

RINGING MASTER'S REPORT

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SERVICE RINGING

We have continued to ring for the morning service at SFX on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. This has been well supported by both the resident members and local ringers. Thank you to those that make the effort to join us after ringing at Pier Head. Almost every 2nd and 4th Sunday during term times has had ringing with attendance mostly allowing us to ring 6, although we have occasionally had the opportunity to ring all 8.

PRACTICE NIGHTS

Friday night practices have continued to be well supported by not only resident members, but additional local ringers too. As with Sundays we have mostly rung six but have every now and then rung all 8. One notable practice was the joint practice with Pier Head, held in July. During this many of our ringers got the chance to push their abilities with methods ranging from call changes and Plain Bob Triples to Cambridge, Yorkshire and Bristol.

OTHER RINGING

A few quarter peal attempts have been attempted throughout the year, although only one was successful, this being Plain Bob and Grandsire at a practice where only 6 attended.

After the death of Frank Anderton, a peal of 23 Spliced Surprise Major was arranged and successfully rung by members of the society at Yardley, West Midlands. I would like to say thank you to the band such a fitting tribute. Peals were also rung as part of this year's annual dinner weekend and I would like to thank Paul Hunter for his hard work in arranging this.

The annual NUA weekend was held over remembrance weekend in November and was hosted by Sheffield. A total of 4 members from Liverpool attended the weekend and, with the help of 2 "guests", we came third out of 8 teams in the striking competition. A few quarter peals were arranged on the Sunday which allowed our members to reach some significant milestones including my first on 12 as conductor and first of cinques for David Thomas. This year's NUA weekend will be held in Nottingham.

OTHER

Recruitment in September was successful with us gaining the regular attendance of 3 new members who have continued to support the society. Recruitment took place by posting adverts on the ringing groups on Facebook, Campanophile and also word of mouth.

After last year's dinner we decided to change the venue from the Adelphi to the Mercure Atlantic Tower opposite Pier Head. I hope everyone appreciated the change and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Peter Burgess for all the help in arranging the dinner and to William Roberts for organising the dinner day tour.

SUMMARY

It has been an honour to serve as the society's master and although it has been stressful at times I have thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to all the continued support and good luck to the new master.

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