

University of London
Society Of Change Ringers



Annual Report 1995-1996
The Rise and Fall of Bagpuss

*Once upon a time
Not so long ago
There was a little girl and her name was Emily
And she had a shop*



*There it is
It was rather an unusual shop because it didn't sell
anything
You see, everything in that shop window was a thing
that somebody had once lost
And Emily had found
And brought home to Bagpuss
Emily's cat Bagpuss
The most Important
The most Beautiful
The most Magical
Saggy old cloth cat in the whole wide world*

*Well now, one day Emily found a thing
And she brought it back to the shop
And put it down in front of Bagpuss
Who was in the shop window fast asleep as usual
But then Emily said some magic words*

*Bagpuss, dear Bagpuss
Old fat furry cat-puss
Wake up and look at this thing that I bring
Wake up, be bright
Be golden and light
Bagpuss, Oh hear what I sing*



*And Bagpuss was wide awake
And when Bagpuss wakes up all his friends wake up too
The mice on the mouse-organ woke up and stretched
Madeleine, the rag doll
Gabriel, the toad
And last of all, Professor Yaffle, who was a very distinguished old woodpecker
He climbed down off his bookend and went to see what it was that Emily had brought*

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Master's Report 1995–1996

It is with some relief that I finish as Master of the Society during its 50th year. I believe that the year was a complete success but take absolutely no credit for this. This must be given to the members of the 50th anniversary committee whose continuous hard work saw a very successful 50th anniversary dinner being held, a successful national programme of peals being rung, and a series of commemorative events being held throughout the year. In addition, many people organised ringing tours and weekends in their areas for the Society; and did so very successfully.

The ULSCR rang a grand total of (I don't know this figure) peals and (ditto) quarter peals during my time as Master. Of particular note were several peals of Spliced Surprise Major and Surprise Maximus including a peal of RABS; possibly the first time a University Society has ever rung this. The standard of practices remained consistently high, with Spliced Surprise Major including the Standard 8 and Glasgow and Belfast often being rung (even if certain members of the band chose to stand their bells halfway through). We also held 12 bell practices throughout the year and nearly every time managed to ring Stedman Cinques, and Cambridge, Yorkshire and Bristol Maximus. Those less experienced on 12 also benefited from these practices as they had a chance to try simpler methods. Hopefully, this trend can continue and subsequent Masters can encourage members of the Society of all abilities to continually improve. The intake of freshers this year was better than average and the majority of them have stayed on; two of them are now officers this year.

I also believe that this year the Society has forged closer links with the other London Ringing Societies; many of our members are also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths and the St. Margaret's Society of Change Ringers. We are as always close to the other University Ringing Societies in the country; they were well represented at our dinner and we were often represented at theirs (occasionally even in a favourable light). May these close links long continue.

I would like to thank all the members of the Society who so willingly assisted in making my task as Master easier this year; quite simply I could not have done it without them. I wish the Society good luck for the future.

Michael Townsend

Secretary's Report 1995–1996

There have been a lot of social events this year, not least of which was the 50th anniversary dinner. This was a great success and I would like to congratulate the 50th Anniversary Committee for this. Members of the society attended dinners at other universities, including Liverpool, Bristol, Exeter, Cambridge, Oxford and Holloway's 25th Anniversary Dinner.

The annual picnic was successful and I would like to thank Miranda Buck and Vanessa Powell for this. The summer tour was held in Shropshire & Richard Saddleton organised this. The freshers' tour was held in Swindon, thanks to Will Thomas.

Weekends were arranged by Samantha Hovey and Poppy Chambers. Finally I would like to congratulate Chris Herriot and Ed Webb on their engagement.

Rosalind Palfrey

General Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 1996

INCOME	£	£
<i>Balances 1st April 1995:</i>		
Treasurer's Account	848.15	
Petty Cash	1.14	
Ringling World Account	<u>37.96</u>	
		887.25
Peal Fees and Donations	185.50	
Interest	9.53	
Steepleage from UL practices	77.71	
9 Subscriptions @ £5.00	45.00	
3 T-Shirts @ £7.50	22.50	
Report Donation	10.00	
2 Tickets for the 1994 Dinner @ £21.00	42.00	
Profit on 1995 Dinner	<u>55.68</u>	
		<u>447.92</u>
		<u><u>1,335.17</u></u>
 EXPENDITURE		
Secretary's Expenses	14.37	
Lightbulbs	3.95	
Engraving 8-bell Striking Competition Cup	8.00	
Ringling Worlds - Bound Copy	20.00	
Notices in Ringling World	57.12	
Loss on Food at City Darts	32.50	
Handbell Insurance	15.68	
Southwark Practices - 5 @ £3.00	15.00	
Central Council Subscription	10.00	
Tewkesbury Shield Entrance Fee	<u>10.00</u>	
		186.62
 <i>Balance 31st March 1996:</i>		
Treasurer's Account	600.93	
Petty Cash	431.78	
Ringling World Account	<u>115.84</u>	
		<u>1,148.55</u>
		<u><u>1,335.17</u></u>

Dinner Account 1995

INCOME	£	£
170 Tickets @ £29.00	4,930.00	
Sale of Beer & Glasses	317.18	
Raffle Income	<u>136.00</u>	
		5,383.18
 EXPENDITURE		
Ringing World Adverts	40.00	
Hotel - 173 meals @ £20.95	3,624.35	
Wine Corkage	240.00	
Mineral Water Corkage	30.00	
Beer Corkage	60.00	
Cloakroom Attendant	41.25	
Glasses - Purchase and Engraving	651.30	
Wine & Mineral Water Purchase	224.19	
Beer Purchase	300.00	
Raffle Prizes	35.52	
Raffle Ticket Book	2.49	
Disco	150.00	
Stationery	24.40	
Postage	<u>4.00</u>	
		<u>5,427.50</u>
Overall Loss on Dinner		(44.32)
Deposit Reflected in 1994/95 Accounts		<u>100.00</u>
Profit on Dinner in 1995/6		<u><u>55.68</u></u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books and accounts of the Society and, in my opinion, the dinner accounts and the balance sheet give a true and fair view of the financial state of the ULSCR as at 31 March 1996.

Ian Fielding
Auditor
9 May 1996

Miss Miranda Buck's Picnic Recipe (1995)

Ingredients

Lots of People (assorted)
Lots of Food (including white bread)
Lots of Alcohol (vegetarian friendly beer essential - apparently)
Cricket Bat (1)
Balls (2 or 3)
A Park to mix in (the larger the better, Victoria Park for instance)
Sunshine (pre-heated to a pleasantly warm temperature)
A Set of Handbells (optional)

Method

1. Take first five people to Sainsburys to purchase the second and third items making sure one of them comes complete with a credit card.
2. Arrange to meet other people at a specific location taking special care that there are not two fountains in the same park.
3. Wrap the people around the outside of the food and moisten with the alcohol, reserving some of each for later for the latecomers and for second helpings.
4. Note: Self-stuffing people are easier to use for the above step.
5. Leave to rest for a short time before attempting any physical activity.
6. Select appropriate trees as marker posts and proceed to play UL Rules rounders until things get thoroughly heated.
7. Check occasionally to make sure that the volume controls of the people are still correctly set (especially if any Colombians have been added).
8. Repeat first part of step 3 and second part of step 5 until enough's enough.
9. Clear up litter, blood, bodies, etc. and go home.

WARNING: DO NOT ATTEMPT WITH ANY BORING GROWN-UPS PRESENT

HCS

ULSCR Summer Tour 1995 - Chester and Surrounding Area

Saturday - The UL descends on Whitchurch

What can I say? Everyone arrived, the tents went up ... and so did Nick, apparently, for he was heard to proclaim, "Where are the spare rubbers? This one seems to have perished!". The fact he was talking about part of a tent was obviously lost on the UL!

Naturally enough as the evening progressed, we all drifted down to the local Pub. This turned out to be a very good move, because the barman didn't seem to care much for the licensing laws and stated he'd continue serving us while we still had money, and some people had money for quite a long time...

Sunday - Glint's great chat-up tutorial

The previous night had obviously been eventful for some of the revellers. Mike claimed that "Glint was bolt upright last night". Unfortunately Glint didn't seem to be able to remember the alleged incident.

One UL contingent set off to ring at Liverpool Cathedral. We decided to stop at Pier Head on the way, even though this required indifference to the odd one way street! However, we all had a good ring there and moved on to the Cathedral itself. Ringing there was quite an experience.

After lunch, Glint gave his first chat-up lesson, asking the busy barmaid, "So then, what is there to do in Ellesmere on a Sunday afternoon". She walked off quickly without comment, with Glint claiming he'd never meant it that way.

In the afternoon we hired a couple of rowing boats. In a desperate attempt to capsize our own boats, we changed rowers a couple of times. Following this, we turned our hand to ram-raiding the other boat. (Un?)fortunately, we missed them every time.

Monday - Pete shows everyone he's too fit and Poppy practices Ventriloquism

In the afternoon, we all took a leisurely stroll up the Wrekin. For some reason, Pete turned into a suicidal maniac and made sure he arrived at the top first. After a short breather to let a few other people catch up and grab a quick picture, he was off down again - reaching the bottom before some people were in sight of the top. All this was on a really nice hot sunny day. Pete later revealed his secret, "You get Mars Bars and stick them up your helmet and they go all gooey!"

In the early evening, we descended on Shrewsbury to ring. Whilst waiting for everyone to arrive at the first tower, Poppy and Pete disappeared up a stairway in the corner of the bell chamber. A few minutes later, Pete was quite clearly heard to shout, "Help!" However, when the two re-appeared, Poppy claimed she had shouted, "Oww!" due to banging her head on the roof.

Tuesday - Nick tests the Criminal Justice Bill

While the majority of the UL went to Alton Towers in the afternoon, some of us stayed back at the camp, preferring to ring handbells, or having been just two weeks ago in my case!

In the mid afternoon our thoughts once more drifted to food and drink, so we walked to the local Pub, only to find it closed. However, a very handy map indicated the position of a place called Bell o' th' Hill, so we decided to have a short walk and ring some handbells there. When we arrived, we found a Pub (alcoholic magnetism???) which was right in the centre of Bell o' th' Hill according to the landlord, so we stayed. A quarter peal attempt was interrupted after approximately one course by a very large dog walking up and taking a great interest in the handbells themselves.

On the way back, we followed a Public Footpath along a disused railway track. After wading across a couple of farmer's fields and climbing a fence, Nick was questioned a little more deeply on the "Public" part, at which point it was revealed that in wasn't, at all. Glint demonstrated his 100m sprint soon after when barked at by a number of dogs in a local farmhouse.

Wednesday - My birthday and The Incredible Disappearing Path

Today was destined to be nickname presentation day. In order to distract me from my birthday cake arrangements, Richard Saddleton came and engaged me in conversation about the walk we were going on that afternoon. Unfortunately, he sat down on the same side of the picnic table as I was sitting on, and the whole thing tipped over spilling vinegar all over my coat, hence my nickname "Vinny".

Whilst actually on the walk, we made the mistake of deciding to take a more direct return route. Although the path we 'took' was marked clearly on the map, it was obvious no-one had walked along it for a very long time. There was one time we thought the heather was so high that Poppy had got lost, but it turned out she'd actually fallen over!

On the way back to Wrexham for ringing in the evening, Nick persuaded Michael to take a small diversion, shouting "Drive slow! Drive slow, in case we see any Dykes!" - All offers gratefully accepted, Ed.

Thursday - Castle Poppy and drunken revelry

During the afternoon we had a beach party experience. Attempts were made to play various games such as Cricket, Football and Frisbee, but the wind added an extra dimension creating something more akin to Crazy Golf or catch-the-flying-food.

Poppy decided that building a sand castle was far more sensible. The final effort had a two metre diameter moat, with connecting streams nearly ten metres out to sea. Unfortunately, King Canute did not return to save the day and the castle ended up succumbing to wave and manual destruction. This was followed by a ritual dunking of Pete and Poppy in the sea.

The evening proved quite interesting for Nick, because Vanessa arrived. This produced such memorable quotes from Nick as, "Get your gob round this", and, "I can't believe you'll shag anyone as good as I am!"

Will succumbed to intoxication too, starting off by flinging bar mats around the pub, progressing via empty beer glasses and finally attempting a traffic bollard and a rusty old exhaust pipe on the way home at 1am.

Friday - Dithering in the drizzle

Today was probably the ringing highlight of the tour - starting out with Eccleston.

Most of the afternoon was spent wandering aimlessly round Chester in preparation for the evening's full dither.

Someone had obviously designated Friday as 'cinema night'. So, we set about splitting the group in cinema-goers and non-goers. However, in typical UL style it seemed that everyone who had originally wanted to go ended up not going and vice versa. When Vanessa decided to go to the pub instead to make the numbers more manageable, she proclaimed "Oh, I suppose I'll have to be a martyr and go to the pub"!

Saturday - James the glory hunter

The fast six was a challenging ring for the striking competition, especially with everyone being knackered after a long week and a very hot day. James managed to ring in all five teams in an

attempt to ensure himself of a victory. Unfortunately, the judges couldn't work out how to counteract this scheme.

The afternoon's quarter peal was abandoned after it was discovered the treble at Whitchurch seemed to have a square wheel. This opened the way for an early last night barbecue with lots of food and a final night in the pub.

Sunday - Home

Sunday ringing in Chester proved an agreeable way to round of a successful Summer Tour, despite the interesting architecture of the re-sited tower.

Steve Warren

Sam's Weekend 28th - 30th July 1996

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are unable to bring you Michael Townsend's report of this event. However in a rare interview, undertaken exclusively for the UL, we ask his psychiatrist, Professor Yaffle, to explain the mysteries behind the retiring Master.

“Although only appearing in the introduction, the most important influence in Bagpuss's early life was, of course, Emily. After all, it was Emily who ran the shop, finding the things to be repaired, and waking Bagpuss up so that he could identify and repair the latest object with his friends. Bagpuss himself was blissfully unaware of her feelings, but nevertheless Emily loved him.

As he grew up Bagpuss developed a perverse infatuation with a rag doll called Madeleine. He would often fantasise about urinating over her wicker chair whilst singing dirty rugby songs to the mice below. As time went on, his condition worsened and he fell into bad company with a banjo-playing toad called Gabriel. Gabriel was clearly unsuitable as a godparent – after all, he lived in a pot on the shelf – and many was the time that the two of them were arrested for acts of bestiality.

However, it was the mice who eventually caused Bagpuss's downfall. They constantly annoyed Bagpuss with their high pitched squeals and incessant singing. The ringleader was called Charliemouse and, together with his sidekicks, they made Bagpuss's life a misery. At every opportunity they would tease him with their Marvellous Mechanical Mouse Organ making up ridiculous songs about nothing in particular. It wasn't long before Bagpuss was driven insane. He began to hallucinate believing his thoughts were appearing in a bubble above his head. He developed an inferiority complex insisting that whenever he went to sleep, all his friends had to go to sleep as well. Emily realised that something was wrong and sent him to an institution for the mentally unstable. However, after a short spell, he was released under the Cat in the Community scheme and returned to live in Emily's shop. By this stage, Madeleine and Gabriel were involved in a sordid affair and they saw Bagpuss's reappearance as a threat to their self-gratifying depravity. One afternoon whilst Bagpuss was lying on his favourite rug, they force fed him hundreds of chocolate biscuits which the mice had made out of dubious ingredients. Bagpuss was violently sick, yet nobody offered him any assistance. He finally choked on his own vomit.

All in all, he was just an old, saggy cloth cat; baggy, and a bit loose at the seams.

But Emily loved him.”

Professor Yaffle

Poppy's Weekend - 22nd -24th September 1996

Nick Jones writes:

“I thought I’d do this one myself - I have even done some research!!! Will endeavour to finish it before crossing the pond!”

Due to the prompt printing of this report, we have been unable to include this item. We will endeavour to include it in the 1996/97 report due out in early 2027.

SUA 8 Bell Striking Contest - 11th November 1995

The Hammersmith Odeon or should I say the Labatt’s Apollo was the meeting place on Friday evening for those people travelling by minibus to Cardiff for the SUA 8 Bell Striking competition. Mike was behind the wheel, and, after picking up Mark from Heathrow and stopping at Reggie’s in Eton so that he could collect a few essentials (namely clothes!) we had an uneventful journey to Wales, punctuated by cries from Mark in the back of “Can someone pass me another bottle of Grolsch, please.”

We arrived in Bassaleg, which was to be base camp for the weekend, just in time to get a quick pint at the TA, where we were told by the landlord that we couldn’t order food because we were sitting at the wrong table (????!). This being established, we headed off to the nearest curry house, where we all purchased an extremely hot curry which even Nick Jones had trouble finishing. My lasting memories of Friday night’s sleeping arrangements are Will trying to do some work in his sleeping bag and Edmund’s ideas about airbags on trains being greeted with cries of “Shut up Edmund”, all to no avail.

Saturday morning dawned in a typical Welsh fashion; tipping it down with rain (although Nick insists that it is always warm and sunny in Wales). We made our way to Caerphilly where the competition was to be held, and where several bands were already assembling. The renewing of old friendships was slightly hampered by the persistent rain, as most of the UL band retreated to the relative warmth and dry of the minibus, giving Fiona a chance to start the essay which was due in on Monday of the next week.

The rest of the day was spent in the pub, with occasional ventures out into the rain for those unlucky enough to be ringing in the competition. The UL entered two teams; the first being the serious challenge, while people were still sober enough to ring, and the second being somewhat less serious, where standing up for the whole of the touch, rather than striking well, was of more immediate importance to most of the band. After yet more alcohol, it was time for the results. Our ‘A’ team won, and the ‘B’ team, though the exact placing escapes me, didn’t do too badly either, despite one mistake generating twenty faults...

After the results there was general ringing at Cardiff for the keen, others just went to the pub. Some went to the pub, then went ringing, where their drunken attempts at ringing down received strange looks from all.

Food on Saturday night was Chinese, from which there was a lot less waste than from the curry the night before. Saturday night’s entertainment included the appearance of the handbells, Fiona’s amazing ability to sleep with her eyes wide open whilst still clutching a glass of Archers and ‘Airways’, a multi-player game which Nick managed to play all by himself, and which, for the record, has nothing whatsoever to do with respiration.

Sunday morning ringing was at Newport Cathedral and Bassaleg, where a quarter peal was also attempted later that afternoon. When Mike and Sam returned from the wedding they had gone to, it was homeward bound, with all manner of alcohol flowing freely in the back of the bus. Unfortunately Will, who had had quite a lot to drink, suddenly announced that he was desperate for the loo, and proceeded to give us a twenty second countdown. Mike was already in the inside lane about to pull onto the hard shoulder when we realised that, due to roadworks, there was no hard shoulder. Meanwhile the countdown was continuing. Someone jokingly passed an empty coke bottle back and the rest, as they say, is history.

Despite this, the weekend was a great success and thanks are due to Nick for housing us all, Mike for driving, and Michael for organising the bands.

Becky Bruce

PASS THE PORT AGAIN, I'M NOT DRUNK YET!

The 50th Anniversary Dinner of the University of London Society of Change Ringers

25th November 1995

This academic year saw the University of London Society celebrate 50 years since its foundation. The high point of the anniversary celebrations was the Annual Dinner Weekend, which kicked off with an East-End Friday night in *The City Darts*. Here we were treated to the spectacle of people trying to play darts, and occasionally succeeding, but concentrating on the more serious business of catching up on gossip with old friends and acquaintances. A healthy cross-section (through time) of members turned up, from Denis Layton, the first Master, to the latest crop of spotty freshers.

Saturday dawned late, dull and gloomy. Besides the peal and quarter-peal attempts, which included a peal by past-masters, visitors to London were able to enjoy a series of specially arranged - and healthily over-subscribed - trips up Big Ben. Lunchtime drinking was in the *Westminster Arms*, followed either by the Dinner itself, or, for those inclined to some degree of sobriety, ringing at St Margaret's Westminster, Pimlico and the Imperial Institute. This last tower had 150 visitors according to one witness.

The Dinner itself took place at the Clive Hotel, in the heart of fashionable North London. A heaving basement hosted the sherry reception, which gave further opportunity for old friends to rub shoulders and discuss their lives-as-they-now-are. The Dinner proper, by way of contrast, had no hint of sardines; an avocado fan with a strawberry coulis preceded a chicken breast in white wine sauce, this followed by a raspberry pepin, coffee, and mints. And then the speeches. First, of course, was the Loyal Toast, made by the President, Michael Trimm. Denis Layton regaled the assembled throng with the story of the Society's foundation by members of Imperial College, by way of introducing his toast to the Church. The Reverend Gillian Craig, one of the two Principal Guests, responded in fine style, before handing the stage over to David Garton, Master in 1984-85. Bringing to the mind of at least one listener John Hughes-D'Aeth's brilliantly acerbic '84 Speech, Mr Garton's toast to The Visitors proved a hard act to follow. However, Mr Michael Uphill, the other Principle Guest, responded with great panache before proposing The Society on behalf of The Visitors. The 47th Master, Mr Michael Townsend, gave the last speech of the evening, elegantly beating off hecklers with witty one-liners.

In the event, the highlight for many was the disco - in which Blur's "Parklife" proved the favourite singalong number - and drinking until the early-hours. For the record, 170 sat down to Dinner, and fifteen other universities were represented: Aberystwyth, Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Essex, Exeter, Huddersfield, Liverpool, Manchester, Oxford, Oxford Brookes, Southampton, Warwick and York. Will Thomas won the sweepstake, for the second year running, and debate continues as to whether Simon Linford caught his 6am flight from Heathrow. My own recollection is that it looked pretty unlikely at 2am, but others may know better.

On Sunday, the lucky ones simply came downstairs from their hotel rooms to a limitless breakfast and no hangover. Others, I gather, were less fortunate, being consigned to various floors in East London. The Autumn General Meeting need not concern us overly. Killingly dull, as meetings tend to be - it was the perfect excuse to go for a drink in the *Founder's Arms*. And, at closing-time, nine hours later, the weekend finished.

Thanks to the 50th Anniversary Committee - Chris Gould (awarded Special Prize for Dinner Organisation), Richard Saddleton, Mike Trimm, James Sawle and Nick Jones. And thanks to everyone who came - you made it possible.

Nick Green

Freshers' Tour 1996

Early morning on 20th January saw about 15 UL members congregate at Wanborough, Wiltshire for the start of the freshers' tour. Some of the party were feeling slightly the worse for wear due to the College Youths' guest night dinner the night before, but on the whole most people were chirpy considering the early start they had had. First problem of the tour was who was going to run the ringing at this church, one of the few that has both a spire and a tower, as our master had encountered problems on the train and not arrived yet. This problem was quickly resolved without much of a UL dither and we proceeded to Swindon, St Mark's.

Some of the party arrived slightly late here due to the map reader ignoring the direction the local went in, proceeding to get lost in the one way system and then pleading innocence when it was pointed out to him that he was reading the map upside down; well done David. One thing to say in his defence though is he did not get lost finding the pub for lunch which is where we stopped next.

After being fed and watered we went to Wroughton, a heavy ground floor six, where a slight splinter group left the main party to go back to the pub to watch the England rugby match being played that afternoon. I was a member of the splinter group so I don't know much of what happened at Lydiard Tregoze or Lydiard Millicent, but England won the rugby.

All the ringers were back together by the last tower which was Cricklade, a very interesting chancel ring, where the ropes fall very close to the walls and you have to stand in the choir stalls to ring them, this provided great amusement to those that had been in the pub all afternoon. After the compulsory early evening drinking at a pub in Cricklade some of the band went to catch a train back to London, while others went to stay at Will Thomas' house in Purton. After dropping off our stuff we went to a pub in Purton, where a fairly drunken evening was spent. Ending with one person falling asleep in the pub and another being moaned at by the locals for using the word fuck in every other sentence.

After joining the locals for service ringing at Purton the next morning, another church with both a tower and a spire, the rest of the party caught a train from Swindon back to London. Our thanks go

to Will Thomas for organising the tour and to his parents for putting up with the UL on the Saturday night.

Reggie Gillard

SUA Six-Bell Striking Contest & RHBNC Dinner

10th February 1996

Miranda Buck wrote a report on this event but by the time it arrived it was too warped and twisted to read and so was consigned to the dustbin. We wish the Royal Holloway Society all the best in their 25th anniversary year.

Peal Weekend 16th-18th February 1996

The ex-Master was supposed to be writing this article. The peals were eventually sent up to The Ringing World and appeared in the issue of 15 November 1996. The handbell peal rung that weekend appeared on a page by itself! For details, see the peal reports below.

Tewkesbury Shield Contest - 4th May 1996

For the second year in a row, the Tewkesbury Shield Competition was won by the University of London Society. The test piece, a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Royal was successfully completed by all the teams.

After evensong, the judges Alex and Nina Byrne, assisted by Tina Stoecklin, gave their results in the Abbey. The Judges' (brief) comments were as follows:

Team 1 (Worcester & Districts). Slow, steady beat. Tenor trying to push the speed (unsuccessfully). Leading erratic.

Team 2 (Hereford). Very inexperienced band, fastest ringing of the day. Did well to make it through the whole course after practice fired out twice.

Team 3 (Gloucester & Bristol). Cautious and slow but mainly accurate and improved through the course. Handstrokes coming off the front a problem. Somehow never quite lived up to full potential.

Team 4 (Coventry). Slowest ringing of the day. Improved with time, but marred by a couple of method mistakes and the tenor failing to set.

Team 5 (Lichfield). Very good rhythm established by the back bells. Started and ended well but lost their way in the middle section.

Team 6 (University of London). Some excellent sections of striking. Speed metronomic throughout. Easy going flowing rhythm. Band rang well as a team.

Team 7 (Bath & Wells). Lacked rhythm. Everyone ringing at cross-purposes and different speeds.

Tame 8 (Oxford). Rang with a tightly controlled rhythm which the front bells worked well with. Confident and accurate – sounded used to the bells.

Only one member of the UL team was present to hear that they had won again, the other nine were still in the pub! The Mayor of Tewkesbury, Councillor Aldridge, and Mrs Aldridge, presented the shield to the winners once they had all arrived.

The full results were as follows:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Faults</u>
1	University of London Society	76
2	Oxford Diocesan Guild	78
3	Lichfield Archdeaconry Society	110
4	Worcester & Districts Association	116
5	Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association	127
6	Coventry Diocesan Guild	129
7	Bath & Wells Diocesan Association	151
8	Hereford Diocesan Guild	243

David Bagley
Competition Secretary
(Reproduced from *The Ringing World*)

The winning band was as follows:

1	Fiona M Edwards	6	David J Baverstock
2	Nicholas W Jones	7	James R S Sawle (C)
3	Rebecca S Bruce	8	Vanessa Powell
4	Samantha J Hovey	9	Michael J Trimm
5	Reginald D P Gillard	10	Mark C Bennett

Peals Rung By The ULSCR During The Year

934. RW 769
 Wednesday 14th June 1995
**Clapham Junction, London SW11,
 18 Bramfield Road**
 tenor size 15
 2 hours 31 minutes
5152 Lincolnshire Surprise Major
 C Kenneth Lewis
 1-2 Mark C Bennett
 3-4 Nicholas W Jones
 5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
 7-8 James R S Sawle
 First peal of Lincolnshire in hand: 1-2, 7-8. First of
 Lincolnshire on a working pair: 3-4.
935. RW 791
 Monday 19th June 1995
St Botolph, Bishopsgate, London EC2
 tenor 17 cwt
 3 hours 35 minutes
5152 Majestic Surprise Major
 Anthony J Cox
 1 Michael J Trimm
 2 Clare J Larter
 3 Vanessa Powell
 4 Dickon R Love
 5 Philip H Larter
 6 Mark C Bennett
 7 Ian R Fielding (C)
 8 James R S Sawle
936. RW 819
 Wednesday 28th June 1995
**London SW7, Imperial College,
 Huxley Building**
 tenor size 15
 2 hours 23 minutes
5088 Oxford Treble Bob Major
 Andrew J Corrigan (CCC 31)
 1-2 Michael J Townsend
 3-4 Nicholas W Jones
 5-6 Michael J Trimm
 7-8 Roger Bailey (C)
 First on handbells: 1-2
937. RW 887
 Thursday 20th July 1995
**London E1, 308 Marlyn Lodge,
 Portsoken Street**
 tenor size 15
 2 hours 27 minutes
5184 Superlative Surprise Major
 Anthony J Cox
 1-2 Nicholas W Jones
 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
 5-6 James R S Sawle
 7-8 Mark C Bennett
 First peal of Superlative in hand: 1-2, 5-6 & 7-8. First
 of Surprise on a working pair: 5-6.
938. RW 1107
 Wednesday 26th July 1995
**Clapham Junction, London SW11
 18 Bramfield Road**
 tenor size 15
 2 hours 35 minutes
5088 Kent Treble Bob Major
 Alan T Winter
 1-2 Clare J Larter
 3-4 Nicholas W Jones
 5-6 James R S Sawle (C)
 7-8 Philip H Larter
 First as conductor on an inside pair.
939. RW 962
 Monday 7th August 1995
**London SW7, Imperial College
 Huxley Building**
 tenor size 15
 2 hours 25 minutes
5248 Bristol Surprise Major
 Roger Baldwin (Arranged by Ian R Fielding)
 1-2 Nicholas W Jones
 3-4 Roger Bailey
 5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
 7-8 Ian R Fielding
 First peal of Bristol in hand 7-8.
940. RW 1080
 Sunday 10th September 1995
St Laurence, Reading, Berkshire
 tenor 23 cwt
 3 hours 7 minutes
5088 Spliced Maximus
 (4m: 1296 each Bristol Surprise, Strathclyde
 Surprise; 1248 each Avon Delight, Rigel Surprise; 82
 com, atw)
 Roderick W Pipe
 1 E Jane Sibson
 2 Alison K Regan
 3 Phillip R J Barnes
 4 John N Hughes-D'Aeth
 5 David E House
 6 Graham G Firman
 7 Linda M Garton
 8 Paul S Seaman
 9 Ian Roulstone (C)
 10 Derek E Sibson
 11 Ian G Campbell
 12 Ian R Fielding
 In connection with the 50th anniversary of the
 Society.

941. RW 1082
Monday 11th September 1995
**London SW7, Imperial College,
Huxley Building**
tenor size 15
2 hours 27 minutes
5024 Spliced Surprise Major
(4m: 1184 Bristol, 1280 each London, Cambridge,
Superlative; 109 com, atw)
Albert J Pitman
1-2 Simon J Gay
3-4 Michael J Trimm
5-6 Roger Bailey
7-8 Ian R Fielding (C)
First spliced in hand as conductor.

942. RW 40
Sunday 17th September 1995
St Mary, Ilford, Essex
tenor 7 cwt
2 hours 51 minutes
5088 London Surprise Major
Stephen J Ivin
1 Michael J Trimm (C)
2 Philip H Larter
3 Christopher M Gould
4 Vanessa Powell
5 Peter J Bennett
6 Clare J Larter
7 Mark C Bennett
8 Ian R Fielding

943. RW 1152
Sunday 1st October 1995
St Laurence, Reading, Berkshire
tenor 23 cwt
3 hours 4 minutes
5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal
Mark C Bennett
1 Roger Bailey
2 Michael J Trimm
3 Samantha J Hovey
4 Michael J Townsend
5 Peter J Bennett
6 Clive Buswell
7 James R S Sawle
8 Terry M Astill
9 Mark C Bennett (C)
10 Ian R Fielding
First Yorkshire Royal: 3, 4 & 5; 50th peal for the
Society: 9. In memory of Maisie Panton,
grandmother of the conductor, who died the previous
Thursday; also a 21st birthday compliment to Michael
Townsend.

944. RW 1180
Thursday 12th October 1995
**London SW7, Imperial College,
Union Building**
tenor size 15
2 hours 19 minutes
5248 Kent Treble Bob Major
Brian D Price
1-2 Nicholas W Jones
3-4 Stuart M Cox
5-6 Roger Bailey (C)
7-8 Timothy G Pett
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the University
of London Society of Change Ringers, inaugurated at
a meeting in this building on 12th October 1945.

945. RW 1180
Thursday 12th October 1995
St Andrew, Holborn, London, EC1
tenor 18 cwt
3 hours 18 minutes
5056 Bristol Surprise Major
Roger Baldwin
1 Timothy G Pett
2 Peter J Bennett
3 Michael G Purday
4 Reginald D P Gillard
5 Clare J Larter
6 Dickon R Love
7 James R S Sawle (C)
8 Ian R Fielding
First Bristol: 4. Specially arranged & rung on the 50th
anniversary of the ULSCR. Thanks to Vanessa
Powell who stood down as a result of over zealous
organisation.

946. RW 40
Saturday 28th October 1995
**St Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark,
London SE1**
tenor 48 cwt
3 hours 47 minutes
5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus
Peter Border
1 James R S Sawle
2 Roger Bailey
3 Michael J Trimm (C)
4 Christopher M Gould
5 Clare J Larter
6 Philip H Larter
7 Vanessa Powell
8 Julia R Cater
9 Terry M Astill
10 Brian P Diserens
11 Mark C Bennett
12 Christopher J Pickford
50th peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the
bells. For the 50th anniversary of the Society.

947. RW 40
Sunday 29th October 1995
St Peter Mancroft, Norwich, Norfolk,
tenor 38 cwt
3 hours 16 minutes

5079 Stedman Cinques

Ian R Fielding

- 1 Julia R Cater
- 2 Vanessa Powell
- 3 David L Sparling
- 4 David S James
- 5 James R S Sawle
- 6 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 7 Clive Buswell
- 8 Martin Cubitt
- 9 Mark C Bennett
- 10 Christopher J Pickford
- 11 Ian R Fielding
- 12 Roger Bailey

First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor. For the 50th anniversary of the Society.

948. RW 67
Saturday 4th November 1995

**St Martin-in-the-Fields,
Westminster, London WC2**

tenor 29 cwt

3 hours 26 minutes

5042 Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus

Michael P A Wilby

- 1 Fiona M Edwards
- 2 Michael J Trimm
- 3 Christopher M Gould
- 4 Clare J Larter
- 5 Terry M Astill
- 6 Philip H Larter
- 7 Vanessa Powell (C)
- 8 Linda M Garton
- 9 Simon J Gay
- 10 Brian P Diserens
- 11 Ian R Fielding
- 12 Nigel J Newton

Rung in the 50th anniversary year of the Society.

949. RW 1321
Saturday 11th November 1995
All Saints, Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset,
tenor 7 cwt
2 hours 21 minutes

5040 Doubles

(42m: 1 extent each Antelope, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Ossington, Rugby Slow Course, Merton Slow Course, Slapton Slow Course, Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Sutton-upon-Trent, Maltby, Chevasse, Callender, Montgomeryshire, Westminster, Blackburn, St Hilary, Dragon, New Bob, Huntspill, St Vedast, Blaisdon, St Nicholas, Winchendon, St Remigius, Huntley, St Simon, St Martin, St Osmund, Eynesbury, Twineham, Bampton, Fifield, St Ouen, St Augustine, Shipway, Plain Bob, Grandsire, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury)

- 1 Judith A Robertson
- 2 Ross G W Robertson
- 3 Simon R Robertson
- 4 Clare J Larter (C)
- 5 Philip H Larter

Most Doubles methods: 4, 5. Most methods as conductor. Circled tower to peals: 1, 3. Rung by the members of one family to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Society. Also a 90th birthday compliment to Annie Robertson, mother of 2 and grandmother of 3 & 4.

950. RW 42

Monday 13th November 1995
**London E1, 308 Marlyn Lodge,
Portsoken Street**

tenor size 15

2 hours 29 minutes

5040 Plain Bob Major

E Maurice Atkins

- 1-2 James R S Sawle
- 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 5-6 Mark C Bennett
- 7-8 Vanessa Powell

For the 50th anniversary of the Society.

951. RW 40

Saturday 25th November 1995
St Mary-atte-Bow, London E3

tenor 14 cwt

2 hours 50 minutes

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Charles Middleton

- 1 Rowland H Gwillim (1989-90)
- 2 Vanessa Powell (1993-94)
- 3 Philip M J Gray (1946-47)
- 4 Nicholas W Jones (1991-92)
- 5 Denis N Layton (1945-46/1948-52)
- 6 Michael J Townsend (1995-96)
- 7 John Armstrong (1956-57)
- 8 Timothy G Pett (C) (1966-67)

On the Society's 50th anniversary Dinner Day by a band of past and present Masters.

952. RW 123

Saturday 9th December 1995

St Nicholas, Chiswick, London W4

tenor 13 cwt

2 hours 49 minutes

5056 London Surprise Major

Roderick R Horton

- 1 Patrick Devine
- 2 Miranda Buck
- 3 Michael J Trimm
- 4 Fiona M Edwards
- 5 Michael J Townsend
- 6 Michael Purday
- 7 James R S Sawle (C)
- 8 Mark C Bennett

First peal of London: 4 & 5. For the 50th anniversary of the Society.

953. RW 40

Saturday 16th December 1995

Canterbury Cathedral, Kent

tenor 35 cwt

3 hours 8 minutes

5009 Stedman Cinques

Nigel J Newton

- 1 David L Sparling
- 2 Dickon R Love
- 3 Christopher M Gould
- 4 Andrew P Sparling
- 5 Nigel J Newton (C)
- 6 Michael G Purday
- 7 W Emma S Cundiff
- 8 Michael J Townsend
- 9 James R S Sawle
- 10 Mark C Bennett
- 11 Terry M Astill
- 12 Roger Bailey

First Stedman Cinques: 4, 8. Rung in the Society's 50th year.

954. RW 123

Sunday 17th December 1995

Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, London E14

tenor 12 cwt

3 hours 9 minutes

5600 Spliced Surprise Major

(25m: 224 each Ashtead, Belfast, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Hereford, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Yorkshire: 174 com, atw)

Norman Smith (Arranged by Jonathan Porter & Roger Baldwin)

- 1 Fiona M Edwards
- 2 Samantha J Hovey
- 3 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 4 Mark C Bennett
- 5 James R S Sawle
- 6 Roger Bailey
- 7 Terry M Astill
- 8 Simon J Gay

Most spliced: 2 & 7; Most spliced Major: 5; 50th peal this year: 4. A belated birthday compliment to Samantha Hovey.

955. RW 127

Thursday 21st December 1995

London SW7, Imperial College, Huxley Building

tenor size 15

2 hours 21 minutes

5024 Bristol Surprise Major

Stephen J Ivin

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

First peal of Bristol away from the trebles: 7-8

956. RW 123

Saturday 23rd December 1995

London SW7, Imperial College, Queen's Tower

tenor 38 cwt

3 hours 48 minutes

5055 Stedman Caters

Robert Dennis

- 1 Michael J Trimm
- 2 Nigel Thompson (C)
- 3 Simon J Gay
- 4 Christopher M Gould
- 5 Mike Pidd
- 6 James R S Sawle
- 7 Terry M Astill
- 8 Ian R Fielding
- 9 George H Campling
- 10 Mark C Bennett

For the 50th anniversary of the Society

957. RW 226
Wednesday 10th January 1996
St Olave, Hart St, London, EC3,
tenor 12 cwt
2 hours 38 minutes
5120 Spliced Surprise Major
(8m: 896 Rutland; 704 Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 640
Cambridge; 576 London, Pudsey, Superlative; 448
Bristol; 88 com, atw)
Philip G K Davies (reversed)
1 Fiona M Edwards
2 Michael J Trimm (C)
3 Reginald D P Gillard
4 Samantha J Hovey
5 Clive Buswell
6 Michael J Townsend
7 James R S Sawle
8 David J Baverstock
25th peal: 4. First peal of Spliced: 3. Rung as a 19th
birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

958. RW 226
Saturday 13th January 1996
St Laurence, Reading, Berkshire
tenor 23 cwt
3 hours 12 minutes
5042 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus
Mark C Bennett
1 Christopher M Gould
2 Michael J Trimm
3 Samantha J Hovey
4 Roger Bailey
5 Rebecca S Bruce
6 Mark C Bennett (C)
7 Michael J Townsend
8 Andrew P Sparling
9 David J Baverstock
10 James R S Sawle
11 Ian R Fielding
12 Mike Pidd
First Maximus: 8, First Maximus inside: 7, First
Yorkshire Maximus: 3,10.

959. RW 226
Saturday 13th January 1996
St Mary, Slough, Berkshire,
tenor 17 cwt
2 hours 58 minutes
5040 Swindon Surprise Royal
James R S Sawle
1 Ian R Fielding
2 James R S Sawle (C)
3 Andrew P Sparling
4 Michael J Townsend
5 Reginald D P Gillard
6 Roger Bailey
7 Rebecca S Bruce
8 David J Baverstock
9 Michael J Trimm
10 Mark C Bennett
First Royal: 5, First in method: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10.
150th peal: 2.

960. RW 252
Wednesday 17th January 1996
London E1, 308 Marlyn Lodge,
Portsoken Street
tenor size 15
2 hours 26 minutes
5120 Rutland Surprise Major
Onan N Davis
1-2 Mark C Bennett
3-4 Nicholas W Jones
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
7-8 James R S Sawle
First peal of Rutland on handbells by all except 5-6.

961. RW 252
Wednesday 31st January 1996
London E1, 308 Marlyn Lodge,
Portsoken Street
tenor size 15
2 hours 25 minutes
5090 Cambridge Surprise Major
Brian D Price
1-2 James R S Sawle
3-4 Nicholas W Jones
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
7-8 Mark C Bennett

962. RW 275
Saturday 10th February 1996
Guildford Cathedral, Surrey
tenor 30 cwt
3 hours 25 minutes
5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus
Mark C Bennett
1 Michael J Townsend
2 Michael J Trimm
3 Nigel J Newton
4 Roger Bailey
5 Linda M Garton
6 Rebecca S Bruce
7 Michael G Purday
8 Vanessa Powell
9 Mike Pidd
10 Philip R J Barnes
11 Mark C Bennett (C)
12 Ian R Fielding
Rung during the 50th anniversary of the Society.

963. RW 1155
Friday 16th February 1996
**London E1, 308 Marlyn Lodge,
Portsoken Street**
tenor size 15
2 hours 20 minutes
5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Peter J Sanderson
1-2 Sheila Dickinson
3-4 Michael J Trimm
5-6 Roger Bailey
7-8 Nicholas W Jones
Rung for ULSCR Peal Weekend.

964. RW 1153
Saturday 17th February 1996
St Vedast, Foster Lane, London EC2,
tenor 16 cwt
2 hours 54 mins
5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor
Roger Bailey
1 Stephen R Warren
2 James R S Sawle (C)
3 Ruth Blackwell
4 Reginald D P Gillard
5 Dickon R Love
6 Simon J Gay
Rung for ULSCR Peal Weekend. First peal: 1

965. RW 1153
Saturday 17th February 1996
All Saints, West Ham, London E15
tenor 26 cwt
3 hours 10 minutes
5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal
James Clatworthy
1 Fiona M Edwards
2 David J Baverstock
3 Patrick Devine
4 Mark C Bennett (C)
5 Peter J Bennett
6 Richard S J Saddleton
7 Roger Bailey
8 Michael J Trimm
9 Michael G Purday
10 Nigel J Newton
Rung for ULSCR Peal Weekend. 25th peal as conductor.

966. RW 1153
Sunday 18th February 1996
St George-in-the-East, Stepney, London E1
tenor 6 cwt
2 hours 45 minutes
5024 Pudsey Surprise Major
John S Warboys
1 Clive Buswell
2 Reginald D P Gillard
3 Fiona M Edwards
4 Samantha J Hovey
5 Michael J Townsend
6 Dickon R Love
7 Michael J Trimm
8 Michael G Purday (C)
Rung for ULSCR Peal Weekend

967. RW 444
Wednesday 21st February 1996
**London SW7, Imperial College,
Huxley Building**
tenor size 15
2 hours 20 minutes
5088 Spliced Surprise Major
(5m: 1152 each Bristol, Yorkshire; 960 each
Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 864 Rutland; 74 com, atw)
Philip G K Davies
1-2 Mark C Bennett
3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
5-6 Roger Bailey
7-8 Nicholas W Jones

968. RW 443
Monday 26th February 1996
St Mary-atte-Bow, London E3,
tenor 14 cwt
2 hours 44 minutes
5024 Glasgow Surprise Major
R Bee
1 Roger Bailey
2 Ruth Blackwell
3 Rebecca S Bruce
4 Michael J Trimm (C)
5 James R S Sawle
6 David J Baverstock
7 Michael G Purday
8 Ian R Fielding
969. RW 443
Sunday 10th March 1996
St Mary, Willesden, London NW10,
tenor 8 cwt
2 hours 49 minutes
5088 Spliced Surprise Major
(5m: 1152 each Bristol, Yorkshire; 960 each
Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 864 Rutland; 74 com, atw)
Philip G K Davies
1 Michael J Trimm
2 Fiona M Edwards
3 James R S Sawle (C)
4 Mark C Bennett
5 David J Baverstock
6 Reginald D P Gillard
7 Michael J Townsend
8 Vanessa Powell
300th peal: 4; 100th together: 1 & 4.
970. RW 468
Wednesday 20th March 1996
London E1, 308 Marlyn Lodge,
Portsoken Street
tenor size 14
1 hour 57 minutes
5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor
Roger Bailey
1-2 Mark C Bennett (C)
3-4 Nicholas W Jones
5-6 Michael J Trimm
A birthday compliment to Zoe Pike
971. RW 611
Monday 8th April 1996
St Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth,
Hampshire
tenor 25 cwt
3 hours 7 minutes
5088 Littleport Little Surprise Royal
Roy le Marechal
1 Michael J Trimm (C)
2 Rebecca S Bruce
3 Michael J Townsend
4 David J Baverstock
5 Samantha J Hovey
6 Reginald D P Gillard
7 Roger Bailey
8 James R S Sawle
9 Michael G Purday
10 Mark C Bennett
For Easter.
972. RW 612
Wednesday 10th April 1996
London SW7, Imperial College,
Huxley Building
tenor size 15
2 hours 23 minutes
5024 Tunstall Surprise Major
George Freebrey
1-2 Dickon R Love
3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
5-6 Roger Bailey
7-8 Mark C Bennett
First in method: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. First in method in
hand: 1-2.
973. RW 540
Thursday 26th April 1996
Our Lady & The English Martyrs,
Cambridge, Cambs
tenor 32 cwt
3 hours 20 minutes
5056 London Surprise Major
Roderick R Horton
1 James R Sawle
2 Dickon R Love
3 Ian W Davies
4 Paul S Seaman
5 Michael J Trimm
6 Derek E Sibson
7 Michael G Purday (C)
8 Ian G Campbell
First peal for the Society having become a member in
1972: 3. Arranged and rung to celebrate the 50th
anniversary of the foundation of the Society.

974.

Sunday 28th April 1996

St Paul, Bedford, Beds

tenor 28 cwt

3 hours 19 minutes

5184 Avon Delight Maximus

James Clatworthy

- 1 Christopher J Pickford
- 2 Rebecca S Bruce
- 3 Dickon R Love
- 4 David J Baverstock
- 5 Michael J Trimm
- 6 Vanessa Powell
- 7 James R S Sawle (C)
- 8 Nigel J Newton
- 9 Terry M Astill
- 10 Phillip R J Barnes
- 11 Mark C Bennett
- 12 Mike Pidd

RW 611

975.

Wednesday 8th May 1996

London SW7, Imperial College

Huxley Building

tenor size 15

2 hours 24 minutes

5184 London Surprise Major

Roger Bailey

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

First in method in hand: 1-2

976.

Friday 10th May 1996

London E1, 308 Marlyn Lodge,

Portsoken Street

tenor size 15

2 hour 35 minutes

5376 Pudsey Surprise Minor

Roger Bailey

- 1-2 Mark C Bennett
- 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
- 5-6 Nicholas W Jones
- 7-8 James R S Sawle

Completes the Standard 8 in hand: 5-6.

RW 710

RW 612

Compositions

Peal no. 934

5152 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

C Kenneth Lewis

23456	M	W	H
24536		-	2
32546	3	-	
43526	3	-	
52436	3	-	-
34625	-	-	
23645	3	-	
42635	3	-	
23456	2	2	3

Peal no. 935

5152 Majestic Surprise Major

Anthony J Cox

234567	M	W	H
52436		-	
23645	-	2	3
342756		in	3
(473526)		out	
473526	3		
426357		iv	-
35264	-	2	2
23564	3		-
23456		A	

Peal no. 936

5088 Oxford Treble Bob Major

Andrew J Corrigan

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

3 part.

Peal no. 937

5184 Superlative Surprise Major

Anthony J Cox

25364	B	M	W	H
25463		3		
52634	-			s
42635		s	6	
56234	-			-
36254			s	

2 part starting and finishing at the treble's backstroke
snap. 3 = sbb, 6 = bbsbbs.

Peal no. 938

5088 Kent Treble Bob Major

Alan T Winter

23456	M	B	H
25463	2	3	2
42356		4	

3 part. This composition was originally claimed by J Patrick.

Peal no. 939

5248 Bristol Surprise Major

Roger Baldwin (Arranged by Ian R Fielding)

23456	M	B	W	H
62534		x	2	2
23645		x		
34256		x		
45362		x		
54632	2	s3/s5	1	1
43526		x		
32465		x		
24365		A		

2 part.

Peal no. 940

5088 Spliced Maximus (4 methods)

Roderick W Pipe

23456	M	W	H	Methods
(52436)		-		RBRSSABABB·
43256		s	-	SRSAS'BRS·
42356			s	SSABB'
34256			-	BABASSRB·
32456			s	SAASRR'
53426		-		BS·A
(53624)	-s			ARRB·A'
23465	-	s		BBRBRSS·RARSR'A
34265			2	BAS·BBASS·
32465			s	RASASR'
24365			2	A,RSRRAR·
(26345)		s-		RBRSSABASS'A·
64352	s	2		S'BABBRBB·A·A
23456	s		s	SRB'BRA'

1296 each Bristol Surprise & Strathclyde Surprise;
1248 each Avon Delight & Rigel Surprise; 82 changes
of method, all the work.

Peal no. 941

5024 Spliced Surprise Major (4 methods)

Albert J Pitman

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

Omit 2 pairs of bobbed leads of Bristol with associated calls (ie omit 2 blocks of 3). 1184 Bristol, 1280 each London, Cambridge & Superlative; 109 changes of method, all the work.

Peal no. 942

5088 London Surprise Major

Stephen J Ivin

23456	M	B	W	H
42356	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-		
36524	-	-		
25463	-	-		
23564	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-	-
34562	-	-		
32465	-	-		
62345		A		
54326	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-		
36452	-	-		
24653	-	-		
23456	-	-	-	-

Peal no 943

5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

Mark C Bennett

23456	M	W	H
42356			-
52364	s	s	
34265	s		-
63245		-	ss
23465		2	-

2 part.

Peal no. 944

5248 Kent Treble Bob Major

Brian D Price

23456	M	B	W	H
35264	2		2	
62453	2	-	2	
26354	2			2
52364	1	-	2	
24365	2	-	1	2
46325			2	
23564	2	-	2	
36245	2		2	
64523	2	-		
34256	1		2	1
24536			2	1
25346			1	2
63542	1			1
62345	2			1
45623	2		1	
23456		-	2	

Contains 144 cru's.

Peal no. 945

5056 Bristol Surprise Major

Roger Baldwin

23456	M	3/5	B	5/4	W	H
42356						1
26354	2		-		1	2
32546	2*			ss		
43265	1	ss				
24365				2A*		
43652		ss			1	1
35264	2+		-			
23564	2	ss				2
23456				2B*		

A* = A, omitting 2* and adding -B in first course. B* = B, omitting 2+. Contains 114 cru's including 24 each 56's and 65's. Also 24 5678's and 19 8765's off the front.

Peal no. 946

5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus

Peter Border

23456	M	W	H
42356			-
52346		s	
42365	s	s	3
62345		s	ss
34256	s	s	-
52436		s	s
(32456)		s	

Peal no. 947

5079 Stedman Cinques

Ian R Fielding (No 5a arranged)

2314567890E	1	6	9	18	19
546321			a		
41325678E90			b		
4231567890E			n		
31425678E90	-	-		-	-
321456				-	
324156			s	-	
312456				-	
<hr/>					
13579E24680			c		
3124657890E			d		
314265			s		2
412365			-		-
213465		-			2
<hr/>					
31426578E90	-	-			2
312465			s		2
214365		-			2
<hr/>					
21436587E90			e		
413265		-			2
412365		s			2
213465		-			2
<hr/>					
2134658709E			f		
314265		-			2
412365		s			2
413265		s			2
312465		-			2
214365		-			2

a = 1.5.6.9s.12.14.15.16.17.18.19 (20 sixes)

b = 1.5.7.9s.18

n = 9s.12.14.15.16.17.18.19 (20 sixes)

c = 3.5.6.8s.9.12.14.15.16 (16 sixes)

d = 1.3s.5s.6.7.10.11.13s.14s.18.19.20 (20 sixes)

e = 2s.13s.15s

f = 2.15s

Peal no. 948

5042 Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus

Michael P A Wilby

23456	M	W	H
42356			-
54326		-	
24365	s	s	3
53462	-		-
65432		-	
52436	-		2
(32456)		s	

Peal no. 950

5040 Plain Bob Major

E Maurice Atkins

23456	W	M	H
56234	[-	2	-*
42356	2	-]	-

12 part. Call s for -* in parts 3,6,9 and 12. Call s for last -H in parts 6 and 12. Omit bracketed calls in part 11.

Peal no. 951

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Charles Middleton

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

Peal no. 952

5056 London S Major

Roderick R Horton

23456	M	3/5	B	W	H
35426	-		-		
24653	-			-	
34256			-	-	
25346				-	-
32546	-		-	-	-
53246	-		-	-	-
45362	-	[SS			
62534		SS			
23645	3		-]		

3 part. Omit bracketed calls in parts 2 & 3. Contains 100 cru's. This composition is also claimed by Stephen Ivin.

Peal no. 953

5009 Stedman Cinques

Nigel J Newton

2314567890E	1	6	7	9	16	18
2364517809E	s	s				
345261				a		
3245617890E	s					-
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53126478E90	-	s		s	s	
234165		s	-	s	s	
312465					s	-
143265					s	-
421365					s	-
231564			-	s		
524361		s		s	s	
321465		s	-	s	s	
243165					s	-
412365					s	-
134265					s	-
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3245618790E				b		
13426587E90				X		
<hr/>						
3245618790E				c		
1342658709E				X		

a = 5.14s.16s.18s

b = 7.9s.12.14.16s.17.18.19 (20 sixes)

c = 7.9.10

X

Peal no. 954

5600 Spliced Surprise Major

Norman Smith (Arranged by Roger Baldwin & Jonathan Porter)

<u>2345678</u>	Yorkshire
- <u>3578264</u>	Uxbridge
<u>7325486</u>	Cornwall
<u>4267835</u>	Double Dublin
<u>6482573</u>	Bristol
<u>8654327</u>	Whalley
- <u>3586742</u>	Watford
<u>8375264</u>	London
<u>7823456</u>	Tavistock
<u>5634827</u>	Glasgow
<u>6452378</u>	Cambridge
<u>2748635</u>	Cassiobury
- <u>8356742</u>	Lindum
<u>5873264</u>	Superlative
<u>3684527</u>	Wembley
- <u>5836742</u>	Rutland
- <u>7358264</u>	Jersey
<u>8634725</u>	Preston
<u>4265873</u>	Ipswich
<u>3876542</u>	Cray
<u>5723486</u>	Ashtead
<u>6482357</u>	Lincolnshire
- <u>4257638</u>	Belfast
- <u>5427638</u>	Hereford
- <u>2547638</u>	Pudsey
- <u>5738264</u>	

7 part. All the work.

Peal no. 955

5024 Bristol Surprise Major

Stephen J Ivin

<u>23456</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>H</u>
42356				1
35426			1	1
24536			2	2
25346	1	-	2	2
26543	2			1
<u>23645</u>	<u>2</u>			<u>1</u>

3 part. Omit MBW in one part only.

Peal no. 956

5055 Stedman Caters

Robert Dennis

<u>231456789</u>	1	5	16
<u>213465879</u>		a	
3142		-	2
<u>4123</u>		-	2
<u>213465789</u>	s	-	2
3142		-	2
<u>4123</u>		-	2
<u>213465978</u>	-	-	2
3142		-	2
<u>4123</u>		-	2
<u>213465798</u>	s	-	2
3142		-	2
<u>4123</u>		-	2
<u>413265879</u>	-	s	2
3124		-	2
<u>2143</u>		-	2
<u>214365978</u>		X	

Rounds with bob at 1.

a = 4.8.9.10.11.13s.14 (14 sixes)

Peal no. 957

5120 Spliced Surprise Major (8 methods)

Philip G K Davies

<u>23456</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>Methods</u>
34256				2	B·YYYCPNN·
52436			2	2	RY·LLLLRL·YYN·LYL·
35426			-		RRRRRR·NSN
56243	-			2	NNS·PSCY·SSSSCS·
54263			-	2	YCCY·R·NNNPR·
24653	-	-	-		R·BBB·LRR·
65243			-	-	RC·CPC·
32546	-		-		CCP·NYPP·
<u>24365</u>	-				PP·BBB

2 part. 896 Rutland, 704 each Lincolnshire & Yorkshire, 640 Cambridge, 576 each London, Pudsey & Superlative, 448 Bristol; 88 changes of method, all the work.

Peal no. 958

5042 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus

Mark C Bennett

<u>23456</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>H</u>
34256			2
53246		-	
32465	s	s	2
64523	-	-	
32546	-	-	-
52436		2	-
<u>(32456)</u>		s	

Also true to Lincolnshire, Albanian & Swindon.

Peal no. 959

5040 Swindon S Royal

James R S Sawle

<u>23456</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>H</u>
42356			-
25634	-	2	
46532	-	-	
<u>24365</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>

2 part.

Peal no. 960
5120 Rutland Surprise Major
 Onan N Davies

23456	M	B	W	H
56342		2		
23645	-			-
34562		2		-
63542			-	
25634		4		-
24365	-	3		

2 part.

Peal no 961
5090 Cambridge Surprise Major
 Brian D Price

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				-
25463		2	2	3
34562	-			-
63542			-	3
34625	x			3
34256		2	2	-
53246			-	
42635	-	-		
56234	-			-
26435	-			
63254	x			
62534			-	2
(32456)	-		s	

Peal no. 962
5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus
 Mark C Bennett

23456	M	W	H
34256			2
53246	-		
34625	-	2	
56423	-		-
43265	-	-	2
63254	s	s	
23456	-		

Peal no. 963
5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major
 Peter J Sanderson

23456	M	W	H
36452	-		2
65324	2	2	3
26354		-	
43652	-		-
43526	2	2	-
24536		-	
54632	-		3
35426	2	2	2
23456		-	3

Peal no. 964
5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor
 Roger Bailey

23456	W	H
42356	3	3
54326	-	ss
32456	2	3
42356	3	-

3 part. 3 = sbb.

Peal no. 965
5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal
 James Clatworthy

23456	M	W	H
42356			-
54326	-		
34625	-	3	
34256	2	2	-
54236		s	
34265	s	s	3
64235		s	
23456	s	s	-

Peal no. 966
5024 Pudsey Surprise Major
 John S Warboys

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			-	-
32654	-	-	-	
25346	-			
42356				-
53624		-	-	(3)
62534			-	-
23645	-			

3 part. Omit (3) in one part. Contains 67 cru's.

Peal no. 967
5088 5-Spliced Surprise Major
 Philip G K Davies

23456	M	W	H	Methods
56234	2	-		R-B-C-CCC
35264		-		CYCN-NNC
54263	-		2	CNY-NNNN-B·
25463			-	YYRYC·
34562	-		-	NCN-BBBBBBB·
63542		-	3	YYYY-R·B·B·
53462		2	-	RRRRR·B·YYY·

3-part. 1152 each Bristol & Yorkshire, 960 each Cambridge & Lincolnshire, 864 Rutland; 74 changes of method, all the work.

Peal no. 968
5024 Glasgow S Major
 R Bee

2345678	5th	W	H
2453678		1	2
3247586	(3)	2	

4 part. Omit (3) in the 2nd part. Contains Queens, Tittums and 132 combinations of 5678 in 5678.

Peal no. 969
 Rotation of peal no. 967, starting from the 6th line.

Peal no. 970
 Same as peal no. 964.

Peal no. 971
5088 Littleport Little Surprise Royal
 Roy Le Marechal

23456	M	6/O/7	W	H
54326			2	2
25346		x	2	2
26543	2			-
23645	2	x		2
63425			2	-
24365			2	2
25463	2			-
23564	2	x		2
23456			A	

Contains 144 cru's.

Peal no. 972
5024 Tunstall Surprise Major
 George Freebrey

23456	W	M	B	H
42635	-	-		3
63425	-			-
63254			x	-
62534	-			2
36524	-			3
23564	-			3
52436	-	-		3
35426	-			3
23456	-			3

Peal no. 973
 Same as peal no. 952.

Peal no. 974
5184 Avon Delight Maximus
 James Clatworthy

23456	M	W	H
34256		2	s
54236		s	
32465	s	s	s
24365		2	s

2 part. 2 = bs.
 Contains 24 each 56's and 65's.

Peal no. 975
5184 London Surprise Major
 Roger Bailey

23456	I/V	B
56342		2
63542	x	
25463		3
54263	x	
63425		2

3 part. Contains 12 courses of 7-8 position for 3-4.

Peal no. 976
5376 Pudsey Surprise Major
 Roger Bailey

(42536)	M	W	H
54236			-
65432	2		s
34562		2	2
62543	-	-	s
34526	-	-	-

3 part starting and finishing at the treble's backstroke snap.

Peals Rung For The St Olave's Society

Sunday 16th July 1995
St Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth, Hampshire
 tenor 25cwt
 3 hours 7 minutes
5002 London Surprise Royal No.3
 James Clatworthy
 1 Roger Bailey
 2 Tudor P Edwards
 3 Vanessa Powell
 4 Mark C Liebenrood
 5 Peter J Bennett
 6 James R S Sawle
 7 Mark C Bennett (C)
 8 Peter S Bennett
 9 Michael J Trimm
 10 Ian R Fielding

RW 912

Saturday 22nd July 1995
Christ Church, Isle Of Dogs, London E14
 tenor 12cwt
 2 hours 55 minutes
5024 London Surprise Major
 H Law James
 1 Michael J Townsend
 2 Samantha J Hovey
 3 L Miranda Buck
 4 Peter J Bennett
 5 Michael J Trimm (C)
 6 James R S Sawle
 7 Vanessa Powell
 8 Mark C Liebenrood
 A graduation compliment to Samantha Hovey. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to Poppy Chambers.

RW 864

Monday 17th July 1995
London SW7, Imperial College Huxley Building
 tenor size 15
 2 hours 50 minutes
5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal
 Marcus C W Sherwood
 1-2 Christopher M Gould
 3-4 Simon J Gay
 5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
 7-8 Ian R Fielding
 9-10 Paul A Cammiade
 First blows of Surprise royal in hand: 7-8.

RW 887

Saturday 29th July 1995 RW 961
St James, Quedgeley, Gloucester,
tenor 9cwt
2 hours 55 minutes
5120 Spliced Surprise Major
(8m: 896 Rutland; 704 Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 640
Cambridge; 576 London, Pudsey, Superlative; 448
Bristol; 88 com, atw)
Philip G K Davies (reversed)
1 Jessica Abraham
2 Terry M Astill
3 Peter J Bennett
4 Samantha J Hovey
5 Michael J Townsend
6 Michael J Trimm (C)
7 Mark B Davies
8 James R S Sawle
First peal of spliced: 5.

Saturday 25th November 1995 RW 41
St James, Bermondsey, London SE16
tenor 14cwt
2 hours 57 minutes
5056 London Surprise Major
Anthony J Cox
1 Michael J Trimm
2 Emma Southerington
3 Eleanor Kippin
4 David Macey
5 Roger G Booth
6 Clare J Larter
7 Matthew Hilling
8 Philip H Larter (C)
First in method as conductor. On the 50th anniversary
Dinner Day of the University of London Society.

Sunday 3rd December 1995 RW 41
St Andrew, Short Street, London SE1
tenor 4cwt
2 hours 31 minutes
5024 Bristol Surprise Major
Stephen J Ivin
1 Paul A Cammiade
2 Michael J Trimm (C)
3 Fiona M Edwards
4 Rebecca S Bruce
5 Michael J Townsend
6 Reginald D P Gillard
7 Peter M Fleckney
8 Alan Regin
In memory of Revd John Tredennick who was
instrumental during his time as incumbent of St
Andrew's, Short St. in installing the present ring of 8.

Friday 22nd December 1995 RW 127
Bonham Carter House, London SW1
tenor size 11
2 hours 18 minutes
5056 Bourne Surprise Major
Stan Jenner
1-2 Nicholas W Jones
3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
5-6 Ian R Fielding
7-8 Paul A Cammiade

Thursday 29th February 1996 RW 443
**St John of Jerusalem, South Hackney,
London E9**
tenor 19cwt
2 hours 59 minutes
5120 Hackney Surprise Major
Noel J Diserens
1 Vanessa Powell
2 James R S Sawle (C)
3 Reginald D P Gillard
4 David J Dearnley
5 Dickon R Love
6 Richard A Pearce
7 Michael J Trimm
8 Mark C Bennett
50 peal together of tower bells: 1, 2, 7 & 8.

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Sunday 14th May 1995, **St Clement Danes**, 1275 Stedman Caters RW 748
Peter S Bennett (C) 1, Nicholas Green 2, Samantha J Hovey 3, Richard A Pearce 4, Peter J Bennett 5, Ed J Webb 6,
James R S Sawle 7, Michael J Trimm 8, Mark C Bennett 9, Jessica Abraham 10

Wednesday 17th May 1995, **Southwark Cathedral**, 1346 Cambridge S Maximus RW 748
Nicholas Green 1, Mark C Bennett 2, Peter J Bennett 3, Michael J Townsend 4, James R S Sawle 5, Ed J Webb 6,
Simon Robertson 7, Clare Larter 8, Philip Larter 9, Dickon R Love 10, Vanessa Powell (C) 11, Michael J Trimm 12
First Maximus: 3,4. First Maximus inside: 6.

Sunday 21st May 1995, **Shoreditch**, 1260 Plain Bob Royal RW 748
Poppy Chambers 1, Mark C Bennett 2, Michael J Trimm (C) 3, Rosalind Palfrey 4, William Thomas 5, Jessica
Abraham 6, Michael J Townsend 7, Rupert Cheeseman 8, Richard A Pearce 9, Nicholas Green 10
First Royal: 1,4, 5. Birthday Compliment to Nick Green.

Sunday 21st May 1995, **Smithfield**, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles RW 748
James R S Sawle (C) 1, Diane Banks 2, Steven Warren 3, Ed J Webb 4, Peter J Bennett 5
First Doubles Inside: 2. Birthday Compliment to Nick Green.

Sunday 22nd October 1995, Christchurch, **Spitalfields**, 1250 Superlative S Major, 41mins
Rosalind Palfrey 1, Christian Peckham 2, Reggie Gillard 3, David Baverstock 4, Fiona Edwards 5, Nicholas Green 6,
James R S Sawle (C) 7, Mark C Bennett 8

Saturday 25th November 1995, Christchurch, **Spitalfields**, 1250 Cambridge S Major RW 102
Steven Warren 1, Pauline Dingley 2, Miranda Buck 3, Mary Faircloth 4, William Thomas 5, Peter J Bennett 6,
James R S Sawle (C) 7, Garry S Barr 8
On the ULSCR's 50th Anniversary Dinner Day.

Friday 16th February 1996, **Hart St.**, 1280 Bristol S Major, 44mins
Peter J Bennett 1, James R S Sawle 2, Michael J Townsend 3, Fiona Edwards 4, David Baverstock 5, Reginald Gillard
6, Mark C Bennett 7, Michael Purday (C) 8

Wednesday 28th February 1996, **Marlyn Lodge**, 1250 Pudsey S Major RW 102
Mark C Bennett 1-2, Michael J Trimm (C) 3-4, Nicholas W Jones 5-6, James R S Sawle 7-8
First Pudsey on handbells for all except 3-4.

Sunday 24th March 1996, **St Sepulchre**, 1282 Cambridge S Royal, 51mins
Fiona Edwards 1, Edmond Wratten 2, Rebecca Bruce 3, Michael J Townsend 4, Reginald Gillard 5, David Baverstock
6, James R S Sawle (C) 7, Vanessa Powell 8, Michael J Trimm 9, Mark C Bennett 10

Wednesday 17th April 1996, **Southwark Cathedral**, 1296 Cambridge S Minor, 58mins
David Braunton 1, Fiona Edwards 2, Reginald Gillard 3, Nicholas Green 4, Mark C Bennett 5,
James R S Sawle (C) 6

ULSCR CONSTITUTION

(last amended at the AGM in May 1998)

1. TITLE: The Society shall be called the University of London Society of Change Ringers.
2. OBJECTIVES: The objectives of the Society shall be:
 - 2.1) ringing for Divine Service.
 - 2.2) the promotion of the art and science of change ringing in the University of London.
3. AFFILIATION:
 - 3.1) The Society shall be affiliated to the Senate of the University of London.
 - 3.2) The Society shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.
4. MEMBERSHIP:
 - 4.1) ELIGIBILITY:
 - 4.1.1) FULL MEMBERSHIP: Full membership of the Society shall be open to all:
 - 4.1.1.1) past and present members of the University of London, as defined by statute 5 of the Statutes of the University.
 - 4.1.1.2) past and present full time employees of the University of London.
 - 4.1.1.3) persons undertaking courses of tertiary education at City University, Brunel University, or any other college in London.
 - 4.1.2) HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: Honorary membership may be conferred on any individual who has been of signal service to the Society.
 - 4.2) ELECTION OF MEMBERS:
 - 4.2.1) Persons eligible for membership under rule 4.1.1 shall become members upon payment of a subscription, as laid down in rule 4.4.1, subject to ratification as described in rule 4.3.
 - 4.2.2) Persons eligible for membership under rule 4.1.2 shall be invited to become a member upon election at a General Meeting, provided that they have previously been approved by the Committee.
 - 4.3) RATIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP:
 - 4.3.1) Persons eligible for membership under rule 4.1.1 shall have their names and affiliations read out at the General Meeting following the payment of their subscription, for the purpose of ratifying their membership.
 - 4.3.2) Persons eligible for membership under rules 4.1.1.2 and 4.1.1.3 shall have been previously approved by the Committee, and they shall be identified separately to the Meeting.
 - 4.3.3) Should the eligibility of any person be called into question at the meeting, it shall be the duty of the Committee to investigate the facts of the case. If the Committee's findings support the case for membership the person's membership shall be considered to be ratified. If, however, the Committee's findings do not support the case for membership the person shall be considered never to have been a member, and their subscriptions shall be returned.
 - 4.4) SUBSCRIPTIONS:
 - 4.4.1) FULL MEMBERS: Full members shall pay either:
 - 4.4.1.1) an annual subscription. Five such payments made in consecutive years automatically conferring life membership. Or:
 - 4.4.1.2) a single payment for life membership.
 - 4.4.2) HONORARY MEMBERS: Honorary members shall pay no subscription.
 - 4.4.3) RATES: Subscription rates shall be decided each year at the Annual General Meeting, to take effect from the beginning of the next academic year.
 - 4.5) DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP:
 - 4.5.1) Persons shall remain members as follows:
 - 4.5.1.1) Life members - until death.

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

5. OFFICERS:

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

6. CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

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

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

- 7.1) The Officers (with the exception of the Auditor).
- 7.2) the Central Council Representative (if not otherwise on the Committee).

- 7.3) up to three other full members (to be elected at the Annual General Meeting).
- 7.4) anyone else that the Committee sees fit to co-opt.

8. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE: In addition to those duties described elsewhere, the Committee shall:

- 8.1) cause to be published an Annual Report of the activities of the Society in time for the Autumn General Meeting following the year to which it pertains. This report shall:
 - 8.1.1) include an audited statement of the Society's accounts.
 - 8.1.2) include a breakdown of the Society's membership, by institution.
 - 8.1.3) be as comprehensive as circumstances permit.
- 8.2) advertise, as they see fit, all events organised in the name of the Society.
- 8.3) elect a steeple-keeper, librarian and PCC representative from among their number.

9. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Committee shall meet, in open session, at least once a term, in accordance with the following rules:

- 9.1) QUORUM: Five full members, including one Officer, shall constitute a quorum at any Committee Meeting.
- 9.2) CHAIRMANSHIP: The Chair shall be taken by the Master, or, if he or she is absent, the most senior Officer present.
- 9.3) ORDINARY MEETINGS: An Ordinary Committee Meeting shall be any meeting convened in accordance with rules 9.1 and 9.5.
- 9.4) EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS:
 - 9.4.1) An extraordinary Committee Meeting may be called at any time, provided that it is quorate in accordance with rule 9.1.
 - 9.4.2) The decisions taken by an Extraordinary Committee Meeting shall be presented at the next Ordinary Committee Meeting, where they may be overruled.
- 9.5) NOTICE OF MEETINGS: All members of the Committee shall receive at least one weeks notice of a Committee Meeting, where practical.

10. GENERAL MEETINGS:

- 10.1) QUORUM: The quorum for a General Meeting shall be either:
 - 10.1.1) the same as for a Committee Meeting. Or:
 - 10.1.2) in the case of a meeting at which changes to the Constitution are proposed, fifteen full members, including two Officers.
- 10.2) CHAIRMANSHIP: The Chair shall be taken by the most senior Officer present, where this does not involve a conflict of interests. If no suitable Officer can be found, the Meeting may offer the Chair to the full member of their choice.
- 10.3) ORDINARY MEETINGS:
 - 10.3.1) The Annual General Meeting shall be held, where practical, on the second Saturday in May. Otherwise another date, at the beginning of the summer term, shall be selected by the Committee.
 - 10.3.2) The Autumnal General Meeting shall be held, where practical, on the last Saturday in November. Otherwise another date, at the beginning of the academic year, shall be selected by the Committee.
- 10.4) EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS: An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called to take place in the following circumstances:
 - 10.4.1) within six weeks of written notice being received by the Secretary from at least ten full members.
 - 10.4.2) as the Committee sees fit.
- 10.5) NOTICE OF MEETINGS: The Committee shall cause notice of a General Meeting to be published in 'The Ringing World' at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.
- 10.6) PROPOSALS:
 - 10.6.1) NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE POSTS (& AUDITOR)

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

11. PEALS:

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

12. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

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

- 12.4) If an amendment to the Constitution is accepted:
12.4.1) the new Constitution shall be effective from the end of the meeting.
12.4.2) a copy of the new Constitution shall be included in that year's Annual Report.

13. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY:

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

APPENDIX A: OFFICERS' JOB DESCRIPTIONS

THE PRESIDENT SHALL:

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

THE VICE-PRESIDENT(S) SHALL:

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

THE MASTER SHALL:

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

THE SECRETARY SHALL:

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

THE TREASURER SHALL:

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

THE TRUSTEES SHALL:

- i) hold the Society's property in trust.
- ii) prepare and maintain an inventory of the Society's property.
- iii) ensure that the Society's property is safely kept and (by arrangement with the Secretary and/or Treasurer) insured where appropriate.

iv) present a report of the state of the Society's property to the Annual General Meeting each year.

THE AUDITOR SHALL:

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

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

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

The following societies have been approved under the foregoing Regulations:

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

APPENDIX C: STATUTE 5 OF THE UNIVERSITY STATUTES

The members of the University shall be the Chancellor, the members for the time being of the Court and the Senate respectively, the Professors and Readers and other Teachers of the University during their tenure of office, the Graduates and the Students, provided always that membership of the University may be withdrawn at the request of a member made for reasons considered by the Senate to be sufficiently cogent as to justify such request and on the member entering into such undertakings and guarantees as the Senate may require to the effect that he will continue to observe the Statutes and Regulations of the University as though he had continued to be a member thereof.

*Bagpuss gave a big yawn, and settled down to sleep
And of course when Bagpuss goes to sleep, all his
friends go to sleep too
The mice were ornaments on the mouse-organ
Gabriel and Madeleine were just dolls
And Professor Yaffle was a carved wooden bookend in
the shape of a woodpecker
Even Bagpuss himself once he was asleep was just an
old, saggy cloth cat
Baggy, and a bit loose at the seams*

But Emily loved him

