

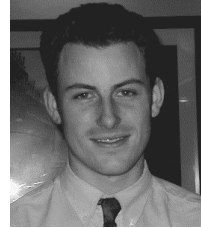


1000 peals for the Society



Derek Sibson receiving the framed peal details from the Master at the Society Dinner

From the Master..



As another year draws to a close , so a New SRCY Newsletter is published. Inside you will find reports of the events that took place last year and details of the program for the coming year. I think it is fair to say that the Society is currently in a very healthy state. The 2 country meetings at Warnham and Leicester were well attended, the Millennium Dinner in September was enjoyed by those who attended. "Not the Dinner Day" in February proved to be as popular as ever. We rang 294 peals and once again, peal day co-ordinated by John Barnes was a successful venture. Practices continue to be well supported and methods have ranged from Stedman, through Smiths 23 & the std 8 S Royal to Orion.

While it is good to look back, it is also important to look ahead. To make the coming year a success requires the support of the membership as a whole. Please try to join in whenever you can. You can let us know if you are coming simply by filling in the reply sheet enclosed and sending it to the Assistant Secretary.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me through my first year as Master.

Ian Fielding

The Annual General Meeting October 7th 2000

The following officers were elected for 2000-2001

Master	Ian Fielding
Senior Steward	Paul Cammiade
Junior Steward	Russell Brown
Secretary	Linda Garton
Treasurer	Heather Kippin
Librarian	Philippa Whittington
Assistant Secretary	Gill Sparling

Trustees

John Barnes
Ian Oram

**Independent
Examiners**

Christina Fleckney
Michael O'Callaghan

**Central Council
Representatives**

John Barnes
Ian Oram
Stephanie Pattenden
Derek Sibson

Rogues Gallery – Officers 2000/2001

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Senior Steward



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Assistant Secretary



Philippa Whittington
Librarian



New members elected in 2000

We welcome 32 new members who were elected to the society during 2000 :

Samuel Corley, Jonathon Hetherington, Samantha Jeff, Christine Horritt, Tom Langton, Colin Lee, Mary Pickstone, Alison Waterman, Porter Brownlee, Remica Gray, Andrew Harvey, Neil Harvey, Sean Houlihane, Brian Watson, Janet Edwards, Michael Edwards, Kristina Franklin, Clare Humberstone, Andrew Preston, Helen Tucker, Lucy Weston, Ruth Crowder, Anne Davies, Jeremy Housden, Andrew Lansbury, Eleanor Carr, Elizabeth Duck, Jennifer Harvey, Janice Higgins, Mark Place, Sarah Thorp, Rachel Town

Where are they now?

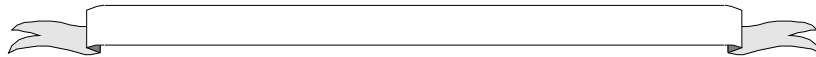
The Society has lost contact with the following members. Any assistance in updating our records for them would be much appreciated.

Mr. William Allsopp, Mr. Colin G.Andrews,
Mr. Terence V.Barnard, Mr. W.S.Bonnet,
Miss Annette Bradbury, Mr. Cyril Buesden, Miss Joyce Clark,
Mrs.Susan P.Cole, Mr. G.D.Fearnehough, Mr. Gerald Frost,
Mrs Jacqueline Harrison, Mrs.Hetty Hawthorne,
Mr. Lance S.F.Hewson, Mr. A.John Hill, Miss Alison Hill,
Mrs.Mary Hill, Mrs.Susan Houghton, Mr.Walter J Lemon,
Miss M.Janet Mattinson, Mrs.Marguerite McGlue,
Mr.J.Martin Page, Mr.Anthony G Parry, Miss M.Pearse,
Mr.David Phillipson, Mrs.Anna M.P Piechna,
Mr.Ian M. Robinson, Mr.Matthew J.Sorell,
Mr.James T.Stevens, Mr.Peter D.Storey,
Miss Valerie Williams, Miss Angela Wright

Loss of Members

The following members have died during the last year and have been remembered at a meeting

Simon E Wood - Liss
Jeffrey J Hill - Basingstoke
Mrs R E Roome - Northampton
Walter Hunt - Cambridge
Leslie H Thrift - Cambridge
Herbert G Goddard - Chelmsford



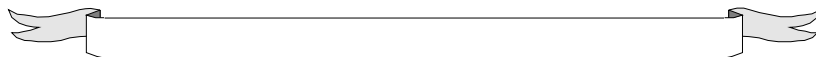
Congratulations

1000th peal
Eric Critchley,
Simon Humphrey,
Paul Cammiade

2500th peal
Alan Regin

1000th for Society
Derek Sibson

500th for Society
Peter Fleckney, Linda Garton



Derek E Sibson's 1000 peals for the Cumberlands

A MIL(L)ESTONE

It all began in 1960 when I went to listen to a handbell peal attempt for Yorkshire S. Major by Joan, Dennis and Peter Beresford and Michael Lakin. Or at least that was what I thought, but when I got there I was persuaded to ring the tenors and call a peal of Grandsire Caters instead! Although not a member of the Society, in those days belfry elections were allowed prior to peals and ratified at the next meeting of the Society and so I became a member and rang my first peal for the Society at the same time.

In the late 50's, the Society was at a low ebb and only had one practise a month on the first Wednesday at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, but when Dennis Beresford became Master, a group of invited ringers attended practises on the other Wednesdays and these subsequently developed into the Society's regular weekly practises. As a result there was not much peal ringing for the Society, indeed in 1960 11 peals were rung, 1961 7, 1962 9, 1963 10, 1964 17 and 1965 14. In the late 50's the annual totals were even lower, with one year only 3 peals being rung. By the end of 1965 I had rung 26 peals for the Society. There was clearly at that period no likelihood of ever ringing a large number of peals for the Society but then things change, and how they have changed! With the first restoration of Shoreditch bells in 1968 peal ringing for the Society increased with 48 peals in 1969, 15 of them at Shoreditch. Over the next 22 years the total remained between 30 and 60 but then in 1990 it rose to the 90's, 143 in 1994, 211 in 1996 and of course 441 in 1997. My own participation remained fairly steady varying from 12 to 35 throughout the 70's and 80's, and it took until early 1993 to reach 500 for the Society. Just under 33 years then for the first 500 but only another seven and a half for the second 500. Undoubtedly this has been due to two factors, firstly, that I became part-time (at the Hospital!) and then we had the 250th anniversary year.

Now for a few statistics in the 1000. As might be expected, the leading tower is Shoreditch with 281, followed by Trumpington (37), St. Martin-in-the-Fields (27) and West Ham (18). In all the peals have been rung at 373 different towers. 479 have been on eight bells, but only 2 triples (one of those being Colin Wyld's bob's only Stedman), 288 on 12 bells (30 of cinques), 221 on 10 bells (6 caters), and 12 of minor. The leading method is Bristol Surprise Major (70) followed by Yorkshire Maximus (54) quite a lot of them with "the one Big Bob, in the third course", and Bristol Maximus (41). 434 different methods have been rung if one includes different numbers of Spliced as a separate method, and the total number of peals of Spliced is 244, in up to 204 methods. There have been 23 different conductors other than myself (849) with Dennis Beresford leading at 66 followed by John Loveless (19) and Graham Duke (10). I am very grateful to Dennis Beresford for all his help and encouragement in my "formative" years in the Society. Of the ringers, 519 have been rung with my wife, Jane, 435 with Peter Fleckney, 306 with Ben Duke, 272 with Alan Regin and 247 with Simon Davies. Altogether 526 members of the Society have been "involved" and I hope many more will be in the future.

I am very grateful to all the members who have rung with me over these forty years and I do look forward to many more peals for the Society. I have been very privileged to have taken part in many memorable performances for the Society and am very grateful for all the invitations to ring and conduct, not least in the 250th Anniversary Year. With the recent upsurge in peal ringing it will not be long before other members reach this total, and it will certainly not have taken them so long to achieve it. The leaders at the time of writing, and with peals so far published in the Ringing World, are Alan Regin (877), Simon Davies (730) and Graham Duke (625) with several others over 500. We look forward to congratulating them in due course.

Derek Sibson

(Unfortunately no statistics for no. of peals rung on n-2 !!
Ed.)



Further Congratulations

50 years membership

Eric Edmondson - elected 19.8.50
Hetty Hawthorn - elected 21.1.50
A. John Hill - elected 21.1.50
John Hilton - elected 21.1.50
Eric Naylor - elected 21.1.50
Frank Matthews - elected 21.1.50
Marjorie Matthews - elected 27.11.50
Alfred Patten - elected 21.1.50
Harry Wells - elected 30.9.50

65 years membership

Alf House - elected 19.1.35
James Stevens - elected 9.2.35
Jean Hall - elected 30.3.35
Marie Cross - elected 6.7.35

25 years membership

Rhian Bagshaw, Judith Bagshaw, Anne Rueff,
Russell Brown, Ian Butters, Richard Cowley,
Robert Gruen, Richard Knight, Alyson Porter,
Christine Northeast, Susan Spencer,
Rosemary Duke, Margaret Whiteley,
Winifred Warwick, David Beadman,
John Connell, Sally Munnings, Heather Semken,
Colin Andrews, Janet Menhenick,
Michael Belcher, James Benner,
Lesley Boyle, Mrs.Blundell

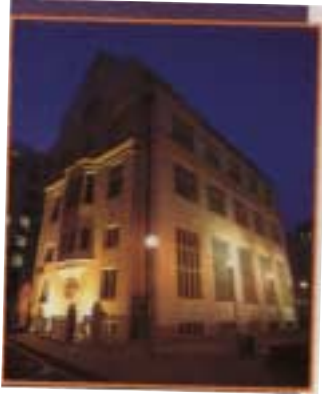




Forthcoming Events 2001

17th January	General Meeting at The Owl and the Pussycat, Shoreditch (after the practice)
3rd February	Not the Dinner Day Peals followed by Curry at Sheraz, Brick Lane. Tickets for curry from Gill Sparling,
10th February	Herts/Beds/Cambs practice at Hitchin 7.00 – 8.30 pm
10th March	Country meeting at Henley on Thames. Peals (am), several towers open, evening event See insert for details
24th March	12 bell eliminator
2nd May	Business Meeting at St Martins in the Fields
14th – 15th July	Country meeting at Northallerton Peals (am), several towers open, evening event See insert for details
8th September	Anniversary Weekend. Peals and informal dinner at St Martins in the Fields
6th October	General meeting and AGM at St Martins in the Fields
17th - 18th November	Peal day (or rather peal weekend)

For further details of any of these events please see the website,
notices in the Ringing World or contact the Secretary.



Dinner 2000

At 1:45am on Sunday 10th September I fell into bed and lay awake, contemplating the evening we had just enjoyed. It occurred to me as I awaited the arrival of continuous zz's that ringing has, over the years done so much for me that I can never totally repay the debt. Ringing and ringers have taken me around the world and given me a group of friends I would and could not swap for better. The fellowship of ringers is a priceless commodity and let no-one undervalue it. A perfect example of this was the Millennium Dinner we had attended just a few hours earlier at the Insurance Hall in "our nation's Capital".

For anyone who doesn't know, and I guess that goes for most, the Insurance Hall lies tucked behind the Guildhall in Central London, a short walk from St. Mary-le-Bow. The main hall of this building is a magnificent venue for a formal dinner with its fine panelling and large stained glass windows containing the coats of arms of many of the countries oldest Insurance companies.



The evening began well for me by meeting two of my closest and oldest friends, neither of whom I now see regularly. What better way to start off the evening than by sipping champagne and chatting over old and new times. Around the room many others were doing the same.

At the appointed hour we progressed to the main hall for dinner. Large functions like this are often marred by poor service and cold vegetables, or even cold service and poor vegetables! This

event was however a shining example of how to provide an excellent meal for a hundred people. Service was polite, attentive and speedy and the food as good as one could wish for. The choice of round tables for 10 produced a good atmosphere of intimacy and conviviality among a large number and lead to lively conversation. For those with the need for



culinary detail, we dined upon Thai Salmon, Rack of Lamb and Lemon Tart.

The dining over, we were treated to a fine quartet of speeches, preceded by three leads of Kent Royal rung by Pat Newton, Jenny Town, John Loveless, Paul Cammiade and The

Master.

Ron Warford rose to announce himself to the assembled company as the "most ungodly" of men, and therefore an odd choice to propose a toast to the Church. Ron spoke impressively without notes and with a relaxed air of informality which was enjoyed by everyone.

Responding to the toast, Revd Stephen Nicholson regaled us with a speech which was obviously sponsored by a well-known bellfoundry. It contained a number of references to a "Taylor-built 220 volt AC single phase supply roll-player and keyboard console". Not only a good advert but a good way to use up five minutes of speech-making!



Chris Kippin proposed the toast to the Society and detailed the results of his researches into use of the Cumberland epithet. Audible gasps were to be heard on hearing the Hon. Sec. described as the "Cumberland Sausage". Gasps of admiration for Chris' bravery obviously.

Finally, the Master. Ian/Glint treated us to a brief statistical analysis of the previous year's activity but this was eclipsed by what was to follow.

On the morning of the Dinner Derek Sibson had been successful in ringing his 1000th peal for the Society (at St. Martins in the Fields) and Glint presented Derek with a framed "peal board" recording the details.

I am always in admiration of people in whom a fire of enthusiasm for their chosen activities/hobbies/sports remains alight over long periods. This is so obviously true of Derek and the generous applause at this presentation accurately reflected the high regard in which he is held. Well done Derek!

This concluded the evening's formal activities and the rest of the evening seemed to pass all too quickly as old and new friends enjoyed a chance to socialise together.



My thanks must go to all who were involved in organising the Millennium Dinner, another highlight in the Society's history. In my view one of the best formal dinners I have attended. Thank you from all of us who benefited from your efforts.

Here's to the next time!

Simon Rudd

Feedback required..

If you have any comments on the dinner, good or bad, the officers would like to hear them. Is this the kind of occasion that should be arranged at regular intervals? Please use the insert sheet for your comments.

National 12 Bell Striking Competition

Being the newest member of the band for the 12-bell final, the task of reporting on the events of the day has fallen to me. Looking back on the event several weeks/months later, I must confess that having never taken part in a striking competition on such a scale, I felt a little like I had just stepped off the plane at Heathrow!!! In spite of this, I hope this report is accurate and I apologise now for any errors.

Having won our eliminator at Towcester and venturing to Birmingham the previous Sunday for a practice, the band duly assembled at St Phillips for the final (even if it required catching a lift with one of the judges). The contrast between the two days could not have been more marked. Apart from considerably more people being around at the final (actually only a few more, members of the home team were sitting on the roof of the Cathedral during our practice), the weather for the practice had made the correspondent feel more like he was ringing in Sydney than the Midlands. Even more surprising was that we were greeted on the Saturday by a member of the Society more famous for carrying pints of Cider carrying fairy cakes instead!!!!

Major works to the grounds around the Cathedral prevented anyone sitting outside to listen, so after the announcement of the draw, we were forced to make an early appearance at the designated pub for the day. However, this rather unusual circumstance did not seem to bother those participating or supporting in the slightest!!! Could this be taken to mean that ringers actually prefer to spend more time in public houses than ringing?? Surely not!!!

Having been drawn to ring fourth, the band regrouped at the bottom of the tower at the appointed hour. I have read in previous reports and heard from members of previous bands that it has become custom to have the "this is the most

important 15 minutes of your life” speech prior to the commencement of the test piece. Well, that might be the most important but the time between waiting at the bottom of the tower and entering the ringing room was certainly the **longest** 15 minutes!!! Nerves aside, we took up our appointed positions and commenced our practice. Whilst the waiting to ring seemed to drag on, the practice time seemed remarkably short, and after a slight twist to the aforementioned customary speech by Alan the test piece began. The ringing settled quickly, and the changes rolled by with little hesitation, prompting even the judges to make particular mention of the middle section round the before lead. A hiccup in the last half lead (which was rectified very quickly) was the only really noticeable error during the performance. All that was left now was to await the judges’ decision, and to find out what the pundits in the churchyard thought.

After a period of limbo and alcohol consumption, all the interested parties reassembled for the verdict on the day’s proceedings. The 12 Bell committee Chairman made a short speech during which he thanked the Society’s Treasurer, Heather Kippin, for her efforts over the past 5 years as competition Secretary. Heather had chosen to stand down after this year’s competition and another member of the Society, Carol Franklin, had agreed to take over. We wish her well in her new post. The Chief judge for the competition then took the podium to give judge’s overall comments.

As many members will know, these comments did spark a lot of controversy subsequent to the competition, which I will not rake over. Suffice to say that whilst the spirit of the words may have been accurate, it was the actual phrasing which left a somewhat sour taste in some people’s mouths. It was then left to the other judges to make specific comments and announce the order of the bands. Somewhat surprisingly we were placed 4th with 58%. As with the previous year, the home team took the Trophy with 88%, a considerable margin over the rest of the

teams. Our congratulations go to the Birmingham band and also to the St Martin in the Fields band who came 3rd.

Next year the final will be held at South Petherton on 30 June. The Society has also recently been drawn to ring in the Eliminator at Newport, Gwent on 24 March. Why not come along and support the Society and enjoy listening to some of the best 12-bell ringing in the country.

David Bath
(Our foreign correspondent)

Is it on your “Favourites” list?

If not - why not? The Society's web page has moved and is now at

<http://www.srcy.org.uk>,

This is kindly maintained by Paul Butler and contains details of practice nights, officers, forthcoming events, peal lists and lots of other goodies.

You can email your peal details to
Russell Brown at russell.brown@c-of-e.org.uk

Any articles for next year's newsletter will be welcomed by
Philippa Whittington at pmwhittington@cs.com

Contact the Secretary :
Linda Garton at lindagarton@srcy.org.uk

Country Meetings

These are held twice a year and are becoming an major feature in the Society's calendar. In 2000 we visited Sussex in March and Leicester In July. We are grateful to local members in both areas who worked so hard to make these meetings so successful. The spring meeting is usually close to London while the July event is usually further afield and is tending towards a long weekend with peal ringing starting on the Thursday or Friday. This is an ideal opportunity for society members to get to know one another so if you feel like hosting a meeting please contact the Secretary.

COUNTRY MEETING IN SUSSEX

It's by no means a new phenomenon for the Society to venture into the wilds of Sussex. Ever since Thomas Lintott of Horsham travelled up to St. Mary's, Whitechapel in February 1775 to ring a peal with the Cumberlands, has there been a link between the county and the Society. (Interestingly there are still Lintotts living in both Horsham and Warnham.)

This visit was repaid the following year when a peal of Bob Major was rung for the Society at Horsham, called by George Gross. In 1779 both Gross and Lintott were involved in a peal of 11088 Bob Major at St. Nicholas', Brighton. This and indeed many of the early peals rung in Sussex were credited to the Cumberlands.

Nearly 200 years later one of the early ventures of the Society in the modern era was an informal gathering in the county on July 27th, 1974, with three peals being rung – at Burwash, Easebourne and Petworth – and general ringing around Horsham, before an evening event at the Angel Hotel, Petworth.

It was therefore quite appropriate that another visit should

take place for the County Meeting on March 11th this year. On this occasion seven peals were rung – at Arundel, St. Nicholas' Brighton, Horsham, Lewes, Petworth, Withyham and Chiswick (!). Clearly the latter band approached the idea of taking the country air with some reticence. They need not have worried as brilliant sunshine welcomed the 80 or so members taking part during the day.

General ringing took place during the afternoon on the eights at Billingshurst and Rudgwick and on the recently augmented ten at Warnham. After refreshments in the Warnham Church Room the business meeting was held in the church, when six new members were elected. The company then made their way to Warnham Village Hall where Ian and Margaret Oram and the Warnham ringers had laid on a sumptuous supper to be enjoyed by all.

Ian (V J) Smith

JULY COUNTRY MEETING TO LEICESTER

As has become customary for country meetings, the July meeting held in Leicester on the 8th of July ended up being an excellent weekend of ringing and socialising spread over a number of days, from Thursday the 6th until Sunday the 9th. The meeting was productive, the hospitality was warm, there were opportunities for all to enjoy and partake in a lot of general ringing. In addition 19 society peals were scored.

Peal bands trickled into the area early on Thursday to join locals in six successful peal attempts in the area. Friday's peal count was six out of seven and we give many thanks to Alan Regin for organising these attempts, only one of which was lost.

On both Thursday and Friday there were practise nights to join – at Leicester Cathedral and St Margaret's Leicester respectively. The numbers at these were swelled by new arrivals and those not exhausted by peals, post peal refreshments or driving.

The Joiner's Arms was heaving on Friday night as more ringers joined the throng which now numbered 100, including a busload from the north, fresh from a peal success en route. Some who didn't partake in pub food or takeaway Chinese reportedly visited and revisited at least one excellent curry house.

So of course the inevitable scrambling for lifts and early starts was not without its pain on Saturday morning – it's always too early after a Friday night meeting old friends and new....Anyway Saturday's ringing was a mix of general ringing and six successful peal attempts.

We all converged on St Margaret's in the afternoon, where most of the crowd managed to grab a post wedding ring and then partake in pre meeting tea and cake, whilst watching the men struggle with logs on the barbeque in preparation for the evening's meal.

But before we could sate our appetites we had the meeting to attend. Once again it was in an attractive and comfortable setting (who said church pews were uncomfortable) and was chaired in an excellent fashion by our Master. Four new members were elected, Derek Sibson gave a report on Central Council and we finally made a decision against the Library at Shoreditch. (Many thanks go to all who have put in such time and effort regarding this and to those who were willing to contribute fiscally.) The discussions were sometimes lively and nearly all relevant and interesting – I always expect to be bored by meetings but I am often pleasantly surprised by SRCY ones!

This was followed by a sumptuous feast which we enjoyed well into the evening – some continuing until the early hours of Sunday. There was much conviviality and plenty of variety on the menu. Tables were set out in the side of the church and we flowed out into the outside area too with our wine and good spirits.

Some left that evening while others stayed on for Sunday service ringing at the three Leicester towers and perhaps to take part in peals (2 more were scored on Sunday).

Accommodation arrangements ranged from spare bedrooms and floorspace (very kindly donated by local ringers) to a variety of hotels and B&Bs. Thanks are due to Carol Franklin for her magnificent effort in arranging this plus the catering on Saturday - indeed the whole weekend. Many thanks also to Gail Wade for organising all the towers over the four days.

Appreciation also must be given to Ian Fielding, our Master, who chaired the meeting so smoothly and arranged peals on Saturday and Sunday. Finally, the members give big thank you to the Leicester ringers for organising such a successful and enjoyable occasion.

Penny Sharpe

Other events during the year

Not the Dinner Day – Saturday Feb 5th 2000

NTDD 2000 started for me on Boxing Day 1999 – somehow I agreed to ring in two peals in a day, a feat I had never intended trying. When I had sobered up, the panic set in.

So the normal arrangements were put in place – peals organised and the Sheraz booked for the curry. The day itself was clear, sunny but chilly – ideal weather conditions I was cheerfully informed.

First peal was at Cubitt Town and there, my first glimmer of hope – not only was there a baker's selling cakes and coffee but Jenny Town was late. The usual dilemmas occurred – how long to wait, ring minor, who drops out (my hand went straight up) then Jenny arrived, a little flustered, apparently

Glint had misdirected her - the DLR station had changed sides of the road hence right should have been left. Timings were checked and it was reckoned that we had enough time still – so with all my hopes dashed we set off for a peal of Bristol Major, duly scoring.

Now normally I would consider the day done and dusted, all bar the drinking. Oh no, we had to dash and catch a DLR, literally grabbing a sandwich and coffee somewhere under Canary Wharf before returning to the DLR to travel to Limehouse. At this point the Junior Steward and the Hon Sec appeared to regress by some 30 plus years at the prospect of sitting in the front of the train and pretending to drive. Most worrying I can tell you.

Once at Limehouse Station it was another dash to the church, a quick visit to the loo's which actually seemed miles away from the tower and it was time to start the second peal. Then reality struck me – not only was I going to have to ring again for at least 3 hours but that I had been prised off the treble and the brain was going to have to do some work. Knees went very wobbly and before we even pulled off I could feel my hands getting sore. But 3 hours later a peal of London Major was scored – as soon as we stopped ringing Russell kindly shoved a chair behind me before the knees finally gave way.

At last we could join everyone else in the 'Pride' and a few welcome pints of London Pride was downed, probably too quickly! Then it was time to go to the Sheraz and eat too much of their delicious food. There was a quiz – match the dedication to the tower – Alan won with only one wrong, which of course had to be the only one I'd answered! The day was summed up by Glint – 9 peals attempted and 9 scored – and thanks were sent to those who done the organising and of course to the Sheraz for the wonderful food. Total exhaustion then set in for me and I could just about stagger to the Pride for after dinner drinkies.

Summing up, it was a good day, with lots of laughs and I did feel chuffed that I'd done it, despite aching all over for the next week. Did it put me off peal ringing? Well, put it this way, I've barely touched a bell rope since!!

Julie Baker

News from our towers

ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS

We continue to ring every Sunday with a band made up of SRCY, ASCY and others. A number of the also band help out at Shoreditch and Spitalfields. We had a problem when some rain came in after the really bad weather. Apologies to the Cumberlands for beating you in the 12 bell (!!) and we will try to do it again next year!!

Sunday service times are staying at the new time and so ringing will remain at 9.00-10.00 and 11.30 until 12noon.

Terri Horton

SPITALFIELDS:

The bells have continued to be well used by visiting bands and by peal bands. The Society have used the bells for practice on a number of occasions during the past year as have the London County Association.

No major maintenance has been required this year but further work on internal acoustics have been undertaken. A new set of muffles has been purchased for the tower.

Sunday service ringing has increased with the temporary

cessation of Sunday ringing at Shoreditch and we now ring on the 1st and 3rd Sundays when we are able. We remain very reliant on a very small number of ringers who regularly support Sunday service ringing. Further problems has been caused by the move of service time at St Martin-in-the-Fields from 9.45 to 10.00 restricting the amount of time that we have to ring at Spitalfields.

We have continued to ring for both the Summer and Winter Music festivals; before the first and last concert during both festivals and before the Parish Carol concert during the Winter festival.

The restoration of the Church continues, the outside of the Church is now almost complete, just take a look from the South west corner standing on Commercial Street - stunning! Work on the interior is due to start again during 2001.

Alan Regin

Shoreditch Library

You will see from the Officers' Report that at the General Meeting in July, the decision was taken not to proceed with the proposed Library Room at Shoreditch. Many of you responded to the letter pledging support for the project – too many to acknowledge individually. We would however like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you who made a pledge for your generosity, which was greatly appreciated.

Linda Garton

CLERKENWELL:

Ringling continues once a month on the second Sunday at about 12.00. There have been a few more weddings recently on Saturdays. Increased population in the area means more potential for complaints so ringling is strictly limited.

Stephanie Pattenden

SRCY NORTHERN PRACTICES THE STORY SO FAR

The story really begins with Duncan Walker, as he organised 12 bell practices at Stockton with the idea of encouraging 12 bell ringing in an area where there was none. These were well-supported at first, but lost impetus with other activities taking over, and possibly also because of increasing expertise in Surprise Maximus ringing at Newcastle Cathedral.

Meanwhile, the Cumberlands were growing in strength in the north-east, mainly due to Ron's encouragement, which led to Ron handing out a questionnaire asking for support to attend the Country meeting at Wisbech, and mentioning the possibility of a Northern Cumberlands practice. Quite separately from this I had decided to try to reinstate the Stockton practices, as I was missing the opportunity to ring on 12 (there were NO rings of 12 in North Yorkshire at the time). When I realised that 90% of the people I was contacting were Cumberlands, the two ideas gelled and the Northern Practice was born.

We held the first practice in April 1999 and to date there have been eight, all at Stockton. We have never met with less than 18 ringers, the maximum being 25, and we have always encouraged non-members to attend. At first attendance was from North Yorkshire and the "Durham and Newcastle" Association, but then Andrew Sibson starting making the long trek across the Pennines, bringing members from Leeds with him.

Bristol Maximus has been rung at all the practices, and is usually the best ringing ; strangely Stedman is usually the worst, but this could be partly because of Tyneside tradition of ringing more Maximus than Cinques! We encourage less experienced 12 bell ringers by ringing quite a lot of "right-place" S. Maximus, and have included Newgate as a stepping stone to more challenging methods. The atmosphere up the tower is informal – we all have a lot of fun, which can come as a bit of a shock

to newcomers, but once the ringing starts everyone is trying their best. Afterwards, in the Sun Inn (best Bass in the North of England according to my husband, and he should know!), the quality of the comradeship and the beer has to be experienced to be believed.

Future plans include a practice at Ripon Cathedral, and a 12-bell outing next January, organised by Matt Durham. We are going to include Orion as the special method for the next practice, otherwise things will remain very much as they are. Why tamper with success?

Jennie Town

A PLEA : How to send money to the Treasurer !

1. Take a blank piece of paper (A4 or A5)
2. Write or type your name at the top of the piece of paper
2. Write or type the items the money covers
3. Put the piece of paper with the money (or cheque) into an envelope
4. Seal the envelope
5. Write the Treasurers name on the envelope
6. Hand or post it to the Treasurer.

ORANGES AND LEMONS PRINTS

Has been a remarkable success with £6,000.00 having been paid over to each of the bell restoration funds of both the College Youths and the Cumberland Youths (£12,000.00 in total) with some more money to come.

We now only have very limited numbers of the prints remaining from the 2000 originally ordered. If you would like one, this will probably be your last chance. Standard prints cost £12.50 including the Lord Mayor's endorsement and postage and packing.

Orders should be sent to: OLP, Branksome, Station Road, Eynsford, Kent, DA4 0ER. Cheques payable to "OLP".

Mounted (£20.00) and Framed prints (£48.00) are also still available in limited numbers. Contact Alan Regin, 020-8471-7045 for further details.

I would like to record thanks to David Hilling and Andrew Stubbs of the ASCY who have both done much work to ensure the success of this undertaking. And to SRCY member Jeremy Warren who arranged for all of the printing required; both of the actual prints and the advertising flyers for various publications - we could not have achieved this without Jeremy's help and expertise.

From the Record Books:



Peals, 250 years ago:

01/02/1751 Christ Church Spitalfields 5040 Plain Bob Major 3:48 George Partrick

This was the only peal rung by the Society in that year, the ninth for the Society since its formation. This was on the heavy, 44cwt, 8, Robert Wight ringing the tenor single handed. The next peal was rung in July 1752, and quite an important one it was as well, wait till next year and you will find out where.

Peals 200 years ago:

11/01/1801	St Mary Whitechapel	5104 London Court Bob	George Gross
17/02/1801	St John Hackney	5040 Cumberland Imperial Place Triples (1)	William Shipway
23/03/1801	St Mary Watford	6160 Plain Bob Major	George Gross
07/04/1801	St Leonard Shoreditch	5220 Court Bob Royal (2)	George Gross
??/05/1801	St Leonard Shoreditch	5000 Oxford T B Royal	George Gross (Junior)
31/08/1801	Hemel Hempstead	5040 Grandsire Triples	John Hints
18/10/1801	St Mary Lewisham	5024 Union Treble Bob	George (Junior)
Gross			
31/10/1801	St Leonard Shoreditch	5080 Tittum Treble Bob Royal	George Gross (Junior)
07/12/1801	Christ Church Spitalfields	5040 Oxford Treble Bob Royal	George Gross (Junior)
15/12/1801 (Junior)	St Matthew Bethnal Green	5120 Union Treble Bob	George Gross

Bands in this year included the famous Malachi Channon and Thomas Reeves. It appears that 1801 also marked the handover of conducting duties from George Gross senior to George Gross junior. Gross senior went on to conduct only one more peal for the Society in February 1803, fittingly at Shoreditch, where many of his peals had been rung. He died on 5th May 1803.

Some interestingly named methods, the Hackney peal states "The Society rang a true peal of triples 5040 on a new principal that reverses the present system of ringing by dodging in 3 hours 46 minutes without a dodge. The principal of this peal being by place making and is the first peal rang (sic) in the method on any number of bells. The Society to commemorate the union of Great Britain and Ireland entitled it Cumberland Imperial Place Triples. Composed and called by William Shipway without a single. The author of this system of ringing".

For the Court Bob Royal peal the copy peal book states "Being the first ever rung by any Society in that intricate method".

The footnote to the Hemel Hempstead peal records "Being the first peal ever rang on those bells and the bells going so bad was obliged to have nine men". Thomas Padgett and George Gross senior ringing the tenor!

The Spitalfields peal was rung after the augmentation to ten before they were augmented to twelve.(The first peal on the 12 was rung in 1804).

Peals 100 years ago:

11/01/1901	St John Leytonstone	5040 Treble Bob Minor 7 Methods	William Keeble
17/01/1901	Christ Church Southgate	5040 Plain Bob Triples	Sidney Wade
02/02/1901	Ss Peter & Paul Tonbridge	5040 Grandsire Triples	Thomas Card
23/02/1901	St Stephen Hampstead	5040 Grandsire Triples	James Hannington
28/03/1901	St John Leytonstone	5040 Surprise Minor	William Keeble
27/05/1901	All Saints Leighton Buzzard	5040 Grandsire Triples	Charles Martin
22/06/1901	St Mary Woolwich	5088 Double Norwich Court Bob Major	Edgar Wightman
25/08/1901	St Mary Speldhurst	5120 Kent Treble Bob Major	Thomas Card
02/11/1901	St Mary Staines	5040 Grandsire Triples	William H Fussell
23/11/1901	St John Penshurst	5040 Plain Bob Major	Thomas Card
27/11/1901	St Mary Speldhurst	5376 Kent Treble Bob Major	Thomas Card
30/11/1901	St Anne Highgate	5088 Kent Treble Bob Major	Charles Martin
07/12/1901	St Mary Staines	5040 Grandsire Triples	Fred Richardson
12/12/1901	St John Leytonstone	5040 Treble Bob Minor	William Keeble
14/12/1901	St Margaret Westminster	5000 Kent Treble Bob Royal	Edgar Wightman
31/12/1901	St Stephen Hampstead	5040 Grandsire Triples	William Pryor

Some interesting conductors including William Keeble, a member of the famous Essex handbell band, made up of the Pye brothers Ernest, George and William and Keeble. These four rang some of the early handbell peals of Surprise Major including Superlative in 1901, New Cambridge in 1902, London in 1904 and Bristol in 1907.

Another very well know ringer was William Fussell from Slough who was one of the early 1000 peelers.

The Kent band was still pretty active under the leadership of Thomas Card.

Alan Regin

What some well known Cumberlands do when they are not ringing! (1)



Alan Regin milking a plastic cow

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths
Officers' Report 1999 – 2000

The Society entered the new Millennium with a great deal of activity – wide participation in the Ring in 2000 project, growing involvement and enthusiasm of the membership out of London, steadily increasing peal ringing activity and the healthy attendance at meetings and practices all reflecting the current strength of the Society.

Practices and Meetings

Forty six practices were held in London during the year, with an average attendance of 23. Methods have ranged from Cambridge and Stedman up to Orion. Out of town practices at St. John's, Croydon, Chelmsford Cathedral and Great St Mary, Cambridge were well supported by regulars and it was particularly encouraging to see so many members not usually able to attend central London practices.

Northern practices, mainly at Stockton-on-Tees, have been held on an almost monthly basis, with attendances between 18 and 25, and methods regularly including Bristol and Newgate Maximus.

Midlands Practices have continued. Monthly quarters have been attempted, with methods including London S. Royal and Cambridge and Yorkshire S. Maximus being rung at a variety of different towers.

Five General Meetings of the Society were held during the year, of which three were in London – two at St. Martin-in-the-Fields and one at The Owl and the Pussycat, Shoreditch. An extremely enjoyable Country Meeting was held at Warnham, Sussex in March, attended by over 70 members. The now customary peals, general ringing and business meeting were followed by an excellent supper. The July Country Meeting has certainly become one of the highlights of the calendar, having evolved into a long weekend. This year's meeting, based in Leicester, was certainly no exception. Over 100 members participated in peals, general ringing and a barbecue, and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. A great deal of hard work went into making both Country Meetings such a success, and we are extremely grateful to everyone who was involved in their organisation.

Other Events

The Society's year began in September with a peal day on 9/9/99. Fittingly, 9 peals of 9 methods were scored. This was closely followed two days later by another extremely enjoyable informal dinner at the Hop Cellars to celebrate the 252nd anniversary weekend, attended by 64 members and friends.

A substantial donation from the sale of the Oranges and Lemons prints has been made to the Bell Restoration Fund, and we thank those involved. In September, the Society was represented by the Master and Junior Steward at a presentation of a framed print to the Lord Mayor of London in the ringing room at Bow.

Over 250 members took part in another very successful peal weekend in November. 37 peals were scored out of a total of 55 attempted, almost equalling the previous record of 38 set prior to the 250th anniversary year..

Not the Dinner Day has now become a fixture on the calendar on the first Saturday in February. Nine peals were rung and about 50 members and friends enjoyed an excellent curry at the Sheraz.

Having won our eliminator at Towcester, the Society's band came 4th in the final of the National Twelve Bell Contest, held at Birmingham Cathedral in July.

The Society continues to raise its profile in the States, with a number of members participating in successful peal and teaching tours.

We thank the many members who have helped to organise these events.

Peal ringing

The new record of 252 peals reported last year has been short lived! Increasing enthusiasm and wide involvement in peal ringing continues, with a remarkable total of 294 peals being rung. Following the change to the Society's year end,

this has been achieved in only 11 months!

New members

We welcome the 25 new members elected to the Society this year.

Towers

St Martin-in-the-Fields continues to be the regular venue for practices on the first Wednesday of each month. Routine maintenance on the bells and the repair of the floor underneath the tenor has taken place during the course of the year, and the clock is currently undergoing repair.

The major church restoration project at Shoreditch has now begun. The Society is actively involved, with representation on the project steering group. Access for ringing will still be maintained throughout the closure of the church. Several reports containing recommendations to improve the go and acoustics of the bells at Shoreditch have now been received, and a working group has been set up to discuss how we move forward on this.

Spitalfields has continued to be a very active tower despite the major restoration which is continuing at the Church. A large number of peals have been rung in the past year. As usual we rang for the Spitalfields Festival, a peal to celebrate the start of the Festival and ringing before the first and last concerts. We also rang for the Winter Festival which occurs in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Minor maintenance has been done on the bells. During the year we purchased a new set of ropes, in the SRCY colours of burgundy and cream, and a new set of muffles.

In September a peal was rung to welcome the Venerable Lyle Dennan, the new Archdeacon of Hackney, to St Andrew's, Holborn.

Sunday Service Ringing

A number of Society members are part of the local band at St Martin-in-the-Fields, ringing for two services each Sunday. All Sunday ringing at Shoreditch has temporarily ceased following the closure of St Leonards for restoration.

Ringling for service continues at Spitalfields. This has increased to twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, since February when Church closure at Shoreditch stopped ringing there. We are very grateful to members of the St Martin-in-the-Fields band and other members who loyally continue to support the Sunday Service ringing at the Society's towers.

Newsletter

The newsletter is our only means of communication with the whole membership, and contributions are always welcomed by our editor. Last year's newsletter was published on the website as well as being sent out to each member. We are very grateful for the generous donations made by some members. The website, which can be found on www.srcy.org.uk, continues to provide a useful source of information.

Library

The Library has had a higher profile than normal during the past year due to the project to make use of facilities offered to the society within the Restoration of Shoreditch church. At the end of last year, the officers climbed a ladder to peer into the room earmarked as the library room. We had been provided with plans and costings for this project and while the original figure appeared to offer us a London base within a reasonable budget further investigation was to prove otherwise.

The officers mailed the membership to ask for pledges towards the cost of the work and the reponse to this was very encouraging.

In February Nicholas Morgan and Rev Paul Turp attended a Society meeting and this highlighted two major concerns. The time limit on the agreement between the Church and the Society meant that there was no guarantee of the society retaining use of the room in the long term. The second concern was that the cost of the project had escalated significantly since it was originally proposed and there was no guarantee that there would not be further increases. At the Society meeting in July the matter was put to the vote and rejected by a majority of the members present. We are now investigating alternative options to make the Society's library more available to the members.

The Society is again grateful for the annual gift of the Ringing World.

Society Property

We thank the trustees who continue to be actively involved in the safekeeping of the Society's property, stored at St. Martin-in-the Fields.

The Officers 1999-2000

USA / Canada Trip 14th October 2000 to 30th October 2000



Two of the group had spent two weeks in Charleston SC, one of the group one week there and the remainder arrived from different London airports some direct and some via Charlotte NC, all converging on Chicago within 4 hours of each other. With so many different flights there was only one missed connection due to immigration delay and we were all in the hotel by 9:00pm.

Saturday dawned with a trip to The Mitchell Tower for a peal of Cambridge Royal. We were met by Mark Rizzo who oiled the plain bearings for us and assisted Ben Duke in some last minute splicing for us. Tom Farthing joined us for the peal as David Bath had been "invalided out" due to a dislocated shoulder. This was Tom's first of surprise royal. We all had an excellent BBQ lunch at Mark and Andrea's. The afternoon saw eight of the team off to Riverside for a peal of Bristol where most of the band rang with ear defenders to take the edge off these rather loud bells. Cath had last rung on these bells in St James Park and I last rang on them in a field in Debden Essex in 1974.

Sunday and on to Kalamazoo for three peals. One with Elisabeth Trumpler, her first of 5 Spliced, a peal of Pudsey with Margaret Miller and Rob Kakuk and Atlanta D. Major, a new method in honour of the dedication of the new 10 at St Luke's Atlanta this day.

Monday, across the border to Toronto. Those arriving early enough visited the CN Tower before the practice. It was good to see how well the Toronto band are progressing and we hope that we were able to add something to the practice. We joined the Toronto ringers in the pub where Derek Sawyer seems to have got the ordering and paying for food and drink down to a fine art.

Tuesday saw a peal of Cambridge Maximus with two Toronto ringers Nick Cheeseman and Robin Clarke. A first of maximus for Nick. Having rung many peals on the new bells at Bermondsey, it was good for us to ring one on the old bells in their new home.

Wednesday, a peal of Yorkshire Maximus with Derek Sawyer. Derek Sibson bringing out Frank Blagroves "Big Bob" composition for a much needed airing after such a long rest. After the peal we all raced off to Niagara to view the falls in their winter flow of 34 million gallons a minute. That's Stephen Wheeler's normal cider consumption quipped someone as we took the lift to go behind the falls.

From Niagara on to Hershey, famous for its chocolate and a

convenient stopping off place on the way to Philadelphia. This is in the heart of Amish country and some of the party took the opportunity to visit an Amish farm the following morning. The Amish live a frugal lifestyle, no electricity or cars, they travel by horse and buggy. They don't like unnecessary decoration, even their wedding feast tables are decorated with celery instead of flowers. They don't like being photographed either which is a pity as the men's distinctive dress of breeches and the trademark beard with no moustache make them a good photo opportunity.

Friday night for our first peal at St Martin in the Fields Philadelphia after more than 48 hours without ringing. This I believe to be a record for an Alan Regin tour! A new method named Willow Grove. Saturday a peal of 4 spliced with Bruce and Eileen Butler, Eileen's first of spliced, then Roger Baldwin calling a nearly all the work Pitman composition that he hadn't called before and a peal in another new method, Penn S., on the restored bells at St Marks.

The last night of our tour was spent at a great Halloween Party at Bruce and Eileen's. A late night, but with an extra hour for the end of daylight saving time followed by Sunday service ringing and a quick peal of 23 spliced at St Mark's squeezed in between the service and a concert. A presentation to Alan on the Church steps, a quick look at the Liberty Bell and than off to the airport to catch our various planes home. We all had different experiences here. Alan getting delayed by a whole day, Ben having to wait until the last minute to see if he had a seat and most of us landing in the tail of the "Great Storm".

With grateful thanks to all our hosts for the tremendous welcome. Yet another great trip, here's to the next one.

Paul Cammiade
7th November 2000

SRCY PEALS RUNG IN 1999-2000

4 Sep 1999	St.Martin-in-the-	5040 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus	D.E.Sibson
4 Sep 1999	South Mymms	5040 7 Surprise Minor	G.A.Duke
4 Sep 1999	Tewin	5040 7 Surprise Minor	P.M.Fleckney
5 Sep 1999	Shoreditch	5042 Bristol Surprise Maximus	D.E.Sibson
7 Sep 1999	Shoreditch	5040 Guildhall Surprise Maximus*	D.E.Sibson
9 Sep 1999	Saltby	5056 9-Spliced Surprise Major	I.Butters
9 Sep 1999	Bow	5472 9-Spliced Surprise Major	I.R.Fielding
9 Sep 1999	Trumpington	5056 9-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
9 Sep 1999	Houghton-le-Spring	5056 9-Spliced Surprise Major	R.R.Warford
9 Sep 1999	Sturry	5040 9 Surprise Minor	P.H.Larter
9 Sep 1999	Turners Hill	5056 9-Spliced Surprise Major	I.V.J.Smith
9 Sep 1999	Spitalfields	5056 9-Spliced Surprise Major	I.Roulstone
9 Sep 1999	Shalford	5184 9-Spliced Surprise Major	J.Morgan
9 Sep 1999	Cambridge, Mass.	5040 9 Surprise Minor (Handbells)	D.F.Morrison
9 Sep 1999	Nottingham (St.	5040 London No.3 Surprise Royal	I.Butters
11 Sep 1999	Dagenham	5056 Dagenham Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
11 Sep 1999	Edmonton	5120 8-Spliced Surprise Major	I.R.Fielding
11 Sep 1999	Acton	5056 Bristol Surprise Major	J.P.Loveless
11 Sep 1999	Hackney	5021 Glasgow Surprise Major	S.A.Wheeler
11 Sep 1999	Holborn	5136 Bristol Surprise Maximus	I.R.Fielding
11 Sep 1999	Bermondsey	5088 Kenninghall Surprise Major*	S.A.Wheeler
12 Sep 1999	Holborn	5040 London No.3 Surprise Royal	J.P.Loveless
12 Sep 1999	Shoreditch	5120 12-Spliced Surprise Major	S.A.Wheeler
16 Sep 1999	Willesden	5024 Framley Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
19 Sep 1999	Sunderland (Roker)	5040 7 Minor	R.R.Warford
21 Sep 1999	Shoreditch	5056 London Surprise Major	G.A.Duke
26 Sep 1999	Castle Acre	5040 7 Surprise Minor	S.A.Rudd
27 Sep 1999	Spitalfields	5088 Ben Lomond Surprise Ma-	S.A.Wheeler
2 Oct 1999	Barking	5184 Bristol Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
2 Oct 1999	Streatham	5088 Bristol Surprise Major	M.J.Wigney
2 Oct 1999	St.Martin-in-the-	5007 Stedman Cinques	J.W.Belshaw
4 Oct 1999	Trumpington	5088 6-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
5 Oct 1999	Shoreditch	5040 Ewerby Surprise Maximus*	D.E.Sibson
10 Oct 1999	Oxford (St.Thomas)	5080 8-Spliced Surprise Royal	Silent
12 Oct 1999	Shoreditch	5088 8-Spliced Surprise Major	J.W.Belshaw

14 Oct 1999	Shoreditch	5000 7-Spliced Surprise Royal	D.E.Sibson
16 Oct 1999	Lichfield	5000 London No.3 Surprise Royal	J.P.Loveless
16 Oct 1999	Limehouse	5088 Limehouse Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
19 Oct 1999	Shoreditch	5088 Octobre Delight Major*	S.A.Wheeler
23 Oct 1999	Frome	5024 Bristol Surprise Major	A.D.Sibson
23 Oct 1999	Little Rock	5088 Bristol Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
23 Oct 1999	Texarkana	5024 8-Spliced Surprise Major	I.Butters
24 Oct 1999	Texarkana	5184 Rondo Surprise Major+	D.E.Sibson
25 Oct 1999	Texarkana	5088 Lessness Surprise Major*	P.F.Curtis
25 Oct 1999	Little Rock	5056 9-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
26 Oct 1999	Hendersonville	5024 10-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
26 Oct 1999	Raleigh	5088 Chapel Hill Delight Major+	D.E.Sibson
28 Oct 1999	Marietta	5088 London Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
28 Oct 1999	Orwell	5152 Superlative Surprise Major	J.P.Loveless
29 Oct 1999	Charleston (Grace	5040 Bristol Surprise Royal	D.E.Sibson
29 Oct 1999	Sullivan's Island	5024 Glasgow Surprise Major	I.Butters
30 Oct 1999	Charleston (Grace	5040 Plain Bob Royal	I.Butters
30 Oct 1999	Sullivan's Island	5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major	P.F.Curtis
30 Oct 1999	Benhilton	5184 Bristol Surprise Major	I.R.Fielding
31 Oct 1999	Charleston (Grace	5040 London No.3 Surprise Royal	R.Baldwin
1 Nov 1999	Raleigh	5184 Morrisville Surprise Major+	I.Butters
1 Nov 1999	Spitalfields	5184 Qomolangma Feng Surprise Major*	S.A.Wheeler
2 Nov 1999	Shoreditch	5040 Joist Fen Surprise Maximus*	D.E.Sibson
7 Nov 1999	Ewell	5024 Belfast Surprise Major	S.A.Wheeler
13 Nov 1999	Essendon	5152 Uxbridge Surprise Major	J.P.Loveless
13 Nov 1999	Rothersthorpe	5040 11 Doubles	P.A.
13 Nov 1999	Norton	5152 Omega Surprise Major*	J.R.Turnock
14 Nov 1999	Trumpington	5056 Cray Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
19 Nov 1999	Derby (Handbells)	5040 Plain Bob Major	C.M.
19 Nov 1999	Whickham	5088 Cassiobury Surprise Major	R.R.Warford
20 Nov 1999	Burnley	5088 4-Spliced Surprise Major	A.D.Sibson
20 Nov 1999	Leyland	5120 4-Spliced Surprise Royal	A.D.Sibson
20 Nov 1999	Chiddingfold	5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major	P.J.Flavell
20 Nov 1999	Petworth	5024 Bristol Surprise Major	S.J.
20 Nov 1999	Market Bosworth	5056 Ealing Surprise Major	M.A.Boylan

20 Nov 1999	Ashtead	5088 London Surprise Major	R.Baldwin
20 Nov 1999	Epsom Common	5088 Bristol Surprise Major	R.Baldwin
20 Nov 1999	Frodsham	5088 London Surprise Major	G.Parting
20 Nov 1999	St.Martin-in-the-Fields	5136 Bristol Surprise Maximus	J.P.Loveless
20 Nov 1999	Sheldwich	5024 4-Spliced Surprise Major	R.A.Pearce
20 Nov 1999	East Retford	5040 London No.3 Surprise Royal	J.R.Cater
20 Nov 1999	Shoreditch	5088 London Surprise Major	M.J.Wigney
20 Nov 1999	Northallerton	5040 Swindon Surprise Royal	I.R.Fielding
20 Nov 1999	Swillington	5056 Ealing Surprise Major	I.R.Fielding
20 Nov 1999	Bury St.Edmunds	5076 Stedman Caters	S.D.Pettman
20 Nov 1999	Gressenhall	5056 4-Spliced Surprise Major	S.A.Rudd
20 Nov 1999	Warsop	5024 8-Spliced Surprise Major	R.P.Graves
20 Nov 1999	Danbury	5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major	J.L.Towler
20 Nov 1999	Kingsbury (Warks)	5024 Rutland Surprise Major	I.Roulstone
20 Nov 1999	Bridgwater	5152 Lincolnshire Surprise Ma-	J.StJ.Beaumont
20 Nov 1999	Aldershot	5184 Aldershot Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
20 Nov 1999	Basingstoke	5024 10-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
20 Nov 1999	Meldreth	5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major	S.C.Farrer
20 Nov 1999	Upham	5088 Rutland Surprise Major	B.D.Constant
20 Nov 1999	Withyham	5152 Withyham Surprise Major*	D.D.Smith
20 Nov 1999	Newcastle-upon-Tyne (St.John)	5088 Glasgow Surprise Major	R.R.Warford
20 Nov 1999	Reading (St.Giles)	5056 Cambridge Surprise Major	D.J.Beaumont
20 Nov 1999	Caldicot	5088 Uxbridge Surprise Major	R.J.Cox
21 Nov 1999	Charminster	5040 Painswick Surprise Royal*	D.E.Sibson
21 Nov 1999	Bray (Berks)	5184 8-Spliced Surprise Major	C.F.Edwards
21 Nov 1999	Grundisburgh	5184 9-Spliced Surprise Major	S.D.Pettman
21 Nov 1999	Sandy	5040 10 Surprise Minor	C.C.Priestley
22 Nov 1999	Melbourn	5024 4-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
22 Nov 1999	Standish	5120 4-Spliced Surprise Major	P.G.Bellamy-
22 Nov 1999	Crawley	5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major	D.D.Smith
27 Nov 1999	Greasley	5088 Greasley Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
27 Nov 1999	Erith (Christ Church)	5024 Bristol Surprise Major	A.Regin
30 Nov 1999	Limehouse	5152 Novembre Delight Major*	S.A.Wheeler
4 Dec 1999	Rye	5184 Rye Surprise Major*	D.D.Smith
4 Dec 1999	Rothwell (Northants)	5120 Bristol Surprise Major	I.R.Fielding

4 Dec 1999	Whetstone	5056 Dorchester Surprise Major	I.R.Fielding
5 Dec 1999	Grimston	5040 7 Surprise Minor	A.Clifton
7 Dec 1999	Shoreditch	5184 Navarre Surprise Maximus+	S.Jenner
11 Dec 1999	Saffron Walden	5042 Bristol Surprise Maximus	J.P.Loveless
11 Dec 1999	Newcastle-upon-Tyne (St.John)	5184 Bristol Surprise Major	D.V.Craggs
14 Dec 1999	Shoreditch	5088 Zhemchug Surprise Major*	G.A.Duke
16 Dec 1999	Holborn (St.Andrew)	5021 Glasgow Surprise Major	S.A.Wheeler
18 Dec 1999	Fulbourn	5056 Belfast Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
18 Dec 1999	Folkestone	5184 Yorkshire Surprise Major	P.H.Larter
18 Dec 1999	Epsom Common	5120 Bristol Surprise Major	I.R.Fielding
18 Dec 1999	Carshalton	5120 Uxbridge Surprise Major	I.R.Fielding
19 Dec 1999	Shoreditch	5024 6-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
19 Dec 1999	Spitalfields	5152 23-Spliced Surprise Major	I.R.Fielding
20 Dec 1999	Trumpington	5280 Bristol Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
27 Dec 1999	Ash-by-Wrotham	5040 18 Surprise Minor	I.R.Fielding
27 Dec 1999	East Malling	5040 7 Surprise Minor	I.R.Fielding
27 Dec 1999	Cransley	5040 7 Surprise Minor	D.E.Sibson
28 Dec 1999	Huntingdon	5088 Huntingdon Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
28 Dec 1999	St.Lawrence Jewry	5152 23-Spliced Surprise Major	A.Regin
28 Dec 1999	Rochester	5040 Albanian Surprise Royal	J.W.Belshaw
29 Dec 1999	Enderby	5120 Enderby Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
29 Dec 1999	Yelvertoft	5040 7 Surprise Minor	D.E.Sibson
30 Dec 1999	Lilley	5040 7 Surprise Minor	J.P.Loveless
30 Dec 1999	Finedon	5056 Belfast Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
31 Dec 1999	Trumpington	5024 Ickleford Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
31 Dec 1999	Meldreth	5088 Ruddington Surprise Ma- jor*	D.E.Sibson
2 Jan 2000	High Halden	5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor	S.J.Davies
3 Jan 2000	Stansted Mountfitchet	5184 Bristol Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
3 Jan 2000	Helions Bumpstead	5088 Helions Bumpstead Sur-	D.E.Sibson
3 Jan 2000	Ashwell	5040 7 Surprise Minor	J.P.Loveless
4 Jan 2000	Shoreditch	5088 Charleston Delight Maxi-	D.E.Sibson
8 Jan 2000	Cambridge (St. Andrew-the-Great)	5056 Bristol Surprise Major	J.P.Loveless
8 Jan 2000	Croydon	5042 Bristol Surprise Maximus	R.M.Hobbs
13 Jan 2000	Bishopsgate	5024 London Surprise Major	S.A.Wheeler
15 Jan 2000	Cambridge (St.Mary- the-Great)	5007 Stedman Cinques	S.J.Pattenden

15 Jan 2000	Trumpington	5024 5-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
15 Jan 2000	St.Martin-in-the-Fields	5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus	R.M.Hobbs
18 Jan 2000	Shoreditch	5056 Tellurium Surprise Major*	S.A.Wheeler
22 Jan 2000	Eaton Socon	5088 Xamit Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
22 Jan 2000	Fulbourn	5056 Qomolangma Feng Sur-	D.E.Sibson
22 Jan 2000	Longstanton	5056 Bristol Surprise Major	J.P.Loveless
23 Jan 2000	Lambeth (St.Andrew)	5120 Bristol Surprise Major	J.W.Belshaw
24 Jan 2000	Meldreth	5024 6-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
29 Jan 2000	Bedford	5007 Stedman Cinques	J.W.Belshaw
29 Jan 2000	Market Deeping	5024 9-Spliced Surprise Major	R.P.Graves
29 Jan 2000	Peterborough (St.	5056 Wymeswold Surprise Ma-	I.Butters
29 Jan 2000	Newark-upon-Trent	5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal	D.E.Sibson
30 Jan 2000	West Ham	5040 Wimborne Surprise Royal*	D.E.Sibson
31 Jan 2000	Fulbourn	5024 7-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
5 Feb 2000	Amersham	5019 Stedman Cinques	J.E.Hawes
5 Feb 2000	Eltham	5024 Bristol Surprise Major	S.A.Wheeler
5 Feb 2000	South Croydon	5080 Bristol Surprise Royal	R.Baldwin
5 Feb 2000	Spitalfields	5056 London Surprise Major	R.R.Horton
5 Feb 2000	Woolwich	5088 Woolwich Ferry Surprise	S.A.Wheeler
5 Feb 2000	Bermondsey	5056 Rutland Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
5 Feb 2000	Shoreditch	5040 Cambridge Surprise Maxi-	D.E.Sibson
5 Feb 2000	Cubitt Town	5056 Bristol Surprise Major	J.P.Loveless
5 Feb 2000	Limehouse	5056 London Surprise Major	J.P.Loveless
6 Feb 2000	St.Albans (St.Peter)	5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal	D.E.Sibson
6 Feb 2000	Poplar	5120 Bristol Surprise Royal	S.A.Wheeler
7 Feb 2000	Spitalfields	5152 7-Spliced Surprise Major	I.R.Fielding
7 Feb 2000	Watford (Handbells)	5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major	R.Baldwin
8 Feb 2000	West Ham	5082 Bristol Surprise Royal	I.K.Bushell
10 Feb 2000	Shoreditch	5000 8-Spliced Surprise Royal	D.E.Sibson
12 Feb 2000	Meldreth	5024 8-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
12 Feb 2000	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	5088 Edinburgh Surprise Major*	R.R.Warford
12 Feb 2000	Staverton	5040 7 Surprise Minor	I.R.Fielding
12 Feb 2000	Pattishall	5040 7 Surprise Minor	S.A.Wheeler
14 Feb 2000	Trumpington	5056 Belfast Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
19 Feb 2000	Bicester	5040 London No.3 Surprise	J.P.Loveless

19 Feb 2000 Fulbourn	5408 9-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
20 Feb 2000 Willesden	5056 8-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
22 Feb 2000 Shoreditch	5152 Aluminium Surprise Major*	S.A.Wheeler
26 Feb 2000 Wimborne	5040 Xaymaca Surprise Royal*	D.E.Sibson
26 Feb 2000 Hursley	5000 Vermuyden Surprise Royal	J.W.Belshaw
27 Feb 2000 Chalk	5040 7 Surprise Minor	I.R.Fielding
4 Mar 2000 Barton Seagrave	5040 Stedman Doubles	L.M.Garton
4 Mar 2000 Burton Latimer	5056 Dalscote Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
5 Mar 2000 Bunwell	5040 10 Surprise Minor	D.G.Salter
6 Mar 2000 Trumpington	5056 Danum Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
7 Mar 2000 Shoreditch	5042 Yorkshire Surprise Maxi-	D.E.Sibson
11 Mar 2000 Arundel	5088 Rutland Surprise Major	J.P.Loveless
11 Mar 2000 Brighton (St.Nicholas)	5040 Lincolnshire Surprise	D.E.Sibson
11 Mar 2000 Chiswick	5024 7-Spliced Surprise Major	J.W.Belshaw
11 Mar 2000 Horsham	5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal	R.Baldwin
11 Mar 2000 Lewes	5003 Grandsire Caters	S.A.Wheeler
11 Mar 2000 Petworth	5088 Petworth Castle Delight	D.D.Smith
11 Mar 2000 Withyham	5056 Ealing Surprise Major	I.R.Fielding
14 Mar 2000 Holborn (St.Andrew)	5184 Ruthenium Surprise Ma-	S.A.Wheeler
17 Mar 2000 Charleston (Grace Church)	5040 Charleston Delight Royal+	D.E.Sibson
18 Mar 2000 Charleston (St. Michael)	5088 Charleston Delight Major+	S.A.Wheeler
19 Mar 2000 Charleston (Handbells)	5088 Kent Treble Bob Major	R.Baldwin
20 Mar 2000 Charleston (Grace Church)	5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal	D.E.Sibson
21 Mar 2000 Spitalfields	5088 8-Spliced Surprise Major	G.A.Duke
22 Mar 2000 Hendersonville	5056 8-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
25 Mar 2000 Chiddingly	5184 Hailsham Surprise Major*	D.D.Smith
27 Mar 2000 Shoreditch	5024 Porchester Surprise Ma-	I.R.Fielding
31 Mar 2000 Spitalfields	5056 London Surprise Major	J.E.Hawes
1 Apr 2000 Lincoln	5042 Bristol Surprise Maximus	J.P.Loveless
4 Apr 2000 Shoreditch	5040 Quayhead Surprise	D.E.Sibson
4 Apr 2000 Spitalfields	5152 Ytterbium Surprise Major	S.A.Wheeler
8 Apr 2000 Barking	5184 Barking Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
8 Apr 2000 Helions Bumpstead	5056 Zadok Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
15 Apr 2000 Lincoln	5040 Yorkshire Surprise	D.E.Sibson
16 Apr 2000 Terling	5088 Englishcombe Surprise	D.E.Sibson

20 Apr 2000	Shoreditch	5056 Oxford Treble Bob Major	D.E.Sibson
21 Apr 2000	Manchester Town Hall	5040 Bristol Surprise Maximus	I.Roulstone
21 Apr 2000	Maidstone (St. Michael)	5184 Superlative Surprise Major	J.E.Hawes
21 Apr 2000	Spratton	5040 10 Surprise Minor	D.E.Sibson
22 Apr 2000	Canterbury (St. Alphege)	5040 7 Surprise Minor	P.A.Cammiade
23 Apr 2000	Lambeth (St.Andrew)	5024 4-Spliced Surprise Major	I.R.Fielding
23 Apr 2000	Stepney (St.George-in-the-East)	5120 London Surprise Major	S.A.Wheeler
24 Apr 2000	Netherseale	5088 Quernmore Surprise Ma-	D.E.Sibson
24 Apr 2000	Sapcote	5040 Yaiza Surprise Royal*	D.E.Sibson
24 Apr 2000	Enfield (St.Mary Magdalene)	5044 Charleston Surprise Major	R.Baldwin
28 Apr 2000	Spitalfields	5088 Belfast Surprise Major	S.A.Wheeler
29 Apr 2000	Southampton (St. Michael)	5042 Bristol Surprise Royal	J.R.Cater
29 Apr 2000	Wareham	5040 London No.3 Surprise	D.A.Warwick
29 Apr 2000	Claybrooke	5056 8-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
30 Apr 2000	Yeovil	5080 8-Spliced Surprise Royal	I.Roulstone
30 Apr 2000	Fulbourn	5120 Virgo Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
1 May 2000	Charminster	5000 Bristol Surprise Royal	J.P.Loveless
2 May 2000	Shoreditch	5040 Upton Surprise Maximus*	D.E.Sibson
6 May 2000	Portsmouth (Portsea)	5056 Xebec Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
6 May 2000	Great Tew	5120 Bristol Surprise Major	J.W.Belshaw
6 May 2000	Easebourne	5056 Foxton Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
8 May 2000	Shoreditch	5024 Rutland Surprise Major	S.A.Wheeler
9 May 2000	Shoreditch	5088 Jimway Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
13 May 2000	Trumpington	5152 Zephyranthes Surprise	D.E.Sibson
13 May 2000	Ringstead	5040 7 Surprise Minor	J.P.Loveless
13 May 2000	Wadenhoe	5040 7 Surprise Minor	J.P.Loveless
18 May 2000	Shoreditch	5088 Ormside Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
20 May 2000	Royston	5024 5-Spliced Surprise Major	J.P.Loveless
20 May 2000	Tring	5216 Bristol Surprise Major	I.K.Bushell
20 May 2000	Orwell	5088 Tivoli Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
21 May 2000	Shoreham (Kent)	5088 Bristol Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
22 May 2000	Shoreditch	5136 Bristol Surprise Maximus	I.R.Fielding
22 May 2000	Beeston	5040 Alloa Surprise Royal*	D.E.Sibson
23 May 2000	Bishopsgate	5152 Clitheroe Surprise Major*	S.A.Wheeler
27 May 2000	Brighton (St.Peter)	5000 London No.3 Surprise	J.P.Loveless

27 May 2000	Brighton (Good Shep-herd)	5072 Double Norwich Court Major	Bob I. Butters
28 May 2000	Turners Hill	5056 Ebony Surprise Major*	J.P. Loveless
29 May 2000	Lewes	5000 Bristol Surprise Royal	I. Butters
30 May 2000	Aldershot	5184 Aldershot Surprise Major	D.E. Sibson
30 May 2000	Stratfield Mortimer	5088 Ewen Surprise Major*	D.E. Sibson
1 Jun 2000	Spitalfields	5088 Spitalfields Festival Treble Place Major+	S. Jenner
3 Jun 2000	Gaddesby	5088 Vercovicium Surprise Ma-	D.E. Sibson
8 Jun 2000	Trumpington	5024 4-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E. Sibson
10 Jun 2000	Sharow	5152 Burnley Delight Major*	A.D. Sibson
13 Jun 2000	Trumpington	5088 Coccium Surprise Major*	D.E. Sibson
16 Jun 2000	Clapham Common	5040 7 Surprise Minor	R.A. Pearce
20 Jun 2000	Shoreditch	5040 XL Surprise Royal*	D.E. Sibson
20 Jun 2000	Cubitt Town	5088 Titanium Surprise Major*	S.A. Wheeler
23 Jun 2000	Meldreth	5056 Tinea Surprise Major*	D.E. Sibson
24 Jun 2000	Trumpington	5056 Jorvik Surprise Major*	D.E. Sibson
25 Jun 2000	Willesden	5088 Kersey Surprise Major*	D.E. Sibson
26 Jun 2000	Shoreditch	5040 Stedman Triples	I.R. Fielding
29 Jun 2000	Trumpington	5024 5-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E. Sibson
1 Jul 2000	Bury St. Edmunds	5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal	J.W. Belshaw
4 Jul 2000	Shoreditch	5040 Radstock Surprise Maxi-	D.E. Sibson
6 Jul 2000	Ashby Folville	5184 Bristol Surprise Major	D.E. Sibson
6 Jul 2000	Saltby	5040 Lincolnshire Surprise	D.E. Sibson
6 Jul 2000	Sproxtton	5088 Bristol Surprise Major	S.A. Wheeler
6 Jul 2000	Leicester (St. Mary-de-Castro)	5120 London Surprise Major	S.A. Wheeler
7 Jul 2000	King's Norton (Leics)	5056 8-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E. Sibson
7 Jul 2000	Billesdon	5056 Leicestershire Surprise	S.A. Wheeler
7 Jul 2000	Sproxtton	5088 London Surprise Major	J.P. Loveless
7 Jul 2000	Great Glen	5088 Uxbridge Surprise Major	D.E. Sibson
7 Jul 2000	Saltby	5184 Bristol Surprise Major	I.R. Fielding
7 Jul 2000	Market Bosworth	5152 Glasgow Surprise Major	S.A. Wheeler
7 Jul 2000	Greasley	5120 Glasgow Surprise Major	D.V. Craggs
8 Jul 2000	Countesthorpe	5120 Lincolnshire Surprise Ma-	J.P. Loveless
8 Jul 2000	Claybrooke	5120 Bristol Surprise Major	I.R. Fielding
8 Jul 2000	Thurnby	5184 Bristol Surprise Major	D.E. Sibson
8 Jul 2000	Leicester (St. Margaret)	5007 Stedman Cinques	J.W. Belshaw

8 Jul 2000	Loughborough	5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal	I.V.J.Smith
8 Jul 2000	Sapcote	5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal	S.A.Wheeler
9 Jul 2000	Leicester Cathedral	5040 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus	D.E.Sibson
9 Jul 2000	Dingley	5040 Stedman Doubles	L.M.Garton
15 Jul 2000	Harlow	5088 Harlow Surprise Major*	D.E.Sibson
15 Jul 2000	Hunsdon	5056 8-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
16 Jul 2000	Cubitt Town	5088 Millwall Surprise Major+	D.E.Sibson
16 Jul 2000	Eastchurch	5040 7 Surprise Minor	P.A.Cammiade
24 Jul 2000	Shoreditch	5152 23-Spliced Surprise Major	A.Regin
25 Jul 2000	Limehouse	5184 Xenon Surprise Major*	S.A.Wheeler
27 Jul 2000	Trumpington	5024 6-Spliced Surprise Major	D.E.Sibson
29 Jul 2000	Chichester	5088 Aldingbourne Castle Delight	D.E.Sibson
29 Jul 2000	Westbourne	5120 Burghlow Castle Delight Ma-	D.E.Sibson
30 Jul 2000	Queenborough	5040 7 Surprise Minor	S.A.Wheeler

+ denotes first peal in the method.

* denotes first peal in the method for the Society.

S.R.C.Y. PEALS 1999-2000

Peals rung in 190 different towers: top ten-

1	Shoreditch	31
2	Trumpington	13
3	Spitalfields	11
4=.	Fulbourn	5
	Meldreth	5
	Charleston (Grace Church)	5
7=	Limehouse	4
	St. Martin-in-the-Fields	4
8=	Cubitt Town	3
	Newcastle (St. John-the-Baptist)	3
	Saltby	3
	Texarkana	3
	Willesden	3

Peals rung in 134 different methods, including various numbers of methods in Spliced and minor:

1	Bristol S Major	27
2	7 methods S Minor	18
3=	8-Spliced S Major	12
	London S Major	12
5	9-Spliced S Major	11
6	Bristol S Maximus	9
7	London No.3 S Royal	8
8=	4-Spliced S Major	7
	Yorkshire S Major	7
	Bristol S Royal	7

Peals rung by 340 members, 132 of whom rang only one peal.

1	Derek E. Sibson	113
2	E. Jane Sibson	111
3	Alan Regin	96
4	Simon J. Davies	94
5	Christina D. A. Fleckney	73
6	Peter M. Fleckney	66
7	Richard M. Hobbs	63
8	David C. Bath	57
9	Linda M. Garton	53
10	Paul A. Cammiade	49

Conducting shared by 52 members, with one peal rung silent and non-conducted, 8-Spliced S Royal by a ladies band:

1	Derek E. Sibson	104
2	Stephen A. Wheeler	32
3	John P. Loveless	24
4	Ian R. Fielding	23
5	James W. Belshaw	10
6	Ian Butters	9
7	Roger Baldwin	8
8=	Ronald R. Warford	5
	David D. Smith	5

Derek Sibson

From the Practice Steepleage Book (1 Sept 1999 – 31 July 2000)

There were 46 London based practices held during the year. Five practices were also held at Stockton by Northern based members, and a practice also took place at Guildford Cathedral organised by Surrey members.

Average practice attendance over the period: 23

Highest turnout was 43 at St Martin-in-the-Fields in January followed by 33 at Shoreditch in May.

Lowest turnout was 13 at St Clement Danes in March and 16 at Shoreditch in September.

Top Attenders: Ian Fielding 98%

Highest non-officer attendance:

David Bath 95%.

Paul Cammiade 85%.

Russell Brown

What some well known Cumberlands do when they are not ringing! (2)



Tower	No of Practices	Maximum attendance	Minimum attendance	Average attendance
St Martin in the Fields	10	43	22	27
Shoreditch	10	33	16	22
St Mary-le-Bow	7	26	21	23
St Sepulchre's Holborn	5	28	21	24
Cripplegate	2	28	17	23
St Clement Danes	2	17	13	15
Bishopsgate	1	-	-	19
Cambridge Great St Mary	1	-	-	28
Chelmsford Cathedral	1	-	-	25
Clerkenwell	1	-	-	20
Cornhill	1	-	-	19
St John's Croydon	1	-	-	19
St Andrew's Holborn	1	-	-	21
Spitalfields	1	-	-	23
St Paul's Cathedral	1	-	-	30
St Margaret's Westminster	1	-	-	26

Useful information

The Life Membership subscription is £15; Steepleage is 50p; Peal Booking fee is 50p

For successful peals both steepleage and the peal booking fee are payable (i.e. £1 per ringer), for unsuccessful peals, steepleage only is required (i.e. 50p per ringer). **Steepleage, Peal Booking Fees and details of peals, including details of compositions and ringers for unsuccessful peals**, should be sent to the **Junior Steward**, Russell Brown, 34 Armour Rise, Hitchin, Herts, Telephone: 01462 622347 Email : russell.brown@c-of-e.org.uk Many thanks to all the conductors of peals who send these promptly, it makes the Junior Steward's job considerably easier.

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