



ANNUAL REPORT AND NEWSLETTER OF THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

SPRING 2001



The Master proposes the Toast to the Church at the 363rd Anniversary Dinner while Peter Mullen, Rector of Cornhill and St Sepulchre, considers his response.

As last year's Newsletter was going to press, we were preparing for Canada 2000, a peal and general ringing tour of Canada. 3 days after the envelopes went into the post we were at Heathrow Airport en route for Quebec. During the course of the Tour we visited Quebec, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria and Mission City, successfully scored all 7 peals attempted (2 needing a second attempt), held the Society's first ever Meeting in Canada in Vancouver and had a generally wonderful time. Everywhere we went we were made most welcome and were impressed with the enthusiasm and effectiveness of Canadian ringing. Every church that we visited had an active Sunday Service band, an achievement we in the UK can only envy. Canada is strong CY territory and during the course of the tour and later in the year we added new Members to our number. A second Canada tour, by the Westminster Abbey Company in August, further strengthened the links between the Society in the UK and

Canada and we were very pleased to welcome 3 of our Canadian Members to the Anniversary Dinner in November.

Back in the UK normal ringing activities continued, with the next event on the calendar being the National 12 Bell Contest Final in Birmingham in June. We had not really expected to beat the Birmingham Band at St Philips, and we were not to be disappointed. We consoled ourselves with the thoughts that we could probably never have rung as well as the winning band did on these bells, that we achieved second place probably not ringing quite at our best, and that most of the winning team were Members of the Society anyway.

Peal Day also took place in June this year, the move from its traditional slot in September proving not entirely successful. The move was made to enable a second Country Meeting to take place in Birmingham later in the year, the logic being that we did not want to hold 2 events there within a relatively short time. 9 peals were scored over the course of the weekend, which was on the low side of our expectations. Having learned from our mistakes, the Society decided that in future Peal Weekend will be the 3 days centred on the third Saturday in September every year. Hopefully, anchoring the date will enable Members to plan their Peal Weekend activities well in advance and we will get more peals rung.

In July a sad, but not entirely unexpected event took place with the death of one of our most senior Members, John (Jack) Crampion. The events to celebrate Jack's 70 years Membership of the Society were reported in last year's Newsletter and at that time he was in fine shape. He was actively planning events to celebrate his 90th birthday in February 2001 but around his 89th birthday he suffered a series of heart and other problems, was taken into hospital and never totally recovered. Jack's body was taken into Westminster Abbey the night before his funeral accompanied by many family members and friends. His funeral was also well attended. Jack was a popular figure in the wider community as well as amongst ringers and in February of this year a memorial bench was dedicated at Wheelers Farm Gardens where he spent the last years of his life.

As previously mentioned, a second Country Meeting was held in Birmingham in September when the Society was warmly welcomed by our local Members. Timing could not have been much worse, clashing with several other

events despite our best endeavours and the weekend falling at the end of the Fuel Crisis when petrol had run out throughout the country and filling stations had not yet received replacement supplies. Despite the problems we had a good turnout of Members from all over the country, some of them resorting to ingenious methods to travel to the City. Only 2 people failed to make it and one or two Birmingham Members actually dropped in at the last minute because they were unable to travel to alternative events. Ringing was enjoyable at both Cathedrals and at St Martins where we coped reasonably with the problems of ringing on 16 bells, not a frequent experience for most of us.

A characteristic of the year has been the more active involvement of our Birmingham Members in Society events. It has become a regular feature for parties to come to London from the West Midlands for practices and Society Meetings, a very welcome development which we hope long continues.

October was one of the worst months for years for obituaries. By a tragic coincidence, the only two Members celebrating 60 years' membership in 2000, Leonard Luck and Don Clift, died within a few days of each other. Shortly after came the great shock of the sudden death of Peter Border, one of the most eminent of all our Members. The Society was well represented at Peter's funeral. He will be a sad loss at our Annual Dinners and is another blow to the "Around" peal band, coming so soon after the death of Ken Hesketh last year. Finally, at the end of the month another old friend and longstanding Member, Leslie Boumphrey died.

The Anniversary Dinner in November was generally successful despite further travel difficulties, this time from floods and trains delayed in the aftermath of the Hatfield rail crash. Many Members found that their journeys from the North of England took as long as crossing the Atlantic and at least one person who intended to be there was completely cut off by flood water and unable to leave home. The weekend followed the traditional format, pleasing features being the greater number of peals organized and the excellent crowd which gathered in the Cockpit on Friday night. Activities on the night before the Dinner have not been well attended in recent years but this time we had a great party which, hopefully, will be repeated in future years.

The Dinner itself was generally enjoyed with some excellent speeches from Peter Mullen, Rector of Cornhill and St Sepulchre, David Pipe continuing the Birmingham theme, Heather Kippin representing the Cumberlands and the traditional Society speakers. Accountants Hall is a good venue, with a spacious main hall, good bar facilities (although we need to do something about crowding in the bar immediately before the meal) and a selection of very good wines at sensible prices. Unfortunately, on this occasion they let themselves down with the meal itself, the main problem being that many people had cold food. The Treasurer and I met the General Manager and the Head Chef shortly after the event to discuss the problems.



John Fielden takes one of our younger Members, Hannah Wilby, under his wing.

There is no doubt that they value our custom and want to keep the business. We discussed how last year's problems could be avoided and have negotiated a much more interesting menu than has been on offer in the past with a (deliberately!) cold starter and sweet. The caterers are confident that with just the main course to concentrate on they can deliver hot food to everyone this time.

In November an event occurred which has not happened since 1956. The sitting Master, Paul Carless, was re-elected for a second year when the Senior Steward, Paul Mounsey, stood down. The last time this happened, the Master was Stan Mason, who continues to serve the Society as its Senior Trustee and who has in the intervening period also been Treasurer. Since standing down as Master in 1957, Stan has served as an Officer for well over 25 years, an outstanding achievement by anybody's standards. Stan and his wife Wyn celebrate their Golden Wedding in May of this year and we are planning our own celebration to mark the event.

Overall, the year was one of the most successful for many years. We elected 41 new Members, up from 26 the previous year and a mere 6 in 1998. The peal total of 145 was an all time record, beating even the 350th Anniversary year in 1987. Practices and Meetings continue to be well attended, the March 2001 Meeting having nearly 70 people present. In January 2001 we moved our headquarters pub to the Counting House, Cornhill, following a threat to open a restaurant in our previous meeting room. In the event the restaurant did not happen but we are settling in at the Counting House. Our requirements for a pub in the City with a meeting room for 60+ at no cost, good beer and wine and friendly service are not easily achieved but we seem to manage for the present.

The Society continues to grow in strength and numbers thanks to the efforts of the Members. Activities planned for this year include a Country Meeting in one of our strongholds, Oxford, in July as well as the usual round of events. We continue to look for good candidates for Membership and hope that as many Members as possible will join in our activities in the coming year.

Phil Rogers

MASTER'S REPORT 2001

When I wrote for last year's newsletter I certainly didn't expect to be in the same position this year, but I feel extremely privileged to be Master for a second year. Last year, my main theme was my wish to see the involvement of the wider membership in Society activities. This has been met with enthusiasm; thanks and congratulations to you all. It has been a record year for peals rung with a total of 145. We welcomed 41 new members in the year, again a high number which looks set to continue this year.

The Society made a good account of itself in the National 12 Bell Striking Contest at Birmingham Cathedral. It was never going to be easy to beat Birmingham at home, especially after hearing their test piece. This was I think, the best piece of 12 bell ringing I have heard for many years. Still we beat the rest and came second. We will win this year!

Our trip to Canada last May, our second Country Meeting in Birmingham, a superb Annual Dinner and our recent informal dinner brought home to me the importance and the strength of our fellowship. This is re-iterated every Tuesday after practices in London too. This is as important to me as the ringing is. We are a diverse society, but essentially one of friends. Whilst we may have differences of opinion from time to time we in the main stay friends. If the odd individual cannot buy into that, they will without doubt lose out.

A word about the ringing. I believe that we are the leading ringing society. We are pushing at the boundaries and the time has come to move the game on to the next level. Cyclical peals of maximus are being regularly rung on tower bells and also more impressively in hand. To the members of the handbell band I salute you. The Society membership boasts the exercise's best composers also; and I turn to Messrs Coaker, House, Hughes D'Aeth, Hull, Mounsey and Warboys to say, take us to the next level.

Practices are of a high standard too. The Northern practices have continued with three more being held, and methods have included Bristol and Avon. In London, whilst Orion and Spliced are set pieces on a Tuesday night, I in no way wish members to feel intimidated. There is ringing for everyone across the spectrum.

Finally, I wish to thank each and every one of you for your participation, achievements, support and fellowship. These have been the best two years of my ringing life, and it has been an honour to serve. Thank you.

Paul Carless

ASCY Egroup

During 2000 a new service was introduced

This comprises an Email News Service whereby the Secretary can update Members who have access to Email with Society news as it happens. Information relayed can include changes to the programme, forthcoming events and (sadly) obituaries.

The Egroup is not a chat line as only the Secretary can mail to the group as a whole, although news

from Members is always welcome

To access the Egroup, Members need only log on to the Society's Web Site and follow the instructions displayed.

Alternatively, the Web Master, Dickon Love, can arrange to register Members via his Email, dickon.love@sema.co.uk

Data Protection: An Important Notice for all Members

Like other ringing associations, the Society has had to decide how to comply with current Data Protection legislation.

We hold data on Members in a number of different forms including the following: the Main Address List, maintained by the Secretary and the Senior Trustee on PC; the London Phone List, maintained by the Junior Steward on PC; the list of Email addresses maintained on the Web Site; peal details maintained by the Peal Recorder on PC and recorded in the Society's handwritten Peal Book, and names of Members recorded in the handwritten Name Book.

Inclusion on the London Phone List and the Email address list is voluntary, Members' details only appearing if they supply them for the purpose. If any Member is currently on either list and wishes to be removed they are requested to contact the Junior Steward

or the Web Master respectively.

The Main Address List is used only by the Officers in connection with their responsibilities within the Society, i.e. by the Master to organize ringing activities, the Secretary to conduct correspondence, the Treasurer to complete the Society's Accounts etc. We regret that it is not possible to supply Members with details of other Members' addresses, although we will try to help people get in contact with each other where possible.

Any Member who wishes to be removed from the Main Address List is asked to contact the Secretary, although please note that anyone so removed will no longer be able to receive Society correspondence.

The Society has adopted a Code of Practice for Data Protection which is available from the Secretary free of charge on receipt of a SAE.

THE 145 PEALS RUNG IN 1999/2000

Information compiled by Philip Saddleton, Peal Recorder

Date	Tower	Method	Cond.	Date	Tower	Method	Cond.
13-Nov-99	S Lawrence, Jewry	Cambridge Surprise Major	(DPH)	10-Jun-00	Chislehurst, BVM	Spliced Surprise Major (4m)	(PR)
16-Nov-99	Bishopstoke, Hants	Bristol Surprise Royal	(RL)	10-Jun-00	Oxford, S Thomas the Martyr	Stedman Caters	(ROH)
20-Nov-99	Masham, N Yorks	Bristol Surprise Royal	(DGH)	10-Jun-00	Northallerton, N Yorks	Cambridge Surprise Royal	(GHC)
21-Nov-99	St Albans, 9 Falstaff Gardens	Spliced Maximus (6m)	(JNH)	10-Jun-00	Bishopstoke, Hants	Spliced Surprise Royal (3m)	(RL)
24-Nov-99	Cornhill Vestry	Stedman Cinques	(DJS)	10-Jun-00	Thorverton, Devon	Cambridge Surprise Royal	(MJH)
28-Nov-99	Waterloo, SS Andrew & Thomas	Cambridge Surprise Major	(SMA)	--	These two in memory of Frank Mack		
1-Dec-99	Croydon, S Peter	Stedman Caters	(RJWT)	10-Jun-00	Paisley, Strath	Minor (7m)	(TJCEB)
4-Dec-99	S Giles, Cripplegate	Spliced S Maximus (4m)	(JNH)	10-Jun-00	Brierley Hill, W Mids	Rutland Surprise Major	(MDF)
4-Dec-99	Wigginton, Oxon	Surprise Minor (7m)	(RCS)	10-Jun-00	Ipswich, S Mary-le-Tower	Grandsire Triples	(APM)
8-Dec-99	Croydon, S Peter	Stedman Caters	(REJD)	--	10th June was the Society's Peal Day		
11-Dec-99	Braintree, Ess	Stedman Caters	(AMB)	11-Jun-00	West Ham, Ess	Bristol Surprise Royal	(CGW)
11-Dec-99	Barnmouth, Gwynn	Bristol Surprise Major	(NB)	16-Jun-00	Hurstbourne Priors, Hants	Stedman Triples	(ROH)
13-Dec-99	Bishopstoke, Hants	Stedman Caters	(TFC)	17-Jun-00	Guildford Cathedral	Bristol Surprise Maximus	(RHB)
18-Dec-99	York Minster	Stedman Cinques	(PJS)	17-Jun-00	S Sepulchre without Newgate	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	(DPH)
24-Dec-99	Westminster, the Queen's Tower	London No.3 Surprise Royal	(DPH)	18-Jun-00	Burnley, S Peter	Waterley Bottom S Major	(GHC)
28-Dec-99	Nettlestead, Kent	Doubles (3m)	(JBK)	--	First peal in the method		
1-Jan-00	Westminster Abbey	Yorkshire Surprise Royal	(DPH)	24-Jun-00	Lavenham, Suff	Stedman Triples	(AMB)
15-Jan-00	Malvern Link, Worcs	Stedman Caters	(CFM)	25-Jun-00	Chilcompton, Som	Surprise Minor (10m)	(RL)
16-Jan-00	S Mary-le-Bow	Bristol Surprise Maximus	(MWJR)	1-Jul-00	Ballymena, Antrim	Spliced S Maximus (4m)	(DEH)
19-Jan-00	Croydon, S Peter	Stedman Caters	(MJU)	8-Jul-00	Stepney, S Dunstan	Stedman Caters	(DEH)
--	In memory of Thomas G Fox			--	In memory of Thomas G Fox		
20-Jan-00	S Andrew, Holborn	Bristol Surprise Major	(JRI)	8-Jul-00	Wistow, Leics	Surprise Minor (7m)	(SJTS)
--	By members of the Cambridge University Guild			8-Jul-00	Helmsley, N Yorks	Lapiz Lazuli Surprise Major	(GHC)
23-Jan-00	St Albans, 9 Falstaff Gardens	Spliced Maximus (6m)	(PNM)	12-Jul-00	Cornhill Vestry	Stedman Cinques	(DIS)
29-Jan-00	Salisbury, S Edmund's Art Centre	Cambridge Surprise Major	(CJP)	--	These two in memory of John H Crampion		
29-Jan-00	S Sepulchre without Newgate	Spliced Maximus (6m)	(JNH)	16-Jul-00	Bermondsey, Surrey	Spliced Surprise Major (23m)	(PNM)
--	In memory of Thomas G Fox			18-Jul-00	Hook, Ambergate Campanile	London No.3 Surprise Royal	(RL)
29-Jan-00	Wingrave, Bucks	Stedman Triples	(DPH)	20-Jul-00	Southwark Cathedral	Stedman Cinques	(MJU)
29-Jan-00	Withyham, E Suss	Bristol Surprise Major	(RCK)	--	In memory of John H Crampion		
--	In memory of Frank & Elsie Hairs, and Thomas G Fox			22-Jul-00	Croydon, S John the Baptist	Stedman Cinques	(RBG)
29-Jan-00	South Petherton, Som	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	(FRS)	25-Jul-00	Bishopstoke, Hants	London No.3 Surprise Royal	(RL)
1-Feb-00	Bishopstoke, Hants	Triton Delight Royal	(RL)	26-Jul-00	S Mary-le-Bow	Stedman Cinques	(DEH)
2-Feb-00	Cornhill Vestry	Stedman Cinques	(DCB)	--	In memory of John H Crampion		
13-Feb-00	S Sepulchre without Newgate	Stedman Cinques	(PNM)	2-Aug-00	Cornhill Vestry	Stedman Cinques	(PNM)
15-Feb-00	Bishopstoke, Hants	Bishopstoke Delight Royal	(RL)	4-Aug-00	Westminster Abbey	Stedman Caters	(DPH)
--	First peal in the method			4-Aug-00	S Paul's Cathedral	Stedman Cinques	(PNM)
24-Feb-00	S Sepulchre without Newgate	Stedman Cinques	(SAC)	--	These three for the 100th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother		
26-Feb-00	S Sepulchre without Newgate	Spliced Maximus (6m)	(JNH)	5-Aug-00	S Sepulchre without Newgate	Spliced Maximus (6m)	(JNH)
26-Feb-00	Escrick, N Yorks	Stedman Cinques	(CHR)	12-Aug-00	S Lawrence, Jewry	Spliced Surprise Major (4m)	(PNM)
26-Feb-00	Wrighton, Som	Grandsire Caters	(TFC)	13-Aug-00	Oxford, New College	Yorkshire Surprise Royal	(MAH)
27-Feb-00	Norwich, S Peter Mancroft	Stedman Cinques	(AMB)	13-Aug-00	Washington, D.C., Cathedral	Yorkshire Surprise Royal	(DPH)
27-Feb-00	Ossett, W Yorks	Bristol Surprise Maximus	(DPH)	15-Aug-00	Toronto Cathedral	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	(DPH)
27-Feb-00	Chilcompton, Som	Spliced Surprise Minor (7m)	(MRTH)	17-Aug-00	Vancouver, the Holy Rosary	Bristol Surprise Major	(JA)
4-Mar-00	Exeter, Devon, Cathedral of S Peter	Stedman Cinques	(RBG)	18-Aug-00	Usk, Gwent	Stedman Triples	(PSB)
11-Mar-00	Sudbury, S Peter	Stedman Caters	(AMB)	18-Aug-00	Mission City, S Joseph	London No.3 Surprise Royal	(DPH)
15-Mar-00	Croydon, S Peter	Stedman Caters	(NWHS)	--	Westminster Abbey - rung on the Abbey Company's tour		
15-Mar-00	Lavenham, Suff, SS Peter and Paul	London Surprise Major	(PNM)	19-Aug-00	Victoria, Christ Church	Cambridge Surprise Royal	(MJH)
16-Mar-00	Cornhill Vestry	Stedman Cinques	(PNM)	20-Aug-00	Vancouver, the Holy Rosary	Stedman Triples	(DCB)
--	To mark Frank Darby's 75 years membership of the Society			22-Aug-00	Bishopstoke, Hants	London No.3 Surprise Royal	(RL)
17-Mar-00	Dublin, St Patrick	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	(JB)	26-Aug-00	Amersham, Bucks	Spliced S Maximus (3m)	(PR)
18-Mar-00	Westminster, St Martin-in-the-Fields	Rigel Surprise Maximus	(PNM)	27-Aug-00	S Mary-le-Bow	Stedman Cinques	(JSW)
21-Mar-00	Bishopstoke, Hants	Shipshape Surprise Royal	(RL)	28-Aug-00	Bristol, S Mary Redcliffe	Spliced Maximus (6m)	(JNH)
--	First peal in the method			--	this...		
22-Mar-00	Croydon, S Peter	London Surprise Major	(DCB)	30-Aug-00	Cornhill Vestry	Stedman Cinques	(DFM)
1-Apr-00	Stepney, S Dunstan	Spliced Surprise Royal (4m)	(DCB)	2-Sep-00	East Hagbourne, Oxon	Stedman Triples	(JRR)
6-Apr-00	Croydon, S Peter	Yorkshire Surprise Royal	(RHB)	3-Sep-00	St Albans, 9 Falstaff Gardens	Spliced Maximus (6m)	(DJP)
12-Apr-00	Cornhill Vestry	Stedman Caters	(JNH)	--	... and this to celebrate the engagement of the Master and Miss Katie Town		
15-Apr-00	Bisley, Glos	Stedman Triples	(RCS)	9-Sep-00	Leeds, S Peter	Bristol Surprise Maximus	(DGH)
21-Apr-00	St Albans, 9 Falstaff Gardens	Bristol Surprise Maximus	(DJP)	13-Sep-00	S Mary-le-Bow	Stedman Cinques	(MWJR)
24-Apr-00	S Paul's Cathedral	Stedman Cinques	(JAA)	16-Sep-00	Weston Super Mare, Som	Cambridge Surprise Major	(RAMN)
25-Apr-00	Bishopstoke, Hants	Grandsire Caters	(RL)	22-Sep-00	Hurstbourne Priors, Hants	London Surprise Major	(RL)
29-Apr-00	Exeter Cathedral	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	(TPE)	22-Sep-00	Leicester, S Mary-de-Castro	Stedman Triples	(RHC)
6-May-00	S Sepulchre without Newgate	Spliced Maximus (6m)	(JNH)	23-Sep-00	Bishop's Stortford, Herts	Stedman Caters	(AMB)
10-May-00	Croydon, S Peter	Stedman Caters	(REJD)	23-Sep-00	Croydon, S Peter	Stedman Caters	(MJU)
11-May-00	Cornhill Vestry	Stedman Cinques	(DJS)	30-Sep-00	Towcester, Northants	Spliced Maximus (6m)	(DEH)
--	In memory of Thomas G Fox			4-Oct-00	Cornhill, Ringing Chamber	Stedman Cinques	(PNM)
13-May-00	Quebec City, the Holy Trinity	Spliced Surprise Major (8m)	(PNM)	11-Oct-00	Croydon, S Peter	Stedman Caters	(RJWT)
--	The country meeting this year was in Canada			14-Oct-00	Ipswich, S Mary-le-Tower	Barford Surprise Maximus	(DEH)
13-May-00	Tenterden, Kent	Bristol Surprise Major	(DPH)	15-Oct-00	Royston, 49 King Street	Spliced Maximus (6m)	(DJP)
14-May-00	Quebec City, the Holy Trinity	Cambridge Surprise Major	(PR)	22-Oct-00	Wrexham, Denbs	Stedman Caters	(TPE)
16-May-00	Bishopstoke, Hants	Cambridge Surprise Royal	(RL)	24-Oct-00	Bishopstoke, Hants	Independence Surprise Royal	(RL)
16-May-00	Toronto Cathedral	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	(PCR)	--	These two in memory of Peter Border		
18-May-00	Calgary, Christ Church	Cambridge Surprise Major	(PNM)	28-Oct-00	Ticknall, Derbys	London Surprise Major	(RBS)
20-May-00	Vancouver, the Holy Rosary	Bristol Surprise Major	(SJLL)	28-Oct-00	Liverpool, Our Lady and St Nicholas	Bristol Surprise Maximus	(RBG)
21-May-00	Victoria, Christ Church	Yorkshire Surprise Royal	(PCR)	28-Oct-00	S Sepulchre without Newgate	Spliced Maximus (6m)	(JNH)
22-May-00	S Mary-le-Bow	Bristol Surprise Maximus	(MWJR)	31-Oct-00	Hinton On The Green, Worcs	Superlative Surprise Major	(GCH)
22-May-00	Mission City, BC, Can, S Joseph	Bristol Surprise Royal	(PNM)	--	These two in memory of Peter Border		
--	These two on the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Bristol Maximus			3-Nov-00	S Sepulchre without Newgate	Stedman Cinques	(PNM)
29-May-00	Southwark Cathedral	Ariel Surprise Maximus	(PNM)	4-Nov-00	Bow, Middx	Spliced Surprise Major (7m)	(AJG)
3-Jun-00	Amersham, Bucks	Spliced Maximus (6m)	(JNH)	4-Nov-00	S Michael, Cornhill	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	(FRS)
7-Jun-00	Cornhill Vestry	Stedman Cinques	(PNM)	--	These two in memory of Peter Border		
10-Jun-00	Croydon, S Peter	Stedman Caters	(PNM)	4-Nov-00	Bermondsey, Surrey	Pudsey Surprise Major	(NWHS)
--	To mark Philip Hudson's 50 years membership of the Society			4-Nov-00	Guildford Cathedral	Yorkshire Surprise Maximus	(RHB)
10-Jun-00	Yeovil, Som	Stedman Caters	(PSB)	--	4th November was the Society's Dinner Day		
				7-Nov-00	Bishopstoke, Hants	Yorkshire Surprise Royal	(RL)
				11-Nov-00	S Michael, Cornhill	Stedman Cinques	(PNM)
				12-Nov-00	Waterloo, SS Andrew & Thomas	Bristol Surprise Major	(AJG)

354 Members took part, led by

Total		Tower		Hand		
Rung	Cond	Rung	Cond	Rung	Cond	
35	18	25	13	10	5	Paul N Mounsey
32		24		8		Michael P Moreton
28		28				David J Dearnley
25	3	25	3			Philip Rogers
22	1	20	1	2		Simon M Alford
19	4	13	3	6	1	David C Brown
18	14	18	14			Roy LeMarechal
18	10	11	8	7	2	John N Hughes-D'Aeth
18	5	18	5			David E House
17	11	17	11			David P Hilling
17		17				John W Stephenson
16		14		2		Paul L Carless
15	2	15	2			Richard J W Tibbetts
14	2	14	2			Andrew J Graham
14	1	14	1			Christopher J Pickford
14		14				Alan D Flood
13	3	13	3			Michael J Uphill
13	1	13	1			John Armstrong
13	1	13	1			Christopher H Rogers
13		4		9		Philip A B Saddleton
13		13				David J Baverstock
13		13				Gwen Rogers

Year to November:

	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
Sixteen						1	1
Septuples						1	
Fourteen							
Sextuples		1					
Maximus	28	16	16	20	27	30	16
Cinques & Max							1
Cinques	15	12	10	10	9	18	9
Royal	25	12	10	12	16	15	9
Caters	20	11	5	10	7	7	3
Major	27	21	13	19	31	19	23
Triples	9	6	4	2	9	5	9
Minor	5	3	3		4	7	2
Doubles	1	2		1	1	3	2
Total Tower	130	84	61	74	104	106	75
Maximus	5	6	1	1			5
Cinques	9	11	15	14	8	2	4
Royal			1				
Caters	1	2	3	2	2	3	2
Major		1		1	2		
Triples							
Minor						1	
Doubles					1		
Total Hand	15	20	20	18	13	6	11
Total	145	104	81	92	117	112	86



Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, which this year joined the list of leading Society Towers.

Peals rung at 77 Towers, led by

Bishopstoke, Hants, St Mary	12
Croydon, Surrey, St Peter	10
London, St Sepulchre without Newgate	9
London, St Mary le Bow	5
Vancouver, Canada, the Holy Rosary	3

Nine handbell peals were rung in Cornhill Vestry (plus one in the tower), and four at 9 Falstaff Gardens, St Albans.

Errata

The following peals were omitted from, or incorrectly reported in, the 1999 Newsletter:-

19-Sep-98	Surfleet	Stedman Cinques	PCR
19-Sep-98	Swindon St Mark	Old Spot S Major	ARP
19-Sep-98	Bradpole	Yorkshire S Major	RH
19-Sep-98	Bishopstoke	Yorkshire S Royal	OC

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

COUNTRY MEETING: CITY OF DREAMING SPIRES, INSPECTOR MORSE AND JOHN CAMP

For anyone not familiar with the poetry of Matthew Arnold, Independent Television or Famous Characters of the OUS, this year's Country Meeting will be in Oxford.

Events will be centred around Saturday 21st July, although no doubt there will be the traditional pre-Meeting preparations in a hostelry on Friday night and service ringing followed by a hair of the dog on the Sunday.

PEAL WEEKEND

At a Society Business Meeting in 2000, it was decided that it would be beneficial to establish Peal Day on a fixed date every year and to extend the event to a full weekend.

The date decided upon was the weekend including the third Saturday in September every year. Accordingly, this year's Peal Weekend will be from Friday 14th to Sunday 16th September. Please try to organize or ring in a Society peal over the weekend if you can.

OUT OF TOWN PRACTICES

Last year's experiment of taking the Society's Tuesday practice out of London worked well. We had a good turnout of Members and friends at Amersham, including some Members who are not usually able to join our London practices.

This year we are intending to repeat the initiative by holding an Out of Town Practice at St Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich on Tuesday 3rd July from 7.00 to 8.30pm.

If you are in or around East Anglia on that

364th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Anniversary Dinner will once again be held in Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, on the traditional date – the first Saturday in November, which this year is Saturday 3rd.

Accountants' Hall is in many ways an ideal venue. It is the right size, in a convenient location, has good wine and real beer at sensible prices and (unlike many venues) is prepared to offer a cash bar.

The Hall management let themselves down on the temperature of the food last year but they are acutely aware of our disappointment and have promised that it will be better this time.

Once again we have a good list of speakers in prospect, led on this occasion by Michael Uphill, who recently retired as Ringing Master and Secretary at Southwark Cathedral. Despite his reputation as a raconteur, Mike has never spoken at a CY Dinner and we look forward eagerly to his contribution

Our Oxford Members are planning a good selection of towers, hopefully including Christchurch Cathedral, with a Business Meeting at lunch time and a dinner at Green College in the evening.

As numbers at the latter are limited, early application for tickets is recommended

With a Society of over 1200 known Members, spread over at least 3 continents it is not possible to arrange everything from London, indeed the Society's traditions are about Members organizing their own peals rather than being centrally directed.

Last year the Society had a record year for peals but Peal Day itself was thinly supported. A really good push in September could see us break last year's overall total.

occasion and would like to take part in some good ringing followed by good hospitality please come and join us.

Northern practices have also continued on an occasional basis, with venues including Leeds, Escrick and Bradford. If you are a CY based in the north, please watch the Ringing World for details.

Finally, our Swindon Members are intending to organize a Society day in that area on Saturday 24th November. Full details will be published nearer the time.



Rev'd Peter Mullen at the 363rd Anniversary Dinner

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected and welcomed as new members in the year to November 2000:

Ian C Moore, Ashford, Kent	Stephen G Jakeman, St John Hackney
Susan E Mason, Leicester	John N Dunn, Auckland, NZ
Eleanor J Kippin, Bow, London	Mary Townsend, Perth, WA
Joanne S Garner, Cambridge	Laura Ivey, Perth, WA
Gwen Rogers, Beckenham	John Skinner, Perth, WA
Christopher M J Stanley, Raynes Park	Thomas C Arkell, Victoria, BC
Katherine A Sloman, Glasgow	Mary Barlow, Victoria, BC
Ruth M Marshall, Beith, Ayrshire	Faith Magwood, Victoria, BC
Michele Ellender, Botley, Oxford	David Oliver, Victoria, BC
Simon M Barnes, Swindon	Stephanie J Warboys, Birmingham
Robert Lewis, St Mary Abbots, Kensington	John S Warboys, Birmingham
Timothy F W Samson, Wellingborough	Alban Forster, Stevenage
Christopher L Rusby, Bishopstoke	Peter S Curwen, Kilburn
Graham J Wright, Bishopstoke	Paul J Pascoe, Torquay
Charlotte E Edmond, Southampton	Trevor C Ledger, Darton, Yorks
Roger A Dancey, Vancouver	Gregory S Hinson, Washington DC
John M Clarke, Calgary	Richard S Lebon, Bannockburn, Kent
Christine M Clarke, Calgary	Christopher A Munnings, Ipswich
Rev'd Michael Batten, Vancouver	John F Bryant, Halifax
Daniel P Sandham, Caversham	Rev'd John E Camp, Turvey, Beds
Judith M Rogers, Stamford	Christopher M Baxter, Kingston-upon-Hull
Timothy A Frost, Charminster	

OBITUARY

The following are the members to whom tribute was paid at Society Business Meetings in the year to November:

Norman E Chaddock of Carnforth, Lancs, elected 1950	Harold B Schofield of Tewkesbury, elected 1963
Rev'd Malcolm C C Melville of Bedford, elected 1937	John H Crampion of Westminster Abbey, elected 1929
Frederick G Nurden of Cheltenham, elected 1953	George J Hawkins of Bath, elected 1953
William J Cope of Slimbridge, elected 1953	William H Saunders of Usk, elected 1991
Thomas G Fox of Horsham, Past Master, elected 1937	Donald F Murfet of Ely, elected 1968
J Michael Simpson of Victoria BC, elected 1987	Edward Armstrong of Branston, Lincs, elected 1946
William M Bellerby of Newport, Shropshire, elected 1981	Leonard Luck of Widford, Herts, elected 1940
Derek G Astridge of Huish Episcopi, elected 1955	Donald G Clift of Usk, elected 1940
Frank D Mack of Exmouth, elected 1960	Peter Border of Barford, elected 1955
Reginald G Addis of St Mellons, elected 1964	Leslie G Boumphrey of Carlisle, elected 1961

MILESTONES

We congratulate the following 5 members who celebrated 50 years' membership in 2000:-

Philip J H Hudson	Charles S Ryles
Harry J F Millatt	William E Thompsett
Wilfred F Moreton	

2 Members achieved 60 years' membership in 2000:-

Donald G Clift
Leonard Luck

Sadly, Don and Len died within a few days of each other in October.

THE SOCIETY IN CYBER SPACE

There was no avoiding it ... the World Wide Web had begun to exert its influence across the world, and despite that famous remark in one ASCY Meeting from the Hon. Treasurer "what is a CD Rom?" the College Youths were ready to embrace the technology for their own purposes. The Society had seen some of the most turbulent years in its recent past culminating in the historic vote to admit women into its membership. It moved quickly into the next chapter of its life in 1998 with a new Master and a new Secretary, and consequently into a phase of new ideas and approaches. With communication being possibly more important than ever in the new Society it seemed natural to seek a presence on the Web and use the new technologies to its own advantage.

So it was that three members of the Society were commissioned by the Meeting to look into the possibility of establishing a pilot web site, which if successful, would be used as another communication tool with its members and the "outside" world. Quentin Armitage, Philip Saddleton and Dickon Love prepared a paper outlining the feasibility of setting up such a web site: what could appear, what should not appear, and how it could be managed. Dickon then went on to set up the structure of a pilot site on a lap top computer, which was subsequently demonstrated to the officers at one of their meetings. The meeting approved the recommendations of the 'Web Committee' and the officers seemed enthusiastic about the demonstration. By June 1999 the first web site was live and being visited by Internet surfers from all over the world.

The pilot was readily accepted by the Society, and the position of "Web Master" was formally constituted into the Rules a few months later (although there was an interesting debate over whether the title "Web Steward" would be more appropriate under the circumstances). The meeting agreed that the Web Master should maintain the Web Site under the overall control of the Secretary. To complete the site, a member kindly donated the name that is typed into computers to find the site ... www.ascy.org.uk.

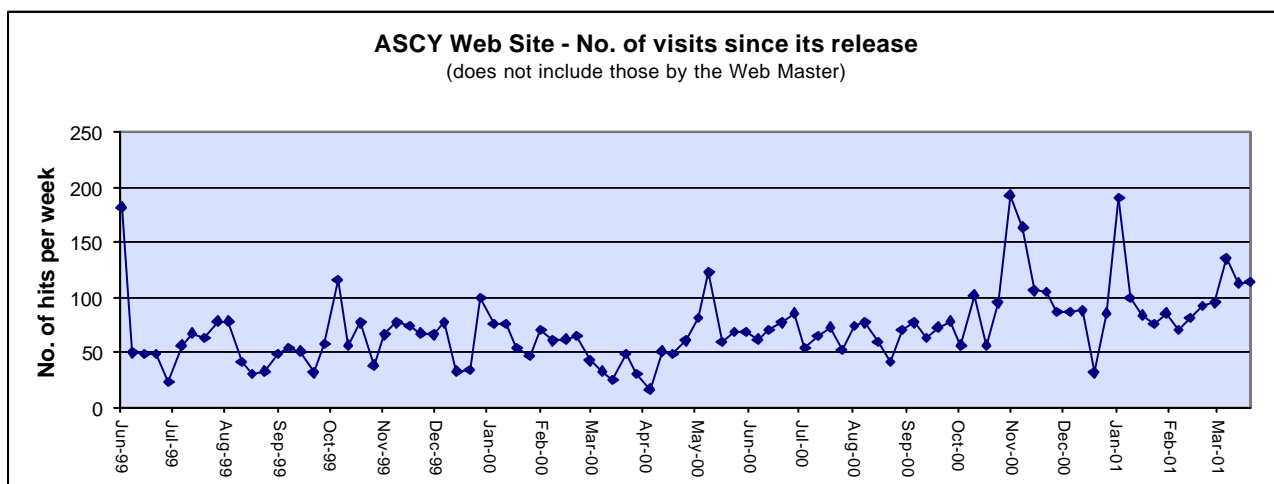
For those who have not yet seen the web site, it is divided into six main areas: activities, membership, peals, towers, history and contacts. At the top of each page are

small pictures of the churches where the Society regularly rings in London, each one being a direct link into one of the six main areas mentioned. In the top left hand corner is a picture of the Society Mace, slowly rotating. The Home (or index) Page gives a guide to the six areas together with the latest Society news, most recent members, most recent deaths and direct links to the Oranges & Lemons Appeal, peal attempts announced at the last meeting and the latest gallery of pictures.

On delving deeper into the site, further information can be discovered about practices, service ringing, country meetings, peal weekend, the anniversary dinner and other events. There is a rogues gallery of the current officers, a full list of new members since the site began and those who have died. The Towers Section has pictures and details of the seven main towers where the Society practices with information coming from one of the Web Masters other sites called "The Church Bells of the City of London". The Peals Section is a window into the Peal Recorder's database of Society peals rung since 1968. Philip Saddleton maintains this section, which is great for casual browsing or solid research. The History Section gives a flavour of the Society's history with details of historical landmarks, past officers and a gallery of ringers from the 19th Century (taken from the Society's archives in St Paul's Cathedral). It is my intention to develop this section and expand the number of pictures of officers and members into another interesting section to browse.

Two other steps were taken during 2000. The first was the publication of a monthly update by the Secretary commenting on the life of the Society. This is proving very popular and it is even known that some members print out this page to distribute to neighbouring members who might not have access to a computer.

The other innovation was the creation of an email group (known as the *EGroup*). The original web site contained a list of email addresses submitted by members and maintained by the Web Master. Given the uncertainties relating to the Data Protection Act 1998 and the sudden increase in the number of members with email, the storage of requests and maintenance of this page became increasingly arduous.



The Secretary had also started to maintain an email list in case he wanted to announce any up to the minute news and was facing similar problems. So the Web Master set up an email group – a facility that allows members to register their own email addresses and maintain them such that the Web Master would not need to be involved if an address changed. It is this list that appears on the web site, refreshed approximately every month. The Secretary was then able to use this group to send out up to the minute news. The first such announcement was the death of Ted Armstrong in October, 2000 – details of his funeral were able to be communicated much more quickly than any other mechanism previously employed by the Society. Since the purpose of the EGroup was to send out information of immediate interest, it can become dominated by the notification of deaths, although the Secretary does try to send out the occasional happier email when he can!

At the time of writing, there have been over 7,000 “hits” or visits to the site as the diagram on the previous page shows. The popularity of the site is increasing as the content increases and more and more members are able to access the World Wide Web. Particular high spots have been the publication of photographs of events. Photographs from last year’s Anniversary Dinner were especially popular, as were photographs from the London Ringers’ Christmas Social.

The web site can be accessed at <http://www.ascy.org.uk>.

If any member is organising an event with a College Youth theme that they want publicising, or they have photographs that they would like to be published, the Web Master or Secretary would be happy to arrange this.

Of course, some pictures have passed through the web site not without a little controversy, but it does demonstrate the light hearted “human” side of the Society in contrast to the serious side of formal business.

The current web site is by no means the end of this story. The Society will soon be seeking ways to improve the site, both in terms of the computers in which it is stored and in terms of what it can offer to members. More is to be added to the History section and the Peal Recorder is keen to extend his database of peals back in time. Members can already use the web site to download this newsletter: how much longer will it be before it can be used to pay the Treasurer peal fees, or propose members, or even listen to or watch practices, peals or meetings live? There has been talk of starting an archive of photographs of peal boards and members: this could all be possible one day as members from all over the world contribute what they can without the major collation exercise currently necessary.

But the most important function of the web site has been to make the Society more accessible to its members, wherever they are from. I for one have been privileged to have the opportunity to correspond with members from all over the world as a result of what they have been reading on the web site.

*Dickon R. Love
Junior Steward & Web Master
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BRERETON BELLS

With the forthcoming Brereton Family Reunion, and the addition of a treble to make the peal at Brereton into a six, I thought the following snippet of information might be of interest to members. It was copied from the Ecclesiastical History section of the book “Congleton Past and Present” and was kindly sent to me by John Goodwin, Captain of the ringers at Brereton.

The extract refers to a part of a disused chapel at Congleton being leased to bellfounders. Its early history after this period is uncertain until the beginning of the seventeenth century, when a portion of the building was used as a storehouse for the town's use, and the remainder leased to George Lee, Bellfounder, who set up his foundry there.

Lee must have been a founder of some importance. When at Congleton, in 1608, he cast the great bell of Nantwich, which weighed 20cwt and 60 lb. In 1630 this ex-chapel foundry was tenanted by Paul Hutton,

a noted bellfounder of that age, who there cast a peal of bells for Brereton Church, the first three bells at Astbury, and a little bell for Congleton higher Chapel. He also recast the "greate" bell and two smaller ones for the same chapel. The following extracts illustrate what has been written:

1631 Payed to John Newton ffor leadinge the great bell from the over Chappell to the lower Chappell 1s. 6d [to be recast]

Payd to Paul Hutton, Bell founder, in p[ar]te of the debit owinge Him by the towne for the greate Bell 3 5 0

1635 Payd to Peter Hodgekinson for one pottle of Sacke and one pottle Of Claret wyne that was bestowed upon the Lord Brereton at Castinge of Brereton Bells o 4 o

Jim Phillips

The Brereton Family Reunion will take place in August 2001. The Society has been requested to ring a peal for the event. St Oswald’s Church, Brereton, home tower of William Lord Brereton, first Master of the Society, is currently trying to raise £14,000 for the restoration of the ring of 5 bells and installation of a treble. If any Member would like to contribute please send contributions to the Rector, Canon Peter Hunt, The Rectory, Brereton, Sandbach, Ches. Cheques payable to Brereton PCC please.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS AND ST MARY'S BEDDINGTON

The Society has connections with St. Mary's, Beddington, extending back to the augmentation of the bells to 10 in 1877. In that year the first peal on the 10 bells, Stedman Caters, was rung by the Society. The conductor was Henry Haley snr., the Society's leading composer and conductor of that time, and the band included such notable past, present, and future officers and members as Pettit, Cooter, Muskett, Jones, Reeves, Wood, and Greenleaf.

During the next 6 years, 9 further Society peals were rung, mainly by local Beddington and Carshalton members, 7 of these being conducted by Edgar Bennett, a leading local ringer, and a well known composer and conductor. 16 Beddington ringers were elected members of the Society during the period 1873— 1900.

Prior to the Great War, many leading members of the Society, including Winney, French, Mash, Gibbs, Murray Hayes, Newton, Taffender, O'Meara, Cockerill, Symonds, Trollope, Hewitt, Deal, Groombridge, Springall, Peck, Dench, Grimwood and Dawe took part in peal ringing at St. Mary's. Herbert Langdon, later to become the Society's leading conductor, rang his first peal, Stedman Caters, at Beddington in 1900.

Charles Kippin rang his first peal, also Stedman Caters, at St. Mary's in 1921, joined the Society in 1923, and was followed in 1924 by Frank Darby who recently celebrated his 95th birthday. At the time of his death in 1995, Charles was the Society's Senior member, a distinction since held by Frank. Charles was elected conductor of the local band in 1925, and from then until World War II, St. Mary's had one of the leading local bands in the country. The first peals of London S Royal No. 3, Bristol S Royal, and Superlative S Royal No. 2 were rung there by largely local ringers.

College Youths bands were back soon after World War II, a peal of Stedman Caters being rung in 1948 by Hewitt, John Chilcott, Herbert Langdon, Beicher, Prior, Tom Fox, Sanders, Peck, Jack Phillips, and Rumley, five of whom were past or future Masters. Other past and present living members of the St. Mary's band include Stewart Kimber and Ray Talbot, former supernumerary members at St. Paul's, David Parsons, who has served the Exercise with distinction in many fields, Nigel Thomson, Past Master and Tower Secretary of St. Sepulchre for many years,

and Mike Chilcott, Past Master, and former Secretary and Conductor of the St. Paul's Guild.

St. Mary's was for many years a popular venue for Society peals on Dinner Day. The Church is currently trying to raise £100,000 for a major restoration of the tower and bells and Society Members, especially those who have enjoyed ringing on these bells over the years, are invited to make a contribution.

Mike Chilcott



Charles H Kippin, distinguished Member of the Society and of the band at St Mary's Beddington, who took part in many notable performances in a long ringing career. Charles was known to many Members as a regular attendee at the Anniversary Dinner almost until his death.

(Photo. R LeMarechal)

Members wishing to contribute to the St Mary's Beddington appeal are requested to send donations to the Church Treasurer, Mrs C Tillet, The Rectory, 18 Bloxworth Close, Wallington, Surrey, cheques payable to St Mary's Beddington Tower and Bell Fund please.

Celebration for Stan and Wyn Mason

In May of this year, our Senior Trustee, Stan Mason, and his wife Wyn, who is known to many Members, celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Stan and Wyn originally planned to be in New Zealand, where they were married, for the actual Anniversary, and the Society plan to celebrate the event in mid June.

It is intended to hold a dinner for Past Masters and Officers of the Society in the City on Friday 15th June, followed by peals on Saturday 16th which we hope as many Members as possible will take part in. An informal celebration will take place in the Cockpit, St Andrews Hill, EC2 on the evening of 16th June. Please join us or arrange your own peal or quarter peal if you can. The Secretary would be pleased to have advance notice of events if possible

THE WELLINGTON CANDLESTICKS

Members attending Society Meetings and Anniversary Dinners will have seen the brass candlesticks either side of the Mace, but how many members know the origin of these curiosities? They were, in fact, given to the Society by Dr Arthur H Nichols of Boston, USA in 1905. Dr Nichols was an ardent supporter of the College Youths, and his daughter Margaret was the first woman to have her name recorded on a Society peal board having rung a peal of Stedman Triples at St George's in the Borough in 1902. Dr Nichols, apart from being a distinguished surgeon and physician, was also an historian and in 1904 published a book on The Early Bells of Paul Revere and also a book on Christ Church (Boston) bells. His historical works are extensively quoted in the book on Paul Revere by Esther Forbes (published 1983), and his daughter Margaret was married in The King's Chapel, Boston which houses the largest bell cast by Paul and Joseph Revere, considered a 'brilliant' bell of some 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

Dr Nichols' letter, written from his home at 55 Mount Vernon Street, Boston is held in the CY library but was unfortunately charred when The Coffee Pot was destroyed by enemy action in 1940. The letter is quoted below and the brackets pertain to those parts which have been burnt:-

"About two years ago I chanced to come [into] possession of some family heirlooms transmitted from [Sim]on Bishop and his descendants to James McClellan, an [Eng]lishman and scenic artist, now living in Boston. [Sim]on Bishop was a coach maker, living in Colchester in [.] and his ornamental business card (now before me) shows [that] his shop was at East Hill in that town. His son, also[chr]isted Simon, married first a daughter of Philip Clay, Mayor [of] Colchester, and carried on

the business of coach making [at] Beccles, near Bungay, Suffolk.

After the decease of her [h]usband Mrs Bishop made her home with her grandson, Mr McClellan, in London, and died May 1, 1879, at No 54 Brunswick Road, Upper Highgate, being interred at Kensal Green. These relics then descended to Mr McClellan.

"Among these objects were two brass candlesticks which had been carefully preserved by Mrs Bishop as being formerly the property of the Duke of Wellington and used by him throughout the Peninsula campaign. Her brother, Lieut. Oliver, served in this campaign and was attached to Lord Wellington's staff. At the close of the campaign, when certain objects having no great intrinsic value were distributed as souvenirs, these candlesticks fell to Lieut. Oliver. I may add that Mr and Mrs McClellan are an honest, worthy couple whose character and appearance would furnish adequate guarantee as to the authenticity of these candlesticks. As to antiquity they will speak for themselves.

"I am now forwarding them by express to your address and shall be much gratified if The Ancient Society of College Youths will accept them as a modest addition to their cabinet of curiosities.

"With best wishes for the welfare of the Society and kindest greetings to yourself and my other friends of the Guild,

I remain,
Yours most sincerely,

Arthur H Nichols"

Jim Phillips



CANADA 2000

The band which rang a Peal of Bristol Surprise Royal at Westminster Abbey, Mission City, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the first peal of Bristol S Maximus.

L to R, Derek Thomas, Michele Ellender, Phil Rogers, Gwen Rogers, Alan Flood, Paul Mounsey (conductor), Peter Randall, David Dearnley, Swaz Apter, Steve Waters.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE 2001

Practices are normally advertised in the last Ringing World of each month and on the Society's Web Site.

May	1:N	8:B*	15:G	22:P	29:B
Jun	5:P	12:C*	19:B	26:S	
Jul	3:I	10:N*	17:P	24:C	31:B
Aug	7:P	14:B*	21:N	28:S	
Sep	4:P	11:G*	18:C	25:S	
Oct	2:B	9:C*	16:P	23:N	30:B
Nov	6:P	13:C*	20:N	27:S	
Dec	4:P	11:N*	18:B	25:-	

B = St Mary-le-Bow
C = St Michael's Cornhill
G = St Giles, Cripplegate
I = Ipswich (7.00 to 8.30)

N = St Sepulchre, Newgate
P = St Paul's Cathedral
S = Southwark Cathedral

* Denotes Meeting Night

Meetings and normal pub venue (except Southwark) The Counting House, 50 Cornhill, London EC3.

SOCIETY OFFICERS 2000/1

Master	Paul L Carless
Secretary	Philip Rogers
Treasurer	Andrew N Stubbs
Senior Steward	Christopher J Pickford
Junior Steward	Dickon R Love
Librarian	A James Phillips
Trustees	John S Mason Rodney B Meadows

TOWER SECRETARIES

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St Michael's Cornhill: Tony Kench, 40D Cornwall Gardens, London SW7 4AA. Tel 020.7937.9559

St Giles Cripplegate Colin Newman, 65 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall, Essex IG1 0JD Tel 020.8550.1931

St Lawrence Jewry David Baverstock, 4 Sidney House, Old Ford Road, London E2 9QB. Tel 020.8980.0065

St Sepulchre Nigel Thomson, 62 Beddington Grove, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 8LD. Tel 020.8669.9370

AND FINALLY.....two fishy memories of Canada 2000



(L) The Master strikes up a beautiful (but short lived) friendship with a crab in Toronto.



(R) Three Wise Men from the East (Messrs Carless, Stubbs and Game) in the Spotted Prawn Restaurant in Vancouver

PEAL FEES

The peal fee remains £1.50 per rope to be forwarded to the Secretary or Treasurer within 2 months, together with details including composition. Advance notice of peals is given at Society Meetings if advised in time.

CORRESPONDENCE

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ASCY ON THE WEB

The Society's Web Site is at www.ascy.org.uk. An Email News Service is also available to Members via the Web Site.

NEWSLETTER FINANCE

This Newsletter is made possible by the many generous contributions made by Members. Last year the Newsletter made its first loss for some years and your further support would be very much appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

We are always on the lookout for good new members. Proposal are welcome at any Business Meeting or by letter to the Secretary. The Rules state that candidates should be over the age of 14, not members of the Cumberlands, have rung at least a quarter peal in a standard method and be "suitable persons who will uphold the traditions and standards of the Society". Candidates and their sponsors are encouraged to be present at their election meeting if possible, although we recognise that distance may rule this out. An increase in the Membership Fee, from £20, is currently being considered.

MISSING YOUTHS

If you know of any Members who are no longer in touch with the Society please let us know.

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