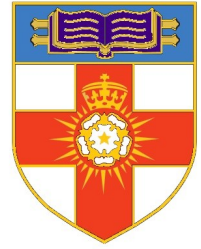


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ULSCR ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14



## “THE DIARY OF A CAT”

*Master: Ryan S Noble*



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## OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS 2013-14

|                                |                        |                       |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| PRESIDENT                      | Rupert H J Littlewood  |                       |
| VICE PRESIDENTS                | Jacqueline L Bale      |                       |
|                                | Katie E M Lane         |                       |
| MASTER                         | Ryan S Noble           |                       |
| SECRETARY                      | Sophie M Middleton     |                       |
| TREASURER                      | Christopher P G Rimmer |                       |
| MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY           | Michael J Trimm        |                       |
| TRUSTEES                       | Helen M Herriott       |                       |
|                                | Jennifer C E Lane      |                       |
| AUDITOR                        | Thomas P Wood          |                       |
| CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE | Rupert H J Littlewood  | (until November 2013) |
|                                | Jacqueline L Bale      | (from November 2013)  |
| ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS     |                        |                       |
| STEEPLEKEEPER                  | Christopher J Brown    |                       |
| ASSISTANT STEEPLEKEEPER        | David S Phillips       |                       |
| LIBRARIAN                      | Benjamin J Barnes      |                       |
| WEBMASTER                      | Jacqueline L Bale      |                       |
| PCC REPRESENTATIVE             | Richard S J Saddleton  | (co-opted)            |
| EX-OFFICIO                     |                        |                       |
| MASCOT                         | Little Bob             | (from August 2013)    |

## OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS 2014-15

|                                |  |                     |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| PRESIDENT                      | Rupert H J Littlewood                  |                     |
| VICE PRESIDENTS                | Katie E M Lane                         |                     |
|                                | Christopher P G Rimmer                 |                     |
| MASTER                         | Rosemary E Hill                        |                     |
| SECRETARY                      | Kate R Wallis                          |                     |
| TREASURER                      | Sophie M Middleton                     |                     |
| MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY           | Michael J Trimm                        |                     |
| TRUSTEES                       | Helen M Herriott                       |                     |
|                                | Jennifer C E Lane                      |                     |
| AUDITOR                        | Thomas P Wood                          |                     |
| CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE | Jacqueline L Brown ( <i>née Bale</i> ) |                     |
| ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS     |  |                     |
| STEEPLEKEEPER                  | Timothy E S Holmes                     |                     |
| ASSISTANT STEEPLEKEEPER        | Benjamin J Meyer                       |                     |
| LIBRARIAN                      | Chloe A Grimmett                       |                     |
|                                | Ryan S Noble                           | ( <i>co-opted</i> ) |
| WEBMASTER                      | Jacqueline L Brown                     | ( <i>co-opted</i> ) |
| PCC REPRESENTATIVE             | Richard S J Saddleton                  | ( <i>co-opted</i> ) |

## WHERE WE RING

### ST OLAVE, HART STREET

8 bells, 11-3-23 in G.

This has been the UL headquarters since 1954, when the bells were put in, and the UL is responsible for the ringing and upkeep of these bells. This year being 60 years since the UL arrived.

The bells were cast in 1952/3 with the tenor being recast in 1972. These are one of two light rings of eight in the City, the other being St James, Garlickhythe. The bells are pleasant although they are quite odd-struck, which the UL is currently looking to sorting out.

As communications are quite good with the church, the bells have become increasingly available for visiting bands, peals and quarter peals.

Ringling schedule: Practices are held every Thursday during term time - from 7-8.30pm. There are also some out of term practices organised by the Master. Service ringing is on the first and third Sundays from 10.15-11am.



### ST CLEMENT DANES, STRAND

10 bells, 21-1-23 in E



A good, easy-going ring of 10 bells, there is also a flat fourth in the tower which allows the bells to play the "Oranges and Lemons" nursery rhyme tune every 3 hours: – even though the bells are unlikely to be the ones mentioned in the rhyme. The UL has long-standing links with the tower, having quarter peal slots on a monthly basis. We currently provide service ringing on the first and second Sundays of each month - following the morning service. The ringing time tends to be from 12 noon, and is organised in the form of a quarter peal attempt. We also provide ringing for services at other times when requested. Our connection with Sunday service ringing has meant that in the past few years we have been offered peal slots with no peal fee.



## ST GILES-WITHOUT-CRIPPLEGATE

12 bells, 34-0-6 in C#

A challenging ring of 12, with a sharp second to provide a light ring of 8. Most of the difficulties with ringing the bells come from the tower movement which means that some of the bells plummet without warning. Perhaps one of the great rings of bells in London, along with St Mary-le-Bow, they sound fantastic with a good band ringing them. This year the UL has started to ring for services at Cripplegate again on the second Sunday of each month from 9.20 to 10am. We join other local ringers to help ring all 12 bells. Incidentally, the UL was also drawn to ring here in the National 12 bell eliminators for 2014.



## ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT, SMITHFIELD

5 bells, 5½ cwt in B



“The best ring of 5 in London” : - a statement which is not a lie, but is probably also not true. These bells have remained largely untouched for many years, and are a complete ring of five cast around 1510. Even though they are quite light they feel much heavier when you ring them. They are quite tricky and odd struck meaning that it is often hard to try and persuade people to come and ring here.

Our monthly quarter peal slot remains on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5.30pm to ring for the 6.30pm service.

## MASTER'S REPORT

This year has been yet another successful one for the UL, with some excellent ringing, social and drinking events.

Practice nights have continued, on Thursdays at Hart Street with a high attendance most weeks. The repertoire of the Thursday night practices tends to be Stedman Triples and upwards, although most of our ringing this year has been various levels of Surprise Major, including simple spliced and 8-spliced most weeks. The plan of ringing up to the Nottingham 8 in spliced is not quite there yet, as although we have rung all the methods on their own, it hasn't been regular enough; hopefully this will be something to build on in the future. We have also held occasional practices at most of the twelves in London this year, and on a number of occasions we were able to ring Bristol Max, with support from some of our older members.

The handbell practices have seem to have petered out, with not enough enthusiasm every Thursday. We have been able to hold occasional sessions to give people a go at ringing the basics – Plain Hunt and Plain Bob, but there was more enthusiasm at Christmas when we decided to ring carols on the handbells to raise funds for the Southwark Cathedral bells rehang project.

Service ringing on the first and third Sundays at Hart Street has had good attendance for the majority of the year. We have managed to ring for every single Sunday service since May 2013, including Easter Sunday, which probably has not been done for a number of years. There were only three Sundays when we were not able to ring on all 8 bells. Our Sunday repertoire has tended to be simpler things so that we can ring them well. This has included Call Changes, Grandsire, Stedman and single Surprise Major methods. On a couple of occasions we have been able to ring 8-spliced. It's good to see a number of keen people getting up to ring on Sundays, as ringing for divine service is one of the objectives of the society.

One change I've implemented for Sundays is that we now go for breakfast at the Crosse Keys: – the service is much quicker, there are far more seats and it is not full with tourists like the Liberty Bounds.

There has been some out of term time ringing throughout the last year which proved popular as there are not many other places to go on Thursday nights. During the Easter Holiday some quarter peal attempts were organised, including a half muffled attempt for Maundy Thursday.

Throughout the year we provided ringing for a few other special events, including the Samuel Pepys memorial service, where the Lord Mayor was in attendance and the church midweek carol service. We also attempted peals for the Rector's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination, the birth of Prince George, and the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fabian Stedman's death, although unfortunately these all came to grief.

In addition to ringing for services and special events at Hart Street, we have also attempted quarter peals following the morning service at St Clement Danes on the first and second Sundays. These have mainly been used for people to consolidate methods, and a lot of Surprise Major has been rung, but we have also rung on six bells and ten bells. We unfortunately lost a quarter peal attempt of London Royal here back in June and it is something which should be re-attempted in the not too distant future. Also, fortunately, we managed to lose an attempt of Grandsire Caters on the back nine! I have tried to keep these quarters going as much as possible, including some out of term ringing but there have had to be a number of cancellations recently due to other events in the church. A total of 16 quarter peals were scored at Danes.

On the fourth Sunday of each month the UL continues to have a quarter peal slot at St Bart's. There were six attempts throughout the year although only four of them were scored, and I accidentally neglected to organise a few other attempts. In general it hasn't been too hard to get bands together to ring here as I have mostly been asking people who have not rung at the tower before: - and the old phrase of "the best ring of 5 in the City" always seems to work.

On second Sundays we have restarted helping with service ringing at St Giles, Cripplegate. Gwen Rogers is grateful for the extra support and it is nice to be able to help ring all twelve for Sunday mornings. For next year we are likely to be allowed to have an afternoon quarter peal slot for their evensong service and this could be used to help encourage ten and twelve bell ringing in the society.



In January we had a quarter peal weekend on the anniversary of Roger Bailey's death where we attempted quarters at several towers and rang a few touches at Queen's tower. The event seemed quite popular and encouraged a number of people to ring firsts in method. I hope that this will be repeated next year.

This year has seen a healthy number of peals being rung by UL bands. There was a total of 10 peals rung, including eight successful attempts from peal weekend. I'd like to mention particularly David, Sophie and Jenny who all scored their first peals.

In addition to UL peals, St Olave's Society scored 5 peals this year.

The UL entered five striking competitions this year which were:

- ⇒ The Middlesex 8-bell, held at Garlickhythe, where we came 10<sup>th</sup> out of 12
- ⇒ The London 12 bell – 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10
- ⇒ The SUA where we came first in the 8 bell and third in the 6 bell
- ⇒ The National 12-bell eliminators – 6<sup>th</sup> out of 7

This was the first time in 30 years that the UL entered the competition. The band was composed of a team of people under 30 years old – so none of us were born the last time we entered. We had a lot of practices and certainly did an excellent job on the day. Hopefully we will be able to enter again next year, and use it as an excuse to improve everyone's 12-bell ringing – and not just those who are in the band.

- ⇒ The Tewkesbury shield – 8<sup>th</sup> out of 9
- The band for this year's competition was composed of 10 of the 12 who rang in the 12-bell band. Unfortunately as the competition was so close to the Easter Holiday, there was not much chance to practice the tricky touch of Plain and Little with the whole band, but we were quite pleased to get the touch to come round.

We've had five brilliant tours this year:

- ⇒ Summer weekend tour to Guildford, organised by Chris Rimmer. It was dubbed as "Cycle if you want tour" after the majority of the UL decided to go in cars
- ⇒ Summer tour to Birmingham, organised by Jenny and Sophie which involved ringing on 16 at the Bull Ring, a day round Worcester and Coventry, as well as a trip to Cadbury World
- ⇒ Freshers' Tour to East London, organised by Becca but with no Freshers to be seen
- ⇒ Winter Tour to Oxford, which Jenny organised, where we rang at most of the rings of bells in the city and had a late night return journey
- ⇒ Easter Tour to Wareham, organised by Mariko. We visited Brownsea Island, where the society has now rung a quarter peal and also had nearly the last lot of ringing on the old tenor at Wareham.

All of the tours have been very enjoyable and we have achieved some respectable ringing, drinking and socialising – and fortunately we didn't get kicked out of the Summer tour accommodation this year either – many thanks go to all the tour organisers who took on these mammoth tasks!

I would like to thank all those who have supported UL practices and events in this last year, the committee for working well together and particular thanks to Sophie and Chris for organising things throughout October whilst I was not able to be at practices.

Finally, I would like to wish the next Master good luck for the year ahead: – it's a difficult job but so rewarding when hard work pays off.

**RYAN S NOBLE**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

This year has been another great year for the UL both for ringing, but more importantly socialising. Congratulations to David and Ruth Hills on the birth of their son Robert, and to Hellen Richardson and Mark Williams who were married on AGM day last year, so they just make it into this report.

As this is our 60<sup>th</sup> year ringing at Hart St, I would like to give a special thanks to the church, including Charlotte the church secretary and the Rector for being especially generous this year - allowing us to ring many quarter peals and peals. We have also had many more visitors to the tower this year including ten visiting bands, the lovely Gabi from German radio who even came back twice after our show was so popular, and we even had a visit from the paranormal (see Chris Rimmer for details).

We have had a variety of social events this year including an impromptu boat ride and picnic in Greenwich Park followed by a bbq, bowling at Christmas, and a trip to see Phantom of the Opera organised by Jacqui. One member enjoyed it so much that he even went to Poland to watch it again. A highlight has to be summer tour last year with the gaining of a new mascot (Little Bob) and the strange behaviour of one member throwing spoons through the window in the early hours of the morning.

There also seems to have been many more events that have required drinking up the tower this year, which definitely improved our ringing and led to many nights out from the Windsor to the Bounds to the BEM. Christmas practice was a highlight with Ryan's work party playlist and copious amounts of dancing. Captain Vom is still going strong, the current title holder I am reliably informed is Chris Brown after the Easter tour, but let us take a moment to remember the most memorable captain vomms of the year. David Phillips on Summer Tour after drinking a whole bottle of wine whilst recovering from tonsillitis (which drunk Ryan cleaned up with a milk bottle) and Kate Wallis at the Dinner, in the kitchen.

This year has been full of many achievements and next year seems even more promising, including a dinner day peal at St Martin's already accepted. Thank you to everyone for making this year as secretary so enjoyable and good luck to next year's secretary.

SOPHIE M MIDDLETON

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Key Points

- ⇒ Income for the year was £1,491.78
- ⇒ Expenditure for the year was £392.11
- ⇒ Overall funds increased from £3,472.79 to £4,572.46
- ⇒ The income and expenditure amounts need to be adjusted significantly in order to reflect the actual year in which expense and income was made.

## Income

Income from peals and quarters has been above average this year at £79.55; steeplage has been quite low at just £29.50. This is partly because there is some steeplage up the tower that has not been recorded in the accounts, but taking this into account it is still quite low. It is probably sensible for future treasurers to keep gently reminding people to contribute. Weddings and visiting ringers have been in line with previous years. Peals and quarters, steeplage, weddings & visiting ringers summed to £459.05, this is the largest component of income for the year (when other income is accounted for in the year it actually applies rather than when booked in the accounts).

The dinner profit for dinner 2013 hadn't been paid into the accounts before the year-end, but was £90. In the accounts there is the line item "income/profit" for £366, this only reflects part of the income for the sales, the total profit for the year will be in next year's accounts, the expected profit being £84.99.

The 'The Trafalgar Square Handbells' income was £305.55; this money has been raised for Southwark and has been paid out in the 2014-2015 accounts. £90 of the London 12 Bell profit was used to pay for entry to the National 12 Bell account.

By stripping out the effects of T-Shirt Sales and Trafalgar Square Handbells, the income is broadly in line with previous years.

## Expenditure

The cost of handbell insurance this year increased from £60.42 to £72.01, therefore the decision was made to move insurance to Allianz for next year, which should roughly halve the cost. The main reason that expenditure has been a lot lower than previous years is because there have been no large one off payments, and several expenses haven't been accounted for.

## Other

The Halifax account has been closed and the money moved into the Natwest account.

My main failure for the year was my inability to get the accounts online, there are few reasons for this. Initially finding a suitable account with suitable governance requires multiple signatories on the account, this was quite hard to find. I was also concerned that any new account with online payments etc wouldn't fulfill the requirement of the Society to ensure that the treasurer couldn't make a unilateral decision to make a payment without permission from at least one other member of the committee. On top of this I simply haven't put enough time into researching and therefore ultimately didn't pursue online banking to its end. I would recommend that the next treasurer does continue to look into this and I am happy to give my support in this necessary step for the UL accounts.

Finally I would like to apologise to my successor for not handing over the accounts in a more timely fashion, this was partly due to some missing bank statements but, again, I didn't put enough time into closing them off at the year-end.

CHRISTOPHER P G RIMMER

# ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014

|                                | Mar-14          | Mar-13          |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b><u>Opening Balances</u></b> |                 |                 |
| Petty Cash                     | -               | 10.00           |
| Lloyds TSB                     | -               | -               |
| NatWest                        | 3,296.10        | 3,303.81        |
| Halifax                        | 257.45          | 257.45          |
| Ringing World                  | (80.76)         | (33.76)         |
| <b>Total Funds</b>             | <b>3,472.79</b> | <b>3,537.50</b> |

## **Income**

|  |                 |               |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| Tower Donations                            |                 |               |
| Peals and Quarters                         | 79.55           | 27.85         |
| Steepleage                                 | 29.50           | 100.56        |
| Weddings                                   | 140.00          | 180.00        |
| Visiting Ringers                           | 210.00          | 179.00        |
| Membership Fees                            | 30.00           | 100.00        |
| Profit on Dinner 2011                      | -               | 142.64        |
| Profit on Dinner 2012                      | -               | 62.07         |
| Income/Profit on T-Shirt Sales             | 366.00          | (265.93)      |
| Interest (less tax)                        | 0.28            | -             |
| Profit on Glassware                        | 13.00           | -             |
| Money for carol service ringing            | 60.00           | 40.00         |
| Trafalgar Square Handbells (for Southwark) | 305.55          | -             |
| Service Ringing                            | 100.00          | -             |
| London 12 Bell Profit                      | 157.90          | -             |
| <b>Total Income</b>                        | <b>1,491.78</b> | <b>566.19</b> |

## **Expenditure**

|                                 |                 |                |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Ringing World Advertisements    | 40.12           | 47.00          |
| Ringing World Subscription      | 67.00           | 59.00          |
| Handbell Insurance              | 72.01           | 60.42          |
| Website Expenses                | 47.99           | -              |
| Striking Competition Entry Fees | 133.00          | 68.00          |
| Central Council Subscription    | 25.00           | 25.00          |
| Sundry Expenses                 | 6.99            | 71.02          |
| Southwark Bell Fund Donation    | -               | 123.06         |
| Bell Ropes                      | -               | 177.40         |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>        | <b>392.11</b>   | <b>630.90</b>  |
| <b>Profit for year</b>          | <b>1,099.67</b> | <b>(64.71)</b> |

## **Closing Balances**

|                    |                 |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Petty Cash         | -               | -               |
| Lloyds TSB         | -               | -               |
| NatWest            | 4,543.34        | 3,296.10        |
| Halifax            | -               | 257.45          |
| Ringing World      | 29.12           | (80.76)         |
| <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>4,572.46</b> | <b>3,472.79</b> |

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

The accounts were not signed off at the 2014 AGM due to missing bank statements, but were subsequently signed-off at the 2014 AuGM to the satisfaction of the Auditor.

THOMAS P WOOD

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Society's assets remain as follows:

- Set of six fold-up wooden chairs
- Set of 14 handbells with box
- Gavel with box
- Set of eight muffles
- Two wooden clapper ties
- Two cupboards
- Various sports equipment
- Vacuum cleaner
- Two tool boxes containing tools
- Three notice boards
- A peal board
- Library—full details on [ulscr.org.uk](http://ulscr.org.uk) or see the Librarian
- UL-opoly
- Collection of hats notably including the Captain's hat
- Various party goods

Rupert Littlewood took away the disused computer screen to be dumped!

HELEN M HERRIOTT & JENNIFER C E LANE

## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

There are five new members and two deaths to report this year.

The new members are:

**Emma Ridley** - Biochemistry at Imperial College

**Tim Holmes** - Physics at Imperial College

**Kate Wallis** - Arts and Sciences at UCL

**David Maynard** - ICSA Chartered Secretaries Qualifying Scheme at Kensington College of Business

**Martha Partridge** - Lecturer in Dance at Goldsmiths, University of London

Emma, Tim and Kate had their membership ratified at the AuGM in November 2013 and David and Martha were ratified at the AGM in May 2014. I'd like to formally welcome all five of them to the Society.

The two members who died during the year were Elizabeth Jones and Shelagh Melville.

**Elizabeth A Jones (née Layton)** joined the Society in 1956/57 and studied at the College of Nursing. She was the sister of founder member and first Master of the Society, Denis Layton, and rang one peal for the Society in 1959. She lived for the latter part of her life in Hereford and died on 28 September 2013.

**Shelagh R Melville (née Collins)** joined the Society in 1945/46 studying mathematics as an external student of the University of London. After this she gained a teaching qualification and taught maths at various places before settling in Bedford, where she married and lived for the rest of her life. She met her husband through the Universities Association, and indeed they spent their honeymoon on a Universities Association tour (Rupert, Jenny, Chris and Jacqui, please note). She rang eight peals for the Society between 1959 and 1975 and died, aged 84, on 18 October 2013.

I end 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.

MICHAEL J TRIMM



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

This year the Library has remained relatively untouched, a few things have been borrowed and returned. In the next year or two, an audit of all the material we have will need to be carried out as well as some new acquisitions needing to be added to the Library list.

### Lost:

One thing which has arisen this year was that the 2004 bound copies of the Ringing World have been lost. It is thought that someone may have borrowed them and forgotten. Various messages have been sent out in relation to this so we might just have to acquire (hopefully by a donation) a new copy if we wish to have a complete set.

### Binding:

The last few years of the Ringing World need to be bound. Tom Wood still has a couple of years to sort out.

### Storage:

The library has outgrown the cupboards and we might need to look for a new storage solution.

**BENJAMIN J BARNES** (REPORT BY EDITOR)

## STEEPLEKEEPERS' REPORT

### Bells

Over the past year, routine maintenance has been carried out on the bells, although the sixth stay is still cracked [Ed. – it isn't cracked!!]. This is being sorted and the stay should be replaced before the new term starts.

All the ropes were replaced this year and adjustments were made as necessary.

The bells themselves are a little bit odd-struck and we are currently in discussions with various bell foundries and installers to help rectify this. We had a quote from Whites of Appleton for £730 + VAT which was thought to be a bit expensive.

There is also a plan for a working party up the tower before the summer is finished for a spring clean and doing what we can to help fix any odd-struckness ourselves.

The frame is still rusty (no surprise there) – a repaint will be required in the next few years. If we have willing volunteers, there is no reason why we cannot do this ourselves.

Dickon Love visited to give us some advice on what to do with our sound control to make it usable.

### Fabric

The outside door lock is holding up and there have been no signs of any change, therefore I think we should keep monitoring it and see how it goes.

### Ringing Chamber

The ringing chamber is kept "fairly" clean, although a new hoover is required – a heavy duty 'Henry' would be most sensible as this could then be used in cleaning further up the tower.

The collection box has finally had a lock fitted, and it has been secured to the wall.

Look out for the child on the stairs!!!

**CHRISTOPHER J BROWN & DAVID S PHILLIPS**

## EVENT REPORTS

### MIDDLESEX 8 BELL STRIKING COMPETITION 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013

This year the UL entered the Middlesex 8-bell competition, organised by Tom Lawrence and held at Garlickhythe. This was the second time that we have entered the competition. Unfortunately due to the cross-over between the old and new Master there was some confusion of how the band was going to be organised. Fortunately, we managed to gather eight people together to ring Grandsire Triples.

The draw, which took place at 2.30pm, initially looked like the UL were going to end up ringing eleventh (out of twelve teams) much to Chris Rimmer's disappointment as he wanted to get home and study! Fortunately, one team were quite keen to swap, so we ended up bravely taking the spot of ringing first. Due to our disorganisation, we weren't able to have a practice before the competition, however we went ahead and produced a fairly respectable piece of ringing – apparently far better than last year's attempt which nearly fired out (or so I'm told!)

The band was: 1. Sophie Middleton, 2. Roxy Hughes, 3. Ryan Noble, 4. Chris Rimmer, 5. Ben Meyer, 6. Andrew Brown, 7. Andrew Hills (Conductor), 8. Ben Barnes

Five of us were persuaded to ring in other teams, so we hung around most of the afternoon... and Andrew Brown ended up ringing for six teams in the end!! After we rang, Chris and Sophie headed off to continue with revision, whilst Ben B went to go and get ready for the UCL ball. The rest of us quickly headed up the road to where we would spend most of the afternoon in Ye Olde Watling and we got some beers in!

Unfortunately the judges – Charles Botting from High Wycombe and David Cox from Egham seemed to be in some disagreement about the placing of some bands and we ended up with tenth place – although two bands did not finish, so I'm not counting it as losing! However they did have quite a tough time with about three hours of judging to do! Apparently they did agree on the top three teams and even said that they thought that the teams they placed first and second were exactly the same band – not quite true, although AVB rang the same bell and called the same touch for the two separate teams!!

Here are the complete results:

- St Giles in the Fields (rang 9th) 240 Stedman Triples – 89%
- St Martin in the Fields (10th) 240 Stedman Triples – 88%
- Middlesex (Master's band) (8th) 224 Plain Bob Major – 80%
- South & West District (5th) 224 Yorkshire S Major – 79%
- Kilburn (4th) 224 Grandsire Triples – 78%
- St Magnus the Martyr (2nd) 224 Bristol S Major – 75%
- Ladies' A (3rd) 252 Grandsire Triples – 68%
- Foster Lane A (7th) 224 Grandsire Triples – 64%
- Foster Lane B (6th) 252 Plain Bob Triples – 59%
- ULSCR (1st) 224 Grandsire Triples – 57%**
- Ladies I (11th) 252 Grandsire Triples – (early call, didn't come round) – Disqualified
- Stepney (12th) 224 Grandsire Triples – (miscall, stood up) – Disqualified

Even though we didn't do as well as we had hoped, the most important part was that we were able to enter a band into the competition and that we all had an enjoyable day. Hopefully we'll come back next year with a far more organised team, ready to win! Many thanks go to Tom Lawrence for organising the event.

Ryan Noble

## TREASURE HUNT 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013

In 2013 the London Underground celebrated its 150th birthday, so the treasure hunt was organised around “any stations in zone 1 and 2” by Heather and Ben. After a good ‘spoons breakfast in Shakespeare’s Head, teams were sorted and the questions issued! The race was on - could we manage to visit every station and answer the questions associated with that station?

Our team decided to spend longer in the pub than most, no, not getting the first beers of the day in, but carefully working out a route that would hopefully encompass all stations and checking if it may be quicker to walk some stretches. Eventually we eagerly set off westwards on the Central line, then south to Kensington way ... now, it was here that we are sure we saw only two members of the eventual winning team on the train as we departed, had we been quicker we would have tried for photographic evidence, but for once the Circle line was too quick. One of the more challenging questions was at Knightsbridge with reference to the Harrods window display: now as Heather’s place of work we assumed there couldn’t be anything amiss, but it later transpired the window display had been changed overnight!

Questions were not just evidence based, some were photograph based, the Blackfriars bridge photo opportunity in front of the 150, statue or the Tardis at Earls Court station. The Tardis would have been useful as a method of transport, as it was taking us far too long to get around. The most challenging was to take the view of Aldgate Station as you passed on the Hammersmith and City Line ... with only a few seconds in which to take this photo and panics about whether you have the settings correct or not (would it not have been easier to bring my little automatic camera Quentin? Apparently not).

The usual Circle line delays and a little longer than hoped to find some of the clues meant our route had to be cut short and race to the Doric Arch at Euston to submit our answers on time. After a day of charging round we were very grateful for the rather excellent selection of ciders on offer that greeted us, with the added bonus of an equally good line up of ales in the other side. With the results all decided and various accusations of cheating settled we headed off to an “eat all you want” Chinese in Angel (another tube journey!) where we joined non-treasure hunters to celebrate Rupert’s birthday. Skipping lunch (so we could answer more questions) followed by some rather strong cider led to a slightly tipsy affair and possible over eating, but fully sated we moved on to the Snooker Club at King’s Cross where Rupert had reserved some tables and a pool tournament ensued. I would like to report on who won and games here, but due to aforementioned cider, and now some beer, my memory of the events is a little hazy.

Lastly many thanks to Heather and Ben for organising a lovely (even if exhausting) and for Rupert in sorting the evening’s dinner and Pool competition.

Clara Jackson

## PICNIC — REGENT’S PARK 9<sup>th</sup> June 2013

The UL Picnic 2013 took place on the 9th June 2013 in sunny Regent’s Park. Meeting after the Danes Quarter, a good gang of UL and friends assembled at the north end nearer Camden, and ate many picnic-like foods, thankfully this year not including raw meatballs.... A new version of cricket and rounders was formed called ‘Crounders’, as well as a sack race which the master was rather good at.....! Video might be available if the annual report goes digital this year!

Thanks very much to the organisers and roll on next year’s picnic!

Rupert Littlewood

## EARLY SUMMER “CYCLING (IF YOU WANT TO)” TOUR 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July 2013

This year’s cycling tour was organised by Chris Rimmer to his local area in Guildford. The official tagline was ‘Cycling (if you want to) tour’, something which the UL members took to mean, ‘Don’t worry too much about bringing a bike’. Unfortunately I had to work on the Friday (boooo), so I missed out on that day all together, though I understand the evening involved pizza and Les Miserables, and I’d guess a respectable amount of alcohol was consumed. When I arrived the next day, the cyclists were just getting ready to set off, and I couldn’t help but notice that the number of people wearing helmets, (and in some cases, lycra), was rather smaller than the number of people getting into cars. In fact, if memory serves, there were six cyclists (almost all OUS), and about twice as many motorists.

The first stop was Chris’ home tower, Merrow. These were a nice six, and we managed to find at least one cute picture of Chris taken several years ago. We certainly didn’t embarrass ourselves here, and having rung for an hour took ourselves off for a quick break at Newlands Corner. Obviously the cars arrived a while before the cyclists, and so we settled in for an ice-cream break and waited for the energetic people to make it up the hill. Once they joined us, we had a group photo, ate more ice-cream, and then got back in the cars to move on to our next tower – Albury, a nice six – and then on to Shere for our lunch break, before ringing at the 15 cwt ring of 8. We rang and then we went to the next tower, West Clandon. Here the non-cyclists managed to annoy a wedding party, and worry about the number of bees flying in and out of the louvres before the cyclists heroically struggled up the monster hill that Chris had scheduled in. These were probably the most ‘interesting’ bells of the day (you could sort of tell that they don’t get very much ringing...)



Having done with the ringing for the day we headed back to Chris’ house in Guildford to prepare for the BBQ. A party set out to Sainsbury’s to get in provisions, and there was some consternation and much disbelief when we realised that the rest of Guildford had got in before us and bought all the bread products in the supermarket. No matter, we returned with copious amounts of meat, alcohol and all the necessary components of a good barbeque. The UL catering team did themselves proud cooking for so many people, and between eating and drinking too much, cooing over Chris’ giant rabbit and laughing at Chris falling off his bike, a good evening was had by all.

The next morning we set off bright and early for ringing in Guildford – starting off at the Cathedral, where the UL excelled themselves – having several members in the service touch of Bristol Maximus. For breakfast we stuck to what we know best – finding a Wetherspoons, where several of the company were delighted to find that pancakes ARE still on the menu, even if the Bounds have for some unknown reason decided to stop doing them. The Sunday morning tour saw us ring on the 10 at St Nicholas and the 8 at Holy Trinity, and although by this time the heat and lack of sleep had taken a certain toll on the enthusiasm for ringing, the UL still acquitted themselves well. A quick pub session rounded off a great weekend before everyone started to make their way home.

Many thanks go to Chris Rimmer for organising a fantastic weekend

Rosemary Hill

## SUMMER TOUR TO BIRMINGHAM 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Come with me, and you'll be in a world of pure imagination... or, as it is sometimes known, Birmingham. This year's ULSCR Summer Tour took place in that magical ringing factory of the Midlands; kindly arranged by Harry, Jenny and Sophie, who we'll call our resident "Wonkas".

### Friday

Arrival on Friday afternoon meant ringing at Perry Barr (notable for its dog track!) before getting together in the centre of Birmingham for dinner at the 'spoons, and then on to the Wellington – which, due to the high ale turnover has LCD screens telling you what beer is currently on! What happened after this is a bit hazy but I remember going past the 'Floozy in the Jacuzzi' to the Post Office Vaults. Further drinking must have happened...

### Saturday

The day of the city towers led us to ringing in central Birmingham. We were joined at the cathedral by Eleanor and Charlie Linford – Charlie was a big hit with the girls, who decided it was best to collectively adopt her as a pet.

Lunch was in the pub with a vibrating floor where the whole UL got ID-ed, and Charlie learnt how to play top trumps.

St Paul's in the Jewellery quarter, the cathedral, and ending the day at the bull ring... Amazingly despite having twice the number of bells we were used to, some surprisingly good ringing was achieved with Katie at the Helm. We retired to the 'Welly'...

### Sunday

Ringing in the city centre for the keen, or brave, then a walk along the canal to ring at Edgbaston (Edmund finally managed to join us here, after visiting every other church in Edgbaston, where he was assumed to be seeking eternal salvation!)

At last, it was on to the chocolate factory! This involved eating copious amounts of chocolate and a psychedelic visit to the world of Chocolate beans! We then stocked-up on supplies at the gift-shop, where we gained our new band member: Little Bob!



After we were made thoroughly sick by our collective over-indulgence, the only cure was beer. So, after some dithering, waiting, watching a drug swap, a bus finally arrived to take us back into Birmingham and to the 'Welly'. Here we met some local ringers, and guest of the UL: Lady Hannah Wilby. An opportunity for silly games arose, with a particular hit being the rhyming couplet game, which inevitable descended into smut.

Whilst having this monster pub 'sesh' it started to become apparent that food would be required. Unfortunately the pub itself did not sell food, but was very happy for us to order an enormous take-away curry and eat it upstairs!

Gin! Gin! Spoons! Gin! And more Gin followed this as a guest dinner speaker tried to get some embarrassing



material to use in her speech at the UL Dinner. Clearly Lady Wilby was so keen to record the fun that she was discovered passed-out in her desk chair!

### Monday

The day-out to Worcester! Travelling by combination of train and rail replacement bus services had some excitement; we had to explain the rules of UL top-trumps and top-trump dominoes to the train conductor who was tempted to stop collecting tickets and join in!

Signs of the night before were apparent – most silently suffered until Ms Meredith found that she was unable to ring anything close to matching Stedman Cinques, clearly offending the City of Worcester.

The revenge came at the second tower, where the clock hammer cord snapped and emergency bodging was required. After this we had the delights of jointly conducted Grandsire Triples by Rosemary and AVB. After the morning's ringing, a lunch of fish and chips in the sun by the river was very welcoming. We were entertained by a busking beat-boxer before the afternoon ring at the redundant church of St Swithun.

The delight for the day came just before the final tower, in the Swan with Two Necks, a pint was about half that in London! Then to Old St Martin's in the Cornmarket, a delightful 6 cwt ten that had sallies in all the colours of the rainbow! Chris Rimmer found this confusing especially the call change – "normal green to bottle green".

Neither Lucy or I can comment on any activities until eating the roast dinner at the Halls. Lucy was cooking this with sous chefs Luke Camden and Sherry, and I had a nice nap on the train!

After the Monday roast, and more card games Edmund, Ed, Roxy et al. stayed up all night, and (though she denies it) Roxy fell asleep in the shower!

### Tuesday

A day of "happy birthdays" to Sibley and Poodle – starting with a smoked salmon and champagne breakfast for some! This was also the day we picked-up the mini-bus, and had rather under-catered on seating. We all managed to squeeze-in somehow, and played keepy-uppies with balloons all the way to Coventry.

We left the lunch pub several times, leaving various people or cards behind. I think Little Bob made it though, after being photographed with pints and in other compromising positions.

This day was rather unfortunate for timings – the local would only allow us to ring at the Cathedral in the evening, giving the whole afternoon to lunch and being a bit touristy. This is difficult in Coventry! After visiting the transport museum and Cathedral that is about it, so the inevitable happened – pub! For some this was clearly the highlight so stayed there!

For Tuesday evening's birthday dinner we went to the Moroccan restaurant for some food. I have no clue what but it went well with my bottle of Maguigan! Dessert was an extremely chocolaty birthday cake provided by Charlotte Ellis. I think this, and the incredible Arabic rendition of 'Happy Birthday to you' must have had something to do with the fantastic renditions of all the popular UL songs whilst travelling back to Perry Bar.





## Wednesday

Another early start! This time we headed out towards Rugby. On the way we rang on the eight at Brinklow and the on the Plantagenet Ring which are a 2 cwt mini-ring of 12 in someone's house in Church Lawford. Before being allowed to have a go, the local gave us a lecture about ringing such tiny bells with a warning that the bells did have stays! None were broken, but ringing them was a challenge, so much so that people found it easier to ring tunes – for which the local provided a further lecture and music sheets!

We had lunch in a Rugby 'Spoon's before heading to ring at St Andrew's Rugby. This is quite possibly the most unusual church in Britain with two separate rings of bells! We started in the West Tower which has a nice ring of five, and of course allowed us to practice the special method: Rugby Slow Course Doubles. Then on to the northeast tower, which is home to quite a large, sonorous and unfortunately unforgiving eight.

On the way back we rang at Monks Kirby, a nice 24 cwt Gillett eight (for those interested) to give us a good appetite ready for Ryan and Becca's spaghetti bolognese that we were to have for tea! They must have been too much for some, with David Phillips having forty winks up the tower! We said good bye to the mini bus and got on with the eating and drinking part of the evening!

## Thursday

This, the final day of tour, was the Severn Valley's ring and ride day. We said good bye, bon voyage and good luck to Rosemary, departing for her year abroad. After Wood collected all, and I mean all, our tickets we were off to Kidderminster for our first tower: St Mary and All Saints. These were a lovely easy going new ring of 12 making a good start to the day.

No dithering was allowed from here on as we had to catch trains to take us along the Severn Valley Railway to the towers. Some were thoughtful enough to visit an Off-licence or Supermarket between the station and tower to keep us amused on the train.

The next port-of-call for us was Bewdley. As well as being a nice town, the tower boasted peal boards containing a plethora of historic UL figures.



After this it was high time for lunch, but of course lunch was scheduled for the Arboretum in Ardley and the English weather being what it is, meant we were forced to the pub instead. Here we may have irritated the locals, a bit, what with Jenny throwing sauce sachets in the Master's beer and Luke's interest in the fish tank it was probably best that we left!

The final tower of tour was St Leonard, Bridgnorth. After a quick jangle in what has to be the dingiest ringing room in the country it was back to catch the last train to Kidderminster. A quick photo-stop for Little Bob, and the buying of supplies was necessary before we left. That said, train did have a bar and the lady was quite interested in the bell ringing and the UL – at least more interested than I was with her knitting club!

After making it safely back to the halls there was the inevitable last night party... We must have eaten at some point and drunk enough for David Phillips to receive the Captain Vom hat for providing an interesting set of features immediately outside the entrance to the halls.



### Friday

We cleaned, packed, and left with no injuries or damages to the fabric of the Oscott Gardens halls of Birmingham City University.

Thanks should go to Jenny Willis and Sophie Middleton (and assistance from Harry Baulcombe) for organising such an enjoyable tour. Bring on next year!

Andrew Hills and Lucy Bricheno

### FRESHERS' RECEPTION 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013

The Freshers' Reception trumped the Freshers' tour in that all three new members did manage to make it to the event. Preceded by a practice at Hart Street, (where the normal combination of Surprise Major and Stedman was attempted) the gathered masses ventured to the upstairs area of the Cheshire Cheese for drinking and nacho consumption. I also remember mini burgers and chicken being present which are both good signs of an evening well spent. A good turnout was made with photos from the event showing roughly 25 people arrived for at least a drink.

All three freshers managed to convince the society of their lack of exciting drive from the off with all leaving to go to bed before the pub even closed. The customary move to the Liberty Bounds was made when the Cheshire Cheese closed its doors where I am reliably informed that Ben Barnes threw up. At least something exciting happened even if it wasn't a Fresher!

Kate Wallis

### "NOT THE"

### FRESHERS' PUB CRAWL 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013

This event was to mark the start of the weekend dedicated to our new intake of freshers. Unfortunately it also set the tone of the weekend as none of them actually attended the pub crawl or any of the other events.

However those who did attend appeared to have a merry time – the crawl was based on one planned by Jenny a few years ago around Euston. As it was a successful route we decided to repeat it.

Many pubs were visited and as is traditional when drinking around Euston a trip to Icco's pizza was essential! Throughout the crawl a game of drinks roulette was played to ensure it wasn't just real ale being drunk.

Katie Lane

## "NOT THE"

### FRESHERS' TOUR 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013

This year's freshers' tour (or no freshers' tour!) was around east London, going to nearly the end of the district line. For some of us this involved spending over an hour on the tube covering more than 30 stops to get to the first tower, and being hung over from the night before didn't help!

Arriving at Upminster Bridge station, one stop before the terminus, early on Saturday morning brought us to the first tower – Hornchurch – an 18 cwt 10. Starting fairly on time, good ringing was achieved including, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal. The only snag in this tower was that the 9th was cracked, so it didn't sound too flattering!

Following this we walked to Hornchurch station to get to the next tower, with a compulsory stop on the way at the bakery for cake! After arriving at Dagenham we made a brief stop at a playground on the way to the tower simply because it was there. The next tower was Dagenham, supposedly a 14 cwt 8. I say supposedly because we never actually rang there! We waited a while after the agreed start time and no one showed, but fortunately there was a pub just outside the church. Sadly it didn't have any ales on tap, but despite this the pub did have an unexpected influx of business at 11:30 in the morning!

Around the time we were supposed to finish at Dagenham church we left for the Wetherspoon's at Barking. We had lunch there, and many pints of ale and Wetherspoon's food was consumed. We walked to the next tower which was Barking, an 18 cwt 8. I can't really remember what we rang despite the fact that I ran that tower, it was probably a mixture of Grandsire, Stedman and a bit of Surprise Major. However, I do remember them being nice bells to ring!

Leaving Barking we got the c2c to Limehouse, the last tower of the day. On arriving I notice how large the tower was, then I got told how pathetically light the bells are! Despite this, the 12 cwt 10 that were there did go quite nicely, and the standard Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge were scored. After the last tower we proceeded to a pub in Limehouse on the river front, where, from what I heard, a very heavy drinking night began!

Despite this being the freshers' tour, not one actual fresher turned up! I'm sure we all had a good time despite this, though it would have been nice to have a freshers' tour rather than a no freshers' tour!

David Phillips

### LONDON 12-BELL STRIKING COMPETITION 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013

The London 12 Bell Competition for the Whitechapel Trophy this year was hosted by the University of London Society. The UL is not one of the larger societies taking part in the competition, but what it lacks in size it more than makes up for with youthful enthusiasm. Having taken on the organisation of the fifth competition and, by kind permission of the rector The Rev Philip Warner, and tower keeper Dickon Love, decided to return it to the first host venue, St Magnus the Martyr, the UL did what it does best and had a bit of a dither.

Then as the build up to the competition came and team after team booked Magnus bells to practice the test piece – a half-course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus – minds were focused and the real strength of a large group of active



and committed students (and ex-students) really came into its own. Early in the morning the troops arrived, Jacqui Bale brought a dairy worth of milk, Becca Cullen a suitcase packed with bacon, too many UL members to name arrived with home-baked cakes. A rather large number of which had been baked the previous evening, after the UL's last 12-bell band practice, or the same morning, due to staying later than intended in the



pub. In the church the cake stall took shape and Great British Bake-off would have been proud, whilst downstairs the kitchen resembled a mass catering challenge from Masterchef, as 120 rolls were buttered and 240 rashers of bacon cooked. Becca, leading the catering team, remained calm under fire. While this was going on, Adrian and Helen Udal transformed the rector's study into judging HQ, for Martin Whiteley (Chief), Maggie Whiteley and Liz Orme, with a sound-feed to ensure that no detail was missed. As the church started to fill with excited ringers, we were relieved to feel ready for the day.

The London 12 bell competition has some novelties, setting it aside from other ringing competitions. The name gives it away, but it is for London teams who ring on 12 within Greater London. With a range of ringing societies eligible, some of course ring more frequently on 12 than others, which means the competition for middle order placing is often as hotly contested as at the top. You don't have to ring in London for long to realise there are a lot of towers, and a lot of challenging rings of 12. In order to have sufficient ringers for so many of these towers, most individuals ring with more than one band. A typical Sunday involves a network of individuals crossing the city to ensure all the bells are rung. The London 12 bell competition recognises and embraces this fact, allowing people to ring for 2 bands, with further rules specifying that a person can't ring the same bell and that bands can't be constituted of more than 50% of the same ringers as another band. The competition's Secretary, Michael Uphill, has the unenviable task on the morning of the competition of comparing team sheets to ensure we comply with these rules. When he announced at the draw that all teams were eligible there was a great feeling of relief that the jigsaw puzzle had worked.

After a welcome by competition Chair Stephen Mitchell, Alan Hughes, who donated the Whitechapel Trophy, conducted the draw. After a series of late draws, the Southwark team was delighted to be drawn fourth. The St Paul's Cathedral band much less pleased to be drawn tenth and last to ring.

During the ringing period the competition can feel quite rushed – each band has a 20min slot in which to practice and complete the test piece – which means that the changeovers between bands need to be speedily accomplished. With ringers being in up to two bands even the logistics of meeting with the correct number at the bottom of the tower can be challenging: you can't just assume a missing ringer is lost or late, they might already be upstairs ringing.

The test piece is another novelty of this competition. This year's piece was the first 6 leads of Cambridge Max, although the first 2 leads were not marked. The judges commented that this was a good system, allowing bands to settle into the rhythm, but they had found a perceptible change when bands moved from the un-marked to the marked section.

One part of event management that is always tricky is getting the landlord of the designated pub to believe just how much ringers will consume: beer (lots), food (lots) and lager (next to nothing). Perhaps due to the late draw of St Paul's Cathedral, who have never let ringing get in the way of keeping the bar busy, and the relatively early draw of Southwark, it didn't take too long for the pub to be drunk dry. Although the upside was that motivating people to leave a pub without beer for the results did not seem to be difficult.

The band: clockwise from front right. 1. Charles Herriott, 2. Katie Town, 3. Helen Herriott, 4. Katie Lane, 5. Rachel



Mitchell, 6. Chris Rimmer, 7. Rupert Littlewood, 8. Ben Meyer, 9. Ryan Noble, 10. Andrew Brown, 11. Martin Cansdale, 12. Andrew Hills

The judges efficiently turned around the results in just over an hour after the last band rang – a mammoth undertaking given there were 10 teams to be ranked. Bang on the scheduled time, Martin Whiteley as Chief Judge gave us a general overview of the ringing that had taken place during the day. Maggie Whiteley took us through peal speeds and comments for each band and then Liz Orme gave the all important results, before Competition certificates, designed by Andrew Hills, were presented to the top-3 bands and the trophy was presented by Alan Hughes to Shirley McGill and Olly Cross for the Cumberlands, the first time this society has won this competition. One result of ringers being eligible for more than one band is the possibility of some mixed emotions at results time, sometimes by a considerable margin. This year one ringer was in the winning team and the one that came last.

After the results a new pub was required and many of the participants made the short walk over the river to The Sheaf, where we made significant in-roads into their beer and jager-bomb stocks. No doubt there were many people who benefitted from the additional hour's sleep overnight as the clocks went back – surely an essential



feature for the day after any striking competition.

**Results:**

- 1st Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (81%)
- 2nd St Michael-upon-Cornhill (80%)
- 3rd Ancient Society of College Youths M (79%)
- 4th Ancient Society of College Youths Q (77%)
- 5th University of London Society of Change Ringers (68%)
- 6th St Paul's Cathedral (66%)
- 7th St Martin-in-the-Fields (65%)
- 8th South Croydon (63%)
- 9th Southwark Cathedral (57%)
- 10th Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (52%)

Katie Town

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION WEEKEND** 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013

This year's SUA was hosted by Southampton University in Southampton (obviously) on 8th-10th November. The UL being organised as usual had managed to get a last minute band of 7 current students together although we all decided to only come down for the Saturday. This decision could be attributed to laziness or competition focus, I will let you decide. Due to not being there on Friday evening I cannot comment on happenings, although I am reliably informed by my inside informant (Tom Wood) that 'nothing much happened'.

Whilst all the dedicated SUA ringers rose and had the draw at 9am, we all arrived after a lovely, comfy night's sleep at 10am on Saturday morning to a gloomy, rainy Southampton. Luckily we quickly found a Weatherspoon next to the first church and settled ourselves to a good spoon's breakfast. The 8 bell striking competition was soon underway, although we were reliably informed we were 3rd so had time to finish our food. The 8 bell competition took place on the back 8 at St Michael's (10, 16-1-15). We only managed to get 7 current students (Boo!) but Robert Sworder was temporarily promoted to honorary UL member and made up the final member of our team. We rang a touch of Bob Triples conducted by Ryan Noble and it was quite good (for Bob triples).

After that moment of excitement, we hurried over to St Mary's (10, 21-2-8) to join the general ringing. This, unfortunately, turned out to be a bit of a trek and ended in us all becoming completely drenched and looking very attractive when we walked into the ringing chamber. After a few touches pretending I knew what I was doing in caters we all went for lunch (Yay!). 50 students descending on a pub at once wasn't really thought out, so the UL formed a breakout group to a good CAMRA pub. We did get a bit swamped by Saints supporters but a round of 4 drinks was less than £10! Thankfully we managed to restrain ourselves in preparation for the 6 bell competition and didn't drink too much.

We quickly dashed to Tesco's for some food and those in the Southwark band went to ring in the 6 bell competition at St Barnabas (6, 2-3-2). This left just Ben and I who decided we would kill time by joining the general ringing at The Ascension, Bitterne Park (12, 8-1-13). This was another trek away and it started raining again. To make matters worse I LEFT MY UMBRELLA IN TESCO! Worst thing ever. So eventually we made it to Bitterne Park and managed to fire out a few touches there, then headed back to St Barnabas to ring for the 6 bell competition. After figuring out how best to stand whilst cramped ringing in a porch we rang a touch of Grandsire doubles called by Chris Rimmer. We then returned to the church hall next door to wait for the results.

The moment we had all been waiting for arrived. We all went over to the church with our pints to hear the results. In the 6 bell competition the UL came 3rd (not bad) and in the 8 bell competition the UL(scratch) came 1st, claiming the title of the best University ringing society in the south (probably the world). Tom Hinks even



went so far as to say it was a nice touch of Bob triples! Other societies' results don't matter/I can't remember them. We then headed over to the church hall for a celebration with cider and beer kegs and a ceilidh (of course). After this I headed home, so I can't tell you what happened on Sunday, but I am reliably informed that 'nothing much happened'. Thank you to SUGCR for a great weekend.

Sophie Middleton

## 68<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER WEEKEND 22<sup>ND</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup> November 2013

The 68<sup>th</sup> Annual UL Dinner weekend started off on the Friday night with some open ringing on the 12 at St Seps. With lots of people present we were able to ring lots of Grandsire, Stedman and even a bit of Bristol Max. It was clear from when they arrived that some of the Freshers were a little worse for wear having been drinking all afternoon, and it was a surprise that they were all still standing in the pub- The Rising Sun near Smithfield, where drinking continued for a large amount of the evening.

Saturday morning was an early start for some, who needed to be at St Mary le Bow at 9am to attempt the dinner day peal. Attempt was the operative word as unfortunately after about 2/3 of the peal we had to stop, although this meant that we had an extra hour in the pub for lunch, at the Crosse Keys. There were also 2 quarter peals at Hart Street, 1 of which was successful – London S Minor by the Secretaries, and 1 unsuccessful quarter attempt at St Dunstan in the West by the OUS.

During the pub lunch Rupert decided to hide Ryan's speech (which he was still writing) which caused a minor panic!

We sat down for an excellent meal at Brown's on Old Jewry and then had the speeches by Martin Cansdale, Hannah Wilby (guest speaker) and the Master. A toast was proposed to the memory of Roger Bailey.

The partying went on into the small hours with the traditional UL disco, with all the cheesy tunes and onward drinking elsewhere.

Lots of us congregated for Breakfast in the Liberty Bounds on the Sunday morning prior to the AuGM in the Church Hall and this was followed by a further pub visit and finally a quarter peal attempt at St Barts (although this was another unsuccessful part of the weekend!)

Roll on the 69<sup>th</sup> Dinner!

*[Ed – This was the event report which held up the publishing of the Annual report, it was meant to be written by Mr Holmes, but the report never appeared - I got fed up and then decided that it would just be easier if I wrote it myself! - RSN]*

## CHRISTMAS HANDBELLS Throughout December 2013

Having taken a break last year, it was decided that the UL should once again entertain the shoppers of London with carols, raising money for the Southwark Cathedral bell fund.

After a few ad-hoc practices in early November, Jacqui started to organise some proper practice sessions. It was at this point we found out that we would be doing not one, but four performances, and that we were unlikely to have a single band able to make all four. Fortunately there were enough of us to swap in and out, and we soon had a schedule in place.

Practices then commenced in earnest, meeting early each Thursday and most Sundays, including lugging the bells to various towers around London to fit a few hours extra in here and there. We decided that learning all the music was unrealistic, so we slimmed our repertoire down to a half-hour set, ending with an increasingly enthusiastically rung Jingle Bells.

As the first performance approached, last minute preparations included polishing up the bells, acquiring suitably Christmassy jumpers, decorating buckets for donations and figuring out what we were going to do with the music. Fortunately Jacqui came through with a set of music stands she generously donated to the UL.

Our first show was on Friday 6th December at Tachbrook Street Market, near Victoria. After the Mayor of Westminster turned on the Christmas tree lights we played for about an hour, alternating pieces with the Westminster Community Choir. The shoppers seemed very appreciative of our efforts, including one elderly lady who talked at us at great length while we were trying to concentrate on the trickier parts of Silent Night. As we were finishing, one mother informed us that her young children were so enthralled with our playing that they had insisted on rushing home to get their pocket money to throw in our buckets. After packing up, the nearest pub was located, and, for some, a major drinking session commenced.

The following day we were due to play at Southwark Cathedral Christmas Market for a good part of the afternoon. The bells, buckets and music stands, and most of the ringers arrived at Southwark around midday, only to be informed that certain members had possibly taken the last night's drinking too far, and the music had been left in a pub in Shoreditch. Fortunately, we were assured that the Master was on the case, and had been frantically printing out new copies all morning (thankfully



Jacqui had uploaded all the music to the website for such an event...). True enough, moments before we were due to start, Ryan arrived not only with newly-printed music, but all put together in folders ready for us to go.

Various conversations that took place Friday Night/Saturday Morning...

### **Friday night:**

*Becca jokes with Ryan that he will leave the handbell music in the pub. Ryan replies "don't be silly, I would never do anything as stupid as that"!*

*Becca leaves and drinking continues... several pubs later, Becca receives a phone call from Ryan saying something relating to handbells and not knowing where he was.*

*Jacqui also gets a message saying: "Do you have any copies of pub from yesterday", followed by: "Ignore last message. Ryan v wasted." – the mystery deepened!*

### **Saturday Morning:**

**Ben to Ryan:** "I was just having a thought that we left the handbell music in the pub last night..."

*\*long pause\**

**Ryan to Ben:** "I was just having the same thought...Jacqui's going to kill me!"

*Ryan calls Jacqui*

**Jacqui to Ryan:** "Hi, how are you this morning?"

**Ryan to Jacqui:** "I'm fine, however, the handbell music may not be... we left it in the pub last night!"

**Jacqui to Ryan:** *\*something vaguely unrepeatable\** – "well, we're going to have to print it all again, we've got an hour..."

We played in several locations around the Cathedral for most of the afternoon, until it got too dark to see the music. Our initial compliment was augmented as the day went on, as Becca arrived from Lewes and Jenny Willis managed to make it, after (understandably) assuming Southwark Cathedral was near Southwark tube. With all the music run through four or five times, we were getting increasingly confident and the final encore of Jingle Bells was played at break-neck speed.

With the light failing, we headed back to Hart Street to count up our takings, while Ryan went to try and locate the original music sets. A last-minute donation was added to the pot outside the Draft House on Seething Lane where Mr Blobby asked for a kiss from Becca (or 'girl with the mistletoe' as she was addressed). The total for the day ended up at over £150.

After another practice session on the Sunday, we agreed that we were now confident enough to add two of the trickier tunes to our set for Monday. We arrived in Leicester Square around 4pm where we found that locating a position with enough light to play meant we were battling with the noise of fairground rides and a mic'd up singer. Despite this, we played well, though some of us were starting to get blisters from ringing the bells so hard. After packing up the bells into backpacks, most of us then headed south of the river to see Saving Mr Banks (which was agreed to be excellent).

The final performance was on Saturday 14th, on Oxford Street. As was to be expected 11 days before Christmas, it was extremely busy, but most people were rushing past with no time to stop and appreciate our, by now excellent, playing. We'd gotten confident enough to add in the challenging Ding Dong Merrily on High as well as a new descant to liven up the end of The First Noel. After almost two hours playing, everyone was exhausted and happy to head back to Hart Street and then the Bounds.

After a final count up, we'd raised a total of almost £300 over our four days, plus a few rupees, kroner and euros. We all agreed that this was a great result, and also that we'd rather not play any more handbells for a while.

Special thanks to Jacqui Bale for organising the ringing and to Helen Herriott for getting the performance permits.

The ringers were:

Asher Kaboth, Becca Cullen, Ben Barnes, Ben Meyer, Chris Rimmer, Jacqui Bale, Kate Wallis, Mariko Whyte, Peter Valuks, Ryan Noble, Tom Nagel

Plus bucket shakers:

Chris Brown, Helen Herriott, Jenny Willis, Nick Brown, Sophie Middleton.



Tom Nagel

## CHRISTMAS PRACTICE AND PARTY 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013

I've compiled a list of facts, mostly gleaned from other people seeing as I can't seem to remember much (amnesia, but definitely not of the alcohol induced variety!).

- ⇒ Ryan ran the ringing by candlelight
- ⇒ 'I can't believe it's not spiced' sort of came round
- ⇒ There was singing of varying degrees of tunefulness from a carol sheet that Jacqui prepared
- ⇒ Handbell carols were attempted which were considerably more tuneful than the singing (apart from when the hands holding the bells were muddled up)
- ⇒ There was too much food

- ⇒ Me and Ryan spent a whole day making Christmas sausage rolls
- ⇒ Ben Meyer definitely spilled red wine but accounts vary. Ryan reckons it was all over the floor which Kate then rolled in, Sophie thinks he spilled it onto Kate and Asher, and Kate thinks Ben poured it on her
- ⇒ Emma Ridley became Capt Vom
- ⇒ Little Bob was not lost
- ⇒ There was a disco ball
- ⇒ Tim's contribution was a bottle of cava, some cheese and a whole melon

Becca Cullen

[Ed.—**An Amusing Snippet...** This report had the greatest difficulty finding its way to me—Becca accidentally sent the report to another “Ryan Noble” and she got a message back telling her that he was not her friend and had no idea who she was. Well, I imagine the other Ryan Noble found great joy in reading this little report, found in an email entitled “The product of no lunchbreak!”]

## WINTER TOUR TO OXFORD 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014

In the days leading up to the Winter Tour we had much discussion and dithering about potential floods in Oxford and what public transport would or would not be doing. Happily this didn't hamper us, the UL were determined, and turned out in large numbers on time at the first tower, St Thomas – ran by Becca. This light IO kept us on our toes with several experienced ringers amongst us being caught out round the front end! We managed several surprise major methods here and throughout the day with varying degrees of success... We also managed to ring Stedman and Grandsire Caters at this tower.

Lincoln College was located back up the high street with the UL arriving in dribs and drabs as cash, coffee, sugar and coke were found en route to combat the early start. These bells felt like hard work and after a failed attempt at Cambridge we were told the locals usually rang a lot quicker than we had done. Problem rectified, some very nice eight spliced was scored! Jenny (tour organiser) managed some decent Grandsire Triples inside with help unrequired from Becca and after some had woken up, managed some Stedman. Tim H – whilst half asleep on the floor – helped keep the band right - Although it was rather disconcerting to have arms waving around knee height whilst ringing.

### St Giles

- ⇒ Most had come via pub and were therefore late!
- ⇒ Church was a building site
- ⇒ Some ladders to contend with
- ⇒ Jenny rang Little Bob for first time (treble)

### Lunch

- ⇒ Jenny was very organised!
- ⇒ Unfortunately the pub didn't seem to know what “Pre-booked” meant

### 2.30-3.30 Magdalen (IO)

- ⇒ We got lost on way – but the majority made it on time.
- ⇒ Steep staircase



- ⇒ Most people up tower looking at view
- ⇒ Tim Holmes ran tower with point of umbrella!

#### 4.00-5.00 Christ Church (12)

- ⇒ Got ice-cream beforehand – lovely!
- ⇒ UL rang Call Changes, Plain Hunt 11, Grandsire Cinques & Stedman Cinques

#### 5.15-6.00 St Aldates (6)

- ⇒ Across the road
- ⇒ Jenny ran this tower
- ⇒ Norwich Surprise Minor
- ⇒ An attempt was made at “A Beer Bob” Minor
- ⇒ Many people by now had given up and ‘got stuck’ in the pub

#### 6.15-7.00 Carfax Tower (6)

- ⇒ Ran by Mariko
- ⇒ Very few of us left
- ⇒ Heavy going six – hard work! Lots of jumping around

PUB—We had to head home – but was presumably very good.

Our thanks go to Jenny Willis who organised a brilliant tour of Oxford!

Jacqui Bale

[Ed.—I can only assume that Jacqui got bored after writing up the first couple of towers, hence the bullet points.]

## ROGER'S QUARTER PEAL WEEKEND 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> January 2014

On the 22nd January 2013 the ULSCR lost one of its most influential characters. Roger Bailey was a regular at a large number of UL events and known to all members young and old.

One year on, the UL decided to mark the anniversary of his passing in the form of a weekend of ringing and socialising. The aim for the weekend was to achieve some "First in method" footnotes and also to ring things that are slightly more challenging for us. We scored 8 out of 10 quarter peal attempts, one handbell peal and had an hour of ringing on the far from easy bells at The Queen's Tower, Imperial College - including a good plain course of Stedman Caters. Overall 28 people took part in the quarter peal attempts, with many others turning up at The Queen's Tower to remember Roger.

*Details of all the quarters that we rang can be found in the quarter peal section of the Annual Report.*

Ryan Noble

## PEAL WEEKEND 7th-9th February 2014

At the UL, we are very fortunate to have enough current students, active past students and ‘wannabe members’ to continue hold an Annual peal weekend. This year, as it does every year, our peal weekend took place on the



second weekend in February. We had ten peal attempts booked in between Friday lunchtime and Sunday evening, as well as three pub sessions.

Friday lunchtime started off at St Andrew's Holborn where we met 9 people, although this was intentional as the church had requested that we have someone on duty as "Fire warden." Some of us wondered what the job entailed and whether the Fire warden should come up the tower and tell us to stand if the ringing started to deteriorate. In any case there were no fires in the church and we scored a good peal of Cassiobury S Major. After lunch most of us had a short break in the pub before heading onward to the two evening peals – one at St Dunstan in the West, of Lincolnshire S Royal, this being the first time the society had rung at the tower and later a handbell peal at Hart Street, where 4 Spliced S Major was scored. Following this we enjoyed several beers in a suitable establishment on Fleet Street.



Saturday morning was an early start for some, we travelled out to Carshalton, which was one of Tom Wood's local towers. We scored a peal of the Standard 8 spliced, this being the first of Spliced for Tom. At roughly the same time, a peal of Yorkshire S Major was scored at St George in the East, Stepney which was David Phillips' first peal. After a detour back from Carshalton (due to a broken down train) both bands, and several other people eventually met up for lunch at the Crosse Keys. After lunch the two afternoon bands rolled out from the pub to attempt a peal of Cambridge S Major at Hart Street, which was scored and was Sophie Middleton's first peal. The 12 who met to ring Stedman Cinques at St Magnus, were unfortunately not successful when we had to stop after about an hour.

The Saturday evening is notorious for being the real social part of UL peal weekend, drinking commenced immediately after ringing finished and we later headed to the Hare and Tortoise at Blackfriars for food. Some of us tried to get into Reflex (the 80s music club) later on in the evening, but it was decided to abort when we realised that we were going to be charged to get in.

Sunday morning was sore heads and hangovers; so it was just as well that we didn't have any peals that morning. In the afternoon we had three attempts; the first of which was at St Clement Danes immediately following the morning service, where Kate Wallis rang her first peal of Surprise Major. Later on in the afternoon we had a St Olave's Society attempt at Willesden of Bristol Major, which was unfortunately not successful and a final peal was scored at St James, Garlickhythe of Plain Bob Major, which was a first for Jenny Willis.

This was the most successful peal weekend in recent years, with 8 out of 10 peals being scored, 3 first pealers, the majority of





our current students ringing in an attempt and in total 37 people taking part (including those who didn't score a peal). Overall we had some good ringing, drinking and an enjoyable weekend.

*Details of all the peals that we rang can be found in the peal section of the Annual Report.*

Ryan Noble

## PANCAKE PARTY 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014

This year's pancake party, as usual, was a very jolly occasion. Combining perhaps the two best aspects of being a bell ringer, eating food and drinking. Thanks must go to Chloe for masterfully creating wonderful American style pancakes for us to consume! There was a large variety of toppings, my favourite being the blueberry and banana.) I'm not entirely sure that Kate Wallis is quite so appreciative of Chloe, as after quite an intense game of Twister there did result in some competitive biting.

As is always the case with these events they are made by the people who turn up, and so thanks to everyone for making it such a great occasion, I very much look forward to next year's party!

Chris Rimmer

## NATIONAL 12-BELL ELIMINATORS 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014

The day started with the majority of the band assembling for a pre competition breakfast in the Butchers' Hook and Cleaver in Smithfields' market. It was a good hearty start to the day with much meat and was enjoyed by all apart from the much stressed manager who couldn't understand why his pub was so busy. Breakfast was punctuated by Hills' travel updates and asking has anyone heard from Tim?



We were drawn in the middle of the day but before lunch so not a bad draw for us! After a lot of UL faff ensued to take a photo – in UL based clothing, we retreated to the pub headquarters to admire Mariko's amazing cake and drink non alcoholic beverages.

Thankfully time passed away quickly and it was soon time to ring. We started the touch by sitting in a yoga style position to calm the nerves – I'm not too sure if it worked tho.... It was not the best we had rung the touch, but it was a good solid effort.

The band: clockwise from front right. 1. Charles Herriott, 2. Jenny Lane, 3. Becca Cullen, 4. Katie Lane, 5. Helen Herriott, 6. Mariko Whyte, 7. Rachel Mitchell, 8. Chris Rimmer, 9. Tim Holmes, 10. Ryan Noble, 11. Andrew Hills, 12. Rupert Littlewood.

Following the ringing we partook in drinking Cava provided by the president and shouted abuse at the Southwark band as we walked back towards the pub – as they were on their way to ring. We were especially



complimentary about Luke's blue T-shirt!

The pub was exceptionally busy as both London eliminators were to receive results in the same pub. It was quite amusing to see such a large amount of ringers in such a small place! We ate each other (from Mariko's cake) and enjoyed the drinking.

The results were delivered and at least we didn't come last, however during all the commotion we might have lost (or had our bear napped) Little Bob, as he's not been seen since.

Many bombs were purchased as one would expect and some people were quite worse for wear by 7pm. Somehow Ryan and Rachel managed to make it to closing and then get lost on their way to farr-rring-don.

Thanks to everyone that come along on the day to support the band and those who helped with ringing practices in the build-up. Perhaps we can enter again next year and try to improve on our result.

Katie Lane



## EASTER TOUR TO WAREHAM 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April 2014

So, apologies up front if my report is not what is expected. As it is my first time writing one, I will unintentionally not follow the guidelines, and probably miss out important information.

To begin... the tour was organised by our lovely Koko (Mariko) Whyte, to her hometown of Wareham in sunny Dorset, and the surrounding area. Most of Team UL shared lifts from London, or rode down on motorbikes (Dyer), but the brave few met up at London Waterloo early on the Friday morning, armed with bicycles, helmets, energy snacks and booze.

The train journey through Dorset was picturesque out of the windows, but pretty turbulent and tricky on the train, as (much to Rupert's dismay), South West Trains had opted to run a short four-carriage train in place of its usually 100-carriage one. Meaning, we were all cramped into the tiny corridor near the smelly disabled loo because the designated bike area had already been taken over by a large group of tourists and their large number of suitcases. Rupert spent most of the train journey, marching belligerently up and down the carriages making passive aggressive remarks to the tourists and our lovely train manager, who kept us smiling with cheeky remarks over the tannoy announcements.

Alors, when we arrived in Dorset, the sun was shining, the weather was sweet... We cycled up the hill to Koko's house, where we found Mr. Whyte happily running a bicycle workshop in his front yard, busily trying to kit out all members of the UL with machines for an early evening cycle. The cycle was really gorgeous, with a few steep hills to pedal up, and then wondrously glorious downhill stints too. The views were incredible, especially at that time of day.

We spent much of that evening having drinks in one of the local pubs, The Quay Inn, followed by takeaway dinner back at the Scout Hut. Everyone opted to buy a takeaway of their choosing, and we all ate together like one, big, happy, drunk family. A game of Dodgeball ensued, with most of the girls out in the first round, and then the boys gave up soon after to continue with the debauchorous drinking. At one point we decided to pop out to the local pub, but soon decided drinking on the floor of the scout hut was a much better idea, and got back there to continue. The rest of the night is a blur.

On Saturday we rang at many lovely towers, with a few really good games of Human Knot taking place outside of some of the smaller towers, and many a Daisy Chain was fashioned and worn by Jacqui Brown throughout the day. I wish I was able to comment more on the quality of ringing, but neither my memory, nor my knowledge of ringing will allow it. Sorry about that!

Saturday lunchtime, we were lucky enough that the sun was beating down upon us, so we ate lunch in the beer garden of the Lion Pub in Swanage, after which a bunch of us took a stroll down to the local sandy beach. It was



blooming cold, but sunny enough that Rupert and I stripped off and sneakily popped on our swimmers and went for a swim in the sea. We attracted quite a crowd of tourists who stood pointing/laughing/staring in amazement. It was cold. Very cold.

The afternoon continued with more tower grabbing, including St Edward the Martyr at Corfe Castle, which we had spied the previous evening on our casual jaunt on the bikes. We finished off the day ringing at Lady St Mary in Wareham, where most of us retired to the local pub, dropped off bikes, collected more booze and went to a really cute, albeit slightly bizarre, Roast Dinner Restaurant (whose name escapes me). It was buffet style, very delicious, and much wine was consumed. The server took quite a shine to Becca, who was gifted more meat than most others, it was a meal enjoyed by all, especially the cyclists who really needed it after a long day of many ups and downs!

After our bellies were full, we retired back to the hut for more drinking, downing and debauching, with the evening finishing with lots of singing and merriment in the porch of the hut. Memories are blurry, but that is probably for the best.

Sunday morning started off with a terrible hangover and a light drizzle outside. The cycle to Wimborne was sunny and really enjoyable, ringing for service at St Cuthberga was too! This was followed by a much needed 'Spoons fry-up. With full stomachs the cyclists reluctantly mounted their steeds again for the ride to Poole, which was wet and windy, but pleasant enough. The keeno cyclists arrived at Poole harbour just in time for the ferry to Brownsea Island, splattered head-to-toe in mud, especially LukeO, who looked like he'd crapped himself for the rest of the day.

The short ferry ride was enjoyed by most, but not particularly by Becca or myself, who both suffer from



seasickness. We endured it though, and it was worth it to see the island. A national trust property, impeccably kept, with a lovely, albeit windswept café to welcome you onto its shores. We were granted free entry onto the island because of ringing, which was a bonus. Some adventurous types wondered off to picnic on the hill, discover the views from the cliff tops, whereas a small group of us opted to staying the café to drink beer for most of the afternoon.

Later that afternoon, a bunch of us (Mariko Whyte, Chloe Grimmett, Becca Cullen, Ryan Noble, Rupert Littlewood, Timothy Forster, David Phillips and Benjamin Meyer) rang a quarter peal of Cambridge. The bells were really light and fast, so it was hard to keep up with what was going on, especially for me as it was my first quarter treble bobbing. Anyway, we got it in the end, and then a small group rang for the evening service.

Back onto the boat we jumped, I was nearly sick, the boys drank more, and then we were at the next tower, St James in Poole (the hardest bells of the tour). A bunch of the boys (Naked and LukeO) dropped off slowly to slink into the nearest 'Spoons for a cheeky few, which is where the tour ended for most.

Now it was time to say our farewells. Those in cars sped off, and the few of us who had return tickets trundled towards the train station led by local Tony Matthews, armed with bags of booze, crisps and pots of humus, only to be greeted with the most unfortunate of sights: A Replacement Bus. The bus driver would not allow our booze on board so we reluctantly stowed it below and bagged ourselves the back row. What followed next was probably the most traumatic train journey of my entire life with very inappropriate loud jokes. I'm pretty sure at least 3 of us were nearly fined or arrested that night. Bags were lost, I cried, some balls were revealed, Rupert was disgusted (that's when you know it's gone too far!), but it all worked out in the end: most of us made it to the Liberty Bounds before last orders, where we all agreed it had been a superb weekend.

Chloe Grimmett

## TEWKESBURY SHIELD 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014

Saturday 3 May dawned bright and early though clearly too early for some. All our travel plans worked smoothly and all 10 of us reached Tewkesbury with plenty of time for breakfast in The Royal Hop Pole Weatherspoon's.

The touch that had been designated for this year's competition was Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal, which in itself sounds relatively harmless, but not when the bells are thrown in and out of the mega tittums position by a fiendish series of calls probably generated by a half-cut algorithm. Unsurprisingly we struggled during our practices.

Anyway, after our breakfast, we headed toward the Abbey for the draw and came across Nigel and Jenny Herriott who said they had managed to fire the touch at their W&P practice earlier that morning. This was encouraging to us who hadn't successfully completed it either! We were drawn just after lunch which allowed us to play several games of croquet and frisbee whilst enjoying a lovely picnic provided by Katie Lane's Mum.

Our turn came and we rang respectably: this was by no means the worst piece of ringing I have ever heard and more importantly it came round! Our supporters and cheer leaders in the form of Rosemary Hill who was visiting from Spain that weekend must have helped!

What next but to beer it up with a more traditional choice of pub – the Bell—and a nice way to relax in the afternoon sunshine and prepare for the results. This year the judges were Nick Brown, Alastair Smith and Mark Regan.

I think at this point in this report I am obliged to censor the information I wrote down on the day about the judges' comments. I will summarise them as critical and concise with strong negative associations toward each test piece. The breakdown of the results follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Derby Diocesan Association (80%)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oxford Diocesan Guild (78%)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St Martin's Guild (73%)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild (71%)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Salisbury Diocesan Guild (65%)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Welsh Colleges Society (62%)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sussex County Association (56%)
- 8<sup>th</sup> University of London Society (53%)

Disqualified - Worcestershire and Districts Association (most unfortunately did not complete the touch)

After the results it was back to the Royal Hop Pole to top up the alcohol levels before the return trip to London. I think by this point I had had more gin than was strictly necessary and will encourage all users of public transport that the "please mind the gap" announcement is there for a reason!

After a last one for the road in the Fuller's at Paddington we all went home (unfortunately not with a red-dressed Irish girl) after what was actually quite a fun day.

Thanks must go to Ryan for organising the band, tickets, and practices, and June Lane for the picnic.

Andrew Hills

## REALLY, DID I SAY THAT!?

Sadly, only a few quotes have been recorded this year, nonetheless there are a few gems!

| Name(s)                         | Quote  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Clare Dyer about Luke Camden    | "He got me wet earlier!"   |
| Chris Rimmer                    | "OK I've only burnt the kitchen down once... *joking laughter*... no really this is a new kitchen"   |
| Chris Rimmer                    | "Yes, I am your mother"  |
| Rhiannon Meredith               | "Who do you think I am... The UL Pimp!?"   |
| Kate Wallis / Mariko Whyte      | "6lbs - How many babies is that" / "Just under one, why?" / "I was trying to work out whether I'd rather give birth to a mini ring than a baby!" |
| Chris Rimmer / Heather Forster  | "I'm not a grown man" / "Well, you've certainly grown"   |
| Chris Rimmer / Heather Forster  | "She walks around and they bounce up and down" / "That's what I'm told big boobs do, but I don't know"   |
| Jenny Willis to Rachel Mitchell | (re Tim Holmes) "What has he just done to your hole!?"   |
| LukeO Camden                    | "That was just the best moment ever - I just walked into a mirror and apologised to myself"  |
| Rupert Littlewood               | "Tim [Forster] was so offended by Simon's <insert another word for the male private parts>, he left the carriage"                                |

## PEALS RUNG FOR THE ULSCR 2013-2014

There were 11 successful peals rung for the society this year. Eight peals were scored during peal weekend. In total, there were 3 members who scored their first peal and several who rang their "first in method".

**HORSLEY**, Gloucestershire, St Martin  
Sunday October 27, 2013 in 2h56 (13cwt)

### 5040 Stedman Triples

Comp: Arr. John Pladdys (No.2)

- 1 Katharine J Firman
- 2 John Pladdys (C)
- 3 Maureen J Hanney
- 4 James E Andrews
- 5 Thomas R Garrett
- 6 Peter G Holden
- 7 Graham G Firman
- 8 Richard O Humphries

Birthday compliment to Tim Pett, and celebrating Richard's 50 years in the Society.

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**LONDON**, Greater London, St Andrew  
Friday February 7, 2014 in 3h0 (18cwt)

### 5088 Cassiobury Surprise Major

Comp: Donald F Morrison (No.6160)

- 1 Ryan S Noble
- 2 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 3 Heather M Forster
- 4 Rebecca A Cullen
- 5 Christopher P G Rimmer
- 6 Peter J Blight
- 7 Timothy E S Holmes
- 8 Andrew M Hills

For UL peal weekend.

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**LONDON**, Greater London, St Dunstan in the West  
Friday February 7, 2014 in 2h55 (11cwt)

### 5040 Lincolnshire Surprise Royal

Comp: Peter W J Sheppard

- 1 Timothy E S Holmes
- 2 Helen M Herriott
- 3 Heather M Forster
- 4 Thomas P Wood
- 5 Nicholas J Hartley
- 6 Benjamin J Meyer
- 7 Oliver D Cross (C)
- 8 Ryan S Noble
- 9 Jon Waters
- 10 Dickon R Love

First inside on 10: 4.

First in method: 2 & 5.

For UL Peal Weekend.

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**LONDON**, St Olave's Church, Hart Street  
Friday February 7, 2014 in 2h34 (15)

### 5024 Spliced Surprise Major (4m)

(1408 Rutland; 1280 Yorkshire; 1216 Lincolnshire;  
1120 Cambridge; 31 com, atw)

Comp: Robert W Lee

- 1-2 Andrew M Hills
- 3-4 Katherine L Town
- 5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 7-8 Peter J Blight

First of spliced in hand: 1-2.

For UL peal weekend.

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**CARSHALTON**, Greater London, All Saints  
Saturday February 8, 2014 in 2h52 (11cwt)

### 5120 Spliced Surprise Major (8m)

(8m: 896 Rutland; 704 Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 640  
Cambridge; 576 each London, Pudsey, Superlative; 448  
Bristol; 88 com, atw)

Comp: Philip G K Davies (reversed)

- 1 Christopher P G Rimmer
- 2 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 3 Katie E M Lane
- 4 Thomas P Wood
- 5 Nicholas J Hartley
- 6 Andrew M Hills
- 7 Ryan S Noble
- 8 Timothy E S Holmes

For UL peal weekend.

First of spliced: 4.

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**STEPNEY**, Greater London, St George in the East  
Saturday February 8, 2014 in 2h55 (6cwt)

### 5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: D G Hull

- 1 Gwen Rogers
- 2 Martin J Cansdale (C)
- 3 Nix Ruberry
- 4 Mariko Whyte
- 5 Peter M Jasper
- 6 David S Phillips
- 7 Jon Waters
- 8 Benjamin J Meyer

For Society Peal Weekend.

First peal: 6.

First UL peal: 3.

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**LONDON**, Greater London, St Olave  
Saturday February 8, 2014 in 2h53 (12cwt)

**5056 Cambridge Surprise Major**

Comp: Charles Middleton (Johnson's arr.)

- 1 Peter M Jasper
- 2 Thomas P Wood
- 3 Michael J Trimm
- 4 Sophie M Middleton
- 5 Adrian R Udall
- 6 Sean D Langton
- 7 Nicholas J Hartley
- 8 Oliver D Cross (C)

First peal: 4.

First for the Society: 6.

For UL peal weekend.

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**WESTMINSTER**, Greater London, Strand, St Clement  
Danes

Sunday February 9, 2014 in 3h2 (21cwt)

**5056 Lincolnshire Surprise Major**

Comp: N D Brown

- 1 Thomas P Wood
- 2 Katie E M Lane
- 3 Kate R Wallis
- 4 Thomas L Nagel
- 5 Christopher P G Rimmer
- 6 Sean D Langton
- 7 Benjamin J Meyer
- 8 Andrew M Hills (C)

Rung following Choral Eucharist.

For UL peal weekend.

First Surprise: 3.

First in method: 4, 6.

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**LONDON**, Greater London, St James Garlickhythe  
Sunday February 9, 2014 in 2h54 (9cwt)

**5040 Plain Bob Major**

Comp: J W Holdsworth

- 1 Chloe A Grimmett
- 2 Rebecca A Cullen
- 3 Mariko H Whyte
- 4 Jennifer C Willis
- 5 Jennifer C E Lane
- 6 Michael J Trimm
- 7 Ryan S Noble
- 8 Timothy E S Holmes (C)

For UL peal weekend.

First peal: 4.

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**SARAJEVO**, 11 Hamdije Kresevljakovica  
Saturday March 22, 2014 in 2h51 (15)

**5056 Kent Treble Bob Major**

Comp: Marcus C W Sherwood & Donald F Morrison (arr.)

- 1-2 Sheila Dickinson
- 3-4 Nicholas W Jones
- 5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 7-8 Lian von Wantoch

Believed to be the first peal rung in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Remembering Roger Bailey.

First handbell inside: 7-8.

100th handbell peal together 3-4 & 5-6.

Ringing World page ref: 5374.0411

**LIMEHOUSE**, Greater London, St Anne  
Saturday May 10, 2014 in 3h0 (13cwt)

**5056 Bristol Surprise Major**

Comp: Mark B Davies

- 1 David S Phillips
- 2 Mariko H Whyte
- 3 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 4 Sophie M Middleton
- 5 Thomas P Wood
- 6 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 7 Ryan S Noble
- 8 Timothy E S Holmes

First in method: 4.

Rung on the Society's AGM day as a compliment to the outgoing Master.

Ringing World page ref: 5379.0566

## PEALS RUNG FOR THE ST OLAVE'S SOCIETY 2013-2014

Five peals were rung for the St Olave's Society during 2013 to 2014. Three tower bell peals and two handbell peals, at five different locations and involving 34 ringers.

### **INVERARAY**, Strathclyde, All Saints

Saturday August 31, 2013 in 3h33 (42cwt)

#### **5088 Stedman Caters**

Comp: R W Lee

- 1 Robert W Lee (C)
- 2 Jennifer C E Lane
- 3 Michael J Trimm
- 4 Rachael C Smith
- 5 Henry D Coggill
- 6 Charles W G Herriott
- 7 Andrew J Graham
- 8 Oliver D Cross
- 9 Andrew P F Bradford
- 10 Rupert H J Littlewood

Ringing World page ref: 5343.0958

### **KENSAL GREEN**, 52 Burrows Road

Saturday November 23, 2013 in 2h11 (11)

#### **5024 Kent Treble Bob Major**

Comp: Graham A C John

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

Rung prior to the University of London Society's annual dinner, remembering Roger Bailey a year after his last peal.

Ringing World page ref: 5355.1247

### **LONDON**, Islington, 9G Highbury Crescent

Sunday January 19, 2014 in 2h25 (11)

#### **5184 Bristol Surprise Major**

Comp: D G Maynard

- 1-2 Katherine L Town
- 3-4 Ruth Blackwell
- 5-6 Nicholas W Jones
- 7-8 David G Maynard (C)

Rung in memory of Roger Bailey.

Ringing World page ref: 5364.0155

### **LIVERPOOL**, Merseyside, Tuebrook, St John the Baptist

Saturday January 25, 2014 in 3h9 (16cwt)

#### **5152 Bristol Surprise Major**

Comp: Ian Butters (No.504)

- 1 Lucy M Bricheno
- 2 Pauline Campling
- 3 B Haley Barnett
- 4 David J Baverstock
- 5 Mark A Humphreys-Green
- 6 Peter L Furniss
- 7 Lenard J Mitchell
- 8 George H Campling (C)

Fondly remembering Roger Bailey.

Ringing World page ref: 5365.0187

### **SOUTHWARK**, Greater London, Cathedral Church of St Saviour

Saturday February 15, 2014 in 3h53 (48cwt)

#### **5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus**

Comp: J N Hughes-D'Aeth

- 1 Katie E M Lane
- 2 Christopher Forster
- 3 Christopher P G Rimmer
- 4 Timothy E S Holmes
- 5 Ian G Mills
- 6 Jonathan Cresshull
- 7 Ryan S Noble
- 8 Luke O Camden
- 9 Nicholas D Brown
- 10 Andrew M Hills
- 11 John N Hughes-D'Aeth (C)
- 12 Edward N Hughes-D'Aeth

Ringing World page ref: 5367.0234

## COMPOSITIONS

### 5056 Bristol Surprise Major

Mark B Davies

| 23456 | M | B | W | H |
|-------|---|---|---|---|
| ----- |   |   |   |   |
| 42356 |   |   |   | 1 |
| 54326 |   |   | 1 |   |
| 54263 |   | - |   | 1 |
| 32465 | 1 | 5 |   | 1 |
| 26354 |   | - |   |   |
| 43652 | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| 43526 |   | - |   | 1 |
| 24536 |   |   | 1 |   |
| 43265 |   | - |   |   |
| 45362 | 2 |   |   | 1 |
| 63254 | 1 |   | 1 |   |
| 52436 | 1 |   | 1 |   |
| 34625 | 1 |   | 1 |   |
| 26543 | 1 |   | 1 |   |
| 64352 | 1 |   | 2 |   |
| 23456 | 1 |   |   | 1 |

Contains 24 56s, 20 65s, 12 8765s and 72 little bell runs at the back; and 24 8765s, 12 5678s and 64 little bell runs off the front.

*Rung for the University of London Society at St Anne, Limehouse on 10 May 2014, conducted by Michael J Trimm.*

### 5152 Bristol Surprise Major

Ian Butters (no.504)

| 234567 | M | B |    | W | H |
|--------|---|---|----|---|---|
| -----  |   |   |    |   |   |
| 42356  |   |   |    |   | 1 |
| 54326  |   |   |    |   | 1 |
| 23645  | 1 |   |    |   | 1 |
| 473625 |   | 2 | sV |   |   |
| 542637 | 2 |   | sV |   | 2 |
| 32465  | 1 | 5 |    |   | 1 |
| 63425  |   |   |    |   | 1 |
| 24536  | 1 |   |    |   | 1 |
| 374526 |   |   | sT |   |   |
| 263547 | 2 |   | sV |   |   |
| 43652  | 1 |   |    |   | 1 |
| 23456  | 2 | 5 |    |   |   |

Contains 74 cru's (including 24 56s and 18 65s), 24 each 6857s, 7586s & 8765s, 23 7685s, 18 8756s and 56 little bell runs at the back; and 23 8765s (including backgrounds), 17 5678s, 16 6578s and 70 little bell runs off the front; with 3 courses of 56s in full and only 35 calls.

*Rung for the St Olave's Society at St John the Baptist, Tuebrook on 25 January 2014, conducted by George H Campling.*

### 5184 Bristol Surprise Major

David G Maynard

| 23456 | M | B | W | H |
|-------|---|---|---|---|
| ----- |   |   |   |   |
| 45236 |   | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| 53462 |   | - |   |   |
| 24365 | 1 | 5 |   | 1 |

For handbells: contains 16 courses of coursing for 5-6 and 8 for 3-4.

*Rung for the St Olave's Society at 9G Highbury Crescent, Islington on 19 January 2014, conducted by David G Maynard.*

### 5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus

John N Hughes-D'Aeth

| 23456 | M | W | H |
|-------|---|---|---|
| ----- |   |   |   |
| 54326 |   | 2 | 2 |
| 56423 | 2 |   | - |
| 24365 | - | - |   |
| 53462 | - |   | - |
| 65432 |   | - |   |
| 23456 | - | - | - |

*Rung for the St Olave's Society at Southwark Cathedral on 15 February 2014, conducted by John N Hughes-D'Aeth.*

### 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 St Olave, Hart Street on 8 February 2014, conducted by Oliver D Cross.*

### 5088 Cassiobury Surprise Major

Donald F Morrison (no.6160)

| 23456   | M | W | B | H |
|---------|---|---|---|---|
| -----   |   |   |   |   |
| (35426) | - |   | - |   |
| (52436) | - |   | - |   |
| 43526   |   | - |   | - |
| (43265) | - | - |   |   |
| (36245) | - |   | - |   |
| (36452) | - | - |   |   |
| 45362   |   | - |   | - |
| 64352   |   | - |   |   |
| 34256   | - |   |   |   |

3-part.

Contains 24 56s and 15 65s; 15 5678s and 12 each 6578s & 8765s off the front, with back rounds in the last course.

*Rung for the University of London Society at Andrew, Holborn on 7 February 2014, conducted by Michael J Trimm.*

## 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major

Graham A C John

23456 M B W H

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56342      2
23645    -      -
62534      4
45236    -      -
63254    -  5    -
56234      -
42563      4    -
64523      -
23456      2
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A palindrome with 24 5678s.

*Rung for the St Olave's Society at 52 Burrows Road, Kensal Green on 23 November 2013, conducted by Michael J Trimm.*

## 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major

Marcus C W Sherwood (arr. Donald F Morrison)

23456 M B W H

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42635      4
36245    2  2
65243    1  5      2
62453      5  1  2
23456    1  5      2
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For handbells. Also true to Oxford.

*Rung for the University of London Society at 7A Hamdije Kresevljakovica 11, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina on 22 March 2014, conducted by Michael J Trimm.*

## 5056 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

Nicholas D Brown

234567 V B M W H

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-----
63254      2
63542    -      -
235764    -    -    -
524367    -      -
43526      3    -    -
35426      3      2
42356      -      -
34256      3      -
53246      -    3
45236      -
23456      3    -    -
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Contains 61 cru's including 21 56s; 48 little bell runs at the back; Queens.

*Rung for the University of London Society at St Clement Danes, Westminster on 9 February 2014, conducted by Andrew M Hills.*

## 5040 Lincolnshire Surprise Royal

Peter W J Sheppard

23456 7 M W H

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54362      s  s  s
24365    ss  s      3
63452      s  s  s
54326    ss  s  s  s
53426      3      s
23456      s  3
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*Rung for the University of London Society at St Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet Street on 7 February 2014, conducted by Oliver D Cross.*

## 5040 Plain Bob Major

James W Holdsworth (no.7)

23456 V F B I M H

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-----
52364      -      2
35264      ss -
42356    3  -      -  -*
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6-part, calling s for -\* halfway and end. For 5040 omit any 3 ssM.

Contains 24 each 5678s, 8765s & 7568s, 12 6578s and 36 little bell runs at the back; and 24 each 5678s, 8765s & 8657s, 12 8756s and 36 little bell runs off the front; Tittums.

*Rung for the University of London Society at St James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill on 9 February 2014, conducted by Timothy E S Holmes.*

## 5040 Stedman Triples

John Pladdys (no.2)

231456 2 S H L Q 14

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-----
(523416)    x      x  s  |
(152436)    x      x  s  |
(315426)    x      x  s  |A
346125      x      x      |
413265      x  x      x      |
-----
143256      x      |
-----
426315    s      |  |
234165      x  x      x      |B |
315426    s      |  |C
-----
421536      3B      |
256143    s      |
512463      x  x      x      |
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215364      2C
125346      x
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352164      A      |
(451362)    x      s  |
(253461)    x      s  |D
(154263)    x      s  |
514236      x      |
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231456      3D
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*Rung for the University of London Society at St Martin, Horsley on 27 October 2013, conducted by John Pladdys.*

## 5088 Stedman Caters

Robert W Lee

134265879

|           |              |      |
|-----------|--------------|------|
| 134256978 | 3.s4.6.8.s10 | (16) |
| 3214      | 6.s8.16      |      |
| 2431      | 6.s8.16      |      |
| 4123      | 6.s8.16      |      |

|           |                   |      |
|-----------|-------------------|------|
| 421365789 | 4.8.9.10.11.13.14 | (14) |
| 2341      | 6.s8.16           |      |
| 3124      | 6.s8.16           |      |
| 1432      | 6.s8.16           |      |

|           |                 |      |
|-----------|-----------------|------|
| 143298765 | 11.12.13.14.s15 | (16) |
| 4213      | 3.4.s9.18.19    | (20) |
| 2341      | 3.4.s9.18.19    | (20) |
| 3124      | 3.4.s9.18.19    | (20) |

|           |                         |      |
|-----------|-------------------------|------|
| 312497568 | 3.4.6.8.s9.s11.12.13.14 | (14) |
| 1432      | 6.8.16.s18              |      |
| 4213      | 6.8.16.s18              |      |
| 2341      | 6.8.16.s18              |      |

|           |                           |      |
|-----------|---------------------------|------|
| 234175698 | 1.2.s3.4.s6.8.9.s11.12.13 | (14) |
| 3124      | s2.6.8.10.16.18           |      |
| 1432      | s2.6.8.10.16.18           |      |
| 4213      | s2.6.8.10.16.18           |      |

|           |                            |      |
|-----------|----------------------------|------|
| 421365879 | s2.3.4.5.6.8.9.11.12.13.14 | (14) |
| 2341      | s4.s9.s14.18.19            | (20) |
| 3124      | s4.s9.s14.18.19            | (20) |
| 1432      | s4.s9.s14.18.19            | (20) |

2-part, starting with rounds as the 3rd row of a slow six.

Contains 24 each 56789s, 56978s, 65789s, 98765s, 97568s, 57968s; Queens, Whittingtons, Roller Coaster.

*Rung for the St Olave's Society at All Saints, Inveraray on 31 August 2013, conducted by Robert W Lee.*

## 5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

David G Hull

23456 V M W H

|       |    |   |   |
|-------|----|---|---|
| 36452 | -  | 2 |   |
| 46253 | ss | - |   |
| 26354 | ss | - |   |
| 53462 | ss | - | - |
| 23465 | s  | 3 |   |
| 43652 | s  | 2 | - |
| 34256 | 2  | 2 |   |
| 24536 | 2  | - |   |
| 45236 | 3  | 2 |   |
| 23456 | -  | - |   |

Contains 24 each 56s and 8765s, 18 65s, 14 8765s off the front, 12 5678s off the front.  
*Rung for the University of London Society at St George-in-the-East, Stepney on 8 February 2014, conducted by Martin J Cansdale.*

## 5024 Spliced Surprise Major (4 methods)

Robert W Lee

23456 M W H Methods

|       |   |   |             |
|-------|---|---|-------------|
| 43652 | - |   | YYY.YR      |
| 56234 | - | - | R.RRRRR.(R) |
| 23564 |   | - | RY.YYY.     |
| 52364 |   | - | NNNNCCC.    |
| 35264 |   | - | CCCCNNN.    |

5-part, substituting NNN for (R) in one part. Contains 1408 Rutland; 1280 Yorkshire; 1216 Lincolnshire (N); 1120 Cambridge; 31 changes of method, all the work.

*Rung for the University of London Society at St Olave's Church, Hart Street on 7 February 2014, conducted by Michael J Trimm.*

## 5120 Spliced Surprise Major (8 methods)

Philip G K Davies (reversed)

23456 M B W H Methods

|       |   |   |                     |
|-------|---|---|---------------------|
| 34256 |   | 2 | B/YYCPCNN/          |
| 52436 |   | 2 | RY/LLLLLRL/YYN/LYL/ |
| 35426 |   | - | RRRRRR/NSN          |
| 56423 | - | 2 | NNS/PSCY/SSSSSCS/   |
| 54263 |   | - | YCCY/R/NNNPR/       |
| 24653 | - | - | R/BBB/LRR/          |
| 65243 |   | - | RC/CPC/             |
| 32546 | - | - | CCP/NYPP/           |
| 24365 |   | - | PP/BBB              |

2-part.

Contains 896 Rutland; 704 each Lincolnshire (N), Yorkshire; 640 Cambridge; 576 each London, Pudsey, Superlative; 448 Bristol; 88 changes of method, all the work; 74 cru's.

*Rung for the University of London Society at All Saints, Carshalton on 8 February 2014, conducted by Michael J Trimm.*



## QUARTER PEALS RUNG FOR THE ULSCR DURING 2013-2014

A total of 42 quarters were rung for the society in the last year. This does not include quarters that have not been published on BellBoard – if there were any that fit in this category!

**City of London**, St Olave's, Hart St  
Sun, 19 May 2013 (15C)

### 1312 Kent TB Major

1–2 Pi Fisher  
3–4 D Robert C Sworder  
5–6 Nicholas W Jones  
7–8 Andrew M Hills (C)  
First Treble bob: 1-2.  
Welcoming Pi to London.

**City of London**, St Olave's, Hart St  
Sun, 19 May 2013 in 42m (11-3-23)

### 1260 Grandsire Triples

1 Ryan S Noble  
2 D Robert C Sworder  
3 Sophie M Middleton  
4 Thomas L Nagel  
5 Gary S Barr  
6 Andrew M Hills (C)  
7 Nicholas W Jones  
8 Thomas P Wood  
Rung for the Christening of Lucas Maximilian  
Stephan Earl on Pentecost Sunday.  
First Grandsire Triples - 3.

**City of London**, St Bartholomew-the-Great  
Sun, 26 May 2013 in 37m (5-2-0)

### 1260 Doubles (10m, 1p)

1 Andrew M Hills (C)  
2 Sophie M Middleton  
3 Ryan S Noble  
4 Simon D Roberts  
5 Edward N Hughes-D'Aeth  
Rung for Evensong.  
"Fix my Lighthouse"  
Circled the tower and as Cond.: 1  
Most doubles methods: 2, 4 & 5.

**Kilburn**, St Mary with All Souls  
Tue, 18 Jun 2013 in 44m (9-3-22)

### 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

1 Roxanne F Hughes  
2 Andrew M Hills (C)  
3 Ryan S Noble  
4 Benjamin J Barnes  
5 David S Phillips  
6 Rebecca A Cullen  
First Quarter Peel on the bells, rung by a  
band of current students.  
First Quarter Peel inside: 4.

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
Sun, 7 Jul 2013 in 51m (21-1-3)

### 1331 Grandsire Caters

1 Sophie M Middleton  
2 Hannah L Wilby  
3 Andrew M Hills (C)  
4 Charles W G Herriott  
5 Rachel J Mitchell  
6 Rachael C Smith  
7 Simon D Roberts  
8 Martin J Cansdale  
9 Jonathan R Slack  
10 Alban D Forster  
Rung following Choral Eucharist.  
First on 10: 1.  
Believed first Grandsire Caters: 2.

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
Sun, 14 Jul 2013 in 46m (21-1-3)

### 1250 Cambridge S Major

1 Simon D Roberts  
2 Jacqueline L Bale  
3 Sophie M Middleton  
4 Roxanne F Hughes  
5 Christopher J Brown  
6 Katherine L Town (C)  
7 Thomas L Nagel  
8 Andrew M Hills  
Rung following morning service.  
First Cambridge S Major: 5

**Sarajevo**, Bosnia & Herzegovina  
Hamdije Kresevljakovica 7A/11  
Sat, 17 Aug 2013 in 37m (11G)

### 1260 Plain Bob Minor

1–2 Guy W Atchison  
3–4 Lian von Wantoch  
5–6 Nicholas W Jones (C)  
First on a fully working pair: 3-4.

**Sarajevo**, Bosnia & Herzegovina  
Hamdije Kresevljakovica 7A/11  
Sat, 17 Aug 2013 in 40m (11G)

### 1260 Plain Bob Minor

1–2 Lian von Wantoch  
3–4 Guy W Atchison  
5–6 Nicholas W Jones (C)  
First on a fully working pair: 3-4.  
Believed to be the first quarter peal rung in  
Bosnia & Herzegovina.

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
Sun, 1 Sep 2013 in 45 m (21-1-23)

### 1250 Yorkshire S Major

1 Rhiannon M Meredith  
2 Jacqueline L Bale  
3 Sophie M Middleton  
4 Victoria L Evans  
5 Andrew M Hills (C)  
6 Thomas P Wood  
7 Ryan S Noble  
8 William J Dawson  
Rung following Choral Eucharist.  
First in method: 3.

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
Sun, 8 Sep 2013 in 49m (21-1-3)

### 1296 Little Bob Royal

1 David S Phillips  
2 Helen M Herriott  
3 Sophie M Middleton  
4 Roxanne F Hughes  
5 Cathryn M Hills  
6 Thomas L Nagel  
7 Thomas P Wood  
8 Andrew M Hills (C)  
9 Ryan S Noble  
10 Philip M Hills  
Rung following Choral Matins.  
First in method: 2, 3, 4, and 7.  
First on 10: 1 and 3.

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
Sun, 6 Oct 2013 in 48m (21-1-23)

### 1250 Superlative S Major

1 Ryan S Noble  
2 Michael J Trimm (C)  
3 Tessa K Beadman  
4 Rebecca A Cullen  
5 Rupert H J Littlewood  
6 Thomas P Wood  
7 Timothy E S Holmes  
8 Katherine L Town  
Rung following morning service.  
Also rung in memory of Elizabeth Jones née  
Layton, who joined the ULSCR in 1957 and  
passed away on Saturday 28th September  
2013.

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
Sun, 13 Oct 2013 in 47m (21-1-3)

**1259 Grandsire Caters**

1 Christopher P G Rimmer  
2 Jacqueline L Bale  
3 Rhiannon M Meredith  
4 David S Phillips  
5 Andrew M Hills (C)  
6 Thomas P Wood  
7 Thomas L Nagel  
8 Timothy E S Holmes  
9 Ryan S Noble  
10 Rupert H J Littlewood  
Rung following the WRAF/WAAF Service.

**City of London**, St Bartholomew-the-Great  
Sun, 27 Oct 2013 in 40m (5cwt)

**1260 Stedman Doubles**

1 Mariko Whyte  
2 Katie E M Lane  
3 Thomas Nagel  
4 Thomas Wood  
5 Daniel J Smith (C)  
Rung for Evensong

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
Sun, 3 Nov 2013 (21-1-3)

**1259 Grandsire Caters**

1 Ryan Noble  
2 Katie Lane  
3 Sophie Middleton  
4 Tom Wood  
5 Mariko Whyte  
6 David Maynard (C)  
7 Tom Nagel  
8 Tim Holmes  
9 Andrew Hills  
10 Ben Barnes  
First QP of Grandsire Caters: 3

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
Sun, 10 Nov 2013 in 51m (21-1-23)

**1344 Yorkshire S Major**

1 Rupert Littlewood  
2 Katie Lane  
3 Thomas Wood  
4 Jonathan Slack  
5 David Phillips  
6 Ryan Noble  
7 Andrew Brown  
8 Edward Hughes-D'Aeth (C)  
Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.  
First in method at first attempt: 5

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart St  
Sun, 17 Nov 2013 (11-3-23)

**1250 Lincolnshire S Major**

1 Andrew M Hills (C)  
2 Ryan S Noble  
3 Sophie M Middleton  
4 Katie E M Lane  
5 Mariko Whyte  
6 Christopher P G Rimmer  
7 Jon Waters  
8 Timothy E S Holmes  
Rung to mark the Tercentenary of the burial of Fabian Stedman.  
First in method: 3.

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart St  
Sat, 23 Nov 2013 in 45m (11-3-23)

**1320 London S Minor**

1 Lucy Bricheno  
2 Nicholas Hartley  
3 Sophie M Middleton  
4 Mariko Whyte  
5 Quentin Jackson  
6 Peter Jasper (C)  
7 Jennifer Willis  
Rung for our annual dinner by a band of past and present secretaries. The real power behind the society.  
First blows in method-3  
Rung with a cover

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
Sun, 1 Dec 2013 in 45m (21-1-23)

**1250 Cambridge S Major**

1 Mariko H Whyte  
2 Sophie M Middleton  
3 Jacqueline L Bale  
4 David S Phillips  
5 Rebecca A Cullen  
6 Thomas L Nagel  
7 Thomas P Wood  
8 Ryan S Noble (C)  
Rung after morning service for Advent Sunday.

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
Sun, 8 Dec 2013 (21-1-23)

**1250 Cambridge S Major**

1 Mariko Whyte  
2 Jacqueline L Bale  
3 Rebecca A Cullen  
4 Tom Nagel  
5 Christopher P G Rimmer (C)  
6 Rupert H J Littlewood  
7 Timothy E S Holmes  
8 Andrew M Hills  
First as Conductor  
Rung for the RAF Benevolent Society Carol Service.

**City of London**, St Mary-le-Bow  
Fri, 13 Dec 2013 in 57m (41)

**1344 Bristol S Maximus**

1 Rebecca A Cullen  
2 Ryan S Noble  
3 Katherine L Town  
4 Christopher P G Rimmer  
5 Timothy E S Holmes  
6 Benjamin J Meyer  
7 Rachael C Smith  
8 Martin J Cansdale  
9 Charles W G Herriott (C)  
10 Andrew M Hills  
11 Andrew J Graham  
12 Andrew P F Bradford  
First in method: 4

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart St  
Sun, 15 Dec 2013 in 42m (11-3-23)

**1280 Spliced S Major (8m)**

1 Katie E M Lane  
2 Ryan S Noble  
3 Michael R Crockett  
4 Thomas L Nagel  
5 Charles W G Herriott (C)  
6 Christopher P G Rimmer  
7 Timothy E S Holmes  
8 Nicholas D Brown  
Rung following the Christingle service.  
First of 8 spliced: 6

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
Sun, 22 Dec 2013 in 48m (21-1-23)

**1282 Cambridge S Royal**

1 Kate R Wallis  
2 Rosemary E Hill  
3 Christopher P G Rimmer  
4 Ryan S Noble (C)  
5 Thomas L Nagel  
6 Rebecca A Cullen  
7 Thomas P Wood  
8 Timothy R Forster  
9 Edward N Hughes-D'Aeth  
10 Timothy E S Holmes  
Rung for Christmas.  
First of Cambridge Royal: 5  
First of T.B. Royal: 1

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
Sun, 5 Jan 2014 in 45m (21-1-23)

**1280 Rutland S Major**

1 Helen M Herriott  
2 Sophie M Middleton  
3 Mariko H Whyte  
4 Thomas P Wood  
5 Katie E M Lane  
6 Edward N Hughes-D'Aeth  
7 Timothy E S Holmes (C)  
8 Ryan S Noble  
First in method: 2  
Rung following Morning Service.

**Battersea**, Surrey, St Mary  
Fri, 17 Jan 2014 in 45m (13cwt)

**1272 Spliced Major**

1 Emma P Ridley  
2 Jennifer C E Lane  
3 Mariko H Whyte  
4 Asher C Kaboth  
5 Sophie M Middleton  
6 David S Phillips  
7 Thomas P Wood  
8 Timothy E S Holmes (C)  
Rung by a current Imperial College band (7 students, 1 staff) on the UL quarter peal weekend in memory of Roger Bailey, who was a lecturer at the University.

**Willesden, St Mary**  
Sat, 18 Jan 2014 (7-3-7)  
**1280 Spliced S Major**  
1 Rachel J Mitchell  
2 Katie E M Lane  
3 Ryan S Noble  
4 Katherine L Town  
5 Mariko H Whyte  
6 Christopher P G Rimmer  
7 Timothy E S Holmes  
8 Andrew M Hills (C)  
Rung in memory of Roger Bailey.

**Westminster, St Margaret**  
Sat, 18 Jan 2014 (26-0-26)  
**1282 Lincolnshire S Royal**  
1 Rupert H J Littlewood  
2 Rebecca A Cullen  
3 Mariko Whyte  
4 Thomas Wood  
5 Jennifer C E Lane  
6 David G Maynard (C)  
7 Christopher Rimmer  
8 Benjamin J Meyer  
9 James White  
10 Andrew P F Bradford  
First of Lincolnshire S Royal: 2, 4, 5, 7 & 10.  
Rung in memory of Roger Bailey.

**Pimlico, St Saviour**  
Sat, 18 Jan 2014 in 41m (7-1-20)  
**1344 Grandsire Triples**  
1 Jennifer C E Lane  
2 Rupert J Cheeseman  
3 David G Maynard (C)  
4 Rebecca A Cullen  
5 Philip Naylor  
6 Cathy L A Cheeseman  
7 Timothy E S Holmes  
8 Jenny Willis  
Rung in memory of Roger Bailey.

**Pimlico, St Gabriel**  
Sat, 18 Jan 2014 in 48m (15-3-10)  
**1280 Yorkshire S Major**  
1 Helen Udall  
2 Benjamin J Meyer  
3 Jennifer R Pick  
4 Richard Webster  
5 Thomas P Wood  
6 Nicholas J Hartley (C)  
7 Katherine L Town  
8 Rupert H J Littlewood  
Rung as part of the UL quarter peal weekend  
in memory of Roger Bailey.

**Hampstead, Christ Church**  
Sat, 18 Jan 2014 in 50m (24cwt)  
**1344 Cambridge S Major**  
1 Richard S J Saddleton  
2 Jennifer C E Lane  
3 Rebecca A Cullen  
4 Rupert H J Littlewood  
5 Thomas L Nagel (C)  
6 Nicholas D Brown  
7 David G Maynard  
8 Jonathan R Slack  
First Quarter Peal as conductor.  
Rung as part of the UL quarter peal weekend  
in memory of Roger Bailey.

**Chelsea, All Saints (Old church)**  
Sat, 18 Jan 2014 in 43m (10cwt)  
**1250 Lincolnshire S Major**  
1 Sophie M Middleton  
2 Ryan S Noble  
3 Timothy E S Holmes (C)  
4 Tom Nagel  
5 Rupert J Cheeseman  
6 David S Phillips  
7 Cathy L A Cheeseman  
8 Katherine L Town  
Rung as part of the UL quarter peal weekend  
in memory of Roger Bailey.  
First in method: 6  
The Master would like it noted that Sophie  
was on a box.

**Stepney, St Dunstan**  
Sun, 19 Jan 2014 in 49m (28-3-0)  
**1287 Stedman Caters**  
1 Andrew M Hills (C)  
2 Mariko H Whyte  
3 Rebecca A Cullen  
4 Katie E M Lane  
5 Ryan S Noble  
6 David S Phillips  
7 Rupert H J Littlewood  
8 Luke O Camden  
9 Edward N Hughes-D'Aeth  
10 Nicholas D Brown  
Remembering Roger following morning  
service.  
First Stedman: 6.

**Oxford, St Ebbe**  
Sat, 1 Feb 2014 in 40m (4-3-19)  
**1280 Superlative S Major**  
1 Clare E F Dyer  
2 Mariko H Whyte  
3 Thomas P Wood  
4 Rupert H J Littlewood  
5 Simon D Roberts  
6 Peter M Jasper  
7 Luke O Camden  
8 Oliver D Cross (C)  
200th quarter: 3  
Rung on OUS Dinner day by the Superlative  
Society.

**Westminster, St Clement Danes**  
Sun, 2 Feb 2014 in 45m (21-1-23)  
**1250 Cambridge S Major**  
1 Nicholas D Brown  
2 Duncan Loweth  
3 Thomas L Nagel  
4 Rebecca A Cullen  
5 Ryan S Noble (C)  
6 Garry S Barr  
7 Timothy E S Holmes  
8 Jonathan R Slack  
Rung for Candlemas following the morning  
service for the Air Training Corps.

**City of London, St Bartholomew the Great**  
Sun, 23 Feb 2014 in 48m (5.5 cwt)  
**1440 Plain Bob Doubles**  
1 Ryan S Noble  
2 Chloe A Grimmett  
3 Andrew V Brown  
4 Luke O Camden (C)  
5 Anthony P Matthews  
Rung prior to Choral Evensong.  
Circled tower to quarter peals: 1

**Westminster, St Clement Danes**  
Sun, 2 Mar 2014 in 49m (21-1-23)  
**1344 Spliced S Major (3m)**  
1 Mariko H Whyte  
2 Christopher P G Rimmer  
3 Thomas P Wood  
4 Michael J Trimm (C)  
5 David S Phillips  
6 Ryan S Noble  
7 Timothy E S Holmes  
8 Daniel J Smith  
First of spliced Surprise: 5.

**Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina**  
7A Hamdije Kresevljakovica 11  
Sat, 22 Mar 2014 (15C)  
**1280 Yorkshire S Major**  
1-2 Sheila Dickinson  
3-4 Nicholas W Jones  
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)  
7-8 Lian von Wantoch  
First of Surprise on an inside pair: 7-8.

**Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina**  
7A Hamdije Kresevljakovica 11  
Sun, 23 Mar 2014 in 55m (15C)  
**1280 Yorkshire S Major**  
1-2 Sheila Dickinson  
3-4 Nicholas W Jones  
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)  
7-8 Lian von Wantoch

**City of London, St Bartholomew the Great**  
Sun, 23 Mar 2014 in 40m (5.5 cwt)  
**1260 Doubles**  
1 Mariko H Whyte  
2 Ryan S Noble (C)  
3 Jennifer C E Lane  
4 Hannah L Wilby  
5 Rupert H J Littlewood  
Rung prior to evensong.

**City of London**, St Olave, Hart St  
Thu, 10 Apr 2014 in 43m (11-3-23)

**1280 Bristol S Major**

- 1 Rebecca A Cullen
- 2 Rachel J Mitchell
- 3 Ryan S Noble (C)
- 4 Katie E M Lane
- 5 Mariko H Whyte
- 6 Thomas P Wood
- 7 Andrew V Brown
- 8 Edward N Hughes-D'Aeth

Rung for the Easter Holiday!

**City of London**, St Paul's Cathedral  
Wed, 23 Apr 2014 in 60m (61-2-12)

**1287 Stedman Cinques**

- 1 Katherine L Town
- 2 Heather M Forster
- 3 Ryan S Noble
- 4 Rachel J Mitchell
- 5 Charles W G Herriott (C)
- 6 Christopher P G Rimmer
- 7 Timothy E S Holmes
- 8 Benjamin J Meyer
- 9 Michael R Crockett
- 10 Martin J Cansdale
- 11 Oliver D Cross
- 12 Andrew P F Bradford

**Brownsea Island**, St Mary the Virgin  
Sun, 27 Apr 2014 in 38m (4-2-21)

**1250 Cambridge S Major**

- 1 Chloe A Grimmett
- 2 Rupert H J Littlewood
- 3 Timothy R Forster
- 4 Rebecca A Cullen
- 5 Ryan S Noble (C)
- 6 Mariko H Whyte
- 7 David S Phillips
- 8 Benjamin J Meyer

Rung as part of the UL Easter tour,  
prior to several touches for afternoon  
service.

First of treble bob: 1

**Westminster**, St Clement Danes  
Sun, 4 May 2014 in 38m (7-1-15)

**1320 Norwich S Minor**

- 1 Rebecca Gingell
- 2 Thomas P Wood
- 3 Anthony P Matthews
- 4 Timothy E S Holmes
- 5 Ryan S Noble
- 6 Andrew M Hills (C)

Rung following 7 Squadron Anniversary  
Service.

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