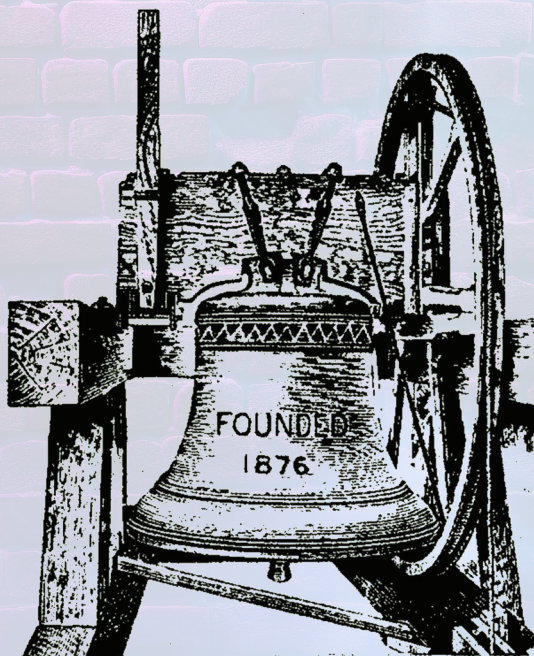


# Lancashire Association of Change Ringers



## Annual Report

With a list of Members  
and Performances

## For 2024

(Issued in 2025)



# LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

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# **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS**

**ESTABLISHED 1876 RE-CONSTITUTED 1879**

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Association are to promote the art and science of change ringing as an integral part of the Church's life and work by means of the following:

1. The ringing of bells for services and other appropriate occasions in the life of the Church and community.
2. The fostering of good relations with the Church and community and the furtherance of the appreciation of bells and bellringing amongst the general public.
3. The recruitment and training of bell ringers.
4. The promotion of good fellowship and cooperation amongst bellringers, including arranging ringing meetings and other Association activities.
5. The proper care and maintenance of bells, belfries and ringing rooms.
6. The support of bell restoration and installation by the provision of financial, technical and other resources.
7. The development of awareness, and conservation, of items of historical and local interest associated with bells and bellringing.

## **RULES**

1. The Association shall be known as THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS, shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and shall consist of Honorary and Ringing Members.
2. Persons may be admitted as members of the Association at any committee, branch or general meeting if proposed and seconded by two members. Ringers may be provisionally elected if required to take part in a peal provided the members present are in favour, subject to such election being confirmed at a committee branch or general meeting. The member proposing such persons shall be responsible for the payment of their subscription whether the attempt be successful or not.
3. Any person, other than a ringer, subscribing the sum of ten pounds shall be admitted as an Honorary Life Member of the Association. Upon election, Ringing Members shall pay a minimum annual subscription of ten pounds, except in the case of juveniles under 18 years of age, whose annual subscription shall be a minimum of five pounds, due on the first day of January each year, such payment entitling the member to a Report of the year for which his subscription has been paid. The name of any Ringing Member two years in arrears shall be removed from the book but may be reinstated at the discretion of the Committee.
4. Any qualified Ringer not resident in the Association territory may be admitted as a Non-Resident Member on payment of a single subscription equal to the annual subscription of a Ringing Member, but such members shall have no vote at the meetings of the Association. If at any subsequent date he becomes resident in the Association territory he shall pay the ordinary yearly subscription of a Ringing Member. Any Ringing Member who goes to reside outside the Association territory may at his own request be transferred to the list of Non-Resident Members without further payment.
5. (a) The committee shall have the power to:
  - (i) Approve the application from any permanently disabled member who is unable to take further part in practical ringing to be transferred to the list of Life Ringing Members without further payment.
  - (ii) Grant Life Membership or Honorary Life Membership to those who have served the Association well over a long period.
  - (iii) Award the office of Honorary Vice-President to any member who has given exceptional service to the Association, this office entitling them to vote at Committee Meetings.
- (b) Any member with 50 years continuous membership shall automatically become a Life Member
6. (a) The management of the Association shall be vested in a President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Peal Secretary, Report Secretary, Affiliation Scheme Secretary, Librarian, Treasurer,

Education Officer, Public Relations Officer, Fund Raising Co-Ordinator, Conservation Officer, Inspection & Maintenance Officer and Central Council Representatives and two representatives from each branch. These shall form the Central Committee, any five of whom shall form a quorum competent to transact the business of the Association provided all the Committee have been summoned. They shall have full power and control over the funds of the Association, and in any case of vacancy they shall have power to appoint any eligible member to office. They shall also have full power to co-opt, for a one year term, any member of the Association who has specialist expertise which the Committee may require.

(b) The President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Peal Secretary, Report Secretary, Affiliation Scheme Secretary, Treasurer, Education Officer, Public Relations Officer, Fund Raising Co-Ordinator, Conservation Officer, Inspection & Maintenance Officer and Central Council Representatives shall be elected by ballot; the President, Peal Secretary, Treasurer, Education Officer, Fund Raising Coordinator and Conservation Officer one year, and the Vice-President, General Secretary, Report Secretary, Affiliation Secretary, Public Relations Officer and Inspection & Maintenance Officer, the next year. Central Council Representatives shall be elected in accordance with the constitution of the Central Council.

(c) All nominations for general officers and members of the Central Council shall be in the hands of the General Secretary by the 31st October and a ballot vote shall be taken and the results announced before 31st December and the ballot figures published. No nominations shall be accepted unless nominees give their written consent. Nominees shall not be eligible if in arrears with their subscriptions. Ballot papers shall be issued only to Members, Life Ringing Members of known address or other Life Ringing Members who apply to the General Secretary. After nominations have been received a scrutineer shall be appointed by the Committee.

(d) The Committee shall appoint a Librarian and a Safeguarding Officer who shall both become members of the Committee.

(e)(i) The Committee will determine periodically a maximum annual amount that may be claimed by the Association's Central Council representatives as a contribution towards their expenses in attending the Central Council meeting.

(ii) Any Ringing Member may claim reimbursement of actual, reasonable expenditure incurred in the course of carrying out duties on behalf of the Association. Any claims under this subsection will only be paid if supported by receipts or other evidence.

(iii) All claims must be submitted to the Association Treasurer within 3 months of the end of the year in which the expenditure was incurred.

(iv) Claims from Committee members must be approved by the Committee; claims from other members must be approved and submitted by the secretary of the claimant's home Branch.

7. The President, General Secretary, Peal Secretary and Treasurer shall be the Trustees, any two to sign cheques. The Trustees shall invest or otherwise deal with such sums as the Association may place in their hands in such a manner as the Committee may direct.

8. (a) The year (financial or otherwise) of the Association shall end on 31 December, and the Annual General Meeting of the Association shall take place not later than 30 April in each year for the purpose of receiving the Committee's report and the Treasurer's account, and for the transaction of the general business of the Association.

(b) That an independent examiner should be appointed to examine the Association's annual accounts and prepare the Association's balance sheet, this examiner to be appointed by the Committee. The Committee shall meet not less than twice each year, in February and September, the date and the branch to be fixed by the committee.

9. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in each branch in turn and the minutes of this meeting shall be kept and signed.

10. No alterations or additions to these Rules shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting held under Rule 12. Two calendar months notice in writing of any proposed alteration shall be given to the General Secretary previous to the Annual General Meeting or the Extraordinary General Meeting taking place.

11. Any avoidable damage done at an Association meeting to bells or fittings by members shall be

made good at the expense of the Association.

12. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the General Secretary on request of the President or twenty members of the Association. The General Secretary shall give to the members three weeks notice at least of any special meeting, with the particulars of the business to be transacted, and such notice shall be deemed to have been given by sending a copy to each Tower Secretary to be displayed in the belfry, and also advertised in The Ringing World.

13. (a) The Association shall be divided into convenient branches, the management of which shall be conducted as hereinafter provided.

(b) No tower shall be transferred from one branch to another without the written consent of a majority of the ringers at the tower concerned and after discussion by the Central Committee and with the approval of the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

(c) The branch affairs shall be managed by a Chairman and/or Ringing Master, Secretary and Committee, the constitution of the Committee being decided by the Branch. Two of the Branch Committee shall represent the Branch on the Association Committee, it being advisable that one should be the Branch Secretary. The Branch Secretary shall be responsible for collecting subscriptions from:

(i) All newly elected members

(ii) All unattached Members of the Branch, and forwarding these subscriptions to the Gen Secretary.

14. A peal will only be accepted as being rung for the Association if:

(a) It conforms to the Central Council regulations on peals.

(b) All members taking part are current Ringing Members or Non-Resident Life Members of the Association.

(c) Full details and peal booking fee (£1 per ringer), half of which to be donated to the Bell Restoration Fund, are received by the Peal Secretary:

(i) For peals rung between 1 January and 16 December inclusive within four weeks of the peal being rung.

(ii) For peals rung between 17 and 31 December inclusive by 14 January of the following year.

## **SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

The Lancashire Association of Change Ringers (LACR) is committed to the protection of young ringers and fully supports the principles of the House of Bishops' Child Protection Policy.

The LACR fully supports the Child Protection guidelines issued in March 2004 by the CCCBR, which cover the appointment of those with responsibility for tower management and training, and sensible procedures for day-to-day management of the tower in respect of protection and development of young people. These guidelines are consistent with the principles espoused by the House of Bishops' policy.

The LACR advises all Tower Captains to discuss the issue with their incumbent and PCC and agree appropriate local procedures. In general, the LACR recommends and encourages adoption of the CCCBR guidelines by dioceses, parishes and bell ringing bands as a practical measure to protect young ringers and maintain the open, welcoming and friendly environment that has characterised church bell ringing for many years.

12th September 2009

## **BELL RESTORATION FUND OBJECTIVES AND RULES**

1. The Fund shall be known as THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS BELL RESTORATION FUND.

2. The object of the Bell Restoration Fund is to give financial assistance to churches incurring considerable outlay on installations by applying the income solely for the making of grants. The following shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements for an application for grant, viz:

Any major maintenance, repairs or new work to bells, frames and fittings, such as recasting, retuning, overhaul or augmentation and, where deemed appropriate by the LACR Committee, apparatus installed for sound control.

3. The Fund shall be administered by the Committee of THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS who shall have power, after consideration of an application submitted in writing, to approve a grant from the Fund.

4. The President, General Secretary, Peal Secretary and Treasurer shall be the Trustees, any two to sign cheques. The Trustees shall invest or otherwise deal with such sums as the Association may place in their hands, in such a manner as the Committee may direct.

5. In the event of dissolution of the Fund, balances remaining shall be divided amongst the churches supporting the affiliation scheme for such charitable purposes as the Parochial Church Council think fit.

6. An independent examiner shall be appointed to examine the annual accounts, the examiner to be appointed by the Committee.

7. No alteration or addition to these rules shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting. Two clear calendar months notice, in writing, of any proposed alteration which does not infringe the Fund's charitable validity in law shall be given to the General Secretary previous to the date of the meeting.

**Note from the Committee** (amended Sept 2015)

Members are reminded that applications for grants should be made in a timely manner & that no grants will be made from the Bell Restoration Fund without a written request from the Incumbent, Churchwardens or Church Secretary of the church concerned to the BRF sub committee convener:

**brf@lacr.uk**

Grant applications received between 1 Jan to 30 Jun will be considered in time for a proposal to be put to the September Committee Meeting.

Grant applications received between 1 July to 31 Dec will be considered in time for a proposal to be put to the February Committee Meeting.

Grants awarded but not claimed will lapse two years from the date of application if the work has not started by then.

As a general guide, the aim will be to offer a minimum of 10% towards the cost of qualifying work.

## **INSURANCE**

The Association holds an insurance policy with Ecclesiastical Insurance, which provides personal accident cover to a limited group of unnamed members carrying out bell inspections on behalf of the Association. This policy also provides legal liability cover for all members of the Association. This would protect members in the event that they are found to be legally liable for accidents to third parties or damage to third party property. Many Churches will hold policies that provide similar cover to bellringers at their Church. Also, many household insurance policies provide similar cover for normal hobby activities. If you require further details or are aware of any incidents that may give rise to a claim under this policy, please contact the General Secretary.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Ringling Members: a minimum of £10.00.

Under 18's: a minimum of £5.00.

Under Rule 3 these were due on the first day of the year. If you have not already paid your subscription, the General Secretary would be pleased to receive it as soon as possible.

## MEMBERSHIP MOJO

All LACR members (Resident, Non-Resident and Life) are asked to manage their membership on the Membership Mojo system.

### How to register as a member

This guide will take you through the steps you need to take to register as a member of LACR on our new membership software. More detailed information on Membership Mojo will be available on the LACR website during 2025.

Click on the link you have been sent or go to <https://membermojo.co.uk/lacr> and you will get to this screen.

#### Lancashire Association of Change Ringers

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##### Contact Us

[✉ membership@lacr.uk](mailto:membership@lacr.uk)

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##### Memberships

Adult <sup>1</sup>	Free
Junior (under 18) <sup>2</sup>	Free
Life	Free
Parent/Guardian	Free
Tower Captain <sup>1</sup>	Free

<sup>1</sup> New member rate, renewal £10

<sup>2</sup> New member rate, renewal £5

Expires 31/12/2022

Membership requires approval

[Join Us / Renew](#)

Click on join us/ renew and then follow the instructions on the following screens.

Complete the form as applying for a new membership. Fields with a \* must be completed. If you prefer to be known by a name that is not your actual first name, please put this in the first name box. This will mean any emails will use that name.

For members who do not have their own email address, registration can be done using another person's email address. The same email address may be used for more than one member. To ensure one person does not receive multiple copies of the same email, choose unsubscribe group emails for the additional users of the address.

A junior member will need to provide details of a responsible adult to receive communications for them. As you complete details for a junior member extra field will display for the adult's details. These can be those of an adult member or an adult who is not a ringer.

If you are a tower contact for a church with no ringing members join as an adult member but in notes state you are only a contact. We will set your status so you do not get asked to pay subs.

After submitting the form you will receive an email stating that your membership has been sent for approval.

An Administrator will confirm that you are a paid up member (or if you are a new member that you have been properly elected) and you will then receive a welcome email.

You then need to complete registration and pay this year's subs. There will be a link in the email you receive to confirm your membership has been approved. Use this to complete the application.

After completing the application, you will be presented with the checkout screen. Choose your method of payment. If your tower pays for you, choose via tower contact.

We encourage members to pay using Stripe online payments option if possible.

If you choose BACS cheque or standing order, you will be presented with the relevant payment details. Please ensure you do make the payment separately, quoting the M number you are given as part of the process of completing the payment.

You will receive an email confirming you have completed action

You will automatically receive emails for all members, such as requests for subs, which will come out each December ready for the following January and emails from the branch you are linked to. Emails will come from Lancashire Association of Change Ringers [noreply.lacr@membermojo.co.uk](mailto:noreply.lacr@membermojo.co.uk)

If you want to come back to your membership details at a later date to update them, you can sign in to do so from the home page.

If you need further help, please ask your Tower Captain, Branch Secretary or the General Secretary.



# **DUTY OF GENERAL OFFICERS**

## **President**

The President shall, if possible, attend and conduct the affairs at the Annual General Meeting, Committee Meetings and any Extraordinary General Meeting.

## **Hon General Secretary**

The General Secretary shall attend, if possible, every General and Committee Meeting, receive the names of newly elected members, take a note of all correspondence, keep the minutes and remit all monies to the Treasurer. The General Secretary shall collect all subscriptions and relevant information to the ringing calendar from the tower leaders.

## **Hon Peal Secretary**

The Peal Secretary shall keep a record of all peals rung for the Association, maintain peal records of individual members and collect all peal booking fees. A report of such activities shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting and published in the Annual Report.

## **Hon Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Association with the exception of any Affiliation Fees paid into the Association's bank account directly by the Affiliation Scheme Secretary and shall acknowledge receipt of such without delay. He or she shall arrange for the duly elected Auditors to examine all the books and financial records and at the Annual General Meeting shall submit the audited financial statements comprising the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet.

## **Hon Affiliation Scheme Secretary**

The Affiliation Scheme Secretary shall administer the Association's Affiliation Scheme in such a manner as the Committee may direct.

## **Hon Librarian**

The Librarian shall be responsible for the upkeep of the library and its contents.

## **Hon Report Secretary**

The Report Secretary shall collect the necessary information and attend to the printing, issuing and distribution of the Annual Report.

## **Education Officer**

The Education Officer shall meet the education and training needs of the Association by arranging training days with the help of a subcommittee made up of Branch representatives (as at present). He or she shall provide information and assistance on education and training to Branches and towers.

## **Safeguarding Officer**

The Safeguarding Officer shall be familiar with legislation regarding safeguarding and understand the procedures for registration and issues around safeguarding and abuse; act as a resource to Association and Branch Officers to aid compliance to the Safeguarding Policy; Provide a copy of the policy and any relevant procedures and guidelines to Branch Secretaries for dissemination to Branch Officers and Tower Captains; ensure that any concerns of inappropriate behaviour are reported to the relevant authorities, including the Bishop's Advisor for Safeguarding in the Diocese within the Association; review the Policy annually to ensure compliance with relevant legislation; maintain appropriate records where necessary; act with discretion and confidentiality if handling personal information and data. Consult with the President on any contentious issues.

## **Inspection and Maintenance Officer**

The Inspection and Maintenance Officer shall co-ordinate bell inspections by liaising with Branch and Diocesan bell advisors. He or she shall promote planned maintenance of bells and equipment.

## **Public Relations Officer**

The Public Relations Officer shall develop good public relations by contact with local Churches, Church publications and with the media (both locally and nationally when appropriate). He or she shall provide guidance to Branches and towers on local public relations and recruitment.

## **DUTY OF GENERAL OFFICERS**

### **Fund Raising Coordinator**

The Fund Raising Coordinator shall coordinate the organisation of fund raising activities for the Bell Restoration Fund at Association level. He or she shall provide information and guidance to Branches and towers on fund raising at local level.

### **Conservation Officer**

The Conservation Officer shall compile and maintain details of items of historical and local interest associated with bells and bell-ringing with reference to national guidelines on conservation where they exist. He or she shall assist and advise Branches and towers on conservation work proposed or required.

## **HOW DO I GET TO BE AN OFFICER?**

Simple-each year, around the end of August, your Branch Secretaries will be informed of the posts up for election at the end of the year. Also, details will normally be published in the newsletter.

Nominations must be received by the General Secretary by the end of October for posts which will normally be taken with effect from the AGM the following April. This delay is there to allow sufficient time for a postal ballot to be completed and the result announced before the end of the calendar year.

Nominations should consist of an individual proposer and seconder (or a Branch can nominate a person) and a signed statement from the nominee that they are happy to stand.

If there is more than one nomination for a post and a vote is required, then the nominee may also need to provide brief biographical details to help the voters make their choice!

If you are interested in holding a particular office, please make your interest known to your fellow ringers and Branch members and speak to the person currently in the job to find out what it involves.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*"There's nothing like a jolly good disaster to get people doing things" (Prince, now King, Charles)*

I wasn't going to find a quote for this year, because last Years hasn't appeared after I'd written it, and I was more than irked!

I have to say that 2024 has been a bit of a disaster - my quote to the rest of the Trustees was "The Association seems to be upside -down"

First, let me apologise on behalf of the Trustees and the Officers about the lack of an Annual Report for 2023 - this has been for many reasons which would take up a lot of pages and my time. Suffice it to say it looks like the Annual Report for 2023 isn't going to appear after all, and subsequently, the 2024 Annual Report will have to reflect it. I am grateful to Pilar for running with this and trying to sort it out - even having to resort to doing it clerically. The membership Mojo is still not right, we seem to have lost over 300 members, but I'm assured a lot of this was because the old tower lists had lots of lapsed ringers on them, and even some no longer alive.

There were 3 Committee meetings this Year, the extra one was in June, which will be repeated in 2025 with the LACR 150th Anniversary coming up in 2026.

I was present at the Striking Competition at Tuebrook in May; with 9 teams entering (although there were 11 till the night before) and a good time was had by all. Philip Earis came up to judge for us and thanks must be expressed to him. In 2025, the LACR Striking Competition will, however, revert to its old October slot, to give branches time to hold their local ones, or basically to get a team together.

I attended the dedication of the ring of 8 at Over Kellet in February. The day before was the Open Day, which was very good. A well esteemed ringer from the Association texted me "did they forget to tune them?", to which the reply went back, "That's the problem - they didn't", which was followed by the reply "Oh dear!" (I still have that text). Although at Church Kirk, they had been Warner bells of not the best era, these bells were wrecked by over-tuning and most of the year has been spent trying to get Taylors to retract their digit, with every letter sent to them having to be chased up, sometimes more than once. After all the contra temps the result has been the 2 new trebles have been taken away and replaced with another 2 of a different profile, which has made the ring a little brighter; but the 7th is still stuck at the back of the ring, sounding like a mangled old pan which, (and we will continue to battle with Taylors) should also have been replaced. On a better note (see what I did there?), the dedication of the new 10 at Rochdale took place in October and are a very good, usable ring. Barnoldswick were augmented to 8 in July; In September I had the privilege of ringing the first peal on the Treble, which the Association gave in memory of Colin Ashworth.

Our Treasurer, Andy Kayll has *almost* now got us right with the banking.... this has been tortuous throughout the Year thanks to HSBC, but hopefully we can now transfer money over without having to have it written in 4 different blood types!

The North West Ringing Course took place at the new venue of Borwick Hall; Yours truly managed to go this year and it was very good, and so was the beer...lots of it. No doubt training will be mentioned elsewhere, as will the RWNYS, where again, for the third year, we came second; one day we will win it.

Once again, the Year ended (or began depending which way you look at it) with the Annual Quiz Night, which despite the snow was still as popular as ever. Thanks, must be given to Graham for his efforts, and I must remind you all that the BRF needs more than the profit from the Quiz night to keep it buoyant. With lots of bell restoration going on, the LACR needs a fundraising officer - seriously!

There are also other posts up for election - Pauline Campling has offered to stand as the General Secretary, with Owen Battye as peal Secretary. There are vacancies for Ringing Master as well as the aforementioned Fund Raising Officer.

As I finish writing I have heard news that ringing has had to be suspended at Lancaster Priory due to the tower; this being on top of the incident at Lancaster Cathedral only 3 weeks earlier where due to an accident, the 4th has been cracked. Hopefully these issues can be resolved.

Once again, I would like to thank the officers who are stepping down for their efforts, time and diligence and welcome those new officers who will be elected at the AGM.  
Every good wish for 2025

FR. MARTIN DANIELS - President

## **OBITUARIES**

During the last year we have learned, with regret, of the death of the following members:

To their family and friends, we offer our deepest sympathy.

A J Eric Musson – Clitheroe St Mary

Robert Sutcliffe – Waddington, St Mary

Sandie Mills – Cartmel, St Mary

Ian W Taylor – Ulverston, St Mary

Chrystine Butcher – Lytham, St John

Elizabeth Cosnett – Liverpool, (Pier Head) Our Lady & St Nicholas

William John Thomas – Rainhill, St Ann

Les Miller – Middleton, St Leonard

Stan Sefton – Rainford, All Saints

Eric Binks – Southport, Emmanuel

Peter Sutton – Wigan, All Saints

## **Elizabeth Joan Cosnett**

### **1936 – 2024**

Elizabeth was born and bred in the Liverpool suburb of Wavertree. She read English Literature at St. Hugh's College, Oxford, and was an English teacher for almost forty years, the majority of them at St. Katherine's College, now Liverpool Hope University.

Elizabeth was introduced to ringing at Liverpool Parish Church during the early 1960s, through her great friend and teaching colleague, Gwen Howlett. She was elected a member of the Lancashire Association in 1964, going on to ring two peals and numerous quarter-peals. She was a loyal member of the Pierhead band for over half a century and a devoted member of the church's congregation throughout her entire life.

As well as ringing, Elizabeth was a prolific and award-winning hymn-writer. Indeed, her hymns have been published in hymnals worldwide.

Elizabeth made the decision to retire from ringing in Spring 2015, just before her 79th birthday. Although she did not enjoy good health during the final years of her life, she was well looked after in residential care, where she died peacefully on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. Following her memorial service at Liverpool Parish Church, Elizabeth's ashes were scattered at the base of the tower, in the heart of the city that had been her home for eighty-eight years.

Bryan J. McCahey

## **William John Thomas**

### **1934 – 2024**

John was born in Ellesmere Port but spent most of his married life in Rainhill. After National Service, he completed his apprenticeship in carpentry, working latterly as Clerk of Works for Knowsley Borough Council. John was a very modest man of many talents. For instance, he built his own house from scratch, could sew, cook and repair anything.

He learned to ring at St. Ann's Rainhill in 1996 when the light ring of six was installed and was elected a member of the Lancashire Association in 1997. His meticulous carpentry skills were put to good use, both at St. Ann's and at nearby St. Bart's, where he assisted the Merseyside Bell Restoration Group in the refurbishment of the ringing chambers.

Ringing brought great pleasure to John, especially when his daughter Fleur and granddaughter Naomi learned to ring. He often expressed regret at not having discovered the pleasures of The Exercise at a younger age. He recognised the importance of visiting other towers to gain experience of ringing heavier bells. In particular, he enjoyed attending practices at neighbouring Prescott for a number of years.

Sadly, poor health forced John to retire from ringing around twelve years ago, but he was a loyal member of the St. Ann's band for some fifteen years, as well as a long-serving member of the congregation. John died peacefully on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The bells were rung both before and after his funeral at St. Ann's Rainhill.

Bryan J. McCahey

**Robert ‘Bob’ Sutcliffe**  
**29<sup>th</sup> October 1944 - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Bob was a quiet man and few knew of his background. Born in Bacup, he moved to Burnley in 1947. Following matriculation from Burnley Grammar School, he undertook a year's work experience on a farm near Kendal, in order to attend Myerscough College, where he qualified as a farming advisor. Bob was successful in gaining a job with the Agricultural Training Board, initially working and living in Harrogate before moving to Wigtown, Cumbria. Whilst based at Wigtown, he bought and completely renovated an old farmhouse

After a short time, he fancied a change, and went walking and working in France. When the money ran out, he returned to the UK, and decided to make his lifelong passion of sailing into a career, and studied for his Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate, which allowed him to skipper a vessel up to 150 miles from shore. Further qualifications followed, and sailing boats for their owners became his living



After a number of years, he stepped back from both captaining crewing boats, to set up his own horticultural business in the Ribble Valley, where he maintained private gardens and took up walking. However, he did not give up sailing, as he bought his own yacht ~ the ‘*Cinq Mille*’ a 27-foot *Sabre*, berthed at Glasson Dock near Lancaster, which, surprise surprise, cost £5000. Besides sailing trips from Glasson to Ireland, the Isle of Mann and the West Coast of Scotland.

During 2010 Bob, along with another late ringer Brian Brookes, were ‘press ganged’ into trying their hands at Bellringing by our late esteemed ringer John Collier. They both took to this and Bob especially became a competent ringer. He mainly rang at St Helen Waddington for Sunday services and weddings, but also rang at all the other Ribble Valley towers. He joined in with the first RV ringing tour which ventured into ‘Yorkshire’ in 2022.

On retirement from gardening, his white van received an extensive internal makeover, of sorts, and he toured the West Coast of Scotland ~ the ‘*Man in the Van*’, perhaps a suitable subject for Alan Bennett to consider?

Bob will be sadly missed.

Derek Tate & Anita Bater



## **CHRYSTINE BUTCHER**

**14<sup>th</sup> September 1939 – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

It is with great sadness that the Fylde branch learned of Chrystine's passing on 25 May. As branch secretary for many years and a keen ringer at St John's Lytham she made a significant contribution to the progression of ringing in the branch and in particular at her home tower.

Chrystine was born in St Anne's on 14 September to Constance and Harold Lord. She attended Queen Mary's School being head girl there in 1957-58. She joined the WRAF in October 1958 in Air Traffic Control on fighter squadrons and had numerous postings. She married Flight Lieutenant Terry Butcher in April 1966. She then worked at BAC/BAE in Flight Operations from 1973 until November 1999. Her sons David and Richard were born in 1967 and 1969. She had four grandchildren.

Her devotion and commitment to the church of St John the Divine in Lytham ensured that it prospered, working as PCC secretary for thirty years. In 1984 she helped to form a new band of bellringers to ring again after a thirty year silence.

After attending courses in Hereford and Ripon, Chrystine was determined that the bells be pealed. After a first quarter peal on 23 April 1989 (on the second to Bob Doubles) and a second a month later, on 7 October 1989 Chrystine rang her one and only peal of 5040 changes, Bob Doubles in 2 hours 46 minutes. I won't repeat what she said immediately afterwards; only that the bells needed to be rehung with new bearings. As tower captain, she instigated and completed the project in 1992. No problem that the church had just used the last of its funds doing the roof; we would have to just raise the £14,000 ourselves.

She was now secretary of the Fylde branch, supporting and keeping the thirteen ringable towers together too, and did so until 2014. She rang a total of 36 quarter peals, 18 at St John's and the rest at St Cuthbert's, St Peter's, St Joseph's and St Anne's. Twenty four were Grandsire, two Plain Bob Doubles, and on six bells she rang nine of Plain Bob and one of Cambridge Minor.

Chrystine understood that bells were sacred objects with ringing to be dedicated primarily for services. She was also of the opinion that bells should be rung open, to celebrate life – hence the bells remaining unmuffled at her funeral. The inscription "Devotion, Death and Happiness bid us sound" was more than applicable as we rang for her funeral.

Thank you Chrystine for looking after the church and for sounding the bells. God Bless!

Sid Lloyd

## GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Association currently has approximately 750 members. The majority of members have transferred to the new online membership scheme. There are still some hesitant towers, and many thanks go to the Branch Secretaries for their help in spreading the message of the new scheme.

Please note membership notices are no longer sent out by the General Secretary to towers, either by post or online. Renewal requests are automatically generated and sent out by the online membership system. It may be necessary to check a junk or spam folder if you have not received your renewal request.

Also, if you are a Life Member, you need to sign up so you receive any relevant information and so that you are counted as a member! Members can make changes to their preferences/personal details in their profiles on the membership profile.

The 2024 calendar saw a number of events including a good turnout for the Annual Quiz, many thanks to Graham Turner for organising again.

Manchester Branch hosted the AGM, making many towers available to ring at, followed by a service, tea and the meeting at Pendelton, St Thomas. There was a good level of attendance, with a number of new faces. Many thanks to the Manchester Branch for all their work organising the day and to St Thomas for hosting.

Although the LACR Ringing Master had spent a deal of time in arranging an eight-bell striking competition for the Association, it was unfortunate that a lack of entries caused the event to be called off. The current rules for 6&8 Bell striking competitions allow for a band to ring Call Changes if they wish, as the emphasis is on striking the bells well rather than demonstrating the ability to ring complex methods. If your tower/branch has good striking do not be put off that other teams will be 'better', they probably aren't. If you would like more information in being involved in any way, please contact the Ringing Master for more details. Please also feel free to come and support teams even if you are not taking part yourself. There will always be a cup of tea and someone to chat to.

The Bell Restoration fund continues to offer grants to various projects, if you have a project that you feel may benefit from a grant, please feel free to make informal enquires for advice before submitting a formal application.

The BRF has been bolstered by the funds received from sources such as the Quiz night and gifts in wills. There are several projects currently in the pipeline and donations are always gratefully received. Please think about joining the 'regular giving scheme' to the BRF.

BETH INGHAM – Hon. General Secretary

## **TREASURERS REPORT**

2024 was the first full year the association has made use of PayPal, Stripe and BACS as payment methods for membership. The PayPal and Stripe integration with Membermojo has given the association the tools it needs to move forwards, communicate more effectively with members and reconcile payments much more easily. I would point out that whilst there are fees to pay for PayPal and Stripe, it does make reconciliation more accurate and makes the job of Treasurer and Membership Secretary easier.

It's great to see higher value projects being approved for grants and with £33,500.00 paid out this year, the Bell Restoration Fund is helping towers to keep ringing. The BRF has made a nice sum of money in interest this year, however it's the regular giving and donations that make a noticeable difference year on year. Unfortunately, we cannot rely on interest rates.

We received a donation of £2031.72 from a ringing holiday group, which came completely out of the blue. The group was known as the Easter Ringing Holiday Group and I would like to thank them for thinking of the Bell Restoration Fund when it came to donating the remaining funds.

I would like to remind everyone that any monies not received by the 31<sup>st</sup> January will not be included in the accounts for that year. We're still finding our feet with Membermojo and timings of payments in, however membership money income is fairly consistent even if it misses the year end. Donations and monies from other sources are best if it's accounted for in the year it was intended.

Thank you all for another great year and I look forward to 2025.

ANDREW W KAYLL – Hon. Treasurer

# LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - GENERAL FUND

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31/12/2024

INCOMING RESOURCES	2024	2023
Member Subscriptions	£7,820.00	£10,721.03
Affiliation Scheme	£618.00	£523.00
Peal Fees	£719.00	£804.00
Interest Received	£744.45	£418.11
Donations	£50.00	£200.00
LACR Raffle 2024	£641.00	£0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>£10,592.45</b>	<b>£12,666.14</b>
Annual Report Costs	£0.00	£0.00
Ringing World Notices	£47.60	£181.32
Insurance	£602.30	£587.19
CCCBR Subscriptions	£0.00	£0.00
CCCBR Reps Expenses	£827.54	£2,124.29
Report Secretary's Expenses	£0.00	£2,982.11
Purchases	£0.00	£309.00
Woodhouse RM Expenses	£141.97	£126.83
Meeting Venue Hire	£0.00	£0.00
Website/Zoom/Webinar Expenses	£0.00	£976.33
Training Expenses	£0.00	£92.00
Bank Charges	£305.83	£313.49
Membership Secretary Expenses	£0.00	£70.00
Bursary Scheme	£1,902.85	£1,366.75
Transfer to BRF	£0.00	£12,570.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£3,828.09</b>	<b>£21,699.31</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>£6,764.36</b>	<b>(£9,033.17)</b>

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - GENERAL FUND

Balance Sheet for the year ended 31/12/2024

CURRENT ASSETS		2024	2023
Cash at Bank	HSBC - Current (495)	£3,809.89	£8,832.00
	HSBC - Deposit (509)	£39,952.59	£30,033.14
	Paypal	£962.63	£962.63
	Stripe	£4,347.54	£2,480.52
Cash in Hand		£127.77	£127.77
TOTAL ASSETS		£49,200.42	£42,436.06
Balance represented by	Balance b/f	£42,436.06	£51,469.23
	Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	£6,764.36	(£9,033.17)
TOTAL ASSETS		£49,200.42	£42,436.06

# LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - BELL RESTORATION FUND

Registered Charity Number 511167

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31/12/2024

INCOMING RESOURCES	2024	2023
Fundraising Efforts		
Donations from Branches - See Note 2	£220.00	£435.00
Donations from Churches - See Note 3	£0.00	£0.00
Affiliation Scheme	£50.00	£50.00
Donations from Members & Friends		
Regular Giving Monthly Scheme	£900.00	£948.00
Donations from Members & Friends - See Note 4	£2,411.27	£100.00
Bank Interest Received	£1,079.46	£1,387.12
NS&I Interest Received	£75.42	£62.91
Interest Received on COIF Funds - See Note 6	£9,070.98	£12,137.57
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>£13,807.13</b>	<b>£15,749.10</b>
Extra-ordinary Items		
Transfer From Gen Fund	£0.00	£10,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>£13,807.13</b>	<b>£25,749.10</b>
EXPENDITURE	2024	2023
Grants Paid - See Note 5	£33,500.00	£31,961.00
Bank Charges	£77.12	£68.80
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£33,577.12</b>	<b>£32,029.80</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>(£19,769.99)</b>	<b>(£6,280.70)</b>



# **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - BELL RESTORATION FUND**

**Registered Charity Number 511167**

**Balance Sheet for the year ended 31/12/2024**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Cash on Deposit		
NS & I Income Bond	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
HSBC Bell Restoration Fund - Current Account (517)	£ 21,187.50	£ 29,747.40
HSBC Bell Restoration Fund - MoneyMaster Account (525)	£ 17,553.54	£ 37,834.61
COIF Charity Deposit Account [C] - See Note 6	£ 95,123.90	£ 88,224.64
COIF Charity Investment Account [T] - See Note 6	£ 58,550.23	£ 57,256.79
COIF Charity Fixed Interest Account [B] - See Note 6	£ 29,603.14	£ 28,724.86
CASH	£ -	£ -
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>£ 224,018.31</b>	<b>£ 243,788.30</b>
Balance represented by		
Balance b/f	£243,788.30	£250,069.00
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(£19,769.99)	(£6,280.70)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>£224,018.31</b>	<b>£243,788.30</b>

Notes to the Accounts

1 The Accounts are prepared on a Cash basis

2 Branch Donations made during the year as follows:

Preston Branch	£	100.00
Rochdale Branch in memory of:	£	120.00
Derek Howarth, Milnrow (2022)		
A Peter Ogden, East Crompton (2023)		
Terry Halstead, Todmorden (2023)		
Leslie Miller, Middleton (2024)		
	£	220.00

3 Church Donations made during the year as follows:

£	-
£	-

4 Donations from Members & Friends

Stuart Newton	£	25.00
John Gunner	£	30.00
North West Ringing Course	£	259.05
Easter Ringing Holiday Group via David Williamson	£	2,031.72
Todmorden Friday Nighters	£	65.50
	£	2,411.27

5 Summary of Grants paid during the year and outstanding at the year end:

Beneficiaries	Amount	Paid in 2024	Yr	Outstanding
Barnoldswick	£ 6,500.00	£ 6,500.00	2024	
Rochdale	£ 21,000.00	£ 21,000.00	2024	
Whalley	£ 6,000.00	£ 6,000.00	2024	
	£ 33,500.00	£ 33,500.00		£ -

Unclaimed grants will be deemed as having lapsed if work has not commenced after 2 years

6 COIF Funds - Closing figures accurate for 31/12/2024

FUND	Charity Deposit Account [C]	Charity Investment Account [T]	Charity Fixed Interest Account [B]	Totals
Opening Balances 01/01/2023	£88,224.64	£57,256.79	£28,724.86	£174,206.29
Interest 2024	£6,899.26	£1,293.44	£878.28	
Automatic Transfers to Deposit Account				
Increase / (Decrease) in Assets at 31/12/2024	£6,899.26	£1,293.44	£878.28	
Closing Balances at 31/12/2024	£95,123.90	£58,550.23	£29,603.14	£183,277.27
			Growth in year	£9,070.98

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers

I report on the accounts of the group for the year ended 31/01/2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work. Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act)
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act)
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*):

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name:	Karen Postlethwaite
Qualification:	FCCA
Address:	38 Brookhorne Rd, Caton, LA29 0JT
Date:	31/03/2025
Signature:	K Postlethwaite

## THE AFFILIATION SCHEME

The Affiliation Scheme was first discussed in 1914 but despite various draft documents was not passed by the committee until 1930. The original letter to churches is lost, but the scheme was set up so that churches, whether they had ringers or not, could be made aware that grants from the Association were available towards the cost of bell repair work. A later letter to a local church states that; "Your support has been of considerable help in the establishment of a Bell Restoration Fund" and that "Members may seek advice from the Association on any matter relating to bells and bell-towers, and expert advice can be at their service." You do not need to be affiliated to the scheme to receive a grant from the Association. At present, grants are running at 10-12½% of work proposed, which is good and well worth the minimum donation of £10 per year. Donation request letters go out in October to be replied to by December 31st and the church name should then appear in the list of affiliating churches in the Annual Report issued in April. Donations may be made by standing order or by bank transfer if required. Please contact the Treasurer for details.

This is my second report as Affiliation Scheme Secretary, so I hope that people are getting used to requests coming from me. This year we have received donations from 56 towers, totalling £1,348.00. We have made payments from the Bell Restoration Fund to 3 projects that have completed this year, at Barnoldswick, Rochdale & Whalley.

While we have been lucky in recent years in receiving substantial legacies, the contributions made or promised to projects is reducing that fund noticeably, so we are very grateful to all the towers who have contributed as this does ensure a continuing income for us. As we approach our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I will be increasing my efforts to reach out to all the towers in the Association to encourage them to consider becoming an affiliate.

RACHEL TUKE – Hon. Affiliation Scheme Secretary

## SUBSCRIBERS TO THE AFFILIATION SCHEME

### **Blackburn Branch**

Barnoldswick, St Mary-le-Ghyll  
Blackburn, St Jude  
Blackburn, St Silas  
Blackburn, The Cathedral  
Church Kirk, St James  
Colne, St Bartholomew  
Great Mytton, All Hallows  
Ribchester, St Wilfrid  
Slaidburn, St Andrew

### **Bolton Branch**

Bolton, St Peter, The Parish Church  
Farnworth, St John  
Horwich, Holy Trinity

### **Furness Branch**

Barrow-in-Furness, St James the Great  
Bowness, St Martin  
Crosthwaite, St Mary  
Kendal, Holy Trinity  
Kirkby-in-Furness, St Cuthbert  
Milnthorpe, St Thomas  
Sedbergh, St Andrew

### **Fylde Branch**

Ansdell, St Joseph R C  
Bispham, All Hallows  
Lytham, St Cuthbert  
Lytham, St John  
Lytham, St Peter  
Singleton, St Anne

### **Lancaster Branch**

Lancaster, Priory Church of St Mary  
Low Bentham, St John the Baptist

### **Liverpool Branch**

Farnworth, (Widnes) St Luke  
Liverpool, (Pier Head) Our Lady and St Nicholas  
Mossley Hill, (Penny Lane) St Barnabas  
Prescot, St Mary

### **Manchester Branch**

Ashton-Under-Lyne, St Peter  
Fallowfield, Holy Innocents  
Stretford, St Matthew  
Swinton, St Peter

### **Preston Branch**

Adlington, St Paul  
Bamber Bridge, (Brownedge) St Mary R C  
Chipping, St Bartholomew  
Eccleston, St Mary  
Leyland, St Andrew  
Penwortham, St Mary  
Preston, Minster Church of St John  
Samlesbury, St Leonard-the-Less

### **Rochdale Branch**

Balderstone, St Mary  
Heywood, St Luke  
Milnrow, St James  
Newhey, St Thomas  
Oldham, (Moorside) St Thomas  
Rochdale, St Chad

### **Rossendale Branch**

Bury, St Mary  
Haslingden, St James  
Ramsbottom, St Paul  
Rawtenstall, St Mary

### **Wigan Branch**

Aughton, St Michael  
Rainford, All Saints  
Southport, (Crossens) St John

## **INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE OFFICER**

This year has seen a few projects progressing throughout the Association, some with, and some without an input from the Association.

In terms of advice to towers, a visit to Pilling, St. John the Baptist was requested. This arose owing to a piece of stone falling into the church from under the ringing room floor. Although this was not large, it fell a long way and could have hurt someone badly if it struck them directly. Ringing had been temporarily suspended, so it was important to act promptly.

As with all towers, there is movement when the bells ring and it is natural for people not involved in bellringing to be more concerned. The thought is that it has happened as a direct result of the ringing and may be an indication of a worsening situation.

Primarily, it was important to ensure that the tower movement was not excessive and that the frame was well anchored – this proved to be the case. The piece of stone that fell off was from where the ringing room floor rests on the wall, effectively just facing stone, but was possibly sheared off by someone standing on the floor above. This is a substantial tower and the steel frame is relatively new, less than 40 years old. Having established that there were no immediate concerns about the tower, whilst there, it was sensible to check the rest of the installation.

The inspection showed that one particular action has been very effective in keeping this belfry in a state of good repair – the installation of substantial wire mesh up at the louvres, keeping the wildlife out. A report on other minor findings was issued.

A grant had been offered to Whalley St. Mary the Virgin & All Saints for refurbishment of the fittings to bring these bells, just a century old, back to the easy-going ring they should be. As is required, it is necessary to check that granted work is done as proposed. A brief inspection confirmed that this is the case and it is hoped another century has been taken care of here.

Again, thanks are due to Ray Helliwell for assisting on inspection duties.

ANTHONY HELLIWELL – Inspection & Maintenance Office

**A. Helliwell**

**Inspection and Maintenance Officer**

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## THE DEREK OGDEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library and archive is situated in the tower of Manchester Cathedral, but the available space in the tower for it is very limited. Many of the archive items such as old peal books are stored in plastic boxes in the intermediate chamber above the ringing chamber. There is a plan to rehang the Cathedral bells in the next few years, so these boxes may have to be moved again in the future. The bound copies of The Ringing World had been kept separately in the gallery of the nearby church of Sacred Trinity, Salford, but have now been removed as the church is planning to redevelop the space in the gallery.

I regularly receive enquiries about LACR members, towers, bells and peals which require perusal of the annual reports and peal books, but I have never received any enquiries which require study of old copies of ringing journals. The LACR has never actually owned a full set of bound Ringing Worlds or of any other ringing journal. All the ringing journals have now been donated to collectors or recycled.

All editions of 'Ringing World' (1911-1970), together with all editions of the old journals 'Church Bells' (1870-1906), 'Bell News' (1881-1915), 'Campanology' (1986-1897) and 'The Bellringer' (1907) can now be viewed on the Central Council website and copies can be downloaded by anyone for personal use free of charge:-

<https://cccbr.org.uk/resources/library/online-publications/>

Copies of some 250 antiquarian books (including Cheetham's 'The Church Bells of Lancashire' and many other old books in our library) can also be viewed free of charge on the website of The Whiting Society:-

<https://www.whittingsociety.org.uk/old-ringing-books/old-books-menu.html>

Copies of the DVD containing scanned copies of all annual reports up to 2019 are still available to LACR members to purchase at a cost of £10 each (including p&p/delivery). I have donated a copy of the annual reports DVD to the Central Council library.

I have been in correspondence with Mr Mark Jones, a non-ringer from Bristol, who was writing a book about old recordings of church bells, carillons and handbell ensembles published on shellac and vinyl records. The LACR library holds a number of old shellac 78's and vinyl LP's (remember those?) which I was able to assist him with. He has now published the book cataloguing all the available bell recordings, which contains acknowledgements both to me and the LACR. I have since unearthed a 78 of Mossley bells, and Mark is still collecting details of others that come to light. For updates see:-

<https://bristol-folk.weebly.com/updates-and-additions.html>

For anyone interested the book is available from:-

<https://bristol-folk.weebly.com/british-bell-records-on-shellac-and-vinyl.html>

GEORGE LEE – Hon. Librarian

# LANCASHIRE LADS AND LASSES

## 3L'S

Are you aged between 8–25 years old, fed up of ringing with all the old codgers and dream of ringing with other ringers of your own age? Then why not join our young ringers' group, The Lancashire Lads and Lasses. We aim to meet monthly at various locations across Lancashire to ring and socialise together.

We are the Lancashire Lads and Lasses, also known as the 3L's. The 3Ls are open to all young ringers aged 25 or under, whether members of the LACR or not. All we ask is that you are able to control a bell, safely and unaided. We also encourage parents to come along as supporters. Meetings are held once every 4-6 weeks at various towers and in different areas. Practices are targeted to meet the needs of all young ringers, regardless of ability. Why not come along to a meeting to see what we are all about, enjoy the relaxed ringing atmosphere and meet other ringers of your own age.

Practices are held regularly and all dates and venues are published on the LACR calendar:

**[www.lacr.uk/calendar](http://www.lacr.uk/calendar)**

As we move into Spring, we will begin to select a team, or teams, to represent the LACR in the Ringing World National Youth Contest (RWNYC), an annual striking competition held every July at prestigious venues across the UK. For more information visit: **[www.rwnyc.ringingworld.co.uk](http://www.rwnyc.ringingworld.co.uk)**

The Lancashire Lads and Lasses objectives are:

- To provide a facility for all young ringers to meet, ring and socialise together.
- To foster a relaxed, friendly and inclusive atmosphere and make ringing a fun, happy hobby for all
- To enter a band or bands annually into the Ringing World National Youth Competition (RWNYC)
- To Appoint a Ringing Master & Secretary who will be responsible for the organisation of group
- To help members financially via a small grant received annually from LACR
- To encourage every branch within the LACR to elect a Youth Officer to act as a point of contact for the 3Ls officers.

3L'S Officers...

**Ringing Master:** Graham Turner: [graham.turnerrm@gmail.com](mailto:graham.turnerrm@gmail.com)

**3L's Secretary:** [lllsecretary2018@gmail.com](mailto:lllsecretary2018@gmail.com)

Or visit **[www.lacr.uk/the-3Ls](http://www.lacr.uk/the-3Ls)**

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

This is an award designed to encourage the younger members of the Association.  
It will be issued to Resident Members who fulfil all of the following conditions:

- Ability to ring a Plain course on an inside bell in any three of the standard methods (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob)
- Ability to conduct a touch of two courses in any of these methods
- The achievement of ringing one peal or having rung two quarter peals on an inside bell in any two of the four standard methods

The attainment of this certificate will be marked by an asterisk (\*) in the Annual Report.

The award will be made at the discretion of the Branch Committee.

### **Certificates were awarded during 2024 to:**

- Victoria Boardman – Kirkham, St Michael
- Morgan Snape – Poulton, St Chad

Congratulations on your achievement!

### **DIARY DATES FOR 2025/2026**

#### **LACR CALENDAR DATES 2025**

26.04.25: LACR AGM Blackburn Branch, St Jude's  
21.06.25: LACR June committee meeting Blackpool, St Christopher's  
13.09.25: LACR September Committee Meeting, Ramsbottom, St Paul  
04.10.25: LACR 6 & 8 Bell Striking Competition, Bury, St Mary's  
TBC LACR 10 Bell Striking Competition  
TBC LACR Training Days

#### **LACR CALENDAR DATES 2026**

04.01.26: LACR Quiz Night  
07.02.26: LACR February committee meeting Blackburn Branch  
25.04.26: LACR AGM Furness Branch  
06.06.26: LACR 150<sup>th</sup> Dinner  
10.06.26: LACR 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
13.06.26: LACR 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration St Lawrence, Chorley  
05.09.26: LACR September Committee Meeting, Wigan Branch  
TBC LACR 6 & 8 Bell Striking Competition  
TBC LACR 10 Bell Striking Competition  
TBC LACR Training Days

Please note, some of these dates/venues are liable to change. Please check website [www.lacr.uk](http://www.lacr.uk) or with General Secretary nearer the date.

## BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Symbols used in the list of ringing members are as follows:

\*Holder of the LACR Certificate of Proficiency

#Life Ringing Member

+Peal total includes peals rung prior to discontinued membership and subsequent rejoining of the Association

### Notes

Peal totals refer only to those rung for the Association.

The left hand column by each member name shows the number of peals rung during 2024 and the right hand column shows the number of peals rung in total for the LACR.

Where tower contacts have supplied postcodes for towers these have been used in this report. Where postcodes have not been supplied, the ones published in Dove have been used. There are known inaccuracies with this information and all tower correspondents are urged to check details.

Tenor weights are given in both imperial and metric form. The metric figure is a conversion so the imperial weight is an estimate, it will not necessarily be accurate to the exact kilogram.

The OS six-figure grid references preceded by the grid letters are for use with 1:50,000 Ordnance Survey maps.

The information given in this report is correct at the time of going to press. Visitors are advised to telephone or email the Corresponding Member at least ten days beforehand in order to ensure that ringing is taking place.

## **BLACKBURN BRANCH**

(Meeting Day: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday)

**Branch Secretary:** Alex Rhodes-Gilrane. **Tel:** 07759 355506. **Email:** kararhodesgilrane@gmail.com  
**Ringling Master:** Adam Marriott. **Tel:** 07989 293550. **Email:** adambmarriott@btinternet.com

2024 has been quite an interesting year for the Blackburn Branch.

We're still seeing a similar reluctance as the years since the COVID-19 pandemic in ringers wanting to return to their towers on a regular basis, however, we have had a good few new ringers come into our radar, which will hopefully assist in making the numbers climb back up at Branch Practices and events.

We lost a Clitheroe ringer and former long-standing Tower Captain, Eric Musson, who passed away in hospital at the age of 93. I, personally, never met him, but I've heard he was paramount in many ringers' learning and development. He will be missed.

We also lost a ringer from Waddington, Bob Sutcliffe. Again, I never had the privilege of meeting him, but he was highly regarded by those who knew him.

The Blackburn Branch has seen interest from visiting bands and ringers over the past 12 months, which is always good and exciting to see; we grow stronger as we work together.

Speaking of "together", we were delighted to ring for, and attend, the wedding of two of Blackburn Cathedral's ringers, Laura and Andy. It was a joyous occasion that saw many local and visiting ringers come together to celebrate.

As we see in 2025, we hope that we will develop even more, as ringers, and as people. Thank you to everyone who helps out regularly. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Alex Rhodes-Gilrane – Blackburn Branch Secretary

# BLACKBURN BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### ACCRINGTON, St James

Contact: Anthony Helliwell

Tel: 01254 393740

Email: t500ajh@gmail.com

Practice: Friday 19:30-20:30 1st, 3rd & 5th (phone to check)

Sunday Service: 10:00-10:30

*#1962 Anthony J Helliwell	-	77	*1987 Nina L Helliwell	-	5
*#1969 Nigel R Platt	-	16	*1987 Susan M Norris	-	4
*#1973 Ian G Benson	-	24	+1993 Linden J Charnley	-	-
*1976 Janette Holland	-	3	2013 Victoria J L Helliwell	-	-
1980 John Holland	-	3	2016 Harry Helliwell	-	-
*1980 Elaine L Holmes	-	3			

12 Bells. 11-1-14 (578kgs)

Post Code: BB5 2EW

OS Grid Ref: SD760285

### BARNOLDSWICK, St Mary-le-Ghyll

Contact: Diane Flores

Email: diane.yorkshire@gmail.com

Practice: Tuesday 19:30-21:00

Sunday Service Ringing: 11:30. Second Sunday is 10:30

2007 Freda Hanson	-	-	2016 Christine Daniel	-	-
2008 Jolyon Felton	-	-	2016 Diane McDowell	-	-
*2008 Stuart Moore	-	1	2016 George McDowell	-	-
2013 Eunice King	-	-	2022 Janet Cocker	-	-

6 Bells. 12-1-17 (630kgs)

Post Code: BB18 6JG

OS Grid Ref: SD893480

### BLACKBURN, St Jude

Contact: Peter D Williams

Tel: 07816 268090

Email: stigwilliams2017@gmail.com

Practice: none at present

Sunday Service Ringing: 11:15-12:00 2nd Sunday (please check)

8 Bells. 6-0-23 (315kgs)

Post Code: BB1 3JL

OS Grid Ref: SD700281

### BLACKBURN, St Silas

Contact: Charlotte A Ferguson

Tel: 07718 570549

Email: charlottetf@ntlworld.com

Practice: Friday 20:00

Sunday Service Ringing: 10:00-10:30

*1996 Charlotte Ferguson	-	1	*1996 Robert Moody	-	35
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8 Bells. 17-2-14 (895kgs)

Post Code: BB2 6PS

OS Grid Ref: SD667285

# BLACKBURN BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### BLACKBURN, The Cathedral

**Contact:** Ian Fowler

**Tel:** 07484 830542

**Email:** ianpowler56@gmail.com

**10 Bells.** 25-1-14 (1,289kgs)

**Post Code:** BB1 5AS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD684280

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:50-10:30. 14:45-16:00 QPs by arrangement

*#1957 Gary Wignall	-	22	#2013 Keith Wilson	-	-
*#1969 Graham Barnes	-	5	2015 Andrea Robinson	-	-
*#1969 Ian Fowler	-	4	*2016 Andy Cope	-	2
#1980 Brenda Wilson	-	1	*2016 Laura Robinson	-	1
*1999 Raymond Hutchings	12	846	2019 Peter Booth	-	-
2006 Beate von Bremen	-	-	2019 Pilar Holt	-	-
2011 Bruce Kitchin	-	-	2022 Connor Blakey	-	-
*2013 Nigel Spooner	-	1			

### BOLTON-BY-BOWLAND, SS Peter & Paul

**Contact:** Caroline Langley

**Email:** caroline.langley@hotmail.co.uk

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00 (check rota on [www.lacr.uk](http://www.lacr.uk))

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:45-11:15

**6 Bells.** 13-2-7 (689kgs)

**Post Code:** BB7 4NS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD785494

### BURNLEY, St Peter

**Contact:** Andrew D Sibson

**Tel:** 07775 857249

**Email:** andrew.sibson@hotmail.com

**Practice:** First Tuesday in the month (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

#1961 Richard J Parker	-	727	1991 Andrew D Sibson	5	912
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**10 Bells.** 18-0-8 (918kgs)

**Post Code:** BB11 1UF

**OS Grid Ref:** SD843329

### CLITHEROE, St Mary

**Contact:** George H Campling

**Tel:** 07880 574304

**Email:** ghcampling@gmail.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00 (check rota on [www.lacr.uk](http://www.lacr.uk))

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:10-09:30

*#1968 Pauline Campling	6	1,407	2018 James Robinson	-	-
*#1971 A J Eric Musson	-	17	2019 Charlotte L Houlder	-	-
*1980 George H Campling	27	2,308	*2022 Garry Peel	1	28
*1985 Simon Woof	6	948	2023 Liz Evans	-	-
1989 Carol Duerden	-	-	2023 Emily Mortimore	-	-

**8 Bells.** 18-0-18 (923kgs)

**Post Code:** BB7 2DH

**OS Grid Ref:** SD744420

**BLACKBURN BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**COLNE, St Bartholomew**

**Contact:** Neil Garnett

**Tel:** 07932 267152

**Email:** garnett.standroyd@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:45-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**8 Bells.** 16-0-2 (814kgs)

**Post Code:** BB8 9BN

**OS Grid Ref:** SD889401

**DARWEN, St Peter**

**Contact:** Esther Shaw

**Tel:** 01254 776436

**Email:** p.shaw0@talk21.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 18:45-20:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

*1984 Esther Shaw	-	1	*2009 Peter Quigley	-	-
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**6 Bells.** 12-2-8 (639kgs)

**Post Code:** BB3 3HR

**OS Grid Ref:** SD694222

**DOWNHAM, St Leonard**

**Contact:** Ralph Assheton

**Tel:** 01200 441210

**Email:** rca.thelidgett@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Tuesday by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30 by arrangement

**5 Bells.** 12-2-8 (639kgs)

**Post Code:** BB7 4BL

**OS Grid Ref:** SD784442

**GISBURN, St Mary**

**Contact:** Caroline Langley

**Email:** caroline.langley@hotmail.co.uk

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:30-21:00 (check rota on [www.lacr.uk](http://www.lacr.uk))

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30 (please check)

2022 Caroline Langley	-	-
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**6 Bells.** 9-0-0 (457kgs)

**Post Code:** BB7 4HQ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD830489

**GREAT MYTTON, All Hallows**

**Contact:** Rev Brian McConkey

**Tel:** 01254 878352

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:00-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30. Evening ringing by arrangement

2006 Alan Birney	-	28
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**6 Bells.** 12-1-21 (632kgs)

**Post Code:** BB7 9PL

**OS Grid Ref:** SD716389

**LONG PRESTON, St Mary the Virgin**

**Contact:** Cynthia Johnston

**Tel:** 01729 840760

**Email:** philip@johnston1962.freemove.co.uk

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:45-11:00

**3 Bells.** 9-0-0 (457kgs)

**Post Code:** BD23 4NJ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD837582



**BLACKBURN BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**NELSON, St Philip**

**Contact:** Suzanne Waddicor

**Tel:** 07500 828868

**Practice:** by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

**8 Bells.** 14-0-2 (712kgs)

**Post Code:** BB9 9XB

**OS Grid Ref:** SD864381

**OSWALDTWISTLE, Immanuel**

**Contact:** Adam Marriott

**Tel:** 07989 293550

**Email:** adambmarriott@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Thursday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

**8 Bells.** 11-2-4 (586kgs)

**Post Code:** BB5 3QS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD733264

1984 Phil Clare	-	4	*2006 Adam Marriott	-	1
1984 Ruth Clare	-	-	*2015 Alex Rhodes-Gilrane	-	2
2006 Colin Hall	-	-			

**PADIHAM, St Leonard**

**Contact:** Matthew D Warburton

**Tel:** 01282 774401 or 07766 727454

**Email:** m.warburton2012@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 08.55-09:30 (please check)

**8 Bells.** 14-3-10 (754kgs)

**Post Code:** BB12 8HQ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD793340

*1990 Brian Sutcliffe	-	11	2001 Mark A Jones	-	1
*1995 Matthew D Warburton	1	115	2013 Rebecca H Pickles	-	-
2001 Isabel Jones	-	1			

**RIBCHESTER, St Wilfred**

**Contact:** Roger Forrest

**Tel:** 01254 878150

**Email:** roger48@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

**6 Bells.** 11-3-4 (599kgs)

**Post Code:** PR3 3XS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD649350

**RISHTON, SS Peter & Paul**

**Contact:** Eddie Carr

**Tel:** 07960 091456

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:45-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**8 Bells.** 15-0-13 (768kgs)

**Post Code:** BB1 4DD

**OS Grid Ref:** SD724303

**SLAIDBURN, St Andrew**

**Contact:** Edward Ireland

**Tel:** 01200 446488

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** occasional short periods of ringing

**6 Bells.** 15-1-6 (777kgs)

**Post Code:** BB7 3ER

**OS Grid Ref:** SD710521

**BLACKBURN BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**WADDINGTON, St Helen (gf)**

**Contact:** Anita Bater

**Tel:** 01200 538521 or 07816 985481

**Email:** anita.anitaclive@tiscali.co.uk

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00 (check rota on [www.lacr.uk](http://www.lacr.uk))

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:15-10:45

1977 John L Spencer	-	-	*2016 Robin Hatherell	-	-
*1987 Anita Bater	-	-	2022 Jack Rawcliffe	-	-
2011 Robert Sutcliffe	-	-	2022 Moira Rawcliffe	-	-

**6 Bells.** 7-3-16 (401kgs)

**Post Code:** BB7 3HT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD728438

**WHALLEY, St Mary and All Saints**

**Contact:** Adrian West

**Tel:** 01254 824484

**Email:** [adrian.west@zesaw.net](mailto:adrian.west@zesaw.net)

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:30-21:00 (please check [bellringers@whalleypc.org.uk](mailto:bellringers@whalleypc.org.uk))

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:30-10:00

2000 Catherine Duckworth	-	-	2008 Derek Tate	-	-
2000 Adrian West	-	-	2024 Susan Benson	-	-
2000 Sarah West	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 21-3-19 (1,114kgs)

**Post Code:** BB7 9SY

**OS Grid Ref:** SD733361

**BLACKBURN BRANCH, Unattached**

*+2019 Alan Scholfield	9	233
2023 Peter Hampson	-	40

## **BOLTON BRANCH**

(Meeting Day: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday)

**Branch Secretary:** Mr Eric Morgan. **Tel:** 07771 931986. **Email:** secretary@boltonbells.co.uk

**Ringing Master:** Mr Michael Durbar. **Email:** mdatuk@hotmail.com

2024 has been a quiet year compared to the previous few. There have been no coronations, Royal funerals, or anything of great historical significance.

We have had the new membership system introduced, where despite repeated requests to members and towers to register with MemberMojo, our branch numbers have plummeted. We will find out in early 2025 how many members we have lost. Bucking the trend has been Westhoughton where their band is increasing.

Everything is not doom and gloom. Under the organisation of Michael Durbar, Ringing Master, we have had monthly meetings at many of the ring-able towers in the area, a Branch trip to South Manchester and a trip organised by Leigh tower. We have catered for all levels of ability, ringing rounds to Stedman/Grandsire/Cambridge.

A few QPs were rung and another planned for December, attended by Santa raising money for The Christie.

The Branch AGM was well attended, with many more ringers than in previous years. A new Secretary was elected, Stephen Johnson, and Ringing Master, Laura Cope. The outgoing incumbents wish them all the best in taking the Bolton Branch forward.

The Association website has been a bone of contention within the Branch as details of our officers have not kept pace with reality. Hopefully, the revamp promised at the 2024 LACR AGM will take place soon.

Eric Morgan – Bolton Branch Secretary

# **BOLTON BRANCH**

## **TOWERS and MEMBERS**

### **BLACKROD, St Katharine**

**Contact:** Michael Kay

**Tel:** 07851 929651

**Email:** mwkay@ntlworld.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:00-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

**6 Bells.** 11-0-0 (559kgs)

**Post Code:** BL6 5EN

**OS Grid Ref:** SD613111

*1985 Michael Kay	-	1	2010 Elaine Forester	-	-
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### **BOLTON, All Souls**

**Contact:** Andy Cope

**Tel:** 07791 208865

**Email:** allsoulsbells@gmail.com

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:00-20:30

**8 Bells.** 23-2-23 (1,204kgs)

**Post Code:** BL1 8EY

**OS Grid Ref:** SD714108

**Sunday Service Ringing:** in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust

2020 Elizabeth Bomber	-	-	2020 Angela Williams Aron	-	-
2020 Sara Carberry	-	-	2024 Martin Hooper	-	-
2020 Stefka Iwanyk	-	-	2024 Malcolm Wilcock	-	-
2020 Julie Senior	-	-	2024 Laura Cope	-	-

### **BOLTON, St Peter, The Parish Church**

**Contact:** Linda Mort

**Tel:** 01204 388637

**Email:** Linda.mort@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Friday 19:00-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:45-10:30

**13 Bells.** 19-2-0 (991kgs)

**Post Code:** BL1 1HX

**OS Grid Ref:** SD721093

1989 Mary O'Loughlin	-	-	2015 Ann Warburton	-	-
*1993 Stephen J Mort	-	4	2017 Alan Mort	-	-
*1994 Linda Mort	-	3	2019 Angela Foster	-	-
1994 Neil Mort	-	-	2019 Sally A Morgan	-	-
2002 Rose Rees	-	-	2024 Philip Whittaker	-	-
2013 Gill Smith	-	-			

### **DEANE, St Mary**

**Contact:** Eric Morgan

**Tel:** 07771 931986

**Email:** eric.morgan@btinternet.com

**Practice:** by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

**8 Bells.** 12-1-15 (629kgs)

**Post Code:** BL3 4LT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD693081

2000 Eric Morgan	-	-	2013 Mark Roscoe	-	-
*2012 Sam Brook	-	1			

### **FARNWORTH, St John**

**Contact:** Andy Ingham

**Tel:** 0161 881 6546

**Email:** andy.ingham@mac.com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**8 Bells.** 12-1-8 (626kgs)

**Post Code:** BL4 8DA

**OS Grid Ref:** SD744058

**BOLTON BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**HORWICH, Holy Trinity**

**Contact:** Stephen Griffiths

**Email:** griffiths.family@ntlworld.com

**Practice:** Thursday 19:00-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

1988 Stephen Griffiths	-	-	1999 Margaret Stanton	-	-
+1999 Elaine Griffiths	-	-	2016 Reece Lowton	-	-
+1999 Brenda Pickup	-	-	2017 Michael Durbar	-	-

**8 Bells.** 12-3-13 (654kgs)

**Post Code:** BL6 6AA

**OS Grid Ref:** SD644115

**LEIGH, St Mary**

**Contact:** Stuart Bailey

**Tel:** 07455 549650

**Email:** stuartbailey14@aol.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-20:45

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

2007 Stuart Bailey	-	-	2019 Pauline Howarth	-	-
2007 Trevor Bailey	-	-	2024 Isobel C Graham	-	-
+2012 Alistair Bolton	-	-	2024 Fiona T Tewson	-	-
2019 Kim Day	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 16-0-10 (817kgs)

**Post Code:** WN7 1QL

**OS Grid Ref:** SD655004

**NEWCHURCH, (Culcheth) The Parish Church**

**Contact:** Albert de Jong

**Tel:** 07786 518574

**Email:** newchurchbelltower@gmail.com

**Practice:** Thursday 19:00-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

**8 Bells.** 12-1-14 (629kgs)

**Post Code:** WA3 5ET

**OS Grid Ref:** SD662949

**SMITHILLS, St Peter**

**Contact:** Keith Forrester

**Tel:** 01204 846555

**Email:** keith-forrester@talktalk.net

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**8 Bells.** 14-3-12 (755kgs)

**Post Code:** BL1 5RJ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD693106

**TYLDESLEY, St George**

**Contact:** Andy Ingham

**Tel:** 0161 881 6546

**Email:** andy.ingham@mac.com

**Practice:** by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

**8 Bells.** 11-2-0 (584kgs)

**Post Code:** M29 8GX

**OS Grid Ref:** SD688020

**WALKDEN, St Paul**

**Contact:** David R Forsythe

**Tel:** 0161 799 2375

**Email:** David.forsythe80@ntlworld.com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30 (please check)

**8 Bells.** 18-2-1 (940kgs)

**Post Code:** M28 3JR

**OS Grid Ref:** SD739030

**BOLTON BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**WESTHOUGHTON, St Bartholomew**

**Contact:** Ryan Battersby

**Tel:** 07982 099737

**Email:** ryanbattersby@hotmail.co.uk

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:00-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

1982 Helen Thompson	-	8
*2003 Ryan Battersby	-	2
*+2012 Threna Allum	-	-
2017 Ann H Thompson	-	-
2022 Kathryn Johnson	-	-

2022 Stephen Johnson	-	-
2022 Robin Maggs	-	-
2022 Michelle Newsham	-	-
2022 Janet White	-	2

**BOLTON BRANCH, Unattached**

1988 John Thompson	-	-
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**8 Bells.** 14-1-2 (725ks)

**Post Code:** BL5 2BE

**OS Grid Ref:** SD652060

# FURNESS AND SOUTH LAKELAND BRANCH

(Meeting Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)

**Branch Secretary:** Mr Keith Hackney. **Tel:** 01539 538823. **Email:** anne.hackney@hotmail.co.uk

**Ringing Master:** Mrs Anne Hackney. **Tel:** 01539 538823. **Email:** anne.hackney@hotmail.co.uk

2024 has been a busy year in the Furness and South Lakeland Branch. Equally, it seems to have slipped by quickly. Throughout the year, our monthly Branch meetings have been consistently well supported, the average attendance being 19 ringers with the highest being an amazing 28 ringers! Our Ringing Master, Anne, ensures that a wide programme of methods is attempted and all abilities and interests are catered for. Meetings always have a definite buzz!

During the year, several of our towers have regularly attracted ringers from various other towers to their weekly practices on 6, 8 and 10 bells, where opportunities to ring surprise minor and major are regularly available. Performances in the following methods have been achieved: Bob Doubles (4), Plain Bob Minor (2), Plain Bob Major (2), Grandsire Triples (1), Bristol Surprise Major (1), Cambridge Surprise Major (2), Cambridge Surprise Minor and a Peal of 7 minor methods. Congratulations to Andy (Barrow) who arranged a peal of Pudsey to be rung in Pudsey for Children in Need. Although this was not successful, their efforts raised over £1,000.00 for the charity! Two Branch training events have been organised during the year to help ringers who wanted to move from 6 bells to eight and also to help ringers who wanted to ring Plain Bob Minor accurately on an inside bell. Both of these sessions were held in response to requests from Branch members and were delivered by a representative of the Branch Committee as we currently do not have a Training Officer.

In March, celebrations were held to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the restoration and re-hanging of the ring of eight bells at St James the Great, Barrow. This attracted many ringers from outside our Branch. Since the restoration, the tower has flourished as a centre for learners and accomplished ringers. An important addition to the tower was their purchase and use of a Wombel which is now available for use at other locations.

During the year, we were pleased to elect 4 new members and we now have several more who are awaiting election as members in 2025. Very sadly, two of our long-standing members passed away during 2024. Ian Taylor had been a member of LACR since 1948 and had been the tower Captain at Ulverston for over 50 years, during which time he served as both Chairman and Representative to LACR. In December, Sandie Mills also passed away. She started her ringing career in Somerset at the age of 15. She became a member of LACR in 1984 and went on to be the Tower Captain of Cartmel Priory.

In April, we held our traditional Branch Dinner at the Crooklands Hotel. A total of 38 people attended the event and, as always, a great time was had by all! In May, another of our traditional events was our Branch outing. Twenty-three ringers took part in our adventure to the Ribble Valley, ringing at Gisburn, Bolton-by-Bowland, Waddington, Clitheroe and Whalley. The demonstration of Bellsim at the end of the day was particularly fascinating.

As well as being good fun, our Branch Striking competition also is an important fundraising event for our Branch. In 2024 it was held at St. Andrew's Church, Dent on a sunny evening in August. Four teams took part and the trophy went to the team from Dalton. The evening included a quiz and a fine buffet and raised over £100.00 for Branch Funds.

At our AGM in October our Treasurer, Mike Fletcher, decided to step down, having completed 15 years in the post. Thanks were extended to him for all his meticulous and conscientious work for the Branch. Treasurers are not always easy to find. However, at that meeting, we were pleased to elect David Robinson to follow Mike's excellent example.

Our year was brought to a close in the traditional way. Our Carol Service, including "seasonal refreshments", was held at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Flookburgh. Apart from lockdown, this has been the final event in our Branch year since 2011. As well as being an important way for our Branch to come together as a ringing family, we have, for some years, donated the funds raised to a charity nominated by the Church. We had a record congregation of over 45 people and donations for the evening amounted to a staggering £301.00! This was given to Cartmel Peninsula Holiday Food Boxes.

Huge thanks are due to the members of the Branch Committee, Tower Captains and the many members who have done so much to support all the successes of the social and ringing life of our Branch in 2024.

Keith Hackney – Furness and South Lakeland Branch Secretary

# FURNESS AND SOUTH LAKELAND BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### AMBLESIDE, St Mary

**Contact:** Peter H Gardner

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**Email:** candpgardner@googlemail.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00 (by arrangement)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:15-11:00 (please check)

1990 Peter Gardner	8	264	2024 Siobhan R Routledge	-	-
2022 Jane Mathieson	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 32-2-2 (1,652kgs)

**Post Code:** LA22 9AD

**OS Grid Ref:** NY374044

### BARROW-IN-FURNESS, St James

**Contact:** J Andrew Pollock

**Tel:** 07879 411824

**Email:** ringing@barrowbells.org.uk

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

*#1957 Keith Newby	-	12	2016 Clarissa Caroe	2	44
*#1990 Louise Nixon	-	21	*2016 Iwan Cotgreave	1	2
*1990 J Andrew Pollock	-	69	*2016 Cameron J Pollock	-	-
1991 Alan Jones	-	-	*2017 Jason Pollock	-	-
#2013 Brenda Pearce	-	-	2019 Kyle Harrison	-	-
2014 Amy Painter	-	-	2022 Alison Bolt	-	-

**8 Bells.** 12-0-24 (620kgs)

**Post Code:** LA14 5UE

**OS Grid Ref:** SD194699

### BOWNESS, St Martin

**Contact:** Mike Fletcher

**Tel:** 01539 444754

**Email:** billygirlboy@btinternet.com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

2009 Barbara Fletcher	-	-	+2011 Annette Graves-Robinson	-	-
2009 Michael Fletcher	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 11-2-14 (591kgs)

**Post Code:** LA23 3DE

**OS Grid Ref:** SD403969

### BRATHAY, Holy Trinity

**Contact:** Clive Sutton

**Tel:** 01539 437368

**Email:** clive.sutton@low-hacket.net

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

**6 Bells.** 7-3-16 (401kgs)

**Post Code:** LA22 9NE

**OS Grid Ref:** NY363034

### BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, St Mary Magdalene

**Contact:** Ian (Joe) Kershaw

**Tel:** 07925 524343

**Email:** ian.kershaw@aol.co.uk

**Practice:** Friday 19:30-21:00 2nd & 4th Friday in the month (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** please check via email (phone coverage poor)

*1980 Ann S Thompson	-	303	2023 Phoebe Gibbard-Thompson	-	-
2022 Ian W Kershaw	-	-	2023 Stephen A Ward	-	-

**12 Bells.** 12-1-2 (623kgs)

**Post Code:** LA20 6HA

**OS Grid Ref:** SD209874



# FURNESS AND SOUTH LAKELAND BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### BURTON-IN-KENDAL, St James

**Contact:** Hayley Owen

**Tel:** 07967 596096

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**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:15-10:55 (please check)

**6 Bells.** 11-0-17 (567kgs)

**Post Code:** LA6 1NS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD530769

### CARTMEL, St Mary

**Contact:** Bob Somerset

**Tel:** 07434 509900

**Email:** cartmelringers@gmail.com

**Practice:** Friday 19:30-21:00 2nd & 4th Friday in the month (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30 (please check)

**6 Bells.** 11-1-24 (582kgs)

**Post Code:** LA11 6PU

**OS Grid Ref:** SD380788

2000 Robert Somerset	-	-	2022 Clare Cookson	-	-
2011 Adele Dawson	-	-	2022 David Robinson	-	-
2017 Alan Dawson	-	-	2024 Richard F Brown	-	-

### CROSTHWAITE, St Mary

**Contact:** Christine Knighton

**Tel:** 07579 056756

**Email:** christarnside1@aol.co.uk

**Practice:** Friday 10:00-12:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 17:45-18:30 (1st Sun), 10:15-11:00 (others, please check)

**6 Bells.** 9-3-21 (505kgs)

**Post Code:** LA8 8HR

**OS Grid Ref:** SD446911

2008 Keith Hackney	-	1	2023 Katharine Gray	-	-
2008 Christine Knighton	-	-	2022 Chris Stanger	-	-
*2009 Anne Hackney	-	-			

### DALTON-IN-FURNESS, St Mary

**Contact:** Jacqueline Preston

**Tel:** 07921 132196

**Email:** jp@romneyroad.co.uk

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:00-09:30 (evenings by arrangement)

**10 Bells.** 21-2-25 (1,104kgs)

**Post Code:** LA15 8LH

**OS Grid Ref:** SD226739

*#1952 Stanley Walmsley	-	165	2012 Rachel Hallows	-	-
1976 Jacqueline Preston	-	13	*2018 Jayden Milby	8	11
1986 Owen Osmotherley	-	6	2023 Peter Stockbridge	-	2
2012 Carl Hallows	-	-			

### DENT, St Andrews

**Contact:** Colin Brown

**Tel:** 01539 625418

**Email:** colin.laning@gmail.com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**6 Bells.** 8-0-23 (417kgs)

**Post Code:** LA10 5QN

**OS Grid Ref:** SD705870

2009 Christine Brown	-	-	2015 Antony Fisher	-	-
2009 Colin Brown	-	-	2023 Jill Mitchell	-	-

# FURNESS AND SOUTH LAKELAND BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### FLOOKBURGH, St John

**Contact:** Esther Klijn

**Tel:** 07446 663677

**Email:** essieklijn97@gmail.com

**Practice:** Friday 19:30-21:00 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday in the month (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:15-09:45 1st & 2nd

1992 Kate Lennox	-	1	2009 Esther Klijn	-	-
2006 David Bushell	-	-	+2014 Colin Western	-	-
2006 Jaap Klijn	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 16-3-21 (860kgs)

**Post Code:** LA11 7JY

**OS Grid Ref:** SD365760

### GREAT URSWICK, St Mary

**Contact:** Ray Browne

**Tel:** 01229 869104

**Email:** contact@urswick-ringers.co.uk

**Practice:** Thursday 19:00-20:30 except 3rd Thursday in the month (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** ringing variable

2022 Ray Browne	-	-
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**6 Bells.** 8-2-19 (440kgs)

**Post Code:** LA12 0TA

**OS Grid Ref:** SD268743

### HAWKSHEAD, St Michael

**Contact:** John Gunner

**Tel:** 01539 436209

**Email:** johngunner999@gmail.com

**Practice:** Wednesday 17:30-19:00 (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:00-09:30 except 5th Sunday in the month (please check)

**8 Bells.** 7-3-1 (394kgs)

**Post Code:** LA22 0PQ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD352981

### HEVERSHAM, St Peter

**Contact:** George Handley

**Tel:** 01539 563289

**Email:** george.handley121@btinternet.com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:00-09:30 (please check)

*#1973 Dorothy MacLeod	-	2	2003 Simon Budd	-	-
*1982 Andrew MacLeod	-	4	2004 Jane Bourne	-	-
2002 George Handley	-	-			

**6 Bells.** 13-1-15 (680kgs)

**Post Code:** LA7 7EW

**OS Grid Ref:** SD497834

### KENDAL, Holy Trinity

**Contact:** Kevin Mayfield

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**Email:** kevin.mayfield@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:00-09:30

#1949 Lawrence D Clement	-	60	*2000 Jill Sherry	-	-
*#1967 Hilary J Atkinson	-	114	*2013 Dave Salisbury	-	1
*+1979 Eileen Jackson	-	54	2022 Susan Carpenter	-	-
*1979 Kevin Mayfield	-	57	2023 Simon Durrant	-	-
*1989 Janice Fletcher	-	-	2023 Jane Markby	-	-

**10 Bells.** 23-3-3 (1,208kgs)

**Post Code:** LA9 5AL

**OS Grid Ref:** SD517921



**FURNESS AND SOUTH LAKELAND BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**ULVERSTON, St Mary**

**Contact:** Sue Smith

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**Email:** sueheighton27@hotmail.co.uk

**Practice:** Monday 19:00-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

*#1948 Ian W Taylor	-	11	2010 Sue Smith	-	-
*#1952 Margaret A Taylor	-	10	2013 Linda Marshall	-	-
*#1968 Hugh Pettifer	-	27	2017 Andrew Smith	-	-
1995 Cathrine Livesey	-	-	2022 Simon Baxter	-	-
2007 Alan Dewar	-	-			

**FURNESS BRANCH, Unattached**

*#1968 Kenneth J Foster	-	35
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**6 Bells.** 13-0-0 (660kgs)

**Post Code:** LA12 7EN

**OS Grid Ref:** SD289787

## **FYLDE BRANCH**

(Meeting Day: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday)

**Branch Secretary:** Jake Thackwray. **Tel:** 07585 878125. **Email:** fyldebranchsec@btinternet.com

**Ringing Master:** Val Andrews. **Tel:** 07541 796268. **Email:** vandrews2@sky.com

Branch activity in 2024 has been positive in many aspects. Another full calendar of monthly meetings has been held with attendances ranging from 6 to 45 members with all standard methods regularly rung as well as some Surprise. Turnout was overall higher than in 2023.

Membership of LACR is showing that the Branch is also growing (or at least more subscriptions are completed)! There are now almost 100 active members showing on the system, with Branch meetings seeing the voting in of new ringers from many of the towers.

Amongst the Branch towers there have been 36 QPs rung this last year. In 2023, the Coronation provided most towers a worthy cause to record a quarter, so to have surpassed that number (29) confirms a more active level of quarter peal ringing in a 'typical' year. Some members also rang several QPs outside of the Branch towers. The number of QP 'firsts' is also worthy of mention showing new names attaining the achievement, and new methods rung from the staple.

One peal was rung at St. Anne's, Bristol Surprise Royal, with 3 Branch members in the band.

Those ringing for their first Sunday services are also to be applauded as are new tower members embarking on their ringing careers.

The now very well-established St. Annes Ringing School (STARS) is providing additional learning facilities not just for Branch members from affiliated towers but also, ringers from a number of branches within LACR who have enrolled on their various courses, targeted practices and quarter peals arranged for development.

Intermediate level ringing continues to do well with members of the group making use of the practices to progress. Thanks to all of those who come along to help and support the learning of these methods. It does of course, provide a platform for those wanting to move to a more Advanced level...

Ringing will restart at The Willows, Kirkham in 2025 after significant renovations to the church. We remain hopeful of activity at Holy Trinity, Blackpool in preparing the ringing chamber for full inspection ahead of a possible rehang.

In summary, Fylde branch is active and growing in number with good support and camaraderie amongst the towers.

The highlight of 2024 was issuing two LACR proficiency certificates to two teenage members who show great promise for the future.

Jake Thackwray - Fylde Branch Secretary

**FYLDE BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**ANSDELL, St Joseph R C**

**Contact:** James Wormleighton

**Tel:** 07743 684900

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**Practice:** Thursday 19:00-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 08:45-09:15

**8 Bells.** 9-3-4 (497kgs)

**Post Code:** FY8 4EP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD348280

1998 Richard Jones	-	5	*2012 Stacey Wormleighton	-	-
1998 Lyn Thompson	-	-	2017 Anne Wormleighton	-	-
2000 Marjorie Hickey	-	-	2024 Aimée Carter	-	-
2008 Catherine Hill	-	-	2024 Anne Gorst	-	-
2008 Neil McGinty	-	-	2024 Cathy Williams	-	-
*2012 James Wormleighton	-	-			

**BISPHAM, All Hallows**

**Contact:** William Hulme

**Tel:** 07711 178946

**Email:** willhulme@yahoo.co.uk

**Practice:** Thursday 16:00-17:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

**8 Bells.** 10-0-7 (511kgs)

**Post Code:** FY2 0AY

**OS Grid Ref:** SD319406

*#1971 William Hulme	-	1	2011 Jannis Nixon	-	-
1976 Anne Hulme	-	-	2019 Richard Wilde	-	-
1996 Raymond Scott	-	5	2023 Jo Booth	-	-

**BLACKPOOL, (South Shore) Holy Trinity**

**Contact:** Christine Caldicott

**Tel:** 01253 405977

**Email:** christinecaldicott@talktalk.net

**Practice:** unringable

**Sunday Service Ringing:** unringable

**6 Bells.** 7-2-15 (388kgs)

**Post Code:** FY4 1BP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD306338

**BLACKPOOL, Sacred Heart R C**

**Contact:** Parish Priest

**Tel:** 01253 620964

**Practice:** unringable

**Sunday Service Ringing:** unringable

**8 Bells.** 14-0-0 (711kgs)

**Post Code:** FY1 1LB

**OS Grid Ref:** SD306365

**BLACKPOOL, St John**

**Contact:** Howard L Deane

**Tel:** 01253 594867

**Practice:** unringable

**Sunday Service Ringing:** unringable

**8 Bells.** 12-3-7 (651kgs)

**Post Code:** FY1 1BP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD309363

**FYLDE BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**GARSTANG, (Churchtown) St Helen (gf)**

**Contact:** Rob Chapman

**Tel:** 01995 600234

**Email:** robc.maycroft@gmail.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00 (please check before attending)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

*2005 Rob A Chapman	-	9	2017 Christopher A Smith	-	-
*2005 Catherine Mackley	-	-	2019 Matthew Chapman	-	-
2005 David Mackley	-	-	2019 Jacqueline Wells	-	-
2009 Colin A Sills	-	-	2023 Freddie Chapman	-	-
*2015 John Bark	-	-			

**6 Bells.** 12-1-17 (630kgs)

**Post Code:** PR3 0HT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD482428

**KIRKHAM, (Willows) St John R C**

**Contact:** Paula Dagger

**Tel:** 07762 575472

**Email:** paula.dagger@baesystems.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:00-20:30 (by arrangement)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

1995 Paula Dagger	-	-	2004 Susan Swift	-	-
1995 Martin Newton	-	-	2012 Angela Hunter	-	-
2000 Margaret Massey	-	-	2019 Martin Clarke	-	-

**6 Bells.** 14-2-22 (747kgs)

**Post Code:** PR4 3BE

**OS Grid Ref:** SD417320

**KIRKHAM, St Michael**

**Contact:** Ken Jagger

**Tel:** 07760 397032

**Email:** kenjagger@sky.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 18:30-20:00 (prompt arrival needed)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:55-10:25

*1995 Ken Jagger	-	26	*2022 Victoria Boardman	-	-
2010 Terry Williams	-	-	2022 Judith Scholz	-	-
2015 Geoff Speight	-	-	2023 Ellen Eccles	-	-
2019 Peter Bates	-	-	2023 Manuela Lopez	-	-
2022 Jayne Boardman	-	-	2024 Maggie Webster	-	-

**10 Bells.** 15-3-24 (811kgs)

**Post Code:** PR4 2SE

**OS Grid Ref:** SD427324

**LYTHAM-ST-ANNES, St Cuthbert**

**Contact:** Sidney Lloyd

**Tel:** 01253 731376

**Email:** janetandsidlloyd@gmail.com

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:00-20:30, 2nd & 4th Wednesday in the month (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:30-10:00 (please check)

**8 Bells.** 13-2-10 (690kgs)

**Post Code:** FY8 5PX

**OS Grid Ref:** SD357272

**FYLDE BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**LYTHAM-ST-ANNES, St John**

**Contact:** Sidney Lloyd

**Tel:** 01253 731376

**Email:** janetandsidlloyd@gmail.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:00-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:30-10:00 (please check)

**6 Bells.** 10-0-0 (508kgs)

**Post Code:** FY8 5EX

**OS Grid Ref:** SD371271

*1984 Sid Lloyd	-	21	2019 Alison Sawyer	-	-
*2004 Neil McGarry	-	2	2019 John Sawyer	-	-
2005 Paul Hart	-	2	2024 Andrew Wiseman	-	-
2011 Michael Phillips	-	2			

**LYTHAM-ST-ANNES, St Peter R C**

**Contact:** Jake Thackwray

**Tel:** 07585 878125

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**Practice:** Monday 19:00-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:05-10:25

**6 Bells.** 10-0-0 (508kgs)

**Post Code:** FY8 5EP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD370272

2014 Anne Aitken	-	-	2015 Tony Calverley	-	1
*2014 Jake Thackwray	-	2	2024 Chris Grogan	-	-

**POULTON-LE-FYLDE, St Chad (gf)**

**Contact:** Helen Kay

**Tel:** 01253 424304

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**Practice:** Friday 18:30-19:30 & 20:00-21:00 following Holy Communion

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:30-10:00

**8 Bells.** 9-0-0 (457kgs)

**Post Code:** FY6 7AP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD348394

*#1968 Mary R C Kay	-	-	2023 Rebecca Jones	-	-
1995 David Kay	-	-	2023 Niko Konstanou	-	-
2003 Helen Kay	-	-	2023 Panagiota Konstanou	-	-
2012 Graham Wilkinson	-	-	2023 Jill McMillan	-	-
2019 Julie Schofield	-	-	2023 Lisa Nyahoe	-	-
2019 Pauline Taylor	-	-	2023 Adrian S Page	-	-
2019 Dave Tucker	-	-	*2023 Morgan Snape	-	-
2020 Janet Asiliskender	-	-	2023 Tracy Snape	-	-
2020 Richard Collinson	-	-	2024 David Bradbury	-	-
2020 Angela Porter-Mayer	-	-			



**FYLDE BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**ST ANNES-ON-SEA, St Anne**

**Contact:** Stuart Newton

**Tel:** 07541 668590

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**Practice:** Tuesday 19:00-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:50-10:30

**10 Bells.** 15-3-15 (807kgs)

**Post Code:** FY8 3BB

**OS Grid Ref:** SD327293

*1983	Stuart Newton	-	8	2017	Gerald P Wilson	-	-
1983	John Preston	-	-	*2018	Ellis Hollows	9	29
*1986	James E Andrews	26	2,317	*2018	Monica Hollows	-	2
*1989	Val Andrews	-	923	2023	Elaine Anderton	-	-
1997	James Wharton	-	-	2023	Jane Dickinson	-	-
2007	Gareth D Wilson	-	-	2023	Shaun Elsander	-	-
*2010	Hal J Meakin	-	2	2023	Carole Smith	-	-

**SINGLETON, St Anne**

**Contact:** Ken Jagger

**Tel:** 07760 397032

**Email:** kenjagger@sky.com

**Practice:** ringing by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**6 Bells.** 6-2-14 (337kgs)

**Post Code:** FY6 8LN

**OS Grid Ref:** SD385384

**FYLDE BRANCH, Unattached**

*1979	Martin Daniels	6	863
1979	Howard L Deane	-	-
*1998	Ashley B Wilson	3	363

**LANCASTER BRANCH**  
(Meeting Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, please check)

**Branch Secretary (acting):** Nigel Goodship. **Email:** nigelgoodship@mac.com  
**Ringling Master:** Robin Daw. **Tel:** 01524 701710. **Email:** r4daw@aol.co.uk

This year the Branch has had the usual regular monthly events, mostly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Attendance has been, shall we say, variable.

Here's a brief summary of the year's meetings/events:

- November - AGM at Hornby.
- December - Lancaster Cathedral.
- January - very successful quarter peal weekend.
- February – Over Kellet Open Day.
- May - visited Low Bentham in the morning.
- April - Joint trip with YACR Western Branch to Liverpool, well attended and very successful.
- May - Visited Cockerham, great to see some of the local band's new ringers there.
- June – Morecambe.
- July – Over Kellet.
- August – month off due to holidays and the North West Ringing Course.
- September – Barbon.
- October – joint trip organised by YACR Western Branch that visited towers in Lancaster Branch.

On behalf of the Branch, I would like to record our huge thanks to Cate Gardner for arranging this year's ringing and for all that she has done for the Branch over the last few years, which is a massive amount. Cate has truly been a powerhouse of energy, enthusiasm and organisation.

Cate stood down from the role halfway through the year and has been sorely missed since then.

I, sort of by default, took over the role but Cate was a hard act to follow and I haven't really had the time to give it the attention it requires. I apologise for the short notice of the events in the second half of the year, which probably contributed to some of the low attendances. As I write this, I'm sincerely hoping that someone else will take on the role at this year's AGM. If not, I will definitely need some unofficial assistance to keep the Branch activities running better than I have managed so far.

Nigel Goodship - Lancaster Branch Secretary (acting/temporary)

## LANCASTER BRANCH TOWERS and MEMBERS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD585686

# LANCASTER BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### KIRKBY LONSDALE, St Mary

**Contact:** Jean Cass

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**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:15-11:00 (please check)

*#1972 John M Preston	-	31	2013 Carolina M Goodship	-	-
+1994 Deborah A Preston	-	-	2013 Matthew W Goodship	2	3
2004 Jean Cass	-	-	2013 Nigel J Goodship	4	7
2008 Jessica Greaves	-	-			

**6 Bells.** 12-1-23 (633kgs)

**Post Code:** LA6 2AX

**OS Grid Ref:** SD611788

### LANCASTER, Priory Church of St Mary

**Contact:** Jim Currin

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**Practice:** unavailable

**Sunday Service Ringing:** unavailable

*+1983 Joseph F Shaw	-	6	2017 Alex Gardner	1	2
1990 Peter Rivet	-	3	2018 Jim Currin	-	-
+1998 Cate Gardner	2	5	2021 Christopher J Thome	-	-
+2001 Andrew Kayll	1	2	*2023 Sam Norman	2	2
#2009 R Ian West	-	8	2024 Joanna Hems	-	-
2010 Brenda Rockall	-	-			

**10 Bells.** 30-2-2 (1,550kgs)

**Post Code:** LA1 1YZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD474620

### LANCASTER, The Cathedral R C

**Contact:** John M Rogan

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**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 18:00-18:30

*#1974 Stephen N Harrison	-	16	2023 Joshua Holland	-	-
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**10 Bells.** 19-0-21 (975kgs)

**Post Code:** LA1 3EQ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD482615

### LECK, St Peter (gf)

**Contact:** Anne E Pettifor

**Tel:** 01524 271904

**Email:** anne.pettifor@btinternet.com

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**5 Bells.** 12-1-15 (629kgs)

**Post Code:** LA6 2JD

**OS Grid Ref:** SD643766

### LOW BENTHAM, St John the Baptist

**Contact:** Leila Atkinson

**Tel:** 01524 262227 or 0780 505852

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:00-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 1st Sunday in the month

2014 Susan Neal	-	-	2016 Christine Ronan	-	-
2015 Leila Atkinson	-	-	2016 Hilary Wellgate	-	-

**6 Bells.** 19-1-23 (988kgs)

**Post Code:** LA2 7DB

**OS Grid Ref:** SD646693

# LANCASTER BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### **MELLING, St Wilfred**

**Contact:** Gordon Park

**Tel:** 01524 221176

**Email:** gordonpark9@gmail.com

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**6 Bells.** 9-3-0 (495kgs)

**Post Code:** LA6 2RE

**OS Grid Ref:** SD598711

### **MORECAMBE, Holy Trinity**

**Contact:** Parish Office

**Tel:** 01524 422211

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**8 Bells.** 10-0-25 (519kgs)

**Post Code:** LA4 5PR

**OS Grid Ref:** SD440647

### **OVER KELLET, St Cuthbert**

**Contact:** Simon Percy

**Tel:** 07774 567746

**Email:** simon2.percy@gmail.com

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:15-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:45-10:40

**8 Bells.** 9-1-24 (481kgs)

**Post Code:** LA6 1DT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD522696

*2023 Simon Percy	7	21	2024 Susan Johnson	-	-
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### **PILLING, St John the Baptist**

**Contact:** Peter Sherdley

**Tel:** 01253 790606

**Email:** psherdley@tiscali.co.uk

**Practice:** Monday 19:00 (every other Monday, please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

**6 Bells.** 15-0-0 (762kgs)

**Post Code:** PR3 6HB

**OS Grid Ref:** SD403487

2010 Gill Dale	-	-	2010 Deborah Lawrenson	-	-
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### **SILVERDALE, St John**

**Contact:** Robin A Daw

**Tel:** 01524 701710

**Email:** r4daw@aol.co.uk

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:45-10:15

**6 Bells.** 12-0-16 (617kgs)

**Post Code:** LA5 0RH

**OS Grid Ref:** SD463754

*1993 Adrian Hanks	-	-	2018 Kevin Alpin	-	-
+1994 Robin A Daw	10	33	2018 Frank Canmer	-	-
2014 Sarah Daw	-	-	2018 Helen Donoghue	-	-
2014 Andrew Twyford	-	-			

### **TATHAM, St James (gf)**

**Contact:** Paul Whatmough

**Email:** phwhatmough@gmail.com

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

**3 Bells.** 9-1-21 (479kgs)

**Post Code:** LA2 8NH

**OS Grid Ref:** SD605694

**LANCASTER BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**THURNHAM, SS Thomas and Elizabeth R C**

**Contact:** Father David Branford

**Tel:** 01524 63000

**Practice:** unringable

**Sunday Service Ringing:** unringable

**5 Bells.** 7-2-22 (391kgs)

**Post Code:** LA2 0DT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD466546

**TUNSTALL, St John the Baptist**

**Contact:** Colin Greenhalgh

**Tel:** 01524 274260

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**3 Bells.** 15-2-7 (791kgs)

**Post Code:** LA6 2RQ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD614739

**WHITTINGTON-IN-LONSDALE, St Michael (gf)**

**Contact:** Anne E Pettifor

**Tel:** 01524 271904

**Email:** anne.pettifor@btinternet.com

**Practice:** by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

**6 Bells.** 13-1-24 (684kgs)

**Post Code:** LA6 2NT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD600762

*1977 Robert Pettifor	9	711	+1995 Pat Close	-	9
*1980 Alison J Brittliff	-	725	2011 John Pinch	-	-
*1985 Anne Pettifor	4	200			

**LANCASTER BRANCH, Unattached**

*2023 Sheila Bloomfield	-	-
2024 Frances M Ross	-	-

**LIVERPOOL BRANCH**  
(Meeting Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday every even month)

**Branch Secretary:** Lillian Halewood. **Tel:** 07552 473975. **Email:** lacrliverpool@gmail.com  
**Ringling Master:** Alex Fishburn. **Tel:** 07706 510058. **Email:** livbranchrm@gmail.com

The past year has been a difficult one for the Liverpool Branch. We have had to tackle the issue of poor support for branch activities head-on. Despite quite a healthy membership within the branch, only a core of a dozen-or-so ringers regularly supported branch events. As a result of this, activities have been thinned out for 2025 so as not to rely too heavily on the support of the same ringers every month, with branch events now taking place every other (even) month.

That being said, we have had some successful events including a 10-bell practice at St Helens and a lovely Christmas Carol Service at Liverpool Cathedral.

We hope 2025 will be a more successful year and will be reviewing event attendance at an EGM in June.

Lillian Halewood – Liverpool Branch Secretary &  
Alex Fishburn – Liverpool Ringing Master

# LIVERPOOL BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### BOOTLE, Christ Church

**Contact:** Chris Webster

**Tel:** 07377 696780

**Email:** chris@sounds-on-cd.co.uk

**Practice:** Thursday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

+2016 Chris Webster - -

**8 Bells.** 8-1-12 (425kgs)

**Post Code:** L20 9HJ

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ348951

### CHILDWALL, All Saints

**Contact:** Alex Young

**Tel:** 07780 597394

**Email:** alexyoung564@yahoo.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**6 Bells.** 12-3-6 (650kgs)

**Post Code:** L16 5EY

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ415891

### DITTON, St Michael R C

**Contact:** The Parish Office

**Tel:** 0151 422 1772

**Practice:** unringable

**Sunday Service Ringing:** chimed only

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 11:15-12:00 2nd Sunday (please check)

**6 Bells.** 14-2-0 (737kgs)

**Post Code:** WA8 8UE

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ495853

### FARNWORTH, (Widnes) St Luke (gf)

**Contact:** Nigel P A Goulding

**Tel:** 07860 632096

**Email:** npasgoulding@gmail.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 18:00-20:30 by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

\*#1964 Nigel P A Goulding - 63 \*1980 Valerie M Moss - 9

**6 Bells.** 10-0-7 (511kgs)

**Post Code:** WA8 9HU

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ517878

### GARSTON, St Michael

**Contact:** James Thrush

**Tel:** 07749 654738

**Email:** james\_thrush@hotmail.com

**Practice:** no regular ringing

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**8 Bells.** 10-0-7 (511kgs)

**Post Code:** L19 8EA

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ404843

### GREAT CROSBY, St Luke

**Contact:** Parish Office

**Tel:** 0151 931 3119

**Practice:** no regular ringing

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

2002 Michael J Allen - 3 2015 Lillian Halewood - -

**6 Bells.** 9-3-9 (499kgs)

**Post Code:** L23 5SE

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ321999



# LIVERPOOL BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### HALE, St Mary

**Contact:** Dorothy Brown

**Tel:** 0151 425 2823

**Email:** dorothy.dab@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:30-21:00 (not in January)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:30-10:00

1988 Dorothy Brown	-	-	2012 Ron Davenport	-	-
1988 Ruth Hilton	-	-	2023 Julie Griffiths	-	-
1998 Shiela Hunter	-	-	2023 Simon Griffiths	-	-
2012 Jackie Davenport	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 8-0-20 (415kgs)

**Post Code:** L24 4BZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ472820

### HALEWOOD, St Nicholas

**Contact:** Gillian Moore

**Tel:** 0151 475 5455

**Email:** gillmoore19@hotmail.com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

*#1971 Deborah Stott	-	3	2000 Michael Moore	-	-
2000 Gill Moore	-	-			

**6 Bells.** 6-0-1 (305kgs)

**Post Code:** L26 6LB

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ450862

### HUYTON, St Michael (gf)

**Contact:** Graham K Austin

**Tel:** 0151 489 6543

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:30-21:00 by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:25. 18:00-18:25 by arrangement

*#1957 Graham K Austin	-	68	1978 Peter J Stanley	-	-
*1978 David C Powell	-	9	1999 Oliver M Austin	-	138

**6 Bells.** 14-3-20 (758kgs)

**Post Code:** L36 7SA

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ443912

### LIVERPOOL, (Pier Head) Our Lady & St Nicholas

**Contact:** Randle Tinkler

**Tel:** 07854 633185

**Email:** randletinkler@icloud.com

**Practice:** Friday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:00-09:45

*#1964 Elizabeth Cosnett	-	2	2016 Martin Gentile	-	16
1991 Peter F Humphreys	-	9	2023 Adam Bennett	6	24
1996 David Garner	-	-	2023 Lucy Bricheno	-	25
1997 Giles Blundell	-	-	2023 Mark Humphreys	6	38
2002 Hazel Blundell	-	-			

**14 Bells.** 41-3-15 (2,128kgs)

**Post Code:** L2 8TZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ339905

# LIVERPOOL BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### LIVERPOOL, St Francis Xavier R C

**Contact:** Parish Administrator

**Tel:** 0151 298 1911

**Email:** master@lusc.org.uk

**Practice:** Friday 18:00-19:00 term time only

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:15 term time only

2023	Matthew Woods	-	-	2023	Jacque Reid	-	-
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**8 Bells.** 16-1-6 (828kgs)

**Post Code:** L3 8DR

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ356912

### LIVERPOOL, The Cathedral

**Contact:** Matthew D Warburton

**Tel:** 01282 774401

**Email:** m.warburton2012@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Saturday 18:00-19:30 generally 3rd Sat (please check [www.lacr.org.uk](http://www.lacr.org.uk))

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

**13 Bells.** 82-0-11 (4,171kgs)

**Post Code:** L1 7AZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ354894

### MOSSLEY HILL, (Penny Lane) St Barnabas

**Contact:** Nicholas C Willasey

**Tel:** 07516 973345

**Email:** nick.willasey@talktalk.net

**Practice:** by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**8 Bells.** 11-3-27 (609kgs)

**Post Code:** L18 1EP

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ392883

### MUCH WOOLTON, St Peter

**Contact:** Katherine Cooper

**Tel:** 0151 425 3517

**Email:** nandkcooper@gmail.com

**Practice:** Friday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:45-10:30

*1979	Katherine Cooper	-	1	1982	Nicholas C Willasey	-	39
1982	Pamela Siddall	-	-	1999	Richard Brown	-	-

**10 Bells.** 19-2-12 (996kgs)

**Post Code:** L25 5JF

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ423869

### PRESCOT, St Mary

**Contact:** Lesley Davies

**Tel:** 01744 756771

**Email:** lesley811801@yahoo.co.uk

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:30-10:00

1997	Lesley Davies	-	1	2024	Ken Durose	-	-
2001	John Barker	-	2	2024	Elizabeth Score	-	-
2023	Alex Fishburn	-	1	2024	George Smailes	-	-
2024	Anthony Brookes	-	-				

**8 Bells.** 13-1-13 (679kgs)

**Post Code:** L34 3LA

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ465927

# LIVERPOOL BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### RAINHILL, St Ann

**Contact:** Neil Murray

**Tel:** 01744 750179

**Email:** neilandjen@live.co.uk

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

2009 Neil Murray	-	73	2023 Carol Ollerton	-	-
2023 Gill Holmes	-	-			

**6 Bells.** 1-3-16 (96kgs)

**Post Code:** L35 0PF

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ493912

### RAINHILL, St Bartholomew R C

**Contact:** Graham Dodd

**Tel:** 07952 560657

**Email:** grahamdodd.mail@virgin.net

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

*1981 Bryan McCahey	-	134	2019 Jennifer Miller	-	-
2014 Graham Dodd	-	-	2023 Flor Ashton	-	-

**6 Bells.** 2-2-6 (130kgs)

**Post Code:** L35 6PE

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ501904

### ST HELENS, (Eccleston) St Thomas, Westfield Street

**Contact:** Parish Office

**Tel:** 01744 732463

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**8 Bells.** 9-0-7 (460kgs)

**Post Code:** WA10 2RE

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ506954

### ST HELENS, St Helen

**Contact:** Parish Office

**Tel:** 01744 22909

**Practice:** no regular ringing

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**10 Bells.** 22-2-25 (1,154kgs)

**Post Code:** WA10 1AF

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ513953

### SEFTON, St Helen (gf)

**Contact:** Janet Hopwood

**Tel:** 07736 423365

**Email:** jhopwood2tiscali.co.uk

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

2001 Janet Hopwood	-	-	2023 Mark Rawlinson	-	-
2023 Lewis Dickson	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 11-2-11 (589kgs)

**Post Code:** L29 7WG

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ357013

### SPEKE, All Saints

**Contact:** The Vicar

**Tel:** 07365 279983

**Practice:** unringable

**Sunday Service Ringing:** unringable

**3 Bells.** 6-0-5 (307kgs)

**Post Code:** L24 1UG

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ429833

**LIVERPOOL BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**TUEBROOK, St John**

**Contact:** Lenard J Mitchell

**Tel:** 07407 762323

**Email:** lenjmitchell@hotmail.co.uk

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:15-20:45

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

2013	Alison Patterson	-	-	2022	Joanne McKenzie	-	-
#2014	Willian Purvis	-	-				

**8 Bells.** 16-2-25 (850kgs)

**Post Code:** L13 8AG

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ383924

**WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, St Mary**

**Contact:** Anna Banks

**Tel:** 01515 253265

**Practice:** Monday 18:00-19:00 (not Bank Holidays)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

**8 Bells.** 9-1-25 (481kgs)

**Post Code:** L4 6XP

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ359948

**WEST DERBY, St Thomas IOC (previously St James)**

**Contact:** Graham K Austin

**Tel:** 01514 896543

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**6 Bells.** 12-1-13 (628kgs)

**Post Code:** L12 7JU

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ395927

**LIVERPOOL BRANCH, Unattached**

*#1961	Michael E Dodd	-	2
*1995	Samuel Austin	-	273
*2022	Allison Devine	-	-

## MANCHESTER BRANCH

(Meeting Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday or practice night – please check)

**Branch Secretary:** Philip Chandler. **Email:** philip.e.chandler@btinternet.com

**Ringling Master:** Rebecca Davey. **Email:** rdav5b@gmail.com

The last year has been a year of modest growth in terms of the number of ringers in the branch, as evidenced by the new members we welcomed at the AGM. This has come from a mix of learners – from many towers within the branch but especially noticeable at Sacred Trinity, and also some experienced ringers either joining us here in Manchester or coming ringing more frequently. It is particularly encouraging that the Cathedral is practicing regularly with a larger and more diverse band than 12 months ago, which is really making it into a tower that is drawing more ringers to ring in Manchester.

There is still, inevitably, a reliance on a small number of people who tend to get involved with everything, many of whom are here today. It has been very noticeable when, through holiday, work or illness, one of these ringing stalwarts is not available – the support that they give to practices in the branch is invaluable. Thankfully, some of the new or returning ringers are contributing greatly to their towers in this regard, allowing a stronger base of ringers of all ages and abilities to be built up who support each other to improve the local ringing. I feel that we are returning to something closer to the situation pre-pandemic, but much work remains to be done in recruiting new ringers, making sure that they continue ringing, and also ensuring that they contribute fully to ringing locally.

This year's branch practices have certainly been, as is perhaps inevitable, variable in attendance. Of the ten practices since the last AGM, three (at Mossley, Fallowfield and Didsbury) have been well attended, two (Hyde and Stretford) have unfortunately seen no ringing due to low attendance and the other five (at Eccles, Flixton, West Didsbury, Gorton and Haughton) have been more marginal affairs – just enough for ringing to take place, but not quite enough attendees to have an especially successful practice. There has been a tendency for ringers from the host towers supporting the practices much more than having a mix of people from different towers coming together, but I think that the future is bright in this regard as we are building a larger core of ringers from multiple towers who ring together each week – converting this into support for branch practices will be critical.

One event worthy of particular mention was ringing for the coronation, with most towers within the branch ringing over the course of the weekend, including a quarters at Stretford, Haughton and Hyde, alongside a peal at the Cathedral. This was also an opportunity for some of the learners in the branch to get involved in ringing – even if their motivation wasn't necessarily linked to Ring for the King – and also allowed Manchester ringing to be reported in the press in the Netherlands. Thank you to everyone who helped organise ringing over the weekend.

For the coming year, I would suggest that the branch should have three objectives. The first, as of ever, has to be recruitment, training and retention of new ringers, which is always critical to the continuation of ringing. Secondly, there is the development of the ringers who we have currently, especially those who have joined us over the last year – ensuring that ringing provides enjoyment to them and then giving the motivation to get more involved over the coming year. Thirdly, we should look to develop branch events and the activities of the branch. I am hoping to produce a plan of practices which is more varied and interesting, hoping to make practices more of an 'event' with stronger regular support – this is also to feed into our hosting of the Lancs AGM. I also recognise that communications can also be improved, especially through better use of the contacts within towers already available. Finally, I am hopeful that with a new association ringing master, there is renewed interest in Association wide events, and that the branch can contribute to these events over the coming year.

Philip E Chandler – Manchester Branch Secretary

# MANCHESTER BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, St Michael

**Contact:** Peter Lee

**Tel:** 07961 143890

**Email:** brucelee659246@gmail.com

**Practice:** by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**13 Bells.** 25-2-25 (1,307kgs)

**Post Code:** OL6 6XJ

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ942989

### ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, St Peter

**Contact:** The Vicar

**Tel :** 07854 776410

**Practice:** by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**8 Bells.** 18-3-11 (958kgs)

**Post Code:** OL7 0LB

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ931985

### DIDSBURY, St James

**Contact:** John Lacy

**Tel:** 0161 445 2512

**Email:** john@lacyfamily.co.uk

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:30. Beginners by arrangement Thursday 19:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

**6 Bells.** 7-2-4 (383kgs)

**Post Code:** M20 2RQ

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ847904

1988 Paul Good	-	-	2015 Andrea Wood	-	-
*1989 Helen Lacy	-	-	2019 Paul Robinson	-	-
*1989 John Lacy	-	3	2019 James Sheppard	-	-
2004 David Lacy	-	3	2022 Kate Garcez	-	-
2004 Derrick Latchford	-	-	2023 William Ford-Young	-	-
2004 Stephen Todd	-	-	2023 Geoffrey Garnett	-	-
*2010 Margaret Ratcliffe	-	-	2023 Helen Twigg	-	-
2011 Sue Good	-	-			

### ECCLES, St Mary

**Contact:** Wendy Fryer

**Tel:** 0161 748 0389

**Email:** wendyr.fryer@ntlworld.com

**Practice:** Thursday 20:00-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

**8 Bells.** 19-3-3 (1,005kgs)

**Post Code:** M30 0DF

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ779989

*#1972 Antony Fryer	-	9	*2015 Michael Johnson	-	-
*1976 Wendy Fryer	-	4	2015 Yvonne Yates	-	-
2007 William Yates	-	-	2017 Kenneth Anton	-	-
2007 Richard Yates	-	-	2017 Robert Burgess	-	-
2013 Stuart Royle	-	-			

### FALLOWFIELD, Holy Innocents

**Contact:** Elizabeth Ormrod

**Tel:** 0161 336 2125

**Practice:** Monday 20:00-21:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:30-10:00

**8 Bells.** 12-1-20 (631kgs)

**Post Code:** M14 6JZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ856940

*#1967 Elizabeth Ormrod	-	1	*2002 David Brewin	-	-
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**MANCHESTER BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**FLIXTON, St Michael**

**Contact:** Ian Reynolds

**Tel:** 07944 178903

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:45-10:15

*#1959 George F Nix	-	9	2009 Lindsey Gagan	-	-
*#1959 Patricia J Nix	-	6	2024 Christopher Chalmers	-	-
2000 Ian Reynolds	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 13-3-1 (699kgs)

**Post Code:** M41 6HR

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ747940

**GORTON, Brookfield Unitarian Church**

**Contact:** Terry J Henfrey

**Email:** terry.henfrey@manchester.gov.uk

**Practice:** 1st Friday 19:45-21:00.

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 3rd Sunday 16:00-17:30

*#1965 Kevin M Price	12	1,683	1979 Jane Holland	-	274
*#1974 Andrew Holland	-	516			

**8 Bells.** 13-2-0 (686kgs)

**Post Code:** M18 7EF

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ889959

**HAUGHTON, (Denton) St Anne**

**Contact:** David Yates

**Tel:** 07932 221034

**Email:** contact.stanneschurch@gmail.com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**6 Bells.** 15-0-12 (767kgs)

**Post Code:** M34 3EB

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ934956

**HYDE, St George**

**Contact:** Mags Shuttleworth

**Email:** shuttmaggie@gmail.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:00-20:30. Learners 18:30-19:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:15-10:45

2022 Angela Nuttall	-	-	2022 Maggie Shuttleworth	-	-
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**8 Bells.** 18-0-11 (919kgs)

**Post Code:** SK14 1JL

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ949944

**MANCHESTER, The Cathedral**

**Contact:** Stephen R Aldridge

**Tel:** 07809 123032

**Email:** bells@manchestercathedral.org

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:00-21:00 (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:45-10:30

*#1963 Malcolm J Murphy	-	298	2017 Stephen R Aldridge	2	9
*#1967 Peter G Bellamy-Knights	-	1,661	2022 Dena Osman	-	-
*2003 Andy Ingham	-	14	2023 Rebecca Davey	2	2
2006 Emily Hirst	-	1	2024 Sacha Jonas	-	-
2006 Mungo Stacy	4	13			

**10 Bells.** 27-3-6 (1,412kgs)

**Post Code:** M3 1SX

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ838987

**MANCHESTER, The Town Hall**

**Contact:** Jeffrey Brannan

**Tel:** 01457 872947

**Email:** jeff@brannan.biz

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**13 Bells.** 42-2-25 (2,170kgs)

**Post Code:** M60 2TG

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ838981

**MANCHESTER BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**MOSSLEY, (Roughtown) St John**

**Contact:** St Johns PCC

**Practice:** unringable

**Sunday Service Ringing:** unringable

**6 Bells.** 11-0-22 (569kgs)

**Post Code:** OL5 0SF

**OS Grid Ref:** SD976030

**MOSSLEY, St George**

**Contact:** Nigel Hossle-Standing

**Email:** churchwardennigel@stgmossley.org.uk

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**8 Bells.** 12-1-14 (629kgs)

**Post Code:** OL5 0JS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD969023

**NORTHENDEN, St Wilfrid**

**Contact:** Paul O'Shea

**Email:** pc.oshea@gmail.com

**Practice:** 18:45-20:15. (1st Wednesday of each month). 2nd Saturday of month 12:00-14:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

**6 Bells.** 15-0-0 (762kgs)

**Post Code:** M22 4WE

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ833901

**PENDLETON, St Thomas**

**Contact:** Maria Jorysz

**Tel:** 07910 762596

**Email:** mariajorysz@gmail.com

**Practice:** available for visitors by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

2015 Ian Jorysz - 12

**8 Bells.** 18-0-10 (919kgs)

**Post Code:** M6 6PE

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ812995

**PRESTWICH, St Mary**

**Contact:** Stewart Barnet

**Tel:** 0161 766 2774

**Email:** stewartmbarnet@gmail.com

**Practice:** available for visitors by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**8 Bells.** 16-0-15 (820kgs)

**Post Code:** M25 3JN

**OS Grid Ref:** SD812037

**REDDISH, St Elisabeth**

**Contact:** Philip Chandler

**Email:** philip.e.chandler@btinternet.com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**8 Bells.** 11-3-25 (608kgs)

**Post Code:** SK5 6BL

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ893935

**SALFORD, Sacred Trinity**

**Contact:** Philip Chandler

**Email:** philip.e.chandler@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:00-20:30 (term time only)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:15 (all year round)

2013 Philip Chandler - 2 2024 Freja Steinke - -

2024 Anna Nash - -

**8 Bells.** 11-2-17 (592kgs)

**Post Code:** M3 5DW

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ835987



**MANCHESTER BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**STRETTFORD, St Matthew**

**Contact:** K George Lee

**Tel:** 07980 474534

**Email:** kglee@doctors.org.uk

**Practice:** Monday 19:45-21:00 by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:30-10:00

#1972	Andrew F Eccles	-	22
#1974	Mary Eccles	-	7
1991	Hazel Gibb-Shacklock	-	-
1992	Justine Gibb	-	-
2011	Tim Calvert	-	-
2011	George Lee	-	9

*2011	Wendy M Lee	-	-
*2022	Jason A Bowden-King	-	-
*2022	Susan Darby	-	-
2023	Dennis Latham	-	-
2023	William Routledge	-	-
2024	Elsbeth Stein	-	-

**8 Bells.** 11-1-23 (582kgs)

**Post Code:** M32 8HF

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ795942

**SWINTON, St Peter**

**Contact:** Roy Bryan

**Tel:** 0161 794 7878

**Email:** roy.bryan01@btinternet.com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**8 Bells.** 22-0-7 (1,121kgs)

**Post Code:** M27 6BP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD774018

**WEST DIDSBURY, Christ Church**

**Contact:** Derrick Latchford

**Tel:** 0161 881 5115

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**8 Bells.** 16-2-7 (841kgs)

**Post Code:** M20 2LT

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ830919

**WORSLEY, St Mark**

**Contact:** David A Yorke

**Tel:** 0161 790 4749

**Email:** david.yorke@outlook.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30 & 18:00-18:30

*1975	Christine Carson	-	4
1986	David Yorke	-	-
2013	Elizabeth Lyon	-	-

2020	Paul McCance	-	-
2023	Ryan Rawson	-	-

**10 Bells.** 24-0-9 (1,223kgs)

**Post Code:** M28 2WH

**OS Grid Ref:** SD746007

**MANCHESTER BRANCH, Unattached**

*1984	Robert Siddall	-	6
2003	Beth Ingham	-	-
2004	R Owen Battye	7	382
2012	Margaret Manby	-	10
2013	Mark Chilcott	-	-
*2024	Laurence Jones	-	-
2024	Maria Mykytiuk	-	-
2024	Brian Travis	-	-
2024	Elizabeth Travis	-	-

## **PRESTON BRANCH**

(Meeting Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)

**Branch Secretary:** Rachel Tuke. **Tel:** 01772 460142. **Email:** rtuke42@virginmedia.com

**Ringling Master:** Donna Jones. **Tel:** 01772 330941. **Email:** donnajones324@btinternet.com

With only a few exceptions, the branch committee has met for an hour prior to each branch meeting.

Messages from last year's AGM have caused us to consider several issues which will guide our programme for the future. The first of these was, "What is the Preston branch for?"

It is to maintain a thriving community of capable change ringers in and around Preston.

The committee aims to encourage ringers to have ambitions, make progress towards them, enjoy ringing with each other, and become proficient. The value of our branch is in its capacity to be a resource for tower captains, their bands and individual ringers. The branch committee will bear in mind, ringers, ringing opportunities and ringing facilities.

At the AGM it became obvious that we need to foster and develop ringing talent. Recognising capability, planning for succession and developing future post-holders into key roles will make for a lively branch which truly belongs to its membership.

To promote high standards of ringing without sacrificing inclusivity, we aim to develop a nucleus of ringers, who will attend branch practices consistently, develop their own capability and assist developing ringers to become proficient. In this way ringers will be more fully a resource for each other.

We hope this approach will encourage members to engage more closely with the branch and its activities. To assist this, we wish to encourage each tower to send a representative to the branch committee.

Although there is plenty we can improve in our branch, there are also some strong positives. Several towers presently function as sub-branch 'hubs' where the talents of surrounding towers are pooled through joint practices. The monthly intermediate level practice at St. Mary's, Chorley is well attended and participants derive worthwhile benefit.

We shared an excellent autumn outing to Cheshire with members of the Blackburn branch. The ringing during the day was not at the top level of challenge but what was rung was rung well and participants were willing to venture out of the comfort zone, stretch their capabilities within reasonable bounds and rise to the occasion.

I extend thanks to all those who have supported and participated in the developments noted here, especially our ringing 'master' and her deputies.

Rachel Tuke – Preston Branch Secretary

# PRESTON BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### ADLINGTON, St Paul

**Contact:** Lindsay F Smith

**Tel:** 07971 026675

**Email:** linzsmith@gmail.com

**Practice:** Thursday 19:30 (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

*#1965 Audrey McNutt	-	8	2024 Kerry Ainscough	-	-
*1976 Gillian Makinson	-	1	2024 Amanda Cross	-	-
*+1992 Geoffrey H Smith	-	231	2024 Geoff Dey	-	-
*+1992 Lindsay F Smith	-	185	2024 Jane Dey	-	-
*+1994 Janet Miles	-	2	2024 Susan Hannis	-	-
2017 Ian Horsfield	-	-	2024 Darren Houghton	-	-
*2022 Elle Buttery	-	1	*+2024 Keith Taylor	1	123
2022 Gail Eastaugh	-	-	+2024 Sarah Taylor	-	1

**8 Bells.** 13-1-4 (675kgs)

**Post Code:** PR6 9QR

**OS Grid Ref:** SD603135

### BAMBER BRIDGE, (Brownedge) St Mary R C

**Contact:** Graham C Turner

**Tel:** 01772 335965

**Email:** graham.turnerm@gmail.com

**Practice:** Thursday 19:30-20:30 (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 17:30-18:30

*1993 Stephen Jackson	-	4	2017 William James	-	-
*1993 Graham C Turner	-	16	2019 Liam Anderson	-	-
*1995 Elizabeth G Turner	-	6	2024 Linda Cevik	-	-
2007 Greg Ashe	-	-	2024 Louise Helliwell	-	-
*2013 James C Turner	-	1	2024 Gerard Neill	-	-

**8 Bells.** 14-3-24 (760kgs)

**Post Code:** PR5 6SP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD560262

### BILSBORROW, St Hilda

**Contact:** John E Blackley

**Tel:** 01995 640116

**Email:** jblackley@hotmail.co.uk

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

*#1966 Roy Jolley	-	74	2017 Rajesh Bhanot	-	-
*#1970 John E Blackley	-	22	2022 Joanne Barker	-	-
1993 Dave Gregson	-	-	2022 John Pill	-	-
2005 David Hodgkinson	-	-	2022 Yvonne Smallshaw	-	-
2006 Paul Warren	-	26	2023 Kathy Blackley	-	-
*2006 Kate Warren-White	-	1			

**8 Bells.** 14-1-21 (733kgs)

**Post Code:** PR3 0RL

**OS Grid Ref:** SD513398

## PRESTON BRANCH

### TOWERS and MEMBERS

#### BRINDLE, St James

**Contact:** Stuart Crosby

**Tel:** 01257 265542

**Email:** stuart.crosby5@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Monday 20:00-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

*1983 Margaret Crosby	-	5	2009 Richard Morley	-	-
*1983 Stuart A Crosby	-	3	2013 William de Hamel	-	-
*1993 Susan Lomax	-	-	2016 Tony France	-	-

**6 Bells.** 12-2-17 (643kgs)

**Post Code:** PR6 8YA

**OS Grid Ref:** SD599243

#### BROUGHTON, St John (gf)

**Contact:** Susan R C Holden

**Tel:** 01772 723838

**Email:** nigelandSusan.holden@gmail.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00 & 18:00-18:30

**6 Bells.** 9-3-3 (497kgs)

**Post Code:** PR3 5JB

**OS Grid Ref:** SD529344

#### CHIPPING, St Bartholomew (gf)

**Contact:** Jeffrey Fildes

**Tel:** 07976 716810

**Email:** jeffrey.fildes@virginmedia.com

**Practice:** Thursday 20:00-21:00 (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:15-10:45

1998 Barbara Butters	-	-	2016 Angelina Priest	-	-
1998 Martin Butters	-	-	2016 David Hartley	-	-
2000 Simon Hore	-	-	2016 Gary Helme	-	-
2012 Hugh McNair	-	-	2016 Grace Hore	-	-
2015 Laura Hunt	-	-	2017 Chris Cooke	-	-
2015 Clive Thompson	-	-	2019 Ellen Priest	-	-
2016 Jeffrey Fildes	-	-			

**6 Bells.** 8-0-23 (417kgs)

**Post Code:** PR3 2QH

**OS Grid Ref:** SD622433

#### CHORLEY, St Laurence

**Contact:** Alex Barrack

**Tel:** 07902 278330

**Email:** alex.barrack@hotmail.co.uk

**Practice:** Thursday 19:00-20:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

1997 David Thistlethwaite	-	-	2019 Barbara Coates	-	-
*+2007 Alex F C Barrack	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 12-2-14 (641kgs)

**Post Code:** PR7 1EB

**OS Grid Ref:** SD583178

#### CHORLEY, St Mary R C

**Contact:** Alison O'Keeffe

**Tel:** 01257 272046

**Email:** joseph.keeffe@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Thursday 19:45-21:00 (1st Thursday in the month only)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

#1998 Alison O'Keeffe	-	-	*1999 Martin Touhey	-	-
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**8 Bells.** 17-3-21 (911kgs)

**Post Code:** PR7 2SR

**OS Grid Ref:** SD582175

# PRESTON BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### CROSTON, St Michael (gf)

**Contact:** Robert Hough

**Tel:** 01772 814337

**Email:** brobthoug@aol.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:00-20:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 08:45-09:15 (please check)

*#1973 Michael Smethurst	-	25	+2003 Joan Smethurst	-	-
*#1974 Christopher Ashton	-	23	*+2011 Brian Ellis	-	5
1978 Robert Hough	-	95			

**8 Bells.** 15-3-19 (809kgs)

**Post Code:** PR26 9HA

**OS Grid Ref:** SD490184

### ECCLESTON, St Mary (gf)

**Contact:** Gillian Jamieson

**Tel:** 01257 451863 or **Mob:** 07791 705977

**Email:** jamiegee2@btinternet.com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

2006 Diane Taylor	-	-
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**6 Bells.** 11-0-7 (562kgs)

**Post Code:** PR7 6LZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD516179

### GOOSNARGH, St Mary

**Contact:** Tom Hickson

**Tel:** 07966 156210

**Email:** hickson.tom@gmail.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:30-21:00 (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:45-11:15

*1999 Nicholas Harrop	-	29	2019 Isobel Lakeland	-	-
*2007 Tom Hickson	-	1	2019 Derrick Robinson	-	-
2013 Sian Elcomb	-	-	2022 Johanna Hampson	-	-
2015 Nigel Catterall	-	-	2022 David Paton	-	-
2015 Geoffrey Sumner	-	-			

**6 Bells.** 7-2-13 (387kgs)

**Post Code:** PR3 2BJ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD560369

### HIGHER WALTON, All Saints

**Contact:** Donna Jones

**Tel:** 07889 204442

**Email:** donnajones324@btinternet.com

**Practice:** by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

*#1952 Harry Calderbank	-	7
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**8 Bells.** 16-1-11 (830kgs)

**Post Code:** PR5 4EA

**OS Grid Ref:** SD578274

### HOGHTON, Holy Trinity

**Contact:** Raymond J Clayton

**Tel:** 01254 853242

**Email:** rayclayton3@yahoo.co.uk

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:45-11:15

*#1966 Raymond J Clayton	-	282	*2001 Jan Reeves	-	2
2000 John Reeves	-	-	*+2013 Viv Clayton	-	8

**8 Bells.** 13-0-14 (667kgs)

**Post Code:** PR5 0SJ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD614259

## PRESTON BRANCH

### TOWERS and MEMBERS

#### LEYLAND, (Moss Side) St James

**Contact:** David L Marsden

**Tel:** 01772 421069

**Email:** nedsram@icloud.com

**Practice:** Wednesday 20:00-21:00 (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30 (please check)

*#1959 David L Marsden	-	23	2000 Kenneth Pope	-	-
*#1961 Graham J Mee	-	-			

**6 Bells.** 9-1-19 (479kgs)

**Post Code:** PR26 7SH

**OS Grid Ref:** SD517217

#### LEYLAND, St Andrew

**Contact:** John Procter

**Tel:** 01772 464166

**Email:** johnprocter@yahoo.co.uk

**Practice:** Friday 19:00-20:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

1986 John Procter	-	-	2023 Diane Bell	-	-
2013 Michael Roberts	-	-			

**10 Bells.** 23-0-20 (1,177kgs)

**Post Code:** PR25 3EL

**OS Grid Ref:** SD541216

#### PENWORTHAM, St Mary

**Contact:** Rachel Tuke

**Tel:** 01772 460142

**Email:** rtuke42@virginmedia.com

**Practice:** Thursday 19:45-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:45-10:15

*1999 Rachel Tuke	-	-	2017 Stephen Palmer	-	-
2012 David Tuke	-	-	2019 Geoff Cunliffe	-	-
2012 Philip Watmough	-	-	2024 Murray Smith	-	-

**8 Bells.** 8-2-6 (435kgs)

**Post Code:** PR1 0BP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD523290

#### PRESTON, Minster Church of St John

**Contact:** Joanne Diamond

**Tel:** 01772 330189

**Email:** joandald@aol.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:45-21:15

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:00-09:30

*1976 Victor Criddle	-	19	*1998 Joanne Diamond	-	6
*1996 Barbara Murray	-	291	1998 Philip Wilson	-	2

**12 Bells.** 17-1-10 (881kgs)

**Post Code:** PR1 3BT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD542293

#### SAMLESBURY, St Leonard-the-Less

**Contact:** Glenn Clayton

**Tel:** 01254 813330

**Email:** janet@frankharrington.com

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:00-20:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

2023 Susan Bell	-	-	2023 Rachel Cordeaux	-	-
2023 Glen Clayton	-	2	2023 Graham Morton	-	-

**8 Bells.** 19-0-1 (966kgs)

**Post Code:** PR5 0UE

**OS Grid Ref:** SD590303

# PRESTON BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### SCORTON, St Peter

**Contact:** John Kenyon

**Tel:** 07515 529426

**Email:** jk@barnacre.net

**Practice:** Monday 18:30-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

**8 Bells.** 18-0-0 (914kgs)

**Post Code:** PR3 1AY

**OS Grid Ref:** SD502486

### TARLETON, Holy Trinity

**Contact:** Debbie Williams

**Tel:** 07729 550815

**Email:** deb4.williams@outlook.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 18:00-18:50

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:15-10:45

**8 Bells.** 13-1-14 (679kgs)

**Post Code:** PR4 6DZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD452203

2008 Christina Mallinson	-	-	2019 Debbie Williams	-	-
2014 Donald Crawford	-	-	2023 Helen Cain	-	-
2015 Jim Sutton	-	-	2023 John Rimmer	-	4
2017 Tom Ryding	-	-			

### WALTON-LE-DALE, St Leonard

**Contact:** Heather Thomas

**Tel:** 07934 413743

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 08:45-09:15 (usually using Ellacombe Chimes)

**8 Bells.** 15-2-11 (792kgs)

**Post Code:** PR5 4HH

**OS Grid Ref:** SD561281

### WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, St John

**Contact:** David Briggs

**Tel:** 07886 274741

**Email:** davidmbriggs@blueyonder.co.uk

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:00-09:30

**8 Bells.** 21-1-23 (1,090kgs)

**Post Code:** PR6 7PS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD578215

*2009 David Briggs	-	-	2019 William Taylor	-	-
+2016 Joan Houghton	-	-	2022 Barbara McIver	-	-
2019 Rosie Taylor	-	-	2022 Pauline Myerscough	-	-

### PRESTON BRANCH, Unattached

*#1966 Jeffrey D Simcox	-	145
*1977 John Wane	-	32
*#1983 Donna Jones	-	87
2012 Susan Thompson	-	-
2018 Melissa Villiers	-	-
2023 Jean Taylor	-	-
2024 Katreena Carr	-	-

**ROCHDALE BRANCH**  
(Meeting Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 10 Bell Practice at St Chad

**Branch Secretary:** Mr R Julian Seeley. **Tel:** 01706 522274. **Email:** R\_Julian\_Seeley@hotmail.com  
**Ringling Master:** Mr Thomas Chapman. **Tel:** 07969 943234. **Email:** thomas-chapman@talktalk.net

2024's activities followed the pattern of recent years with Saturday Branch Meetings, associated training sessions and events like May's quarter peal weekend and October's trip.

The year's big event in the life of the Branch was the installation of the bells from St Mark's Glodwick, and two new trebles, at Rochdale St Chad to give a fine ring of ten. This largely due to a legacy from the late Mr John Partington as well as a grant from the association BRF and donations from other generous individuals. The bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Manchester at a well-attended service in October. On the downside there appears to have been little progress at resolving the situation at Healey and Walsden church, where the bells have been unringable for some time, is now under threat of permanent closure after the temporary closure of the building due to safety concerns.

We have seen a trickle of new recruits at a number of towers across the Branch and a number of those are still ringing and making progress. Sadly we lost one of the Branch's longest standing members, Les Miller of Middleton, during the year. Our sympathies go to Kath and the rest of Les's family.

As ever I would like to thank the members of the Branch Committee whose hard work has ensured the Branch has run smoothly without a Secretary and to give my thanks and best wishes to Alyson Blanchard for volunteering to become our new Secretary.

Julian Seeley – Rochdale Branch Secretary





# ROCHDALE BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### HEYWOOD, St Luke

**Contact:** Keith Bamford

**Tel:** 07759 275367

**Email:** kabamford@live.co.uk

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00 (not third)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 08:45-09:15

*#1967 Anthony J Smethurst	-	16
*#1973 Margaret O'Dwyer	-	2
1996 Keith Bamford	-	1

**8 Bells.** 21-3-9 (1,109kgs)

**Post Code:** OL10 4NN

**OS Grid Ref:** SD856107

### LEESFIELD, St Thomas

**Contact:** Brian Hayes

**Tel:** 07816 644847

**Email:** brianhayes55@yahoo.co.uk

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

1980 Brian Hayes	-	16
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**8 Bells.** 14-0-0 (711kgs)

**Post Code:** OL4 5AT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD953043

### LITTLEBOROUGH, (Shore) St Barnabas

**Contact:** John Catanach

**Tel:** 07443 950902

**Email:** jgcatanach@gmail.com

**Practice:** Thursday 18:30-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 08:30-09:00 (please check)

**8 Bells.** 10-0-0 (508kgs)

**Post Code:** OL15 8EJ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD931168

### MIDDLETON, St Leonard

**Contact:** David B Bates

**Tel:** 0161 643 7923 or 07931 513238

**Email:** sandhurst107@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00 (except first)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

*#1966 Leslie Miller	-	-
*#1966 L Kathleen Miller	-	8
1975 David B Bates	-	-
1981 Deborah S O'Connor	-	-
1988 Jane Szczerkowska	-	-
*1993 Duncan Vyse	-	2
2010 Debra Mason	-	-

**8 Bells.** 11-2-8 (588kgs)

**Post Code:** M24 6BW

**OS Grid Ref:** SD872062

### MILNROW, St James

**Contact:** Jane Owen

**Tel:** 01706 633151

**Email:** Ja10w@aol.com

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 08:45-09:15 (please check)

*#1960 Jane Owen	18	549
*#1966 Brian Owen	23	608

**8 Bells.** 18-0-2 (915kgs)

**Post Code:** OL16 3JT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD928129

2024 Gemma Hill	-	-
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# ROCHDALE BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### NEWHEY, St Thomas

**Contact:** Kathy Stott

**Tel:** 01706 843157 or 07811 360741

**Email:** kath48@gmail.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00

#1974 Helen Rigby	-	54	1996 Kathryn Stott	-	-
*1993 Kenneth D Boardman	-	2	2007 Sandra Peel	-	-
*1993 Stephen Kershaw	-	24	2017 Michael D Fishwick	-	301
1996 Carole Clarke	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 4-1-17 (224kgs)

**Post Code:** OL16 3QS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD937117

### OLDHAM, (Moorside) St Thomas

**Contact:** Peter C Randall

**Tel:** 0161 620 5421

**Email:** petercrandall1950@gmail.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

1977 Gail L Randall	12	1,337	1980 Peter C Randall	24	2,000
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**8 Bells.** 11-1-12 (577kgs)

**Post Code:** OL1 4SJ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD951075

### OLDHAM, St Mary with St Peter

**Contact:** Derek J Thomas

**Tel:** 0161 665 372

**Email:** derekthomas303@ntlworld.com

**Practice:** by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

*#1967 Derek J Thomas	34	1,400	2017 Rachel Walker	-	-
1979 Neil Brock	-	2	2018 Brooke Whitehead	-	-
1988 Brian Greenwood	-	-	2020 Victor Flowers	-	-
*2008 Thomas Chapman	-	1	2022 Amy Shirt	-	-
2010 Peter Scoltock	-	-			

**13 Bells.** 35-0-4 (1,780kgs)

**Post Code:** OL1 3BP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD927051

### ROCHDALE, St Chad

**Contact:** Debra E Holmes

**Tel:** 07941 589540

**Email:** debra\_holmes@sky.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:30-21:00 & 10 bell practice 1st Thursday in the month

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:45-11:15 (please check)

*#1970 Debra Holmes	-	4	*2021 Luke Pollock	-	-
#1974 Alan Stancliffe	-	-	2023 Alyson Blanchard	1	1
1987 Ann Shephard	-	-	2023 David E Parr	-	-
1994 Simon Ripley	-	-	2024 Julian D Hunt	-	-
*+2019 Andrew Webster	2	284	2024 Ian M Robinson	-	-

**10 Bells.** 8-2-8 (435kgs)

**Post Code:** OL16 1QU

**OS Grid Ref:** SD896132

# ROCHDALE BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### TODMORDEN, St Mary (gf)

**Contact:** Lyn Luddington

**Tel:** 01706 818060

**Email:** lyn@atouchofbrass.org

**Practice:** Friday 20:00-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00 (please check)

1993 Lyn Luddington	-	1	2016 Laura Barnes	-	-
2006 Phil Halstead	-	1	2024 John Coatsworth	-	-

**8 Bells.** 6-1-18 (326kgs)

**Post Code:** OL14 7BD

**OS Grid Ref:** SD936242

### TODMORDEN, Unitarian Church

**Contact:** Helen Rigby

**Tel:** 07919 370308

**Email:** rigbyhelen.fwb@gmail.com

**Practice:** Friday 19:30-20:45 fifth Friday only (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**8 Bells.** 13-3-18 (707kgs)

**Post Code:** OL14 6LP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD935238

### WALSDEN, St Peter

**Contact:** David Dunkley

**Tel:** 01706 814379 or 07941 580443

**Practice:** unringable (ropes removed)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** unringable (ropes removed)

**8 Bells.** 9-0-4 (459kgs)

**Post Code:** OL14 6QU

**OS Grid Ref:** SD935220

### WHITWORTH, St Bartholomew

**Contact:** Roger Tattersall

**Tel:** 07480 863290

**Email:** rogertattersall@btinternet.com

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**8 Bells.** 15-3-1 (801kgs)

**Post Code:** OL12 8PY

**OS Grid Ref:** SD888177

### ROCHDALE BRANCH, Unattached

*2000 Christine Broadley	-	199
2016 Jane Lynch	-	4
2018 Patricia Schofield	-	-
2018 Robert Schofield	-	-

## **ROSSENDALE BRANCH**

(Meeting Day: contact the Branch Secretary)

**Branch Secretary:** Debbie Willsea. **Tel:** 07944 423465. **Email:** Debbie.willsea@hotmail.co.uk  
**Ringling Master:** Martyn Bristow. **Tel:** 07825 165420. **Email:** martyn@hey.com

The branch has been as busy as ever in 2024. The last 12 months has seen the completion of the first year of our new Ringling Master (Martyn Bristow) who has strived to push the branch to try new things, whilst improving his own skills ringling at other branches within the northwest and then bringing back ideas/ skills for branch members to upskill.

New ringers are joining the towers year on year and this is a positive development for the branch, including a couple of Cantonese parishioners who were intrigued to hear bells and became so interested they have now joined our team at Bury Parish Church- St Mary the Virgin. There have been challenges with the language barrier, but bellringing is a universal skill which you can observe and learn and they are picking the basics up well now. Also, the teams have been supporting each other on practice nights as some of our towers have limited numbers of their own ringers and this has been a positive step forward to keeping as many of our towers ringling as possible.

The annual ringling trip to the Ormskirk area was a huge success with lovely churches in a lovely part of the world. Jill Millward, a member of our Social Events Committee came up with an excellent hostelry for our lunch time break – at the Dog & Gun, Aughton.

It was a shame to be a trip with a limited number of participants this year. It appears to be the same core of ringers and it would be nice if we could encourage more of branch members to feel brave enough to experience other towers to ring at and go on the trips, as they are fun and there is something for everyone. The branch trip had 12 ringers on the day with a couple of people with health issues who didn't manage to keep ringling. But it is always a really rewarding and social event we all look forward to.

The towers opened their towers on the English Heritage Weekend and saw over 100 people go in, to be curious and some showed interest in what we did. Everyone who helped on the days enjoyed themselves and all exclaimed how exciting it is to see people genuinely interested in this mad hobby. All the towers received good feedback from the public.

All Saints' Church, Stand, Whitefield and St. Mary the Virgin, Bury are both celebrating Bicentenaries in the coming 18 months and as a branch we will be putting our heads together to organise suitable ways to celebrate these events.

At the AGM in November, it was discussed the possibility of another training day to be arranged in 2025, as many enjoyed the previous ones and gained many tips and skills. At the AGM all existing members remain in post for the duration of 2024 – 2025.

Within the branch, towers have rung for several weddings and a couple of funerals and St. Pauls', Ramsbottom rang for the inauguration of the new vicar in January 2024. Every possible member of the team wished to take part for this occasion and the full band attended the service on a winters evening with soft lighting and a very moving service to welcome the vicar: a new fresh start for the church community. We rang exceptionally well, and the congregation were very generous with their comments.

The ringling master will continue to expand our skills and knowledge, along with the training officer Graham Lord, who provide tireless hours to the role of teaching our new members and hopefully by the next AGM and annual report the Rossendale Branch will be able to add a striking competition and maybe a Peal or two under our belts (if our Ringling Master has his way!)

Debbie Willsea – Rossendale Branch Secretary

**ROSSENDALE BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**BURY, St Mary**

**Contact:** Marilyn Smith

**Tel:** 0161 764 3837

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:30-10:00

2023 Marilyn Smith

- 2

2022 George W Smith

- 9

**8 Bells.** 13-0-0 (660kgs)

**Post Code:** BL9 0JP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD804109

**HASLINGDEN, St James**

**Contact:** Linden J Charnley

**Tel:** 01254 233608 or 07866 615032

**Email:** linden@charnley5.orangehome.co.uk

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:15-10:45 (please check)

**8 Bells.** 16-2-2 (839kgs)

**Post Code:** BB4 5QU

**OS Grid Ref:** SD785236

**HELMSHORE, St Thomas**

**Contact:** Fred Barlow

**Tel:** 01706 217620

**Email:** fandc44@fsmail.net

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:30-21:00 Joint held at Newchurch

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:00-09:15 (please check)

2023 Stephen G Landridge

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**8 Bells.** 9-2-16 (490kgs)

**Post Code:** BB4 4HZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD782213

**NEWCHURCH, St Nicholas with St John**

**Contact:** Les Reid

**Tel:** 01706 877745

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30 (please check)

**8 Bells.** 14-2-19 (745kgs)

**Post Code:** BB4 9EQ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD834223

**RAWTENSTALL, St Mary**

**Contact:** Vicar

**Tel:** 01706 215585

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**8 Bells.** 14-0-2 (712kgs)

**Post Code:** BB4 7NF

**OS Grid Ref:** SD811228

**RADCLIFFE, St Mary**

**Contact:** W Roy Fairhurst

**Tel:** 0161 797 0391 or 07896 961517

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**8 Bells.** 15-1-3 (776kgs)

**Post Code:** M26 2QA

**OS Grid Ref:** SD797076

**ROSSENDALE BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**RAMSBOTTOM, St Paul**

**Contact:** Claire Lord

**Tel:** 01204 880405

**Email:** houseoflordsl@netscape.net

**Practice:** Thursday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-11:00 (please check)

2008	Graham Lord	-	-	2018	Karen Jowles	-	-
2011	Dave Williams	-	-	*2018	Diane Rapley	-	-
2013	Jill Millward	-	-	2021	Lorraine Jackson	-	-
2015	Colin Willsea	-	-	*2023	Martyn Bristow	-	-
2016	Julia Thomas	-	-	*2023	Robert Cantrill	-	-
2016	Debbie Willsea	-	-	2024	Julia Ansell	-	-

**8 Bells.** 9-2-0 (483kgs)

**Post Code:** BL0 9BP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD792169

**WHITEFIELD, (Stand) All Saints**

**Contact:** Frank Roebuck

**Tel:** 07710 953242 (Andrew Bradshaw)

**Email:** Frank.Roebuck@outlook.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**8 Bells.** 22-0-0 (1,118kgs)

**Post Code:** M45 7NF

**OS Grid Ref:** SD803059

*+1993	John E Preston	-	8	2019	Frank Roebuck	-	-
*+2002	Andrew Bradshaw	-	17	*2019	Lawrence Thomason	-	-
2002	David Hugill	-	-	2024	Martin Kemp	-	-
2008	Ann Crawford	-	-				

**ROSSENDALE BRANCH, Unattached**

## **SODOR AND MAN BRANCH**

(Meeting Day: working towards a regular meet, please check)

**Branch Secretary:** Mrs Penny Thursfield. **Tel:** 01624 844682. **Email:** thursfields@manx.net

**Ringling Master:** Ernie de Legh-Runciman. **Tel:** 07624 329556.

This year's report is a tale of 2 towers...

### **Peel, St German**

The Peel Cathedral tower was shut until June 2024, though I am pleased to say that the band at Peel were given special access to ring for Easter.

We held our usual bellringers dinner in February and it was lovely to have everyone together and have some fun. It is important to thank the St George's band for making us very welcome in their tower whenever we joined them for practice.

We had full access to the tower from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June and our first wedding was on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June for Sinead and Charlie Esdaile. Sinead learned to ring with us when she was at school and occasionally still joins us.

It was such a joy to have this special event to kick start our ringing. We have been working on rebuilding our experience and have started to receive visiting ringers who always help us so much. We look forward to a fuller calendar in 2025. Thanks as always to the team who keep us motivated.

### **Douglas, St George**

St Georges ringers have had a good year. We have managed to ring on every Sunday in the year, with an average attendance of about 8. We have rung for several special services, both locally and for national and UK events.

This year, the band made their first ever entry into a striking competition, visiting Tuebrook for the 6-bell. We hold regular social events, usually a monthly evening meal. We have a great relationship with the church and are an integral part of the community at St Georges.

While we have a strong and loyal band, we do struggle with experience. We have a regular number of visitors during the summer, who are always very helpful, but are disappointed by the shortage in information forthcoming from the Lancashire Association. Indeed, several members of the band were saddened to find that they had been removed (without notice) from LACR membership because they had not signed up to the new online membership system.

Penny Thursfield – Sodor & Man Branch Secretary



**SODOR & MAN BRANCH**  
**TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**DOUGLAS, St George**

**Contact:** Jane Smith

**Tel:** 07533 006391

**Website:** [www..sgaschurch.im](http://www..sgaschurch.im)

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

1975	Ernie De Legh-Runciman	-	110	2010	Sally Farrell	-	-
1999	Bethany De Legh-Runciman	-	2	2022	Jane Smith	-	-
1999	David Farrell	-	-	2022	Richard Smith	-	-
1999	Bruce Matthews	-	-	2022	Christopher Wilde	-	-
2008	Monica Floding	-	-	2024	Charles Kohler	-	-
+2009	Hazel Bolton	-	-				

**12 Bells.** 18-2-14 (946kgs)

**Post Code:** IM1 1EE

**OS Grid Ref:** SC378753

**PEEL, (Kirk German) Cathedral Church of St German**

**Contact:** Penny Thursfield

**Tel:** 01624 844682

**Email:** [thursfields@manx.net](mailto:thursfields@manx.net)

**Practice:** Friday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:45-10:30

1996	Trudy Haddouche	-	-	2017	Jackie Allen	-	-
1997	Annette Thackray	-	3	2022	Natasha Williams	-	-
2006	Penny Thursfield	-	-	2023	Marion Teare	-	-
2008	Louise Horsfall	-	-	2024	Timothy Mann	-	3
2012	Nicky Beavis	-	-				

**8 Bells.** 9-2-10 (487kgs)

**Post Code:** IM5 1HH

**OS Grid Ref:** SC246840

**SODOR & MAN BRANCH, Unattached**

2018	Emily Wilde	-	-
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**WIGAN BRANCH**  
(Meeting Day: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10 Bell Practice at Newton-le-Willows

**Branch Secretary:** Mrs Alison Ridd. **Tel:** 01744 885643. **Email:** alison\_r\_100@hotmail.com  
**Ringling Master:** Chris Barr. **Tel:** 07464 461318. **Email:** ringingmaster@lacrwiganbranch.co.uk

It feels as though 2024 has been a quiet year but looking back we have held 10 Branch Meetings involving 11 different towers with attendance varying from 7 to 23 people. In addition there have been at least 5 training sessions which incorporated another two towers and were focused on ringing up and down and ringing 6-bell methods. So it has been quite busy after all.

It is pleasing to report that the bells at St John's, Hindley are now back in action after a new access ladder was installed. There is local interest in restoring a regular band and a very successful Branch Meeting was held there in August, the first for many years. St. Cuthbert's, Halsall is also available once again and some Sunday ringing is beginning to take place. Similarly, the bells at Emmanuel, Southport are accessible again after the work to treat dry rot on the transept crossing has now been completed. Sunday ringing has recently been resumed and we look forward to visiting the tower in the New Year.

After a gap of four years, our Branch Dinner was held once again in March. The Hopvine in Burscough did not disappoint and thirty ringers and friends enjoyed a lovely meal with the usual high standard of food, drink and service.

In May, a special quarter-peal was rung at St. Michael's, Aughton to celebrate Alf Draper's incredible achievement of 75 years membership of the LACR. He chose to ring Cambridge Surprise Minor and selected the band to represent various aspects of his ringing career over the years. Another notable achievement was the 90th birthday of Ken Edwards from Newton-le-Willows. Typically, he kept it very quiet and avoided any branch-wide celebrations! Congratulations go to both of these well-loved, long-standing members of our branch.

Sadly, three of our ringers have passed away this year:-

Peter Sutton learned to ring at St Wilfred's Standish but in later years also supported ringing at All Saints, Wigan. Eric Binks, until recent illness, was a ringer at Emmanuel, Southport and Stan Sefton rang at All Saints, Rainford for many years until poor health caused him to retire from ringing.

We are grateful for the many years of loyal service that they gave to ringing and our sympathies go to their families and friends.

As usual, I would like to thank all those who have supported the branch in any way this year and look forward to continued fellowship and ringing next year.

Alison Ridd - Wigan Branch Secretary

# WIGAN BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### AUGHTON, Christ Church

**Contact:** Paul Coggon

**Tel:** 01695 422079

**Email:** paulandcharlotte6874@gmail.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:45 & 18:00-18:30

#1964 Edmund Rothwell	-	42	*#1973 Margaret Walsh	-	15
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**8 Bells.** 14-0-12 (717kgs)

**Post Code:** L39 4TF

**OS Grid Ref:** SD402072

### AUGHTON, St Michael (gf)

**Contact:** Jo Housley

**Tel:** 07778 510637

**Email:** jo.housley@gmail.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30

*#1949 Alfred Draper	-	23	2023 Elizabeth Makepeace	-	-
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**6 Bells.** 5-2-2 (280kgs)

**Post Code:** L39 6TQ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD392054

### COPPULL, St John

**Contact:** Chris Barr

**Tel:** 07464 461318

**Email:** ringingmaster@lacrwiganbranch.co.uk

**Practice:** Wednesday by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

2022 Barry Gibbons	-	-	2022 Yvonne M Holt	-	-
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**6 Bells.** 16-0-13 (819kgs)

**Post Code:** PR7 5AH

**OS Grid Ref:** SD561142

### DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, Christ Church (gf)

**Contact:** Joanna Ashcroft

**Tel:** 07766 406761

**Email:** jrashcroftpa@hotmail.com

**Practice:** Thursday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

1996 Robert Long	-	-	2024 Quin Davies	-	-
2024 Pennie Cookson	-	-	2024 Isabella Long	-	-

**8 Bells.** 11-3-24 (608kgs)

**Post Code:** WN8 7TG

**OS Grid Ref:** SD502107

### HALSALL, St Cuthbert

**Contact:** Colin Thrope

**Tel:** 01704 841281

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

2013 Christopher Lea	-	-			
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**6 Bells.** 10-3-19 (555kgs)

**Post Code:** L39 8RG

**OS Grid Ref:** SD371103

### HINDLEY, St Peter

**Contact:** Chris Barr

**Tel:** 07464 461318

**Email:** ringingmaster@lacrwiganbranch.co.uk

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**8 Bells.** 14-3-0 (749kgs)

**Post Code:** WN2 3HA

**OS Grid Ref:** SD616043

# WIGAN BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, St Peter

**Contact:** Trevor Fox

**Email:** trevor.fox24@blueyonder.co.uk

**Practice:** Thursday 19:45-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:00-09:30

*#1950 Kenneth Edwards	-	82	1996 Ron Taylor	-	-
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**10 Bells.** 24-2-25 (1,256kgs)

**Post Code:** WA12 9SR

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ593956

### ORMSKIRK, SS Peter and Paul

**Contact:** Peter Rothwell

**Tel:** 01695 571215

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:15-09:45

**8 Bells.** 21-1-26 (1,091kgs)

**Post Code:** L39 3RD

**OS Grid Ref:** SD413084

### RAINFORD, All Saints

**Contact:** David Burgess

**Tel:** 01744 883187

**Email:** david-burgess@outlook.com

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:30 & 18:00-18:30

*#1956 David Burgess	-	31	*+1996 William F Green	-	9
#1973 June Burgess	-	-	*+1997 Kathy Higgins	-	6
+1980 Robin Merryweather	-	5	*+2005 Alison Ridd	-	6
1989 Gillian Heath	-	1	2022 Emma Pownall	-	-
+1994 A Myra Roughley	-	-	2023 Susan Goodlad	-	-
*+1994 Thomas D Roughley	-	6	2023 Gillian Walker	-	-

**8 Bells.** 13-2-7 (689kgs)

**Post Code:** WA11 8HE

**OS Grid Ref:** SD478007

### SOUTHPORT, Christ Church

**Contact:** Ray Woods

**Tel:** 01704 540038 (daytime)

**Email:** r.woods993@btinternet..com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**8 Bells.** 12-1-3 (624kgs)

**Post Code:** PR8 1AJ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD337173

### SOUTHPORT, (Crossens) St John

**Contact:** Eileen Baldwin

**Tel:** 01704 224994

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**6 Bells.** 8-1-18 (427kgs)

**Post Code:** PR9 8RQ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD375201

# WIGAN BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### **SOUTHPORT, Emmanuel**

**Contact:** David Ramsbottom

**Tel:** 01704 224742

**Email:** d.ramsbottom86@googlemail.com

**Practice:** Thursday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:00-10:25 & 18:00-18:25

*#1967 Celia F Hughes-D'Aeth	-	163	2004 Christopher Lee	-	-
*#1973 Karen Sacker	-	4	2007 Janet Williams	-	-
1991 Jean A Lee	-	2	2008 Thomas Hollingsworth	-	-
*1998 Jonathan Williams	-	-	2009 Christine Hollingsworth	-	-
2000 David Ramsbottom	-	3	2010 Eric Binks	-	-

**8 Bells.** 12-1-16 (630kgs)

**Post Code:** PR9 9PR

**OS Grid Ref:** SD356187

### **SOUTHPORT, Holy Trinity**

**Contact:** Ray Woods

**Tel:** 01704 540038 (daytime)

**Email:** r.woods993@btinternet..com

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

*#1967 Ray Woods	-	36			
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**1 Bells.** 40-1-21 (2,054kgs)

**Post Code:** PR9 0QX

**OS Grid Ref:** SD342175

### **STANDISH, St Wilfrid**

**Contact:** Chris Barr

**Tel:** 07464 461318

**Email:** ringingmaster@lacriganbranch.co.uk

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:00-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:30-10:00

1990 Jacqueline Melling	-	-	2022 Jackie Holden	-	-
1996 Valerie Barr	-	-	2022 Barbara Starmer	-	-
2003 Chris Barr	-	1	2022 Raymond Starmer	-	-
2019 Emma Housley	-	-	2023 Merlyn Gildale	-	-
2019 Philip Housley	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 12-0-23 (620kgs)

**Post Code:** WN6 0JT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD563102

### **UP HOLLAND, St Thomas**

**Contact:** Phyll Wigginton

**Tel:** 01695 622307

**Email:** wiggintonr@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:00-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:00-09:30

*1998 Daniel Vernon	-	92	2013 Ray Swift	-	-
2013 Ruth Byworth	-	-	2013 Phyll Wigginton	-	-
2013 David Durham	-	-	2024 Susan Kay	-	1
2013 Patricia Lomax	-	-	2024 Tim Williams	-	-
2013 James Starkey	-	-			

**6 Bells.** 8-0-15 (413kgs)

**Post Code:** WN8 0LW

**OS Grid Ref:** SD523051

# WIGAN BRANCH

## TOWERS and MEMBERS

### WIGAN, All Saints

**Contact:** Barry Hale

**Tel:** 01695 625829

**Email:** barry@bowltd.eu

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:00-09:30

2009 Elizabeth Fairhurst	-	-	2018 Nicholas Hale	-	-
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**10 Bells.** 29-1-8 (1,490kgs)

**Post Code:** WN1 1JR

**OS Grid Ref:** SD582057

### WIGAN, (Poolstock) St James

**Contact:** Carole Simm

**Tel:** 01942 217921

**Email:** carole.simm@gmail.com

**Practice:** Wednesday by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 17:40-18:30 4th Sunday only (confirm before attending)

*+2017 Carole Simm	-	-	2022 Alison Brown	-	-
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**8 Bells.** 25-2-21 (1,305kgs)

**Post Code:** WN3 5EZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD578045

### WINWICK, St Oswald (gf)

**Contact:** George Sutton

**Tel:** 01925 415408

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:30-21:00

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:45-10:00

**6 Bells.** 16-0-0 (813kgs)

**Post Code:** WA2 8LF

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ603928

### WIGAN BRANCH, Unattached

1983 Martin Pendlebury	-	9
*1990 Graham Snape	-	13
*1991 Shirley Snape	-	5
*+2007 Andrew Instone-Cowie	-	12
2024 Judith Bristow	-	-
2012 David Woodward	-	-

## PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

There were a total of 73 peals rung for the Association during 2024. This represents a continued slight decrease in the number of peals being rung annually. In 2022 post-pandemic there were 92 peals and in 2023 there were 84 peals. This seems to be partly due to there being fewer peal organisers active within the Association and partly due to the increase in average age of peal ringers in general.

The peals in 2024 were rung by 115 ringers in 41 towers. There were 16 conductors (reduced from 19 in 2022 and 2023).

### Notable peals included:

The first peal in the tower at Over Kellet following the installation of the remodelled ring of bells from Church Kirk.

A peal at Liverpool Cathedral to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral.

A peal at Borwick was the first on the Taylors Touring Tower Bells, which were temporarily situated in the Climbing Wall at Borwick Hall. This peal marked the opening of the annual North West Ringing Course. One of the bells was donated by the Association.

The first peal rung on the newly augmented bells at Barnoldswick.

The first peal rung on the bells at Cockerham since 1974.

The 100<sup>th</sup> peal at Clitheroe.

### Milestones included:

2000 <sup>th</sup> peal for the Association	Peter C Randall
2,500 <sup>th</sup> peal & 500 <sup>th</sup> on 12 bells	Peter L Furniss
1,400 <sup>th</sup> peal for the Association	Derek J Thomas
600 <sup>th</sup> peal for the Association	Brian Owen
600 <sup>th</sup> 12 bell peal	Jeffrey Brannan

And, a special mention for Jim Andrews who, with a peal at Clitheroe on August 10<sup>th</sup>, became the Association's all-time leading peal ringer, surpassing Geoffrey Fothergill's long standing record of 2,308 peals.

### Leaders in each category were:

Ringers		Towers		Conductors		Methods	
Derek J Thomas	34	Middleton	11	Peter C Randall	21	Spliced S Major	6
George H Campling	27	Accrington	10	George H Campling	15	Minor	6
James E Andrews	26	Burnley	5	Kevin M Price	10	Cambridge S Maximus	3
Peter C Randall	24	Heywood	4	John M Goldthorpe	4	Bristol S Major	3
Brian J Owen	23	Liverpool PH	3	Simon A Percy	4	Grandsire Triples	3

**Notable Footnotes to peals:**

A number of peals were rung in memory of Lancashire ringers who passed away during 2024: Eric Wharton, Leslie Miller, Ian W Taylor and Eric Musson.

Peals were also rung to mark the significant birthdays which were reached during 2024: Geoffrey Gardner (80) and Anthony Helliwell (75).

A peal was also rung to congratulate Peter and Chris Gardner on their Diamond wedding anniversary.

**Non Resident Life Members:**

The following new non-residents joined the Association in 2024: Ceri Bicknell, Joseph E T Waters, Ollie E P Watson, Alison Molyneux, Rosalind Ashton, Ewan Hull, Henry Stephenson, Alex J Parsons and Sam Shead.

PAULINE CAMPLING – Hon. Peal Secretary



## Peals rung in 2024

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### **TODMORDEN**

West Yorkshire,  
St Mary Magdalene  
Tue 2 January 2024  
2hrs 41mins  
5056 Felicity Delight  
Major

Comp: M Maughan

- 1 Peter C Randall (C)
- 2 Jeffrey Brannan
- 3 Raymond A Hutchings
- 4 Jane Owen
- 5 Gail L Randall
- 6 Brian J Owen
- 7 Alan F Scholfield
- 8 Derek J Thomas

Rung as a birthday compliment  
to Derek Thomas.  
First peal in the method,  
previously rung to a quarter peal.

17859

### **COCKERHAM**

Lancashire, St Michael  
Sunday 7 January 2024  
2hrs 48mins  
5040 Surprise Minor  
(7m: one extent each of York,  
London, Cambridge,  
Norwich, Bourne, Beverley,  
and Surfleet)

- 1 Jayden R Milby
- 2 Cate Gardner
- 3 Daniel E Hughes
- 4 Nigel J Goodship
- 5 Robin A Daw
- 6 Simon A Percy (C)

In memory of Isobel van Dijk,  
mother of Jane Ward from  
Over Kellet Church, who died  
aged 97 on Friday 5th January.  
First of surprise minor: 2  
First peal on the bells since  
30th March 1974.

17860

### **MIDDLETON**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard  
Fri 12 January 2024  
2hrs 52mins

5120 Spliced Surprise Major  
(4m: 1440 Cornwall, 1280 each  
Bristol and Lessness, 1120  
Superlative; 84 com, atw)  
Comp: D F Morrison (no. 8791)

- 1 Taylor Wright
- 2 Jane Owen
- 3 Gail L Randall
- 4 Jeffrey Brannan
- 5 Peter C Randall (C)
- 6 Derek J Thomas
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Raymond A Hutchings

17861

### **ACCRINGTON**

Lancashire, St James  
Tuesday 16 January 2024  
3hrs

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal  
Comp: Traditional

- 1 Roger S Riley
  - 2 James E Andrews
  - 3 Lenard J Mitchell
  - 4 Jane Owen
  - 5 Peter C Randall
  - 6 Raymond A Hutchings
  - 7 Alan F Scholfield
  - 8 Derek J Thomas
  - 9 Brian J Owen
  - 10 Jeffrey Brannan (C)
- Rung after meeting short for  
Maximus.

17862

### **WOOLTON**

Merseyside, St Peter  
Saturday 3 February 2024  
3hrs 6mins  
5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal  
Comp: D G Hull

- 1 John Hyden
- 2 Mark A Humphreys
- 3 Alexander M Fishburn
- 4 David T G Jones
- 5 Adam J Bennett
- 6 Ellis Hollows (C)
- 7 Jayden R Milby
- 8 Robin A Daw
- 9 Peter L Furniss
- 10 Luke D Marshall

Dedicated to the memory of  
Eric Wharton, former ringer at this  
tower, who died on January 12th,  
aged 91 years.  
First of surprise as conductor  
First in method: 3

17863

### **ACCRINGTON**

Lancashire, St James  
Tuesday 6 February 2024  
2hrs 59mins  
5040 A' Chailleach Delight Royal  
Comp: R O Hall

- 1 James E Andrews
  - 2 Raymond A Hutchings
  - 3 Roger S Riley
  - 4 Jane Owen
  - 5 Derek J Thomas
  - 6 Peter H Gardner
  - 7 Jeffrey Brannan
  - 8 Peter C Randall (C)
  - 9 Brian J Owen
  - 10 Peter L Furniss
- 600th peal together: 2,8

17864

### HEYWOOD

Lancashire, St Luke

Wednesday 7 February 2024

3hrs 6mins

5024 Quernendon Surprise Major

Comp: George H Campling

- 1 Jeffrey Brannan
- 2 James E Andrews
- 3 Carol A Marchbank
- 4 Derek J Thomas
- 5 Trevor W Marchbank
- 6 Lenard J Mitchell
- 7 John M Thurman
- 8 George H Campling (C)

17865

### MIDDLETON

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 9 February 2024

2hrs 54mins

5088 Kent Treble Bob Major

Comp: D F Morrison (no. 431)

- 1 Derek J Thomas
- 2 Jane Owen
- 3 Gail L Randall
- 4 Jeffrey Brannan
- 5 Peter C Randall (C)
- 6 Raymond A Hutchings
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Taylor Wright

Rung as a birthday compliment to

Donna Hutchings

17866

### AMBLESIDE

Cumbria, St Mary

Sunday 11 February 2024

3hrs 35mins

5024 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: R J Angrave (no 435)

- 1 Robin A Daw
- 2 Julia R Cater
- 3 Ashley B Wilson
- 4 Jayden R Milby
- 5 Ellis Hollows
- 6 James W Perrins
- 7 George H Campling (C)
- 8 Simon A Percy

17867

### OVER KELLETT

Lancashire, St Cuthbert

Sunday 18 February 2024

2hrs 50mins

5152 Superlative Surprise Major

Comp: Simon A Percy

- 1 L Martin Daniels
- 2 Ellis Hollows
- 3 Robin A Daw
- 4 Nigel J Goodship
- 5 Jayden R Milby
- 6 Anne E Pettifor
- 7 Simon A Percy (C)
- 8 Julia R Cater

The first peal in the tower and on the remodelled bells.

Rung following the dedication service, led by the Bishop of Blackburn.

17868

### ACCRINGTON

Lancashire, St James

Tuesday 20 February 2024

2hrs 58mins

5040 Pilton Delight Royal

Comp: A G Reading

- 1 Lenard J Mitchell
- 2 James E Andrews
- 3 Derek J Thomas
- 4 Jeffrey Brannan
- 5 Roger S Riley
- 6 Peter H Gardner
- 7 Alan F Scholfield
- 8 Peter C Randall (C)
- 9 Peter L Furniss
- 10 Raymond A Hutchings

17869

### BAMPTON

Cumbria, St Patrick

Thursday 29 February 2024

2hrs 18mins

5040 Minor

(5m: 1440 Norwich Surprise Minor, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 720 Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

- 1 Jayden R Milby
- 2 Ceri Bicknell
- 3 Robin A Daw
- 4 Sam N O Norman
- 5 Julia R Cater
- 6 Simon A Percy (C)

In memory of Trevor Hollowell (uncle of 3), Stephen Devine, and Dave Myers.

250th peal: 6

17870

### MORECAMBE

Lancashire, Holy Trinity

Sunday 3 March 2024

2hrs 49mins

5024 Lessness Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrison no.3542

- 1 George H Campling
- 2 Pauline Campling
- 3 Cate Gardner
- 4 Alex A J Gardner
- 5 D Annabel Preston
- 6 Stuart J Heath
- 7 James E Andrews
- 8 Simon D Woof (C)

First peal in the method: 3,4

Rung immediately following a service of Holy Eucharist with Baptism & Confirmation, officiated by The Rt Revd Philip North, Bishop of Blackburn

17871

**MIDDLETON**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 8 March 2024

2hrs 52mins

5120 Spliced Surprise Major

(4m: 1440 each Bristol and

Cornwall, 1120 each Lessness and

Yorkshire; 90 com, atw)

Comp: D F Morrison (no. 8792)

1 Taylor Wright

2 Jane Owen

3 Jeffrey Brannan

4 Gail L Randall

5 Raymond A Hutchings

6 Peter C Randall (C)

7 Brian J Owen

8 Derek J Thomas

17872

**ST ANNES ON THE SEA**

Lancashire, St Anne

Saturday 9 March 2024

3hrs 4mins

5040 Bristol Surprise Royal

Comp: D G Hull (no 3 reversed)

1 Pauline Campling

2 Stephen J Hall

3 James E Andrews

4 Andrew D Sibson

5 Ellis Hollows

6 Simon D Woof

7 Ashley B Wilson

8 Simon A Percy

9 Lenard J Mitchell

10 George H Campling (C)

Rung to remember Lady Eleanor

Cecily Clifton, whose faith,

vision and generosity led to the

consecration of this church in

1873 and the addition of the

tower and original 8 bells in

1890.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the  
bells.

17873

**BURNLEY**

Lancashire, St Peter

Sunday 17 March 2024

3hrs 6mins

5160 Spliced Surprise Royal

(4m: 1360 Bristol; 1280 each

Cambridge, London No.3; 1240

Yorkshire. 105 com, atw).

Comp: A S Riley

1 D Robert Pettifor

2 Julia R Cater

3 Carol A Marchbank

4 Alex S Riley (C)

5 James E Andrews

6 Adam J Bennett

7 Trevor W Marchbank

8 Andrew D Sibson

9 John M Thurman

10 George H Campling

For Choral Evensong.

17874

**ACCRINGTON**

Lancashire, St James

Tuesday 19 March 2024

3hrs 5mins

5016 Plain Bob Maximus

Comp: J. Brannan

1 Jeffrey Brannan (C)

2 Raymond A Hutchings

3 James E Andrews

4 Roger S Riley

5 Lenard J Mitchell

6 Jane Owen

7 Derek J Thomas

8 Peter H Gardner

9 Alan F Scholfield

10 Peter C Randall

11 Brian J Owen

12 Peter L Furniss

The conductor's 600th twelve-bell  
peal, also now circling the tower as  
conductor.

Birthday compliment to C. Barrie  
Dove for his 80th Birthday on

18/3/2024.

17875

**HEYWOOD**

Lancashire, St Luke

Wednesday 20 March 2024

3hrs 3mins

5040 Lancastrian Alliance Major

Comp: George H Campling

1 Lenard J Mitchell

2 Jane Owen

3 Carol A Marchbank

4 Derek J Thomas

5 James E Andrews

6 Brian J Owen

7 George H Campling (C)

8 Trevor W Marchbank

First peal in the method

Lancastrian Alliance Major:

-3-4-2-6-34-5.4.56.7 lh12d

17876

**FLIXTON**

Greater Manchester, St Michael

Tuesday 9 April 2024

2hrs 57mins

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp: J J Parker (12 part, 7ths obs)

1 E Ann Williams

2 Jane Holland

3 Andrew J Holland

4 Trevor L Lock

5 Adrian G Roberts

6 Kevin M Price (C)

7 Andrew W Gordon

8 Nicola J Galton

A 50th Birthday compliment to  
Matthew Lock, brother of Trevor.

400th peal - 2

300th peal together 2 and 6

50th peal together 1 and 8

50th of Grandsire Triples - 1

17877

**GRAPPENHALL**

Cheshire, St Wilfrid

Thursday 11 April 2024

3hrs 3mins

5160 Bristol Surprise Royal

Comp: A J Rawlinson

- 1 Paul F Curtis
- 2 Ruth Curtis
- 3 Ian Butters
- 4 Lenard J Mitchell
- 5 Derek J Thomas
- 6 James E Andrews
- 7 Andrew J Rawlinson (C)
- 8 Peter L Furniss
- 9 George H Campling
- 10 John M Thurman

400th peal together: 8 and 9.

17878

**STRETTON**

Cheshire, St Matthew

Thursday 11 April 2024

2hrs 42mins

5096 Jovium Alliance Major

Comp: Ian Butters no 878A

- 1 Peter L Furniss
- 2 James E Andrews
- 3 Lenard J Mitchell
- 4 Ruth Curtis
- 5 George H Campling
- 6 John M Thurman
- 7 Paul F Curtis
- 8 Ian Butters (C)

First peal in the method.

Jovium Alliance Major;

-38-14-12.58.16-34-58-18, lh 12c

17879

**CLITHEROE**

Lancashire, St Mary Magdalene

Saturday 13 April 2024

3hrs 6mins

5100 Cletherow Alliance Major

Comp: George H Campling

- 1 Ashley B Wilson
  - 2 Derek J Thomas
  - 3 D Robert Pettifor
  - 4 Pauline Campling
  - 5 Alan F Scholfield
  - 6 Jeffrey Brannan
  - 7 James E Andrews
  - 8 George H Campling (C)
- 100th peal in the tower (93 on the current 1928 Gillett & Johnston ring)

First peal in the method

Cletherow Alliance Major:

-3-4-2-6-2-45-56.7 lh 12d

With best wishes to Alan Scholfield on his 77th birthday

17880

**ACCRINGTON**

Lancashire, St James

Tuesday 16 April 2024

2hrs 58mins

5040 Upton Pyne Delight Royal

Comp: D F Morrison (no. 6412)

- 1 James E Andrews
- 2 Roger S Riley
- 3 Jeffrey Brannan
- 4 Jane Owen
- 5 Lenard J Mitchell
- 6 Peter H Gardner
- 7 Derek J Thomas
- 8 Peter C Randall (C)
- 9 Brian J Owen
- 10 Peter L Furniss

Marking 50th anniversary (to the day) of joining ASCY - 3.

17881

**WOLVERHAMPTON**

West Midlands,

Collegiate Ch of St Peter

Saturday 20 April 2024

3hrs 33mins

5040 Cambridge Surprise Maximus

Comp: D G Hull

- 1 Mark A Humphreys
  - 2 Andrew J Rawlinson (C)
  - 3 Ian Butters
  - 4 Raymond D Helliwell
  - 5 Cameron A Waters
  - 6 Joseph E T Waters
  - 7 Luke D Marshall
  - 8 David L Thomas
  - 9 Claire F Roulstone
  - 10 Ian Roulstone
  - 11 Peter L Furniss
  - 12 Mark A Bell
- 2,500th peal, and  
500th peal on 12: 11.

17882

**HEYWOOD**

Lancashire, St Luke

Wednesday 24 April 2024

3hrs 5mins

5024 Cooktown Orchid Delight  
Major

Comp: Alan G Reading

- 1 James E Andrews
  - 2 Jane Owen
  - 3 Carol A Marchbank
  - 4 D Annabel Preston
  - 5 Brian J Owen
  - 6 Lenard J Mitchell
  - 7 Trevor W Marchbank
  - 8 George H Campling (C)
- 600th peal together: 2,5

17883

**MIDDLETON**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 10 May 2024

2hrs 53mins

5024 Spliced Surprise Major

(3m: 1824 Bristol, 1600 each

Cambridge and Lessness; 43 com;  
atw)

Comp: R D S Brown

1 Taylor Wright

2 Jane Owen

3 Jeffrey Brannan

4 Derek J Thomas

5 Raymond A Hutchings

6 Peter C Randall (C)

7 Alan M Trebble

8 Brian J Owen

17884

**CHEDISTON**

Suffolk, St Mary

Saturday 11 May 2024

2hrs 39mins

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each London,

Primrose, Bourne, Surfleet,

Norwich, Beverley, Cambridge)

1 Nicola J Galton

2 Andrew J Holland

3 Nicholas D Soanes

4 Andrew W Gordon

5 Kevin M Price

6 John M Goldthorpe (C)

17885

**WISSETT**

Suffolk, St Andrew

Saturday 11 May 2024

2hrs 38mins

5040 Treble Dodging Minor

(7m: 1 extent each of Woodbine D,

Bourne S, Hull S, Cambridge S,

Primrose S, Oxford TB & Kent  
TB.)

1 Jane Holland

2 Nicola J Galton

3 Andrew J Holland

4 Nicholas D Soanes

5 Kevin M Price (C)

6 Andrew W Gordon

17886

**MARLESFORD**

Suffolk, St Andrew

Sunday 12 May 2024

2hrs 43mins

5040 Minor

(7m: 1 extent each of Cambridge S,

Kent TB, Oxford TB, St Clement's

College Bob, College Bob, Single

Oxford & Plain Bob.)

1 E Ann Williams

2 Jane Holland

3 Andrew J Holland

4 Ollie E P Watson

5 Kevin M Price (C)

6 Andrew W Gordon

100th together: 3 & 6.

17887

**TROSTON**

Suffolk, St Mary

Monday 13 May 2024

2hrs 22mins

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Lightfoot,

Westminster, Cambridge, Beverley,

Norwich, Primrose, Bourne.)

1 L Martin Daniels

2 Ian K Bushell

3 Jason R Turnock

4 John M Goldthorpe

5 Kevin M Price (C)

6 Andrew W Gordon

First Peal of Surprise on the bells  
and in the tower.

17888

**HITCHAM**

Suffolk, All Saints

Monday 13 May 2024

2hrs 57mins

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp: JJ Parker, 12 part

1 Andrew J Holland

2 Jane Holland

3 Ian K Bushell

4 Jason R Turnock

5 Roderic K Bickerton

6 Kevin M Price (C)

7 Andrew W Gordon

8 Nicola J Galton

17889

**KETTLEBURGH**

Suffolk, St Andrew

Tuesday 14 May 2024

2hrs 34mins

5040 Minor

(3m: 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 2880

Plain Bob, 1440 St Clement's CB.)

1 John A Hickman

2 Ollie E P Watson

3 Nicola J Galton

4 Trevor L Lock

5 Andrew W Gordon

6 John M Goldthorpe (C)

17890

**GRUNDISBURGH**

Suffolk, St Mary V

Wednesday 15 May 2024

2hrs 52mins

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrison arr J M

Goldthorpe

1 Trevor L Lock

2 Nicola J Galton

3 Andrew J Holland

4 Adrian G Roberts

5 Roderic K Bickerton

6 L Martin Daniels

7 Kevin M Price

8 John M Goldthorpe (C)

17891

**THEBERTON**

Suffolk, St Peter

Thursday 16 May 2024

2hrs 44mins

5040 Merchants' Return Delight

Minor

1 Philip R Wild

2 Ollie E P Watson

3 Adrian G Roberts

4 Roderic K Bickerton

5 Kevin M Price (C)

6 Andrew W Gordon

First in method for all except  
conductor.

Remembering Eileen, wife of Phil  
(who passed away in 2023), on  
what would have been her 71st  
birthday.

17892

**FRAMLINGHAM**

Suffolk, St Michael  
Thursday 16 May 2024  
3hrs 10mins

5040 Plain Bob Triples

Comp: R W Lee arr. J E Schreiner

- 1 Nicola J Galton
- 2 Jane Holland
- 3 Ollie E P Watson
- 4 Adrian G Roberts
- 5 Andrew J Holland
- 6 Roderic K Bickerton
- 7 John M Goldthorpe (C)
- 8 Andrew W Gordon

666th peal: 6.

17893

**LITTLE CORNARD**

Suffolk, All Saints  
Friday 17 May 2024  
2hrs 40mins

5040 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Adrian G Roberts
- 2 Andrew J Holland
- 3 John M Goldthorpe
- 4 Roderic K Bickerton
- 5 Kevin M Price (C)
- 6 Andrew W Gordon

17894

**HEPTONSTALL**

West Yorkshire,  
St Thomas the Apostle  
Saturday 8 June 2024  
3hrs

5096 Jovium Alliance Major

Comp: Ian Butters (no 878)

- 1 Jane Owen
- 2 Pauline Campling
- 3 D Robert Pettifor
- 4 Simon D Woof
- 5 Brian J Owen
- 6 Edmund H Mottershead
- 7 Stephen J Hall
- 8 George H Campling (C)

17895

**MIDDLETON**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard  
Friday 14 June 2024  
2hrs 56mins

5024 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

Comp: S Yates

- 1 Derek J Thomas
- 2 Gail L Randall
- 3 Peter C Randall (C)
- 4 Lorraine Trebble
- 5 Andrew J Webster
- 6 Raymond A Hutchings
- 7 Taylor Wright
- 8 Alan M Trebble

17896

**BURNLEY**

Lancashire, St Peter  
Sunday 16 June 2024  
3hrs  
5152 Bristol Surprise Major  
Comp: Benjamin D Constant

- 1 D Robert Pettifor
- 2 Pauline Campling
- 3 Derek J Thomas
- 4 Andrew D Sibson
- 5 Geoffrey R Gardner
- 6 R Owen Battye
- 7 John M Thurman
- 8 George H Campling (C)

For Choral Evensong

17897

**ACCRINGTON**

Lancashire, St James  
Tuesday 18 June 2024  
3hrs 2mins

5075 Zonzamas Surprise Royal

Comp: D F Morrison (no. 8877)

- 1 Lorraine Trebble
- 2 Raymond A Hutchings
- 3 Roger S Riley
- 4 Lenard J Mitchell
- 5 Derek J Thomas
- 6 Peter H Gardner
- 7 Alan F Scholfield
- 8 Peter C Randall (C)
- 9 Alan M Trebble
- 10 Peter L Furniss

Rung to celebrate the 75th birthday,  
today, of Anthony J Helliwell,  
Tower Captain at Accrington.

17898

**HEYWOOD**

Lancashire, St Luke  
Wednesday 19 June 2024  
3hrs 7mins

5056 Turrumurra Surprise Major

Comp: George H Campling

- 1 D Annabel Preston
- 2 James E Andrews
- 3 Derek J Thomas
- 4 Stuart J Heath
- 5 Raymond A Hutchings
- 6 Lenard J Mitchell
- 7 Trevor W Marchbank
- 8 George H Campling (C)

17899

**GREYSTOKE**

Cumbria, St Andrew  
Wednesday 26 June 2024  
2hrs 47mins  
5040 Minor

(7m: one extent each of Cambridge  
Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford  
Treble Bob, St Clements Collage  
Bob, College Bob, Single Oxford  
Bob and Plain Bob.)

- 1 Gavin E Price
- 2 Clarissa J E Caroe
- 3 Jane Holland
- 4 Andrew J Holland
- 5 David A Horne
- 6 Kevin M Price (C)

The peal was specially arranged to  
enable the 'two Prices' to ring a peal  
together.

17900

## **LIVERPOOL**

Merseyside, Our Lady and St  
Nicholas, Pier Head

Saturday 29 June 2024

3hrs 44mins

5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus

Comp: David G Hull

- 1 Raymond D Helliwell
- 2 Ellis Hollows (C)
- 3 James E Hibbert
- 4 David T G Jones
- 5 Jayden R Milby
- 6 Alex J Parsons
- 7 Henry J Stephenson
- 8 Robin A Daw
- 9 Mungo B Stacy
- 10 Peter W H Barker
- 11 Lenard J Mitchell
- 12 Paul J Tiebout

Rung on Armed Forces Day and to  
celebrate 10 years of leadership of  
Crispin Pailing as Rector of St  
Nicks and wishing him and his  
family all the very best for the  
future.

First on 12 as Conductor.

17901

## **MIDDLETON**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 12 July 2024

2hrs 50mins

5024 Spliced Surprise Major

1344 Bristol, 1280 Ashted and  
Superlative, 1120 Lessness; 36  
com, atw

Comp: R D S Brown

- 1 Taylor Wright
- 2 Jane Owen
- 3 Gail L Randall
- 4 Lorraine Trebble
- 5 Peter C Randall (C)
- 6 Derek J Thomas
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Alan M Trebble

Rung in memory of Les Miller,  
former tower captain at Middleton.  
Also rung as a birthday compliment  
to Taylor Wright and as a  
compliment to Gail Randall on  
completing 50 years membership of  
the Society of Royal Cumberland  
Youths, elected 13th July 1974.

17902

## **LIVERPOOL**

Merseyside,  
Cathedral Church of Christ

Friday 19 July 2024

4hrs 41mins

5042 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus

Comp: John S Warboys

- 1 David T G Jones
  - 2 Paul B Hunter (C)
  - 3 Raymond D Helliwell
  - 4 Mark A Humphreys
  - 5 Stephen R Aldridge
  - 6 Sam Shead
  - 7 Henry J Stephenson
  - 8 Robin A Daw
  - 9 Stephen J Hall
  - 10 Peter L Furniss
  - 11 Paul J Tiebout
  - 12 Matthew D Warburton
- Strapper Lenard J Mitchell

To mark the 100th anniversary of  
the Consecration of Liverpool  
Cathedral as a place of worship.  
Remembering Chris Kippin

17903

## **LANCASTER**

Lancashire,

Priory church of St Mary

Saturday 20 July 2024

3hrs 28mins

5024 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: Alan G Reading (no 8)

- 1 Andrew W Kayll
- 2 Nigel J Goodship
- 3 Jayden R Milby
- 4 Sam N O Norman
- 5 Matthew W Goodship
- 6 Henry J Stephenson
- 7 George H Campling (C)
- 8 Robin A Daw

With congratulations to Sam  
Norman on graduating from  
Lancaster University, with a  
Masters degree (first class with  
honours) in Physics.

17904

## **BURNLEY**

Lancashire, St Peter  
Sunday 21 July 2024

3hrs 2mins

5004 Causey Pike Alliance Royal

Comp: George H Campling

- 1 Nina E Brannan
- 2 D Robert Pettifor
- 3 Carol A Marchbank
- 4 James E Andrews
- 5 Adam J Bennett
- 6 Geoffrey R Gardner
- 7 George H Campling (C)
- 8 R Owen Battye
- 9 Roger S Riley
- 10 Trevor W Marchbank

For Choral Evensong

First peal in the method

Causey Pike Alliance Royal:

-3-4-256-6-34-1-6-7.58.9 lh 12 (c1)

17905

## **BORWICK HALL,**

Lancashire, Touring Tower

Thursday 8 August 2024

2hrs 14mins

5040 Treble Dodging Minor

(7m: 720 each: London, Norwich,  
Kent, Oxford, Cambridge,  
Beverley, and Surfleet.)

- 1 Robin A Daw
- 2 Matthew W Goodship
- 3 Ellis Hollows
- 4 Nigel J Goodship
- 5 L Martin Daniels
- 6 Simon A Percy (C)

First peal on the bells

Celebrating 50 years since learning  
to ring - 4

First peal on 6 - 2

Rung to start the North West

Ringing Course 2024 at Borwick  
Hall

17906

### MIDDLETON

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 9 August 2024

2hrs 52mins

5024 Spliced Surprise Major

(3m: 1760 Bristol, 1664

Lincolnshire, 1600 Uxbridge; 48  
com, atw)

Comp: R D S Brown

- 1 Jane Owen
- 2 Jeffrey Brannan
- 3 Gail L Randall
- 4 Lorraine Trebble
- 5 Peter C Randall (C)
- 6 Derek J Thomas
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Alan M Trebble

17907

### HEPTONSTALL

West Yorkshire,

St Thomas the Apostle

Friday 9 August 2024

3hrs 2mins

5152 Heptonstall Surprise Major

Comp: Michael Maughan

- 1 Carol A Marchbank
- 2 D Robert Pettifor
- 3 Susan L Apter
- 4 Trevor W Marchbank
- 5 Andrew D Sibson
- 6 James E Andrews
- 7 George H Campling (C)
- 8 Stephen J Hall

Remembering Alan Flood 1949-

2014. Alan spent many happy hours  
in Heptonstall, including ringing 16  
peals on these bells

17908

### CLITHEROE

Lancashire, St Mary Magdalene

Saturday 10 August 2024

3hrs 1mins

5088 Uxbridge Surprise Major

Comp: James Clatworthy

- 1 Anne E Pettifor
  - 2 Susan L Apter
  - 3 James E Andrews
  - 4 D Robert Pettifor
  - 5 Alan F Scholfield
  - 6 Derek J Thomas
  - 7 George H Campling
  - 8 John M Thurman (C)
- Rung to welcome visitors to the  
town during Clitheroe Food  
Festival.

17909

### ACCRINGTON

Lancashire, St James

Tuesday 20 August 2024

3hrs 2mins

5040 Fiftieth Day Delight Royal

Comp: J A Ainsworth

- 1 Peter H Gardner
  - 2 James E Andrews
  - 3 Jeffrey Brannan
  - 4 Jane Owen
  - 5 Derek J Thomas
  - 6 Peter C Randall (C)
  - 7 Alan F Scholfield
  - 8 Peter L Furniss
  - 9 Brian J Owen
  - 10 Roger S Riley
- Rung as a Diamond Wedding  
anniversary compliment to Peter  
and Chris Gardner.  
600th peal for the Association: 9

17910

### ULVERSTON,

Cumbria, St Mary V

Saturday 7 September 2024

2hrs 57mins

5040 Minor

(7m: one extent each of Cambridge  
Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford  
Treble Bob, St Clements College  
Bob, College Bob, Single Oxford  
Bob and Plain Bob.)

- 1 Clarissa J E Caroe
- 2 Jane Holland
- 3 Andrew J Holland
- 4 Iwan Cotgreave
- 5 L Martin Daniels
- 6 Kevin M Price (C)

Completes the 'alphabet'  
of towers -2

First peal in this tower for  
55 years - 6

First peal on the bells since 1995  
Rung in memory of Ian W Taylor,  
Tower Captain at this Church for  
over 50 years, and a ringer for over  
70 years, who died on 16th April  
2024; with the good wishes of the  
band to Mrs Margaret Taylor.

17911

### BARNOLDSWICK

Lancashire, St Mary le Ghyll

Sunday 8 September 2024

2hrs 57mins

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp: J J Parker (12 part, 7th  
observation)

- 1 L Martin Daniels
- 2 Andrew J Holland
- 3 Jane Holland
- 4 Adrian G Roberts
- 5 Nicholas D Soanes
- 6 Kevin M Price (C)
- 7 Andrew W Gordon
- 8 Nicola J Galton

First peal on the augmented bells



17912

**MIDDLETON**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 13 September 2024

3hrs 11mins

5500 Flodden Field Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrison (no. 8879)

- 1 Taylor Wright
- 2 Jeffrey Brannan
- 3 Gail L Randall
- 4 Lorraine Trebble
- 5 Andrew J Webster
- 6 Derek J Thomas
- 7 Peter C Randall (C)
- 8 Alan M Trebble

Rung for the 500th anniversary of the extending of St Leonards Church in 1524 by Sir Richard Assheton to commemorate the English victory at the Battle of Flodden in 1513.

17913

**BURNLEY**

Lancashire, St Peter

Sunday 15 September 2024

3hrs 5mins

5080 Spliced Surprise Royal

(4m: 1320 Bristol; 1280

Cambridge; 1240 each London No. 3, Yorkshire. 105com, atw)

Comp: A S Riley

- 1 Derek J Thomas
- 2 George H Campling
- 3 Adam J Bennett
- 4 James E Andrews
- 5 Alex S Riley (C)
- 6 Geoffrey R Gardner
- 7 Edmund H Mottershead
- 8 R Owen Battye
- 9 Stephen J Hall
- 10 Ellis Hollows

With congratulations to Geoff on his recent 80th birthday.

First of Spliced Surprise Royal: 7, 10

For Choral Evensong.

17914

**ACCRINGTON**

Lancashire, St James

Tuesday 17 September 2024

2hrs 55mins

5088 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: S Read

- 1 Roger S Riley
- 2 Lorraine Trebble
- 3 Peter H Gardner
- 4 Alan M Trebble
- 5 Derek J Thomas
- 6 Peter C Randall (C)
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Peter L Furniss

17915

**WALKDEN**

Greater Manchester, St Paul

Sunday 6 October 2024

3hrs 9mins

5184 Glasgow Surprise Major

Comp: A G Reading

- 1 Jeffrey Brannan
- 2 Simon D Woof
- 3 Adam J Bennett
- 4 James E Andrews
- 5 Geoffrey R Gardner
- 6 R Owen Battye
- 7 Alex S Riley (C)
- 8 George H Campling

17916

**MIDDLETON**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 11 October 2024

2hrs 55mins

5120 Spliced Treble Dodging

Major

(3m: 2400 Lessness S, 1600

Cooktown Orchid D, 1120 Bristol S; 59 com, atw.)

Comp: R D S Brown

- 1 Taylor Wright
- 2 Jane Owen
- 3 Gail L Randall
- 4 Jeffrey Brannan
- 5 Peter C Randall (C)
- 6 Derek J Thomas
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Alan M Trebble

17917

**YOULGREAVE**

Derbyshire, All Saints

Saturday 12 October 2024

3hrs 35mins

5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus

Comp: R W Pipe

- 1 Alison Molyneux
- 2 Rosalind J Ashton
- 3 Rebecca A Davey
- 4 David T G Jones
- 5 Malcolm H Joyce
- 6 Peter W H Barker
- 7 Robin A Daw
- 8 Howell J Williams
- 9 Mungo B Stacy
- 10 Mark A Humphreys (C)
- 11 Terry M Astill
- 12 Paul J Tiebout

1st on 12: 3.

17918

**STOCKTON HEATH,**

Cheshire, St Thomas

Saturday 12 October 2024

3hrs 10mins

5000 London No. 3 Surprise Royal

Comp: Christopher J Poole no 14

- 1 Ian Butters (C)
- 2 D Robert Pettifor
- 3 Carol A Marchbank
- 4 Ruth Curtis
- 5 Paul F Curtis
- 6 Geoffrey R Gardner
- 7 Adam J Bennett
- 8 Andrew J Rawlinson
- 9 George H Campling
- 10 Trevor W Marchbank

17919

**ACCRINGTON**

Lancashire, St James

Tuesday 15 October 2024

3hrs 2mins

5040 Northamptonshire Delight  
Royal

Comp: D L Thomas

- 1 Peter H Gardner
- 2 Roger S Riley
- 3 Peter L Furniss
- 4 Jeffrey Brannan
- 5 Derek J Thomas
- 6 Lorraine Trebble
- 7 Alan F Scholfield
- 8 Peter C Randall (C)
- 9 Brian J Owen
- 10 Alan M Trebble

17920

**BURNLEY**

Lancashire, St Peter

Sunday 20 October 2024

3hrs 7mins

5160 Clifton Surprise Royal

Comp: A S Riley

- 1 Anne E Pettifor
  - 2 Peter C Randall
  - 3 Derek J Thomas
  - 4 Andrew D Sibson
  - 5 James E Andrews
  - 6 Alex S Riley (C)
  - 7 R Owen Battye
  - 8 George H Campling
  - 9 Ellis Hollows
  - 10 John M Thurman
- For Choral Evensong.  
Congratulating Owen on his  
birthday, today.  
800th peal together: 4, 8

17921

**WALKDEN**

Greater Manchester, St Paul

Wednesday 6 November 2024

3hrs 3mins

5056 Burnopfield Delight Major

Comp: George H Campling

- 1 D Annabel Preston
  - 2 James E Andrews
  - 3 Carol A Marchbank
  - 4 Derek J Thomas
  - 5 Jeffrey Brannan
  - 6 Stuart J Heath
  - 7 Trevor W Marchbank
  - 8 George H Campling (C)
- In memory of A J Eric Musson,  
former Tower Captain at St Mary  
Magdalene, Clitheroe, who passed  
away on 16 October, aged 93. Rung  
on the eve of his funeral.

17922

**MIDDLETON**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 8 November 2024

2hrs 56mins

5120 Spliced Treble Dodging

Major

(3m: 2400 Bristol S, 1440

Cooktown Orchid D, 1280

Superlative S: 60 com, atw.)

Comp: R D S Brown

- 1 Taylor Wright
- 2 Jane Owen
- 3 Jeffrey Brannan
- 4 Gail L Randall
- 5 Derek J Thomas
- 6 Peter C Randall (C)
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Alan M Trebble

17923

**LIVERPOOL**

Merseyside, Our Lady and St

Nicholas, Pier Head

Saturday 9 November 2024

3hrs 43mins

5088 Bristol Surprise Maximus

Comp: David G Hull

- 1 John Hyden
  - 2 Paul B Hunter (C)
  - 3 Victoria J M Wilby
  - 4 Simon J T Smith
  - 5 Andrew J Rawlinson
  - 6 John P W Taylor
  - 7 Mungo B Stacy
  - 8 Peter L Furniss
  - 9 Simon A Percy
  - 10 Eleanor J Linford
  - 11 Paul J Tiebout
  - 12 Mark A Humphreys
- Birthday compliments to the tenor  
ringer.

17924

**ACCRINGTON**

Lancashire, St James

Tuesday 19 November 2024

2hrs 57mins

5088 Zeals Knoll Delight Major

Comp: D F Morrison (no. 2388)

- 1 Jeffrey Brannan
- 2 Lorraine Trebble
- 3 Alan M Trebble
- 4 Peter C Randall (C)
- 5 Derek J Thomas
- 6 Roger S Riley
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 George H Campling

17925

## **LEYLAND**

St Andrew

Saturday 30 November

2024 3hrs 11mins

5040 Yorkshire Surprise

Royal

Comp: Benjamin D Constant

1 D Annabel Preston

2 George H Campling (C)

3 James E Andrews

4 Stephen R Aldridge

5 Jayden R Milby

6 Anthony P Cotton

7 R Owen Battye

8 Luke D Marshall

9 Stuart J Heath

10 Terry M Astill

For St Andrew's Day

17926

## **LECK**

Lancashire, St Peter

Sunday 1 December 2024

2hrs 47mins

5040 Stedman Doubles

42 extents, 12 callings

1 Stephen J Hall (C)

2 Anne E Pettifor

3 James E Andrews

4 Simon D Woof

5 George H Campling

First peal of Doubles: 2, 3 & 4.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

Completes the family (Doubles to Cinques): 1, 2, 3, 4 & as conductor.

17927

## **LIVERPOOL**

Merseyside, Our Lady and St Nicholas, Pier Head

Sunday 8 December 2024

3hrs 37mins

5048 Spliced Cinques and

Maximus

(2m: 2688 Bristol Surprise

Maximus; 2360 Stedman Cinques;

3 com)

Comp: M R Eccleston

1 Rebecca A Davey

2 Ellis Hollows

3 Paul B Hunter

4 Mark R Eccleston (C)

5 James E Hibbert

6 Peter L Furniss

7 Mungo B Stacy

8 Ewan G A Hull

9 Simon R Holden

10 Mark A Humphreys

11 Thomas W Griffiths

12 Paul J Tiebout

To celebrate the conferment of the Freedom of the City of Liverpool to HMS Prince of Wales.

17928

## **MIDDLETON**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 13 December 2024

2hrs 53mins

5120 Spliced Surprise Major

(3m: 2080 Deva, 1920 Bristol, 1120

Yorkshire; 30 com, atw)

Comp: R D S Brown

1 Taylor Wright

2 Jane Owen

3 Gail L Randall

4 Lorraine Trebble

5 Derek J Thomas

6 Peter C Randall (C)

7 Brian J Owen

8 Alan M Trebble

Rung as an 80th birthday

compliment to Brian Hayes and in anticipation of Gail's latest organ piece, Gaudete, being performed at St Paul's Cathedral, London on Sunday.

17929

## **CLITHEROE**

Lancashire, St Mary Magdalene

Saturday 21 December 2024

2hrs 58mins

5056 Turrumurra Surprise Major

Comp: George H Campling

1 Pauline Campling

2 D Annabel Preston

3 D Robert Pettifor

4 Garry D Peel

5 Derek J Thomas

6 Brian J Owen

7 Simon D Woof

8 George H Campling (C)

Rung to celebrate Christmas and Simon's birthday.

Remembering Eric Musson (1931-2024), former tower captain, who instigated the tradition of the Clitheroe pre-Christmas peal in 2001.

17930

## **ROCHDALE**

Greater Manchester, St Chad

Friday 27 December 2024

2hrs 51mins

5040 Plain Bob Royal

Comp: H J Tucker

1 Alyson E Blanchard

2 Gail L Randall

3 James E Andrews

4 Peter C Randall (C)

5 John M Thurman

6 Brian J Owen

7 Taylor Wright

8 Derek J Thomas

9 R Owen Battye

10 George H Campling

First peal on the newly installed bells and to celebrate the 830th anniversary of the church on this site.

Rung as a get well compliment to Andrew Webster who was due to ring and conduct this peal.

First peal on 10 bells: 1 and 7

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St Chad's Rochdale has a new ring of 10 bells, tenor 8-2-08, installed in 2024 when the church was celebrating its' 830th Anniversary. A bequest of 2 trebles to form a ring of 10 at Rochdale from the late John P Partington of Heywood was the catalyst for these new bells.

The main Contractor for the new installation was Blyth and Co of Newark and the scheme was project managed by Andrew Webster, a Rochdale ringer. The 2 new trebles were designed by Matthew Higby and Co and cast by Allanson in Italy.

The back 8 bells were donated by the Manchester Diocese and are the 8 bells from St Mark's, Glodwick, in Oldham. When this church was declared



redundant the bells were rescued by the Keltek Trust on the understanding that they would be relocated to Rochdale.

The installation was completed in June 2024 and dedicated by the Bishop of Manchester in October 2024 at a service attended by many ringers.

Rochdale's old bells were purchased by the Keltek Trust and are now finding new homes in towers across the country.

