



# Society of Royal Cumberland Youths Newsletter 2013



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# Our Master, Shirley McGill writes...

It is, again, my pleasure to be writing the introduction to our Newsletter – as always, it promises to be a very comprehensive digest of the year, aiming to give a flavour of the events which are so much a part of our tried-and-tested calendar.

It has been as busy as ever, with two country meetings, a dinner in London and the ever-popular curry evening, known affectionately as 'Not the Dinner Day' (NTDD). All are the subject of features in this edition but a special mention must go, firstly, to JJ Ford for producing massive amounts of delicious curry to an appreciative hungry gathering at Hertford and, secondly, to Matt Edwards who masterminded the Scotland meeting in July, which was truly memorable in some of the best summer weather we have had in recent years for our July trip.

Our Wednesday practices continue to be well attended for the most part, although some venues are more popular than others. I am grateful to those who support the practices week

in, week out and to those who support when family and work commitments allow. The website always has up-to-date information if you are in London or are planning a visit – there is some variety to choose from according to location and number of bells.

The SRCY showing in the two striking competitions is a source of some pride. We came 4th at Ripon in the National 12-bell – which, amongst the competition at this level, is no mean feat. However, in October, in the slightly less formidable arena, we carried off the London 12-bell trophy against opposition from other London teams. This is keenly contested and we were generally acknowledged to be worthy winners. I hope we can capitalise on this success and achieve well in 2014.



I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and that you will try to join us at some of our future events. I look forward to seeing many members in the coming year.

*Shirley McGill*

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# 'Not the Dinner Day' 2013

*Six out of seven...*

On Saturday 2nd February, the Society held its usual winter fixture of 'Not the Dinner Day', with peal attempts at London towers followed by a curry in the evening.

There were six successful peals out of seven attempts: Bethnal Green, Garlickhythe, Pimlico, Rotherhithe, Stepney (St George in the East) and Spitalfields. With all the peals at 8-bell towers, a range of Surprise Major was rung. An attempt at Shoreditch was lost due to illness of one of the band.

For the evening meal this year we tried a different venue, the Dil Chad, just a stone's throw from our usual Shoreditch pub, the Shooting Star, near Liverpool Street.



■ Rob Lee, Lizzie Stokoe and Adam Greenley



■ Members enjoying the curry

The capacious restaurant satisfied our palates and our appetites, and also allowed us room to mill about at the end without getting under other diners' feet. Undaunted by the ten o'clock curfew on serving alcohol, a substantial party continued on until the final bell was called at the nearby Hamilton Hall.

Thanks to the Master, Shirley McGill, and Assistant Secretary, Ian Mills, for organising the day, and to all those who took part in what was a very enjoyable event.

*Penny Sharpe*



■ Peter Emery



■ Nick and Russell Brown



# March country meeting in Hertford

The country meeting began in usual fashion with general ringing and six peal attempts in the morning, spread across Hertfordshire. Peals included London Royal at Hatfield, Belfast at Hunsdon and the perennial favourites London Major and Bristol Major.

Following a 100% success rate for the morning peal attempts, the early afternoon saw peal bands and other members and friends descending on St John's Hall in Hertford. However, a surprising number managed to tear themselves away from the warmth of the hall and lure of hot cross buns and coffee to ring on the splendid sounding bells at All Saints. An uncontentious and fairly short meeting followed (perhaps it was the wooden chairs),



at which we sadly recalled losses of members, and with enthusiasm welcomed new members Susan Binns and Mark Norris. Howard would have been delighted to see such new talent joining the Society.

The secretary then coerced us into drinking beer and talking to people

while the Hertford ringers and friends prepared a very welcome feast. All in all, a day that ran like clockwork, meeting old, and making new friends – bells, beer, good food and great company. What a splendid day out.

*Frank Rivett*



■ Ringing at Hertford

■ Queuing for food at Hertford





■ The Master welcomes new member Susan Binns

## National 12-bell contest 2013



The first challenge of the National 12-bell this year was to get to the eliminator at Leicester Cathedral, firstly as there were no trains to Leicester that day, and then because of the heavy snow that fell in the run up to the eliminator and on the day itself. Everyone arrived safely however, and we were very pleased to win the eliminator with a piece of ringing described by the judges as 'good and solid'.

On to the Final at Ripon! The band made the decision not to travel to Ripon for a practice, but instead focused our practices in the London area. We travelled to Ripon in good

spirits, and being drawn to ring fourth was a good start to the day. The judges commented that our ringing was very good in parts, but, with one of the faster test pieces of the day, they felt

### ■ The SRCY 12-bell band.

Front row – 1 to r: Lee Pinnington, Heather Forster, Shirley McGill, Geraldine Forster, Mary Holden, Ben Constant.

Back row – 1 to r: Oliver Cross, Alan Regan, Steve Bailey, Doug Beaumont, Ian Mills, Adam Greenley

that we were pushing the speed a little too much. Birmingham won once again, with SRCY placed fourth.

# A peal in two places

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths  
Derby & Edinburgh, England & Scotland  
University of Derby & Edinburgh Napier University  
Sunday, 14 July 2013 in 2h29 (10)  
5024 Plain Bob Major  
Composed by Simon Humphrey  
1-2 Anthony P Cotton  
3-4 Emma J Southerington  
5-6 Simon Humphrey (C)  
7-8 Christian M Peckham  
Ringers of 1-2 & 3-4 were in Edinburgh,  
5-6 & 7-8 were in Derby.

Unlike most wacky ideas, I was not in the pub when this one presented itself. A work conference in April included a presentation entitled 'LOLA – LOw LATency Audio Visual Streaming System' and began with a live performance of Beethoven's *Sonata in A Major Op. 69*. However, only the cello player was in the room, the pianist was 250 miles away in Edinburgh. Within a few seconds I knew a use for this, so I sought out one of the presenters the next day.

Gill Davies is a researcher in distributed music over high speed research networks at Edinburgh Napier University. After a discussion, Gill could find time in July to help us. There were only three systems capable of running LOLA in the UK and one was at Edinburgh Napier. My wife reminded me that I'd be in Scotland for the Cumberland Country Meeting, I confirmed that the kit was available and so the date was set.

Two enthusiastic ringers in Derby were found, but I still needed one more for Edinburgh. Ideally a conductor in both locations would be best and then I realised that Emma Southerington would be at the country meeting – sorted!

Next we had to decide which pairs to ring, where they should be and which set of bells to ring. We thought it best to have a 1-4 and 5-8 split. Now, which bells? We had access to the Derby D. A. set which have round clappers and are quite loud, and I also have a new 'pocket' set of Whitechapel bells which are much quieter. I decided to split and take both sets. It's a long way to go to find the bells were not suitable.

On the day of the peal we tried both sets of bells and decided the quieter ones were best. The delay was 24 ms. The sound was ace! It sounded like four ringers in one room, ringing eight handbells ringing Plain Bob – we could hear Simon conducting as if he was in the same room. Initially there was a perceived gap between the locations and the first attempt at Plain Hunt took some getting used to. Something similar to perceptual adaptation took over during the ringing and our brains recalibrated to take account of delay. Listening to the Youtube video of the end of the peal, the delays didn't sound so obvious though, which rather points to them being a subjective effect.

**Anthony Cotton**

Technical information and a link to the YouTube video of the peal are available on the SRCY website.



# SRCY victorious in London 12-bell competition

The fifth annual London 12-bell competition was held on Saturday 26th October. The competition returned to the venue where the first competition was held, St Magnus the Martyr, and was hosted by the University of London Society.



■ The SRCY band at the London 12-bell competition

The SRCY were drawn to ring eighth of the ten teams so had a little while to wait. However, when the time came we were pleased to produce what we felt was a good piece of ringing. Happily the judges agreed with us, commenting that although our first marked lead sounded a little nervous, we improved from there and produced a consistently good test piece. This gave the SRCY our first victory in this competition, narrowly beating the team from Cornhill into second place. Congratulations to all involved!

## Young Ringers' Peal at York Minster

Congratulations to the eight SRCY members who took part in the young ringers' peal of Stedman Cinqes at York Minster in July. In particular, congratulations to Ed Mack, who both composed and conducted the peal, his first peal of Stedman as conductor!

## Peal weekend

Peal weekend in 2013 saw 35 successful peals, including a peal on Guernsey, one in New York and two in Australia. Congratulations to the New York band which included four firsts on 12. Peals ranged from Doubles to Maximus, and notable achievements included first as conductor on 12 for Michael Crockett, who conducted Bristol Maximus at St Magnus the Martyr in London.

The weekend coincided with the 300th anniversary of the death of Fabian Stedman, and five peals of Stedman were rung. This included two peals of 5300 Stedman Caters, one of which was at St Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet Street in London, where Stedman had a print shop in the churchyard.

Thanks as always to John Barnes for co-ordinating the weekend.



# July country meeting ... in sunny Scotland

Country meeting venues are often chosen for the proximity of a large number of suitable rings of bells, so the 2013 July country meeting in Scotland, where the towers are rather few and far between, was always going to present a challenge to the organisers. However, Matt Edwards in Scotland, and Shirley McGill, who had the difficult task of allocating peal bands, proved themselves more than equal to the occasion.

Peals, in fact, began in the North East of England on the Thursday, before we hit Scotland on the Friday, with peal bands despatched as far afield as Aberdeen, Inverness, Tulloch, Dundee and Dunblane. On the Friday evening members gradually made their way to The Standing Order in Edinburgh where stories were told of the exploits of the last couple of days. We heard of the excellent bells and excellent hospitality on offer at Tulloch, of the press coverage of the peal at Dunblane (conveniently timed a week after a certain tennis match!) and of the peal not started at Aberdeen as a member of the band unfortunately overslept...



■ Fettes College



■ St Cuthbert's



■ Fettes College



■ Ringing at St Andrew & St George





■ Welcoming new members Duncan Loweth and Jack Page

#### ■ Ringing at St Andrew & St George

The Saturday of course saw more peals attempted, and brought the total peals over the weekend to 15. Meanwhile a large number of members enjoyed the walking tour of Edinburgh on a glorious sunny day, with ringing at Fettes College, Edinburgh Cathedral, St Cuthbert's and St Andrew & St George.

The business meeting passed off without significant incident, which left the evening to be enjoyed with delicious food and drink, talking to friends and, for the more energetic, ceilidh dancing. And so an excellent weekend in sunny Scotland drew to a close, with thanks to Matt and Shirley for their fantastic organisation.



#### ■ Ringing at Edinburgh Cathedral



#### ■ Members enjoying the ceilidh



# September Dinner in London

On Saturday 14 September the Society was at large in the capital, ringing (of course), eating (naturally) and clubbing (really??). The main event was the informal dinner held at The Heights Restaurant in Langham Place, but before this, there was ringing to be done. Three peals were attempted though only one was scored, at St Saviour Pimlico. Perhaps everyone was too hungry!



At 7.00pm members gathered at the magnificent venue. This was chosen by the lovely Penny Sharpe after careful research conducted all over London. I'm sure she tested all the wine for us, and everyone agreed she made a great choice. The Heights is on the 15th floor of St George's Hotel and allows glorious views of London on all sides. This was especially enjoyable for exiles like me, who miss and pine for the lovely old Smoke!

As the sun went down and the twinkling lights came on, half an hour's pre-dinner mingling was lubricated with prosecco and ale. An excellent dinner was enjoyed, washed down with plenty of wine. Afterwards, the Master, Mrs McGill (she's marvellous), thanked the organisers



and commanded that we mingle. Mingle we did. Some mingled with drinks in the dining room; some went

zooming earthwards in the superfast lift to mingle over cigarettes. As the evening drew to a close there were





*Following orders... and mingling!*



some who felt more mingling was necessary. A small but dedicated group therefore ventured out to a night club. I'm sure a highly efficient shoe or two were shaken but I did hear on the grapevine that at least one member of the party (who may have been a former master of the society) had to admit he had somewhat over-mingled and woke up next day with a sore head!

Still, a memorable and enjoyable event for which we must thank our officers; well done everyone, we're all looking forward to the next one!

***Alison McCormack***



■ *Room with a view!*



# Around the towers

## Spitalfields

I am very pleased that we have continued to ring for the 10.30 am service on the first Sunday of each month and, in addition this year, we have rung for the Easter Sunday Services, both 8.30 am and 10.30 am, Remembrance Sunday, the Parish Carol Service, for the annual "Spital Sermon" and on Christmas Day. I am very grateful to the small pool of ringers who support this ringing. If anybody is willing to assist please contact me – I will add your name to the circulation list.



Apart from having some new tail ends spliced onto old ropes, no maintenance was required during 2013.

The bells have once again proved popular with peal ringers and other visitors: 14 peals were rung at Spitalfields during

2013. One of these was rung following the service to commemorate the contribution of the Huguenots to the Spitalfields area; Huguenot Surprise Major was the method rung and a peal board is being made to record this peal for the future. Another of the peals was rung to enable the artist

Anthony (Tony) Eyton RA to sketch the ringers for an extended period; another new method was rung and named "Eyton RA Delight Major" in honour of our distinguished visitor. Tony lived in the Spitalfields area in the 1960s and 70s and is a frequent visitor still. He joined us afterwards for a pint and drove home – not bad for one who celebrated his 90th birthday in May 2013!

There have been 8 quarter peal attempts, 6 outing bands, 3 SRCY practices, and ringing for 2 weddings. In addition, the bells were rung for the launch party of the "London Album", a new book by "The Gentle Author" – well worth a look if you see it!

I am once again grateful to the Rector, Andy Rider, his wife Carol, Honorary Curate, David Stuart-Smith, a regular visitor to the tower on Sundays, and the wider members of Christ Church for their support of the Society and the ringing of bells in their church.

*Alan Regan*

## Shoreditch

Congratulations to the Reverend Paul Turp on his 30th anniversary as Vicar of Shoreditch. Derek Sibson continues to bring a peal band twice a month and the Society to have a practice once a month. Shoreditch was asked to provide ringing for

St George's Day and a successful Peal of St George's Surprise Major was duly arranged. The third series (six episodes) of "Rev" sitcom was again filmed at Shoreditch and is currently being aired on BBC2.

I would like to encourage the membership to come and ring at Shoreditch (quarter peals, peals, outings etc), there is an online booking form and calendar on our website (<http://www.srcy.org.uk/towers/shoreditch.php>) to check what dates are available (subject to confirmation).

## Landmarks

■ A Peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus was rung to mark the Reverend Paul Turp's 30th anniversary as Vicar of Shoreditch.

■ A Peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung as a farewell to Peter Harrison, returning to Australia.

## Thank You

The Reverend Paul Turp is a wonderful support to our Society and we are all indebted to his continued support.

*Richard Hobbs*



## Stockton practices **It has been another good year for the North Eastern outpost.**

Monthly Wednesday evening practices continue to be well attended, with several new faces becoming regulars both at the practice and socialising with everyone afterwards. Methods rung range from Stedman and Cambridge to Phobos and Embankment, and a good balance has been struck between ringing complex methods for the more experienced ringers and ringing simpler methods to allow those newer to 12-bell ringing (including the writers of this report!) to progress quickly to more involved method ringing and improved striking. A quarter peal of Phobos was rung at the end of November, being the first quarter peal in the method for all involved.

Monthly 12-bell squad practices are also continuing to thrive, with greater emphasis on striking generally being successful. The towers for these practices are more varied, with people willing to travel long distances to meet at towers beyond our usual scope. The squad recently enjoyed a weekend outing to ring at several London 12-bell towers, and all had an excellent time away. The team had a good build up to the 2013 12-bell eliminator in March, with an enjoyable expedition to Towcester to make use of our practice slot, and a few extra practices in the run up to the contest. Although we did not qualify for the finals this year, we felt we rang well and had an excellent day out. For this, thanks are due to our executive minibus driver, enabling the frivolities for the rest of us to continue for the duration of the journey back to the far North!

*Andrew Enzor and Alex Pym*



# SRCY and The Great War

On 4th August 1914 Great Britain entered the Great War. At the end of the war, on 11th November 1918, it is estimated that 743,000 British servicemen had lost their lives. In addition to those who died, of course, were the countless who 'survived' with physical and/or mental injuries and those who served, waited, worried and grieved at home (both men and women).

The Somme in particular, alongside Mons, Ypres, Jutland and Passchendaele, were to become bywords for the horrors of modern war. The recruitment of a huge volunteer army, the formation of local so-called 'Pals' regiments followed by conscription, meant that this war, unlike any before, touched almost every family and every town, village or hamlet as the war memorials in our churches and churchyards still bear witness.

The effect on ringing was marked also; ringing activities slowed considerably and in some places pretty much stopped altogether. Perhaps an indication of this is how Society peal ringing "dried up" around that time; after the peal rung at Shoreditch on 11th July 1914 the next was on 6th March 1915 – a handbell peal.

Contained within our Peal Book, Volume 4, there is a list of SRCY Members who served in the Great War. 40 names are listed, of these five died during the War and these are commemorated on the SRCY War Memorial at St Leonard's Shoreditch.

■ Private Charles F. Dell, Middlesex Regiment, was an Isleworth ringer who died on 14th October 1917, aged 34, probably in the Battle of Broodseinde, a preliminary to the Battle of Passchendaele and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

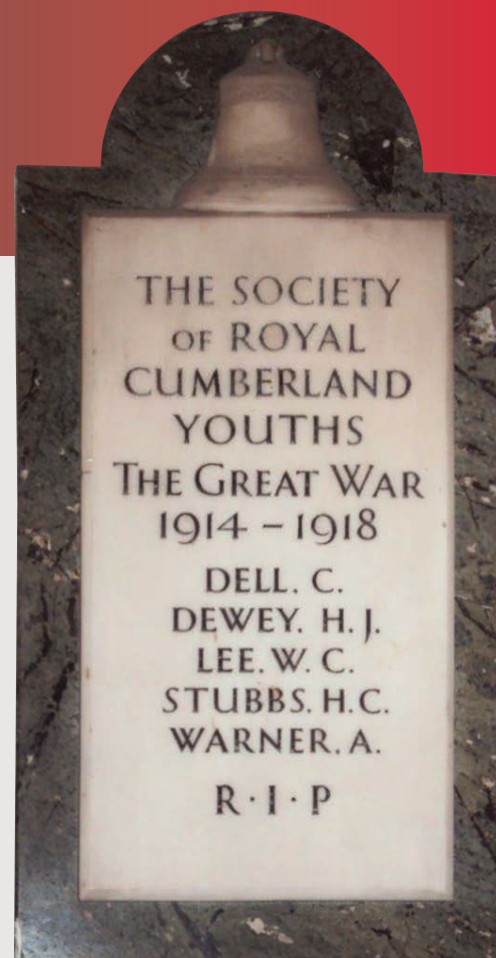
■ Private Henry John Dewey, Royal Army Medical Corps, was a Reigate ringer who died on 10th February 1917, aged 20. He served on the Western Front and was twice wounded there, once by a bayonet in the arm and the other, at Loos, when he was buried by a shell blast – he was

unconscious for a week in hospital following this second incident. He recovered from these and was then posted to Malta and then to India where he was accidentally drowned. He is buried in Bolarum Cavalry Barracks Cemetery and commemorated on the Madras 1914-1918 War Memorial, Chennai.

■ Lance Corporal William Charles Lee, Suffolk Regiment, was a ringer initially at Sudbury, Suffolk but latterly at Streatham, Surrey who died on 10th October 1916, aged 23, during the Battle of the Somme and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

■ Private (Signaller) Henry Charles Stubbs, London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers), was a Stamford Hill ringer who died on 4th December 1918, aged 30. It is likely that he died of wounds or illness while at the Fusehill Hospital in Carlisle. He is buried in the Commonwealth War Graves plot in Carlisle (Dalston Road) Cemetery.

■ Rifleman Andrew Warner, London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles), was a Shoreditch ringer who died on 28th April 1915, aged 28. He was a member of the Warner bell founding family and worked at the Spitalfields Foundry. He was a regular correspondent and two long letters "from the front" appeared in the Ringing World, issue 23rd March 1915 & 30th April 1915. He was wounded in the head by a bursting shrapnel shell while involved in the storming of Hill 60 near Ypres, on 17th April 1915. He was evacuated to the Casino Hospital in Boulogne but his wound proved fatal. He is buried in Boulogne Eastern



■ *The SRCY War Memorial at St Leonard's Shoreditch*

Cemetery and the family inscription on his grave marker reads "Here lies a Church Bell Founder of London".

Some members may know that I, as Steward, look after the Central Council Rolls of Honour, in which some 1,632 ringers, including our five Members, are commemorated. Further details can be found at: <http://www.cccbr.org.uk/rolls/>

I am grateful to a number of ringers who help me with this work by looking around towers that they visit looking for Memorials or other items that relate to ringers that served or indeed died during both the Great War & WWII. I would be happy to hear from any of you reading this if your tower, or any tower you visit, has any memorials, photos or indeed anything relating to these two conflicts – if you can take and send photographs that would be very welcome also.

*Alan Regin*

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# Membership news...



## Congratulations



### We congratulate the following:

**Anthony Cotton** on ringing his 1,000th peal, at Derby Cathedral on 15th February

**Anne Rueff** on ringing her 1,000th peal, at All Saints, Maidstone on 6th August

**Ian Campbell** on ringing his 1,000th peal for the SRCY, at Ballymena on 13th October

**Michael Edwards** on ringing his 1,000th peal, at Old Stoke on 5th December

**Steve and Brie Bailey** on the birth of Wren

**Andrew and Carole Wood** on the birth of Samuel Luke

**Andrew and Angela Preston** on the birth of Annabelle and Jemima

**Kris King and Jennifer Stewart** on their wedding on 1st April

**Philip and Janet Waterfield** on their Golden Wedding Anniversary

## AGM Day – Saturday 5th October 2013

At the October AGM, Mary Holden and Ian Mills stood down from their officer positions, and were thanked for their work over the last two years. In addition, Peter Harrison was thanked for his work as webmaster over the last seven years. The officers for the following year are:

Master: Shirley McGill

Senior Steward: Thomas Mack

Junior Steward: Benjamin Constant

Honorary Secretary: John Ford

Honorary Treasurer: Barry Mack

Assistant Secretary: Penny Sharpe

Honorary Librarian: Heather Forster





## New members

We welcome the following new members, elected during 2013:

Susan Binns	James Blackburn
Mark Norris	David Westmoreland
Duncan Loweth	Peter Routier
Jack Page	

## Losses of members

It is with sadness we report the death of:

Howard Egglestone	Betty Robbins	Rosemary Palmer
Canon George Smith	John Norsworthy	Colin Johnson
Roy Walker	Geoffrey Pearson	Shelagh Melville
Ronald Warford	Judith Ossei-Kumah	Monica Blagrove
Christopher Slade	Claudia Critchley	

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The newsletter is great publicity for the Society. Please share it with prospective new members in your area.



## SRCY peals analysis 2012–2013

(last year's figures are in brackets)

This year there has been a significant drop in the number of peals rung. Between 1/8/12 and 31/7/13 there were 168 compared with 211 last year, which is a drop of just over 20%. There are 7 (7) handbell peals in that total but none (3) in the USA. However, there was the unique occasion of a peal rung in Derby and Edinburgh by video link. The number of towers was a little lower with 131 (149). Shoreditch is still the leading tower with 10 (10).

Geographically the peals were still widespread but only in the UK as there was no overseas trip this year and no peals rung in the USA or Australia. In the British Isles peals were rung in 41 (41) different counties. With the country meeting in Scotland, 8 (0) peals were rung in Scotland.

This year the number of members taking part in peals is almost the same 303 (308). 119 (123) rang in only one peal.

**Ringers:** Janet Menhinick 40 (51), Alan Regin 37 (73), Derek Sibson 37 (52), Michael O'Callaghan 37 (48), Jane Sibson 31 (39), Richard Hobbs 30 (45), Shirley McGill 28 (50), Peter Waterfield 25 (21), Claire Roulstone

22 (24), Janet Archibald 21 (28), James Belshaw 21 (9), and Jo Dorling 21 (31). It is the first time since I have been doing this report that Alan Regin has not led the field!

The conducting was shared by 46 people this year compared with 49 last year. Derek Sibson 35 (48), Peter Waterfield 15 (11), James Belshaw 10 (2), Stephen Wheeler 10 (10), Ian Fielding 8 (31), Richard Hobbs 8 (5), John Loveless 7 (10), Roger Baldwin 6 (2), Ben Constant 6 (11), Ian Roulstone 6 (7), Graham Duke 5 (10), Oliver Cross 3 (1), Catherine Merlane 3 (1), eleven (8) members with 2 and 21 (22) with 1.

The variety of methods has decreased in line with the number of peals. 66

(90) different methods or groups of methods (e.g. 4-Spliced) were rung.

Maximus 15 (16), Cinques 3 (2), Royal 23 (30), Caters 2 (1), Major 106 (145), Triples 0 (2), and Minor 19 (15). As usual, Bristol Surprise Major heads the list. For the first time for many years, since 1983 in fact, there were no peals of Bristol Maximus!

It would be greatly appreciated if conductors would please check the peal list published on the website and notify me of any omissions or errors.

If any member wants a list of their Society peals please get in touch with Derek Sibson at [dereksibson@btinternet.com](mailto:dereksibson@btinternet.com)

*Derek Sibson*



# Anniversaries of membership

## Elected 1943 – 70 Years

John V Davis

## Elected 1948 – 65 Years

Peter J Eves  
Poul-Erik Jensen  
Geoffrey W Seaman  
Peter D Huckstepp

Mary E Perry  
Elizabeth Smith  
Peter N White

## Elected 1953 – 60 Years

Geoffrey Paul  
John S Barnes  
John R Worsdall  
Warwick K Mundy  
Donald R Bartholomew

Margaret Goodyer  
Thomas Goodyer  
Gerald Frost  
Bernard C Sadler

## Elected 1963 – 50 Years

Christine M Baldock  
M Pearce  
Margaret Snyder  
Philip D Pope  
Hilary Rose

Michael B Rose  
Freda Cannon  
Ian V J Smith  
Joy M Sharp

## Elected 1973 – 40 Years

David J Attley  
Terence V Barnard  
William A M Barter  
Susan Carter  
Sheila M Cheesman  
Hazel P Clarke  
Ruth Curtis  
Nigel F C Gale  
Elizabeth M Gardner  
George Harrison  
Ann Hill  
Philip E Jones  
David P Leworthy  
Roger J Palmer  
Diana M Pipe  
Charles F Pocock  
Mary C Poyner  
Roger N Scholes

Frederick S Slatford  
Mary R Threlfall  
Gillian M Barter  
Lance S F Hewson  
Paul J Loxston  
Maris C Midgley  
Jill Sales  
Neil R Vollar  
Stephanie E Day  
P Jonathan Franklin  
John E Goddard  
Sheila M Anthony  
Josephine A Brown  
Gail Cater  
Robert Cater  
Colin R Spencer  
Michael J Wake  
Patricia Wake

## Elected 1988 – 25 Years

Graham Harman  
Timothy J Peverett  
Fiona Towers  
Angela Beardow  
Raymond A Hutchings

Margaret Chapman  
Christine Hollyoak  
Gwyneth Stallard  
Donald Trumpler



# SRCY PEALS 250, 200 and 100 years ago

Date	Tower	Method	Conductor
<b>1764</b>			
8th January	St Mary Whitechapel	5040 Plain Bob Major	John Reeves
7th February	St Mary Magdalen Bermondsey	5040 Plain Bob Triples	Samuel Wood
Seems that 1764 was a Plain Bob year! A note on the Plain Bob Triples peal was that it was "without a Single". St Mary Whitechapel was badly damaged during WWII and has now been demolished and St Mary Magdalen Bermondsey no longer has a ringing peal.			
<b>1814</b>			
7th November	St Leonard Shoreditch	5040 Grandsire Caters	William Shipway
Just this one peal in 1814!			
<b>1914</b>			
16th March	Waltham Abbey	5056 Cumberland D Major	Edith K Parker
10th January	St Leonard Shoreditch	5019 Stedman Cinques	Edith K Parker
21st February	St Giles-in-the-Fields Holborn	5088 Superlative S Major	James Parker
22nd February	Southfields, 130 Clonmore St	5056 Plain Bob Major	John D Matthews
15th March	All Saints High Wycombe	5012 Stedman Cinques	Frank Bennett
28th March	St Leonard Shoreditch	5080 Kent TB Royal	John D Matthews
1st June	St Leonard Shoreditch	5005 Stedman Cinques	Frank Bennett
20th June	St Giles-in-the-Fields Holborn	5024 Plain Bob Major	James Hunt
11th July	St Leonard Shoreditch	5056 Kent TB Major	William J Nudds

The footnote to the Shoreditch peal on 28th March was "Rung in commemoration of the record length of Royal, it being the 130th anniversary (that was the 12,000 of Oxford TB Royal rung on 27th March 1784 at Shoreditch).

Alfred Pye rang in the 1st June peal at Shoreditch; he was the brother of the other ringing Pye's, William, Ernest and George and the only one who was a Cumberland Youth.

Charles Lee, actually William Charles Lee, rang in the final 2 peals of 1914 at St Giles-in-the-Fields & Shoreditch; he was to fall in the Great War.

Clearly the outbreak of War in August 1914 had a great effect on ringing; no further peals were rung for the Society until March 1915.

*Alan Regin*

# 2014 Calendar

Below is a list of forthcoming events for your diary.

**7th May** – Business Meeting – London

**12th July** – July Country Meeting – Oxford

**13th September** – Informal Dinner – London

**4th October** – AGM Day – London

If you would like to sign up for any of the events detailed above, please do so by either completing the sign up list on the website, or by contacting the assistant secretary ([assistant.secretary@srcy.org.uk](mailto:assistant.secretary@srcy.org.uk)), or by contacting any of the officers.

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