



# University of London Society of Change Ringers

Annual Report 2021 - 2022

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## Officers and Officials 2021 – 2022

**President:** Sean Langton

**Vice Presidents:** Chris Backhouse and Jenny Willis

**Master:** Bethan Hensman

**Secretary:** Rhys Skillman

**Treasurer:** Oliver Porteous

**Trustees:** Andrew Hills (Until AuGM) /Asher Kaboth (from AuGM) and Ryan Noble

**Membership Secretary:** Michael Trimm

**Auditor:** Peter Jasper (Until AuGM) / Chris Rimmer (From AuGM)

**Central Council Rep:** Anne Hughes

**Steeplekeeper:** Rhys Skillman

**Librarian:** Sam Beech

**Webmaster:** James Watkins

**PCC Representative:** Josie Godfrey

## Officers and Officials 2022 – 2023

**President:** Sean Langton

**Vice Presidents:** Chris Backhouse (Until Oct '22)/ Kate Wallis (From AuGM) and  
Jenny Willis

**Master:** Toby Hibbert

**Secretary:** Harry Turner

**Treasurer:** Esther Gao

**Trustees:** Asher Kaboth and Ryan Noble

**Membership Secretary:** Michael Trimm

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# Officers' Reports

## Master's Report

The year started off rather slowly with only one actual Fresher at our Fresher's practice, however, by mid-November, practices were regularly getting up to 10 ringers, allowing for some to quickly excel from treble bob minor to surprise minor and onto surprise major. Overall, throughout the year practices were well attended by a regular band with numbers only falling due to tube strikes and exams.

The attendance for Sunday has honestly been slightly abysmal. The organisation between me and the church of ringing twice a month was planned in September, with one of these Sundays being a QP however, I believe this plan lasted around two Sundays before attendance dropped. Of course, this is partly my fault for living so far out of London, but I do feel that SWR for their weekend planned engineering works and the fact that other people were not around, do also play a significant role.

Alongside Sunday ringing at Hart St, I also successfully got the monthly slots at Barts back, something many people were excited to ring in. Up until the start of exam season, we were successful in ringing there every month with many QPs scored, including Grandsire and a combination of plain bob methods.

Last November saw 75 years since the society rang its first Peal at Norwood Green, an ordeal that was repeated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November to celebrate the occasion. Many thanks to Mike for organising the band and for putting me right multiple times.

This year we also hosted SUA, unable to form a band ourselves we joined forces with Oxford and Bristol to ring some interesting methods, including what I think were call changes plain bob spliced.

Although I think many of us have tried to erase the Dinner from our memories, the ringing that occurred during the day was on the contrary successful. Friday evening included ringing at Bow which included both Toby and Harry ringing the tenor – both of whom I believed dropped the bell on the first stroke. Saturday morning saw the first quarter peal for Harry and first for the society for Toby and Esther. Saturday afternoon saw a successful quarter peal for the secretaries of the society.

Throughout this year we've had three tours so far. In the summer Rhys organised a long weekend up to Kettering and Northampton. I would now recite some memories of it but I was meant to write the event report and due to the lack of sleep and high quantities of alcohol I can't seem to be able to recall what happened. Freshers tour was organised by your truly and was a success with both present freshers running a tower. Easter Tour was organised by Sam and was based in Essex, luckily no stays were broken since we did ring three hundredweight 8 – luckily they were deep-set.

After two years of not really being able to ring, I always knew peal weekend was going to be an interesting one but over the course of three days, three peals and eight quarter peals.

Over the course of the year, a total of 39 quarter peals and 7 peals were rung. This number may only seem small compared to previous years, however, as we emerge from a Pandemic with previous years having only zero attempts it's a clear improvement.

Overall, this year has been a success and has seen the society grow. I hope that I am handing over to the next master and growing society with lots of potential. I'd like to thank the committee for supporting me this year and many other members of the society for answering my late-night message asking what I was meant to do and cries for help a week before an event.

*Bethan Hensman*

## **Secretary's Report**

I'm pleased to report that the last year has seen the society return to relative normalcy as the COVID-19 pandemic slowly became less severe. The slew of virtual events mostly ended in the summer, and we ran most events as normal.

The first event was "Treasure Hunted". This was organised by Bethan & Peter and consisted of everyone answering questions around the city of London (like the normal treasure hunt), the difference being that instead of the organisers sitting in the pub most of the day, they were hunting down everyone and deducting points every time this happened. All in all, it was a fun day out, very well organised and with a fun spin on the usual concept, well done to Bethan & Peter there.

The summer tour went ahead around my hometown Kettering and was organised by me. Unfortunately, for most of the trip there were only 5 of us, and it mainly consisted of everyone squeezed in my small car, dashing across the east midlands, with me screaming at mildly slow motorists, Bethan sleeping and Chris, Roxy & Josie partying in the backseats. Thanks go especially to Moulton college for providing accommodation and to the 15 churches that let us ring. Jumping ahead a bit to the 1<sup>st</sup> term events. The Freshers' tour was organised by Bethan and was held around south-west London, running from Richmond to Fulham. It ended up being a fun, sunny day along the Thames and provided a great introduction to the wider society for a few of our then freshers.

Now for the big one, the dinner. Finally, the society could hold an in-person dinner for all its members to come together and have a nice meal, listen to some speeches, drink a lot of alcohol and dance to ABBA at Brown's. Or at least it should have been. Everything was all set and meticulously organised, only for us to arrive at Brown's on the evening to find their water supply had broken and so they were unable to feed us, with the upshot being that all the drinks were on the house. But thanks to some quick organising from Jenny & Josie we found somewhere for our meal and disco, after doing the speeches at Brown's so we could take full advantage of the free booze. Thanks go to Chris for organising the dinner, it's a shame things didn't go to plan but your hard work was well appreciated.

Events following Christmas went ahead according to usual UL tradition. I hosted the pancake party at my flat in Bow which was a lot of fun, I didn't hear of any complaints of food poisoning so I'll call it a success. Easter tour was held in south Essex and was organised by Sam, with me and Sam providing transport. Again, this was a great day out with a nice variety of towers and not too far from home. I have not been informed of any weddings or births within the society.

Thank you to the rest of the committee, I've enjoyed working with you all and hope to continue doing so next year, just not as secretary. Good luck to those elected to the committee, especially the secretary. This post does require a lot of work but is very rewarding.

*Rhys Skillman*

# Accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

## AGM Accounts

1st April 2021 -31st March 2022

Year  
Ended  
2022

### Opening Balances

Petty Cash	-
NatWest	2,081.50
Metro Bank	3,916.44
Ringing World	11.83
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>6,009.77</b>

### Income

Dinner refund excess	499
Membership Fees	40
Tower Donations	110
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>649</b>

### Expenditure

CC Subscription	80
Handbell Insurance	140.4
Ringing World	23.28
Website Expenses	119.98
12-Bell Competition Fees	20
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>383.66</b>

<b>Profit / (Loss) for year</b>	<b>265.34</b>
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### Closing Balances



Petty Cash	150.00
NatWest	2,081.50
Metro Bank	4,043.6
Ringing World	-

<b>Total Funds</b>	<u><u>6,275.11</u></u>
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## Trustee's Report

The Society's assets are as follows:

- 6 wooden folding chairs
- 2 cupboards and 1 library cupboard (in disrepair and overflowing)
- 1 whiteboard
- 3 pinboards
- 1 chest
- 2 wooden donation boxes (both with lid and lock broken off). 1 steepleage jar
- 2 clocks
- 2 desk fans
- 1 fan heater (-1 - the previously reported damaged heater is assumed to be discarded)
- 2 extension leads (1 damaged and should not be used)
- 1 vacuum cleaner – without head to use
- Gavel with box (base plaque is loose)
- Torch
  
- 14 handbells, insured from 9 April 2022 until 8 April 2023. There is a box for the bells and spare parts also with socks. The bells were checked and all appear in good condition, although some handles are losing their rigidity and there is some sideways movement in some clappers.
  
- 2 tool boxes with tools
- 8 buckled muffles – one missing a buckle
- 8 sets of velcro double muffles in embroidered bag
- 2 clapper ties
- 2 fids
- 3 dummy tail ends
- 4 boxes (+1)
  
- 1 peal board, 1 peal “memento” frame
- Various pictures and certificates in frames
- Westminster Abbey trophy
- SUA trophies including two bells, two spoons, various certificates and tankard
- UL snow globe
- 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary quarter peals map

- Various sports equipment
- Various Christmas decorations
  
- UL-opoly
- 2 electric disco lights
- 3 music stands (one we could not find the cover for)
- 5 small collecting buckets
- 3 large buckets
- Various cutlery/utensils/mallets
- Whitechapel branded mug
- Little Bob Maximus the bear
- Loudhailer
- Headgear including Captain's hat, Reflex hat, wig and Elf hat
  
- Library – full details with the society librarian
- Visitor's book (not part of the library)

The Society's inventory currently includes:

- 2 65th anniversary pint glasses (±0)
- 106 70th anniversary pint glasses (-5)
- 4 One-per-learner and 2 Follow-on booklets

In the belfry there are many bags of rock wool for sound control, floor mats and various pieces of wood scattered. The floor mats and wood should be cleared out.

In addition to the items listed above there appears to be a depleted selection of alcohol stored in the cupboard than we previously reported.

Here is a brief summary of things to note for this year:

- 1) One item has been removed from the property list and five items have been added to the Society's property list.
- 2) We have 5 fewer 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary glasses on our inventory – we assume that the UL Treasurer has received the money for this. We should consider trying to sell more of these, if possible, to clear the stock.
- 3) Several items of property are in disrepair or broken - as noted above – some of these just need a bit of basic fixing, however, we will probably need to get someone to take a proper look at the handbells and ask them to quote for any necessary work and see if we have funds to carry this out or need to fundraise.
- 4) The library is still overflowing and in need of new storage. Some items are in boxes stored around the ringing room. There are quite a few years of Ringing World issues piling up and we should make a decision on what to do with them.

- 5) "Little Bob" is on the property list, but we were unable to find him in the tower. If you have him, please make us aware.
- 6) We will organise a general clear out as there is a lot of rubbish, lost property (including clothing and a sleeping bag), broken items, or things we just will never use again. The ringing room and bell chamber are very untidy, and we should try to ensure it is left presentable at all times. If you have any of your own belongings in the tower, be warned that if you don't remove them, then we will!

*Asher Kaboth and Ryan Noble*

## **Auditor's report (from AuGM 2022)**

I am happy to sign off the accounts for Year End March 2022, just a few comments to go along with them. From my conversation with Ollie it appears that access to the NatWest account continues to be an issue, this has also made the closing balance difficult to confidently sign off. I'd suggest that the new Treasurer is supported by the committee in order to resolve any outstanding access issues. I'd ask more generally that where possible bank statements for the NatWest, Metro Bank and Ringing World accounts are obtained for the full account year up to and including the 31 March in order to make account sign off and reconciliation easier.

I want to say a really big thank you to Ollie for making my job very easy by providing the accounts in really good order, I'd suggest that future Treasurers follow his lead by presenting the accounts in a similarly methodical and precise manner. As always I recommend that the current Treasurer keeps up to date with the accounts throughout the year as it makes it easier when completing the accounts before year end.

*Chris Rimmer*

## **Librarian's Report**

nothing has been loaned out of the library over the past year and there has been little change to the content of the library, except for the addition of annual reports from 1945 to 1991. If anyone wants to read these, let me know.

*Sam Beech*

## **Steeple keeper's report**

After the bells being unused for much of the 2020 to 2021 year, they've been used regularly this year with no fault to report. There has been no further visible wear on the ropes since last year and no stays have been broken.

As of Friday 13/05/2021, all 14 handbells are in their case in the tower.

*Rhys Skillman*

## Event Reports

### Treasure Hunt

Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May saw the UL running wildly around the City of London, trying to collect clues while avoiding capture by “The Hunters”. Yes, this was a Treasure Hunt with a twist – not satisfied just to spend the whole day in the pub, Peter and Bethan were prowling key landmarks and waiting to pounce on unsuspecting victims.

The day took the format of five rounds, each within a different part of the City, with the goal of answering 10 trivia questions in a set amount of time. Memorable moments include peering through the window of a sandwich shop to find the price of Aromatic Crispy duck with extra ham, and trying to keep a straight face while answering “Who got his cock out at the end of Cock Lane?”

The Sibleys were first to be captured, having been granted no leniency for Catriona’s pregnancy. More captures soon followed, and with bonus points available for UL-related photos (some teams taking more creative licence than others) the leader board was closely contested by the start of lunch.

Lunch was a relaxed affair in Ye Olde London. Fully charged with beer, the brave participants set out for the remaining two rounds.

The afternoon session started with a surprise capture of Peter by Ben, but this did nothing to slow the hunters’ enthusiasm, with Chris and Anne next to fall victim (being chased out-of-area by Peter.) The following (and final) round, Chris and Anne chose to relax, safe from capture in a pub, with the unsurprising consequence being unable to answer any of the trivia, and hence yours truly winning the dubious honour of writing the event report.

The day finished outside St Andrew’s Holborn, the site of a memorable Quarter Peal last Peal Weekend. The points were totted up, and the winners determined to be Rosemary and Martin, who won souvenir bells for their efforts. The day was rounded off with drinks at The



Ship before the party made their way to Chinatown for a succulent Chinese meal at Wong Kei's.

Well done to Rosemary and Martin for their winning score and thank you to Peter and Bethan for organising a memorable Treasure Hunt!

*Anne Hughes*

## **Theatre Trip**

On the 24th of July 2021, the UL convened for a theatre trip organized by Anne. We arrived (sensibly we thought) at the pub just after opening time to discover the much-waylaid Jenny Willis had this time been struck down by the pingdemic. Nevertheless we forged ahead.

The play: The Prince of Egypt. The keen academic minds of the UL were able to dredge up the basic outlines of Exodus and follow along. Your chronicler made much fuss of the presence of horses so early in Egyptian history, but a quick visit to the internet confirms that in fact the invasion of the Hyksos had been 200 years prior. In any case, the songs were catchy, the wine was tasty, and the surprise tilting stage much admired.



Naturally the dry white wine had induced a powerful thirst and we retired back to the pub. The evening developed, as evenings sometimes do, and four of us found ourselves in the casino Til Late, where Josie earned back the days' outgoings following a tip from a tall dark stranger to "always bet on 13 black".

*Chris Backhouse*

## Summer Tour

So, I just found out that I was meant to have written this one. But I actually can't remember what happened due to a combination of drinking too much and being half asleep for most of it.

Writing this many months later, this is what I recall;

- Only a small number of us
- Rhys made Chris and I stay in the car, weren't allowed into his house even though we would have loved to have used the facilities
- Lots of alcohol
- Rhys wasn't too impressed by the singing in his car
- Handbell QP in Peter Jasper's car
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- Rung at the two towers (not to be confused with Lord of the Rings)
- A fair few attempts of London Surprise Minor (none successful)
- Found a cute picture of Kate Wallis (age approx. 10)
  - o Also found out that Kate Wallis and Asher Kaboth were now married
- Were invited to DUSCR dinner – none of us made it up there.



*Bethan Hensman*

## Fresher's Tour

With the Freshers' outnumbered by approximately 1:6, the tour began in leafy Richmond-Upon-Thames. The presence of an open balcony to the ringing chamber ensured our ringing was admired by the those below and with the added benefit of shouting down tea orders to the kitchen.

After finishing at Richmond, we headed onwards to Mortlake, with Asher (and his mobile phone) demonstrating themselves worthy as our escort service for the day.

All faith was put in him as we bundled onto a bus which had been decreed as the correct one to get us to Mortlake. One would be well-advised to purchase Ash a brightly coloured umbrella or a lollipop for the next outing!

After an abortive attempt at singing The Wheels on the Bus, we arrived at Mortlake. Sam ran this practice, with a number of courses of 'Granny Ts', 'Steady Ds' and 'Bobby Ts' rung. At this point, we got Wood- which was a welcome addition.

On next to the pub, where Sam had to bow out for work; those orders won't take themselves you know! During the hour wait for food, the freshers were fully inducted into the alcohol-consumption habits of the society. An honourable mention must go to Peter who devoured a whole kilogram of chicken wings and numerous pints of beer in a single day!

Barnes followed, after a muddy walk along the Thames towpath for those unfortunate enough not to get the bus. By this point, food and alcohol weighed us down, and after a particularly bad attempt at Steady Ts, the ringing was declared 'appalling' by Sean; displease the President at your peril! This perked us back to our senses, and all ringing thereafter was to our normal standards...

Another bus journey directed by Ash got us to the 10-bell tower at Fulham- an interesting treat at the end of a long day. Since few of us had rung on 10 in the last 18 months, it was decided to start off easy with some Called Changes- affectionally known at 'Tiddly, Tiddly, Tiddly, Pom' by Peter. After getting to grips with the bells and being told to 'listen to our tiddlies' by Peter, we rang an assortment of 9 and 10 bell methods.



Predictably, the pub followed, with many more pints consumed. For those who stayed on later than I did- I sneaked off at 1815- it was possible they spent more time in the pub than ringing, which isn't a bad thing per se!

Overall, good food, good(ish) ringing and good fun was had.

*Harry Turner*



## **Dinner Day**

Incident report. Reconstructed timeline. All timestamps approximate:

Morning: tube strikes are merely annoying, not catastrophic. Storm Arwen appears to not be battering London.

09:50 Last minute drop-out. To quote Tom Hanks from Apollo 13 "Looks like we just had our glitch for this mission"

Open ringing, undergrad and secretaries quarters, lunch

15:45 Call from Browns. They have no water. Apparently the Nanny State won't allow 60 people to party for seven hours without toilets.

15:50 Call Sean. Text Jenny: "call me"

16:00 convene in the War Room (Sean's extremely central but extremely small hotel room). Dispatch The Facilitator (Jenny) to Browns. Email the list. Cancel the DJ. Wait. Hear back from Jenny. She has worked miracles.

17:30 Pint at The Watling. Start trying to extract ringers from pub. St Paul's ringers suddenly interested in attending dinner to rubber-neck

18:00 Prosecco at Browns. Free refills. Speeches.

19:00 Travel to The Minories. Cunning plan to take the Circle Line one stop doesn't appear to gain us any time.

19:15 Minories. Chaos. Wind up on undergrad table. Undergraduates all legends.

20:00? Josie, her twitter following, Josie's food critic uncle, his twitter following, find a cocktail bar for us

21:00?? Travel to Somers Town Coffee House. Looks far. Isn't really, though trains don't help.

21:30?? Arrive at sleepy cocktail bar. Josie has invented a cocktail called the UL. Have one, then stick to G&T. Number of dinner guests gradually increases until we outnumber the locals 10:1. Freshers remaining: 100%. We manage to get the UL disco playlist on. Staff and locals surprisingly seem to enjoy it.

22:00-24:00 Dancing?

00:00 Cocktail bar closes. We find The Rocket two minutes down the road

00:30? Luke T loses his phone

00:45? Security guard finds Luke's phone

01:00 Discover Rocket is open for another hour. Freshers remaining: 75%. Order more drinks

01:15? Luke has lost his Oyster card

01:30? Luke finds Oyster card in his wallet

02:00 Finally kicked out

02:15 Several phones dead/dying. Freshers placed on buses and instructed not to die.

03:30 (very approx) after various adventures last guests find some kind of bed, none later wake up to find themselves dead

06:00? I become the captain

*Chris Backhouse*

## **Roger Bailey Day**

In spite of the continuing unavailability of the Queen's Tower, Roger Bailey Day was still marked by the ULSCR on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, even if in a small way. Five members got together to ring handbells in St Olave's Church. One quarter of minimus was scored and two others of minor were attempted and rung well but unfortunately unsuccessful. The small band then retired to the Crutched Friar nearby for a quick couple of pints before heading to the Bangalore restaurant by Cornhill for a delicious meal. Afterwards, upon noting that for most of those involved Waterloo was the most sensible direction, ended up (after finding a nearby boardgame café to be full) in the pub the Hole in the Wall for a final couple of drinks before heading for home.

*John Hutchinson*

## Peal Weekend

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 marked the University of London Society's annual peal weekend. 11 performances took place across three days, with three peals and eight quarter peals scored.

The weekend kicked-off on Friday afternoon with a handbell peal of Kent Major – the first in hand for current master and organiser of the event Bethan Hensman. This was followed by a quarter of Yorkshire major – a first in method for Caleb Saunders and Rhys Skillman. The UL then retired to the Williamson's Tavern for some much-needed hydration (and optional camembert.)

The firsts continued on Saturday, with Harry Turner scoring his first peal (Cambridge Minor) and earning a number of blisters in the process! Also taking place was a quarter of Stedman Caters – the first on 10 for Bethan – plus a handbell quarter of Plain Bob Minor. The afternoon started with a rather chilly handbell peal of Kent Major in the Magnus ringing chamber, which was shortly followed by a quarter of Yorkshire Royal.

Sadly, the successes wouldn't last long, and an attempted quarter of Grandsire Triples at Hart Street was not to be. Following a commiserative pint, some members of the band thought it would be a good idea to go back to the tower and try again – with Cambridge Major this time. Unsurprisingly, this did not go any better than before.

Saturday evening saw a traditional trip to the Bangalore Express (I'm told "the matrix" was the dish of choice) before moving onto Rhys' flat, where predictably Nick Jones wasted no time in setting up a handbell circle. With a healthy stock of gin, amaretto and pineapple juice to hand (the ingredients of the infamous UL cocktail), the frivolities lasted well into the early hours.

Sunday saw the traditional attempt at the notoriously tricky Hart Street Bob Minor – with good progress made towards ringing an extent. Also scored was a punctual quarter of Stedman Triples in Holborn, a quarter of mixed doubles for evensong at Bart's, and a last-minute quarter of Kent Minor in hand – a first of treble dodging for Tom Nagel.

A big thank you to Bethan (who had the unenviable task of corralling the UL) for organising a successful and memorable peal weekend!

Bonus statistics!

Total changes rung: 25,473

Keenest ringer: three-way tie with Nick Jones, Mike Trimm and Josie Godfrey (5 performances each)

Number of people taking part: 30

Number of members who would rather do a Crossrail evacuation test instead: 1



The Friday handbell band L-R Nick Jones, Stephen Mitchell, Mike Trimm, Bethan Hensman

*Anne Hughes*

## **Easter Tour**

St George's day marked the return of the annual UL Easter tour, this year in Essex, the home of our librarian, Sam.

The day began at North Ockendon, a six-bell tower just off the M25. Most members took the bus or car from Upminster, although Luke and I took a leisurely stroll across the fields instead. Predictably, the bus was far quicker than Luke's jog. Therefore, those on board had time to kill, which I understand they did by 'ringing' Plain Bob Minor using a tennis ball. They also rang a couple of touches on actual bells before

we breezed in and bought the total number of ringers to the lucky number 13. We rang a variety of five and six bell methods before the arrival of a local band for a quarter peal marked the end of this session. We then travelled to South Ockendon, where the 3 cwt six of Holy Cross awaited us. I assumed that Sam had missed a digit somewhere and meant, perhaps, 13 cwt.

It turned out that this was not a typo: the mass of the band within the gallery did indeed exceed that of the bells. After initially treating them like glass, we realised that the bells were well hung and deep set enough that there was no conceivable risk of breaking the wafer-thin stays. Thereafter, everyone relaxed a bit, and we rang Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major at a thoroughly enjoyable tower.

After this quirky tower, we moved onto the glass tower of Basildon (definitely the most eye-catching of the tour) where several of us experienced the 'greenhouse effect,' or the rapid deterioration of striking due to the warmth of ringing within a glass tower. Due to transport issues, three members of the band instead kept cool within a pub in Brentwood. Those of us in the tower sweated our way through Little Bob Major and other methods (we might have even tried Surprise), before escaping to the pleasant cool of the outside and then air conditioned cars.

The next hour was spent in the Spread Eagle pub, Brentwood, for some well-earned lunch. Several members of the band also took the opportunity to nourish themselves with liquid refreshments to steady their nerves. Conveniently, the church was located directly opposite the pub, so we were able to maximise the time spent within, before ascending the tower to ring the heaviest (18 cwt) ring of the day where we rang a

mixture of eight bell things, including spliced Surprise Major.



Finally, the day ended with perhaps the most interesting tower of the day: Shenfield – an experience not too dissimilar to ringing in an attic. Whilst the clutter of beams ensured we all focussed on good handling, the creaking of the tower as we rang was quite off-putting. The appearance of a wasp bereft us of Josie and I am certain that several members spent more time hiding behind beams than ringing.

However, everyone did manage to ring at least once and no major disasters occurred (a minor one included a rope catching on an object, abruptly ending the touch). Thus, leaving the tower very much intact, we concluded a successful day.

Overall, this tour of five varied and interesting towers was certainly the best Easter tour of the '20s yet. Well done to Sam for organising and thank you to Rhys, in his Purple car, and Sam, in his non-Purple car, for driving most of us around.

*Toby Hibbert*

## Peals rung for the ULSCR 2021 – 2022

**Caol, Highland**, 57 Blar Mhor Road  
Friday, 9 July 2021 in 2h 42 (13 in E)  
5088 Kent Treble Bob Major  
William Hudson  
1–2 Josie M Godfrey  
3–4 Christopher J Backhouse  
5–6 Roxy F Hughes  
7–8 Nicholas W Jones (C)  
First peal in hand: 3-4, 5-6.

**Norwood Green**, Greater London  
St Mary the Virgin  
Tuesday, 2 November 2021 in 2h 35  
(6–1–26 in B<sub>b</sub>)  
5040 Plain Bob Minor  
Composed by 7 different extents  
1 Michael J Trimm (C)  
2 Ruth Blackwell  
3 Peter M Jasper  
4 Bethan L Hensman  
5 Stephen J F Mitchell  
6 James White  
Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of  
the Society's first peal, rung to this  
method, on this day and in this tower  
in 1946  
(<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1405513>).  
A 21st birthday compliment to Bethan.

**Twickenham, Middlesex**, 19 Court  
Way  
Friday, 11 February 2022 in 2h 35 (11  
in G)  
5088 Kent Treble Bob Major  
Composed by Donald F Morrison (no  
7502)  
1–2 Nicholas W Jones  
3–4 Stephen J F Mitchell  
5–6 Michael J Trimm (C)  
7–8 Bethan L Hensman  
First peal in hand: 7-8.  
Rung for the Society's peal weekend.

**Kilburn, Greater London**, St  
Augustine  
Saturday, 12 February 2022 in 2h 42  
(8–1–0 in A)  
5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor  
Composed by R Bailey  
1 Louise Booth  
2 Caleb R D Saunders  
3 Peter M Jasper  
4 Harry Turner  
5 Andrew M Hills (C)  
6 Jon Waters  
Rung on Society peal weekend to  
commemorate the 70th anniversary of  
Queen Elizabeth II accession to the  
throne.  
First peal - 4.  
First six bell peal in the tower.

## Peals Rung for St Olave's Society 2021 – 2022

### **Holyport, Berkshire, Larkfield**

Friday, 25 June 2021 in 2h 23 (13)

5075 Spliced Major (2m)

5056 Yorkshire S; 19 Curious LA; 1 com

Richard A Pearce

1–2 Peter J Blight

3–4 Ruth Blackwell

5–6 Michael J Trimm

7–8 Richard A Pearce (C)

Remembering Roger Bailey.

Curious Little Alliance: -3-4-1-2.5 j

### **City of London, St Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge**

Saturday, 12 February 2022 in 2h 30 (8 in C)

5088 Kent Treble Bob Major

Composed by William Hudson

1–2 Josie M Godfrey

3–4 Nicholas W Jones

5–6 Michael J Trimm (C)

7–8 Jonathan C Mills

Rung for the University of London Society's peal weekend.

### **City of London, St Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge**

Saturday, 9 April 2022 in 3h 25 (26–3–9 in D)

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Peter Border

1 Helen M Maynard

2 Adam J Bennett

3 Sophie M Middleton

4 David G Maynard (C)

5 Cameron A Waters

6 Martin J Gentile

7 David T G Jones

8 Ryan S Noble

9 Peter L Furniss

10 Andrew M Hills

With get well wishes for Daniel Jarvis.

### **Holyport, Berkshire, Larkfield**

Tuesday, 12 April 2022 in 2h 52 (13)

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Robert W Lee (CompLib 44895)

1–2 Lesley J Belcher

3–4 Ruth Blackwell

5–6 Michael J Trimm

7–8 Peter J Blight

9–10 Richard A Pearce (C)

# Compositions

5088 Kent Treble Bob Major

William Hudson

23456 M B H

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25463 2 3 2

42356 4

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3 part.

*Rung for the University of London  
Society at 57 Blar Mhor Road on  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Conducted  
by Nicholas Jones.*

5040 Plain Bob Minor

Composed by 7 different extents

Extent 1

23456 W H

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45236 - -

34256 -

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6-part, calling sH halfway and  
end.

Extent 2

23456 W B H

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53246 s s

43256 s

53426 s s

42356 s -

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3-part.

Extent 3

23456 W B H

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52346 s s s

54236 s s

53426 s s

32456 s 3\*

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2 part. 3\* = --s

Extent 4

23456 W B H

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45236 - ss -

34256 - ss

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3-part.

Extent 5

23456 W H

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52436 - ss

32456 2 3\*

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2-part. 3\* = --s

Extent 6

23456 W H

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42356 ss -

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6-part, calling sH halfway and  
end.

Extent 7

23456 W H

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42356 4\* -

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3-part. 4\* = -s-s

*Rung for the University of London  
Society at Norwood Green on  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Conducted  
by Michael Trimm*



5088 Kent Treble Bob Major  
Composed by Donald F Morrison (no  
7502)

23456 M B W H  
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32465 2 F, In 1

25463 1 2

56423 2

34256 3

Repeat twice.

Contains all 24 each 56s and 65s,  
and 64 little bell rollups at the  
back.

*Rung for the University of London  
Society at 19 Court Way,  
Twickenham on 11<sup>th</sup> February,  
conducted by Michael Trimm*

5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor  
Roger Bailey

23456 W H  
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42356 3 3

54326 - ss

32456 2 3

42356 3 -

Repeat twice.

3 = s--

*Rung for the University of London  
Society at St Augustine, Kilburn  
on 12<sup>th</sup> February, Conducted by  
Andrew Hills.*

5088 Kent Treble Bob Major  
Composed by William Hudson

23456 M B H  
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25463 2 3 2

42356 4

3 part.

*Rung for the St Olave's Society  
at St Magnus the Martyr, on 12<sup>th</sup>  
February 2022, conducted by  
Michael Trimm*

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal  
Peter Border

23456 M W H  
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42356 -

52346 s

42365 s s 3

26453 2 2

52463 3 -

62345 - s

23456 s s 2

*Rung for the St Olave's Society  
at St Magnus the Martyr, on 9<sup>th</sup>  
April, conducted by David Maynard*

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal  
Composed by Robert W Lee

23456 M W H  
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34256 2

26453 s -

53642 - s s

43652 s

56234 - -

23465 s - -

34265 ss 2

64523 - s

45236 s 2 s

23456 - -

*Rung for the St Olave's Society  
at Holyport, Berkshire on 12<sup>th</sup>  
April, conducted by Richard  
Pearce*

# Quarter Peals rung for the Society 2021 - 2022

## Ringling Room, UK

Sunday, 23 May 2021 in 50m  
1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor  
1-2 Jennifer A Holden (Aberdeen)  
3-4 Sean D Langton (Aldershot)  
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (Fort William) (C)  
Rung to welcome Julian Bricheno Lichtman, born on Saturday 8th May 2021.

## Ringling Room, UK

Wednesday, 26 May 2021 in 68m  
1400 Kent Treble Bob Royal  
1-2 Bethan L Hensman (Bristol)  
3-4 Roxy F Hughes (London)  
5-6 John G Hutchinson (St Neots)  
7-8 Nicholas W Jones (Fort William) (C)  
9-10 Christopher J Backhouse (London)  
First-quarter on ten: 1-2.  
First-quarter on ten ringing two bells: 5-6.

## Ringling Room, UK

Wednesday, 9 June 2021 in 57m  
1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major  
1-2 Bethan L Hensman (Egham)  
3-4 John G Hutchinson (St Neots)  
5-6 Marcus A Wheel (Bearsden)  
7-8 Nicholas W Jones (Fort William) (C)  
First of Lincolnshire on two bells: 1-2, 3-4.

## Ringling Room, UK

Saturday, 19 June 2021 in 75m  
1440 Lincolnshire Surprise Royal  
Jack R Pease  
1-2 Jennifer A Holden (Aberdeen)  
3-4 Christopher J Backhouse (London)  
5-6 Michael J Trimm (Maidenhead) (C)  
7-8 Nicholas W Jones (Fort William)

9-10 Roxy F Hughes (London)

## Caol, Highland, 57 Blar

Mhor Road  
Wednesday, 7 July 2021 in 44m (13 in E)  
1344 Plain Bob Major  
1-2 Josie M Godfrey  
3-4 Nicholas W Jones  
5-6 Christopher J Backhouse  
7-8 Roxy F Hughes (C)  
100th QP: 7-8

## Corrour, Highland, Summit

Thursday, 8 July 2021 (8 in C)  
1280 Kent Treble Bob Major  
1-2 Josie M Godfrey  
3-4 Christopher J Backhouse  
5-6 Roxy F Hughes  
7-8 Nicholas W Jones (C)

## Caol, Highland, 57 Blar

Mhor Road  
Saturday, 10 July 2021 in 41m (9 in B)  
1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor  
1-2 Roxy F Hughes  
3-4 Christopher J Backhouse  
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)

## Holyport, Berkshire,

Larkfield  
Tuesday, 27 July 2021 in 47m (15 in C)  
1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major  
Composed by J Eric Brosius  
1-2 Josie M Godfrey  
3-4 Christopher J Backhouse  
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)  
7-8 Roxy F Hughes

## Ringling Room, UK

Sunday, 1 August 2021 in 50m  
1320 Hitcham Delight Minor  
1-2 Sean D Langton (Aldershot)  
3-4 Jennifer A Holden (Aberdeen)  
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (Fort William) (C)  
First of Delight: 1-2.

## 262b Sussex Way

Tuesday, 10 August 2021 in 37m (16 in Bb)  
1272 Kent Treble Bob Minor  
1-2 Michael J Trimm  
3-4 Simon D Roberts  
5-6 Christopher J Backhouse (C)

## Between Northampton and Rugby,

Northamptonshire and Warwickshire Ford Fiesta  
Monday, 16 August 2021 in 40m  
1260 Plain Bob Minor Trad.  
1-2 Bethan L Hensman  
3-4 Josie M Godfrey  
5-6 Christopher J Backhouse (C)  
Rung on ULSCR summer tour in Kettering and Northampton.  
With thanks to Peter Jasper for chauffeuring and refereeing the band

## Holyport, Berkshire

Larkfield  
Tuesday, 24 August 2021 in 40m (8 in C)  
1560 Cambridge Surprise Minor  
1-2 Josie M Godfrey  
3-4 Michael J Trimm  
5-6 John G Hutchinson (C)  
First in m in hand - 1-2

## City of London, St Olave,

Hart Street  
Saturday, 28 August 2021 in 47m (11-3-23 in G)  
1260 Grandsire Triples Trad.  
1 Josie M Godfrey  
2 Christopher J Backhouse  
3 Roxy F Hughes  
4 Bethan L Hensman  
5 Samuel Beech  
6 John G Hutchinson  
7 Peter Jasper (C)  
8 Jennifer Willis  
5 - first quarter for the society  
First-quarter on the bells by the society since lockdown.  
Rung for the 75th summer celebrations

With best wishes to all  
students embarking on  
courses in London this term.

### **Ringling Room, UK**

Tuesday, 31 August 2021 in  
69m  
1440 Lincolnshire Surprise  
Royal  
1–2 Jennifer A Holden  
(Aberdeen)  
3–4 Christopher J  
Backhouse (London)  
5–6 Michael J Trimm  
(Maidenhead) (C)  
7–8 Nicholas W Jones  
(Newport, S Wales)  
9–10 Roxy F Hughes  
(London)

### **262b Sussex Way**

Tuesday, 7 September 2021  
in 43m (16 in Bb)  
1280 Lincolnshire Surprise  
Major  
Composed by J Eric Brosius  
and Hayden Charles  
1–2 Robert Swarder  
3–4 Christopher J  
Backhouse  
5–6 Michael J Trimm (C)  
7–8 Roxy F Hughes

### **Smithfield, City of**

**London.** St Bartholomew  
the Great

Sunday, 12 September  
2021 in 40m (5½ in B)  
1260 Grandsire Doubles  
Trad.  
1 Jennifer Willis  
2 Christopher J Backhouse  
3 Bethan L Hensman  
4 Roxy F Hughes  
5 John G Hutchinson (C)  
Rung for evensong

### **Egham (26 North Street), Surrey**

Tuesday, 21 September  
2021 in 41m  
1272 Kent Treble Bob Minor  
1–2 Michael J Trimm (C)  
3–4 Christopher J  
Backhouse  
5–6 Bethan L Hensman

### **Ringling Room, UK**

Sunday, 26 September  
2021 in 46m  
1320 Hitcham Delight Minor  
1–2 Sean D Langton  
(Aldershot)  
3–4 Jennifer A Holden  
(Aberdeen)  
5–6 Nicholas W Jones (Fort  
William) (C)

### **Ringling Room, UK**

Sunday, 24 October 2021 in  
52m  
1320 Hitcham Delight Minor  
1–2 Sean D Langton  
(Aldershot)  
3–4 Jennifer A Holden  
(Edinburgh)  
5–6 Nicholas W Jones (Fort  
William) (C)

### **City of London, City of London**

St Olave, Hart Street  
Saturday, 27 November  
2021 in 47m (11–3–23 in G)  
1260 Plain Bob Triples  
1 Bethan L Hensman (2020-  
2021)  
2 Mariko Whyte (2010-2011)  
3 Kate R Wallis (2014-2015)  
4 Clare J Hensman (1985-  
1986)  
5 Rhys E Skillman (2021-  
2022)  
6 Josie M Godfrey (2018-  
2019)  
7 Peter M Jasper (2005-  
2006) (C)  
8 Jennifer C Willis (2011-  
2012)  
Rung on the 76th UL Dinner  
Day by a band of past and  
current Secretaries — the  
real power behind the  
society!

### **City of London, St Olave, Hart Street**

Saturday, 27 November  
2021 in 46m (11–3–23 in G)  
1260 Plain Bob Doubles  
Trad.  
1 Bethan L Hensman (Royal  
Holloway)  
2 Harry M Turner (King's  
College)  
3 Toby C Hibbert (Imperial)  
4 Rhys E Skillman (Queen  
Mary)  
5 Samuel Beech (Queen  
Mary) (C)  
6 Esther J Gao (Imperial)  
Rung for 76th anniversary  
Dinner Day by current  
undergraduates  
First-quarter, first attempt: 2  
First-quarter for the society:  
3 and 6

### **Ringling Room, UK**

Sunday, 28 November 2021  
in 38m  
1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor  
1–2 Lucy M Bricheno  
(Liverpool)  
3–4 Jennifer A Holden  
(Aberdeen)  
5–6 Nicholas W Jones (Fort  
William) (C)  
Birthday compliments to  
Abbie, Amelia and Seth  
Robson for 28-30  
November.

### **City of London, St**

**Bartholomew the Great,  
Smithfield**  
Sunday, 12 December 2021  
in 43m (5½ in B)  
1260 Doubles (3m)  
540 Plain Bob, 360 St  
Simon's, 360 St Martin's  
1 Esther J Gao  
2 Josie M Godfrey  
3 Simon D Roberts  
4 Toby C Hibbert  
5 Thomas L Nagel (C)  
For carol service on  
Gaudete Sunday

### **City of London, St**

**Bartholomew the Great,  
Smithfield**  
Sunday, 9 January 2022 in  
40m (5½ in B)  
1260 Mixed Doubles (11m)  
60 Grandsire, 120 each of  
Plain Bob, St Simon's, St  
Martin's, St Osmond,  
Eynsbury, Reverse  
Canterbury, St Nicholas,  
Winchendon Place, St  
Remigius, Huntley Place  
1 Harry M Turner  
2 Roxy Hughes  
3 Josie M Godfrey  
4 Lynne P Hughes  
5 Christopher J Backhouse  
(C)  
For evensong. Most  
methods: 3. With apologies  
to Barts for accidentally  
turning their organ off.

### **City of London, Hart St**

**St Olave's Parish Office**  
Saturday, 22 January 2022  
1272 Minimus (6m)  
3 Reverse Court, 10 each  
Double Court, Reverse  
Court, Plain Bob, Reverse  
Bob, Double Bob.  
1–2 Josie M Godfrey (C)

3-4 Toby C Hibbert  
Rung for Roger Bailey Day.

**Bow, Greater London, Flat**  
6, Theatre Building  
Sunday, 30 January 2022 in  
35m  
1272 Kent Treble Bob Minor  
1-2 Josie M Godfrey  
3-4 Roxy F Hughes  
5-6 Christopher J  
Backhouse (C)  
First ringing in the flat.

**City of London, St James**  
Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill  
Friday, 11 February 2022 in  
44m (9-1-25 in G#)  
1280 Yorkshire Surprise  
Major  
Composed by Daniel Brady  
(No 420)  
1 Michael J Trimm (C)  
2 Toby C Hibbert  
3 Caleb R D Saunders  
4 Rhys E Skillman  
5 Alison R Elwess  
6 Roxy F Hughes  
7 Christopher J Backhouse  
8 Josie M Godfrey  
First of Yorkshire - 3, 4.  
Rung for the Society's peal  
weekend.

**Hart Street, City of London**  
St Olave's  
Saturday, 12 February 2022  
in 37m  
1260 Plain Bob Minor  
1-2 Rebecca C Harwin  
3-4 Jonathan C Mills  
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)  
In celebration of the life of  
Ian Judd  
Rung on Society Peal  
Weekend

**City of London, St Magnus**  
the Martyr, London Bridge  
Saturday, 12 February 2022  
(26-3-9 in D)  
1282 Yorkshire Surprise  
Royal  
2H.sW.sH.sW.  
1 Roxanne F Hughes  
2 Mariko H Whyte  
3 Alison R Elwess  
4 Alan M Eyles  
5 Christopher J Backhouse  
6 Jon Waters  
7 Adrian R Udall  
8 Michael J Trimm  
9 John G Hutchinson  
10 Andrew M Hills (C)  
Rung on Society peal  
weekend.

**City of London, St Magnus**  
the Martyr, London Bridge  
Saturday, 12 February 2022  
in 50m (26-3-9 in D)  
1275 Stedman Caters  
Composed by David E  
House  
1 Michael J Trimm (C)  
2 Bethan L Hensman  
3 Roxy F Hughes  
4 Josie M Godfrey  
5 Alison R Elwess  
6 Mariko H Whyte  
7 John G Hutchinson  
8 Alan M Eyles  
9 David I Bassford  
10 Adrian R Udall  
First on 10 -2. First of  
Stedman Caters - 5, 7.

**City of London, St Olave,**  
Hart Street  
Sunday, 13 February 2022  
in 35m (11 in G)  
1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor  
trad  
1-2 Bethan L Hensman  
3-4 Toby C Hibbert  
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)  
Rung for UL peal weekend.

**City of London, St**  
Bartholomew the Great,  
Smithfield  
Sunday, 13 February 2022  
in 36m (8 in C)  
1320 Kent Treble Bob Minor  
1-2 Josie M Godfrey  
3-4 Thomas L Nagel  
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (C)  
First Treble Dodging in  
hand: 3-4  
Congratulations to Bethan  
on a well organised and  
successful peal weekend.

**City of London, St**  
Bartholomew the Great,  
Smithfield  
Sunday, 13 February 2022  
(5½ in B)  
1260 Doubles (4m)  
300 St Osmund's, 240  
Eynesbury, 360 St Simon's,  
360 St Martin's  
1 Harry M Turner  
2 Toby C Hibbert  
3 Mariko Whyte  
4 Caleb Saunders  
5 Samuel Beech (C)

Rung for the ULSCR peal  
weekend  
Most methods as conductor

**City of London, St Andrew,**  
Holborn  
Sunday, 13 February 2022  
in 50m (18-1-21 in F)  
1260 Stedman Triples  
1 Josie M Godfrey  
2 Christopher J Backhouse  
3 Roxy F Hughes  
4 Samuel Beech  
5 Alison R Elwess  
6 Ryan S Noble  
7 Adrian Udall (C)  
8 Peter Jasper  
For ULSCR peal weekend.

**Ringing Room, UK**  
Monday, 28 February 2022  
in 55m  
1280 Bristol Surprise Major  
1-2 Christopher J  
Backhouse (London)  
3-4 Jennifer A Holden  
(Aberdeen)  
5-6 Nicholas W Jones (Fort  
William)  
7-8 Roxy F Hughes  
(London)  
First of Bristol on two bells:  
1-2, 7-8.

**City of London, St Olave,**  
Hart Street  
Sunday, 13 March 2022  
(11-3-23 in G)  
1344 Yorkshire Surprise  
Major  
Andrew J Rawlinson  
1 Tessa K Simpson (C)  
2 Andrew M Hills  
3 Samuel Beech  
4 Bethan L Hensman  
5 Ryan S Noble  
6 Richard B Pullin  
7 Benjamin J Meyer  
8 Christopher P G Rimmer  
First of surprise major - 3  
First of surprise major in  
tower - 4

## Time to put a name to face for the photos

**Post treasure hunt pub:** *Anne Hughes, Chris Backhouse, Rhys Skillman, John Hutchinson, Jenny Willis, Bethan Hensman, Peter Jasper*

**A night at the theatre:** *Anne Hughes, Chris Backhouse, Mike Trimm, Josie Godfrey, and Bethan Hensman*

**Sleepy Chris:** *Chris Backhouse*

**Handbell Ringers Supreme:** *Nick Jones, Steve Mitchell, Mike Trimm, and Bethan Hensman*

**The gang from Easter Tour:** *Kate Jennings, Toby Hibbert, Chris Backhouse, John Hutchinson, Esther Gao, Harry Turner, Tom Nagel, Rhys Skillman, Richard Saddleton, Harry Saddleton, Josie Godfrey, Bethan Hensman, Anne Hughes, Sam Beech, Helen Saddleton*

## Some more highlights from the year



The organisation team for the 2022 Treasure Hunt (*Martin Cansdale, Rosemary Hill, Kate Wallis, Asher Kaboth [virtually]*)



Pancake party shenanigans (*Bethan Hensman, Toby Hibbert, Sam Beech*)

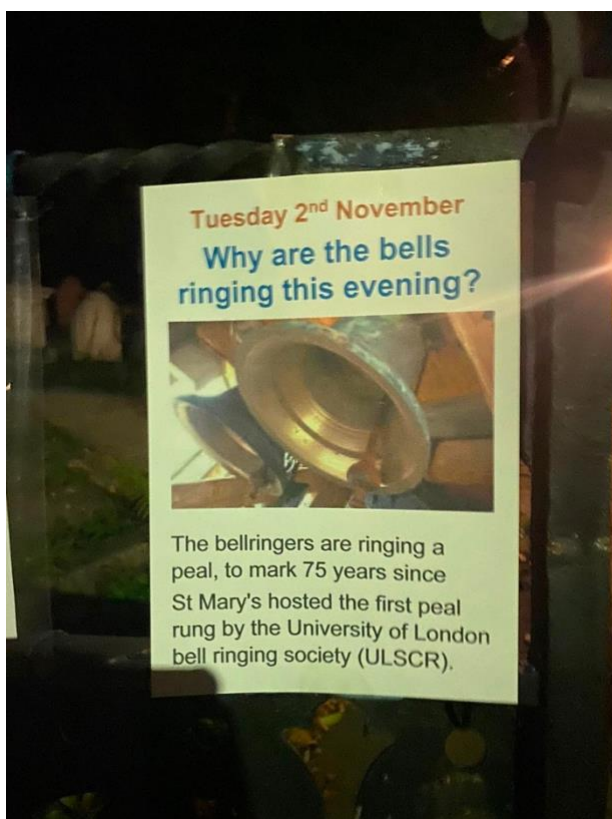




John Hutchinson cleaning the Christmas tree



Polaroid in Spoons pre 2021 Dinner



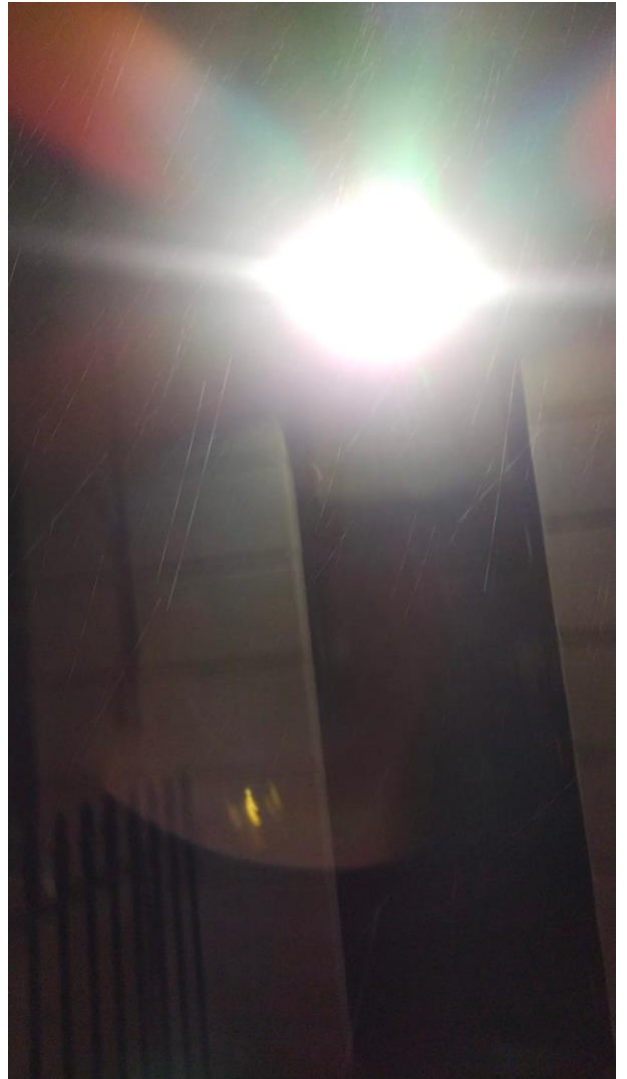
Norwood Green's poster for us ringing



Bishop Jenny on 2021 Summer Tour



The left instructions of how to walk from Upminster to the first tower on Easter Tour 2022. (*Left by Harry Turner, retrieved by Luke Trewin*)



Toby Hibbert's front door (apparently), given as proof that he'd made it home.



The UL at St Pauls, October 2021