

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

LUSCR NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2013



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Kind Regards

Claire

A few words from Brother Ken as he leaves Saint Francis Xavier for pastures new. March 2013



"I can state with some confidence that I am the only person known to LUSCR who can remember the sound of the SFX bells before you arrived on the scene. I hasten to add that I was very young and can't remember too much. However, as I was born in the parish, the bells were a constant backdrop to the church services of my childhood. Fr Clifford Taunton was the parish priest who agreed to LUSCR using SFX as their base. He was also the one who interviewed me before I joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1965; a great man.

Since then on my occasional trips back to Liverpool to visit my parents and drop into the church it was always a delight to hear the bells still being rung. Their sound gave a constant uplift to the local community during the time when both the church and the surrounding neighbourhood was suffering from neglect and decline.

The task I was given on my return seventeen years ago was to revive and renovate the church building and find a solution for the use of the derelict school buildings surrounding the church. One of the few positives at that time was LUSCR with their regular ringing of the bells. A golden strand woven through those years of melancholy and depression. Now SFX, in parallel with city of Liverpool, is on the up - and the bells continue to accompany that progress. Wonderful!

I have enjoyed my time back at SFX and have felt privileged to have been associated with LUSCR. Many thanks for all you do and may you continue to prosper.

Let us remember each other in our prayers.

Ken"

The Incoming Masters Toast to the Visitors. LUSCR Dinner 2013.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to begin by thanking all of the Liverpool ringers for welcoming me into the society when I came to Liverpool in September. It is a privilege to be ringing at SFX and to be a member of the society.

I would like to welcome Ray Helliwell who is here with his wife Elizabeth. Ray rang his first peal in 1964 in Accrington where many of his early peals were rang. After spending time in Nottingham, Ray now lives just outside Warrington after living in East Anglia, Wiltshire and Leicester. Ray is a member of the society of Royal Cumberland Youths which is based in London. The longest peal that Ray has rang was 12,160 Plain Bob Major at Gressenhall in October 1977. More recently, Ray and Liz have supported 12 bell ringing in Liverpool by attending practises on a Friday night at Pier Head and the monthly Six@Nix events which have spawned the band which represents Liverpool in the national 12 bell striking competition.

I would like to thank the ringers from Liverpool and the surrounding area for their support with society practises, tours and events as well as helping to organise the next NUA which we are hosting. I also wish to thank the ringers who have travelled from across the UK to support the dinner and other events over the past year. The society is very grateful for the support that you give and we hope that you continue to support the society in the future. I hope that you all enjoy the evening.

I would finally like to invite all members of the society to be upstanding and raise a toast to the visitors

A few words from The Outgoing Master – Peter Eyles

The first few weeks at university can be a very daunting time. Looking back I doubt if any other city would have been as welcoming and friendly as Liverpool was to me when I arrived in September 2010. During my first week in the city I received an email from Siân Austin, then Master of LUSCR, inviting me to the Pier Head Friday night practice and to the first LUSCR practice of term. Being a southerner, I remember being struck by the kindness and geniality of the Liverpool ringers. I had only rung on 12 once before and being in Liverpool gave me the invaluable opportunity to improve my ringing, both on 12 bells and on lower numbers. Just as important for me was having a new circle of friends and ringing with LUSCR was the first time I had regularly mixed with ringers of my own age.

The freshers' ringing tour in late 2010 allowed the LUSCR undergraduates- Me, Siân Austin, Mark Collings, Rebekah Horton, Jessica Gooze and Richard Paxford to get to know one another. The LUSCR dinner day tour of February 2011 included the towers of Christ Church Aughton, Ormskirk and Sefton. I very much enjoyed my first LUSCR dinner despite being slightly nervous about my speech proposing The Visitors. At the AGM Mark was elected as Master and I was elected as Deputy Master. Over the next year I continued to attend ringing at SFX and Pier Head.

At the 2012 LUSCR AGM I was elected as Master and Mark was elected as deputy Master. I was initially rather anxious about taking on the responsibility but I have very much enjoyed the past year and it has taught me a lot. As is the case with most things, the best way for one to learn about running a tower is by doing it. (continued)

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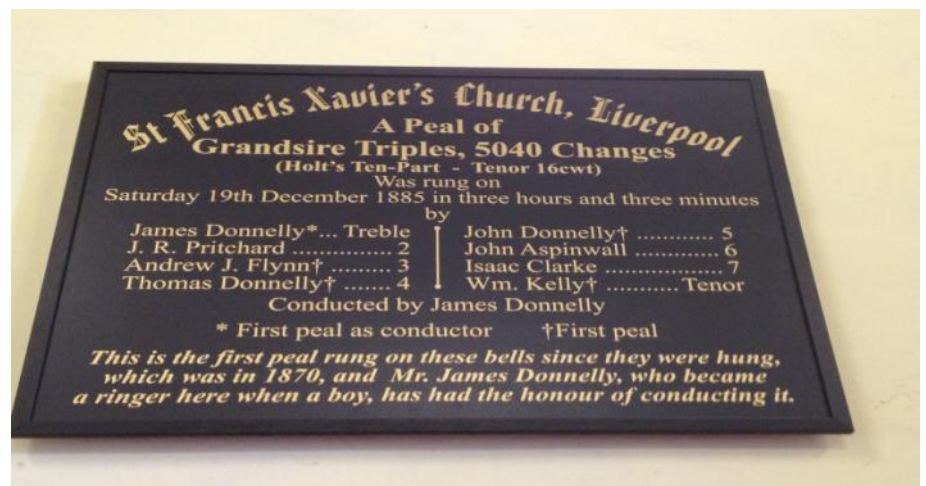
Since the start of the academic year we have been joined by three new 1st year students. Kirsty and Lizzie were already ringers but Luke had never before pulled a rope and he is now ringing rounds and call changes.

A group of ringers from Liverpool, including a number of LUSCR members, attended the Northern Universities Association of Change Ringers (NUA) weekend from 16 - 18 November 2012 in Manchester. The event was very well organised and a good weekend was had by all. During the meeting it was decided that Liverpool will host the 2013 NUA. It will take place from 15 - 17 November 2013.

This year's dinner day tour included the towers of Garston, Woolton, Childwall and St Barnabas Penny Lane. It was the first time many present, including me, had rung at Penny Lane. The LUSCR dinner was once again held at the Britannia Adelphi Hotel. The two main speakers were the Rev Dr. Ian Jorysz on behalf of The Church and Ray Helliwell on behalf of The Visitors. At the 2013 AGM Kirsty Shaw was elected as Master, Luke Thomas was elected as Deputy Master and Treasurer and Claire Mills was elected as General Secretary.

I would like to thank everyone for being so encouraging and supportive of me since I was elected as Master last February and I wish The Society all the best for the coming year.

2013 saw the production of 2 new Peal Boards which are now in situ in the ringing chamber at SFX.



LUSCR DINNER DAY PEAL 2013

Liverpool Universities Society
Liverpool, Merseyside.

Our Lady and St Nicholas, Pierhead
Saturday, 16 February 2013 in 3h6 (17)

5147 Grandsire Caters

Composed by Richard I Allton

- 1) John Hyden
- 2) Susan D Sparling
- 3) Mark A Collings
- 4) Christopher K Cooper
- 5) Ian Smith
- 6) Geoffrey C Sparling
- 7) Richard I Allton (C)
- 8) Liam M Craddock
- 9) Peter L Furniss
- 10) Lenard J Mitchell

First Caters: 8 and on the light ten.
Rung for the Annual Dinner Weekend.

Luke Thomas (Incoming Deputy Ringing Master) Dinner Day Toast to The Church

Master, Reverend Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Tonight I would like to take this time to thank the church for their continued generosity in accommodating us for this past year, and allowing us the opportunity to continue with, and propagate, English change ringing using their facilities.

Of course, with such a close relation between the church and ringers, both historically and in the modern day, it is somewhat misleading to talk as if the two were entirely separate entities. A prime example being Ian Yorish, chaplain of the Essex association of change ringers; first learning to ring as a schoolboy in Leeds, he continued to ring through his time at Durham university. Following attaining his PhD at Liverpool Ian later trained as a vicar, at Cuddesdon where he trained a band from scratch. Elected master during his time at Durham, and an active ringer at pier head during the 80's, Ian continues to set a fine example for us to this day.

I hope that there are many happy years ahead for both the Liverpool Universitys society of change ringers and the church, such that we may, in some small way, repay the kindness they have had in facilitating us.

I will now propose a toast to The Church. Please be upstanding.
The Church.