

# BUSCR dines out on 70 years

by Steve Stanford et al – See page 172 for performances



BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITIES  
SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS



Standing room only for Birmingham alumni and students at St Martin in the Bullring (photo Roger Lawson)

It will be 50 years in October since I went up to Birmingham. It was a good year for BUSCR recruitment; a peal of Rutland at Stoke Prior on the first weekend of term successfully scored with six freshers. I was never too sure why we needed to travel 25 miles to ring on a mediocre eight – perhaps in those days students weren't allowed loose in Birmingham until they had been tested at a distance elsewhere! The 2024 intake was even more encouraging. The pre-dinner Friday practice at Edgbaston was a hive of activity with a significant undergraduate contingent, many having been recruited and taught the previous term. It had everything from assisted rounds to London Major, interspersed with handbells, followed by an equally well supported bar session in Shackleton Hall, where last-minute changes were made to the weekend's peal and quarter peal bands, and that evening's performances were eagerly anticipated on BellBoard.

I am tempted to say it was just like old times, but it wasn't! Earlier I had walked the

length of Edgbaston Park Road, as I once did on a Wednesday evening en route from the infamous Mick's café on Dawlish Road, where massive portions of fried fish and a pile of chips and beans swilled down with mugs of tea, all at student prices, provided sustenance between handbell ringing in the student's union and the evening practice, after which drinking resumed in the dingy bar linking High Hall (all male) and Ridge Hall (all female), a divide guarded in a manner Trump would have longed for! Gone were the beer-soaked and nicotine-stained soft chairs; today's students are treated to posh shiny faux leather sofas. Gone too were the hand-pumps for musty-tasting M&B Brew XI and Mild with their obligatory Midlands head, the nearest thing to real ale in a '70s student bar; today substituted by a variety of cold gas-propelled lager beers and bottled varieties that are presumably the preference of Gen Z students.

The long trek back to catch the night bus on the Bristol Road was always a bit of a

struggle after a few pints. Not so today: there's a regular bus service, although after a couple of glasses of fizzy beer and despite my OAP bus pass, I was rather glad of the walk!

Saturday morning saw me at Northfield in one of the many attempts which successfully overcame late band changes. I'd always considered these bells to be the best of the Birmingham eights and they didn't disappoint. They've been augmented to ten and moved downstairs: it's a pity not to have been able to experience the ten as originally planned although we did experience the move downstairs – it's very draughty and cold at Northfield in January!

The afternoon schedule was full-on; with only an hour to get to St Paul's for the afternoon ringing, there was no time to visit The Stone just across the road from the church. As a student I had accommodation in Northfield and this was a popular hostelry where I probably misspent rather a lot of my time and grant. The train ride was a new experience, considerably faster and more pleasant than the 61/2/3 WMPT bus along the Bristol Road. The University now has its own station, recently redeveloped. I believe Birmingham is unique in this regard, outdone only by my other alma mater at Cranfield with its own airport!

Attempting to exit the entirely redeveloped New Street station in the right direction, I was completely lost! I reluctantly and incompetently resorted to my mobile phone

**Oscar** – As someone who already had some ringing experience, I was very pleased to see that Birmingham had a bell ringing society and I joined up as soon as I arrived. When the dinner was first mentioned I was quite excited; I'd never been to a formal dinner before and being able to ring on 16 at St Martin's was definitely something I was not going to miss! The ringing was excellent and it was very pleasant to hear so many church towers across Birmingham ringing all at once. I'd never have imagined you could fit so many people into a ringing chamber like we did in St Martin's! As for the dinner itself, it was fantastic. I thought that having to listen to speeches by so many people I didn't know would be dull, but I was very much mistaken. I'm very happy to have been able to attend and I hope that next year's dinner, although likely on a smaller scale, will be just as fun!

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and Google Maps to get me to St Paul's just in time to ring on the splendid and relatively new ten. (No bells there in my time.)

Ringling at the Bullring was a sell out! Standing room only, including amongst the circle. The old 1928/89 Mears twelve are now replaced (like many other aspects of Birmingham) with a more 'modern' development – the first sixteen. Birmingham has always been a centre for innovation and leading-edge development since before the industrial revolution; so too with ringling and bells, although I do have rather fond memories of the old ones. My first recollection of ringling on them was in my pre-university days following a lost Bedfordshire Association peal attempt at the Cathedral. George Fearn had overlooked arranging bands for a couple of afternoon weddings and press-ganged members of the peal band into ringling. Afterwards, acknowledging our disappointment at having lost the peal, he gave Mark Regan and myself his wedding money. He died suddenly the year before I arrived in Birmingham, but it is an act of kindness and encouragement that ringling at the Bullring always reminds me of. A group photograph was duly taken before everyone departed to dress in something more formal for the evening.

The dinner was held in the luxurious surroundings of the Warwickshire Suite of Edgbaston Cricket Club, overlooking the pitch – scene of many disasters! This was a far cry from Priestly Hall on the top floor of the student union building where it was held in my time (usually in December). It also bought back memories of my previous visit to Edgbaston – for the 1977 Ashes test against Australia. It was something of a tradition for the Chem Eng Society to go there following end of year exams, principally because, unlike Birmingham pubs, the bar was open all day. It was perhaps because of this that matters got a little out of hand when one of the final year students distinguished himself by becoming the first stalker at a cricket match. The following morning, he was pictured in all the



Open ringling at St Paul's in the Jewellery Quarter (photo Roger Lawson)

**Ioan** – As a seasoned member of BUSCR and a current committee member, I'm proud of the work that the committee (mostly Lucas) has done this year, from the high attendance to the many quarters and peals scored during the long weekend, from booking the venue to folding cards for the table. The dinner was a culmination of months of planning and, more importantly, equally long months of recruiting and training new ringers, of which we had a high turnout. Dinner day was greatly enjoyable, including being able to meet older members for quarters and later the general ringling in the city centre. The speeches were interesting and gave me appreciation for the legacy of this society. I enjoyed being able to just sit and talk with friends I had made in the society, old and new.

national newspapers hurdling the Australian wicket! If I recall correctly (which I possibly don't), England won by about 100 runs and we all had another more sober outing the following week to witness our colleague's appearance at Birmingham magistrate's court.

The dinner was a sumptuous affair preceded by another group photograph (successful after several false starts) and a superbly executed three leads of Bristol Maximus on handbells (without a false start). We were also entertained during the pre-dinner drinks by photographs, scrapbooks, minutes and certificates on display from the BUSCR archives. Interludes between the three courses with entertaining speeches covering 10-year periods provided amusement and embarrassment in equal

measure. I observed with interest the transition from hand-written notes to tablet and finally smart phones as the years passed and the speakers became younger! Seating was thoughtfully organised with members from a similar era together. It didn't go unnoticed that those of us from the 60s and 70s were seated at the far end of the room closest to the toilets and (not to be offended), furthest from the bar and its gas propelled beer; presumably on the basis that we might have greater need for the former than the latter! It was really nice to see and catch up with so many people, some of who I had not seen for the best part of 50 years.

The draw for the raffle with its many donated (predominantly alcoholic) prizes maintained the Birmingham tradition for

## Daunting but exciting

Meeting as the newly elected committee (not all of whom stood for their elected role!) in February 2024, on a long agenda there was one line for "big dinner?". With several dinners missed over the years, we started by carefully wording it as the "70th Anniversary Dinner" rather than the "70th dinner", based on our founding year of 1955, to avoid any pedant complaints.

Organisation was complicated by BUSCR having no membership list or history of contacts. A registration of interest form sent out in July had gathered 90 by September, quite a prospect considering our usual handful of current students and associates. After assessing possible venues I was soon putting my name on a rather scary £5k contract with Edgbaston Cricket Stadium, and then the real work began! Fortunately we comfortably met all the deposit deadlines, and we ended up with a remarkable 142 attendees, by a decent stretch the biggest BUSCR event yet.



A speaker from each decade humorously summarised their cohort's achievements, and strongly insisted theirs was the best. Our guest speaker Ryan Noble entertained with a very funny speech, though he must have been confused what year's dinner it was with all those mentions of 69.

On the ringling side 22 out of 24 attempts were successful: one lost in the normal way, the other aborted owing to a wild parakeet entering the ringling chamber. I did my best, but unfortunately this wasn't an eventuality I had prepared for. We also had two open ringling slots, with 70 people turning up for some glorious sixteen-bell ringling at St Martin's.

It was a daunting, but really quite exciting, project to work on, and it has been lovely to receive lots of very kind thank you messages, often with wishes to have more interaction with past members. We'll do our best: the contact list will hopefully be retained and maintained, and we're planning a yearly newsletter to keep everyone updated.

LUCAS WILLIAMS

**Nikolai** – Coming into the society with no prior experience, I didn't know what I was signing up for. Genuinely, I had never heard of change ringing. When Lucas first mentioned the dinner, I'd barely worked out where my closest supermarket was. It is a credit to him and his tireless work integrating all this year's new recruits that by the time he was hassling us into purchasing our tickets, he didn't need to ask many of us. A part of me was quietly anxious about a day of ringing and a dinner with so many people who'd been involved for years, who loved the society enough to come back and reminisce; meanwhile, I only went to that initial taster session because I was having a particularly dull Friday. When we found ourselves ripping up raffle tickets and ordering chairs it all made sense: we weren't there for fun, we were there to work.

I'm delighted to have been involved in celebrating the society's 70th anniversary and grateful to everyone who made it happen! (Because it can't all have been Lucas, right?)

alcohol and long lengths and was successful in raising enough to fully fund refurbishment of the societies' handbells – a tremendous effort by its organisers. An equally extensive display of photographs, peel boards, and other memorabilia from across the years generated much interest and was sufficiently embarrassing to some who had managed to escape reference in the speeches. Festivities and reminiscing continued long into the night.

Sunday morning dawned rather too early! There was a good selection of towers advised for service ringing in addition to the traditional circuit of the Cathedral, the Bullring, and St Chad's. I opted for St Mary's Moseley, and a long-awaited opportunity to sample the Gillett profile Taylor bells making up the front seven. They are another splendid and relatively new ten that replaced the old ring of steel bells of my day. Following a quick drive into town, I managed a ring at the Cathedral before decamping to Waterstones for coffee.

However, the weekend wasn't finished yet! Lucas and his helpers had organised a further three quarters and three peals for the afternoon including a (successful) peal of three-spliced maximus at the Bullring. I was assigned to something a little more conventional and leisurely – Yorkshire Major at BUSCR's home tower, Edgbaston. According to BellBoard, of six peal attempts, five were successful, with an additional handbell peal rung before the weekend, and of fifteen quarters, fourteen were successful with two others rung elsewhere.

Overall, the weekend was a tremendous success. It was also remarkable feat of organisation. All the more so because, unlike some other University societies, BUSCR does not have a strong tradition of members returning for its annual dinner and no list of members' and their contact details had been maintained. Lucas Williams, the initiator and driving force behind the event, and his team of helpers, did a superb job in tracking down and contacting members. They also did very well in organising the venue and dinner, and in arranging 21 peals and quarters involving over 85 ringers and 15 different towers. My own year as vice master of the society with John Loveless as master is possibly best forgotten. From my now distant recollection, it was rather chaotic, probably not one of our best performances! And as undergraduates, I'm pretty sure we were not sufficiently motivated or well-organised to plan and achieve an extensive weekend of events in the manner that Lucas and his team succeeded in doing.

Congratulations and well done all – an excellent job and you did yourselves proud (except for the lack of 'proper' beer of course)!

This said, the current generation of undergraduates may not appreciate the tradition and significance of 'proper' beer. (There was a time when university education would have provided a comprehensive grounding in such matters!) 2025 is not only the 70th anniversary of BUSCR but also the 125th anniversary of the charter and founding of the University of Birmingham. Created from the former Mason (Science and Engineering) and Queens (Medicine, Theology and Arts) colleges at the instigation of Joseph Chamberlain, its founding was of great significance for higher education outside of Oxbridge. It was the first university to break with that model of a federation of colleges, and was established to serve the needs of a manufacturing town and produce graduates "fully conscious of conditions of national prosperity" with

**Oliver** – When I started university in September, I was aiming purely for the orchestras (tubular bells really being the only bells I thought I'd ever handle), but having received a Freshers' Week lecture on bells from a now close friend, and going along to a Friday session out of curiosity, I've since fallen into a brand new favourite hobby.

Despite spending most of the day of the dinner feeling out of my depth, my main takeaway was how welcoming everyone was. I met so many people who have been ringing for years who didn't once look down on me for needing help with my handstroke; everyone was beyond thrilled to talk to me about being a new learner and offer me insight as to where my practice could take me.

Watching everything come together and seeing people outside of my own small circle (on both the bells at St Paul's and St Martin's, as well as the handbells at the dinner) was genuinely fascinating, and incredible to see what could be done (once I finally wrap my head around call changes!).

More than anything, BUSCR has introduced me to some of the nicest people I'll ever know, and to so many of my absolute best friends, as well as somewhere and something I look forward to all week.

local companies and industries sponsoring courses. This principally included brewing and mining (later incorporated in the Chemical Engineering department). These developments became a target of the Oxbridge traditionalists. The Pall Mall magazine described Birmingham as a "Bread and Butter" University producing graduates in "Tariff and Values", and later, when others followed the model, Oxbridge undergraduates ridiculed it; "He gets a degree in making jam at Liverpool and Birmingham"!

University life was of course never far from the glorious distraction of early twentieth-century Taylor bells sounding every 15 minutes: the campus is dominated by the Chamberlain Memorial Tower, built between 1907–09 to model the *Torre del Mangia* in Siena. The world's tallest free-standing clock tower, it was constructed from the inside to avoid the need for scaffolding. It houses five bells (an hour bell and four quarters) all cast by John Taylor and Co in 1908. The hour bell at 6-1-2-11 and 83.5 inches diameter is the 12th heaviest in the UK and strikes just sharp of G, superseded only by Great George at Bristol University (1925, 9.5 tons). The clock by J B Joyce of Whitchurch was installed in 1908 although not completed until after the University was officially opened in July 1909. It is reputed that a workman was employed on the opening day to operate the hands manually with a cranking handle!



## NORTHERN POWERHOUSE GUILD

**LEEDS**, W Yorks,  
Minster Church of St Peter  
(Ringing Room)  
Mon 10 Feb 2025 1h45 (9)  
**5040 Spliced S Minor**  
(41m: Allendale, Alnwick,  
Annab's London, Bacup,  
Bamborough, Berwick, Beverley,  
Bourne, Cambridge, Canterbury,  
Carlisle, Chester, Coldstream,  
Cunecastre, Durham, Hexham,  
Hull, Ipswich, Kelso, Lightfoot,  
Lincoln, London, Morpeth,  
Munden, Netherseale, Newcastle,  
Norfolk, Northumberland, Norwich,  
Primrose, Rossendale, Sandiacre,  
Stamford, Surfleet, Warkworth,  
Wearmouth, Wells, Westminster,  
Whitley, Wooler, York)  
Comp. J S Warboys  
1-2 Alex S Riley (C)  
3-4 Andrew M Roberts  
5-6 Patrick W J Deakin  
5-6: First 41-Spliced  
Surprise Minor.

## OXFORD D.G.

**READING**, Berks,  
26 Redlands Road  
Thu 13 Feb 2025 2h55 (12)  
**5040 Indesit S Maximus**  
Comp. J H Fielden  
1-2 Patricia M Newton  
3-4 Oliver D Cross  
5-6 Jack E Page (C)  
7-8 Daniel J Page  
9-10 Graham A C John  
11-12 Robert H Newton  
First peal in the method  
on handbells.  
Completes the Surprise  
Maximus alphabet: 1-2.  
Completes the 'Spin Cycle':  
9-10 (Ariel, Colston, Indesit,  
Whirlpool, Zanussi).

**ASTON ROWANT**, Oxon,  
The White House  
Fri 14 Feb 2025 2h21 (10)  
**5120 Spliced S Major**  
(4m: 1440 Lincolnshire, 1280  
each Cambridge, Yorkshire, 1120  
Rutland; 74 com, atw)  
Comp. J S Warboys  
(rotated)  
1-2 Christopher M Tuckett  
3-4 Patricia M Newton  
5-6 Janet E Menhinick  
7-8 Robert H Newton (C) **£4**

**TILEHURST**, Berks,  
15 Lytham End  
Fri 14 Feb 2025 2h16 (13)  
**5056 Spliced S Major**  
(6m: 1216 Rutland; 960  
Superlative; 768 Lincolnshire,  
Yorkshire; 704 Pudsey; 640  
Cambridge; 137 com)  
Comp. Donald F Morrison  
(6702)  
1-2 June D Wells (C)  
3-4 Mike Pidd  
5-6 Christopher P Cole  
7-8 E John Wells **£2**

## OXFORD SOCIETY

**KIDLINGTON**, Oxon,  
245 Wildon Way  
Mon 10 Feb 2025 2h20 (15)  
**5120 Bristol S Major**  
Comp. D F Morrison (No. 1698)  
1-2 Peter W Spain  
3-4 Jonathan C Mills  
5-6 David L Thomas (C)  
7-8 Craig M Robertson  
Not first in method in  
hand: 5-6.

## ST MARTIN'S GUILD

**SELLY OAK**, W Mids,  
159 Gibbins Road  
Tue 11 Feb 2025 3h6 (17)  
**5090 Zanussi S Maximus**  
Comp. E G A Hull  
1-2 Alexander P Frye  
3-4 Alfred G W Pipe  
5-6 Oliver C Bates (C)  
7-8 Michael P A Wilby  
9-10 Alistair J Cherry  
11-12 Mark R Eccleston

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

**NEW ALRESFORD**, Hants,  
Jubilee, New Farm Rd  
Fri 14 Feb 2025 2h16 (8)  
**5004 Spliced Plain Major**  
(24m: 192 each Canterbury Bob,  
Cleatham Bob, Double Bob,  
Fulbeck Bob, Hackington Bob,  
Reverse Bob, Reverse Byley Bob,  
Single Canterbury Pleasure Bob,  
Single Huntslet Bob; 144 each  
Gainsborough Little Bob, Grimsby  
Town Little Bob, Wellington Little  
Bob, West Wellow Little Bob;  
112 each Crayford College Bob,  
Goldhanger Bob, St Clement's  
College Bob; 96 Cambay Little  
Bob, Lansdowne Little Bob, Little  
Bob; 56 Crayford Little Bob; 36  
each Kent Little Bob, Northbrook  
Little Bob; 28 Bastow Little Bob;  
302 com at lead-end, 36 com at  
half-lead)  
Comp. WS Croft (arr M J E  
Daniels)  
1-2 John S Croft (C)  
3-4 Ian M Redway  
5-6 Martin J E Daniels  
7-8 Maureen J Hanney  
Most major methods in hand  
for the W&P Guild.  
Rung by a resident  
Winchester District band. **£4**

## YORKSHIRE ASSN

**NORTHALLERTON**, N  
Yorks,  
19 The Green, Romanby  
Fri 7 Feb 2025 2h56 (11)  
**5184 Stedman Caters**  
Comp. A S Riley  
1-2 Alex S Riley (C)  
3-4 Jennifer A Town  
5-6 Peter C Randall  
7-8 Peter J Sanderson  
9-10 Christopher H Enzor

**NORTHALLERTON**, N  
Yorks,  
19 The Green, Romanby  
Fri 14 Feb 2025 2h47 (11)  
**5075 Grandsire Caters**  
Comp. Peter J Sanderson  
1-2 Jennifer A Town  
3-4 Christopher H Enzor  
5-6 Samuel M Austin  
7-8 Peter J Sanderson (C)  
9-10 Andrew M Roberts

## Birmingham University Society – 70th Anniversary dinner weekend

### BIRMINGHAM UNIV. SOCIETY

**BIRMINGHAM**, W Mids,  
Metropolitan Cathedral  
Church of St Chad  
Sat 25 Jan 2025 2h57 (15)  
**5056 BUSCR S Major**  
Comp. Alan G Reading  
1 Andrew J Ellis  
2 Daniel T Calvert  
3 Anne L Rueff  
4 Elizabeth Hutchieson  
5 Philip A L Rioch  
6 William T Bosworth  
7 James C Mundy  
8 Stuart C W  
Hutchieson (C)  
Rung to mark the 70th  
anniversary of BUSCR.  
First peal in the method:  
BUSCR S Major: b -3-4-25-  
678-478-3-256-7.

**NORTHFIELD**, W Mids,  
St Laurence  
Sat 25 Jan 2025 3h3 (14)  
**5088 Bristol S Major**  
Comp. Alan G Reading  
1 Christine A Knight  
2 Adam A Brady (C)  
3 Linda M Garton  
4 Janet E Menhinick  
5 Stephen W Horton  
6 Stephen H Stanford  
7 Timothy E H Waller  
8 John P Loveless  
On the morning of  
this society's 70th-  
anniversary dinner.  
4500th peal: 8.

**BIRMINGHAM**, W Mids,  
St Martin  
Sun 26 Jan 2025 3h43 (39)  
**5090 Spliced S Maximus**  
(3m: Contains 1776 Bristol; 1680 Phobos; 1634  
Zanussi; 30 com; atw)  
Comp. M R Eccleston (2001-2004)  
1 Rachel L Mahoney (2020-2023)  
2 Oliver C Bates (2020-)  
3 Jennifer R Sparling (1993-1997)  
4 Adam A Brady (2010-2013)  
5 Jack E Page (2015-2019) (C)  
6 Lucas J Williams (2023-)  
7 M Michael R Parker (2017-2023)  
8 Tim R Palmer (1998-2004)  
9 Catherine E Morley (2020-2024)  
10 Michael P A Wilby (1992-1995)  
11 Jimmy L Yeoman (2020-2024)  
12 Julia R Cater (1988-1991)  
The 300th peal for the Society.  
First peal of Spliced Maximus for  
the Society.  
Rung on dinner weekend and for the 70th  
anniversary of the founding of BUSCR.  
First Maximus: 6, well done Lucas!

**Birmingham**, W Mids. (S Paul) 24 Jan, 1270  
Stedman Caters: Rebecca Sugden 1, Stacey  
Howard 2, Casey McLellan 3, Janet Menhinick 4, Will  
Bosworth 5, Simon Roberts 6, James Ramsbottom  
(C) 7, Mark Eccleston 8, John Loveless 9, Linda  
Garton 10. Rung as part of BUSCR's 70th anniversary  
celebrations. **£10**

**EDGBASTON**, W Mids,  
St Bartholomew  
Sun 26 Jan 2025 2h55 (10)  
**5056 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. Robert W Lee (no 4)  
1 Linda M Garton  
2 Janet E Menhinick  
3 John P Loveless (C)  
4 Philip A L Rioch  
5 Paul N Harden  
6 Richard M Pendlebury  
7 Steve Bowley  
8 Stephen H Stanford  
First peal for 23 years - 6.

**BIRMINGHAM**, W Mids,  
Cathedral Church of  
St Philip  
Mon 27 Jan 2025 3h27 (31)  
**5070 Stedman Cinques**  
Comp. M R Eccleston  
1 Catherine E Morley  
2 Mark R Eccleston (C)  
3 M Michael R Parker  
4 Michael P A Wilby  
5 Rebecca Kirby  
6 Lucas J Williams  
7 David M W Threlfall  
8 John P Loveless  
9 Alexander P Frye  
10 Jimmy L Yeoman  
11 Oliver C Bates  
12 John M Thurman  
Rung as part of  
BUSCR's 70th  
anniversary celebrations.

**SELLY OAK**, W Mids,  
159 Gibbins Road  
Thu 23 Jan 2025 3h3 (17)  
**5040 Bristol S Maximus**  
Comp. M B Davies & R J  
Angrave  
1-2 Alfred G W Pipe  
3-4 Oliver C Bates (C)  
5-6 Jimmy L Yeoman  
7-8 William T Bosworth  
9-10 Michael P A Wilby  
11-12 Mark R Eccleston  
Rung in eager anticipation  
of BUSCR's 70th  
anniversary dinner weekend.

**Croome D'Abitot, Worcs.** 24 Jan, 1260 PB  
Doubles: Susan E Hudson 1, E Anne Hone 2, Colin  
Bramich 3, Jennie M D Kimberley 4, Philip A L  
Rioch (C) 5, Susan J Falconer 6. Rung by 1980s  
graduates as part of the BUSCR's 70th anniversary  
celebrations.

**Croome D'Abitot, Worcs.** 24 Jan, 1260 Grandsire  
Doubles: E Anne Hone 1, Wendy J Middleton 2, Alan  
Jenner 3, Roger W Haynes 4, Philip A L Rioch (C) 5,  
Robin P D Middleton 6. 1st Q for the society since  
learning to ring as a student 45 years ago: 1. Rung  
by 1980s graduates as part of the BUSCR's 70th  
anniversary celebrations.

**Smethwick, W Mids.** (Old Church) 24 Jan, 1260  
Grandsire Triples: Emily Tamhne 1, Janet A Horton  
2, D Rose W Horton 3, Anne Rueff 4, Thomas M W  
Horton 5, Matthew King 6, Stephen W Horton (C) 7,  
Rebekah G W Horton 8.

**Birmingham, W Mids.** (Cathedral Church of St  
Philip) 25 Jan, 1270 Stedman Cinques: Jennifer R  
Sparling 1, Mark R Eccleston (C) 2, Linda M Garton  
3, Michael A Williams 4, Rebecca L Sugden 5, Frank  
C Agar 6, John P Loveless 7, Simon D Roberts  
8, Charlotte D Linford 9, Adam A Brady 10, Ian R  
Fielding 11, Simon D G Webb 12. 1st on 12: 6. Rung  
as part of BUSCR's 70th anniversary celebrations; &  
for the birth of Reuben Archibald George McNiven,  
nephew of 6.

**Coleshill, Warks.** (St Peter & Paul) 25 Jan, 1282  
Cambridge S Royal: Alban Forster (C) 1, Clare Veal  
2, Elizabeth Burton 3, Kathleen Matheson 4, Kirsty  
Gifford 5, Duncan Matheson 6, Maggie Ross 7,  
Richard Burton 8, Simon Webb 9, Tim Palmer 10.

**Edgbaston, W Mids.** (S Bartholomew) 25 Jan,  
1280 Cambridge S Major: Simon D G Webb (C)  
1, Holly K Kilgour 2, Charlotte Gamble 3, Jennie  
Kimberley 4, Catherine R Taylor 5, James Gamble 6,  
Jayne E Shipley 7, Richard M Pendlebury 8.

**Edgbaston, W Mids.** (S Bartholomew) 25 Jan,  
1260 PB Triples: Helen K Normington 1, Holly K  
Kilgour 2, Alistair S Benford 3, Janet A Horton 4,  
Catherine R Taylor 5, James R D Normington 6,  
Alexander J Nash (C) 7, Tamsin Lane 8. 1st on 8: 3.  
50th Q - 2. Rung for the BUSCR 70th Anniversary  
Dinner weekend.

**Knowle, W Mids.** (S John Bapt, St Lawrence, &  
St Anne) 25 Jan, 1280 PB Major: Rhiannon Meredith  
1, Jayne Shipley 2, Charlotte Gamble 3, James  
Gamble 4, Katie Lane 5, Jennie Kimberley 6, Richard  
Pendlebury 7, Chris Horseman (C) 8. Rung for the  
Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers  
70th Anniversary Dinner.

**Moseley, W Mids.** (S Anne) 25 Jan, 1260 Doubles  
(2m): Alan Jenner 1, Luke Daniel 2, Ioan Normington  
3, Frank Agar 4, D Rose W Horton (C) 5, Jackson  
Day 6.

**Moseley, W Mids.** (S Anne) 25 Jan, 1270 Norwich  
S Minor: Roger Lawson 1, Clare Veal 2, Elizabeth  
Dennisson 3, Tamsin Lane 4, Luke Daniel 5, Alban  
Forster (C) 6. 1st Norwich: 5.

**Selly Oak, W Mids.** 25 Jan, 1250 Yorkshire S  
Major: Tim R Palmer (C) 1, Helen K Normington 2,  
Rose Horton 3, Ioan B G Normington 4, Frank Agar  
5, Janet Horton 6, James R D Normington 7, Maggie  
Ross 8. 1st in m: 5.

**Sheldon, W Mids.** 25 Jan, 1250 Lincolnshire  
S Major: Elizabeth A Burton 1, Katie E M Lane 2,  
Rhiannon M Meredith 3, Kathleen M Matheson 4,  
Kirsty Gifford 5, Duncan M Matheson 6, Alexander  
J Nash 7, Richard H Burton (C) 8. Rung as part of  
BUSCR's 70th anniversary celebrations.

**Birmingham, W Mids.** (S Paul) 26 Jan, 1296 Little  
Bob Royal: Jennie Kimberley 1, Alban Forster (C) 2,  
Rachel Backhouse 3, Clare Veal 4, Holly Kilgour 5,  
Alex Nash 6, Frank Agar 7, Mark Backhouse 8, James  
Gamble 9, Matthew King 10. 1st Little Bob: 5, 7.

**Moseley, W Mids.** (S Mary) 26 Jan, 1296 PB Caters:  
Casey McLellan 1, Matthew King 2, Lucy Gwynne 3,  
Holly Kilgour 4, Jennie M D Kimberley 5, Alexander J  
Nash 6, Janet A Horton 7, Frank Agar 8, John Gwynne  
(C) 9, Graham R Kelly 10. 1st Caters as C.

**Moseley, W Mids.** (S Anne) 26 Jan, 1260 PB  
Doubles: Chris Horseman 1, Graham R Kelly 2,  
Alistair Benford 3, E Anne Hone 4, Janet A Horton (C)  
5, Oscar Hornberger 6.

**Edgbaston Stadium.** 25 Jan, 144 Bristol S  
Maximus: Alex Frye 1-2, Will Bosworth 3-4, Jimmy  
Yeoman 5-6, Oliver Bates (C) 7-8, Michael Wilby  
9-10, Mark Eccleston 11-12. The dinner's handbell  
touch.