual call changes. A poster spotted by Mariko on the notice board advertised a Ceilidh being held that evening, our attendance at which was agreed upon over lunch, a majority of the group being keen to go.

Lunch was held at a pub in Shanklin, and after a quick look around the shops and a visit to the beach we made our way to the fourth tower, Arreton St. George, a light ring of 6 (8 cwt). Becca was responsible for running this tower, and put on methods including Reverse Canterbury Doubles, Wight Bob Minor and Isle of Wight "Tremble" Bob Minor.

The final tower of the day was the 12 bell at Newport (16 cwt), run by (a reluctant!) Jenny. Upon entering the chamber we were surprised to find a local member of the band repainting the room; needless to say we were very careful not to touch the walls! A couple of peals of call changes were rung on the 12 and a very tuneful rendition of Yorkshire Major was rung on bells 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12.

That evening was spent at the Ceilidh, which was enjoyed by all despite some less than perfect dancing from the locals! I can personally attest to the quality of the Bulmer's cider with crushed red berries, which I have yet to find again on the mainland.

Sunday saw a deviation from the itinerary with service ringing at the 10 bell St. Mary the Virgin, Carisbrooke. This was followed by a trip on the historic steam railway, the first leg of which

took us from Havenstreet to Wootton, where we stopped for lunch in a local pub. After lunch we took the steam train to the other end of the line, Smallbrook Junction, the interchange station at which the steam railway connects with the electric railway, and saw some of the ex-underground rolling stock (Peter claimed it to be the end of the central line). Many UL favourites were sung on the short tripback to Havenstreet, where we enjoyed a falconry show before it was time to catch the 3 pm ferry back to Portsmouth.

Thanks to Sophie for providing the tent, Peter, Jenny and Tom Sibley for driving and of course Harry for organising a memorable trip!

Roxy Hughes



Tewkesbury Shield Competition

Saturday 5th May 2012

The Tewkesbury Shield competition was initiated in the early summer of 1973, a date which the majority of the band was very unfamiliar with! This meant that this year was the 40th Tewkesbury Shield competition, and would be held despite the BBC over exaggerating the flood situation. The organisers allowed every team 10 vouchers that entitled them to a free pint of beer or tea and cake – not sure if anyone took this option...?

Bright and early on the morning of Saturday May 5 2012 seven members of the team arrived at Paddington to catch the 0621. Concern immediately occurred when the train left that Katie Lane had not turned up... A quick phone call later confirmed that Katie had gone home the night before and was hoping to have a nice lie in! Oops!

After finally arriving at Worcester a quick breakfast was needed before changing to get to Ashchurch by, well me! Travelling between Ashchurch and Tewkesbury meant we had to walk and there was no bus service that weekend – most inconsiderate of Cheltenham and Gloucester buses. A short walk into Tewkesbury meant a quick breakfast in the Royal Hop Pole, Weatherspoon establishment near the church before the draw. We were pulled out at 4th just before lunch.

After a moderately heavy lunchtime session with the Bristol ringers in The Hop Pole (again); ringing happened, full details of which are provided on the Tewkesbury Shield website... The judges, Paul and Kate Flavell scored the teams as follows:

- 1st = St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol – 85%
- 2nd = Derby Diocesan Association – 84%
- 3rd = Llandaff and Monmouth Association – 83%
- 4th = St Martins Guild – 81%
- 5th = Oxford Diocesan Guild – 79%
- 6th = Gloucester and Bristol Association – 76%
- 7th = University of London Society – 75%
- 8th = Worcester and Districts Association – 74%
- 9th = Hereford Diocesan Guild – 71%



Improvement noted from the last two years!! We did not come last – well done everyone!

Some of our number had to leave at this point, but the rest of the semi-victorious UL hit the pub (The Hop Pole for the third time). Drinks were enjoyed at this cheap ‘Spoons especially two cocktail pitchers for £15, and shots... Mariko and Tom had a brilliant stroke of German efficiency and went to gather supplies for the train home, unlike everyone else!

An urgent departure was needed and no taxis available meaning some downing of pitchers or more sensibly choosing the take-away option. Some very nice raspberry vodka courtesy of Katie Hill was also consumed en route. At this point Simon Percy who failed to get back with the Bristol ringers realised he had left his mug in the pub and had to run back and catch our train to Bristol! He arrived on the wrong platform as the train departed – special boy!

The train journey home involved drinking, Ben being wasted and passing out causing much concern to Heather and amusement for Ryan and me! It turned out Mariko was even more wasted when she vomited all over the seat next to her – twice!! All in all it was a good day and I’m still not sure how I got home!

Thank you for everyone who rang and to Mariko for her organisation.

Andrew Hills

Selected UL words of wisdom

"Does the UL have a constitution?"

"Yes, I'm quite religious but I do sleep around"

"The deeper you go, the hotter it gets"

"Excessive drinking is NOT a form of contraception!"

"Hello Ryan, it's Jenny here and I've not had a drop of alcohol whatsoever... I'm just confused..."

"I'm going to shank up your brethren!" (in a very southern middle class accent)

"Can you cook something without heat?" / "Yes, you can sit on it!"

"We're not friends, we're lovers"

"Why are there cars coming down here?" / "Because it's a road!"

"I just baby wiped... not down there!"

"It's OK, we've got Wood!"

"We will fight them on the beaches, but you'll never take my scarf!"

"How often do you dream about Robert Sworder?" / "Well, not all the time!"

"OK, as long as everyone stands and don't toss to vigorously!"

"Well, you've always had a member." / "Nick, you can't just go round making assumptions like that!"

"This is the first time I've ever regretted not manhandling someone into a taxi"

"I'm used to having him every night!"

"Do you get your hair from your Nan or is it a perm?" (about Poodle)

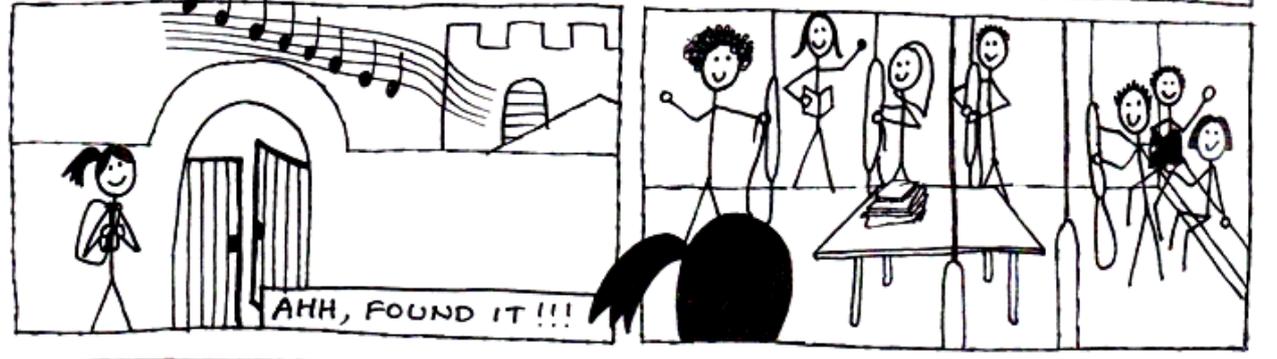
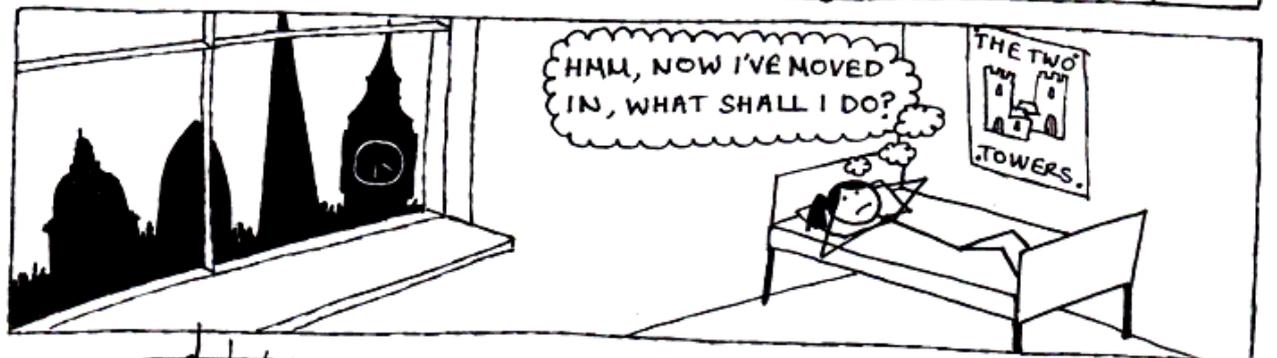
"I had a Chinese friend once, she did everything with chopsticks"

"You should never ask a woman for anything, well, one thing..."

"I'm surprised I'm still sober after 4 and a half pints of cider!"

"I thought Lundy was in Norwich"

"Have you got clean fingers?" / "Yes" / "Do you want to stick your finger in?"



ANNUAL DINNER DAY

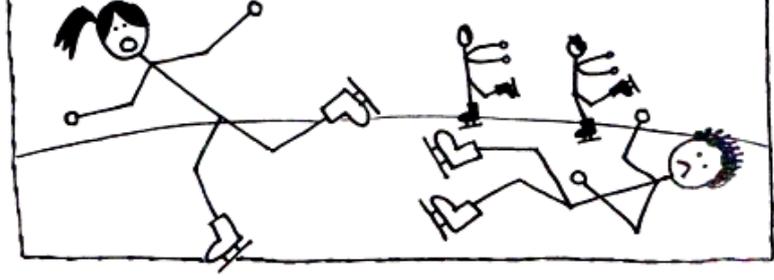


RINGING BEFORE HAND, DINNER AND TOASTS, DISCO DANCING INTO THE NIGHT!

XMAS PRACTICE



ICE SKATING TRIPS...

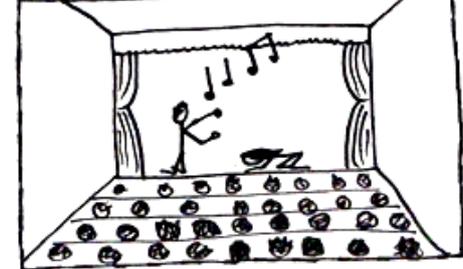


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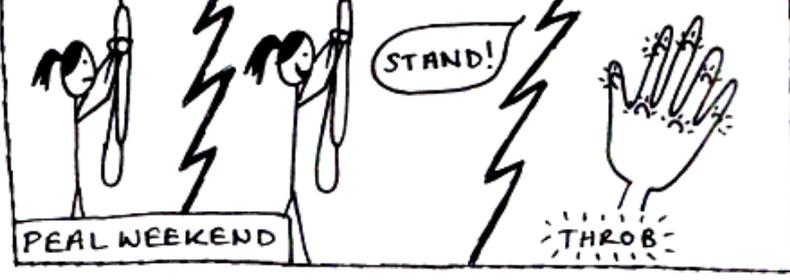


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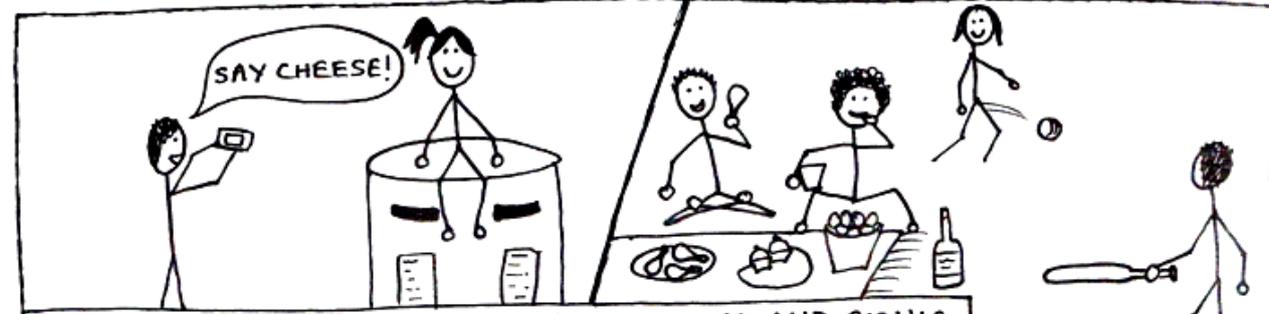
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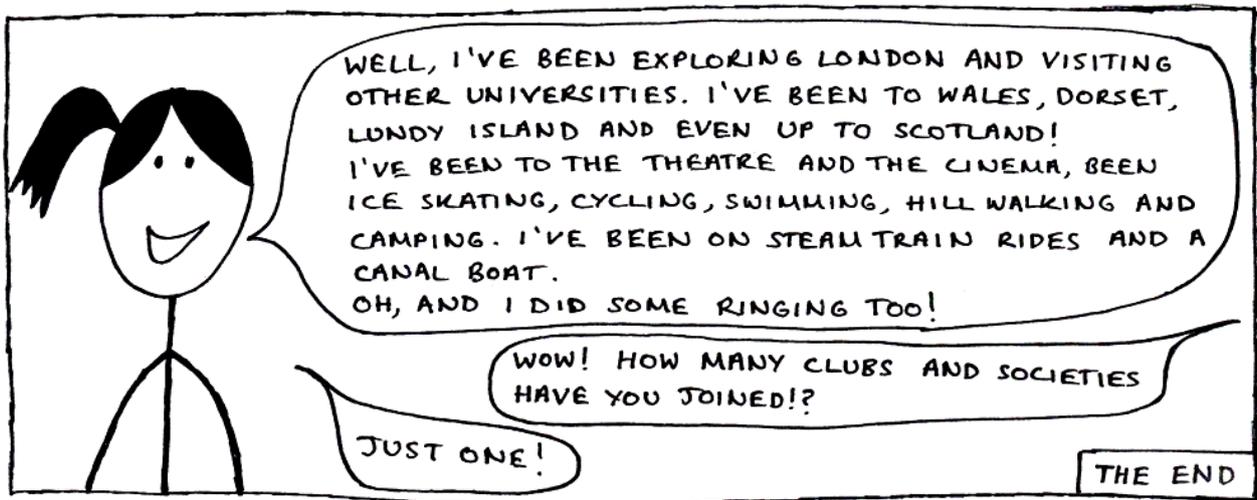
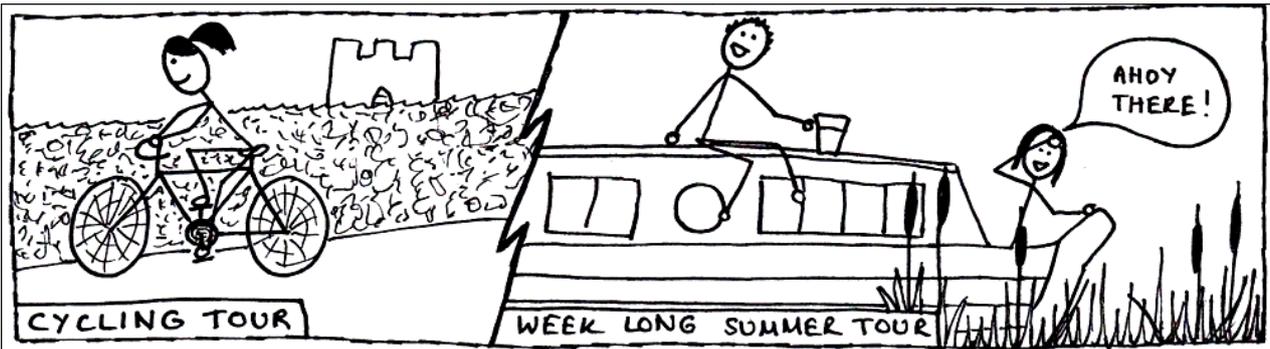
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PEAL WEEKEND



ANNUAL TREASURE HUNT AROUND LONDON AND PICNIC



Peals Rung for the ULSCR in 2011-12

SOUTHWARK, Guy's Hospital, St Thomas St
Thursday September 15 2011 2h24 (size 15)

5120 Victoria Surprise Major

Composition: R Bee

1-2 Peter J Blight

3-4 Caroline Ogilvie

5-6 Andrew J Graham

7-8 Roger Bailey (C)

RW page ref 5241.1018

SPITALFIELDS, Greater London, Christ Church
Saturday December 3 2011 2h56 (17cwt)

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Composition: Johnson's var. of Middleton's

1 Roxanne F Hughes

2 Sarah M Garlick

3 Rebecca A Cullen

4 Mariko H Whyte

5 Heather M Forster

6 Benjamin J Meyer

7 Ryan S Noble

8 Andrew M Hills (C)

First peal: 1.

First of Cambridge: 6.

First Major as conductor.

First for the Society: 1,3,6,7.

Rung by a band of current students.

RW page ref 5274.0550

SIEM REAP, Cambodia, Angkor Pearl Hotel
Wednesday December 7 2011 2h2 (size 5)

5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor

Composition: 7 exts

1-2 Sheila Dickinson

3-4 Roger Bailey

5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)

First peal of Surprise Minor: 1-2.

First peal on the bells.

First peal to be rung in Cambodia.

The ringer of 3-4 has now rung peals in 25 different countries.

RW page ref 5261.0188

LUANG PRABANG, Laos, Ban Lakkham Guest House

Friday December 9 2011 2h1 (size 5)

5040 Norwich Surprise Minor

Composition: 1 x 2160 & 4 diff exts

1-2 Sheila Dickinson

3-4 Michael J Trimm

5-6 Roger Bailey (C)

First peal in the method: 1-2.

First peal to be rung in Laos.

RW page ref 5261.0188

SPITALFIELDS, Greater London, Christ Church
Saturday January 14 2012 2h54 (17cwt)

5024 Spliced Surprise Major (4m)

(4m: 1632 Cornwall; 1216 Glasgow; 1120 Bristol; 1056 Buckfastleigh; 125 com, atw)

Composition: Graham A C John

1 Jennifer C E Lane

2 Charles W G Herriott

3 Michael J Trimm

4 Katherine L Town

5 Andrew P F Bradford

6 Andrew J Graham (C)

7 Ian R Fielding

8 Oliver D Cross

Rung on the morning of the wedding of Martin Cansdale and Becky Sugden with the congratulations of the band.

RW page ref 5266.0324

HAMPSTEAD, Greater London, Christ Church
Saturday February 11 2012 3h12 (24cwt)

5040 St Simon's Bob Triples

Composition: Traditional

- 1 Clara P Westlake
- 2 Nicholas J Hartley
- 3 Thomas P Wood
- 4 Stephen Trafford
- 5 Peter M Jasper
- 6 Benjamin J Meyer
- 7 Charles W G Herriott (C)
- 8 Rupert H J Littlewood

Rung for ULSCR peal weekend.

First on tower bells: 4.

RW page ref 5268.0374

PIMLICO, Greater London, St Saviour
Saturday February 11 2012 2h51 (7cwt)

5056 Spliced Surprise Major (3m)

(3m: 1888 Yorkshire; 1600 Cambridge; 1568
Lincolnshire; 142 com; atw)

Composition: R W Lee

- 1 Roger Bailey
- 2 Roxanne F Hughes
- 3 Katherine E Young
- 4 Rebecca A Cullen
- 5 Martin J Cansdale (C)
- 6 Peter M Jasper
- 7 Benjamin J Meyer
- 8 Ryan S Noble

Rung for ULSCR peal weekend.

First inside: 2.

First spliced Major: 4, 7.

RW page ref 5268.0374

LIMEHOUSE, Greater London, St Anne
Saturday February 11 2012 3h3 (13cwt)

5152 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

Composition: S Humphrey

- 1 Helen M Herriott
- 2 Heather M Forster
- 3 Adrian R Udal
- 4 Mariko H Whyte
- 5 Thomas P Wood
- 6 Nicholas J Hartley
- 7 Charles W G Herriott (C)
- 8 Andrew M Hills

Rung for ULSCR peal weekend.

RW page ref 5268.0374

SPITALFIELDS, Greater London, Christ Church
Sunday February 12 2012 3h5 (17cwt)

5184 Bristol Surprise Major

Composition: Stephen Ivin (RW 1961 p.32)

- 1 Roxanne F Hughes
- 2 Roger Bailey (C)
- 3 Heather M Forster
- 4 Geraldine R Forster
- 5 Nicholas J Hartley
- 6 Martin J Cansdale
- 7 Andrew M Hills
- 8 Jon Waters

Rung for ULSCR Peal Weekend 2012.

The conductor's 3,001st peal.

RW page ref 5268.0374

SHOREDITCH, Greater London, St Leonard
Sunday April 22 2012 2h47 (9cwt)
5120 Spliced Surprise Major (8m)
(8m: 896 Rutland; 704 Lincolnsire, Yorkshire;
640 Cambridge; 576 each London, Pudsey,
Superlative; 448 Bristol; 87 com, atw)
Composition: P G K Davies

- 1 Roxanne F Hughes
- 2 Rebecca A Cullen
- 3 Heather M Forster
- 4 Mariko H Whyte
- 5 Rosemary E Hill
- 6 Benjamin J Meyer
- 7 Ryan S Noble
- 8 Andrew M Hills (C)

Birthday compliments to Robert Sworder (25
today) and Daniel Meyer (18 yesterday).
Rung by a band of undergraduates.
First peal of 8-spliced S Major: 2,4,6.
First peal of spliced as conductor.
First peal for the Society: 5.
RW page ref 5282.0742

VIENNA, Austria, ViennArt Hotel
Saturday April 28 2012 2h15 (size 8)
5088 Kent Treble Bob Major
Composition: Arthur Knights

- 1-2 Lucy M Bricheno
- 3-4 Nicholas W Jones
- 5-6 Roger Bailey
- 7-8 Michael J Trimm (C)

Believed to be the first peal in Austria.
RW page ref 5273.0527

Peals rung for the St Olave's Society in 2011-12

CHESTERFIELD, Derbys, The Vicarage
Friday August 26 2011 2h32 (size 12)

5040 Kent Treble Bob Royal

Composition: D F Morrison (No.1033)

- 1-2 Katharine M Thorley
- 3-4 James S Croft
- 5-6 Roger Bailey
- 7-8 Thomas J Hinks
- 9-10 Michael G Purday (C)

RW page ref 5239.0968

CROYDON, Greater London, St John the Baptist
Saturday November 26 2011 3h53 (37cwt)

5186 Zanussi Surprise Maximus

Composition: A J Graham

- 1 Joanna M Ainsworth
- 2 Shirley E McGill
- 3 Charles W G Herriott
- 4 Andrew J Graham (C)
- 5 Tessa K Beadman
- 6 Leigh D G Simpson
- 7 Henry D Coggill
- 8 Martin J Cansdale
- 9 David G Maynard
- 10 Andrew P F Bradford
- 11 Stephen A Coaker
- 12 Oliver D Cross

Rung on the morning of the University of
London Society Annual Dinner.

RW page ref 5253.1313

READING, Berkshire, St Laurence
Saturday December 17 2011 3h12 (23cwt)

5007 Stedman Cinqes

Composition: Donald F Morrison (No.305)

- 1 Jennifer M Herriott
- 2 Rachael C Smith
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 Michael J Trimm
- 5 W Nigel G Herriott (C)
- 6 Helen M Herriott
- 7 Andrew J Graham
- 8 Andrew M Hills
- 9 Peter Valuks
- 10 Charles W G Herriott
- 11 David G Maynard
- 12 Luke O Camden

Rung as a compliment to Peter Jasper on
passing his ACA exams.

First on 12: 6.

50th peal: 3.

RW page ref 5256.0065

WALWORTH, Greater London, St Peter
Sunday February 12 2012 2h39 (4cwt)

5088 Bristol Surprise Major

Composition: N J Diserens

- 1 Rachel C Aland
- 2 Mariko H Whyte
- 3 Clare E F Dyer
- 4 Ryan S Noble
- 5 Rebecca A Cullen
- 6 D Robert C Sworder
- 7 Ed Gosden
- 8 Charles W G Herriott (C)

Rung for ULSCR peal weekend.

First of Bristol: 5.

RW page ref 5268.0374

LUNDY ISLAND, Millcombe House
Tuesday February 21 2012 2h27 (size 15)

5090 Cambridge Surprise Major

Composition: Brian D Price

- 1-2 David G Maynard
- 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 5-6 Roger Bailey
- 7-8 Henry D Coggill

RW page ref 5265.0300

LUNDY ISLAND, Millcombe House
Wednesday February 22 2012 2h51 (size 15)

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Composition: CUG Collective

- 1-2 Jillian E Galloway
- 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 5-6 Roger Bailey
- 7-8 David G Maynard
- 9-10 Oliver D Cross

Rung on the 20th anniversary of Olly's first peal.

RW page ref 5265.0300

LUNDY ISLAND, Millcombe House
Thursday February 23 2012 3h22 (size 15)

5184 Kent Treble Bob Maximus

Composition: Roger Bailey

- 1-2 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 3-4 Tessa K Beadman
- 5-6 Roger Bailey
- 7-8 David G Maynard
- 9-10 Oliver D Cross
- 11-12 Henry D Coggill

First peal on 12 handbells: 11-12.

First 12-bell peal on the island.

RW page ref 5265.0300

Compositions

5088 Bristol Surprise Major

Noel J Diserens

23456	M	W	H

54326		s	s
63425	s		s
24365		s	s
53462	s		s
63452		s	
42356	1		s

3-part.

Contains 100 cru's.

Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Peter, Walworth on 12 February 2012, conducted by Charles W G Herriott.

5184 Bristol Surprise Major

Stephen Ivin (RW 1961 p32)

23456	M	B	W	H

34256				2
42635	2	x	2	2
36245			2	2
25634	2	x	2	1
26354	1	-	2	2
63425	2	x	2	2
32465			2	

2-part. x = 4ths & In.

Contains 144 cru's; 12 8765s; Tittums; with no 82s or 83s.

Rung for the University of London Society at Christ Church, Spitalfields on 12 February 2012, conducted by Roger Bailey.

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Charles Middleton (arr. Henry Johnson)

23456	B	M	W	H

34256				2
45362	-			3
56423		2	2	3
62534		2	2	3
23645		2	2	3
23456		2	2	-

Contains 58 cru's.

Rung for the University of London Society at Christ Church, Spitalfields on 3 December 2011, conducted by Andrew M Hills.

5090 Cambridge Surprise Major

Brian D Price

23456	B	M	W	H

42356				-
25463		2	2	3
34562	-			-
63542			-	3
34625	-			3
34256		2	2	-
53246				-
42635	-			-
56234	-			-
26435	-			-
63254	-			-
62534			-	2
(32456)	-		s	

Contains 51 cru's.

Rung for the St Olave's Society at Millcombe House, Lundy on 21 February 2012, conducted by Michael J Trimm.

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

CUG Collective

23456	M	W	H

53462	s	s	
42365	s	ss	-
34265	ss		-
23465		ss	-

2-part.

Rung for the St Olave's Society at Millcombe House, Lundy on 22 February 2012, conducted by Michael J Trimm.

5040 Kent Treble Bob Major

Arthur Knights

23456	M	B	W	H

24536	-	-	2	2
32465		-		2
34625			-	2
54263	-		2	-
23645	-		-	2

3-part.

Rung for the University of London Society at the ViennArt Hotel, Vienna, Austria on 28 April 2012, conducted by Michael J Trimm.

5040 Kent Treble Bob Royal

Donald F Morrison (no.1033)

23456	M	W	H

35426		2	
24653	1	1	
25346	2	1	1
42563	2	2	2
24365	2		2

2-part.

Contains 24 56s & 65s.

Rung for the St Olave's Society at 1 Whitecotes Lane, Chesterfield on 26 August 2011, conducted by Michael G Purday.

5184 Kent Treble Bob Maximus

Roger Bailey			
23456	M	W	H

36452	1		2
53462		1	
32465	1		2
63425		1	
35426	1		2
24536		2	2
53246		1	1
23456		2	1

Rung for the St Olave's Society at Millcombe House, Lundy on 23 February 2012, conducted by Michael J Trimm.

5152 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

Simon Humphrey			
23456	M	W	H

43652	-		[ss]
24356	2		s
43526		2	s
56324	-		s
23564		-	s

3-part, omitting [ss] in one part. Contains 83 cru's; Tittums.

Rung for the University of London Society at St Anne, Limehouse on 11 February 2012, conducted by Charles W G Herriott.

5040 St Simon's Bob Triples

Traditional					
23456	I	B	F	W	H

56234		-		s	3
36254				s	3
42536			-		3
42356	-				-

6-part, calling s for - halfway and end.

Rung for the University of London Society at Christ Church, Hampstead on 11 February 2012, conducted by Charles W G Herriott.

5007 Stedman Cinques
Donald F Morrison (no.305)
2314567890E 1 6 19

21346578E90		(a)	

314265		-	2
412365		-	2
214365		-	s A
413265		-	2
312465		-	2

3124657809E		(b)	
2134657890E	s	-	s
312465		-	s
2143657809E	s	-	2
2143657890E	s		
21436587E90		(c)	
412365		A	
4123658709E		(b)	
2143658790E	s	-	s
412365		-	s
2143658709E	s	A	

(a) 1.5.7.8.s10.s13.s15.16.s18 (20 sixes)
(b) 2.s15
(c) s1.2.s13.s15

Rung for the St Olave's Society at St Laurence, Reading on 17 December 2011, conducted by W Nigel G Herriott.

5120 Victoria Surprise Major

R Bee				
23456	W	B	M	H

42356			-	
53426	-		s	
64325			-	- A
23645	-		s	
56342			-	-

42635		A		

64235			-	
32645	-		s	B
42563		2	s	
35264			-	-

23456		2B		

Rung for the University of London Society at Guy's Hospital, Southwark on 15 September 2011, conducted by Roger Bailey.

5186 Zanussi Surprise Maximus

Andrew J Graham

23456	O	5	M	7	8	4	I	W	H
45236							-	-	
53462		X						2	
34562	X								
6485372	X		X						-
5736248				-	X	X			
64352					X			2	
53246		-							-
(42536)	X								s

X = 10ths place bob.

Contains 105/71 little bell roll-ups off the back/front (including 39/31 of 5 or more bells and 18/14 of 6 or more).

Rung for the St Olave's Society at St John the Baptist, Croydon on 26 November 2011, conducted by Andrew J Graham.

5056 Spliced Surprise Major (3 methods)

Robert W Lee

23456	M	W	H	Methods
43652	[-			CY[C.NYNY
56234	-	-		NCY.C.YCN
23564	-]	-		YNYN.C]YC.
52364		-		CYCYNYN.
35264		-		NYNYCNC.

5-part, calling a bob Before for the bracketed bobs and leads in one part.

Contains 1888 Yorkshire; 1600 Cambridge; 1568 Lincolnshire (N); 143 changes of method, all the work.

Rung for the University of London Society at St Saviour, Pimlico on 11 February 2012, conducted by Martin J Cansdale.

5024 Spliced Surprise Major (4 methods)

Graham A C John

23456	M	B	W	H	Methods
43526	-	-			W.WGW.BBKG.
24536			-		BWGKW.B
36245	2		-		KG.WKK.KBW.WWWGK
52643	-			-	W.BG.
25346	2			2	KG.WKK.WKW.B.
54263	-	2		-	W.WGKG.BG.KGW.
46325		2		-	GKBB.GKGG.BWKGG.
(56423)	-	-			BK.K.
62534		-			WWGW.WB
45236	-			-	BWG.KBWB.
26354	-		-	2	W.KGKB.W.B.
23564			-	2	WKW.BB.B.
36452	-		2		BKGG.WGWWB.GW.B
24653	-			-	BB.WK GK.
(34256)	-	-			WGWKGG.WGW.
45362		-			GG.WGW
(56234)	2	-			BB.WG.BKG.
24365	-		-	2	WWB.G.W.B.
63542	-		-		W.BWK.GW
(42635)	-		2		WW.GKB.KKW.
23456	-			3	KW.GKW.B.B.

Contains 1632 Cornwall (W); 1216 Glasgow; 1120 Bristol; 1056 Buckfastleigh (K); 125 changes of method, all the work.
Rung for the University of London Society at Christ Church, Spitalfields on 14 January 2012, conducted by Andrew J Graham.

5040 Spliced Surprise Major (8 methods)

Philip G K Davies

23456	M	B	W	H	Methods
23564		-			BBBB.PP.
56234			-		PPYN.PCC.
42635	-				CPC.CR.
45236		-	-		RRL.BBB.R.
24536					RPNNN.
65432	-				R.YCCY.
46532					SCSSSSS.
34562			-		YCSP.SNN
25463	-				NSN.RRRRRR.
42563					LYL.
52364	-				YYY.LRLLLL
43265	-				L.YR.
24365					NNPCYYY.

2-part.

Contains 896 Rutland; 704 Lincolnshire (N), Yorkshire; 640 Cambridge; 576 London, Pudsey, Superlative; 448 Bristol; 87 changes of method, all the work, 73 cru's.

Rung for the University of London Society at St Leonard, Shoreditch on 22 April 2012, conducted by Andrew M Hills.

Quarter Peals Rung in 2011-12

SMITHFIELD, London EC1, St Bartholomew the Great

22 May 2011 43m (5 ½ cwt)

1289 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Sophie Middleton
- 2 Hellen V Richardson
- 3 Helen Herriot
- 4 Sarah M Garlick
- 5 Andrew M Hills (C)

Rung for evensong.

First on five bells: 1, and 3. First in method as conductor.

WILLESDEN, Greater London, St Mary

27 May 2011 40m (7-3-7)

1280 Bristol Surprise Major

- 1 Roger Bailey
- 2 Peter M Jasper
- 3 Mariko Whyte
- 4 Andrew J Graham
- 5 Nicholas J Hartley
- 6 Thomas Wood
- 7 Oliver D Cross (C)
- 8 Michael R Crockett

HARMONDSWORTH, Middlesex, St Mary

30 May 2011 48m (14 cwt)

1320 Hampstead Norreys Surprise Minor

- 1 Sophie Middleton
- 2 Hellen V Richardson
- 3 Mariko Whyte
- 4 Thomas Wood
- 5 Nicholas Hartley
- 6 Peter Jasper (C)

First in method for all.

EAST BEDFONT, Middlesex, St Mary

30 May 2011 43m (7-1-20)

1320 Primrose Surprise Minor

- 1 Guy Atchison
- 2 Hellen V Richardson (C)
- 3 Peter Jasper
- 4 Mariko Whyte
- 5 Nicholas Hartley
- 6 Thomas Wood

First in method for all.

WESTMINSTER, London, St

Clement Danes

12 June 2011 50m (21 cwt)

1331 Grandsire Caters

- 1 Helen M Herriott
- 2 Mariko H Whyte
- 3 Sarah M Garlick
- 4 Thomas P Wood
- 5 Hellen V Richardson
- 6 Jennifer C E Lane
- 7 Nicholas J Hartley
- 8 Peter M Jasper
- 9 Charles W G Herriott (C)
- 10 Rupert H J Littlewood

Rung as a birthday compliment to Brian Lane, father of 6 & a 25th birthday compliment to William Bowden, long time friend of 10.

SMITHFIELD, London EC1, St Bartholomew the Great

26 June 2011 40m (5 ½ cwt)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Peter Jasper
- 2 Margaret Peirce
- 3 Sophie Middleton (C)
- 4 Mariko Whyte
- 5 Thomas Wood

First as conductor-3

50th quarter peal together for 1 and 4

MILBORNE ST ANDREW, Dorset, St Andrew

20 August 2011 42m (8-3-18)

1296 Queen's Gate Surprise Minor

- 1 Sas Watson
- 2 Peter Jasper
- 3 Hellen V Richardson
- 4 Tim Rose
- 5 Thomas Wood
- 6 Mariko Whyte (C)

First in method for all

LYTCHETT MINSTER, Dorset

20 August 2011 44m (9-3-13)

1296 Alnwick Surprise Minor

- 1 Sas Watson
- 2 Hellen V Richardson
- 3 Thomas Wood
- 4 Mariko Whyte
- 5 Tim Rose
- 6 Peter Jasper (C)

First in method for all

CORFE CASTLE, Dorset, St Edward the Martyr

20 August 2011 46m (11-2-11)

1320 Ottershaw Surprise Minor

- 1 Katharine Clark
- 2 Hellen V Richardson (C)
- 3 Mariko Whyte
- 4 Matthew Pike
- 5 Thomas Wood
- 6 Peter Jasper

Congratulations to Kat for obtaining a place to study at the Royal Veterinary College and in anticipation of her joining the ULSCR.

First in method for all

CANFORD MAGNA, Dorset
20 August 2011 44m (10cwt)

1320 York Surprise Minor

- 1 Linda Jasper
- 2 Mariko Whyte
- 3 Hellen V Richardson
- 4 Matthew Pike
- 5 Peter Jasper
- 6 Thomas Wood (C)

First in method for all
300th quarter peal: 5

WINTERBORNE KINGSTON,

Dorset, St Nicholas
21 August 2011 42m (9-1-19)

1272 Munden Surprise Minor

- 1 Julian D Newman
- 2 Thomas Wood
- 3 Tim Rose
- 4 Mariko Whyte
- 5 Hellen V Richardson
- 6 Peter Jasper (C)

For evening service
First in method for all

CORFE MULLEN, Dorset, St
Hubert

21 August 2011 44m (11-3-26)

**1320 Westminster Surprise
Minor**

- 1 Tim Rose
- 2 Hellen V Richardson (C)
- 3 Thomas Wood
- 4 Mariko Whyte
- 5 Julian D Newman
- 6 Peter Jasper

First in method for all

SMITHFIELD, London EC1, St
Bartholomew the Great

25 September 2011 42m (5 ½
cwt)

1260 11 Doubles

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

- 1 Mariko Whyte
- 2 Ryan Noble
- 3 Thomas Wood
- 4 Benjamin Meyer
- 5 Peter Jasper (C)

For evensong

First for the society - 2 and 4.
Circled tower to quarters - 3.
Most methods as conductor.

SMITHFIELD, London EC1, St
Bartholomew the Great

23 October 2011 37m (5 ½ cwt)

**1260 Reverse Canterbury
Doubles**

- 1 Roxy Hughes
- 2 Thomas Wood
- 3 Benjamin J Meyer
- 4 Andrew M Hills (C)
- 5 Ryan S Noble

First quarter for the society - 1.
Rung for Evensong.

STEPNEY, Greater London, St
George in the East

27 October 2011 40m

1263 Stedman Triples

- 1 Rosemary Hill
- 2 Luke O Camden
- 3 Nicholas J Hartley
- 4 D Robert C Sworder
- 5 Thomas Wood
- 6 Stephen Trafford
- 7 Andrew Brown (C)
- 8 Katharine Clark

First of Stedman and first on 8: 6
First as members: 1, 6, 7, 8

WESTMINSTER, Greater London,
St Clement Danes

6 November 2011 47m (21-1-23)
1259 Grandsire Caters

Composed by RWD

- 1 Ryan S Noble
- 2 Roxy Hughes
- 3 Jennifer C E Lane
- 4 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 5 James C Marchbank (C)
- 6 Thomas P Wood
- 7 Nicholas J Hartley
- 8 Ben Hockenhull
- 9 Charles W G Herriott
- 10 Simon D Roberts

First on ten: 2.

First without an appendix: 5.

LONDON EC3, St Olave, Hart
Street

13 November 2011 (11-3-23)

**1320 Surprise Minor (2
methods)**

(600 Norwich Surprise Minor and
720 Cambridge Surprise Minor)

- 1 Ryan S Noble
- 2 Jacqueline L Bale
- 3 Andrew M Hills
- 4 Tessa K Beadman
- 5 Andrew V Brown
- 6 Benjamin J Meyer (C)

Rung for Remembrance Sunday.
First quarter of Surprise Minor as
Conductor.

CITY OF LONDON, St Magnus the
Martyr

24 November 2011 50m (26-3-9)

1312 Bristol S Major

- 1 Rachel J Mitchell
- 2 Rosemary E Hill
- 3 Katie E M Lane
- 4 Heather M Forster
- 5 Benjamin J Meyer
- 6 Ryan S Noble
- 7 Andrew V Brown
- 8 Andrew M Hills (C)

First of Bristol 5.

Rung in anticipation of the UL
Dinner!

WESTMINSTER, Greater London,
St Clement Danes
4 December 2011 43m (21-1-23)

1280 Yorkshire S Major

- 1 Heather M Forster
- 2 Roxanne F Hughes
- 3 Clare EF Dyer
- 4 Thomas P Wood
- 5 Ryan S Noble
- 6 Andrew V Brown
- 7 Andrew M Hills (C)
- 8 Andrew J Graham

Rung after morning service.

IDE, Devon, St Ida

10 December 2011 40m (7-0-18)

1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Hellen V Richardson
- 2 Mariko Whyte
- 3 Mark Williams
- 4 Thomas Wood
- 5 Phillip Ridley
- 6 Peter Jasper (C)

For Helen.

WHITCHURCH, Devon, St Andrew

11 December 2011 (11-1-8)

1272 Roger Surprise Minor

- 1 Mark Williams
- 2 Hellen V Richardson
- 3 Mariko Whyte
- 4 Peter Jasper
- 5 Thomas Sibley
- 6 Thomas Wood (C)

First of Surprise Minor - 5

First in method for all.

WESTMINSTER, Greater London,
St Clement Danes

11 December 2011 45m (21-1-23)

1280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

- 1 Charles W G Herriott
- 2 Rebecca A Cullen
- 3 Roxanne F Hughes
- 4 Rosemary E Hill
- 5 Benjamin J Meyer
- 6 D Robert C Sworder
- 7 Ryan S Noble
- 8 Andrew M Hills (C)

Rung prior to the RAF Carol service.

First in method: 3.

BICKLEIGH, Devon, St Mary V

11 December 2011 (9-3-27)

1320 Xenophonic Surprise Minor

- 1 Mark Williams
- 2 Mariko Whyte
- 3 Peter Jasper
- 4 Thomas Wood
- 5 Thomas Sibley
- 6 Hellen V Richardson (C)

First in method for all

LONDON EC3, St Katharine Cree,
Leadenhall Street

14 December 2011 (9-3-18)

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 David J Hills
- 2 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 3 Katherine L Town
- 4 Rhiannon M Meredith
- 5 Nicholas W Jones (C)
- 6 Nicholas J Hartley

For Helen

LONDON EC3, St Olave, Hart
Street

17 December 2011

1296 Plain Bob Major

- 1 Tom Sibley
- 2 Heather Forster (C)
- 3 Jacqui Bale
- 4 Mary Cross
- 5 Peter Jasper
- 6 Dom Meredith
- 7 Chris Brown
- 8 Olly Cross

For Helen.

LONDON EC3, St Olave, Hart
Street

18 December 2011 (11-3-23)

1344 Plain Bob Triples

- 1 Charles Herriott
- 2 Clare Dyer
- 3 Benjamin Meyer
- 4 Thomas Wood
- 5 Ryan Noble
- 6 Andrew Hills
- 7 Peter Jasper (C)
- 8 Mariko Whyte

For Helen

WESTMINSTER, London, St
Clement Danes

8 January 2012 49m

1344 Rutland Surprise Major

- 1 Roxy Hughes
- 2 Rebecca A Cullen
- 3 Mariko Whyte
- 4 Thomas Wood
- 5 Peter Jasper (C)
- 6 Nicholas J Hartley
- 7 Benjamin J Meyer
- 8 D Robert C Sworder

Rung after morning service as a birthday compliment to Nick Hartley.

First in method as conductor.

STEPNEY, Greater London, St George in the East

13 January 2012 40m (6-0-9)

1344 London Surprise Major

- 1 Roxy Hughes
- 2 Rosemary Hill
- 3 Becca Cullen
- 4 Ben Meyer
- 5 Heather Forster (C)
- 6 Mariko Whyte
- 7 Andrew Hills
- 8 Ryan Noble

First in method: 3, 4

Rung by a band of undergraduates.

A wedding compliment to Martin Cansdale and Becky Sugden for tomorrow.

PIMLICO, London, St Saviour

13 January 2012 (7-1-20)

1260 Stedman Triples

- 1 Thomas Wood
- 2 Jacqueline Bale
- 3 Helen Herriott
- 4 Luke Camden
- 5 Stephen Trafford
- 6 D Robert C Sworder
- 7 Peter Jasper (C)
- 8 Harry Baulcombe

First quarter peal - 8

First in method as conductor

Rung to congratulate Nicholas Hartley on attaining a PhD place at Oxford University.

LONDON EC3, St Olave, Hart

Street Ringing Chamber

22 January 2012 35m

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1-2 Benjamin J Meyer
- 3-4 D Robert C Sworder
- 5-6 Andrew M Hills (C)

CITY OF LONDON, St Magnus the Martyr

27 January 2012 44m (26-3-9)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Thomas Hebdige
- 2 Thomas Wood
- 3 Sophie M Middleton (C)
- 4 Stephen Trafford
- 5 Benjamin J Meyer
- 6 Ryan S Noble

First Quarter peal on Treble

LONDON EC3, St Olave, Hart

Street Ringing Chamber

2 February 2012 37m

1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1-2 Thomas Wood
- 3-4 D Robert C Sworder
- 5-6 Andrew M Hills (C)

Rung before practice

CITY OF LONDON, St Mary-le-

Bow, Cheapside

3 February 2012 (42cwt)

1346 Cambridge S Maximus

- 1 Rebecca A Cullen
- 2 Heather M Forster
- 3 Rosemary E Hill
- 4 Benjamin J Meyer
- 5 Tessa K Beadman
- 6 Dickon R Love
- 7 Ryan S Noble
- 8 Stephen A Coaker
- 9 Andrew V Brown
- 10 Andrew M Hills
- 11 Charles W G Herriott (C)
- 12 Andrew P F Bradford

First on 12: 1

WOOL, Dorset, Holy Rood

4 February 2012 (11-0-24)

1320 King's Bromley Surprise Minor

- 1 Mike Jasper
- 2 Thomas Wood
- 3 Ross A Bradley
- 4 Peter Jasper
- 5 Mariko Whyte
- 6 Hellen V Richardson (C)

75th quarter peal together - 4 & 5.

First in method for all.

UPWEY, Dorset, St Lawrence

4 February 2012 (9 1/2 cwt)

1440 Goat Fell Surprise Minor

- 1 Mike Jasper
- 2 Hellen V Richardson
- 3 Ross A Bradley
- 4 Thomas Wood
- 5 Mariko Whyte
- 6 Peter Jasper (C)

Believed to be the first quarter peal ever rung in the method.

First blows in method for all.

OAKDALE, Dorset, St George

4 February 2012 (5-3-5)

1320 Twinkie Surprise Minor

- 1 Christopher P K Smithies
- 2 Thomas Wood (C)
- 3 Hellen V Richardson
- 4 Angie Jasper
- 5 Peter Jasper
- 6 Mariko Whyte

First in method for all.

HAMPRESTON, Dorset, All Saints

4 February 2012 (10-0-1)

1320 Jacobstowe Surprise Minor

- 1 Christopher P K Smithies
- 2 Peter Jasper
- 3 Hellen V Richardson
- 4 Angie Jasper
- 5 Thomas Wood
- 6 Mariko Whyte (C)

30th together as a group - 2, 3, 5 & 6.

First in method for all.

WESTMINSTER, St Clement
Danes
5 February 2012 47m (21-1-23)
1280 Spliced Surprise Major
(512 Rutland S; 192 each Cambridge
S, Lincolnshire S, Superlative S and
Yorkshire. 32 com.)
1 Roxanne F Hughes
2 Rebecca A Cullen
3 Rosemary E Hill
4 Ian W Blake
5 Jonathan R Slack
6 Benjamin J Meyer
7 Ryan S Noble
8 Andrew M Hills (C)
Rung for the Air Training Corps
annual service.
150 Quarter Peal: 3.
First Spliced Surprise as
conductor.
Most spliced: 6.

GUSSAGE ST MICHAEL, Dorsetm,
St Michael
5 February 2012 (11-0-11)
**1272 Va Va Voom Surprise
Minor**
1 Jack R Pease
2 Hellen V Richardson
3 Mariko Whyte
4 Angie Jasper
5 Thomas Wood
6 Peter Jasper (C)
First in method for all.

BERWICK ST JOHN, Wiltshire, St
John the Baptist
5 February 2012 (10 1/2 cwt)
1296 Ursa Major Surprise Minor
1 Mike Jasper
2 Mariko Whyte
3 Linda Jasper
4 Thomas Wood
5 Peter Jasper
6 Hellen V Richardson (C)
50th together - 4 & 5.
First in method for all.

MOTCOMBE, Dorset, St Mary
5 February 2012 (7-0-7)
**1320 Zeal Monachorum Surprise
Minor**
1 Mike Jasper
2 Linda Jasper
3 Hellen V Richardson
4 Thomas Wood
5 Peter Jasper
6 Mariko Whyte (C)
Completes the Surprise Minor
alphabet in 26 different towers -
3, 4, 5 & 6.
First in method for all.

CITY OF LONDON, St Magnus the
Martyr
11 February 2012 48m (26-3-9)
1312 Bristol Surprise Major
1 Jonathan R Slack
2 Ryan S Noble
3 Gavin D Bennett
4 Mariko Whyte
5 Christopher P Giddins
6 Heather M Forster
7 Quentin A S Jackson
8 Andrew M Hills (C)
Rung for ULSCR Peal Weekend, in
anticipation of the pub...
Early birthday compliment to 6.

WESTMINSTER, St Clement
Danes
12 February 2012 50m (21cwt)
1277 Stedman Caters
1 Ryan S Noble
2 Andrew V Brown
3 Rebecca A Cullen
4 Rosemary E Hill
5 Ian W Blake
6 Peter M Jasper
7 Charles W G Herriott (C)
8 Thomas P Wood
9 D Robert C Sworder
10 Mariko H Whyte
Rung on ULSCR Peal Weekend for
Sunday service

SMITHFIELD, London EC1, St
Bartholomew the Great
26 February 2012 40m (5 ½ cwt)
1260 12 Doubles P/M/V
(60: Stedman. 120: Grandsire, St
Giles, St Miles, Church Gresley,
Ezneh, Southrepps, Plain Bob, St
Osmund, Eynsbury 120: St Simon &
St Martins spliced)
1 Stephen Trafford
2 Roxy Hughes
3 Thomas Wood
4 Rebecca A Cullen
5 Benjamin J Meyer (C)
Rung for Evensong.
Most
principles/methods/variations in
a quarter for all the band.

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon, St Helen
27 February 2012 45m (13-1-18)
1344 Plain Bob Triples
1 Luke Camden
2 Clara Westlake
3 Quentin Jackson
4 Ryan Noble
5 Mariko Whyte
6 Simon Roberts
7 Peter Jasper (C)
8 Harry Baulcombe
Rung whilst waiting for the fog to
clear and the helicopter to take
us back to the mainland!

SHOREDITCH, Greater London, St Leonard

2 March 2012 (25-1-11)

1280 Spliced Surprise Royal

(480 Lincolnshire; 400 each Cambridge and Yorkshire; 14 com.)

- 1 Rebecca A Cullen
- 2 Heather M Forster
- 3 D Robert C Sworder
- 4 Rosemary E Hill
- 5 Simon D Roberts
- 6 Benjamin J Meyer
- 7 Ryan S Noble
- 8 Andrew M Hills (C)
- 9 Andrew V Brown
- 10 Peter Valuks

First Spliced S Royal: 5, 6, 7 and 8!

Birthday compliment to Geraldine Forster

WESTMINSTER, St Clement Danes

4 March 2012 48m

1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

- 1 Roxy Hughes
- 2 Thomas Wood
- 3 Rosemary Hill
- 4 Charles WG Herriott
- 5 Mariko Whyte
- 6 Peter Jasper
- 7 Andrew V Brown (C)
- 8 Simon Roberts
- 9 Ryan S Noble
- 10 Andrew M Hills

First of surprise royal and first blows in the method - 2

WESTMINSTER, Greater London, St Clement Danes

11 March 2012 47m (21-1-23)

1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

- 1 Mariko Whyte
- 2 Rosemary Hill
- 3 Rebecca A Cullen
- 4 Thomas Wood
- 5 Ryan S Noble (C)
- 6 Heather Forster
- 7 Peter Jasper
- 8 Robert Sworder
- 9 David G Maynard
- 10 Andrew M Hills

Rung after morning service.

First in Method: 3 and 4.

First as Conductor on more than 6 bells.

50th QP together: 1 and 4.

EPSOM, Surrey, St Martin of Tours

17 March 2012 44m (16-0-2)

1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

- 1 D Robert C Sworder
- 2 Jacqueline L Bale
- 3 Rebecca A Cullen
- 4 Heather M Forster
- 5 Peter Jasper
- 6 Andrew M Hills (C)
- 7 Mariko Whyte
- 8 Ryan S Noble
- 9 Benjamin J Meyer
- 10 Peter Valuks

25 birthday compliment to 2, and in memory of her grandfather.

CITY OF LONDON, St

Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield

25 March 2012 42m (5 cwt)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Phil Hughes
- 2 Roxy Hughes (C)
- 3 Peter Jasper
- 4 Lynne Hughes
- 5 Stephen Trafford

1st as conductor. For evensong.

BECKENHAM, Greater London, St George

21 April 2012 45m (14 cwt)

1250 London Surprise Major

- 1 Roxanne F Hughes
- 2 Thomas Wood
- 3 Rebecca A Cullen
- 4 Benjamin J Meyer
- 5 Rosemary E Hill
- 6 Mariko Whyte
- 7 Ryan S Noble
- 8 Andrew M Hills (C)

Rung to celebrate the 86th birthday of H M Queen Elizabeth II

18 birthday compliment to Daniel Meyer

PIMLICO, London, St Saviour

12 May 2012 44m (7-1-20)

1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Jenny Willis
- 2 Jacqui Bale
- 3 Thomas Wood
- 4 Chris Rimmer
- 5 Peter Jasper (C)
- 6 Harry Baulcombe

Rung prior to the Society's AGM.

First for the society: 1 and 4

First inside: 4

Who's who

ULopoly

1. Peter Jasper
2. L-R: Jenny Willis, Mariko Whyte
3. Helen Herriott
4. Tom Sibley

Annual Picnic

1. L-R: Mariko Whyte, Peter Jasper

Cycling Tour

1. L-R: Tom Sibley, Hugh Spalding
2. L-R: Canna Whyte, Peter Jasper, Tom Sibley, Hugh Spalding

Summer Tour – Nottingham

1. L-R: Chris Brown, Jacqui Bale, Jenny Willis, Harry Baulcombe, Philip Naylor
2. L-R: Olly Cross, Mike Trimm, Sean Langton, Chris Brown, Alex Dicks, Tom Sibley, Peter Jasper, Lucy Bricheno, Jess Glaisher, Tom Wood, Philip Naylor, Jacqui Bale, Jenny Willis, Mary Cross, Harry Baulcombe, Mariko Whyte
3. Clockwise from L: Mariko Whyte, Clara Westlake, Luke Camden, Alex Dicks, Andrew Brown, ?, ?, Mike Trimm.
Seated L-R: Harry Baulcombe, Mary Cross, Sean Langton
4. L-R: Sean Langton, Philip Naylor, Luke Camden, Mike Trimm, Jess Glaisher, Tom Sibley, Harry Baulcombe, Peter Jasper
5. Peter Jasper

Party in the Park – The Last Night of the Proms

1. L-R: Sophie Middleton, Kerry Middleton, Tom Wood, Jess Glaisher, Peter Jasper, Canna Whyte, Mariko Whyte

London 12-Bell Competition

1. Cake!
2. Back row L-R: Rupert Littlewood, Ryan Noble, Andrew Hills, Charles Herriott, Andrew Graham, Olly Cross
Front row L-R: Nick Hartley, Peter Jasper, Mariko Whyte, Michael Crockett, Clare Dyer, Heather Forster

Lewes Bonfire Night

1. Fire!

Southern Universities Association Weekend

1. Human knot standing: Chris Brown, Jenny Willis
Human knot crouching: Mariko Whyte, Peter Jasper, Jess Glaisher
2. L-R: Robert Sworder, Richard Barclay, Rachael Prior, Simon Roberts, Edmund Mottershead, Canna Whyte, Peter Jasper, Luke Camden, Roxy Hughes

Dinner Weekend

1. L-R: Cathy Cheeseman, Laura Matheson, James Dyer, Chris Brown
2. L-R: Martin Cansdale, Rupert Littlewood, Harry Baulcombe, Ryan Noble, Hayley Wells
3. Clockwise from front: Jacqui Bale, Andrew Hills, Tom Sibley, Hellen Richardson, Mark Williams
4. L-R: Tessa Beadman, Becky Cansdale, Andrew Bradford
5. UL Party animals, featuring Rachel Mitchell

Handbells in Trafalgar Square

1. L-R: Peter Valuks, Ben Meyer, Becca Cullen, Peter Jasper, Jacqui Bale, Mariko Whyte, Robert Sworder

Winter Tour

1. L-R: Ryan Noble, Mariko Whyte, Ben Meyer, Heather Forster

Easter Tour – Isle of Wight

1. L-R: Luke Camden, Ryan Noble, Sophie Middleton, Roxy Hughes
2. L-R: Ryan Noble, Peter Jasper, Philip Naylor, Roxy Hughes, Mariko Whyte
3. L-R: Tom Wood, Sophie Middleton, Becca Cullen, Roxy Hughes, Peter Jasper, Mariko Whyte, Harry Baulcombe, Jenny Willis, Philip Naylor

Tewkesbury Shield

1. Band from front: Becca Cullen, Rosemary Hill, Tom Wood, Mariko Whyte, Katie Lane, Rachel Mitchell, Ben Meyer, Ryan Noble, Andrew Brown, Andrew Hills

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