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1996 -1997 REPORT





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OFFICERS FOR 1996-1997.

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MASTER'S REPORT

Practice nights have been generally well attended with numbers varying from 12 to 30 and ringing ranging from rounds and call changes to touches of Horton's four. We received 4 new freshers all of whom have attended practice nights regularly. Several practices have been arranged in other towers, all of which have also been well attended and almost all the 12 bell towers in the city have been visited during the year. I also instigated a once monthly 12 bell practice or quarter with a view to entering the national 12 bell competition.

Sunday service attendances have varied according to where ringing is and how good the party the night before was ! The least well supported Sunday morning tower was St George in the East, probably due largely to the timing and the inaccessibility, however, we usually managed to ring on at least five here. We always managed to ring at least six at Hart Street and often eight. Waterloo Road. now has the beginnings of its own band but the UL has still turned up to help them out on the fourth Sunday. It is perhaps worth thinking about whether we should continue going there or find somewhere else. Spitalfields have unfortunately been out of action for the majority of the year, so ringing on the second Sunday has also been at Waterloo Road. due largely to coincidental service times.

The society has rung approximately 35 **peals** this year, including five out of seven attempts over peal weekend. Many 'firsts' have been achieved in peals throughout the year, particularly firsts on higher numbers. There have also been 2 peals of major rung by undergraduate members of the society and an undergraduate ten bell peal is being arranged as well as an undergraduate attempt of 8 Spliced Major. The 'presidential' handbell band achieved a peal of 8 Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. Thanks to all peal organisers and congratulations to all participants.

Quarter peals have been attempted on many Sunday evenings and approximately 30 quarters have been rung by the society over the year. Three were rung at St Pauls, the

third of which contained many 'firsts', including three people's first on twelve. We have also used our Southwark dates to attempt quarters, most of which have been successful. We entered two **striking competitions** this year. We came a very close second (2 faults) in the SUA 8 bell competition, with a band which consisted of seven undergraduates. The SUA 6 bell competition was moved from its original date to the Saturday of peal weekend, making us unable to enter, it was, however, subsequently cancelled due to lack of entrants. Last weekend we once again won the Tewkesbury Shield competition for the third year in a row and have now been banned from entering next year ! Thanks to Sam for her organisation.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past year and to wish the new master the best of luck.

Rebecca S Bruce.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The UL-opoly event occurred in June and was very successful, with a large number of teams entering. Terry and Sam both held weekends, which seemed to be enjoyed by everyone who went on them. The Summer Tour was in Ireland this year, and I assume everybody enjoyed it, because they all came back raving about Guinness. The UL dinner was well attended with 63 people. The Easter Tour was held in the High Wycombe and Windsor Area.

Thanks to everyone who arranged weekends and tours. Particularly Mike who arranged the Summer Tour and James for organising the dinner.

Hart Street bells have been regularly used by visiting bands in the last year, despite the total ban on peals. The College Youths and Middlesex have jointly been holding a practice on the first Wednesday of the month. I hope that the sound control will be done soon in the next year so that the bells will be available for peals again.

Finally I would like to congratulate Mark and Caroline Bennett on their marriage last September and to David James who has got engaged.

Fiona M Edwards.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Up to 31^{st} March 1997, the ULSCR has made a loss of about £60. However, the 1997-1998 accounts will reflect an extra income of £66 received after the close of accounts, so our income and expenditure have matched almost perfectly over the year.

The dinner made a loss of about £150, partially due to our inability to track down everyone who had purchased wine at the dinner and partially because the attendance levels and ticket price margin did not cover the service charge.

This year, we have had six new members. However, despite the increased steepleage and membership fees, these sources of income have not been significantly more than the previous year.

All the usual transactions took place without event, except that the dinner cheque bounced due to a mix-up at the bank. Future treasurers should probably check with the bank that signature changes have come into force a few weeks before submitting them.

Recommended membership fees are to stay at : £7.50 - Life £3.00 - yearly £0.50 - peal fee £0.30 - steepleage

Steven R Warren

University of London Society of Change Ringers Accounts for the year ending 31 March 1997

General Accounts

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Delement of the still 1000		£	£
Balances as at 1 April 1996	Treasurer's account	600.93	
	Petty Cash	431.78	
	Ringing World account	115.84	
			1148.55
Income:			
	Peal Fees (MJT £9 overpaid)	145.50	
	Interest	2.77	
	Steeplage	77.59	
	6 subscriptions @ £7.50	45.00	
	Donations	65.38	
	Profit on Freshers Reception	3.00	
			339.24
		I	1487.79
			1407.77
Expenditure:			
Expenditure.	AGM refreshments	4.95	
	AUGM refreshments	4.93 6.28	
	Bin Bags for Hart Street	2.59	
	CC Subscription	10.00	
	Handbell Insurance	16.20	
	Light Bulbs for Hart Street	6.99	
	Secretary's expenses	40.00	
	5 Southwark Practices @ £5.00	25.00	
	Tewkesbury Shield	10.00	
	Tower donations	5.00	
	Ringing World bound copy	21.00	
	Ringing World notices	43.92	
	Loss on 1996-1997 dinner	210.60	
			402.53
Balances as at 31 March 1997			
	Treasurer's account	980.94	
	Petty Cash	0.00	
	Ringing World account	104.32	
			1085.26
			1487.79
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Dinner account - 1996

		£	£
Income:			
	60 tickets @ £25.00	1500.00	
	1 Disco ticket @ £2.50	2.50	
	Payment for Wine	144.00	
	·		1646.50
Expenditure			
	63 meals @ £22.50	1417.50	
	Wine corkage	200.00	
	Service Charge	210.00	
	C Gould - menu/ticket printing	8.00	
	Ringing World adverts	21.60	
			1857.10
Overall loss on dinner			(210.60)
Please note:			

1) ULSCR paid for one speaker's dinner

2) Since the close of accounts, payment for two and two bottles of wine have been received, to be reflected in the 1997/98 accounts

ULOPOLY REPORT

Ulopoly is real Monopoly around the streets of London. You phone control who throw the dice and tell you where to advance to. There are questions associated with each place from the Monopoly board. When you find the answer, or get bored of looking, you phone control again the process starts all over again. No mobile phones were allowed.

There were two starting points. One in front of the Bank of England and one at Paddington Station. I don't think anyone used the one at Paddington as it seemed most people were at Bank. Control were based in Bethnal Green, and consisted of Chris Gould, Helen Saddleton and Nick Green. My team consisted of Myself, my fiancé Caroline Imm, and Mr Michael Richardson, formerly of Oxford University (which is rated lower by employers than Imperial College).

Our first square was Northumberland Avenue, where we had to visit the Nigerian Embassy and the Royal Commonwealth Society. We were off to a good start. Next we had to go to Great Marlborough Street, and then Piccadilly and we got the answers to those questions too. We thought we were doing guite well, but we didn't know what Edmund's team was up to. The next stop was Coventry Street where we hit upon a problem. We found the building with capital SSS's on but there was scaffolding all around it, so we couldn't see when it was built. The organisers were obviously not aware that it was now impossible to get the answer to this question. Liverpool Street station was next and we took this opportunity to have lunch. After lunch we were sent to jail, so we did as the instructions suggested and went for a beer. The pub was full of football supporters on their way to see England take on Spain in Euro 96. We spent a bit longer than the recommended 15 minutes in jail. Prison is not so bad you know. Our next roll of the dice took us to Park Lane and a trip to the McLaren showrooms. They wouldn't let me have a test drive. (I wonder why ? - Ed) We had a bit of trouble answering the second part of this question and were just on our way to Mayfair when we bumped into Team Barr minus Edmund. They seemed to be doing better than us which dented our enthusiasm a bit. We got Mayfair OK and then were off to Marylebone Station. These questions were quite easy too and next we headed to the Strand. We walked up and down the whole length of the Strand trying to answer this stupid question. We eventually gave up. We saw Trimmbo's team who had found this answer but they wouldn't give it to us. (To answer this question you needed to be 63 feet tall with

binocular vision.) The waterworks square required us to go to Western Pumping Station, Grosvenor Rd, SW1 which is miles from Sloane Square. Our legs were pretty knackered by now and we decided that the next square, Oxford Circus, would be our last before retiring to the Founders Arms. We were able to see England win the penalty shoot-out against Spain in the window of some shop in Oxford Street. Hooray! It was now time to go the Founders.

The organisers marked the scorecards and surprise, surprise Garry Barr's team had won. Not so much of a surprise when you realise that their team split in two with Edmund dashing everywhere on his bike allowing them to get to more locations. Its the taking part that counts isn't it? We all rested our weary legs into the evening accompanied by a few beers.

We were all very thankful for Chris and Nick in organising the whole thing, quite some effort. It was certainly a different way to spend a Saturday other than ringing peals but it did take twice as long. *(that's a matter of opinion - Ed)* We got to see parts of London not normally ventured into. I found out where the XXX cinema is. Cool!

Mark C Bennett

SUMMER TOUR TO IRELAND 26th June - 7th July 1996

"A pint of Guinness!" - the choice for the first round was unanimous if hardly surprising. We were sitting in a little pub in Wicklow, the official rendez-vous point for the tour, having arrived in 4 separate groups. Each had taken a slightly different route but miraculously everyone turned up on Saturday night in the right place at the right time! Guinness all round, and the 1996 Summer Tour was underway...

Sunday

A traditional Irish breakfast gave us our first taste of "white pudding". Nobody was quite sure what animal product it was made of, although speculation was rife. After a thought-provoking discussion, we set off for the first tower, St Audoen's, Dublin.

Meanwhile, Sam, Becky, David and James were enjoying their breakfast on Dun Laoghaire beach, having just arrived on the overnight ferry. They had driven hot-foot from the 12-bell final in Sheffield, and stayed up all night. We all met up in time for ringing at St John's Lane, the 'Pershore' of Ireland with its vertigo-inducing staircase. After coffee we rang at St Patrick's Cathedral and Christchurch, before adjourning to the pub (conveniently located opposite the cathedral).

For the accomodation arrangements, we had decided to split into three camps - well actually it was one camp and two guest houses. David, James, Becky and I were camping just outside Wicklow so we had to leave Dublin early to put up the tents. Everyone else was in B & B (Richard & Helen in Avocar, the rest in Wicklow) so they had time for another pint.

That evening we met up again in Wicklow for more drinking, eating and... limericks. Yes, the Irish air had brought out the artists in us and the pub was filled with the beautiful sound of poetry. Many adopted an 'avantegarde' style, attempting to push back the boundaries of contemporary verse. I would love to repeat them here but unfortunately I am bound by the Obscene Publications Act.

11pm and the B+B'er's headed for their cosy beds. Beach party! Freed from our duvet-loving companions, the camping quartet headed for the golden sands of the campsite's private beach. Regrettably, the tide had decided to hold a beach party of its own, but we managed to jump onto a patch of sand almost wide enough for the four of us. Further along the bay, David spotted a cave entrance and before we could say "Peter Bennett", he was marching into the bowels of Ireland with only a cigarette lighter to show to the way. Cautiously we followed... Fifty yards into the tunnel, and nothing to be seen except water and rock. As I had had the foresight to bring a proper torch, I felt brave enough to explore a side passage. But as I rounded a bend, a sight met my eyes that gripped me with mortal terror: The skeleton of a ferocious dinosaur, with its claw stretching menacingly towards me. I fled in terror!....Well, that is to say I overcame my curiosity, and went to fetch the others. David was the only one brave enough to approach the beast. Closer and closer he crept... close enough, in fact, to reveal the 'skeleton' as no more than three bits of polystyrene jammed between two rocks. How incredibly embarrassing!

Back out onto the beach and Becky started to undress for her 'skinny dip'. Sadly it went no further than shoes and socks so after a quick paddle we returned to the comfort of our tents.

Monday

The next morning we set off for Blessington, while Chris took a detour to taste the waters of the River Liffey. The verdict: "Sweet, but I still prefer Guinness!" Next, Glendalough Wishing Cross, a short walk by the Lough, and a little round tower with no bells.

Lunch was in Avoca, a.k.a. 'Ballykissangel'. It was pouring with rain so I decided to go for a walk but everyone else wanted to stay in the pub. David slept most of the afternoon, with a wine glass perched on his head. Last destination of the day was Arklow, for boats, bells and ball-games on the beach. Sam's inflatable beach-ball got a good working out, at least until some bright spark hit it into the sea. Alas, there was an off-shore wind and no amount of screaming and waving could entice the ball to return to the beach. Empty handed, we returned to Wicklow (I think) for more food, drink and lewd rhymes.

<u>Tuesday</u>

All good Summer Tours include a train ride, and this was no exception. The brightly coloured DART train whisked us from Bray to Dublin (or it would have if there hadn't been a signal failure). Getting to Dublin somewhat late, there was just enough time for the Guinness Brewery tour. It was OK, but disappointing that we couldn't see the actual brewery. Still, everyone seemed to enjoy the free samples. We returned to Bray for an hour of 7-bell ringing, as they had a broken rope (rumours of Terry Astill visiting the week before are totally untrue!). Back into Dublin - this time by car - for ringing at St Audoen's, then we joined the locals at St Patrick's practice night.

<u>Wednesday</u>

The only non-ringing day of the tour was spent in and around Tremor. The 1996 UL Grand Prix was held at Youghal fairground – won of course by "Demon" Saddleton in his green car.

Wednesday was also the day of the big move. Campers and B & B'ers alike were to move down to Blarney, a more convenient location for the second half of the week. James, however, was quick to point out that it *would* have been a convenient location, had it not been in completely the wrong place! Spotting the opportunity to turn less driving time into more drinking time, the campers made their own plan, and moved to a new campsite just 15 miles south of Wicklow. This was a very up-market site - crazy golf (complete with waterfalls), a bowling alley and, best of all, a kiddies playground. We finally managed to drag David away from the slide long enough for a round of golf, and whiled away the evening in the bar thinking of the others on their long journey down to Blarney.

<u>Thursday</u>

We were reunited with the Bee-Bee's for ringing in Wexford. After lunch we had a tour of the 'Waterford Crystal' factory before ringing in Waterford. At last we moved to our final, and most picturesque campsite, on a hillside overlooking Blarney Castle.

In the night I was awoken by a horrific growling sound. At first I thought the polystyrene cave creature was coming to eat me but soon I realised it was David snoring in the other tent. I crept round to the back of the tent to rectify matters, but no matter how hard I kicked his head, he would not shut up!

<u>Friday</u>

Friday morning we split into two groups. (No, not the usual summer tour feud, we just wanted to do different things). Sam, Mark, Chris, David and Becky went to play pitch-and-putt, while James, Mike, Adrian and I went down to Blarney Castle, home of the world-renowned 'Blarney Stone'. For those who don't know, the Blarney Stone is a block of granite, set high up in the castle wall. According to legend, whoever kisses the magical stone shall receive the 'gift of the gab'. Adrian (never one to turn down the opportunity of a snog) was in there like a shot, followed closely by James. I would have been third in the pecking order, but for some reason I declined. Call me a skeptic, but Blarney Stone sounds like B.S. to me. Of course the stone is steeped in magic and tradition, but probably steeped in a million tourists' saliva too so I gave it a wide birth! As if by magic, Mike appeared and it was time to ring handbells. Adrian disappeared to take photographs, while Mike, James and I sat down to attempt our peal. That is, we would have sat down had there been anywhere *to* sit! Not surprisingly the attempt came to grief early so we decided to explore the castle grounds instead.

More magic was at hand, this time in the form of the 'Wishing Steps'. The premise was simple - all you had to do was walk backwards - with your eyes closed - down this long stone staircase and all your wishes would come true (provided of course your wishes involved broken bones!). Miraculously we all survived without mortal injury and met up with the golfers for a quick lunch. Then off to Doneraille for the tour striking contest.

Now anyone who has ever experienced a summer tour striking contest will know they are always long, drawn-out affairs and this year was no exception. Once the rules had been agreed, however, the actual competition didn't take long at all! The winner was swiftly announced, and even more swiftly forgotten.

Evening ringing was in Cork, followed by a 'sesh' in the pub. Then, as it was Friday night, Mike, James, Mark, Chris, David & Becky decide to hit the local club scene. Mark managed to pull, and wasn't seen until breakfast. Lucky git!

<u>Saturday</u>

Morning ringing was at Bandon, followed by lunch in Mallow. That afternoon, it was time for several people to say goodbye. Chris and Mark had to move on to their orchestra competition, Richard and Helen left to do whatever married couples do on holiday, and I went to catch a train. The remaining people, I understand, toured the Jameson distillery in the afternoon, then had a Chinese meal.

<u>Sunday</u>

Service ringing was at Limerick. Mike and Adrian arrived, looking a pale shade of green to commemorate their last day in the Emerald Isle. The real reason for their strange colour was that some animal had done its 'business' in the air-vent of their car - making a delightful smell inside! Finally Mike & Adrian returned to Dublin to catch their plane and the others made for Dun Laoghaire for the catamaran back to Holyhead. I would like to thank Mike for all his organisation, but I can't as he didn't do any. Just kidding! Well done Mike for what turned out to be an excellent tour.

Nick Jones

WIN A CAN OF GUINNESS!

Due to the fact that nobody wrote a report about the weekend held at Sam's, we have decided to hold a small competition with small prices. **RULES**

- answer the questions below.
- find the answers in the word search
- complete the tie-breaker question
- submit all correct entries to Becky or Caroline by Dinner Day1999.
- if you actually manage to send it to us at the correct address (as one of us is moving house) you can receive double the prizes. This will involve a great amount of guess work unless you are Mystic Meg.
 - 1. Where was this event held?
 - 2. What month was it held in ?
 - 3. Who punctured a tyre on the way there?
 - 4. What was the method for the peal MEANT to be?
 - 5. What method did Fiona learn?
 - 6. What was done after the consumption of copious amounts of alcohol?
 - 7. Who was meant to write this report?
 - 8. Who compiled this quiz, even though they were not present at the event?
 - 9. What was the local pub called?
 - 10. Who brought their own camp bed?

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I SHOULD WIN THE CAN OF GUINNESS BECAUSE_____ RKLERLINCYORA

MARK AND CAROLINE'S WEDDING

The morning dawned. It was one of those bright sunny mornings very rare in the wilds of Wales. Over the valleys could be heard the sombre sound of stedman Cinques drifting from the bells of St Woolos. Reaching my bed and breakfast I was greeted by a strange old woman gently rubbing a cabbage leaf between her fingers. Was this all an omen of something imminent about to happen? For it was the morn of the wedding of Mark and Caroline.

After exchanging pleasantries (ie a cup of tea) there was enough time to freshen up and make it over to the Cathedral for a quick ring before the service. The ringers then had to run down the tower stairs and try and find somewhere to sit as the place was packed to the gunnels. No sooner after taking up our positions in the pews than the organ voluntary started up. Accompanied to this the Bride's procession somberely made its way up the nave of the Cathedral much to the relief of Mark. A member of this procession was Sue, Mark's sister. This came as a bit of surprise to many of us, since we didn't know that Mark actually had sister. The service itself seemed to go very smoothly. Mark even made sure that we heard his reponses at the back. Soon after the end of the service we were back in action at the end of bell ropes to congratulate the happy couple. As with all weddings by the time we descended the stairs there was no one around. Luckily the coach to the reception had waited for us.

So what were the UL high lights for the rest of the days proceedings:

- Copious amounts of alcohol.
 As soon as we reached the reception numerous glasses of champagne were thrust into your hand.
- Lack of UL in the wedding photo's.
 Well, what do you expect! If you give the UL alcohol you're not going to be able to drag them into a photo or two. But some of us did make it. Nick even perfected the tramp look.
- Handbells during the meal. Perhaps this wasn't the best time or place to incur the wrath of Caroline.

- Giving the largest present. This was even complete with accessories.
- James managing to buy the most expensive bottle of whisky ever.
- James again. But this time break dancing with chairs. Perhaps the above bottle had something to do with this.
- Caroline's wedding dress getting in the way on the dance floor. Apart from getting beer poured over it the dress somehow managed to trip the unfortunate Caroline up leaving her sitting in the middle of the dance floor.
- Caroline showing off her garter.

This involved sitting on a sofa with her legs up on the table in front looking a bit sozzled. Most lady like.

After all this fun and frolics it was back to the bed and breakfast for some sleep. The next morning came rather quicker than I would of liked. But if you've paid for a breakfast you might as well have it. However, this was rather a small affair. I hadn't realised that art noveau breakfasts were the fashion at the time. After settling up with owner it was time to depart. Miraculously from nowhere Becky appeared and strolled down the stairs and out the door. The shock on the poor owners face!

Dr Pete's™ report of Mark & Carolines Wedding © 1999

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION EIGHT BELL COMPETITION

On a chilly autumn day in November, eight intrepid UL ringers ventured out to ring in the SUA eight-bell striking competition, which was being held at St Michael's, Southampton. I was terrified, and for a number of reasons - being a bit of a rustic, I had only rung in a couple of country district striking competitions, where the teams generally fought their way through call changes, and the winning band had rung some incoherent Plain Bob Doubles - and here I was being asked to ring with city ringers who could stroll through a course of Glasgow as easily as they could put away their pints (which was also a problem as I had always drunk shorts.) Also, the cream of the UL ringers had inconsiderately gone to St Mary le Tower in Ipswich to ring a flashy peal - so I knew they were scraping the bottom of the barrel when they asked me to ring.

So there we were - up against a number (twelve?) of other teams, all who looked really tough and expert, and as if they rang Spliced Surprise Max on a regular basis. We rang some Cambridge Major, and I was pleased to be on the treble as I could hear it best, which would minimise my chances of crunching. Last minute words of advice from Becky - "Don't forget to keep wide over the tenor and seventh." We completed a respectable piece of ringing, and then dived in the nearby pub for a few beers while the other teams completed their ringing.

Our judge was the infamous Steve Castle, who rings regularly on the bells at St Michael's, and knows that they aren't necessarily an easy ring. His comments were constructive and helpful, but we were impatient to hear the results. It turned out that I was wrong about the other teams being expert because we actually wiped the floor with them - and with me in the band! We were pleased to hear that we had come a very close second to Bristol University, losing out on the prime position by just two faults. This narrow squeak disorientated us slightly and so we all went back to the pub for the rest of the day. Because I had brought the car down, I wasn't drinking (I just can't get it right!) but Olly had my share of the beer, and then some more, and then a few more, resulting in a unsavoury throwing up session on the way home. Why do UL events always end this way?!

Annabel Preston

51st ANNUAL DINNER DAY

Following the roaring success of the previous year the venue was chosen as The Clive Hotel, Primrose Hill. The guests began to arrive around 1830 for a 1900 start to the evening. The evening started well Reggie, who had given up alcohol for the previous month, was able to start drinking again and President Mike Trimm, who on this day became the second ever person to Ring a peal at every ringable tower within the City.

Just after 1900 the eating, drinking and merry making began with a starter of Tomato and Orange Soup, followed by Chicken in a White sauce with Vegetables. During the meal the customary 'taking of wine with....' were taken. With everybody expressing their 'LOVE' or should it be 'LUV' number???

With the Eating drawing to a close, the speeches were getting closer and the top table were starting to look more and more nervous. When suddenly, Mike call the attention of the room with the Gavel and began by introducing the speakers. The first to speak was our dear own Mr David Baverstock, with a toast to the visitors. The speeches were in full flow when we started to notice the some people weren't paying full attention to what was being said, namely one Oliver Cross had started to drift in and out of Consciousness/sleep. With David's Speech over it was then turn of Phil Rogers, to do the speaking on behalf of the visitors. By this time Reggie was feeling, worst and worst after re-integrating himself with extremely large quantities of Alcohol and Ollie barely able to keep from nodding off. Whilst all this was going on the speeches all continued. Finally came the time that we had all been waiting for, it was time for the Master's speech, the response of the society. As soon as the speech began so did the heckling, but with help Pete and Poppy, Becky had come prepared with weapons in the form of water pistols. The speech took the form of school reports for the more prominent members in the society. The Evening ended with a lot more drinking, dancing and falling over and breaking arms.

Simon Barnes

PEAL WEEKEND

Peal weekend was held over the weekend of 14/15/16 February 1997 and as I forgot to ask anybody to do a report, I'm doing it!

Two peals were arranged for Friday evening; a peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Streatham by an undergraduate singles band (suitable on Valentine's Day) which was successfully completed in fine style and a handbell peal in the crypt at Hart Street, which was (rather unusually for a handbell peal) a lock out as the vicar had done one of his famous disappearing acts. A peal was eventually attempted in the ringing chamber, but was unfortunately lost. Friday evening saw the two bands gathering in The Founders where the poor, stressed master began to lose patience with people who pretended not to know where they were due to ring the following day.

Peals of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at St Seps and Superlative Surprise Major at Bow in the Road were rung on Saturday morning. Following a brief lunch break, one band gathered at Willesden to score a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, while another band met one short at Poplar for a peal of Stedman Caters, which was therefore changed to 8 Spliced Surprise Major which was subsequently lost. Saturday evening was spent in the Pride and a curry house, where the master's bitten nails caused much hilarity to all. After morning ringing at Hart Street, only one peal was scheduled for Sunday; Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St Mary le Bow, which was scored and which was a creditable finale to a tiring weekend (despite the fact that the tenor was up wrong as we subsequently learnt...oops!). Five out of seven attempts were successful and we had a lock out, a fire up and met short, what more could you ask for?!

I would like to thank and congratulate all participants for their efforts, many 'firsts' were achieved during the weekend which was encouraging and made it all worthwhile, and to thank all incumbents for the use of their bells. (PS: The nails aren't much longer now...)

Rebecca S Bruce

THE EASTER TOUR

The weekend started with a peal attempt at Slough on the Friday evening, of Rutland Royal. We had a star conductor/treble ringer of Paul Mounsey, but even this wasn't enough to stop the attempt coming to grief after just a few leads because Jason Hughes was feeling ill, (cinema withdrawal symptoms perhaps?). Anyway - off we trotted to the pub and a good evenings drinking was had by all. Becky drove us back to her parents place, where we found a barrel of beer waiting for us. We went to bed in the early hours of the morning after listening to Becky's 80s CD collection. We were woken by a lovely breakfast, which Mike and James joined us for, surprise surprise, and Annabel joined us at the first tower. Lunch was at a nice pub, and we sat outside in the April sunshine, and bets were taken on the Grand National. After the last tower we found a Pizza Hut and ate there before returning to Becky's for more beer. On the Sunday we went to High Wycombe for morning ringing, before going back to Becky's for some handbell tune ringing. Fiona had a strop because she couldn't do it, and so the handbell ringing came to an abrupt end. We rang a guarter peal for evening service, before having a few more pints in the pub and getting the train home. Fiona, slow as always, hadn't finished her cider in the pub, so took it on the train and still hadn't finished by the time we got back to London.

Fiona M Edwards

TEWKESBURY SHIELD

After weeks of practising, training and a bit of ringing thrown in too, a select band set off on a cold morning on Saturday 3rd May for Tewkesbury. In usual UL style ie very late in a minibus held together by a bit of string and not much else.

After the initial excitement, boredom soon set in, not helped by a severe lack of alcohol. How fortunate it was, then, that we had someone among us who was not only sad enough to have brought Top Trumps, but cathedral ones as well - a true sad git if ever we met one. Anyway, not wanting to be upstaged, a certain member, who shall remain known only as SJB *(it's only fair Steve, you were supposed to help write this up! Ed)*, not only won, but won a name the cathedral competition. Oh well, it attracts all sorts!

After a little while we stopped for breakfast at a Little Chef...not really much more I can say about that, so I'll move on. 12 miles out of Tewkesbury, on the A417, disaster finally struck with the minibus. No, it didn't fall apart, but we got a puncture. Being keen to show off their manliness and amazing technical knowledge, David and Jason set about changing the tyre. Not content with the tools provided, they decided to construct a new tool. It was indeed a fine tool. However, it did have a severe flaw in that it was of no use whatsoever. By this time Mark and Caroline had turned up, having seen us in the lay-by. After a few minutes posing around, Mark came to the conclusion that the tool was indeed useless, as were we, but his puncture repair kit wouldn't fit. So finally, admitting defeat, we phoned the AA (Automobile Association, not Alcoholics Anonymous).

The repair man turned up (a very nice man, a very very nice man...Ed) and laughed at our tool. Then he changed the tyre. Easily. So we set off to Tewkesbury again.

When we got there, we went to the pub, where some naughty people drank beer and the good people didn't. Mike promised that if we did well, he'd never wear his shorts again - a bloody good thing!

We rang, we went back to the pub and we drank until the results were announced. We won. Yes. Won. Came first. Hoorah! From now on nothing else matters - we're the best.

But I'll tell you anyway...(I'm nice like that) Roddy Pipe didn't look to happy (no change there then) - we beat St Martins Guild, completing three years, so we couldn't enter the following year. So St Martins Guild couldn't beat us. Hoorah!

We went to the Bat and Ball for evening drinking and food, but we were all a bit depressed by the rather large anticlimax (no Pipe to laugh at).

We stayed at Sam's, came back the following day, and that was it. Short Version

Short version

We came, we saw, we conquered.

Up yours St Martins Guild!! We win, you suck.

The author of this text wishes to remain anonymous. (But shall be known only as Oliver D Cross, you should have typed it up yourself Olly! Ed)

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

1996 - 1997 PEALS

1.LONDON E9.Hackney S John of Jerusalem Fri May 17 1996 2h53 (19) 5120 Spliced Surprise Major (8m: Rutland, London, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol.) Comp. Philip G K Davies 1 Michael J Townsend 2 Michael J Trimm (C) 3 Fiona M Edwards 4 Reginald D P Gillard 5 Peter J Bennett 6 David J Baverstock 7 Rebecca S Bruce 8 James R S Sawle RW 4442, p611. Rung as a compliment to James & Sarah Hardy on the safe arrival of Katherine Jane. Also rung as an indicator of the hard times to come for the newly elected Master of the Society. 2.LONDON E1, Shoreditch

S Leonard Sun May 19 1996 3h11 (28) 5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus Comp. Ian R Fielding 1 Roger D Bailey 2 Phillip R J Barnes 3 Michael J Trimm 4 Samantha J Hovey 5 David J Baverstock 6 Terry M Astill 7 Christopher M Gould 8 Nigel J Newton 9 James R S Sawle (C) 10 Michael G Purday 11 Mike Pidd 12 Mark C Bennett RW 4442, p611 1st Bristol Maximus : 7 1st Surprise Maximus as C

3. AMERSHAM, Bucks S Mary Mon May 27 1996 3h6 (19) 5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus Arr. Roderick W Pipe 1 David J Baverstock 2 Rebecca S Bruce 3 Samantha J Hovey 4 Fiona M Edwards 5 Clive Buswell 6 M Ann Bethell 7 Reginald D P Gillard 8 Paul K Williamson 9 James R S Sawle (C) 10 Michael G Purday 11 Christopher J Pickford 12 Mark C Bennett RW 4443, p637 1st on 12 : 7 Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Formation of the Society.

4.BEACONSFIELD, Bucks
S Mary & All Saints
Mon May 27 1996 3h (19)
5024 Fordham Surprise Major
Comp. Rev H Law James
1 Fiona M Edwards
2 David J Baverstock
3 Mark C Bennett (C)
4 Reginald D P Gillard
5 Rebecca S Bruce
6 Clive Buswell
7 James R S Sawle
8 Michael G Purday
RW 4443, p637
Rung to celebrate 50 years of ULSCR.

5.LONDON SW4,Clapham the Holy Trinity Tue May 28 1996 2h15 (6) 5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor Comp. Roger D Bailey 1 Rebecca S Bruce 2 Patrick L Devine 3 David J Baverstock 4 Reginald D P Gillard 5 Fiona M Edwards 6 Michael G Purday (C) RW 4445, p683 Fastest peal on bells 1st Cambridge Minor : 5 Rung by 6 freshers of this academic year, and 1st fresher's peal for the society for more than 10 years.

6. KINGSTON UPON THAMES, Surrey All Saints Sun Jun 2 1996 3h22 (19) 5184 Bristol Surprise Maximus Comp. Roger Baldwin 1 Rebecca S Bruce 2 Michael J Trimm (C) 3 Fiona M Edwards 4 Samantha J Hovey 5 Michael J Townsend 6 Ruth Blackwell 7 David J Baverstock 8 Christopher M Gould 9 Roger D Bailey 10 Mark C Bennett 11 James R S Sawle 12 Simon J Gay RW 4446, p707 Rung as part of Society's 50th anniversary celebrations.

7.IPSWICH,Suff S Mary-le-Tower Sat Jun 8 1996 3h25 (35) 5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus Comp. Roderick W Pipe 1 Michael J Townsend 2 Fiona M Edwards 3 David J Baverstock 4 Rebecca S Bruce 5 Clive Buswell 6 Reginald D P Gillard 7 James R S Sawle (C) 8 Richard S J Saddleton 9 Roger D Bailey 10 Nigel J Newton 11 Michael J Trimm 12 Mark C Bennett RW 4448, p757 Rung as part of Society's 50th anniversary celebrations.

8.LONDON SW7,Imperial College Huxley Building
Mon Jun 17 1996 2h27 (15)
5152 Queen's Tower Surprise Major Comp. Charles Middleton
1-2 Dickon R Love
3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
5-6 Roger D Bailey
7-8 Mark C Bennett
RW 4448, p759 9.LONDON EC3,City S Michael, Cornhill Sun Jun 23 1996 3h47 (42) 5009 Stedman Cinques Comp. Nigel J Newton 1 Dickon R Love 2 Rebecca S Bruce 3 David J Baverstock 4 Linda M Garton 5 Roger D Bailey 6 James R S Sawle 7 Andrew M Farmer 8 Michael J Trimm 9 Nigel J Newton (C) 10 Mike Pidd 11 Mark C Bennett 12 Ian R Fielding RW 4446, p707 Specially arranged and rung for the 50th anniversary of the Society.

10.LONDON SW7,Imperial College Huxley Building
Mon Jun 24 1996 2h24 (15)
5024 Derby Surprise Major
Comp. John R Ketteringham
1-2 Dickon R Love
3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
5-6 Roger D Bailey
7-8 Ruth Blackwell
RW 4448,p759

11.LONDON SE18, Woolwich S Mary Magdalene Sat Jul 13 1996 2h58 (13) 5056 Plumstead Surprise Major Comp. David W Beard 1 David J Baverstock 2 Fiona M Edwards 3 Mark C Bennett 4 Peter J Bennett 5 Reginald D P Gillard 6 Rebecca S Bruce 7 Michael J Trimm (C) 8 James R S Sawle RW 4450, p807 Also rung as birthday compliment to James Sawle, who from tomorrow, will be old enough to drive the UL mini bus. 12.LONDON WC1, Bloomsbury

Bonham Carter House, Gower St Tue Aug 13 1996 1h53 (11) 5040 Spliced Surprise Minor (7m: (1) Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull. (2) Bourne, Ipswich. (3) Norwich. (4) Cambridge. (5) Bourne, Ispwich. (6) Norwich. (7) Cambridge.) 1-2 Linda M Garton 3-4 Ian R Fielding 5-6 Michael J Trimm (C) RW 4482, p294

13.LONDON EC1,City
S Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield
Sun Aug 25 1996 2h34 (5)
5040 Grandsire Doubles
1 Michael J Trimm (C)
2 Samantha J Hovey
3 Rosalind S Palfrey
4 Rebecca S Bruce
5 Roger D Bailey
RW 4456, p958
This is believed to be 4th peal rung on these bells
1st peal : 3

14. LONDON SW7, Imperial College Huxley Building Wed Sep 4 1996 2h28 (15) 5024 Chalkwell Surprise Major Comp. Roger D Bailey 1-2 Dickon R Love 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C) 5-6 Roger D Bailey 7-8 Nicholas W Jones RW 4461, p1083 1st peal in Method Rung as a compliment to Bev Ouzman & Marcus Wheel on the birth of their son Ian; also to Marcus Wheel & Bev Ouzman on the nirth of their son Douglas.

15.LONDON E1,City Marlyn Lodge,Portsoken St Wed Oct 2 1996 2h35 (15) 5152 Bristol Surprise Major Comp. Roger D Bailey 1-2 Mark C Bennett 3-4 Nicholas W Jones 5-6 Michael J Trimm (C) 7-8 James R S Sawle RW 4461, p1083 1st Bristol in hand : 1-2, 7-8 Rung by the Society's Presidential Team

16.LONDON SW7, Imperial College Huxley Building Wed Oct 9 1996 2h38 (15) 5040 Cambridge Surorise Royal Comp. James Clatworthy 1-2 Ruth Blackwell 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C) 5-6 Roger D Bailey 7-8 Simon J Gay 9-10 Nicholas W Jones RW 4461, p1083 1st Surprise Royal in hand : 1-2 1st Surprise Royal on inside pair : 9-10 A compliment to Tina Stoecklin on her appointment as next editor of the ringing world.

17.LONDON E9,Hackney S John of Jerusalem Tue Nov 5 1996 3h3 (19) 5120 Spliced Surprise Major (8m: Rutland, London, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol.) Comp. Philip G K Davies 1 Rebecca S Bruce 2 Fiona M Edwards 3 David J Baverstock 4 Jason W Hughes 5 Reginald D P Gillard 6 Michael J Trimm (C) 7 James R S Sawle 8 Oliver D Cross RW 4469, p1282 $1^{s^{\dagger}}$ 8 spliced : 4 Rung to mark 50th anniversary of Society's first peal.

18.LONDON EC1, City Marlyn Lodge, Portsoken St Wed Nov 6 1996 2h40 (15) 5184 London Surprise Major Comp. Roger D Bailey 1-2 Mark C Bennett 3-4 Nicholas W Jones 5-6 Michael J Trimm (C) 7-8 James R S Sawle RW 4469/70, p1282 1st London away from trebles : 3-4 Completes standard 8 to handbell peals : 1-2, 7-8. Rung by Society's Presidential team to mark the 50th anniversary of the Society's 1st peal at Norwood Green on 2-11-1946.

19.LONDON E3,Bow S Mary-atte-Bow Sat Nov 23 1996 3h11 (13) 5152 Lincolnshire Surprise Major Comp. Simon Humphrey 1 Stephen R Warren 2 James R S Sawle (C) 3 Patrick L Devine 4 D Annabel Preston 5 Peter J Bennett 6 Simon M Barnes 7 Stephen J Bailey 8 Oliver D Cross RW 4476, p147 1^{s†} on 8 ∶ 1 1^{st} in method : 4,6,7 1st Surprise : 4 For Dinner Day

20. TEWKESBURY, Glos Abbey of S Mary the Virgin Sat Dec 7 1996 3h28 (27) 5125 Grandsire Cinques Comp. Robert B Smith 1 Rebecca S Bruce 2 Fiona M Edwards 3 Samantha J Hovey 4 Peter J Bennett 5 Reginald D P Gillard 6 Simon M Barnes 7 James R S Sawle (C) 8 Jason W Hughes 9 Christopher M Gould 10 David J Baverstock 11 Mark C Bennett 12 Oliver D Cross RW 4476, p147 1^{st} on 12:4,6

21.FARNBOROUGH, Hants S Peter Sat Dec 14 1996 2h50 (6) 5152 Spliced Surprise Major (4m: 1312 Bristol, 1280 London, Cambridge, Superlative. 113 changes of method, all the work) Comp. Albert J Pitman 1 D Annabel Preston 2 Rebecca S Bruce 3 Fiona M Edwards 4 Ruth Blackwell 5 Roger D Bailey 6 Mark C Bennett (C) 7 David J Baverstock 8 James R S Sawle RW 4472, p35 50th this year : 8 1st spliced surprise as C

22.GREAT ILFORD, Ess

S Mary the Virgin Sun Dec 15 1996 2h28 (7) 5040 Surprise Minor (7m: 1 extent each of Carlisle, Norwich, York, London, Durham, Wells, Cambridge) 1 Fiona M Edwards 2 Rebecca S Bruce 3 David J Baverstock 4 Linda M Garton 5 James R S Sawle (C) 6 Ian R Fielding RW 4476, p147 1st 7 minor : 2 **23**.LONDON SE16, Bermondsey S James Fri Jan 17 1997 2h54 (14) 5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major Comp. Anthony J Cox 1 David J Baverstock 2 Fiona M Edwards 3 D Annabel Preston 4 Simon M Barnes 5 Stephen J Bailey 6 Oliver D Cross 7 Michael G Purday (C) 8 Rebecca S Bruce RW 4476, p143 1^{st} in method : 3 Rung by an undergraduate band as a compliment to Society President Michael Trimm on getting de-plastered

24.LONDON EC1,City S Sepulchre without Newgate Sun Jan 19 1997 3h29 (28) 5136 Bristol Surprise Maximus Comp. James R S Sawle 1 Peter J Bennett 2 Fiona M Edwards 3 Rebecca S Bruce 4 Ruth Blackwell 5 Roger D Bailey 6 David J Baverstock 7 James R S Sawle (C) 8 Oliver D Cross 9 John R Peverett 10 Christopher M Gould 11 Michael G Purday 12 Mark C Bennett RW 4476, p143 1st Maximus : 1

25.LONDON SW16,Streatham S Leonard Fri Feb 14 1997 2h43 (12) 5056 Bristol Surprise Major Comp. W E Critchley 1 D Annabel Preston 2 David J Baverstock 3 Reginald D P Gillard 4 Fiona M Edwards 5 Oliver D Cross 6 Stephen J Bailey 7 Michael G Purday (C) 8 Rebecca S Bruce RW 4485, p371 For Peal Weekend Rung on St Valentine's Day by an undergraduate singles band, who had nothing better to do.

26.LONDON EC1,City S Sepulchre without Newgate Sat Feb 15 1997 3h33 (28) 5042 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus Arr. Mark C Bennett 1 Ruth Blackwell 2 Michael J Trimm 3 Mark C Bennett (C) 4 Samantha J Hovey 5 Reginald D P Gillard 6 Peter J Bennett 7 Jason W Hughes 8 Stephen J Bailey 9 Christopher M Gould 10 Roger D Bailey 11 David J Baverstock 12 Oliver D Cross RW 4485, p371 1^{st} blows in method : 5,6,8 For Peal Weekend

27.LONDON E3,Bow S Mary-atte-Bow Sat Feb 15 1997 2h49 (13) 5088 Superlative Surprise Major Comp. Anthony J Cox 1 D Annabel Preston 2 Rebecca S Bruce 3 Patrick L Devine 4 Simon M Barnes 5 Richard S J Saddleton 6 Fiona M Edwards 7 Michael G Purday (C) 8 James R S Sawle RW 4485, p371 Fpr Peal Weekend

28.LONDON NW10,Willesden S Mary Sat Feb 15 1997 2h31 (7) 5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor Comp. Roger D Bailey 1 Jason W Hughes 2 Stephen R Warren 3 Simon M Barnes 4 Peter J Bennett 5 Roger D Bailey (C) 6 Reginald D P Gillard RW 4485, p371 1st peal inside : 2 For Peal Weekend

29.LONDON EC2.City S Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside Sun Feb 16 1997 3h40 (42) 5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus Comp. Roger D Bailey 1 Rebecca S Bruce 2 David J Baverstock 3 Samantha J Hovey 4 Fiona M Edwards 5 Stephen J Bailey 6 Jason W Hughes 7 Roger D Bailey 8 Michael J Trimm 9 James R S Sawle (C) 10 Oliver D Cross 11 Michael G Purday 12 Mark C Bennett RW 4485, p371 30.LONDON E3,Bow

S Mary-atte-Bow Fri Feb 21 1997 2h55 (13) 5088 London Surprise Major Comp. James W Washbrook 1 Patrick L Devine 2 Michael J Trimm 3 Reginald D P Gillard 4 Fiona M Edwards 5 David J Baverstock 6 Oliver D Cross 7 Jason W Hughes (C) 8 Michael G Purday RW 4494, p614 1st in method : 3,7

31.LONDON SW7,Imperial College Huxley Building Wed Mar 19 1997 2h24 (15) 5088 Uxbridge Surprise Major Comp. Stanley Jenner 1-2 Nicholas W Jones 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C) 5-6 Roger D Bailey 7-8 James R S Sawle RW 4484, p346 Rung as an engagement compliment to David James and Frances Caley

32.LONDON SW7,Imperial College Huxley Building Mon Mar 24 1997 2h37 (12) 5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal Comp. James Clatworthy 1-2 Nicholas W Jones 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C) 5-6 Roger D Bailey 7-8 Julia R Cater 9-10 Robin R Churchill RW 4486, p401 33.LONDON SW4,Clapham 18 Bramfield Road Fri Apr 11 1997 2h29 (15) 5120 Spliced Surprise Major (8m: Rutland, London, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol.) Comp. Philip G K Davies 1-2 Mark C Bennett 3-4 Nicholas W Jones 5-6 Michael J Trimm (C) 7-8 James R S Sawle RW 4490, p513 1st handbell peal 8 spliced : 1-2, 3-4, 7-8 and as C By Society's Presidential Team.

34. MELDRETH, Cambs the Holy Trinity Sat Apr 19 1997 2h42 (11) 5184 Bristol Surprise Major Comp. Timothy G Pett 1 David J Baverstock 2 Paul S Seaman (C) 3 Reginald D P Gillard 4 Jason W Hughes 5 Fiona M Edwards 6 James R S Sawle 7 Michael G Purday 8 Roger D Bailey RW 4490, p511 100th peal in tower : 2

ST OLAVE'S SOCIETY 1996-1997 PEALS.

GREAT ILFORD,Ess
 Mary the Virgin
 Sat Jun 8 1996 2h48 (7)
 5088 Belfast Surprise Major
 Comp. Stephen D Chandler
 Michael J Townsend
 Fiona M Edwards
 Mark C Bennett
 Michael J Trimm (C)
 David J Baverstock
 James R S Sawle
 Richard A Pearce
 Reginald D P Gillard
 RW 4448, p758
 1st in method : 2,8

2.LONDON E1,City Marlyn Lodge,Portsoken St Wed Jun 12 1996 2h10 (15) 5088 Plain Bob Major Comp. Richard A Pearce 1-2 Nicholas W Jones 3-4 Richard A Pearce 5-6 Michael J Trimm 7-8 James R S Sawle (C) RW 4448, p759

3.LONDON E1,City Marlyn Lodge,Portsoken St Tue Aug 6 1996 2h20 (11) 5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major Comp. Ian R Fielding 1-2 Ian R Fielding 3-4 Michael J Trimm (C) 5-6 Richard A Pearce 7-8 James R S Sawle RW 4456, p961 4. HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks All Saints Sat Aug 17 1996 3h24 (30) 5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus Comp. Roger D Bailey 1 Ian W Davies 2 David J Baverstock 3 Fiona M Edwards 4 Christopher M Gould 5 Reginald D P Gillard 6 Michael J Townsend 7 Clive Buswell 8 Peter J Bruce 9 James R S Sawle (C) 10 Rebecca S Bruce 11 John R Peverett 12 Mark C Bennett RW 4458, p1009 1^{s†} on 12 : 1 completes Cambridge Family Minor To Maximus : 6

5.BASSALEG,Gwent
S Basil
Mon Aug 26 1996 2h45 (9)
5040 Minor
(7m: Norwich S, Kent TB, Cambridge S, Beverley S, Surfleet S, St Clements
College Bob, Plain Bob.)
1 Peter S Bennett
2 Dickon R Love
3 David J Baverstock
4 Mark C Bennett
5 Reginald D P Gillard
6 Simon C Farrar (C)
RW 4456, p961 6.LONDON E1,City Marlyn Lodge,Portsoken St Mon Sep 16 1996 2h22 (15) 5088 Lincolnshire Surprise Major Comp. William Barton 1-2 James R S Sawle 3-4 Richard A Pearce 5-6 Roger D Bailey 7-8 Michael J Trimm (C) RW 4461, p1084 1st Lincolnshire in hand : 3-4

7.EARL SHILTON,Leics
SS Simon & Jude
Sat Sep 28 1996 2h41 (12)
5088 London Surprise Major
Comp. James W Washbrook
1 Gail L Wade
2 David J Baverstock
3 Fiona M Edwards
4 Samantha J Hovey
5 Rebecca S Bruce
6 James R S Sawle
7 Michael J Trimm
8 Terry M Astill (C)
RW 4463, p1129

8.LONDON E1,City
Marlyn Lodge,Portsoken St
Mon Nov 11 1996 2h22 (15)
5090 Cambridge Surprise Major
Comp. Brian D Price
1-2 James R S Sawle
3-4 Richard A Pearce
5-6 Roger D Bailey
7-8 Michael J Trimm (C)
RW 4469/70, p1285
1st Cambridge in hand : 3-4

9.WORCESTER, Worcs All Saints Sat Dec 7 1996 495h49 (20) 5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus Comp. Roderick W Pipe 1 John R Ridley 2 David J Baverstock 3 Stephen J Bailey 4 Reginald D P Gillard 5 Fiona M Edwards 6 Philip A Abbey 7 James R S Sawle (C) 8 Thomas E Hinton 9 Rebecca S Bruce 10 Oliver D Cross 11 Conrad D Warford 12 Mark C Bennett RW 4476, p147 1st peal on 12 : 3 50th peal : 4 75^{th} peal : 5 225^{th} on tower bells : 10 50th this year : 11

10.GREAT ILFORD,Ess S Mary the Virgin Sun Feb 2 1997 2h44 (7) 5280 Glasgow Surprise Major Comp. Nathan J Pitstow 1 D Annabel Preston 2 Michael J Trimm (C) 3 Fiona M Edwards 4 Peter J Bennett 5 Rebecca S Bruce 6 James R S Sawle 7 Michael G Purday 8 Richard A Pearce RW 4481, p269 1st in method : 3,4 11.LONDON SW7, Imperial College Huxley Building Mon Feb 10 1997 2h34 (12)
5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal Comp. James Clatworthy
1-2 Stuart M Cox
3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
5-6 Roger D Bailey
7-8 Simon J Gay
9-10 Richard A Pearce
RW 4481, p269
1st Surprise Royal in hand : 9-10

12.LONDON E1,Shoreditch
S Leonard
Sun Feb 23 1997 2h44 (9)
5088 Bristol Surprise Major
Comp. J W Parker
1 Simon J Davies
2 Oliver D Cross (C)
3 Richard M Hobbs
4 Richard A Pearce
5 Stephen J Bailey
6 Mark C Bennett
7 Michael G Purday
8 Alan Regin
1st in method as conductor

13.LONDON EC3,City
S Olave, Belfry
Tue Mar 25 1997 2h15 (12)
5088 Plain Bob Major
1-2 Rupert J Cheeseman
3-4 Richard A Pearce
5-6 Michael J Trimm
7-8 James R S Sawle (C)
RW 4487, p430
50th peal as C
Rung to congratulate Dr Peter J
Bennett on obtaining his PhD (rung for Pete's Sake)

14.LONDON E2, Bethnal Green 4 Sidney House, Old Ford Rd Wed Apr 9 1997 2h14 (15) 5024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major Comp. E Bankes James 1-2 Ruth Blackwell 3-4 Richard A Pearce 5-6 Michael J Trimm (C) 7-8 James R S Sawle RW 4490, p513 1st handbell peal in method : 3-4, 7-8 Rung to mark the release of ringer 1-2 from the Old Bailey after 16 years. 15. DORNEY, Bucks S James Sat Apr 26 1997 2h30 (7) 5040 Spliced Surprise Minor (41m: Allendale, Alnwick, Annable's London, Bacup, Bamborough, Berwick, Beverley, Bourne, Cambridge, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, Coldstream, Cunecastre, Durham, Hexham, Hull, Ispwich, Kelso, Lightfoot, Lincoln, London, Morpeth, Munden, Netherseale, Newcastle, Norfolk, Northumberland, Norwich, Primrose, Rossendale, Sandiacre, Stamford, Surfleet, Warkworth, Wearmouth, Wells, Westminster, Whitley, Wooller, York.) Comp. Philip A B Saddleton 1 Rebecca S Bruce 2 Roger D Bailey 3 Reginald D P Gillard 4 Mark C Bennett 5 Michael J Trimm (C) 6 Richard A Pearce RW 4495, p635 Most Surprise Minor Methods to peal : 3,4

PEAL COMPOSITIONS

Peal numbers 1, 17 & 33 5120 Spliced Surprise Major (8 methods) Philip G K Davies

23456	М	В	W	Н	Methods
34256				2	B*YYYCPNN*
52436			2	2	RY*LLLLRL*YYN*LYL*
35426			-		RRRRRR*NSN
56243	-			2	NNS*PSCY*SSSSSCS*
54263			-	2	YCCY*R*NNPR*
24653	-	-		-	R*BBB*LRR*
65243			-	-	RC*CPC*
32546	-			-	CCP*NYPP*
24365		_			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 number 2 5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus Ian R Fielding

42356 -	
54326 –	
24365 s ss	
53462	
65432 –	
23456 s	·s

Peal Number 3 5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus Arr. Roderick W Pipe

23456	М	W	Н			
34256			_			
25346		-	-			
56342	-		2*			
43265	-	-	3			
62534	-	-				
32456	-	S				
Round	2 ch	langes	after	wrong.		
2* may be called WHW						

Peal Number 4 5024 Fordham Surprise Major Rev. H Law James

23456	М	В	W	Н
35264	2		2	
56342		-	3	3
64523		-	3	3
42635		-	3	3
23456		-	3	3

Peal numbers 5 & 28 5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor Roger Bailey

23456	W	Н
42356	3	3
54326	-	SS
32456	2	3
42356	3	_

3 part. 3 = SBB.

Peal number 6 5184 Bristol Surprise Maximus Roger Baldwin

23456	М	W	Η
53462	S	S	
26435	-	-	-
32465		_	3
64523	-	-	
35426	-		-
23456		-	3

Peal number 7 5042 Cambridge Surprise Major Roderick W Pipe

23456	М	W	Н	
42356			-	
34256		3	-	
53246		-		
43265	s	S	3	
62534	-	-		
32456	-	S		
Round	2	changes	after	wrong

Peal number 8 5152 Queen's Tower Surprise Major Charles Middleton 23456 M 35264 2 W Η 3 2 56234 2 2 3 64523 2 2 42635 2 2 3 23456 2 2 3 Peal number 9 5009 Stedman Cinques Nigel J Newton 2314567890E 1 2 6 7 9 16 18 22 2364517809E S s 345261 а 3245617890E s 53126478E90 _ s s s 234165 s _ s s 312465 s Υ _ 143265 _ Х s 421365 s } 231564 s 524361 s s s Y 134265 3245610E987 b 5312640E897 S s S s 421365 Y 2315640789E s s 52436187E90 s s s 134265 Y 324561879E0 С 1342658709E Х

Rounds in 3 changes. a = 5,14s,16s,18s b = 2,3,7,9s,13s,14,15,16,17,18,19 (20 sixes) c = 7,9,10

Peal number 10 5024 Derby Surprise Major John R Ketteringham

23456	М	W	В	Η
35264	2	2		3
56342	2	2		
45623	3	-	-	-
(52436)			-	
42635	-	3		3
23456	2	2		3

Peal number 11 5056 Plumstead Surprise Major David W Beard

23456	V	В	М	W		Н
64352			_			_
24536		2				2
65432			-			-
65324		-				-
65243			2	2		-
53246			-			2
(234756)			-	-	in	
546732				-	4th	
524367	-	-				-
(572364)	-			-	in	
235764				-		-
536724			-			
435267	-	-				
25634			-	-		
25346		-				-
35642			-			
54326		-				
63425			-			-
63254		-				-
23456			-			3

Contains Queens.

Peal number 14 5024 Chalkwell Surprise Major Roger Bailey (version 2)

23456	W	М	Η
42356			_
35642	2	-	
64235	2	-	
52364	2	-	-
56423	-	2	2
34256	2	-	-
63542	-	2	
26435	-	2	
23564	-	2	2
45623	2	-	-
23456	-	2	-

Contains Queens.

Peal number 15 5152 Bristol Surprise Major Roger Bailey

23456	М	В	W	Η
64352	_			_
32546	-	5	-	2
65243	-	5		-
62453		5	-	2
23456	-	5		2

Peal numbers 16 & 32 5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal James Clatworthy

23456	М	W	Н
42356			_
54326		-	
34625	-	3	
34256	2	2	-
54236		s	
34265	s	s	3
64235		S	
23456	s	S	-

Peal number 18 5184 London Surprise Major Roger Bailey

23456	I/5	В
56342		2
63542	х	
25463		3
54263	х	_
63425		2

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Peal number 19 5152 Lincolnshire Surprise Major Simon Humphrey

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Peal number 21 5152 Spliced Surprise Major (4 methods) Albert J Pitman

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1312 Bristol, 1280 each Cambridge, London, Superlative. 112 changes of method, all the work.

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Peal number 25 5056 Bristol Surprise Major W E Critchley

23456	М	В	W	Н
24536	-	-	2	2
32465		-		2
34625	-	_	2	2
36245	-	-	2	2
45362	2		-	
24653	2		-	2
32546	2		-	2

2 part. 144 cru's

Peal number 26 5042 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus Arr. Mark C Bennett

23456	М	W	H	
42356			-	
54326		-		
56423	2		-	
24365	-	-		
53462	_		-	
65432		-		
52436	_		2	
32456		S		
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Peal number 27 5088 Superlative Surprise Major A J Cox

23456	В	М	W	Н		
52436			-)	
42635		-)	А
24356	-			S)	
34256		SS		2*	_	
56243		S	-)	
65243		SS	2*)	В
23546		S		-)	
25346			А		_	
32546		SS		-	-	
35246			А		_	
23456			В		_	

Peal number 29 5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus Roger Bailey

23456	М	W	Н
53426		S	
42365	s	S	-
52364	S	SS	
34265	s		-
23465	SS	-	
64325		S	S
32456	s	S	-
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Peal number 30 5088 London Surprise Major James W Washbrook

23456	М	В	W	Η
35426			2	
24653	-		-	
23564		3	-	3

3 Part.

Peal number 31 5088 Uxbridge Surprise Major Stanley Jenner

23456	М	В	W	Η
43526	-	-		-
32546			2	
25346		I/5		
53246		I/5		
23645	-			3

3 part. Contains 144 cru's.

QUARTER PEALS 1996-1997

1. Sunday 12th May 1996, **St Clement Danes**, 1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal. Mark C Bennett 1, James R S Sawle 2, Fiona M Edwards 3, Reginald D P Gillard 4, Garry S Barr 5, Michael J Trimm 6, Rebecca S Bruce 7, Michael J Townsend 8, Richard A Pearce 9, Nicholas Green(c)10.

Sunday 12th May 1996, Shoreditch, 1320 Grandsire Cinques.
 James R S Sawle(c)1, Nicholas Green 2, Ed J Webb 3, Michael J Trimm 4, Ros Palfrey 5, Rebecca S Bruce 6, Samantha J Hovey 7, Michael J Townsend 8, Fiona M Edwards 9, Reginald D P Gillard 10, Mark C Bennett 11, David J Baverstock 12.
 First on 12 and first blows of Grandsire Cinques:5.

3. Sunday 26th May 1996, **Spitalfields**, 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (8m). Stephen R Warren 1, Samantha J Hovey 2, Nicholas Green 3, Rebecca S Bruce 4, Michael J Townsend 5, Reginald D P Gillard(c)6, David J Baverstock 7, Michael G Purday 8.

4. Saturday 20th July 1996, **Horsley**, **Glos**, 1282 Glasgow Surprise Major. Rebecca S Bruce 1, Fiona M Edwards 2, David J Baverstock 3, Reginald D P Gillard 4, Samantha J Hovey 5, Peter J Bennett 6, Michael J Trimm(c)7, Terry M Astill 8.

5. Tuesday 30th July 1996, **St Paul's Cathedral**, 1311 Stedman Cinques. Nicholas W Jones 1, Dickon R Love 2, Fiona M Edwards 3, Ed J Webb 4, David J Baverstock 5, Reginald D P Gillard 6, Peter J Bennett 7, Rebecca S Bruce 8, Michael J Trimm(c)9, Vanessa Powell 10, Mark C Bennett 11, Garry S Barr 12. Rung as part of the ULSCR 50th Anniversary celebrations.

6. Tuesday 27th August 1996, **St Paul's Cathedral**, 1346 Cambridge Surprise. Maximus Fiona M Edwards 1, Clare Larter 2, Rebecca S Bruce 3, Peter J Bennett 4, Christopher M Gould 5, Richard S J Saddleton 6, Michael J Trimm(c)7, Linda M Garton 8, Vanessa Powell 9, Terry M Astill 10, Simon J Gay 11, Stephanie J Pattenden 12.

Rung as part of the ULSCR 50th Anniversary celebrations.

7. Thursday 19th September 1996, **Cripplegate**, 1313 Erin Cinques. Roger Bailey 1, David J Baverstock 2, Susannah M Bruce 3, Peter J Bennett 4, Ruth Blackwell 5, Rebecca S Bruce 6, John R Peverett 7, Clive Buswell 8, Michael J Trimm(c)9, David P Macey 10, Richard A Pearce 11, James R S Sawle 12. 8. Tuesday 29th October 1996, **St Paul's Cathedral**, 1306 Stedman Cinques. Rebecca S Bruce(c)1, Fiona M Edwards 2, Patrick L Devine 3, Samantha J Hovey 4, Stephen J Bailey 5, Christopher M Gould 6, Jason W Hughes 7, Simon M Barnes 8, Oliver D Cross 9, Michael J Trimm 10, Julia R Cater 11, Mark C Bennett 12. First on 12: 3,5,8. First cinques:9. First on 12 and of Stedman as (c).

9. Wednesday 30th October 1996, **Southwark Cathedral**, 1346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Simon M Barnes 1, Patrick L Devine 2, Fiona M Edwards 3, Samantha J Hovey 4, Reginald D P Gillard 5, Edmund Wratten 6, Stephen J Bailey 7, Jason W Hughes 8, Rebecca S Bruce 9, Eleanor J Kippin 10, David J Baverstock 11, Oliver D Cross(c)12.

First Maximus: 1,2,7.

10. Sunday 3rd November 1996, **Short Street**, 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (8m). Rebecca S Bruce 1, Fiona M Edwards 2, Jason W Hughes 3, Michael J Trimm(c)4, Stephen J Bailey 5, James R S Sawle 6, David J Baverstock 7, Reginald D P Gillard 8. First Spliced:5.

11. Sunday 10th November 1996, **St Clement Danes**, 1259 Grandsire Caters. Patrick L Devine 1, Eleanor J Kippin 2, Michael J Trimm(c)3, D Annabel Preston 4, Fiona M Edwards 5, Simon M Barnes 6, Garry S Barr 7, Jason W Hughes 8, Oliver D Cross 9, Stephen J Bailey 10.

12. Sunday 17th November 1996, **Smithfield**, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles. Poppy Chambers 1, Stephen R Warren 2, Rebecca S Bruce 3, Stephen J Bailey 4, Reginald D P Gillard(c)5.

13. Monday 18th November 1996, **Marlyn Lodge**, 1440 Surprise Minor. James R S Sawle 1-2, Richard A Pearce 3-4, Michael J Trimm(c)5-6.

14. Wednesday 27th November 1996, **Southwark Cathedral**, 1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal. D Annabel Preston 1, Rebecca S Bruce 2, Fiona M Edwards 3, Peter J Bennett 4, Mark C Bennett(c)5, Simon M Barnes 6, Stephen J Bailey 7, Reginald D P Gillard 8, Oliver D Cross 9, David J Baverstock 10.

15. Sunday 1st December 1996, **Willesden**, 1272 Cambridge Surprise Minor. Rebecca S Bruce 1, Fiona M Edwards 2, Ian R Fielding(c)3, D Annabel Preston 4, Jason W Hughes 5, Oliver D Cross 6.

16. Saturday 11th January 1997, **Bermondsey**, 1312 Painswick Surprise Major. D Annabel Preston 1, Oliver D Cross 2, James R S Sawle(c)3, David J Baverstock 4, Reginald D P Gillard 5, Samantha J Hovey 6, Fiona M Edwards 7, Rebecca S Bruce 8. 17. Sunday 12th January 1997, **Short Street**, 1250 Bristol S Major. Stephen J Bailey 1, David J Baverstock 2, Oliver D Cross 3, Reginald D P Gillard(c)4, Rebecca S Bruce 5, Michael G Purday 6, Fiona M Edwards 7, Samantha J Hovey 8.

18. Sunday 19th January 1997, **Smithfield**, 1260 Mixed Doubles. Stephen R Warren 1, Garry S Barr 2, Stephen J Bailey 3, Simon M Barnes 4, Oliver D Cross(c)5.

19. Wednesday 22nd January 1997, **Southwark Cathedral**, 1320 Little Bob Maximus. Reginald D P Gillard 1, David J Baverstock(c)2, Fiona M Edwards 3, Jason W Hughes 4, Peter J Bennett 5, Stephen J Bailey 6, Oliver D Cross 7, Simon M Barnes 8, Michael J Trimm 9, Rebecca S Bruce 10, James R S Sawle 11, Michael G Purday 12.

20.Sunday 9th February 1997, **St Clement Danes**, 1280 London Surprise Major. Stephen J Bailey 1, Samantha J Hovey 2, Rebecca S Bruce 3, Oliver D Cross 4, Richard A Pearce 5, Michael J Trimm 6, Michael G Purday 7, David J Baverstock(c)8. Rung after meeting short for Royal.

21. Sunday 23rd February 1997, **Short Street**, 1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor. Miranda Buck 1, Poppy Chambers 2, Peter J Bennett 3, James R S Sawle(c)4, Reginald D P Gillard 5, Richard A Pearce 6, David J Baverstock 7. Rung with tenor covering.

22.Sunday 9th March 1997, **St Clement Danes**, 1287 Stedman Caters. Ian R Fielding(c)1, Fiona M Edwards 2, Michael J Trimm 3, Gareth Dancer 4, Reginald D P Gillard 5, Edmund Wratten 6, Simon M Barnes 7, Oliver D Cross 8, James R S Sawle 9, Rebecca S Bruce 10.

23.Sunday 23rd March 1997, **Bow in the Road**, 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major. Michael J Trimm 1, Poppy Chambers 2, Rebecca S Bruce 3, Peter J Bennett 4, Reginald DP Gillard 5, James RS Sawle 6, Fiona M Edwards(c)7, Philip AB Saddleton 8.

24.Friday 4th April 1997, **Slough**, 1260 Stedman Triples.

Mark C Bennett 1, Stephen A Wheeler 2, Andrew Sparling 3, Reginald D P Gillard 4, Fiona M Edwards 5, Stephen J Bailey 6, David J Baverstock(c)7, Rebecca S Bruce 8. A get well soon compliment to Jason Hughes.

25.Sunday 6th April 1997, **High Wycombe**, 1259 Grandsire Caters. Poppy Chambers 1, Sheila Bruce 2, Peter J Bruce 3, D Annabel Preston 4, Michael J Trimm(c)5, Fiona M Edwards 6, Reginald D P Gillard 7, David J Baverstock 8, James R S Sawle 9, Rebecca S Bruce 10. 26. Thursday 10th April 1997, **Hart Street**, 1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major James R S Sawle 1, Poppy Chambers 2, David J Baverstock 3, Peter J Bennett 4, Ed J Webb 5, Philip A B Saddleton 6, Richard S J Saddleton 7, Rebecca S Bruce(c)8.

27. Thursday 17th April 1997, **Hart Street**, 1250 Spliced Surprise Major (3m; C, Y, N) James R S Sawle 1, Poppy Chambers 2, Fiona M Edwards 3, David J Baverstock 4, Rebecca S Bruce 5, Philip A B Saddleton 6, Peter J Bennett 7, Reginald D P Gillard(c)8. 50th together: 5 & 8.

28.Saturday 10th May 1997, **Willesden**, 1440 Surprise Minor (Durham & Carlisle). Jason W Hughes 1, Richard S J Saddleton 2, Peter J Bennett 3, Mark C Bennett 4, James R S Sawle(c)5, Michael J Trimm 6. Rung on AGM day after a failed peal attempt.

29.Sunday 11th May 1997, **St Clement Danes**, 1280 London (No 3) Surprise Royal. Simon M Barnes 1, Fiona M Edwards 2, James R S Sawle 3, Jason W Hughes 4, Samantha J Hovey 5, Reginald D P Gillard 6, Peter J Bennett 7, Michael J Trimm 8, Mark C Bennett 9, Rebecca S Bruce 10. First blows in method:4.

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