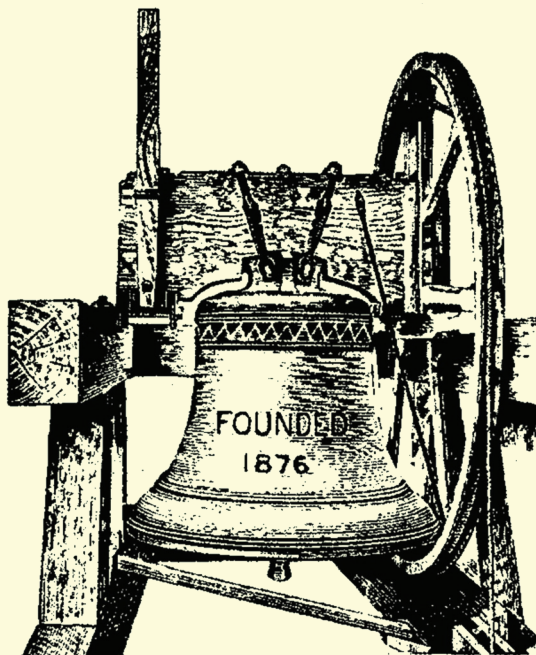


# Lancashire Association of Change Ringers



## Annual Report

With a list of Members  
and Performances

## For 2025

(Issued in 2026)

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# 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.
- 5.(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.

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

**6.(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.

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

**6.(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.

**8.(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.

**13.(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.

**13.(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:

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

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

**14.(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 working in accordance with the national legal and procedural framework for safeguarding and Church of England policy and practice, alongside policy and practice from the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency and the Unitarian Safeguarding Statement.

All participants have a responsibility under this policy.

The LACR is committed to the safeguarding of children under 18 and, where appropriate, adults at risk/vulnerable adults, from all forms of abuse, neglect or bullying.

The LACR will endeavour to promote and maintain a safe environment where children and vulnerable adults will be safe from harm or abuse. This includes taking all reasonable measures to create a framework where people are confident to undertake activities in which the risks of harm or abuse are minimised and, where there are welfare concerns, taking appropriate actions to address those concerns.

All Tower Captains and Officers, and LACR Officers, are required to undertake Safeguarding Training at the Basic and Foundation levels. Tower Captains, those involved in ringing training, and the LACR Safeguarding Officer are also required to complete the Leadership training.

Individual ringers should complete the Basic level training as a minimum.

For the full LACR Safeguarding Policy, please visit the LACR website.

26<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## **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

Ringing 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.

**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

*"Be not afraid of going slowly, be afraid only of standing still"  
(Chinese proverb - don't ask who coined it)*

I have to say 2025 was better than 2024. There seems to be a lot going on so the proverb above seems to be apt, we aren't standing still.

Quite a number of us have been giving up more time, not just in admin, but in teaching. There seems to be a lot of beginners and those in the early stages of ringing around just now, which isn't a bad thing. Most of the meetings I have been to have been quite busy affairs. There were 3 Committee meetings this Year, the extra one was in June, which will be repeated in 2026, and will be a permanent fixture of 3 Committee meetings a Year, rather than just the two.

The North West Ringing Course took place again at Borwick Hall; it was very good, so was the beer, and the food, having been outsourced more this time

Once again, the Year ended (or began depending which way you look at it) with the Annual Quiz Night, which despite the weather was once again popular. Thanks once again to Graham for his efforts, and of course with the energy he puts into the 3L's. At the beginning of the Year the LACR still needed a fundraising officer, which might have changed by the time you read this; we can hope.

I was present at the Striking Competition at Bury in October; it was a bit gloomy and rainy, and we over ran so much we almost ended up in an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting; but a good time was still had by all. Thanks to the recently elected ringing master, Martyn, the judges and to the Church authorities for the arrangements. The striking competition trophies have now been renovated and are up to date.

In the same month, there was a plain bob training day, based at Bilsborrow, as there had been no training days in 2025 at all till that point. Hopefully in March 2026 we can go back to the format of the Whole Association training Day.

At this time last Year, I reported I had heard news that ringing had to be suspended at Lancaster Priory due to the tower. Although these bells came back into use in the Summer, they are once again unavailable, this time, due to the frame. This might scupper our officers peal there for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association. The 4<sup>th</sup> at Lancaster Cathedral is still out of action, and Over Kellet's "mangled old pan" of a 7<sup>th</sup> is still there, and the 'discussions' are still ongoing.

On the subject of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; arrangements are going on apace with the arrangements for the week 6<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026. The Dinner will be on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, the actual Anniversary will be Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, the 150<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Chorley on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and an extra one of Grahams quiz nights on the 14<sup>th</sup>. There is a section on bell board for 150 'firsts' for the 150<sup>th</sup> Year. There were already 37 entries on it by the 31<sup>st</sup> January, so it might need to be re-named merely as "firsts for the 150<sup>th</sup>" because at that rate it will be 444 posts by the end of the Year. Hopefully 2026 will be a jamboree year for the LACR.

Once again, I would like to thank the officers and Committee for their efforts, time and diligence and I look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM, and at the 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

Every good wish for 2026.

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.

Alf Draper - Aughton, St Michael  
Harry Calderbank – Higher Walton, All Saints  
Ronald Preston – Prescot, St Mary  
Ashley Wilson – Fylde, Unattached  
Jim Wharton – St Annes-on-Sea, St Anne  
Mary Norma Jeffrey – Fylde  
Robin Merryweather – Rainford, All Saints  
Brian Hayes – Leesfield, St Thomas  
Peter Scoltock – Oldham, St Mary with St Peter  
Gordon Rigby – Mossley, St George  
Christine Carson – Worsley, St Mark  
Graham Kenneth Austin – Huyton, St Michael  
Stanley ‘Stan’ Walmsley – Dalton-in-Furness, St Mary  
Brenda Pearce – Barrow, St James the Great  
Clare Hunt – Cartmel, St Mary  
Michael Hollick – Blackrod, St Katharine

### **Graham Kenneth Austin 1944 - 2025**

Graham learned to ring as a youngster at Huyton near Liverpool. A Letterpress printer by trade, he was a man of many interests, including maritime history, horology and of course, ringing. He was tower captain at St Michael’s Huyton and had also brought about a revival of ringing at Emmanuel Everton in the late 1960s, lasting until the closure of the church in 1973. In 1976, he succeeded the late Ted Birkett as ringing master at Liverpool Parish Church. At the same time, he became Ringing Master of The Ancient Society of Liverpool Municipal Youths, responsible for arranging ringing for state and civic occasions on the unique five bells of the former Liverpool Municipal Buildings. More recently, he was Deputy Ringing Master at Prescot.

Graham rang 137 peals, 68 of which were for the Lancashire Association, of which he was a staunch supporter and life member, having joined in 1957. He attended every Association AGM other than when he was away at sea working as a ship’s printer or when he was limited by his recent mobility issues. He was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1968.

Graham had not enjoyed good health of late but was able to ring briefly at Huyton to commemorate the eightieth anniversary of VE Day. He fell ill just days later and died peacefully at Whiston Hospital on 11th May, with his family around him.

Graham will be remembered for his significant contribution to ringing on Merseyside for almost seventy years, as well as for his great sense of humour and loyal friendship to many.

Nigel Goulding, Bryan McCahey, Nick Willasey

## **Jim Wharton**

It is with sadness that we must report the passing of a St. Anne's ringer, Jim Wharton, aged 84. Born in Derbyshire, Jim learnt to ring at St. Anne's as a teenager as part of the Parish Rooms Youth Club activities, where he met his late wife, Margaret, also a ringer. At around the same time, he also became friends with John Preston. Initially pursuing a career as a Chartered Surveyor, he subsequently decided that he wanted to do something different and joined the police force, serving in various Greater Manchester Divisions during his career. He rapidly rose to the rank of Inspector, but chose not to seek further promotion, because he didn't want to get involved in additional bureaucracy and be off the front line. He returned to St. Anne's upon retirement over 25 years ago and, although he had never rung during his time away, he immediately rejoined the band at St. Anne's. A solid and dependable ringer, he rang in 73 Quarter Peals. For many years, in addition to ringing, he diligently undertook the weekly Church clock-winding duties, only recently reluctantly handing over the job as his health deteriorated. Always a willing helper, two years ago, he was part of the daily group of volunteers assisting with the removal and reinstallation of the bells and he was last ringing for Sunday Service just a couple of months ago. Jim was a true gentleman, a dedicated ringer and friend, not to mention a demon quizzer - it was a privilege to have known him and he will be sorely missed by the whole band. RIP Jim.

Stuart Newton

## **Michael Hollick**

**26<sup>th</sup> July 1946 – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

Twice Mayor of Blackrod (2003 – 04 and 2015 – 16), Michael represented the North Ward and was a long-serving councillor associated with Blackrod Town Council, where he also acted as a foundation trustee for the Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School. Michael was a churchwarden of St. Katharine's Church and was a bellringer in the 1990s, becoming a member of the LACR during this time. He was a friend to all at St. Katharine's and cared passionately about the people of Blackrod. On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, a Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung in his memory at St. Katharine's, Blackrod. The ringers were: Elaine Forester, Andy Cope, Laura Cope, Michael Durbar, Michael W Kay and Sam Brook (C). He will be sadly missed by his family and friends and all who knew him.

Laura Cope

## **Ronald Preston 1933–2025**

Ron was first introduced to ringing in 1947, when a school friend invited him to a practice night at Prescott Parish Church. He rang his first peal at Prescott in 1949, followed by a further four peals the following year. He rang nine peals in total, seven of them at Prescott.

The closure of Prescott tower in the 1960s due to problems with the old wooden bell frame, coupled with marriage and the birth of his two sons, saw Ron drift from ringing completely for thirty years. However, he made a return to the tower, following the restoration of the bells in 1994, taking on the role of tower captain of the newly formed band of ringers, a position he held until he passed away. Ron also assisted with installing the light rings of six at both churches in Rainhill in the mid 1990s, supporting the formation of new bands of ringers at each tower.

Ron remained active until just before his death, which took place on 1<sup>st</sup> July during an Icelandic cruise with his son and grandson. He will be remembered for his gentleness, good nature, and long service to the ringing community.

Bryan J McCahey

## **Harry Calderbank. 20.07.1932 – 19.06.2025**

Harry was born on the family farm in Higher Walton, originally a small, rural village just south of Preston, Lancashire. Apart from a few short years, just after he was married, Harry lived all his life in Higher Walton. He was born one of six children to parents Thomas and Olive Calderbank. Harry attended the local school in Higher Walton and left aged 14 to work on the farm. He enjoyed this very much, milking the cows, tending the pigs and poultry and using the farm transport, a horse and cart. He particularly loved hay time and often reminisced about his early farming life. After leaving the farm, Harry spent the rest of his working life in the building trade, firstly working for a local builder, Dick Bashall, then moving on into self-employment. He would turn his hand to anything, bricklaying, joinery, roof-work etc. and these skills stayed with him for the rest of his life. However, he did not completely leave farming as he would carry out relief work on local farms when the owners were on holiday. In the early 1960's, a young lady called Heather would visit local roadworks on the M6 near the farm and here she met Harry. Heather could already ring, so they had something in common and they were married at Harry's beloved church of All Saints on 11th August 1962. For a brief spell the newlyweds lived down the road in Walton-le-Dale, where they welcomed two daughters Janet and Wendy. However, in 1970 they moved back to the village and into a new bungalow, built on land purchased from his father. From here Harry could see the farmstead and keep his eye on daily farm life. Harry liked to be kept busy and had many interests including his vegetable and flower gardens, walking, folk and Morris dancing in his younger days, making furniture and generally enjoying the great outdoors. Harry and Heather would travel, visiting Devon, the Isle of Man, Austria amongst other places, again walking for hours on end. He had a collection of walking sticks which he would decorate with small badges representing the places he had visited. He was definitely an outdoors person. Harry was Higher Walton through and through and nowhere was this more evident than in his devotion to his local church of All Saints, which he served in various capacities all his life. He learnt to ring the tower bells there, being taught by his grandfather at an early age. The tower captain at this time was John Taberner, who owned and ran the village hardware shop. Harry quickly became an established, loyal and reliable member of the local band, rarely missing service ringing and other important occasions. Despite the tower having 8 bells, the diet was very much 6 bell ringing, strictly minor, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford being the main methods for many years. Bell ringing became a life-long passion and Harry would ring at many local towers, helping out in his quiet, unassuming way. Walter Mansley took over as tower captain in the late 1950's and slowly the band developed into 8 bell methods, eventually being very competent in ringing spliced treble bob minor and up to spliced plain major. When Walter moved to Whalley in the mid 1980's, Harry took over as tower captain, the band having progressed into other methods, particularly Grandsire Triples, all under the influence of John Parsons, tower captain at nearby Whittle-le-Woods. Harry remained tower captain until 2006, finally handing over to Andy MacLeod. He carried on ringing until numbers at Higher Walton dropped away. However, this did not stop Harry, he continued ringing at other local towers, including my own at Browndedge, Bamber Bridge every Sunday, until age finally caught up with him and he was no longer able to ascend tower steps. He was a member of the Lancashire Association for 73 years, joining on 12th May 1952. Never one to seek the limelight or reach the heights of complex methods, his peal total for the LACR is a very modest 7. However he rang many quarters, I have been unable to find out how many, but it will be in the hundreds. Harry was one of those ringers who are the mainstay of every band and the bedrock of the exercise, turning up every week to ring for services without fail and striking their bell accurately, whilst also capable of conducting touches. However, Harry didn't only ring tower bells. Shortly after becoming tower captain, Walter Mansley, who was also on the PCC at All Saints, heard that a large set of handbells had been discovered in the village school and the church planned to sell them as scrap! Walter reacted with dismay and led several of the ringers, including Harry, to investigate the large cupboard in the school containing the bells. They were in very poor condition with rotten leather and covered in verdigris. Having thwarted the plans to sell the bells, they selected a set of 25 from the middle range and purchased spare parts from Whitechapel to repair each bell. Walter and Harry were the main drivers in this and Harry turned his considerable DIY skills into bell restoration. They both worked tirelessly, restoring more bells and

cutting their own leather. Eventually it was decided to have all the bells (over 100) fully restored and Harry was at the forefront of considerable fundraising to enable this. He would collect waste paper from various sources, including used feed bags from many local farms. In those days waste paper was quite lucrative if sold by the ton and Harry would preside over huge amounts of the stuff, storing it on the family farm and carefully weighing every bundle. Harry immediately became an enthusiastic member of Higher Walton Handbell Ringers and gravitated to the heavier bells, using his considerable strength built up as a farmer and builder, to ring the back bells regularly (29C over 11 lbs). This enthusiasm made him the natural leader of the handbell group when Walter moved to Whalley in the mid 1980's. Higher Walton handbell ringers were later to become one of the founder members of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain (HRGB) in 1967, Harry and Walter being at the forefront of their membership. Harry's funeral was held at All Saints church on Friday 18th July with the tower bells ringing out open in celebration of his life. The church was packed out, showing how much Harry was loved and respected by so many. Harry was one of life's true gentlemen, someone who never argued, liked a good laugh and was gentle, patient, kind and loyal. He is greatly missed by his family and all who were lucky enough to have known him.

GRAHAM TURNER. With kind assistance from Hannah Boyd, Jeff Robinson, Andy and Dorothy McLeod and Martin Mansley. Unfortunately, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major at All Saints on the night before the funeral came to grief after approx. 1100 changes. The following quarter was rung in his memory (as Bellboard details – St Mary's Browndedge, Bamber Bridge on Sun 21st Sep 2025).

## Ashley B Wilson

17<sup>th</sup> October 1985 – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Ashley was born to bellringing parents Philip & Liz Wilson in 1985. His interest in ringing started around the age of 8, when Philip introduced him to change ringing patterns and blue lines written out on paper. Ashley was immediately fascinated by these patterns and their symmetry. Soon afterwards this developed into an interest in learning to ring bells and beginning to discover how these patterns can be put into practice. He was taught the basics of bell control by Philip and the local ringers at Penwortham in 1996 aged 11 and he made rapid progress. He was soon ringing for church services and gaining experience by visiting other local churches. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1998 and was an active member of the Preston Branch. At one point there were five teenage ringers at Penwortham and with Ashley being the oldest, he took on the role of mentor to the others. Simon Bond recalls how he appreciated Ashley nurturing his early ringing, after he started learning 2001 and that, after Ashley passed his driving test, he would often ferry him to and from quarter peals in Blackburn and practices in places like Lancaster for heavy-bell focus, and Heptonstall more challenging method ringing. His Dad Philip recalls that Ashley used the Dove guide when they were planning their family holidays on the canals, so he could check villages and towns enroute to enable him to attend as many practice nights as possible! He also once lent his parents his satnav for a holiday in Somerset and whenever they came in range of a tower with bells the satnav started ringing!



By 2001, Ashley was ready to enter the world of peal ringing and his first peal was Cambridge Surprise Minor at St John's Preston (now Preston Minster) on Christmas Eve of that year. Paul Hunter remembers Ashley saying how much of a delight it was to ring with other young ringers, including himself and Paul Tiebout, who was also in the peal. They would go on to ring many more peals together and share many post-peal pints! Further peals followed, as Ashley steadily extended his repertoire. During this period, still in his teens, he served as Assistant Ringing Master of the Preston Branch of LACR.

In 2003, he was invited by Geoffrey Fothergill to join his Lancashire peal week, ringing a variety of often new methods. Geoffrey liked to encourage and give opportunities to the new talent and Ashley was keen to make the most of any such opportunities. Ashley quickly established himself with the local peal bands, especially those organised by Jim Andrews and Gordon Birks. He became a regular, progressing his ringing still further. Clive Smith recalls he was very keen to take on the advice from more experienced ringers, although there could occasionally be some frustration that the advice that in the last 45 minutes of a peal he should concentrate on the method and not try to work out what the composition was and how it would come round was not followed quite as much as it might have been! Before long he was duly elected to the Ancient Society of College Youths on 12th July 2005, proposed by Jim Andrews. Jim was his leading peal ringer, having rung 178 peals together.

Ashley ran his own carpentry business for many years and lots of local ringers have examples of Ashley's excellent work in their homes and gardens. In 2017, Ashley met Vicky, who he was later to marry in 2021. They set up home in Warton on the Fylde coast and had daughters Lucy in 2019 and Holly in 2022. Ashley was a devoted family man and he was so proud of his girls. He transferred to the Fylde Branch of the LACR and was a regular attender at branch meetings and practices. In 2024, Ashley took on a new challenge, working as an Instructional Officer in the woodwork section at HMP Kirkham, sharing his passion, skills and knowledge of woodwork to help others working towards making a fresh start with their lives.

In total, Ashley rang 393 peals, 14 of which were for the ASCY. These were mostly in the North West but also in many other churches and cathedrals across the UK and Ireland, including Liverpool Cathedral, York Minster, Birmingham Cathedral, Inverary, Abergavenny and Limerick. George Campling recalls his first meeting with Ashley in 2005 where they rang a peal of Bristol Surprise Royal at Burnley with the ASCY, to which Ashley had recently been elected. Their friendship continued unbroken through the next 20 years, during which time they rang 147 peals together. Ashley was a very competent ringer on all numbers of bells from 6 to 12 and he could ring equally well anywhere in the circle. He conducted 19 peals and could, no doubt, have gone on to do much more as a peal ringer and conductor.

Ashley was an enthusiast of heavy bell ringing. It was this ambition for ringing big bells that saw him become a regular at the Saturday evening practices at Liverpool Cathedral, culminating in ringing the tenor single-handed to a quarter of Maximus and with a strap to a peal of Stedman Cinques following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II in 2022. Ashley's final peal was at Clitheroe, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024, after which the combination of new working arrangements, family commitments and then health issues meant that he decided to take a break from peal ringing.

Ashley enjoyed the social side of ringing as much as the actual ringing and looked forward to the post-peal pints and curries with his friends. He had a great sense of humour and Stephen Hall recalled the time after a peal at Pier Head, the two of them sniggering behind a partition wall in the Lion Tavern whilst a rowdy couple temporarily halted any service with the most spectacular blazing row before they were eventually ejected! They often joked about this in their subsequent communications by hurling the very same insults at each other in jest! Ashley enjoyed making a trip with his Dad to the 12 bell eliminator at Pier Head in Liverpool in March 2025, where he was able to meet up with many old friends including Paul Hunter, Paul Tiebout and Sam Austin and reminisce over a pint about the 'old days' when they all rang together as youngsters.

Ashley made a significant contribution in many aspects of ringing, all of which he carried out with a high level of competence, positivity and enthusiasm. He was always keen to support up and coming young ringers, passing on his own skills to them. He was always very modest about this and just saw it as his way of paying forward the help he'd received as a young ringer. In recent years, Ashley played a key role helping to develop the ringing skills of my son Ellis. In Ellis' own words "Ashley was always so kind and encouraging to me as well as other ringers and would go out of his way to try and help where he could. He played a key part in my progression in ringing such as calling my first peal and taking me to various practices and peals without giving it a second thought. He will be truly missed by me as well as so many others."

Ashley was also very encouraging to local ringers who were looking to make progress with their ringing, by supporting local practices and quarter peal attempts. On a personal note, he called my first quarter of Surprise Minor in 2021. I wasn't at all confident that I was capable of doing it, but Ashley encouraged me to give it a go, he'd conduct it and ring the bell next to me to help me if I needed it. (I did of course need his help on a couple of occasions, but as always, he calmly talked me back onto the line.) It was such a sense of achievement to score this QP, a real turning point for my ringing as it made me think that perhaps I should have more confidence in myself. He rang in quite a number of firsts for me after that and always gave an encouraging smile and nod as I dodged with him, as if to say 'keep going, you've got this'. I will be forever grateful for his support and encouragement.

Ashley used his considerable wood working skills to produce peal boards, cabinets, sound control, ringing room benches and bookcases. He was also the mainstay in adapting and extending a summer house and installing a ring of bells to create 'The Heyhouses Ring', a mini-ring of 6 bells in St. Anne's on the Sea. He also helped with bell maintenance including making a new wooden headstock for a bell in Denbigh, North Wales.

When answering a question posed on Facebook in 2023 about proudest ringing achievements, Ashley's response was "ringing a peal for the Queen at Liverpool is high up there, but, sometimes, the smaller, local achievements are the ones that stay in my memory... so Stedman Triples at Kirkham wins my vote". He was referring to a successful quarter peal at Kirkham St. Michael's which he had arranged and conducted. It was a first quarter peal of Stedman Triples for three local ringers, the first full Fylde branch quarter peal of Stedman Triples ever and it followed on from the success of the inaugural North West Ringing Course in 2022, where he had been a much-valued helper on the Stedman Triples course. This was so typical of Ashley, rightly proud of his own achievements, but even more proud of helping others to achieve new heights with their own ringing.

Ashley last rang just 16 days before he died, at a local Lancashire Association meeting at St Annes and, despite his health problems, he was very much the Ashley we all knew: personable, determined, enthusiastic, helping others and positive in his outlook. For the final touch of the meeting, he turned in the tenor with his usual aplomb to a half course of Cambridge Surprise Major. He spoke about his hopes to return to work and to ringing in the New Year. That this optimism was so quickly crushed has been truly devastating for all of us, but especially of course for his family. He will leave a big hole in ringing around the Fylde and the wider North West, but an even bigger one in his family. Dying just a few days short of his 40th birthday, Ashley leaves behind his wife Vicky, two young daughters Lucy and Holly, parents Philip and Liz, elder sister Jennifer and younger sister Helen. He will be much missed by us all.

Compiled by Monica Hollows, with contributions from Philip Wilson, George Campling, Jim Andrews, Ellis Hollows, Paul Tiebout, Paul Hunter, Simon Bond, Stephen Hall and Clive Smith

## GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

My first year as General Secretary has been interesting and varied and has taken more time than I expected! I would like to express my thanks to Beth Ingham for ensuring a smooth handover of duties and to my fellow Trustees for their help and advice.

It is my aim is to visit as many Branch Meetings as I can and this year so far, I have attended Furness, Lancaster and the Fylde branches. I was welcomed warmly at all of them and thoroughly enjoyed meeting many new people. It is good to see most branches thriving and attendance numbers increasing. Many branches have moved from the conventional 'Saturday afternoon and evening' meetings with tea and a formal meeting, to 2 – 3 hours general ringing once a month and occasional business meeting, with 'tea and cake'.

The events of the Association during 2025 were generally successful. This year's striking competitions were held on 4 October at St Mary's Bury, in the Rossendale branch and were very capably organised by Martyn Bristow. The judges were Stuart Heath and Annabel Preston, from the Yorkshire Association's Western branch, who braved the heavy rain associated with Storm Amy to come across the Pennines.

I attended the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Annual Meeting in Sheffield in early September and as well as gaining a better understanding of what the Council does, I met other General secretaries and made many useful contacts.

At the September Committee Meeting it was agreed that funding should be identified for the construction of a new Association web-site. It was also decided to hold a logo competition for a new modern logo for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association. The winner was Vanya Houlgreave and hopefully this logo will be used on merchandise during 2026 and on the new website.

I have attempted to use group emails selectively to communicate with members and branch secretaries but I have also used the Lancashire Ringer as a communication tool as much as possible. Peter Rivet has been extremely helpful in publishing news updates, the logo competition etc. and I hope that this means members feel better informed. The new website should also enhance this.

As part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations Frances Ross suggested we tried to record 150 'firsts' during 2026. After some thought and in conjunction with the editor of the Ringing World, we set up a page on BellBoard with the aspiration to record 150 (hopefully many more) "firsts" of all kinds relating to practical ringing achievements. These can range from first peals, first as conductor, first in new methods etc. through to personal "firsts" in the very earliest stages of ringing e.g. "first time ringing rounds unaided" "first successful touch of Plain Bob, first quarter peals etc. This initiative has been enthusiastically embraced by members and I think we will reach 150 achievements before the anniversary week in June!

I have had discussions with the Ecclesiastical Insurance company and through them, and discussions with the other trustees, we have updated the description of the organisation. In September, at the CCCBR meeting, we intend to discuss the level of insurance with other Associations to ensure our LACR Insurance cover is 'fit for purpose'.

This year we have seen a steady increase in membership, we now have approximately 775 members, increased from 750 last year. The 775 includes just 17 Junior members, 67 Life Members, 53 Senior Members and 34 new members. The number and proportion of Junior members is very low and we need to continue to encourage young recruits to ensure that the Art of Change Ringing continues to thrive into the future.

I look forward to meeting and ringing with many more members, young and not so young, over the next 12 months.

PAULINE CAMPLING – Hon. General Secretary

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The income for the general fund in 2025 remained steady compared to 2024. Whilst entering information into spreadsheets, it became quite evident that the income we receive from interest has decreased, especially the investments for the BRF. I look back to 2023 when we received just over £12,000.00 from investments and just over £7,500.00 in 2025. That said, we have been using the money from the BRF for it's intended use.

The general fund continued to support the 3L's with a sum of money, rather than coming to us each time they have a small request, and also continued support for training via the bursary scheme. The Bell Restoration fund also received £10,000.00 from the general fund in 2025, to help keep the funds topped up.

As mentioned in the last committee meeting, we are now going to run a stricter year end for the accounts of 31st December. This will help for the time taken to produce the accounts and also for verification. As I write this, we are preparing for our year end at work as is the independent examiner, who is an accountant. I would like to urge that all members do not pay their membership early (i.e. before 31st December) so that our figures are accurate.

I am looking forward to the next few months for the planned events of the 150th year of the LACR and intend to try and squeeze as much ringing in between now and then.

ANDREW W KAYLL – Hon. Treasurer

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS -  
GENERAL FUND**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended  
31/12/2025**

<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Member Subscriptions	£7,065.30	£7,820.00
Non-Resident Life Members	£0.00	£0.00
Affiliation Scheme	£2,210.00	£618.00
Peal Fees	£575.00	£719.00
Interest Received	£595.52	£744.45
Donations	£0.00	£50.00
LACR Raffle 2024	£0.00	£641.00
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>£10,445.82</b>	<b>£10,592.45</b>
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Annual Report Costs	£1,505.93	£0.00
Ringling World Notices	£0.00	£47.60
Insurance	£626.36	£602.30
CCCBR Subscriptions	£350.00	£0.00
CCCBR Reps Expenses	£637.42	£827.54
150th Costs	£500.00	£0.00
Woodhouse RM Expenses	£0.00	£141.97
Meeting Venue Hire	£40.00	£0.00
Bank Charges	£249.99	£305.83
Lancashire Lads & Lasses Expenses	£500.00	£0.00
Bursary Scheme	£1,798.46	£1,902.85
Transfer to BRF	£10,000.00	£0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£16,208.16</b>	<b>£3,828.09</b>
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<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>(£5,762.34)</b>	<b>£6,764.36</b>

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS -  
GENERAL FUND**

**Balance Sheet for the year ended 31/12/2025**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Cash at Bank		
HSBC - Current (495)	£5,773.35	£3,809.89
HSBC - Deposit (509)	£35,676.11	£39,952.59
Paypal	£921.70	£962.63
Stripe	£939.15	£4,347.54
Cash in Hand	£127.77	£127.77
Debtor /	£0.00	£0.00
<b>(Creditor) - Ringing World</b>		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>£43,438.08</b>	<b>£49,200.42</b>
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Balance represented by		
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Balance b/f	£49,200.42	£42,436.06
Surplus / <b>(Deficit)</b> for the year	<b>(£5,762.34)</b>	£6,764.36
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>£43,438.08</b>	<b>£49,200.42</b>

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

Registered Charity Number 511167

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended  
31/12/2025**

<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Fundraising Efforts		
Christmas Raffle	£0.00	£0.00
Quiz Night	£914.90	£0.00
Donations from Branches – See Note 2	£100.00	£220.00
Donations from Churches – See Note 3	£10.90	£0.00
Affiliation Scheme	£50.00	£50.00
Donations from Members & Friends		
Regular Giving Monthly Scheme	£900.00	£900.00
Donations from Members & Friends - See Note 4	£412.00	£2,411.27
Bank Interest Received	£410.08	£1,079.46
NS&I Interest Received	£65.80	£75.42
Interest Received on COIF Funds - See Note 6	£7,512.15	£9,070.98
Dividends Received on COIF Funds - See Note 6	£0.00	£0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>£10,375.83</b>	<b>£13,807.13</b>
Extra-ordinary Items		
Transfer from General Fd	£10,000.00	£0.00
Increase in Asset Value	£0.00	£0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>£20,375.83</b>	<b>£13,807.13</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Decrease in Asset Value - See Note 6	£2,802.68	£0.00
Grants Paid - See Note 5	£26,121.76	£33,500.00
Bank Charges	£37.00	£77.12
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£28,961.44</b>	<b>£33,577.12</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>(£8,585.61)</b>	<b>(£19,769.99)</b>

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

**Registered Charity  
Number 511167  
Balance Sheet for the  
year ended 31/12/2025**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Cash on Deposit		
NS & I Income Bond	£2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
HSBC Bell Restoration Fund - Current Account (517)	-£1,800.36	£21,187.50
HSBC Bell Restoration Fund - MoneyMaster Account (525)	£27,246.32	£17,553.54
COIF Charity Deposit Account [C] - See Note 6	£101,959.73	£95,123.90
COIF Charity Investment Account [T] - See Note 6	£55,747.55	£58,550.23
COIF Charity Fixed Interest Account [B] - See Note 6	30,279.46	£29,603.14
CASH		£ -
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>£215,432.70</b>	<b>£ 224,018.31</b>
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Balance represented by		
Balance b/f	£224,018.31	£243,788.30
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	<b>(£8,585.61)</b>	<b>(£19,769.99)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>£215,432.70</b>	<b>£224,018.31</b>
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## 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
3. **Church Donations made during the year as follows:**  
 St James Barrow £10.90
4. **Donations from Members & Friends**

Stuart Newton	£25.00
St Annes Ringing School	£25.00
John Gunner	£30.00
North West Ringing Course	£272.00
Todmorden Friday Nighters	<u>£60.00</u>
	<u>£412.00</u>

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

Beneficiaries	Amount	Paid in 2025	Yr
Over Kellet	£22,800.00	£22,800.00	2025
Mytton	£500.00	£500.00	2025
Kendal Parish Church	£200.00	£200.00	2025
Singleton St Anne	£300.00	£300.00	2025
St Oswald's Warton	£2,321.76	£2,321.76	2025
	<u>£26,121.76</u>	<u>£26,121.76</u>	
Unclaimed grants will be deemed as having lapsed if work has not commenced after 2 years			

6. **COIF Funds - Closing figures accurate for 31/12/2025**

FUND	Charity Deposit Account [C]	Charity Investment Account [T]	Charity Fixed Interest Account [B]	Totals
<b>Opening Balances 01/01/2024</b>	£95,123.90	£58,550.23	£29,603.14	<b>£183,277.27</b>
Interest 2025	£6,835.83	£1,293.44	£676.32	
Automatic Transfers to Deposit Account				
Increase / (Decrease) in Assets at 31/12/2025	£6,835.83	( <u>£2,802.68</u> )	£676.32	
<b>Closing Balances at 31/12/2025</b>	<b>£101,959.73</b>	<b>£55,747.55</b>	<b>£30,279.46</b>	<b>£187,986.74</b>
			<b>Growth in year</b>	<b>£4,709.47</b>

## 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 31/01/2026 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.

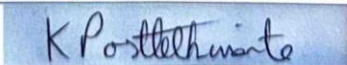
### Basis of Independent Examiner's report

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:	8 Artlebeck Grove, Caton, Lancaster, LA2 9RH
Date:	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Signature:	

## 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.

I'd like to thank the 59 towers that have donated a total of £2,090.00 to the Bell Restoration Scheme. This is an increase on the amount received last year, for which we are grateful. The suggested donation was raised this year from £10.00 to £25.00 as it hadn't been raised for a number of years. I also attempted to contact every tower in the Association, rather than only contacting those who had made a donation in recent years, to encourage parishes to show their support in our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. This has resulted in 59 towers making a donation, some of whom had not made a donation in the last few years. I understand that many parishes are under significant financial pressure, so I do appreciate the generosity of those who have donated, in particular those who have given more than the minimum donation. These donations do mean that the Association has a regular income to the fund.

Donations may be made by standing order or by bank transfer if required. Please contact the Treasurer for details.

RACHEL TUKE – Hon. Affiliation Scheme Secretary

## SUBSCRIBERS TO THE AFFILIATION SCHEME

### **Blackburn Branch**

Blackburn, St Jude  
Blackburn, St Silas  
Blackburn, The Cathedral  
Colne, St Bartholomew  
Great Mytton, All Hallows  
Slaidburn, St Andrew  
Whalley, St Mary and All Saints

### **Bolton Branch**

Bolton, St Peter, The Parish Church  
Farnworth, St John

### **Furness Branch**

Barrow-in-Furness, St James the Great  
Dent, St Andrews  
Kendal, Holy Trinity  
Kirkby-in-Furness, St Cuthbert  
Sedbergh, St Andrew

### **Fylde Branch**

Ansdell, St Joseph RC  
Lytham, St Cuthbert  
Lytham, St Peter RC  
Singleton, St Anne  
St Anne's-on-Sea, St Anne

### **Lancaster Branch**

Burton-in-Lonsdale, All Saints  
Kirby Lonsdale, St Mary  
Lancaster, Priory Church of St Mary  
Low Bentham, St John the Baptist

### **Liverpool Branch**

Farnworth, St Luke  
Liverpool, Our Lady and St Nicholas  
Mossley Hill, St Barnabas  
Prescot, St Mary  
Rainhill, St Ann  
Rainhill, St Bartholomew RC

### **Manchester Branch**

Ashton-Under-Lyne, St Peter  
Fallowfield, Holy Innocents  
Flixton, St Michael  
Hyde, St George  
Northenden, St Wilfred  
Stretford, St Matthew  
Swinton, St Peter  
West Didsbury, Christ Church

### **Preston Branch**

Bamber Bridge, St Mary RC  
Broughton, St John  
Chipping, St Bartholomew  
Eccleston, St Mary  
Goosnargh, St Mary  
Penwortham, St Mary  
Preston, Minster Church of St John  
Samlesbury, St Leonard-the-Less

### **Rochdale Branch**

Balderstone, St Mary  
Middleton, St Leonard  
Milnrow, St James  
Newhey, St Thomas  
Oldham, St Thomas  
Rochdale, St Chad

### **Rossendale Branch**

Bury, St Mary  
Haslingden, St James  
Ramsbottom, St Paul  
Rawtenstall, St Mary  
Whitefield, All Saints

### **Wigan Branch**

Aughton, St Michael  
Rainford, All Saints  
Winwick, St Oswald

## INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

It has been a quieter year than normal, with mainly phone calls, asking about wheels, ropes, clappers and pullies etc.

The main job was Whalley, where Adrian and his Ringers and Friends had worked very hard, saving money, but also doing a very good job, including state of the art sound proofing, which more and more towers are going to require. The grant was paid, as it was an excellent job.

I am always happy to help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I would also like to thank my brother, Ray, for all his help and brainstorming.

ANTHONY HELLIWELL – Inspection & Maintenance Officer

**A Helliwell**  
**Inspection and Maintenance Officer**  
**Tel No: 01254 383740**  
**Email: t500ajh@gmail.com**

## LANCASHIRE LADS AND LASSES

### 3L's

Meetings have generally followed the same format as in previous years, usually meeting once a month. However, this year I have tried a new approach of alternating between Saturdays and Sundays to try and give ringers more scope to attend if, for instance, they had a branch meeting, wedding etc. to ring for on a Saturday. This meant that on a Saturday we could ring at two towers, chosen to be fairly close to each other, with a generous time slot for a pub lunch. On a Sunday, just one tower was arranged in the afternoon, primarily to allow for Sunday service ringing commitments.

We started off the New Year at Adlington in February, but this was not very well attended! Our March meeting was at the newly restored and augmented 10 at Rochdale St Chads and by contrast was well attended, our numbers being boosted by the many new and young recruits to the tower. We welcome you all to the 3Ls. March saw our first brace of towers this year, Samlesbury and Higher Walton, two very good peals of 8. April saw our first visit of the year to Bilsborrow, which has been a frequently visited, popular and very welcoming tower for the 3Ls. East Lancashire was the venue for our May meeting, two towers kindly organised by Duncan and Oliver Vyse. In June we visited the new ringing centre at Over Kellet – St Cuthberts, whose bells are a delight to ring and were enjoyed by all. We made good use of the simulator and computer here, analysing our striking and listening skills. The adult helpers also found this challenging!

Unfortunately we could not raise a band to ring in the RWNYC this year for a number of reasons. Some of us did attend proceedings in Birmingham and were rewarded with an opportunity to ring on the 16 bells at the Bull Ring in the city centre. This provided a grab for most of the adult supporters, including myself. With a number of promising younger ringers joining our ranks this year we are very hopeful of being able to enter at least one band in 2026 when the contest will be held in Nottingham. (See detailed report elsewhere.)

We made up for the above by holding not one, but two quarter peal days during the Summer. Both these days were kindly arranged by Duncan and Oliver Vyse, and included some excellent performances, many firsts and a 100% success rate. My thanks go out to Duncan and Oliver and all our adult supporters for making both days a resounding success. Reports of these two days appeared in the Ringing World.

As we headed towards the Winter months, we joined my own tower for our joint annual outing, this year to the West Yorks/East Lancs area to ring at 6 towers. An invitation to the Yorkshire Tykes to join us proved not possible! (See report elsewhere.)

Our last meeting of the year was back at Bilsborrow in December, which was one of our best attended of the year. We had 45 minutes ringing, including The First Noel Christmas Carol (great for bell control as this involved holding the bell at the balance at every stroke), followed by a small Christmas party, quiz and social in the superb meeting room. Our thanks go out to John Blackley and the PCC at Bilsborrow for allowing our use of their excellent facilities once again.

All in all, meetings have been a success this year. However, it would be nice to see a greater attendance as a lot of work goes into organising and supporting our meetings, generally by the same people every month. We must find a more efficient way of reaching out to the whole Association to make our existence known to all. The new LACR website will hopefully assist with this, but we can all do our bit and talk to our friends and fellow ringers. We have also started using WhatsApp, where the programme of events for 2026 can be easily accessed in the Group's Description.

May I thank all tower captains, PCCs, incumbents and everyone who has helped and supported us this year and finally wish you all the very best for 2026.

GRAHAM TURNER – Ringing Master 3L's

## **The Ringing World National Youth Contest in Birmingham**

The 2025 RWNYP took place on Saturday 6th July in England's second city and was based at St Martin's in the Bull Ring. This is a large church of Cathedral proportions and many visitors are surprised to learn it's status is only that of the Parish Church of Birmingham. However, it is legendary amongst bellringers, being the first church in the world to contain 16 change-ringing bells and the first to host a live radio broadcast of ringing in 1924. It is the home of the St Martin's Guild, established in 1755 and where ringing boundaries have been pushed for many years, hence the installation of the 16, and is also proud to boast of being the first ever tower to record 100 peals of Stedman Cinques, achieved in 1914!

The contest was very privileged to be hosted by the St Martin's Guild and of being given the rare opportunity to allow every young ringer the chance to ring on 16 bells. Unfortunately, the Lancashire Lads and Lasses were unable to field a team this year for the first time since 2019! However, the opportunity described above was too much to decline for a few of our membership, so a small group of six set off very early on Saturday morning to support Morgan Snape and Oliver Skipper, who were keen to face the challenge. Morgan and Oliver were supported by Nigel, Liz, Amelia and I, with mature 3L member, Matthew Goodship helping to steward some of the open towers, ably supported by Simon Percy.

With no contest ringing to worry about, our little group was free to relax and enjoy the other attractions of the day at our leisure. I say, at our leisure, but this still included lunch "on the hoof" to be able to stick to our strict itinerary! Our tour started off on the superb 12 at Walsall – St Matthew at 10am. Strict timings were the order of the day if 37 teams plus supporters were to negotiate their allotted towers and "squeeze in" their competition ringing as well. You see, the competition has grown so much since inception in 2011, it has become a mammoth event of nightmarish logistical proportions! I certainly don't envy the organising team! So, our 30 minutes were over very soon and it was off to St Martin's for the next challenge. Again, only 30 minutes allowed again at this most prestigious of rings. Fortunately, the ringing room is vast and easily able to accommodate 3 groups at a time. Our team were able to ring rounds and some call changes on 16 (after a tentative start on "just 12 bells") and Morgan was shocked and honoured to be invited to ring the 39cwt tenor! We all rang well here, even the adult supporters, thank goodness.

We descended the tower and had a quick look around the interior of the church, which is beautiful. The Ringing World had a publicity stand in the nave, which was kept busy and hopefully gained a few new subscribers! Off then to our next destination, in the so called Jewellery Quarter, to sample two mobile belfries and the excellent and newly installed 10 bells at St Paul's. I say new, but they were actually installed in 2005 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the St. Martin's Guild. They are the newest in the city though, but unfortunately for me, no grab here, as I had rung on them previously. The last tower on our itinerary was the little six at Moseley St Anne. These are a nice pleasant ring with a 7cwt tenor, augmented and converted to full circle ringing in 2008. Apparently the bells are by six different founders, which is quite unusual!

By this time we were all jaded and ready for a spot of liquid refreshment. Oliver's mum intercepted us and set off with him to negotiate that long, narrow car park called the M6, back home to Sedbergh. The rest of us adjourned to a local pub for a pint or two. Finally, no visit to Birmingham would be complete (just ask Liz) without a visit to The Vine curry house in West Bromwich for a lash up supper. Our smaller group ate all sorts of multi-coloured "dishes", I made do with Fish and Chips! Here's to 2026 and being able to field a team or two in NOTTINGHAM.

Graham Turner

# The Future of Bell Ringing in Lancashire Needs You!!!

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own age?



Lancashire  
Lads &  
Lasses

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ALL  
ABILITIES  
WELCOME

Inclusive  
Social

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We aim to meet monthly at various  
locations across Lancashire to ring and  
socialise together.

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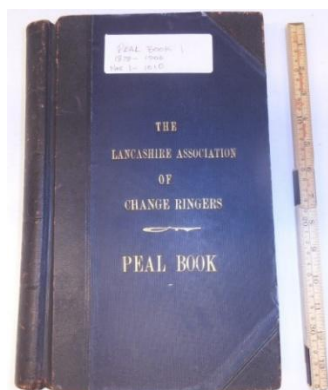
## THE DEREK OGDEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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. These may have to be stored elsewhere temporarily during the rehangng of the bells.

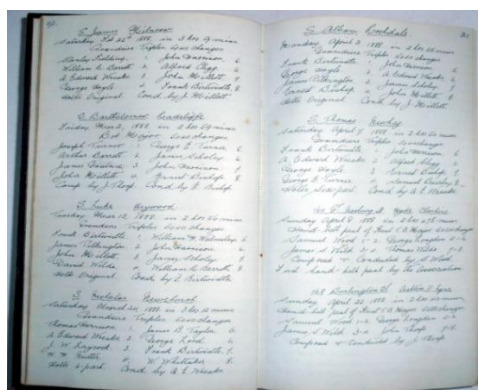
I have dealt with a handful of queries concerning historical details during the year, particularly relating to lost rings of bells that were in churches long since demolished.

I was able to provide material relating to the formation of the LACR in 1876 and the centenary edition of the Ringing World of 16<sup>th</sup> April 1976 for our President's excellent article in the RW of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

I am looking into scanning the LACR's early peal books to make digital copies available on the website. The first 3 volumes are huge old-fashioned ledger books which are difficult to scan because of their size and shape. The entries are beautifully hand-written: -



Peal Book vol 1



Note peal at St Albans Rochdale in 1888!

For information - many old and antiquarian ringing journals can be access free of charge on the Central Council website: -

<https://ccbr.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 from the librarian at a cost of £10 each (including postage & packing/delivery).

GEORGE LEE – Hon. Librarian



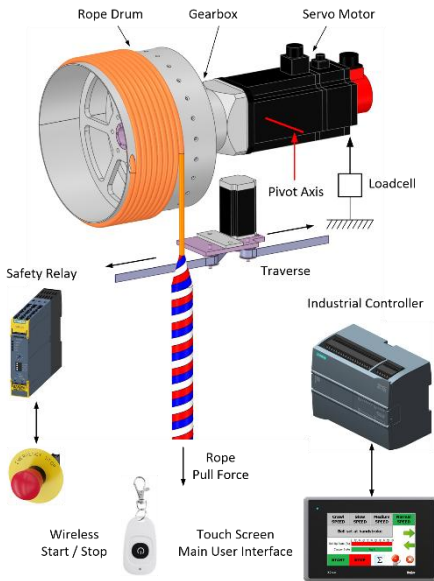
**BellSim** (photography on back cover)

Mechanical bell simulators have been around for a long time and generally consist of a swinging weight and a wheel around which a small bell rope is attached. These small simulators struggle to replicate the ringing action of real tower bells simply because they are so small.

Invented and developed by Dr Adrian West from Whalley, Lancashire, BellSim is the very first of a completely new generation of English church bell ringing simulators where the rope is driven by a high

performance electric motor. The bell and clapper “swing” in software by solving their equations of motion in real time. The resultant angular motion of the bell is then transferred through further calculations to simulate the rope wheel and this is then used to drive the rope up and down on a small drum, to exactly simulate the rope motion when ringing a real church bell.

The actual rope force is measured using a sensor and this drives the bell software model such that it responds to pulls on the rope in exactly the same way as a real bell. The end result is a simulator that can exactly replicate the ringing experience of full size church bells. BellSim can simulate any size of bell capable of being rung by an average bell ringer and the device is capable of a rope pull of 100kgf using a full size bell rope. Further software models allow the bell stay and rope stretch to be simulated to provide the complete full size tower bell ringing experience. Different bell sizes can be selected at will and all the 8 bells from St Mary and All Saints, Whalley have been programmed in with bell sizes ranging from 5cwt to 21cwt.



bell down where the usual single striking and chiming occurs; something that is virtually impossible with swinging weight simulator. If the rope is not checked correctly when starting to ring up then the bell will go up wrong – just like real bells will do. If the stay is bumped on a bell that is up wrong then the clapper lifts and strikes, again just like a real bell. If the stay is bumped too hard it will “break” but this can be reset at the touch of a button.

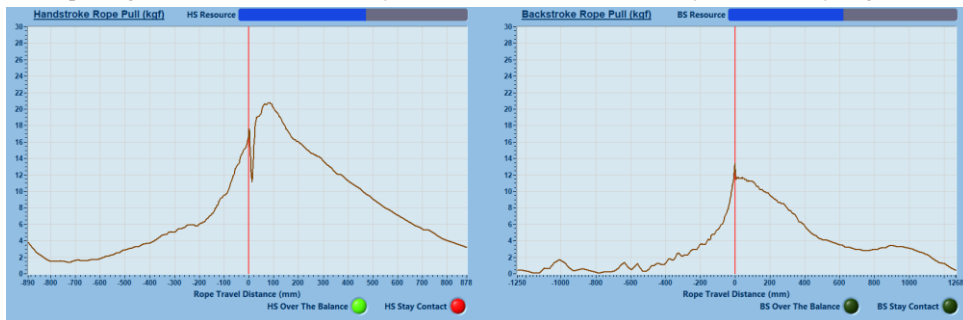
Since there are no swinging weights, lateral forces are virtually non-existent so devices like these can be installed within attics and other places which will not withstand these forces.

The real bell motion rules can be broken such that the rope can be instantly stopped at any time using a small hand-held wireless fob, while using the device to teach bell ringing. Similarly, BellSim will

detect if there is loose rope or the sally has not been let go and will stop automatically. So, devices like these improve safety and allow confidence to be gained while teaching the art.

BellSim uses off the shelf industrial automation components to produce a highly reliable and maintainable device. The software models operate in a rugged industrial automation controller such that many useful signals are available to allow measurements of bell ringing performance.

A Microsoft Windows App allows rope pull, ringing efficiency, power consumed and many other measurements to be displayed in real time to provide feedback and so allow improvements to be made with regard to bell and rope handling. A 3D model of a bell swings to enable the ringer to see what is happening. A high speed rope force capture function exposes errors when pulling the bell rope such as not pulling the backstroke all the way to the bottom and this is widely used both by beginners and



more experienced ringers to improve bell handling skills. A large 100” screen with an overhead projector allows ringers to practice ringing rounds and methods with the AbelSim band of ringers and provides a more realistic ropesight experience while ringing BellSim.

Numerous ringers from the local Ribble Valley area and beyond have either been taught to ring or helped to improve bell handling skills using the BellSim simulator. The simulation is so accurate that ringers who have never been in a bell tower before can learn to ring on BellSim, then catch hold of a real bell and ring straight away with little further instruction. Many new ringers have been taught in this way.

In conclusion, BellSim has been an extremely successful proof of concept for a state of the art church bell simulator. It has generated much interest in the ringing community over the last 4 years or so with many visitors coming along to ring on the device. It has proved highly popular amongst beginners to the art and has taught many new ringers. However, due to its no expense spared design to achieve the very best simulation accuracy, together with reliable (but costly) industrial automation construction, BellSim has not proved to be commercially viable within the bell ringing community and so it is unlikely to be replicated. It will be interesting to see other similar devices in the future making a valuable contribution to the art of English Church bellringing.

More information about BellSim can be found here: <https://www.opusds.com/bellsim>

ADRIAN WEST

## 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 2025 to:

- Caroline Langley – Gisburn, St Mary

Well Done and Congratulations on your achievement!

### ROTA FOR HOSTING AGM & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Year	February Committee Meeting	AGM	June Committee Meeting	September Committee Meeting
2026	Lancaster	Furness	Wigan	Fylde
2027	Liverpool	Rochdale	Bolton	Rossendale
2028	Fylde	Sodor & Man	Manchester	Preston
2029	Rossendale	Lancaster	Blackburn	Wigan
2030	Preston	Liverpool	Furness	Bolton
2031	Wigan	Fylde	Rochdale	Manchester
2032	Bolton	Rossendale	Lancaster	Blackburn
2033	Manchester	Preston	Liverpool	Furness
2034	Blackburn	Wigan	Fylde	Rochdale
2035	Furness	Bolton	Rossendale	Lancaster
2036	Rochdale	Manchester	Preston	Liverpool
2037	Lancaster	Blackburn	Wigan	Fylde

### DIARY DATES FOR 2026/2027

#### LACR CALENDAR DATES 2026

25.04.26: AGM Furness Branch

06.06.26: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, Marriott Hotel, Broughton

10.06.26: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Past & Present Officers Peal, St Laurence, Chorley

13.06.26: 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Service, St Lawrence, Chorley

14.06.26: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quiz, Bamber Bridge & County Catholic Club

27.06.26: June Committee Meeting, Douglas-in-Parbold, Wigan

26.09.26: September Committee Meeting, Fylde Branch

TBC LACR 6 & 8 Bell Striking Competition

TBC LACR Training Days

Please note, some of these dates/venues are liable to change. Please check with General Secretary [lacrgeneralsec@gmail.com](mailto:lacrgeneralsec@gmail.com) nearer the date.

## LACR QUIZ NIGHT 2026

Here are the results of this year's annual quiz held on Sunday 4th January. Attendance was almost exactly the same as last year with approx. 105 quizzers making up 25 teams. This was, yet again, fantastic support considering the very cold snap of weather encountered over the weekend and the very real threat of snow, particularly for those travelling from the north and eastern regions.

With such a good turnout and the generosity of everyone entering the (in-house) raffle, we managed to raise £610 from the quiz plus £273 from the raffle. This roughly equals our best ever total at this event.

As usual the scores were all very closely packed together but with a very clear winner. Again, special congratulations to the 3Ls team (Alpha Lima Lima India: over and out) for a great score in a quiz not really aimed at the younger generation, although they were joined by Linda this year.

1st Rochdale Branch - 101  
2nd Blinder (Brindle) - 89.5  
3rd Croston Clappers - 88.5  
4th The Peps - 86  
5th Three Plus One - 84  
6th 'Pull It, Don't Stroke It' - 81.5  
7th January Again Already!! - 80.5  
8th The Three Kings - 78  
9th Bilsborrow Belles - 77.5  
10th Treble Tops; Alpha Lima Lima India (over and out) - 75  
12th November Charlie Romeo - 74.5  
13th Rammy Ringers - 73.5  
14th Whittle Handicap - 73  
15th SPAG - 71  
16th Flock of Seagulls - 70.5  
17th Snoring Rectors - 70  
18th Double Trouble - 69.5  
19th JKRS - 68.5  
20th The Hoghton Bottoms - 66.5  
21st Leyland Surprise - 66  
22nd Whittle Belles - 65  
23rd Episode IV - No Hope - 62.5  
24th Aggie Bobs - 60.5  
25th T Koo S - 35.5

There was a total of 130 points available.

New winners this year who were presented with the Quiz Trophy by our President: Well Done.

Only one team, the winners, scooped the bonus 10 points in the Wipeout round!

A BIG THANKYOU to Liz, Linda, Diane, James, Jayden and Matthew and all who helped out on the night. Also, thanks to the caterers, bar staff and club committee for their continued free use of the auditorium. Most of all my thanks go out to all who donated raffle prizes and for all of you who attended and continue to support the quiz year on year.

Finally, there will be a special, one-off quiz as part of the celebrations for the LACR 150th Anniversary. The proposed date is Sunday 14th June 2026. Details to be circulated in due course but keep the date free.

GRAHAM TURNER

# 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations 1876 - 2026

## 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026



Please use the below for full details:

<https://www.lacr.uk/news/275-lacr150celebrations>

### 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 Lancashire Association.

The left hand column by each member name shows the number of peals rung during 2025 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.

### UNATTACHED MEMBERS

not associated with any Branch

2025 Catherine Kernot - -

2025 Lucas Owen - -

## **BLACKBURN BRANCH** (Meeting Day: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday)

**Branch Secretary:** Liz Evans. **Tel:** 07519 893758. **Email:** blackburnbranchsec@gmail.com  
**Ringling Master:** Garry Peel. **Tel:** 07880 822640. **Email:** g.peel@outlook.com

In 2025, we have seen a good deal of improvement in the Branch.

The reluctance to go ringling still exists to some extent, however, more people seem to be coming out of their shells which have been put up since the pandemic, which has been great to see. People have been keen to get back to seeing people in the Blackburn Branch community.

We have, yet again, appreciated the support of visiting bands and ringlers since the start of the year. I know that the Bolton, Fylde, and Preston Branches are very active within Blackburn Branch practices, events, and general ringling.

A special event took place at Blackburn St Silas, where an original method was composed and conducted with a master band of peal ringlers: St Silas Delight Major. Well done, and thank you to the band for this amazing achievement.

Unfortunately, one of the Blackburn Cathedral ringlers, Connor Blakey, had moved to Yorkshire. This, however, doesn't mean that he isn't active in Blackburn Branch activities: he regularly attends Branch Practices and general practices at towers in the Branch.

Another Cathedral ringer, Beate von Bremen, is moving back to Germany, which is another loss to the Branch. We wish Beate happiness and joy in her future pursuits.

The Blackburn Branch organised the joint Preston/Blackburn outing in Yorkshire, taking in some interesting towers. Thank you to Charlotte Ferguson for organising the event.

I am looking forward to 2026, where we might find even more growth for the Branch.

Thank you to everyone who takes part in activities, even the occasional one. This kind of participation isn't ignored and is appreciated.

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
*1976 Janette Holland	-	3	+1993 Linden J Charnley	-	-
1980 John Holland	-	3	2013 Victoria J L Helliwell	-	-
*1980 Elaine L Holmes	-	3	2016 Harry Helliwell	-	-

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

**Post Code:** BB5 2EW

**OS Grid Ref:** SD760285

### BARNOLDSWICK, St Mary-le-Ghyll

**Contact:** Diane McDowell

**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	-	-

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

**Post Code:** BB18 6JG

**OS Grid Ref:** SD893480

### BLACKBURN, The Cathedral

**Contact:** Ian Fowler

**Tel:** 07484 830542

**Email:** ianfowler56@gmail.com

**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	*2016 Andy Cope	1	3
*#1969 Ian Fowler	-	4	*2016 Laura Robinson	1	2
#1980 Brenda Wilson	-	1	2019 Peter Booth	-	-
*1999 Raymond Hutchings	3	849	2019 Pilar Holt	-	-
2006 Beate von Bremen	-	-	2022 Connor Blakey	-	-
2011 Bruce Kitchin	-	-	2025 Garth Atkinson	-	-
*2013 Nigel Spooner	-	1	2025 Mark Lane	-	-

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

**Post Code:** BB1 5AS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD684280

### BLACKBURN, St Jude

**Contact:** Peter D Williams

**Tel:** 07816 268090

**Email:** stigwilliams2017@gmail.com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:45-11:15 2nd Sunday (please check)

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

**Post Code:** BB1 3JL

**OS Grid Ref:** SD700281

## BLACKBURN BRANCH TOWERS and MEMBERS

### BLACKBURN, St Silas

**Contact:** Charlotte A Ferguson

**Tel:** 07718 570549

**Email:** charlottef@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

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

**Contact:** Caroline Langley

**Tel:** 07479 652425

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

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

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**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	14	926
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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)

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

*#1968 Pauline Campling	3	1,410	*2022 Garry D Peel	1	28
*1980 George H Campling	28	2,336	2023 Liz Evans	-	-
*1985 Simon D Woof	11	959	2023 Emily Mortimore	-	-
1989 Carol Duerden	-	-	2025 Debbie Fletcher	-	-
2018 James R Robinson	-	-	2025 Adam Shard	-	-
2019 Charlotte L Houlder	-	-			

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

**Post Code:** BB7 2DH

**OS Grid Ref:** SD744420

### COLNE, St Bartholomew

**Contact:** Neil Garnett

**Tel:** 07932 267152

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

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:00-20:45

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

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

**Post Code:** BB8 0LG

**OS Grid Ref:** SD889401

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

**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 - -

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

**Post Code:** BB3 3HR

**OS Grid Ref:** SD694222

**DOWNHAM, St Leonard**

**Contact:** The Lord Clitheroe

**Tel:** 07817 634392

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

**Practice:** Tuesday 19:00-19:45 not during Lent or Advent

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:45-11:15 strictly by arrangement

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

**Post Code:** BB7 4BL

**OS Grid Ref:** SD784442

**GISBURN, St Mary**

**Contact:** Caroline Langley

**Tel:** 07479 652425

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

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

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

\*2022 Caroline Langley - -

**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:** Monday 17:00-18:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:00-09:30. Evenings by arrangement

+2023 Alan Birney - 28

**6 Bells.** 12-1-21 (632kgs)

**Post Code:** BB7 9PL

**OS Grid Ref:** SD716389

**LONG PRESTON, St Mary the Virgin**

**Contact:** Carol Slinn (church warden/secretary)

**Tel:** 01729 840154

**Email:** c.slinn19@gmail.com

**Practice:** none

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

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

**Post Code:** BD23 4NJ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD837582

**NELSON, St Philip**

**Contact:** Julie Haynes (centre co-ordinator)

**Email:** stphilpsnelson@gmail.com

**Practice:** by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

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

**Post Code:** BB9 9XB

**OS Grid Ref:** SD864381

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

**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

1984 Phil Clare	-	4	2006 Colin Hall	-	-
1984 Ruth Clare	-	-	*2006 Adam Marriott	-	1

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

**Post Code:** BB5 3QS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD733264

**PADIHAM, St Leonard**

**Contact:** Matthew D Warburton

**Tel:** 01282 774401

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

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

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

*1990 Brian Sutcliffe	-	11	*1995 Matthew D Warburton	2	117
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**8 Bells.** 14-3-10 (754kgs)

**Post Code:** BB12 8HQ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD793340

**RIBCHESTER, St Wilfred**

**Contact:** Roger Forrest

**Tel:** 07980 375574

**Email:** rogerf48@btinternet.com

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

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

+2025 Roger Forrest	-	-	2025 Alex Dugdale	-	-
+2025 Clare Levick	-	-	2025 Olivia Penny	-	-

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

**Post Code:** PR3 3XS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD649350

**RISHTON, SS Peter & Paul**

**Contact:** Fr Eddie Carr

**Tel:** 01254 829482

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

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

2025 Jacqueline McAleese	-	-	2025 Tony McAleese	-	-
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**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:** 07816 985481

**Email:** anita.anitaclive@gmail.com

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

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

*1987 Anita Bater	-	-	2022 Jack Rawcliffe	-	-
*2016 Robin Hatherell	-	-	2022 Moira Rawcliffe	-	-

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

**Post Code:** BB7 3HT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD728438

**WHALLEY, St Mary and All Saints**

**Contact:** Dave Bradbury

**Tel:** 07720 876444

**Email:** bellringers@whalleypc.org.uk

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

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

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

*#1973 Ian G Benson	-	24	2008 Derek Tate	-	-
*+2019 Alan Scholfield	6	239	2024 Susan Benson	-	-
2000 Adrian West	-	-	2025 David Bradbury	-	-
2000 Sarah West	-	-			

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

**Post Code:** BB7 9SY

**OS Grid Ref:** SD732361

**BLACKBURN BRANCH, Unattached**

#1954 John Pilkington	-	-
2023 Peter Hampson	-	40
2025 Catherine Kernott	-	-

## **BOLTON BRANCH**

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

**Branch Secretary:** Stephen Johnson. **Tel:** 07714 844667. **Email:** secretary@boltonbells.co.uk  
**Ringling Master:** Laura Cope. **Tel:** 07891 730681. **Email:** ringingmaster@boltonbells.co.uk

Attendance at our Branch meetings have been very encouraging, often in the high teens and low twenties. We have also had a wide range of Towers represented at each meeting and it is hoped that this healthy enthusiasm will continue next year. We rang a wide range of things with plenty of rounds for our newest ringers up to a half course of Yorkshire Major.

The Branch Ringing Trip, superbly organised by Michael Durbar was a great success, ringing at Clitheroe, Gisburn, Waddington and Whalley and the atmosphere was friendly and encouraging!

With the Anniversaries of VE, VJ Day and the 50th Anniversary of the first peal at St. Peter's, there has been plenty to ring in celebration this year. Starting with Ryan's Quarter for the Christie with Father Christmas last year, Mike Kay rang his first quarter inside to Cambridge Minor in August and finishing with a quarter for All Souls Day at All Souls in November..

Although we would have liked to have held many more training opportunities during the year, time permitting we ran four training sessions for the Bolton Branch. Both Ringing up and down courses were well received with ringers enjoying the opportunity to hone their bell control and coil making and releasing skills in a relaxed environment. The Grandsire Doubles course at Blackrod in February was well attended and focused on both plain courses and touches using bobs and singles. The Striking for everyone course in September aimed at getting ringers to listen to where their bell strikes and discussing various listening exercises.

Andy has organised ten Advanced Practices throughout the year, mostly focusing on surprise methods on eight bells.

For each of our Branch meetings, all the towers made us feel very welcome and I would like to give my thanks to the Tower Captains for making our meetings both comfortable and enjoyable. I would like to thank Andy Cope for providing the delicious cinnamon and sultana buns for most meetings along with tea and coffee. A big thank you also goes to the church wardens in Newchurch, Culcheth for putting on a spread for us and also for Stuart and Trevor Bailey and the team at St. Mary's, Leigh for hosting our AGM today and totally spoiling us with a full-blown lunch menu with soup, rolls, fruit pies with cream and cake!!

The Bolton Branch could not exist without the support and enthusiasm of its ringers and I have been very lucky to be a part of it this year. There is much to look forward to next year with the 150th Anniversary of the Lancashire Association in June – plenty of quarter peal opportunities so get planning; another Branch ringing trip in May to the Saddleworth area organised by Fiona Tewson; there has also been talk of starting a very supportive and friendly striking competition in Bolton, not to mention a Tower Hunt planned for September by Sam Brook....

STEPHEN JOHNSON – 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

*1985 Michael Kay	-	1	2010 Elaine Forester	-	-
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**6 Bells.** 11-0-0 (559kgs)

**Post Code:** BL6 5EN

**OS Grid Ref:** SD613111

**BOLTON, All Souls**

**Contact:** Andy Cope

**Tel:** 07791 208865

**Email:** allsoulsbells@gmail.com

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

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

2020 Elizabeth Bomber	-	-	2024 Martin Hooper	-	-
2020 Sara Carberry	-	-	2024 Malcolm Wilcock	-	-
2020 Stefka Iwanyk	-	-	2024 Laura Cope	-	-
2020 Julie Senior	-	-	2025 Henry Senior	-	-
2020 Angela Williams Aron	-	-			

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

**Post Code:** BL1 8EY

**OS Grid Ref:** SD714108

**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

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	-	-			

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

**Post Code:** BL1 1HX

**OS Grid Ref:** SD721093

**DEANE, St Mary**

**Contact:** Eric Morgan

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

**Practice:** by arrangement

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

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

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

**Post Code:** BL3 4LT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD693081

**BOLTON BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**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

**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	-	-	2016 Reece Lowton	-	-
+1999 Elaine Griffiths	-	-	2017 Michael Durbar	-	-
+1999 Brenda Pickup	-	-	2025 Catherine Clarke	-	-
1999 Margaret Stanton	-	-			

**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 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

**BOLTON BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**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

**WESTHOUGHTON, St Bartholomew**

**Contact:** Ryan Battersby

**Tel:** 07982 099737

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

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

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

**Post Code:** BL5 2BE

**OS Grid Ref:** SD652060

1982 Helen Thompson	-	8	2022 Kathryn Johnson	-	-
*2003 Ryan Battersby	-	2	2022 Stephen Johnson	-	-
*+2012 Threna Allum	-	-	2022 Janet White	-	-
2017 Ann H Thompson	-	-	2025 James White	-	-

**BOLTON BRANCH, Unattached**

1988 John Thompson - -

## 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

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

Another busy year for the Furness and South Lakeland Branch! Ringing got off to an extremely good start with an attendance of 31 ringers at our monthly meeting in January at Cartmel Priory. Gradually, throughout the year, this statistic “settled down” to an average of 16 ringers. The aim of our meetings is to challenge, support and offer everyone the opportunity just to ring methods which they enjoy ringing.

In order to promote ringing progress throughout the year, training sessions have been arranged in ringing the treble to Cambridge Surprise Minor and ringing touches of Grandsire Doubles. These sessions were arranged in response to members’ requests and were delivered on behalf of our Branch Committee as we still do not have a Branch Training Officer.

The year saw the successful achievement of 7 Peals in the following methods: Plain Bob Major (2), Cambridge Surprise Major (2), Bristol Surprise Major (1), Yorkshire Surprise Major (1) and Pudsey Surprise Major. Congratulations to Andy Pollock on his peal of Pudsey for Pudsey (Children in Need), succeeding after the attempt in 2024 was missed. Also 8 Quarters were achieved, being St. Clements (2), Cambridge Minor (2), Bob Triples (1), Grandsire Triples (1) and 5 Doubles Methods, being Stedman, St. Simon’s, St. Martin’s, Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor (congratulations to Oliver Skipper on this, his first Quarter at his first attempt).

General ringing has also taken place in memory of Sandie Mills (Cartmel), Stanley Walmsley (Dalton) as well as for St. George’s Day, VE Day, VJ Day and the visit of His Majesty King Charles III to Barrow.

During the year, we have been pleased to elect 9 new Branch members from St Andrew’s, Sedbergh (1) and from St. Mary Magdalene, Broughton-in-Furness (8). This last group represents a complete new band of learners at Broughton-in-Furness who came together early in 2025. It is a pleasure to report that the band at Broughton are still together. They all are very enthusiastic and committed.

During the year, one of our long-standing, well-known and hugely respected Branch members reluctantly decided to retire from ringing. Eileen Jackson’s contribution to all aspects of Branch life was much appreciated and we all thank her for all that she has done over the past 45 years.

Social and Fundraising events play an important part in our Branch Calendar. In view of the traditional success of our fundraising events, it was decided that the Branch Committee would formulate a policy for offering financial help to towers with grants and donations towards the purchase of new ropes and necessary repairs.

In March we held a Branch Quiz, which, as well as contributing handsomely to our funds, was a really fun evening, accompanied by the usual fine buffet. We are really pleased that the number of people who are keen to help with catering is increasing with each event. May was a particularly busy month in which we held our annual Branch Dinner and the Branch Outing. Both events were well-supported. Twenty-one people attended the Branch Dinner to enjoy good food and drink and, of course, lots of lively chit-chat!

A total of 20 ringers joined our Branch Outing adventure into the Carlisle Guild. We rang at Keswick, Greystoke, Bampton and Orton where some of us enjoyed the traditional end-of-outing meal. The weather had, throughout the day, been miserable, but the ringing was good and the scenery between towers was impressive.

At the end of August, we held a very successful 6 bell Striking Competition. Six teams entered, though, during the evening two “scratch teams joined in. The evening included a buffet supper and also the usual quiz for people to solve when not ringing. All agreed that the evening was a great success. Many thanks to Martyn Bristow who was our judge for the evening.

During the year, three of our Branch members sadly passed away. Stanley (Stan) Walmsley, the long-standing Tower Captain at St Mary’s Church, Dalton-in-Furness, became a member of LACR in 1952, moved to Dalton in the late 1960s and became Captain in the mid-1970s. Ill health forced him to give up ringing in 2017. Brenda Pearce was an honorary non-ringing life member at St. James the Great Barrow, where she took an active interest in the development of ringing there.

Clare Hunt (Cartmel) sadly passed away, having given up ringing years ago. They are all remembered.

Our year was brought to a close in the traditional way. Our Branch Carol Service, with “seasonal refreshments”, was held at St. Mary and St. Michael’s Church, Great Urswick. As is our tradition, money raised by the Carol Service is always donated to a Charity. This year, the congregation of 35 raised over £232.00 for St. Mary’s Hospice, Ulverston, a truly worthy cause.

Many thanks to the Officers, Tower Captains and the many members who have done so much to support the successes of the social and ringing life of our Branch in 2025.

KEITH HACKNEY – Furness and South Lakeland Branch Secretary

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

**AMBLESIDE, St Mary**

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**Email:** SiobhanRChapman@gmail.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:00-20:30 (please check)

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

1990 Peter Gardner	9	273	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 the Great**

**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	3	47
*#1990 Louise Nixon	-	21	*2016 Iwan Cotgreave	2	4
*1990 J Andrew Pollock	5	74	*2016 Cameron J Pollock	1	1
1991 Alan Jones	-	-	*2017 Jason Pollock	3	3
#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-hackett.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 and 5th Friday in the month

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

*1980 Ann S Thompson	-	303			
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**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

**Email:** hayleyowencc@aol.com

**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:** Wednesday 19:30. 2nd & 4th Wednesday in the month (please check)

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

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

**Post Code:** LA11 6QD

**OS Grid Ref:** SD380788

2000 Robert Somerset	-	-	2022 David Robinson	-	-
2011 Adele Dawson	-	-	2024 Richard F Brown	-	-
2017 Alan Dawson	-	-	2025 Andrew Gardner	-	-
2022 Clare Cookson	-	-			

**CROSTHWAITE, St Mary**

**Contact:** Christine Knighton

**Tel:** 07579 056756

**Email:** christamside1@aol.co.uk

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

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

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

**Post Code:** LA8 8HR

**OS Grid Ref:** SD446911

2008 Keith Hackney	-	1	2022 Chris Stanger	-	-
2008 Christine Knighton	-	-	2023 Katharine Gray	-	-
*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 8BA

**OS Grid Ref:** SD226739

*#1952 Stanley Walmsley	-	165	2012 Rachel Hallows	-	-
1976 Jacqueline Preston	-	13	*2018 Jayden Milby	12	23
1986 Owen Osmotherley	-	6	2023 Peter Stockbridge	-	2
2012 Carl Hallows	-	-			

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

**DENT, St Andrews**

**Contact:** Colin Brown

**Tel:** 01539 625418

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

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

2009 Christine Brown	-	-	2015 Antony Fisher	-	-
2009 Colin Brown	-	-			

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

**Post Code:** LA10 5QN

**OS Grid Ref:** SD705870

**FLOOKBURGH, St John**

**Contact:** Esther Klijn

**Tel:** 07446 663677

**Email:** essieklijn97@gmail.com

**Practice:** Wednesday 19:30. 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday in the month

**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 as practice Kirby-in-Furness (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** variable (please check)

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:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 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	2002 George Handley	-	-
*1982 Andrew MacLeod	-	4	2003 Simon Budd	-	-

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

**Post Code:** LA7 7EW

**OS Grid Ref:** SD497834

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

**KENDAL, Holy Trinity**

**Contact:** Kevin Mayfield

**Tel:** 07887 723344

**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	*2022 Susan Darby	-	-
*1989 Janice Fletcher	-	-	2023 Jane Markby	-	-

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

**Post Code:** LA9 5AL

**OS Grid Ref:** SD517921

**KIRKBY STEPHEN, The Parish Church**

**Contact:** Colin Belsey

**Tel:** 07938 532735

**Email:** colinbelsey1207@gmail.com

**Practice:** Thursday 19:15-20:30 (by arrangement)

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

2025 Wendy Belsey	-	9
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**8 Bells.** 15-3-4 (802kgs)

**Post Code:** CA17 4QX

**OS Grid Ref:** NY775088

**KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, (Beckside) St Cuthbert**

**Contact:** David Galston

**Tel:** 01229 889720

**Email:** galstondavid@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Thursday 19:20 usually 3rd Thursday in the month (please check)

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

2023 David Galston	-	-
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**8 Bells.** 7-1-10 (373kgs)

**Post Code:** LA17 7TG

**OS Grid Ref:** SD233822

**LANGDALE, Holy Trinity**

**Contact:** Graham Stirrup

**Email:** gandks@btinternet.com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

**6 Bells.** 8-3-6 (447kgs)

**Post Code:** LA22 9JJ

**OS Grid Ref:** NY321055

**MILLOM, St George the Martyr**

**Contact:** Jeg Gray

**Tel:** 01229 773733

**Email:** Jeg.gray@gmail.com

**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

2013 Jeg Gray	-	-
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**6 Bells.** 13-1-9 (677kgs)

**Post Code:** LA18 4JE

**OS Grid Ref:** SD171800

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

**MILNTHORPE, St Thomas**

**Contact:** Roger & Sue Fellows

**Tel:** 01539 583088

**Email:** roger.fellows12@gmail.com

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

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:45 (please check)

1986 John Thorley	-	20	*2000 Susan Fellows	-	-
*1998 Roger Fellows	-	1			

**6 Bells.** 11-0-14 (565kgs)

**Post Code:** LA7 7QJ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD499816

**SEDBERGH, St Andrew**

**Contact:** Susan Sharrocks

**Tel:** 07867 429453

**Email:** susan.sharrocks@me.com

**Practice:** Tuesday 18:00-19:00

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

1995 Susan Sharrocks	-	-	2025 Oliver Skipper	1	1
2009 Adam Hopkins	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 15-1-25 (786kgs)

**Post Code:** LA10 5BZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD656921

**ULVERSTON, St Mary**

**Contact:** Sue Smith

**Tel:** 01229 585295

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

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

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

*#1952 Margaret A Taylor	-	10	2010 Sue Smith	-	-
*#1968 Hugh Pettifer	-	27	2017 Andrew Smith	-	-
1995 Cathrine Livesey	-	-	2022 Simon Baxter	-	-
2007 Alan Dewar	-	-			

**6 Bells.** 13-0-0 (660kgs)

**Post Code:** LA12 7EN

**OS Grid Ref:** SD289787

**FURNESS BRANCH, Unattached**

*#1968 Kenneth J Foster	-	35			
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## **FYLDE BRANCH**

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

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

**Ringling Master:** Ken Jagger. **Email:** kenjagger@sky.com

Sadly, our Branch lost three members in 2025, Norma Jeffery, Jim Wharton and Ashley Wilson.

At the AGM in November, members voted in a new Ringling Master, Ken Jagger and Education Officer, Jayne Boardman. We also agreed to create the new post of Deputy Ringling Master(s). Victoria Boardman and Morgan Snape (both teenagers), were unanimously appointed. Their role will be to support Ken, and to gather experience in running Branch practices and even meetings. Their keen interest in Branch activities bodes well for the future. We now have a full committee that is spread across various towers representing more members and one that is intending to be proactive and driven aiming at activity and recruitment ahead of Ringling 2030.

2025 saw our Branch grow in number, attendances at monthly meetings and QPs rung compared to 2024. We have an active and growing membership.

At the end of 2025, we had 93 members listed on the membermojo site, which is an increase on 2024. Several new members were proposed and accepted with some late in the year who will fully join in 2026.

Monthly meetings are well attended with an average of 17 turning out from many of the towers. Ringling is accommodating of anyone who comes along and it's always a pleasure to greet folk from other towers coming to experience 'new' ropes and improve their handling techniques.

A grand total of 50 QPs have been rung within the Branch. A significant number more than in 2024 (with 30 recorded and those included the coronation ring). A good number of them were 'firsts'. The most active tower is St. Annes, where ringers from STARS' affiliated towers join the local band as well as other Branch members and increase their tally of quarters rung in new methods or in recognition of an event. Many QPs were rung across the Branch for the nationally important VE Day celebrations.

Two peals were recorded in this year, notably the tribute to Jim and Ashley at St. Annes in which Michael Hodgkinson, Martin Lovatt and Gareth Wilson rang their first peal. Michael and Martin only began ringling in September 2024!

Two Lytham towers combined to ring in the Association 6 bell striking competition and achieved a very commendable second place to the band from Manchester cathedral. Our intention is to compete again in 2026 and hopefully enter the 8 bell event as well.

Congratulations to James and Stacey Wormleighton (tower captains at St. Joseph's) whose son Tobias was born in December. A future ringer for sure.

JAKE THACKWRAY - Fylde Branch Secretary

**FYLDE BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**ANSDELL, St Joseph R C**

**Contact:** James Wormleighton

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**Email:** jameswormleighton@hotmail.com or staceywormleighton@hotmail.com

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

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

*1998 Richard Jones	-	5	2017 Anne Wormleighton	-	-
1998 Lyn Thompson	-	-	2024 Aimée Carter	-	-
2008 Catherine Hill	-	-	2024 Anne Gorst	-	-
2008 Neil McGinty	-	-	2024 Cathy Williams	-	-
*2012 James Wormleighton	-	-	2025 Paul Cross	-	-
*2012 Stacey Wormleighton	-	-	2025 Nikola Jackson	-	-

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

**Post Code:** FY8 4EP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD348280

**BISPHAM, All Hallows**

**Contact:** William Hulme

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

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

*#1971 Will Hulme	-	1	2017 Jo Booth	-	-
1976 Anne Hulme	-	-	2019 Richard Wilde	-	-
1996 Raymond Scott	-	5			

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

**Post Code:** FY2 0AY

**OS Grid Ref:** SD319406

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

**Contact:** The Vicar

**Tel:** 01253 344773

**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

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**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

**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	3	12	2017 Christopher A Smith	-	-
*2005 Catherine Mackley	-	-	2019 Matthew Chapman	-	-
2005 David Mackley	-	-	2019 Jacqueline Wells	-	-
2009 Colin A Sills	-	-	2023 Ellen Eccles	-	-
*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 Manuela Lopez	-	-
2019 Peter Bates	-	-	2024 Maggie Webster	-	-
2022 Jayne Boardman	-	-	2025 Sandra Woods	-	-

**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:** Alternate Wednesdays 19:00-20:30 (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:** Alternate Tuesdays 19:00-20:30 (please check)

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

*1984 Sid Lloyd	-	21	2019 Alison Sawyer	-	-
*2004 Neil McGarry	-	3	2019 John Sawyer	-	-
2005 Paul Hart	-	2	2025 Alan Harper	-	-
2011 Michael Phillips	-	2			

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

**Post Code:** FY8 5EX

**OS Grid Ref:** SD371271

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

**Contact:** Jake Thackwray

**Tel:** 07585 878125

**Email:** fyldebranchsec@btinternet.com

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

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

2014 Anne Aitken	-	-	2024 Chris Grogan	-	-
*2014 Jake Thackwray	-	2	2025 Gordon Aitken	-	-
2015 Tony Calverley	-	-			

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

**Post Code:** FY8 5EP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD370272

**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

*#1968 Mary R C Kay	-	-	2020 Angela Porter-Mayer	-	-
1995 David Kay	-	-	2023 Rebecca Jones	-	-
2003 Helen Kay	-	-	2023 Niko Konstanou	-	-
2012 Graham Wilkinson	-	-	2023 Panagiota Konstanou	-	-
2019 Julie Schofield	-	-	2023 Jill McMillan	-	-
2019 Pauline Taylor	-	-	2023 Lisa Nyahoe	-	-
2019 Dave Tucker	-	-	*2023 Morgan Snape	2	2
2020 Janet Asiliskender	-	-	2023 Tracy Snape	-	-
2020 Richard Collinson	-	-	2024 David Bradbury	-	-

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

**Post Code:** FY6 7AP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD348394

**FYLDE BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

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

**Contact:** Stuart Newton

**Tel:** 07541 668590

**Email:** bellmad75@outlook.com

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

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:50-10:25

*1983 Stuart Newton	-	8
1983 John Preston	-	-
*+1986 James E Andrews	24	2,341
*1989 Val Andrews	-	923
1997 James Wharton	-	-
2007 Gareth D Wilson	1	1
*2010 Hal J Meakin	-	2
2017 Gerald P Wilson	-	-
*2018 Ellis Hollows	3	32

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

**Post Code:** FY8 3BB

**OS Grid Ref:** SD327293

*2018 Monica Hollows	1	3
2023 Jane Dickinson	-	-
2023 Shaun Elsender	-	-
2023 Carole Smith	-	-
2025 Graham Barker	-	-
2025 Michael J Hodgkinson	1	1
2025 Barry Kalina	-	-
2025 Martin C Lovatt	1	1

**SINGLETON, St Anne**

**Contact:** Ken Jagger

**Tel:** 07760 397032

**Email:** kenjagger@sky.com

**Practice:** none

**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	4	867
1979 Howard L Deane	-	-
*1998 Ashley B Wilson	3	363
2023 Adrian S Page	-	-

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

**Branch Secretary:** Frances Ross. **Tel:** 07909 647070. **Email:** f.ross61@hotmail.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 3rd Saturday of the month. Attendance has been variable, with Lancaster and Morecambe proving the most well attended practice.

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

- November - AGM at Silverdale.
- December - Lancaster Cathedral.
- January - Beetham and a pub lunch.
- February - Over Kellet.
- March - Dalton in Furness joint with Furness Branch.
- April - no meeting due to Easter and LACR AGM.
- May - Cockerham and Pilling.
- June - Leck and Whittington, followed by a curry in Kirkby Lonsdale.
- July - Dent & Barbon .
- August - month off due to the North West Ringing Course.
- September - Morecambe and Lancaster Priory.
- October - Joint trip organised by YACR Western Branch that visited towers in their Branch.

Arranging meetings in an area I'm unfamiliar with has proved interesting, so thank you to everyone who has made the practices possible by making their towers available, and the support you have provided me with.

FRANCES ROSS - Lancaster Branch Secretary

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

**BARBON, St Bartholomew**

**Contact:** Nigel Goodship

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

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

**6 Bells.** 7-1-25 (380kgs)

**Post Code:** LA6 2LG

**OS Grid Ref:** SD631825

**BEETHAM, St Michael and All Angels (gf)**

**Contact:** Jenny Marks

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

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

1996 Jenny Marks - -

**6 Bells.** 10-0-21 (518kgs)

**Post Code:** LA7 7AL

**OS Grid Ref:** SD496796

**BOLTON-LE-SANDS, Holy Trinity**

**Contact:** Brian James

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**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

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

**Post Code:** LA5 8DU

**OS Grid Ref:** SD483678

**BURTON-IN-LONSDALE, All Saints**

**Contact:** John Keen

**Tel:** 07940 825626

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

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

2023 Gwen Harris - - 2024 Mary Pickstone - -

**6 Bells.** 11-3-15 (604kgs)

**Post Code:** LA6 3LD

**OS Grid Ref:** SD651721

**COCKERHAM, St Michael**

**Contact:** Rev Gary Lewis

**Tel:** 01524 791390

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

2024 David T Armer - - 2025 Jennifer Sullivan - -

\*2024 Vanya Houlgreave - -

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

**Post Code:** LA2 0EF

**OS Grid Ref:** SD462518

**HORNBY, St Margaret**

**Contact:** Andrew White

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

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

2024 Andrew Wiseman - - 2025 Virginia Kennard - -

**8 Bells.** 10-1-7 (524kgs)

**Post Code:** LA2 8JT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD585686

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

**KIRKBY LONSDALE, St Mary**

**Contact:** Jean Cass

**Tel:** 01524 271218

**Email:** jean@casses.plus.com

**Practice:** none

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

*#1972 John M Preston	-	31	2013 Carolina M Goodship	1	1
+1994 Deborah A Preston	-	-	2013 Matthew W Goodship	6	9
2004 Jean Cass	-	-	2013 Nigel J Goodship	6	13
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

1990 Peter Rivet	-	3	2021 Christopher J Thoume	-	-
+2001 Andrew Kayll	1	2	2024 Joanna Hems	-	-
#2009 R Ian West	-	8	*2025 Jessica P Morris	-	-
2010 Brenda Rockall	-	-	2025 Hana Rigby	-	-
2018 Jim Currin	-	-	2025 Matthew J W Townson	4	4

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

**Post Code:** LA1 1YZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD474620

**LANCASTER, The Cathedral R C**

**Contact:** John M Rogan

**Tel:** 01524 858832

**Email:** john\_rogan@yahoo.co.uk

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

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

*#1974 Stephen N Harrison	-	16	2025 Alice Rogan	-	-
2023 Joshua Holland	-	-			

**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:** Susan Johnson  
**Email:** s.johnson@mariuspress.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 A Percy	11	32	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 D Hanks	-	-	2018 Kevin Alpin	-	-
+1994 Robin A Daw	13	46	2018 Frank Canmer	-	-
2014 Sarah A L 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	720	+1995 Pat Close	-	9
*1980 Alison J Brittliff	-	725	2011 John Pinch	-	-
*1985 Anne Pettifor	9	209			

**LANCASTER BRANCH, Unattached**

+1998 Cate Gardner	2	5			
2017 Alex Gardner	1	2			
*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

I'm pleased to be able to say that this year's report is rather more positive than last year's report. Following the 2024 AGM held at St Mary, Hale, the frequency of branch events was reduced in order to try and encourage attendance by reducing commitment. This approach seems to have emphasised the "use it or lose it" situation we found ourselves in at the time, and attendance has been steadily increasing.

I have deliberately tried, when planning branch events, to target those who actively engage with the branch and would benefit directly. The Committee has carefully put together a proposed calendar of events that I hope will benefit as many ringers as possible. This does, however, rely on feedback from members and I would like to encourage everyone to let me know what they would like to see on offer.

The proposed calendar for the foreseeable future is a mixture of open practices and also targeted development opportunities, which I hope will facilitate progression in areas that can be difficult on practice nights.

The workshop topics proposed are ones which I believe will be beneficial to members, however I am welcome to suggestions for more topics and I have deliberately left the topic of next September's session open in order to facilitate this. Please let me know what you would like to see on offer.

I would like to specifically mention the striking competition. The proposed competition is for call-changes only and the rules have been specifically designed to allow as many teams as possible to enter. Please enter a team for this, if you can! You will see that there is a workshop specifically for calling changes and I would encourage anyone who wishes to become more confident at doing this to get in touch and come along. The rules also allow for someone to call the changes from outside the circle if required. Again, the purpose of the competition is to strengthen the social side of the branch, so I really would encourage as many towers as possible to take part.

Thank you to all those who have offered support over the past year, it is much appreciated.

ALEX FISHBURN – Liverpool Ringing Master



## LIVERPOOL BRANCH TOWERS and MEMBERS

### HALE, St Mary

**Contact:** Dorothy Brown

**Tel:** 0151 425 2823

**Email:** dorothea.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 Simon Griffiths	-	-
1998 Shiela Hunter	-	-	2024 Mark Roberts	-	-
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	2006 Jerome Hoban	-	-
2000 Gill Moore	-	-	2023 Julie Wilton	-	-

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

**Post Code:** L26 6LB

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ450862

### HUYTON, St Michael (gf)

**Contact:** Liverpool Branch Secretary

**Email:** lacliverpool@gmail.com

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

**Post Code:** L36 7SA

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ443912

### LIVERPOOL, St Francis Xavier R C

**Contact:** Jacque Reid

**Tel:** 07452 962639

**Email:** liverpoolusr@gmail.com

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

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

2023 Matthew Woods	-	-	2025 Xander Bird	-	-
2024 Jacque Reid	1	1	2025 Fergus Kettleborough	1	1

**8 Bells.** 16-1-6 (828kgs)

**Post Code:** L3 8DR

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ356912

### 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

1991 Peter F Humphreys	-	9	2016 Martin Gentile	-	16
1996 David Garner	-	-	2023 Adam Bennett	2	26
1997 Giles Blundell	-	21	2023 Lucy Bricheno	-	25
2002 Hazel Blundell	-	-	2023 Mark Humphreys	3	41

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

**Post Code:** L2 8TZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ339905

## LIVERPOOL BRANCH TOWERS and MEMBERS

### 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)

**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

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

**Post Code:** L25 5JF

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ423869

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

### PRESCOT, St Mary

**Contact:** Jane Score

**Tel:** 0151 480 1985

**Email:** scoree15@gmail.com

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

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

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

**Post Code:** L34 3LA

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ465927

1997 Lesley Davies	-	1	2024 George Smailes	-	-
2001 John Barker	-	2	2025 Tony Beyga	-	-
2023 Alex Fishburn	2	3	2025 Steven Kelly	-	-
2024 Ken Durose	-	-	2025 Paul Mason	-	-
2024 Elizabeth Score	-	-	2025 Martin Priestley	-	-

### 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

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

**Post Code:** L35 0PF

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ493912

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

## LIVERPOOL BRANCH TOWERS and MEMBERS

### 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	1	135	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	-	-		-	-
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**8 Bells.** 11-2-11 (589kgs)

**Post Code:** L29 7WG

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ357013

### SPEKE, All Saints

**Contact:** Reverend Phil Saltmarsh

**Tel:** 07365 279983

**Email:** speke.rector@gmail.com

**Practice:** unringable

**Sunday Service Ringing:** unringable

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

**Post Code:** L24 1UG

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ429833

### 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 River Brook McKenzie	-	-
#2014 Willian Purvis	-	-		-	-

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

**Post Code:** L13 8AG

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ383924

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

**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:** Liverpool Branch Secretary

**Email:** lacrliverpool@gmail.com

**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	2	275
*2022 Allison Devine	-	-
2022 Merlyn Gilldaley	-	-

## MANCHESTER BRANCH

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

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**Ringling Master:** Andy Ingham. **Tel:** 07515 359843. **Email:** andy.ingham@mac.com

2025 has been a year of many positives within ringing in Manchester, with some continued challenges offset by significant progress at multiple towers.

Perhaps the biggest success story within the branch this year is the revival of local ringing at Gorton, Denton and Northenden, where learners are being taught and retained. This is a phenomenal accomplishment that has largely been done without coordinated support from the branch, with Terry Henfrey, Lee Jones and Paul O'Shea putting in a lot of hard work and leading the charge in these towers respectively.

At the heart of the branch, Manchester Cathedral has had a bumper year for progress and development, with well attended practices and a range of accomplishments including the first QP of surprise royal since 2017 and the first ever all-ladies QP on the heavy back eight. All that said, higher numbers ringing in the branch has a lot of unknowns for 2026, between the hopeful cathedral augmentation (and associated hiatus) and the potential re-opening of the Town Hall.

As well as teaching learners, towers such as Sacred Trinity (Salford), Stretford, Fallowfield and Didsbury are doing a steady trade in 6- and 8-bell method ringing on a practice night, ranging from Plain Bob through to more ambitious Surprise ringing. At some of these towers, numbers on Sundays can still be a struggle however. Something that these relatively thriving towers have in common is that for various reasons the bands often have overlap with a pool of experienced cathedral ringers, and an area of possible development is to ensure that existing bands at towers less connected to the Manchester 'core' are also supported.

We have held ten monthly branch practices this year, with February's being a joint one with the Rochdale branch plus a lunch. This was successful from both a ringing point of view (managing a plain course of Turramurra S Major, the interest method) and a social one, with ringers from both branches saying how much they got out of the shared event and how nice it was to meet some new faces.

Attendance at branch practices varies. We usually get a few locals at each which is fantastic and ultimately the goal of these practices for me. They are made possible by a handful of loyal branch practice supporters that we extend thanks to. In the last year we have trialled having an 'interest method' at branch practices, with this attempted at around 50% of the practices.

The ringing at these practices is usually quite diverse, which is great. Commonly we'll do rounds and call changes, plain hunt, a range of method ringing, and sometimes the 'interest' method or something more ambitious depending on who turns up. I think we might be too small a branch to sustain multiple more focused branch-level practices (e.g. a regular 'six to eight' practice or a regular 'surprise minor' practice), and so the open practice system is a balance.

For April's branch practice, we exploited the Holy Week Simulator Loophole and held a Plain Bob training session on the simulator at Stretford. This was a trial with a small group of learners and at least as many helpers, containing a mix of practical and theoretical elements. Feedback suggested that this was a success and it'd be good to repeat it in 2026. Many thanks to George for making the excellent resource that is the simulator so readily available.

Manchester had a very successful day at the LACR striking competition on 4th October, with the cathedral band winning the 6-bell competition and the branch band winning the 8-bell competition. This is a real boon to our reputation as a branch and we want to thank everyone who took part.

Many towers across the branch rang for the significant VE day anniversary this year, made possible by ringers travelling between towers to ensure this could happen.

In terms of performances, we had three peals in the branch last year, up two from 2024. This included a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at the cathedral to mark the centenary of the bells, with a band entirely from past and present cathedral ringers. Fifty-five tower bell quarter peals were rung across the branch, from Bob Doubles to Spliced Surprise and Surprise Royal, with a huge number of firsts. These marked a range of events from the Manchester half and full marathons, to heritage open days, Bell Sunday, and of course World Tapir Day. Additionally, quarter peals were rung in the memory of ringers including Bernard Ongley, Sylvia Bailey (founding member of the MUGs), Ashley Wilson and Gordon Rigby.

Sunday service ringing can remain inconsistent at some towers. This is a result of towers 'sharing' ringers for practice nights, which is not so beneficial on Sundays where ringers need to commit to one tower. The solution is through teaching of learners to increase the number of ringers in the branch, and in ensuring that the learners are motivated by contributing on Sunday mornings.

On the other end of the scale, it has become apparent recently that the branch is missing a truly advanced eight bell practice. The Cathedral is the strongest tower in the branch and, due to the numbers attending practices, is concentrating only on 10 bell ringing. This leaves a gap for eight bell ringing, whilst some towers see reasonably frequent chances to ring surprise major or touches of Stedman, this is not being achieved every week at any practice. This prevents the development of ringers that would be needed to bridge the gap to ten bell ringing at the Cathedral and does leave some methods comparatively neglected. A focus therefore for the coming year is for the branch to rectify this and provide additional support to allow a more advanced eight bell practice to take place regularly.

Overall, however the branch has had a very successful year and we would like to thank various individuals whose work greatly and often quietly supports the ringing in the branch. Thanks must go to Rebecca, who has done an excellent job of branch ringing master over the last two years. Thank you Philip for so diligently keeping us all organised. Thank you, George and David, for keeping our bells ringable. Thank you, Sacha and Andy, for running some of the practices when I've been engaged. Thank you to everyone who has played a part in branch events in the last year and thank you to everyone who has supported branch events this year.

REBECCA DAVEY – Manchester Ringing Master &  
PHILIP E CHANDLER – Manchester Branch Secretary

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

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, St Michael**

**Contact:** Carol Wrall

**Tel:** 07842 124881

**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

**Email:** vicar.of.ashton@gmail.com

**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

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**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	1	4	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

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**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 Richard Yates	-	-	2017 Kenneth Anton	-	-
2007 William Yates	-	-	2017 Robert Burgess	-	-
2013 Stuart Royle	-	-			

**MANCHESTER BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**FALLOWFIELD, Holy Innocents**

**Contact:** Philip Chandler

**Tel:** 07843 917718

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

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

*#1967 Elizabeth Ormrod	-	-	1
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**8 Bells.** 12-1-20 (631kgs)

**Post Code:** M14 6JZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ856940

**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	-	-	2025 John Milligan	-	-

**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	5	1,688	1979 Jane Holland	1	275
*#1974 Andrew Holland	4	520	2006 Martin Taylor	-	-

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

**Post Code:** M18 7EF

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ889959

**HAUGHTON, (Denton) St Anne**

**Contact:** Lee Jones

**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:** Angela Nuttall

**Tel:** 07895 698157

**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 BRANCH TOWERS and MEMBERS

### 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	4	13
*#1967 Peter G Bellamy-Knights	-	1,661	2022 Dena Osman	-	-
*2003 Andy Ingham	1	15	2023 Rebecca Davey	2	4
2006 Emily R Hirst	-	1	2024 Sacha R Jonas	2	2
2006 Mungo B Stacy	3	16	2025 Tom Britten	1	1
2015 Ian Jorysz	1	13	2025 Katherine A Hinchliffe	1	1

**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

### 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-Standring

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**Practice:** none at present

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

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

**Post Code:** OL5 0JS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD969023

### NORTHEMDEN, 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

2025 Paul O'Shea	-	-		-	-
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**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

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

**Post Code:** M6 6PE

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ812995

**MANCHESTER BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**PRESTWICH, St Mary**

**Contact:** Stewart Barnet

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**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 E Chandler	-	2	
2024 Anna Nash	-	-	

2024 Freja E Steinke	-	-	
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**8 Bells.** 11-2-17 (592kgs)

**Post Code:** M3 5DW

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ835987

**STRETFORD, 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 Dennis Latham	-	-	

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

**Post Code:** M32 8HF

**OS Grid Ref:** SJ795942

2011 K George Lee	-	9	
*2011 Wendy M Lee	-	-	
*2022 Jason A Bowden-King	-	-	
2023 William Routledge	-	-	
2024 Elspeth Stein	-	-	

**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

**MANCHESTER BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**WORSLEY, St Mark**

**Contact:** David A Yorke

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

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

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

**Post Code:** M28 2WH

**OS Grid Ref:** SD746007

*1975 Christine Carson	-	4	2020 Paul McCance	-	-
1986 David Yorke	-	-	2023 Ryan Rawson	-	-
2013 Elizabeth Lyon	-	-			

**MANCHESTER BRANCH, Unattached**

*1984 Robert Siddall	-	6			
*2002 David Brewin	-	-			
2003 Beth Ingham	-	-			
2004 R Owen Battye	11	393			
*+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:** Melissa Villiers. **Tel:** 07443 832403. **Email:** ringingmaster.pb@gmail.com

2025 has been a good year for the Preston branch. There have been plenty of opportunities to shine for those who wished to take them. Unfortunately our ringling master, Donna Jones was forced by ill health to retire from the local ringling scene and we have been fortunate to recruit Melissa Villiers to fill her place.

Melissa has attacked her role with energy, organising a variety of intermediate and surprise practices during the year. As word has spread, these have been better supported and the surprise major repertoire of our branch has begun to expand.

Hoping that mighty oaks will grow from small acorns, we have invested time to develop the capabilities of individuals and aimed to build a critical mass of branch members able to ring and conduct touches of plain bob minor. By acquiring this basic proficiency, members are equipped to broaden the opportunity to practice, support other developing ringers and broaden their own ringling ambitions. The leadership of the branch will continue to provide opportunities for members to develop and flourish as ringers. It will be for members generally to seize the opportunities presented.

A small group of branch members have met occasionally during the year to practice change ringling on handbells. Definite progress has been achieved with a heady mix of patience, perseverance, restraint and good-natured tolerance.

It is good news that a new band is forming at Walton le Dale, with the strongest possible support from the vicar and churchwardens. This is a golden opportunity to strengthen our training capacity of the branch and I am deeply grateful to those members of the branch who have come together to help train the new ringers.

In the coming year, our monthly branch practices will be geared to helping ringers build their capability and consolidate on secure foundations. By announcing a focus for the practice in advance, we will give members chance to prepare. There will be an interval at 'half time' so that members can reflect and exchange helpful hints.

There will be a competition during the year for the Olive Tester trophy. We believe Olive's purpose was to encourage every band in the branch to join in and enjoy a social event with everyone making the best-struck ringling they can achieve together. To make the competition as inclusive as we can, we will publish a Preston-only version of rules, designed to encourage excellence without setting the bar too high for enjoyment.

We need to put on record our thanks to the Blackburn branch for organising an excellent joint outing this year. Unfortunately, many of our own members had other commitments that day. We will all know the date of next year's trip well in advance and plan our diaries accordingly."

RACHEL TUKE – Preston Branch Secretary

**PRESTON BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**ADLINGTON, St Paul**

**Contact:** Elle Buttery

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

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

*#1965 Audrey McNutt	-	8	2024 Amanda Cross	-	-
*1976 Gillian Makinson	-	1	2024 Geoff Dey	-	-
*+1992 Geoffrey H Smith	-	231	2024 Jane Dey	-	-
*+1992 Lindsay F Smith	-	185	2024 Susan Hannis	-	-
2017 Ian Horsfield	-	-	*+2024 Keith Taylor	1	124
*2022 Elle Buttery	3	4	+2024 Sarah Taylor	-	1
2024 Kerry Ainscough	-	-			

**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

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**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			

**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 Kate Warren-White	-	1	+2023 Kathy Blackley	-	2

**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

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

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

*1983 Margaret Crosby	-	5	2013 William de Hamel	-	-
*1983 Stuart A Crosby	-	3	2024 Gerard Neill	-	-
*1993 Susan Lomax	-	-	2025 Lynn Threadgold	-	-
2009 Richard Morley	-	-			

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

**Post Code:** PR6 8YA

**OS Grid Ref:** SD599243

**BROUGHTON, St John (gf)**

**Contact:** Susan Holden

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

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

2022 Susan Holden	-	-			
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**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 Jeffrey Fildes	-	-
1998 Martin Butters	-	-	2016 David Hartley	-	-
2000 Simon Hore	-	-	2016 Grace Hore	-	-
2012 Hugh McNair	-	-	2016 Angelina Priest	-	-
2015 Laura Hunt	-	-	2017 Chris Cooke	-	-
2015 Clive Thompson	-	-	2019 Ellen Priest	-	-

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

**Post Code:** PR3 2QH

**OS Grid Ref:** SD622433

**CHORLEY, St Laurence**

**Contact:** Alex Barrack

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**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

**PRESTON BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**CHORLEY, St Mary R C**

**Contact:** Martin Touhey

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

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none at present

#1998 Alison O'Keeffe	-	-	2025 Richard Tong	-	-
*1999 Martin Touhey	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 17-3-21 (911kgs)

**Post Code:** PR7 2SR

**OS Grid Ref:** SD582175

**CROSTON, St Michael (gf)**

**Contact:** Robert Hough

**Tel:** 01772 814337

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

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

*#1973 Michael Smethurst	-	25	+2003 Joan Smethurst	-	-
*#1974 Christopher Ashton	-	23	*+2011 Brian Ellis	-	5
*1978 Robert Hough	-	95	2025 Yvonne Lodge	-	-

**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:** Viv Clayton

**Tel:** 07769 341132

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**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

**PRESTON BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**HOGHTON, Holy Trinity**

**Contact:** Raymond J Clayton

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**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	-	-			

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

**Post Code:** PR5 0SJ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD614259

**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	-	-	2023 Jason Dickinson	-	-

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

**Post Code:** PR25 3EL

**OS Grid Ref:** SD541216

**PENWORTHAM, St Mary**

**Contact:** Rachel Tuke

**Tel:** 07919 282754

**Email:** rtuke42@virginmedia.com

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

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

*1999 Rachel Tuke	-	-	2019 Geoff Cunliffe	-	-
2012 David Tuke	-	-	2024 Murray Smith	-	-
2012 Philip Watmough	-	-	+2025 Helen Matthews	-	-
2017 Stephen Palmer	-	-			

**8 Bells.** 8-2-6 (435kgs)

**Post Code:** PR1 0AH

**OS Grid Ref:** SD523290

**PRESTON BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**PRESTON, Minster Church of St John**

**Contact:** Joanne Diamond

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**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

**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

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**Practice:** Tuesday 18:00-18:50

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

2008 Christina Mallinson	-	-	2019 Debbie Williams	-	-
2014 Donald Crawford	-	-	2023 Helen Cain	-	-
2015 Jim Sutton	-	-	2023 John Rimmer	-	4
2017 Tom Ryding	-	-	2025 Paul Carrigan	-	-

**8 Bells.** 13-1-14 (679kgs)

**Post Code:** PR4 6DZ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD452203

**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

**PRESTON BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, St John**

**Contact:** David Briggs

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

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

*2009 David Briggs	-	-	2019 William Taylor	-	-
2016 Heather Deans	-	-	2022 Barbara McIver	-	-
+2016 Joan Houghton	-	-	2022 Pauline Myerscough	-	-
2019 Rosie Taylor	-	-			

**PRESTON BRANCH, Unattached**

*#1966 Jeffrey D Simcox	-	145
*1977 John Wane	-	32
*#1983 Donna Jones	-	87
2006 Paul Warren	1	27
2012 Susan Thompson	-	-
2018 Melissa Villiers	-	-
2023 Jean Taylor	-	-
2024 Katreena Carr	-	-

**8 Bells.** 21-1-23 (1,090kgs)

**Post Code:** PR6 7PS

**OS Grid Ref:** SD578215

**ROCHDALE BRANCH**  
(Meeting Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 10 Bell Practice at St Chad

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**Ringling Master:** Mr R Julian Seeley. **Tel:** 01706 522274. **Email:** r\_julian\_seeley@hotmail.com

The year 2025 has been one of considerable activity and achievement for the Rochdale Branch, with members ringing across numerous towers throughout Lancashire and West Yorkshire. The branch has demonstrated its commitment to marking significant occasions, supporting local communities, and developing ringers at all levels.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the VE Day 80th Anniversary celebrations in May, which saw a worthy coordinated effort across the branch. Between 8th and 11th May, ringers participated in a dedicated quarter peal weekend, with performances at twelve different towers including Middleton, Heywood, Todmorden, Balderstone, Whitworth, Rochdale, East Crompton, Oldham, Newhey, Milnrow, and Leesfield. The weekend featured a mix of quarter peals and general ringing, bringing together ringers of all abilities to commemorate this important anniversary. Notable performances included a 1296 of Plain Bob Caters at St Chad's, Rochdale, and successful quarters at multiple venues. The ringing at Middleton on 8th May included a poignant remembrance of James Richardson, a former ringer at St Leonard's who was killed in action during the Normandy Campaign on 8th July 1944.

The branch came together on several occasions to remember members and friends of the ringing community. In June, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Leesfield by past and present members in memory of Brian Hayes, former tower captain, whose funeral took place immediately prior to the performance. Brian's contribution to the local ringing community was further honoured with a quarter peal at Newhey in May, where he was remembered as a regular attendee at Tuesday night practices.

In December, ringers at Middleton rang a quarter peal of Superlative Surprise Major to commemorate the life of Clifford Vyse, father and grandfather to branch members, who had passed away that same day.

The year saw numerous personal achievements and firsts for branch members. Oliver Vyse demonstrated excellent progress, ringing his first quarter peal on eight bells (Plain Bob Triples at Middleton on New Year's Day), his first of Cambridge Surprise Major in April, his first of Yorkshire Surprise Major in July, and his first of Superlative Surprise Major in December.

Angela Collins conducted her first quarter peal in November (Plain Bob Doubles at Middleton) and Taylor Wright rang his first peal on Royal and first quarters of Maximus.

Other notable achievements included Isaac Dacoco's and Colton Kennedy's first quarter peals, David Hyatt Bickel's first quarter peal on eight bells, and Ken Boardman's first performance as conductor. At Rochdale, Luke Pollock rang his longest lengths to date, a half peal. Progress was also evident in method ringing, with ringers achieving firsts in Cambridge, Yorkshire, and Superlative Surprise Major, as well as Plain Bob Caters.

Special mention should be made of Gemma Hill, who rang 120 Spliced Treble Dodging Minor at Todmorden in December, less than three months after joining the group as a Ring for the King recruit, demonstrating the effectiveness of the branch's training efforts.

Beyond the quarter peals, the branch maintained an active programme of general ringing and practice sessions. Performances ranged from rounds and call changes for newcomers to more complex methods including Grandsire, Stedman, Little Bob, Cambridge, and various Surprise methods. The branch demonstrated versatility in ringing across different numbers of bells, from five-bell touches to ten-bell performances.

Sixteen peals were recorded during the year and a 2528 of Plain Bob Major at Rochdale in October, rung to celebrate the Harvest Festival and welcome the new Archbishop of Canterbury, and to show support for the Jewish community following a terrorist attack in Manchester.

The branch continued to support local churches and communities, ringing for civic services, church festivals, and community celebrations. Performances included ringing for Rochdale's Civic Service at the Cenotaph, the Todmorden Mayor's Ball, and various church services throughout the year. Birthday compliments were rung for local ringers, and quarter peals celebrated personal milestones including the birth of twin grandsons to branch member Debra Holmes.

The branch also marked the departure of Rev Anne Gilbert from St Chad's, Rochdale, with two performances in July recognizing her support for the bell restoration project and her promotion to Area Dean of Rochdale.

The new bells at Rochdale are a pleasure to ring. A new 10 Bell practice started last January providing the opportunity for the Branch and visitors to ring regularly on 10. The tower has also welcomed peal and quarter peal bands and many visiting bands during the year.

The year 2025 has been marked by strong participation across the branch, with members demonstrating dedication to developing their skills, supporting one another, and maintaining the traditions of English change ringing. The successful VE Day 80th Anniversary weekend stands as a particular highlight, showcasing the branch's ability to coordinate significant ringing events while welcoming ringers at all levels. The branch continues to develop new ringers while remembering those who have contributed to its rich heritage.

ALYSON BLANCHARD – Rochdale Branch Secretary

**ROCHDALE BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**BALDERSTONE, St Mary**

**Contact:** R Julian Seeley

**Tel:** 01706 522274

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

1989 R Julian Seeley                    -                    -

**8 Bells.** 12-3-20 (657kgs)

**Post Code:** OL11 2HB

**OS Grid Ref:** SD904116

**EAST CROMPTON, St James (gf)**

**Contact:** Iain M Taylor

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

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

*#1962 Derek Sanderson	-	397	2008 Robert C Hodgetts	-	2
+1994 Iain M Taylor	-	9			

**8 Bells.** 9-3-15 (502kgs)

**Post Code:** OL2 7TD

**OS Grid Ref:** SD940094

**FRIEZLAND, Christ Church**

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**Practice:** Monday 19:00-20:30 (please check)

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

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

**Post Code:** OL3 7LQ

**OS Grid Ref:** SD985043

**HEALEY, Christ Church**

**Contact:** Ray Clegg

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**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

**6 Bells.** 15-3-6 (803kgs)

**Post Code:** OL12 6ED

**OS Grid Ref:** SD886157

**HEPTONSTALL, St Thomas**

**Contact:** Rachel Arnold

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**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** by arrangement

#1959 J McDonald Bateman	-	25	+2024 Jacqui Holt Mack	-	-
*2007 Christine Silkstone	-	32			

**8 Bells.** 18-1-3 (928kgs)

**Post Code:** HX7 7NT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD986280

**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	2002 Angela Collins	-	1
*#1973 Margaret O'Dwyer	-	2	*2017 Taylor Wright	12	31
1996 Keith Bamford	-	1	2025 Natasha Bobrowicz	-	-

**8 Bells.** 21-3-9 (1,109kgs)

**Post Code:** OL10 4NN

**OS Grid Ref:** SD856107

**ROCHDALE BRANCH  
TOWERS and MEMBERS**

**LEESFIELD, St Thomas**

**Contact:** Paul Dent (Church Warden)

**Tel:** 0161 627 4515

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** none

1980 Brian Hayes - 16

**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:** 07931 513238

**Email:** sandhurst107@btinternet.com

**Practice:** Monday 19:30-21:00 (4th is at Heywood)

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

*#1966 L Kathleen Miller	-	8	2018 Oliver Vyse	-	-
1975 David B Bates	-	-	2024 Diane Grandidge	-	-
1981 Deborah S O'Connor	-	-	2024 David Hyatt-Bickle	-	-
1988 Jane Szczerkowska	-	-	2024 Kevin McKeogh	-	-
*1993 Duncan Vyse	-	2	2024 Paul Whyborn	-	-
2010 Debra Mason	-	-	2025 Teri Booth	-	-
+2012 Alastair Bolton	-	-	2025 Colton Kennedy	-	-

**8 Bells.** 11-2-8 (588kgs)

**Post Code:** M24 6BW

**OS Grid Ref:** SD872062

**MILNROW, St James**

**Contact:** Jane Owen

**Tel:** 01706 633151

**Email:** jalow@aol.com

**Practice:** none

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

*#1960 Jane Owen	10	559	2024 Gemma Hill	-	-
*#1966 Brian Owen	15	623			

**8 Bells.** 18-0-2 (915kgs)

**Post Code:** OL16 3JT

**OS Grid Ref:** SD928129

## 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	-	27	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:** 10:15-10:45

1977 Gail L Randall	13	1,350	1980 Peter C Randall	24	2,024
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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 3726 or 07970 923906

**Email:** derekthomas303@ntlworld.com

**Practice:** by arrangement

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

*#1967 Derek J Thomas	31	1,431	2017 Rachel Walker	-	-
1979 Neil Brock	-	3	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	2
1987 Ann Shephard	-	-	2023 David E Parr	-	-
1994 Simon Ripley	-	-	2024 Ian M Robinson	-	-
*+2019 Andrew Webster	8	293			

**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	2024 John Coatsworth	-	-
2006 Phil Halstead	-	1			

**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:** Friday 19:30-20:30

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 10:30-10:55

**8 Bells.** 15-3-1 (801kgs)

**Post Code:** OL12 8PY

**OS Grid Ref:** SD888177

**ROCHDALE BRANCH, Unattached**

2016 Jane Lynch	-	4
2018 Robert Schofield	-	-

## ROSSENDALE BRANCH

(Meeting Day: variable, contact the Branch Secretary)

**Branch Secretary:** Robert Cantrill. **Email:** dr.rob.cantrill@gmail.co.uk

**Ringling Master:** Martyn Bristow. **Tel:** 07825 165420. **Email:** martyn@hey.com

The branch, although small, has continued to be active at its core towers. There have been new recruits at Bury and Stand, with some developing ringers at Ramsbottom. We hope the learners will join the association soon.

The branch rang out for VE Day at 4 of our towers in May to mark the 80 years since the end of the war in Europe and tolled in mourning for the late Pope.

Unfortunately, we weren't able to get sufficient numbers of ringers together to hold a tour in 2025, but we will be holding a social tour in 2026 to Brontë country.

Our branch has held practices focusing on Ringing Up and Down, 8 and 10 bell ringing, and basic methods. We are now ringing methods regularly at practice nights and branch events, and we hope to get the branch scoring quarter peals in 2026.

ROBERT CANTRILL – Rossendale Branch Secretary  
MARTYN BRISTOW – Rossendale Branch Ringing Master

**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 George W Smith - 9 2023 Marilyn Smith - 2

**8 Bells.** 13-0-0 (660kgs)

**Post Code:** BL9 0JP

**OS Grid Ref:** SD804109

**HASLINGDEN, St James**

**Contact:** Linden J Charnley

**Tel:** 07866 615032

**Email:** lindencharnley@gmail.com

**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:** Alex Davidson

**Tel:** 07510 480728

**Practice:** none

**Sunday Service Ringing:** 09:00-09:15 (please check)

2023 Stephen G Landridge - -

**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:** Church

**Email:** info@stmarysrawtenstall.co.uk

**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:** please check

**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 Diane Rapley	-	-
2011 Dave Williams	-	-	2021 Lorraine Jackson	-	-
2013 Jill Millward	-	-	*2023 Martyn Bristow	-	-
2015 Colin Willsea	-	-	*2023 Robert Cantrill	-	-
2016 Julia Thomas	-	-	2024 Julia Ansell	-	-
2016 Debbie Willsea	-	-	2025 Tim Holland	-	-
2018 Karen Jowles	-	-			

**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

*+1993 John E Preston	-	8	2019 Frank Roebuck	-	-
*+2002 Andrew Bradshaw	-	17	*2019 Lawrence Thomason	-	-
2008 Ann Crawford	-	-	2024 Martin Kemp	-	-

**8 Bells.** 22-0-0 (1,118kgs)

**Post Code:** M45 7NF

**OS Grid Ref:** SD803059

**ROSSENDALE BRANCH, Unattached**

## SODOR AND MAN BRANCH

**Branch Secretary:** Mrs Penny Thursfield. **Email:** sodorandman@manxcat.org.uk

Nothing to report

## SODOR & MAN BRANCH TOWERS and MEMBERS

### DOUGLAS, St George

**Contact:** Jane Smith

**Tel:** 07533 006391

**Email:** sgasbells@manxcat.org.uk

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

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

#1975	Ernie De Legh-Runciman	-	110	2022	Jane Smith	-	-
1999	David Farrell	-	-	2022	Richard Smith	-	-
1999	Bruce Matthews	-	-	2022	Christopher Wilde	-	-
+2009	Hazel Bolton	-	-	2024	Charles Kohler	-	-
2010	Sally Farrell	-	-				

**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

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

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

1997	Annette Thackray	-	3	2017	Jackie Allen	-	-
2006	Penny Thursfield	-	-	2022	Natasha Williams	-	-
2008	Louise Horsfall	-	-	2023	Marion Teare	-	-
2012	Nicky Beavis	-	-	2024	Timothy Mann	-	3

**8 Bells.** 9-2-10 (487kgs)

**Post Code:** IM5 1HH

**OS Grid Ref:** SC246840

**SODOR & MAN BRANCH, Unattached**

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

**Branch Secretary:** Mrs Alison Ridd. **Tel:** 01744 885643. **Email:** alison\_r\_100@hotmail.com

**Ringling Master:** Ray Woods. **Tel:** 07484 646207. **Email:** r.woods993@btinternet.com

2025 began on a sad note when we heard that Alf Draper from St Michael's, Aughton had died on February 12th after a short period in hospital. He was the longest serving member of the LACR and only last year rang a quarter peal to celebrate his 75 years of membership. Until he became ill at the end of 2024 he was regularly ringing at various towers in the branch and beyond. The presence of so many ringers at his funeral was testament to his long and varied ringing career. He has been sorely missed, especially by his fellow ringers at St Michael's.

Over the course of the year the Wigan Branch has held 10 Branch Meetings across 11 towers with St. Oswald's at Winwick being visited for the first time in many years. Attendance has been generally quite low with as few as 6 members present, apart from the two meetings at Newton and Aughton where the ringing timetable was more structured and over 20 people came along. The first meeting at Southport Emmanuel for a number of years also attracted 20 ringers.

Following the success of the Branch Dinner last year, it was decided to hold it again in March this year and once again we were treated to an excellent meal and good company at the Hop Vine in Burscough.

In May we held a Branch Outing to Cheshire, visiting Stockton Heath, Grappenhall, Frodsham and Daresbury. A lovely day was had by all and our thanks go to Carole Simm for making all the arrangements. May also saw the ringing for the celebration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day and several towers across the branch took part including Coppull, Halsall, Hindley, Wigan, Newton, Parbold, Up Holland and all towers at Southport. Ringing ranged from the tolling of a single bell to a Quarter Peal.

This year there has been work going on at three towers in the Wigan Branch. St Wilfred's, Standish has been out of action since February whilst substantial renovation work has been carried out on the steeple. Standish ringers have been joining the practices at Wigan, Parbold and Coppull. Some have been involved in the big clean-up and boarding up of the louvres that has taken place at Coppull. Led by Chris Barr, this improvement will allow these very loud bells to now be rung without disturbing the nearby housing development.

Fund-raising is underway at St James', Poolstock to carry out a future ambitious project of renovation on the bells but in the meantime they have been delighted to receive a generous donation which will allow some preliminary work to be done soon to get the bells into a ringable state at least for now.

In October we held our Wigan Branch AGM and were delighted that Father Martin Daniels was able to join us. His words of reassurance about the effort that we are making to keep things running were greatly appreciated. Due to work commitments, Chris Barr resigned as Ringing Master and we are grateful to Ray Woods for stepping into the role.

Sadly, the year is ending as it began with the passing of another long-standing ringer, Robin Merryweather. Robin rang at All Saints, Rainford and was a member of the LACR for 45 years, serving as Secretary to the Wigan Branch for a period of time. He was a reliable member of the Rainford band until a decline in his health caused him to retire from ringing. During his long career Robin was involved in ringing at many churches in the branch and is fondly remembered by many as a quiet gentleman who always had time for everyone.

As always, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Wigan Branch in any way throughout the year and look forward to a successful 2026.

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	1	1			
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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	-	-
+2025 Jean Fox	-	1	2025 Jed Roughley	-	-
*+2025 Trevor Fox	-	21			

**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 Gillian Walker	-	-
*+1994 Thomas D Roughley	-	6	2024 Anthony Brookes	-	-

**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	2000 David Ramsbottom	-	3
*#1973 Karen Sacker	-	4	2004 Christopher Lee	-	-
1991 Jean A Lee	-	2	2007 Janet Williams	-	-
*1998 Jonathan Williams	-	-	2009 Christine Hollingsworth	-	-

**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 Bell.** 40-1-21 (2,054kgs)

**Post Code:** PR9 0QX

**OS Grid Ref:** SD342175

### STANDISH, St Wilfrid

**Contact:** Chris Barr

**Tel:** 07464 461318

**Email:** ringingmaster@lacrwiganbranch.co.uk

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

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

1990 Jacqueline Melling	-	-	2019 Philip Housley	-	-
1996 Valerie Barr	-	-	2022 Jackie Holden	-	-
2003 Chris Barr	-	1	2022 Barbara Starmer	-	-
2019 Emma 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	-	-	*+2025 Barry Hale	-	73
2018 Nicholas Hale	-	-			

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
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*+2007 Andrew Instone-Cowie	-	12
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2024 Judith Bristow	-	-
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## PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 2025

In 2025, 71 peals were rung for the Association, just 2 fewer than in 2024. Hopefully this will prove to be the end of the recent steady decline, with the prospect of increased peal ringing activity in 2026 to celebrate the Association's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The peals in 2025 were rung by 144 ringers in 37 towers. There were 28 conductors, a significant and very welcome increase over 2024.

### 'Firsts'

7 members rang their first peals:

Christopher Lea	Liverpool, SFX	26 <sup>th</sup> April
Matthew Townson	Over Kellet	27 <sup>th</sup> April
Morgan Snape	Goosnargh	10 <sup>th</sup> June
Oliver Skipper	Sedbergh	1 <sup>st</sup> July
Michael/Hodgkinson	St Annes	27 <sup>th</sup> October
Gareth Wilson	St Annes	27 <sup>th</sup> October
Martin Lovatt	St Annes	27 <sup>th</sup> October

Congratulations to them all and also to Anne Pettifor on her first peal as conductor (Over Kellet 27<sup>th</sup> April)

There were several other 'firsts' of various kinds and I hope that there will be many more during 2026.

### Other Milestones

As always, a number of milestones were achieved, including:

2000 <sup>th</sup> peal:	Jeffrey Brannan
800 <sup>th</sup> peal:	Jane Owen
800 <sup>th</sup> peal in the tower:	Burnley

### Leaders in each Category were:

Ringers	Conductors	Towers	Methods				
Derek Thomas	31	Peter Randall	20	Middleton	11	Bristol S Major	6
George Campling	28	George Campling	10	Accrington	8	Bristol S Royal	5
James Andrews	24	Kevin Price	4	Burnley	8		
Peter Randall	24						

### Notable footnotes

Several peals were rung to commemorate notable anniversaries, including:

- 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a peal of 17,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Accrington on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1965. The original peal was composed by Richard J Parker and remained the longest peal of Yorkshire rung until comparatively recently.
- 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jane Owen's first peal
- 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Len Mitchell's first peal (original and anniversary peals both conducted by Peter Furniss)
- 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of St Silas Church, Blackburn
- The centenary of the bells at Manchester Cathedral
- The centenary of the first peal on the bells at Silverdale
- The 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first peal of Plain Bob Royal

**In memoriam**

A number of peals were rung in memory of Lancashire and other ringers who passed away during 2025, including Ashley Wilson, Graham Austin and Jim Wharton.

**Non-Resident Life Members:**

The following new non-residents joined the Association and rang peals in 2025: Katherine Hinchliffe, Tom Britten, Melanie Newman, Helen Audley, Estella J Haynes, William L K Brooke, Philip Grover, Hannah Baker, Lucas Owen, Richard T Wheelhouse.

R OWEN BATTYE – Hon. Peal Secretary

**Conductors are asked to take note of the following (Rule 14):**

1. Please send peal booking fees of £1.00 per ringer and full details of all ringers, to the Hon Peal Secretary within 4 weeks of the peal being rung.
2. Check that all ringers are paid up members of the Association for the current year.
3. Send any new 'Non-Resident Life Members' subscriptions (£10.00 each) to the Hon Peal Secretary with the peal fees.

## Peals rung in 2025

17931

### MIDDLETON,

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 10 January 2025

2hrs 54mins

5088 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: S Read

- 1 Derek J Thomas
- 2 Jane Owen
- 3 Gail L Randall
- 4 Lorraine Trebble
- 5 Alan M Trebble
- 6 Peter C Randall (C)
- 7 Taylor Wright
- 8 Brian J Owen

100th on the bells and 550th for the Association: 2

First in method: 7

17932

### ADLINGTON,

Lancashire, St Paul

Saturday 18 January 2025

2hrs 51mins

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: N J Pitstow

- 1 Andy Cope
- 2 Keith M Taylor
- 3 Ollie E P Watson
- 4 Laura Cope
- 5 Elle Buttery
- 6 Paul J Tiebout
- 7 Taylor Wright
- 8 Lucas J Owen (C)

Rung at the request of the Parish, in the 90th year of the bells, to raise awareness in the village for an upcoming restoration project.

First Peal as Conductor

First peal of Surprise - 4

17933

### BURNLEY,

Lancashire, St Peter

Sunday 19 January 2025

2hrs 58mins

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: one extent each London, Cambridge, Bourne, Norwich, Wells, Beverley, Durham.)

- 1 Anne E Pettifor
- 2 Peter C Randall
- 3 Simon D Woof
- 4 Andrew D Sibson
- 5 Alex S Riley (C)
- 6 George H Campling

For Choral Evensong.

Rung on the back 6

After meeting short for Royal, with thanks to John

Thurman for standing down.

17934

### BURNLEY,

Lancashire, St Peter

Sunday 2 February 2025

2hrs 37mins (6-1-22)

5040 Treble Dodging Minor

(7m: one extent each of Norwich S, Combermere D, Bourne S, Oxford TB, Ipswich S, College Bob IV D and Cambridge S)

- 1 R Owen Battye
- 2 Pauline Campling
- 3 Andrew D Sibson
- 4 Brian J Owen
- 5 George H Campling (C)
- 6 Simon D Woof

700th peal together: 5, 6

Rung on the front six (intentionally)

17935

### BARNOLDSWICK,

Lancashire, St Mary le Ghyll

Thursday 6 February 2025

2hrs 54mins

5120 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: Alan G Reading

- 1 Pauline Campling
- 2 D Robert Pettifor
- 3 James E Andrews
- 4 Derek J Thomas
- 5 George H Campling
- 6 Simon D Woof
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 John M Thurman (C)

First peal of Major on the bells.

100th together- 6 and 8.

17936

### CLITHEROE,

Lancashire, St Mary Magdalene

Saturday 8 February 2025

3hrs

5056 Spliced Surprise Major

(8m: 768 Cornwall; 736 Bristol; 640 each Cambridge, Superlative; 608 Cassiobury; 576 Lessness; 544 each Glasgow, London. 124 com, atw)

Comp: A G Reading & M B Davies

- 1 Simon D Woof
- 2 Alex S Riley (C)
- 3 R Owen Battye
- 4 James E Andrews
- 5 Derek J Thomas
- 6 Simon A Percy
- 7 George H Campling
- 8 Andrew J Rawlinson

Dedicated to the memory of Neil Johnson, son-in-law

of Norman Chaddock.

17937

### MIDDLETON,

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 14 February 2025

2hrs 50mins

5060 Sixtieth Surprise Major

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 Stephen R Aldridge

800th peal and celebrating the forthcoming 60th

anniversary of 1st peal: 2

17938

### KIRKBY IN FURNESS,

Cumbria, St Cuthbert

Friday 21 February 2025

2hrs 48mins

5056 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: Mark B Davies

- 1 Nigel J Goodship
- 2 Anne E Pettifor
- 3 Alison L Brooke
- 4 Jayden R Milby
- 5 Peter H Gardner
- 6 Julia R Cater
- 7 J Andrew Pollock
- 8 Patrick L H Brooke (C)

First Peal of Bristol Major - 7.

17939

### OVER KELLET,

Lancashire, St Cuthbert

Friday 28 February 2025

2hrs 54mins

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp: J J Parker (12 part, 7th observation)

- 1 Jane Holland
- 2 Andrew J Holland
- 3 Nicola J Galton
- 4 Adrian G Roberts
- 5 L Martin Daniels
- 6 Kevin M Price (C)
- 7 Andrew W Gordon
- 8 Trevor L Lock

First peal of Triples on the bells.

First peal on the recast 1 and 2 (Taylors 2024)

A Ruby Wedding Anniversary compliment for Andrew and Jane Holland.

17940

### ST ANNES ON THE SEA,

Lancashire, St Anne

Saturday 1 March 2025

3hrs 5mins

5000 Bristol Surprise Royal

Comp: Benjamin D Constant

- 1 Anne E Pettifor
- 2 James E Andrews
- 3 Ruth Curtis
- 4 Derek J Thomas
- 5 Geoffrey R Gardner
- 6 John H Fielden
- 7 Ian G Campbell
- 8 Paul F Curtis
- 9 George H Campling
- 10 Ian Butters (C)

Remembering Sgt. Nigel Coupe, from St Annes, who was killed when his armoured fighting vehicle was caught in an explosion in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan on 6 March 2012. His funeral service was held in this church.

17941

### MIDDLETON,

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 14 March 2025

2hrs 53mins

5120 Spliced Surprise Major

(4m: 1312 Yorkshire, 1280 each Bristol and

Lincolnshire, 1248 Cambridge; 90 com, atw)

Comp: D F Morrison (no.8906)

- 1 Jane Owen
- 2 Jeffrey Brannan
- 3 Gail L Randall
- 4 Derek J Thomas
- 5 Andrew J Webster
- 6 Peter C Randall (C)
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Taylor Wright

17942

**BURNLEY,**

Lancashire, St Peter  
Sunday 16 March 2025  
3hrs 5mins

5002 Bristol Surprise Royal

Comp: D F Morrison (no. 8461)

- 1 D Annabel Preston
  - 2 Gail L Randall
  - 3 James E Andrews
  - 4 Derek J Thomas
  - 5 Peter C Randall (C)
  - 6 David C Brown
  - 7 Geoffrey R Gardner
  - 8 Andrew D Sibson
  - 9 Stuart J Heath
  - 10 George H Campling
- 800th peal in the tower.  
For Choral Evensong (held at St James)

17943

**ACCRINGTON,**

Lancashire, St James  
Tuesday 18 March 2025  
3hrs

5120 Quito Delight Major

Comp: D G Hull

- 1 Lenard J Mitchell
- 2 Jane Owen
- 3 James E Andrews
- 4 Peter H Gardner
- 5 Alan F Scholfield
- 6 Derek J Thomas
- 7 Peter C Randall (C)
- 8 Brian J Owen

17944

**BOWDON,**

Greater Manchester, St Mary V  
Wednesday 26 March 2025  
3hrs

5056 High Neb Surprise Major

Comp: George H Campling

- 1 Geoffrey R Gardner
  - 2 Carol A Marchbank
  - 3 James E Andrews
  - 4 Derek J Thomas
  - 5 Simon D Woof
  - 6 Trevor W Marchbank
  - 7 R Owen Battye
  - 8 George H Campling (C)
- In memory of Derek Sibson

17945

**ROCHDALE,**

Greater Manchester, St Chad  
Saturday 29 March 2025  
3hrs 3mins

5120 Bristol Surprise Royal

Comp: J S Warboys

- 1 Ruth Curtis
- 2 Andrew J Rawlinson (C)
- 3 Ian Butters
- 4 George H Campling
- 5 Peter C Randall
- 6 Derek J Thomas
- 7 John H Fielden
- 8 Ian G Campbell
- 9 Paul F Curtis
- 10 Peter L Furniss

17946

**LIVERPOOL,**

Merseyside, Our Lady and St Nicholas, Pier Head  
Saturday 12 April 2025  
3hrs 42mins

5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus

Comp: R W Pipe

- 1 John Hyden
  - 2 Matthew W Goodship
  - 3 R Owen Battye
  - 4 David T G Jones
  - 5 Terry M Astill
  - 6 Henry J Stephenson (C)
  - 7 Jayden R Milby
  - 8 Mungo B Stacy
  - 9 Raymond D Helliwell
  - 10 Simon A Percy
  - 11 Peter L Furniss
  - 12 Mark A Humphreys
- Rung to congratulate Canon Philip Anderson on the announcement of his appointment as Rector of Liverpool.  
First on 12 as conductor

17947

**ACCRINGTON,**

Lancashire, St James  
Tuesday 15 April 2025  
2hrs 50mins

5088 Causey Arch Delight Major

Comp: George H Campling

- 1 James E Andrews
- 2 Andrew D Sibson
- 3 Peter H Gardner
- 4 Lenard J Mitchell
- 5 Jeffrey Brannan
- 6 Peter L Furniss
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 George H Campling (C)

17948

**BURNLEY,**

Lancashire, St Peter  
Sunday 20 April 2025  
2hrs 56mins

5056 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: M B Davies

- 1 Gail L Randall
- 2 Ellis Hollows
- 3 Peter C Randall
- 4 Adam J Bennett
- 5 Alex S Riley (C)
- 6 Andrew D Sibson
- 7 Simon D Woof
- 8 John M Thurman

17949

**GIGGLESWICK IN CRAVEN,**

North Yorkshire, St Alkelda  
Monday 21 April 2025  
2hrs 49mins

5088 Gilletts Delight Major

Comp: Ian Butters no 923A

- 1 D Annabel Preston
  - 2 Stephen J Hall
  - 3 Matthew W Goodship
  - 4 Jayden R Milby
  - 5 Stuart J Heath
  - 6 George H Campling
  - 7 Simon A Percy
  - 8 Ian Butters (C)
- For Easter.

17950

**TUNSTALL,**

Suffolk, St Michael  
Saturday 26 April 2025  
2hrs 37mins

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: one extent each of Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich, Calthness, Bourne & Cambridge)

- 1 Nicola J Galton
- 2 Andrew J Holland
- 3 Adrian G Roberts
- 4 Andrew W Gordon
- 5 Kevin M Price
- 6 John M Goldthorpe (C)

In memory of E Ann Williams, who died last week. She rang 104 peals during L Martin Daniels' Peal Tours over the years.

17951

**LIVERPOOL,**

Merseyside, St Francis Xavier  
Saturday 26 April 2025  
2hrs 51mins

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp: Joseph Parker 12 part (7ths obs)

- 1 John Hyden
- 2 Daniel R Jarvis (C)
- 3 Christopher Lea
- 4 Daniel E Hughes
- 5 Robin A Daw
- 6 Mungo B Stacy
- 7 Lenard J Mitchell
- 8 Matthew A Woods

Rung fully muffled with the tenor open at backstroke celebrating the life and ministry of Pope Francis - who was a Jesuit and former Provincial Superior in Argentina - on the day of his funeral.  
First peal: 3.

17952

**OVER KELLET,**

Lancashire, St Cuthbert  
Sunday 27 April 2025  
2hrs 52mins

5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: C Middleton

- 1 Matthew J W Tomson
- 2 George H Campling
- 3 Pauline Campling
- 4 Sam N O Norman
- 5 Nigel J Goodship
- 6 Robin A Daw
- 7 Anne E Pettifor (C)
- 8 Simon A Percy

First peal - 1 (first lesson in June 2024)

First peal as conductor - 7

In memory of Prof Allen E Goodship (brother of 5)  
With congratulations to Pauline Campling on her election to the post of Hon Gen Sec of the LACR

17953

**CAMPSEA ASHE,**

Suffolk, St John the Baptist  
Sunday 27 April 2025  
2hrs 39mins

5040 Treble Dodging Minor

(7m: one extent each of Woodbine Delight, Primrose Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Bourne Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Kent Treble Bob & Oxford Treble Bob)

- 1 John J Proudfoot
- 2 Nicola J Galton
- 3 Adrian G Roberts
- 4 Philip R Wild
- 5 Kevin M Price (C)
- 6 Andrew W Gordon

7954

**PRESCOT,**

Merseyside, St Mary  
Monday 28 April 2025  
2hrs 58mins

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: Charles Middleton

- 1 Paul B Hunter (C)
- 2 Lenard J Mitchell
- 3 Alexander M Fishburn
- 4 Sam N O Norman
- 5 Robin A Daw
- 6 Simon A Percy
- 7 Henry J Stephenson
- 8 Paul J Tiebout

On the 180th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, and the 30th anniversary of the first peal on the bells following rehangings in 1994.

First peal on the bells since 2009.

17955

**TENDRING,**

Essex, St Edmund K&M  
Tuesday 29 April 2025  
2hrs 43mins

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Primrose, Cambridge, Norwich, Bourne & Calthness)

- 1 Nicola J Galton
- 2 L Martin Daniels
- 3 Ian K Bushell
- 4 John M Goldthorpe
- 5 Kevin M Price (C)
- 6 Andrew W Gordon

100th peal of 7 Surprise Minor: 3.

17956

**YOXFORD,**

Suffolk, St Peter  
Thursday 1 May 2025  
2hrs 47mins  
5040 Minor

(7m: one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St Clement's College Bob, College Bob, Single Oxford Bob & Plain Bob)

- 1 Andrew J Holland
- 2 L Martin Daniels
- 3 Trevor L Lock
- 4 Roderic K Bickerton
- 5 Kevin M Price (C)
- 6 Andrew W Gordon

Rung on the feast of St Philip and St James.

The ringers of 1, 2 & 5 rang in the last peal on these bells which was on 6th April 2002.

17957

**MIDDLETON,**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard  
Friday 9 May 2025  
2hrs 49mins

5024 Jupiter Delight Major

Comp: D F Morrison (no. 6842)

- 1 Derek J Thomas
- 2 Jane Owen
- 3 Lorraine Trebble
- 4 Gail L Randall
- 5 Alan M Trebble
- 6 Peter C Randall (C)
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Taylor Wright

Rung to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

Also rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Gail, and as a welcome back to peal ringing to Alan following Achilles Tendon injury.

17958

**SILVERDALE,**

Lancashire, St John  
Sunday 11 May 2025  
2hrs 45mins

5040 Minor

(4m: 1440 Norwich S, Cambridge S, Plain B, 720 Kent TB)

- 1 Matthew J W Townson
- 2 Andrew J Holland
- 3 Robin A Daw (C)
- 4 L Martin Daniels
- 5 Sam N O Norman
- 6 Simon A Percy

Rung for the Induction and Installation of Revd Eve Quillinan as Vicar of this Parish.

Also for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

100 years since the first peal on the bells, on 30th May 1925.

87th birthday compliment to Raymond Daw, father of 3.

17959

**BURNLEY,**

Lancashire, St Peter  
Sunday 18 May 2025  
3hrs 1min

5000 Bristol Surprise Royal

Comp: R W Lee

- 1 Nigel J Goodship
- 2 Stephen J Hall
- 3 Gail L Randall
- 4 Rebecca A Davey
- 5 Peter C Randall (C)
- 6 Jayden R Milby
- 7 Andrew D Sibson
- 8 R Owen Battye
- 9 George H Campling
- 10 Simon A Percy

Rung for Choral Evensong, a 50th birthday compliment to John Thurman and with congratulations to Gail whose choral setting of "The Call" was broadcast on BBC Radio 4 this morning.

First of Bristol Royal: 4

17960

**GOOSNARGH,**

Lancashire, St Mary the Virgin  
Tuesday 10 June 2025

2hrs 36mins

5040 Minor

(3m: Extents: 1,3 Kent TB; 4,5 Cambridge S; 2,6,7 Plain Bob)

- 1 Matthew J W Townson
- 2 Robin A Daw
- 3 Matthew W Goodship
- 4 Morgan T Snape
- 5 Simon A Percy
- 6 Nigel J Goodship (C)

First peal at first attempt: 4

First peal of minor as conductor

17961

**MIDDLETON,**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard  
Friday 13 June 2025

2hrs 48mins

5012 June Alliance Major

Comp: A J Cox

- 1 Derek J Thomas
- 2 Gail L Randall
- 3 Peter C Randall (C)
- 4 Lorraine Trebble
- 5 Andrew J Webster
- 6 Alan M Trebble
- 7 Stephen R Aldridge
- 8 Taylor Wright

17962

**LIVERPOOL,**

Merseyside, Our Lady and St Nicholas, Pier Head  
Saturday 14 June 2025  
3hrs 41mins

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Comp: D F Morrison

- 1 William L K Brooke
- 2 Jayden R Milby
- 3 Peter W H Barker
- 4 Matthew W Goodship
- 5 David T G Jones
- 6 Raymond D Helliwell
- 7 Adam J Bennett (C)
- 8 Stephen R Aldridge
- 9 Robin A Daw
- 10 Luke D Marshall

100th together - 5 and 7

17963

**ACCRINGTON,**

Lancashire, St James  
Tuesday 17 June 2025  
2hrs 57mins

5040 Regnum Diutissime Delight Royal

Comp: C J Poole

- 1 Lenard J Mitchell
- 2 Roger S Riley
- 3 Alan M Trebble
- 4 Raymond A Hutchings
- 5 Derek J Thomas
- 6 Peter H Gardner
- 7 Alan F Scholfield
- 8 Peter C Randall (C)
- 9 Jeffrey Brannan
- 10 Peter L Furniss

Rung as a forthcoming 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Ray and Donna Hutchings.

17964

**BARROW IN FURNESS,**

Cumbria, St James  
Saturday 21 June 2025  
2hrs 51mins

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: Simon A Percy

- 1 Clarissa J E Caroe
- 2 Simon A Percy (C)
- 3 Iwan Cotgrave
- 4 J Andrew Pollock
- 5 Jayden R Milby
- 6 R Owen Battye
- 7 Robin A Daw
- 8 Julia R Cater

Rung to celebrate Dave Day 2025 in joyful memory of Barrow's Dave Myers aka the Hairly Biker.

17965

**SEDBERGH,**

Cumbria, St Andrew  
Tuesday 1 July 2025  
3hrs 1min

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: C Middleton arr. H Johnson

- 1 Oliver J Skipper
- 2 Simon A Percy
- 3 Carolina M Goodship
- 4 David A Horne
- 5 Robert A Chapman
- 6 Matthew W Goodship
- 7 Robin A Daw
- 8 Nigel J Goodship (C)

First peal at first attempt on his 14th birthday: 1 (10 months after learning to ring)

First as conductor on 8

17966

**BLACKBURN,**

Lancashire, St Jude  
Thursday 3 July 2025  
2hrs 41mins

5120 Lessness Surprise Major

Comp: Benjamin D Constant

- 1 George H Campling
- 2 Stuart J Heath
- 3 James E Andrews
- 4 Raymond A Hutchings
- 5 D Annabel Preston
- 6 Brian J Owen
- 7 Andrew D Sibson (C)
- 8 R Owen Battye

For the Feast of St Thomas the Apostle.

17967

**CHEADLE,**

Greater Manchester, St Mary  
Wednesday 9 July 2025  
2hrs 56mins

5024 Double Dublin Surprise Major

Comp: George H Campling

- 1 Carol A Marchbank
- 2 Derek J Thomas
- 3 James E Andrews
- 4 Geoffrey R Gardner
- 5 Trevor W Marchbank
- 6 Simon D Woof
- 7 R Owen Battye
- 8 George H Campling (C)

In celebration and thanksgiving for the life of John (Jack) Robertson 1943-2025

17968

**MIDDLETON,**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard  
Friday 11 July 2025  
2hrs 50mins

5088 Quinbury Surprise Major

Comp: R D S Brown

- 1 Derek J Thomas
- 2 Jane Owen
- 3 Peter C Randall (C)
- 4 Lorraine Trebble
- 5 Alan M Trebble
- 6 Andrew J Webster
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Taylor Wright

17969

**YORK,**

North Yorkshire, Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter

Saturday 12 July 2025

4hrs 11mins

5048 Spliced Cinques and Maximus

(1m/1p: 2688 Bristol S Maximus and 2360 Stedman Cinques, 3com, atw)

Comp: Mark R Eccleston

- 1 Oliver M Austin
- 2 Mark A Humphreys
- 3 R Owen Battye
- 4 Stephen J A Ollerton
- 5 Peter W H Barker
- 6 Paul B Hunter (C)
- 7 Stephen J Hall
- 8 John M Thurman
- 9 Peter L Furniss
- 10 Ashley C Fortey
- 11 Paul J Tiebout
- 12 Samuel M Austin

Rung for the 40th birthdays of 6 (06/06), 11 (11/03) & 12 (15/07)

17970

**BARNOLDSWICK,**

Lancashire, St Mary le Ghyll  
Wednesday 16 July 2025  
2hrs 53mins

5088 London Surprise Major

Comp: Ian Butters no 891

- 1 Ruth Curtis
- 2 George H Campling
- 3 Paul F Curtis
- 4 John M Thurman
- 5 James E Andrews
- 6 Peter C Randall
- 7 Ian G Campbell
- 8 Ian Butters (C)

17971

**BLACKBURN,**

Lancashire, St Silas  
Wednesday 16 July 2025  
2hrs 58mins

5024 St Silas Delight Major

Comp: George H Campling

- 1 D Robert Pettifor
- 2 Ian G Campbell
- 3 Ruth Curtis
- 4 Derek J Thomas
- 5 Ian Butters
- 6 James E Andrews
- 7 John M Thurman
- 8 George H Campling (C)

Rung to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the dedication of this church

First peal in the method

St Silas Delight Major:

-3-4.5.2-1-34-1-56.2.7 lh 12(d)

17972

**MIDDLETON,**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard  
Friday 8 August 2025  
2hrs 52mins

5024 Urchfont Surprise Major

Comp: A G Reading

- 1 Derek J Thomas
- 2 Jane Owen
- 3 Gail L Randall
- 4 Lorraine Trebble
- 5 Andrew J Webster
- 6 Jeffrey Brannan
- 7 Peter C Randall (C)
- 8 Taylor Wright

17973

**CLITHEROE,**

Lancashire, St Mary Magdalene  
Saturday 9 August 2025  
3hrs 1min

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: James S Wilde

- 1 Anne E Pettifor
- 2 D Robert Pettifor
- 3 D Annabel Preston
- 4 Alan F Scholfield
- 5 James E Andrews
- 6 Raymond A Hutchings
- 7 George H Campling (C)
- 8 Stuart J Heath

Rung to welcome visitors to the town for the annual

Clitheroe Food Festival

17974

**BURNLEY,**

Lancashire, St Peter  
Sunday 10 August 2025  
3hrs 3mins

5000 Bristol Surprise Royal

Comp: George H Campling (no 32)

- 1 James E Andrews
- 2 Derek J Thomas
- 3 Carol A Marchbank
- 4 D Robert Pettifor
- 5 Andrew D Sibson
- 6 Geoffrey R Gardner
- 7 Simon D Woof
- 8 Trevor W Marchbank
- 9 Simon J Poole
- 10 George H Campling (C)

17975

**ACCRINGTON,**

Lancashire, St James  
Tuesday 19 August 2025  
3hrs 2mins

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Comp: J Clatworthy

- 1 Andrew D Sibson
- 2 Roger S Riley
- 3 Lenard J Mitchell
- 4 James E Andrews
- 5 Peter C Randall (C)
- 6 Peter H Gardner
- 7 Alan F Scholfield
- 8 R Owen Battye
- 9 Jeffrey Brannan
- 10 Alan M Trebble

17976

**MIDDLETON,**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard  
Friday 12 September 2025  
2hrs 50mins

5024 Uruguay Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrison (no. 4116)

- 1 Derek J Thomas
- 2 Gail L Randall
- 3 Jeffrey Brannan
- 4 Peter C Randall (C)
- 5 Alan M Trebble
- 6 Andrew J Webster
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Taylor Wright

17977

**ACCRINGTON,**

Lancashire, St James  
Tuesday 16 September 2025  
2hrs 55mins

5088 Quito Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrison (no. 993)

- 1 Lenard J Mitchell
- 2 James E Andrews
- 3 Roger S Riley
- 4 Peter H Gardner
- 5 Alan F Scholfield
- 6 Peter C Randall (C)
- 7 Jeffrey Brannan
- 8 Alan M Trebble

7978

**HEYWOOD,**

Lancashire, St Luke

Wednesday 17 September 2025

3hrs 5mins

5012 Roch Valley Alliance Major

Comp: Ian Butters (no 929)

- 1 Lenard J Mitchell
- 2 R Owen Battye
- 3 Carol A Marchbank
- 4 Derek J Thomas
- 5 James E Andrews
- 6 Simon D Woof
- 7 Trevor W Marchbank
- 8 George H Campling (C)

With best wishes to the Curate, Rev Kirsten Stott, moving to become Curate in Charge of Hey and Leesfield.

First peal in the method

Roch Valley Alliance Major:

-3-456-56-6-34-5.7 lh 12 (d)

17979

**LIVERPOOL,**

Merseyside, Our Lady and St Nicholas, Pier Head

Saturday 20 September 2025

3hrs 32mins

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

- 1 Rebecca A Davey
- 2 Henry J Stephenson (C)
- 3 David T G Jones
- 4 Fergus Kettleborough
- 5 Philip R Grover
- 6 Malcolm H Joyce
- 7 Lenard J Mitchell
- 8 Luke D Marshall
- 9 Peter L Furniss
- 10 Mark A Humphreys

Welcoming Fergus to Liverpool and with thanks to him for stepping in at such short notice.

17980

**STRETFORD,**

Greater Manchester, St Matthew

Sunday 21 September 2025

2hrs 47mins

5120 London Surprise Major

Comp: Charles Middleton

- 1 Elle Buttery
- 2 Andrew J Rawlinson
- 3 Sacha R Jonas
- 4 Hannah F V Baker
- 5 Matthew D Warburton
- 6 Jayden R Milby
- 7 Paul B Hunter
- 8 Henry J Stephenson (C)

Rung for the Patronal festival of St Matthew

First in method: 3

17981

**BARROW IN FURNESS,**

Cumbria, St James

Monday 22 September 2025

2hrs 54mins

5056 Plain Bob Major

Comp: John R Pritchard

- 1 Jason W Pollock
- 2 Anne E Pettifor
- 3 J Andrew Pollock
- 4 Clarissa J E Caroe
- 5 Cameron J Pollock
- 6 Robin A Daw
- 7 Jayden R Milby (C)
- 8 George H Campling

Rung during the visit of His Majesty King Charles III to bestow the title of Royal Port of Barrow.

Also for the commissioning of HMS Agamemnon built in the Barrow shipyard, and the cutting steel ceremony of the Dreadnought class submarine HMS King George VI.

The ringers of bells 3, 5 & 7 all work locally at the shipyard.

First on 8: 1.

17982

**WINFORD,**

Somerset, Blessed Virgin Mary & St Peter

Monday 6 October 2025

2hrs 59mins

5056 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: A J Cox

- 1 Anthony J Cox (C)
- 2 Derek J Thomas
- 3 James E Andrews
- 4 George H Campling
- 5 Rebecca J Cox
- 6 Andrew D Sibson
- 7 John M Thurman
- 8 Peter L Furniss

17983

**MIDDLETON,**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 10 October 2025

2hrs 50mins

5024 Xystus Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrison (no. 1176)

- 1 Peter C Randall (C)
- 2 Jane Owen
- 3 Gail L Randall
- 4 Lorraine Trebble
- 5 Andrew J Webster
- 6 Alan M Trebble
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Taylor Wright

17984

**ACCRINGTON,**

Lancashire, St James

Tuesday 21 October 2025

2hrs 58mins

5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

Comp: D F Morrison (no. 7674)

- 1 James E Andrews
- 2 Roger S Riley
- 3 Andrew D Sibson
- 4 Alan M Trebble
- 5 Derek J Thomas
- 6 Peter H Gardner
- 7 Alan F Scholfield
- 8 Peter C Randall (C)
- 9 Jeffrey Brannan
- 10 George H Campling

Rung in memory of Ashley B Wilson.

17985

**CLITHEROE,**

Lancashire, St Mary Magdalene

Saturday 25 October 2025

3hrs 5mins

5088 Spliced Surprise Major

(1344 each Cambridge, Superlative; 1248 Bristol; 1152 London. 78 com, atw)

Comp: Brian D Price

- 1 James E Andrews
  - 2 Stephen J Hall (C)
  - 3 Helen J Audley
  - 4 Derek J Thomas
  - 5 Melanie Newman
  - 6 Gary J Audley
  - 7 Edmund H Mottershead
  - 8 George H Campling
- Rung in memory of Ashley Wilson (17/10/1985 - 13/10/2025). Ashley rang 16 peals on these bells, including his last, Cletherow Alliance Major, on April 13th 2024.

17986

**BURNLEY,**

Lancashire, St Peter

Sunday 26 October 2025

3hrs 5mins

5160 Spliced Surprise Royal

(5m: 1120 each London No.3, Sgurr a'Chaorachain; 1080 Bristol; 920 each Cambridge and Yorkshire. 100 com, atw)

Comp: A S Riley

- 1 D Robert Pettifor
- 2 Stephen J Hall
- 3 Estella J Haynes
- 4 Simon D Woof
- 5 Derek J Thomas
- 6 Andrew D Sibson
- 7 Jayden R Milby
- 8 Alex S Riley (C)
- 9 Ellis Hollows
- 10 Andrew J Rawlinson

17987

**ST ANNES ON THE SEA,**

Lancashire, St Anne

Monday 27 October 2025

2hrs 44mins (5-2-17)

5040 Doubles

(9m:120 Wharton, 120 Ashley B. Wilson, 120 Heyhouses, 120 St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, 120 St. Anne's Ringing School, 120 Lady Eleanor Clifton, 120, St. Anne, 1800 Grandsire, 2400 Plain Bob)

- 1 Michael J Hodgkinson
- 2 Ellis Hollows (C)
- 3 James E Andrews
- 4 Gareth Wilson
- 5 Monica Hollows
- 6 Martin C Lovatt

Rung on the light front six (5-2-17) in thanksgiving for the lives of two local ringers; Jim Wharton (RIP 6/10/25, age 84) a long-serving band member and friend, who learned to ring at this tower over sixty years ago and Ashley B. Wilson (RIP 13/10/25, age 39), a dear friend and great supporter of ringing at this Church and the St. Anne's Ringing School.

First Peal: 1,4,6

First Peal on the bells by a Sunday Service band.

17988

**MANCHESTER,**

Greater Manchester, Cathedral and Parish Church of St Mary, St Denys, and St George

Saturday 1 November 2025

3hrs 28mins

5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

Comp: Alan G Reading

- 1 Cameron A Waters
- 2 David P Lacy
- 3 Sacha R Jonas
- 4 Tom Britten
- 5 Ian H Jorysz
- 6 Katherine A Hinchliffe
- 7 James E Hibbert (C)
- 8 Andrew D Ingham
- 9 Mungo B Stacy
- 10 Stephen R Aldridge

Rung to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the recasting

of these bells, by Gillett and Johnston of Croydon

First of Royal: 2, 3, 8

First Surprise Royal: 4

17989

**MIDDLETON,**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 14 November 2025

2hrs 52mins

5088 LXXV Delight Major

Comp: S J Ivvin

- 1 Jane Owen
- 2 Gail L Randall
- 3 Derek J Thomas
- 4 Lorraine Trebble
- 5 Alan M Trebble
- 6 Peter C Randall (C)
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Taylor Wright

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

17990

**FLOOKBURGH,**

Cumbria, St John the Baptist

Friday 14 November 2025

3hrs 5mins

5088 Pudsey Surprise Major

Comp: Chris Adams

- 1 Jason W Pollock
- 2 D Robert Pettifor
- 3 Anne E Pettifor
- 4 J Andrew Pollock
- 5 Duncan G Walker (C)
- 6 Peter H Gardner
- 7 Jayden R Milby
- 8 Robin A Daw

First in method - 4. Rung on BBC Children in Need

Day. A birthday compliment to Wendy Daw, mother of the tenor ringer.

17991

**ACCRINGTON,**

Lancashire, St James

Tuesday 18 November 2025

3hrs 2mins

5040 Burley Surprise Royal

Comp: D B Wilson

- 1 Peter H Gardner
- 2 James E Andrews
- 3 Lenard J Mitchell
- 4 Roger S Riley
- 5 Derek J Thomas
- 6 Peter L Furniss
- 7 Andrew D Sibson
- 8 Peter C Randall (C)
- 9 Alan M Trebble
- 10 Alan Regin

800th peal together: 2,5

100th peal together: 7,10

17992

**BLACKBURN,**

Lancashire, Cathedral church of St Mary V

Saturday 22 November 2025

3hrs 25mins

5040 Plain Bob Royal

Comp: Benjamin Annable

- 1 D Robert Pettifor
- 2 Alexander M Fishburn
- 3 Elle Buttery
- 4 Morgan T Snape
- 5 Sam N O Norman
- 6 Matthew D Warburton
- 7 Matthew J W Townson
- 8 Robert A Chapman
- 9 Richard T Wheelhouse
- 10 Robin A Daw (C)

Rung on the 300th anniversary of the first peal of Plain Bob Royal.

First peal on 10: 4 & 7.

First on 10 as conductor.

In memory of Ashley B Wilson, ringer of 46 peals in this tower.

17993

**SEFTON,**

Merseyside, St Helen

Sunday 30 November 2025

2hrs 55mins

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: C Middleton

- 1 Rachel J Mitchell
- 2 Derek J Thomas
- 3 Beverley J Furniss
- 4 Paul B Hunter
- 5 George H Campling
- 6 Michael J Allen
- 7 Peter L Furniss (C)
- 8 Lenard J Mitchell

Rung on the 51st anniversary of the tenor ringer's first

peal, rung in this tower on the 30th November 1974.

The ringers of 7 & 8 rang the same bells; conducted by the same conductor.

17994

**CHEADLE,**

Greater Manchester, St Mary

Wednesday 3 December 2025

2hrs 57mins

5025 Reverse Dublin Surprise Major

Comp: George H Campling

- 1 D Robert Pettifor
- 2 Carol A Marchbank
- 3 James E Andrews
- 4 Derek J Thomas
- 5 Geoffrey R Gardner
- 6 Lenard J Mitchell
- 7 Andrew D Sibson
- 8 George H Campling (C)

17995

**HUYTON,**

Merseyside, St Michael

Saturday 6 December 2025

2hrs 58mins

5040 Doubles

(9m: 720 Stedman, 1200 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob, 480 each of St Simon's Bob, St Martin's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place, St Nicholas Bob and Winchendon Place)

- 1 Nigel P A Goulding
- 2 Oliver M Austin
- 3 Bryan J McCahey
- 4 Paul J Tiebout
- 5 Samuel M Austin (C)
- 6 Nicholas C Willasey

Rung by family and friends in memory of Graham K Austin (1944-2025); Tower Captain of this church and a ringer here since 1955.

17996

**MIDDLETON,**

Greater Manchester, St Leonard

Friday 12 December 2025

2hrs 47mins

5040 December Alliance Major

Comp: R D S Brown

- 1 Gail L Randall
- 2 Jane Owen
- 3 Peter C Randall (C)
- 4 Derek J Thomas
- 5 Alan M Trebble
- 6 Andrew J Webster
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Taylor Wright

Rung in memory of Clifford Vyse, father of Duncan, the Tower Captain at Middleton.

17997

**BURNLEY,**

Lancashire, St Peter

Saturday 13 December 2025

2hrs 53mins

5024 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: David G Hull (5024 No 1)

- 1 Anne E Pettifor
- 2 Carol A Marchbank
- 3 Alyson E Blanchard
- 4 Stephen J Hall
- 5 George H Campling
- 6 Jayden R Milby
- 7 Simon D Woolf
- 8 John M Thurman (C)

First peal of Bristol: 3

17998

**ACCRINGTON,**

Lancashire, St James

Tuesday 16 December 2025

2hrs 50mins

5060 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrison

- 1 Nina E Brannan
- 2 James E Andrews
- 3 Derek J Thomas
- 4 Lenard J Mitchell
- 5 Jeffrey Brannan
- 6 Peter C Randall (C)
- 7 Peter L Furniss
- 8 George H Campling

Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the long length peal of 17,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major rung here on 18th December 1965, in which the ringer of the 5th rang the same bell.

2000th peal: 5

Composition based on a shortened version of the last 24 courses of the 17,248 peal, which was composed by Richard J Parker.

17999

**GREAT URSWICK,**

Cumbria, St Mary V & St Michael

Wednesday 24 December 2025

2hrs 39mins

5040 Minor

(4m: 1440 each Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise,  
Plain Bob, 720 St Clement's College Bob.)

- 1 J Andrew Pollock
- 2 Clarissa J E Caroe
- 3 Iwan Cotgreave
- 4 Jason W Pollock
- 5 Jayden R Milby (C)
- 6 Robin A Daw

First inside: 4.

In memoriam of Thomas F Metcalfe MBE, former  
ringer and tower captain at this church on the fifth  
anniversary of his death. Also in memory of Phyllis  
Woodend, ringer at this church who passed away in  
2024.

Also to congratulate Jason on his graduation with BSc  
(Hons) degree in Geology from the University of St  
Andrew's.

This is the last peal on these bells until the 4th and 5th  
bells are replaced.

18000

**WALKDEN,**

Greater Manchester, St Paul

Friday 26 December 2025

3hrs 6mins

5120 Turramurra Surprise Major

Comp: A G Reading

- 1 Nigel J Goodship
- 2 Matthew W Goodship
- 3 Robert A Chapman
- 4 Robin A Daw
- 5 Paul F Warren
- 6 Simon A Percy
- 7 Lucy A Warren
- 8 Alan G Reading (C)

Arranged and rung in memory of Ashley Wilson.

18001

**CLITHEROE,**

Lancashire, St Mary Magdalene

Monday 29 December 2025

3hrs

5010 Morton Fen Alliance Major

Comp: George H Campling

- 1 Anne E Pettifor
- 2 D Robert Pettifor
- 3 James E Andrews
- 4 Derek J Thomas
- 5 Brian J Owen
- 6 Clive G Smith
- 7 Martin J Whiteley
- 8 George H Campling (C)

For Christmas

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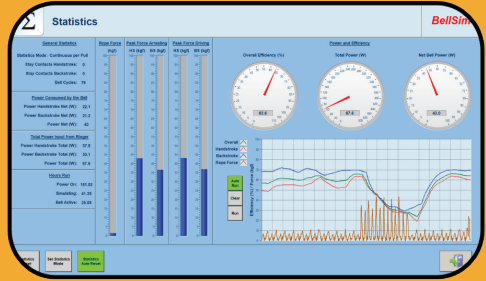
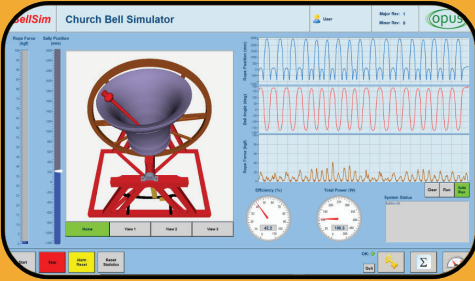
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