

Lancashire Lads & Lasses

LACR Young Ringers



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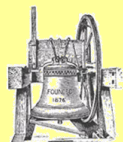
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**Lancashire
Association of
Change Ringers**

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www.lacr.uk/the-3ls

The Lancashire Association of Change Ringers (LACR) Young Ringers (3Ls) hold regular practices which are specially arranged just for young ringers (typically under 19), whether they are members of the Association or not. The only requirement to come along to the meetings is that the young person can handle a bell safely independently. The sessions are well supported and are specifically structured to cater for all abilities from Rounds upwards.

Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the 3Ls newsletter. In this you will find our calendar for the first half of 2023. If you are already part of the 3Ls please put these dates in your diary and support as many meetings as you can.

If you know of any young ringers who are not part of the 3Ls yet, please encourage them to come along. It's a great opportunity for them to ring and socialise with lots of young people of a similar age - supporting adults (whether ringers or not) are also welcome and encouraged to come along too.

If you are a young ringer who hasn't joined the 3Ls yet please come along to one of our meetings, you will be assured of a very warm welcome. It's helpful if you can let us know in advance you are planning on coming along and please ensure you complete a Parental Consent Form and a Photography and Video Consent Form and bring them to your first meeting - these are available to download from our website: www.lacr.uk/the-3ls

In July 2022 a 3Ls band entered the Ringing World National Youth Contest, where we were delighted to achieve second place in the Method section. You can read all about this on page 3.

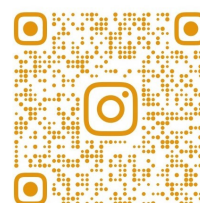
In August quite a few of the 3Ls attended the first North West Ringing Course at Myerscough College near Preston. Huge thanks to the Lancashire Association for providing very generous bursaries to the 3Ls to enable them to attend. You can find out what a couple of the 3Ls thought about the course on page 5.

Last but definitely not least, a number of our 3Ls have achieved some notable ringing performances in 2022 - four first peals and four first quarter peals! You can read about them on page 3/6.

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3Ls - Calendar - Jan-Jul 2023

Sunday 29th January

St Andrew's, Leyland (10) - 3:00pm-4:30pm

Brownedge, St Mary's (8) - 5pm-6:30pm

Followed by optional evening meal out

Sunday 19th February

St Michael's, Kirkham (10) - 3:15pm-4:15pm

Brownedge, St Mary's (8) - 5pm-6:30pm

Followed by optional evening meal out

Saturday 25th March

Tower TBC - 10.45am - 12.15pm;

Lunch 12.30pm - 2.30pm;

Tower TBC - 2.45pm - 4:15pm.

Sunday 30th April

Tower TBC - 3pm-4:30pm

Brownedge, St Mary's (8) - 5pm-6:30pm

Followed by optional evening meal out

Saturday 20th May

2 or 3 towers + lunch

TBC possibly Rochdale branch

Saturday 17th June

2 or 3 towers + lunch

TBC possibly Furness & South Lakeland branch

Saturday 1st July

Final RWNYP Practice - location TBC

Saturday 8th July

RWNYP - York



Ringing World National Youth Contest

EXETER – 2ND JULY 2022

Following the pandemic and the inevitable “watered down” RWNYC last year at Worcester, it was great to be able to attend the full event again this year in Exeter. I think it is fair to say everyone was looking forward to the weekend, with a little anxiety over the actual contest ringing. However, this is only part of the proceedings, there is so much more to the event than the striking competition. We were all quietly confident of a good performance this time around, having practised hard at meetings and specific, targeted ringing sessions, concentrating on listening and striking skills. Special thanks to Nigel for all the specialised coaching. This eventually included a successful quarter peal at Milnthorpe, which was very well struck indeed, from start to finish. It was also significant in being the first quarter peal for Will James, well done Will.

Milnthorpe – St Thomas – 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Sunday 26th June 2022 in 44m (11-0-14)

1 William A James	2 Ellis Hollows
3 Matthew W Goodship	4 James C Turner
5 Jayden Milby (C)	6 Iwan Cotgreave

First Quarter Peal – 1

The Lancashire Lads and Lasses RWNYC band at their last practice before the contest next Saturday in Exeter.

All the 3Ls and support crew had booked accommodation well in advance for the two nights over the weekend. We set off early on Friday morning hoping to miss the worst of the traffic, which we mostly achieved. We all managed to stay quite close to the city centre, Exeter not being a large city, we were within walking distance of the Cathedral. The Cathedral of St Peter is a magnificent building and was used as the base of the all events held on the Saturday. Ringing also included other city churches and some more outlying ones.



We all rose early on Saturday morning ready for the hectic day ahead. Our competition ringing was scheduled for 10.30am at St Mark's in the method ringing section. As some pointed out later, this was good as we got over the nervous bit early and could enjoy the rest of the day! Seven teams entered this section, with 16 teams in the call change section. Our team consisted of the same six who had rung the quarter the previous weekend. Nerves were jangling as we waited patiently outside the tower for our turn, listening intently to the preceding band and the standard to beat! The band ascended the tower, together with myself as the one supporter allowed to accompany them. The bells were fairly easy to ring with a short practice piece allowed prior to the test piece. All had to be completed in 15 minutes or a penalty would be applied. The team rang very well with only minor faults and I was quietly confident of a strong placing. After the test piece I congratulated them on a very good performance. The 15 to 20

minutes in St Mark's tower was soon over and we all departed to follow a pre-arranged tower grab around the surrounding area. This included a ring for everyone on the glorious 72cwt 12 at St Peter's, which would prove memorable for one of our group, but for all the wrong reasons! (see individual articles).

Results were to be announced in the Nave of the Cathedral at 6pm. This was a very exciting presentation with all bands invited up onto the podium to collect individual medals awarded for participation and keepsakes. The results were read out and presented in reverse order as is traditional and we all counted down nervously. The last three and our name had not been called out Not third! We were in the last two the tension mounted and The Lancashire Lads and Lasses announced; we had come second! There was a brief sigh from some, followed immediately by rapturous applause and cheers. 'Second', we all realised this was a significant achievement after only one previous competition (we were unable to field a full team at Worcester). On another day, with not as many nerves and it could quite easily have been first place, as there was not much between the top two. We all celebrated with a pub supper and lots of merriment and “what ifs?”

RINGING WORLD NATIONAL YOUTH CONTEST

The following day, Sunday, those of us with any energy left, joined the local towers for service ringing (another grab being honest). Someone then had the bright idea of going to Buckfast Abbey, about 20 miles in the wrong direction I might add, for service ringing in the early afternoon. However, this turned out to be another highlight of the weekend as the 12 bells of the Abbey are superb and a delight to ring. We joined the locals and some very good striking was had. The Abbey and grounds are fantastic and well worth a visit and the weather was very kind to us to boot. If that was not enough, we then went one step further and rang the eight bells of the burnt out church at Buckfastleigh.

The least said about the journey home the better, those who had set off earlier were ok but having left the Abbey at approx. 3pm after lunch in the refectory, a closed M5 and diversions contributed to a frustrating couple of hours trying to get out of Devon....This did not matter really, as we were still on a high after such a successful weekend. Here's to 2023 in York and to bringing the trophy home!

Graham Turner



The RWNYC is a great opportunity for young ringers to experience ringing under different circumstances and not ringing on bells they are familiar with. Overall It was a fabulous day, well organised with plenty of activities to do and towers open to ring at. It was a very enjoyable day indeed. Thanks.

Ellis

The whole weekend was an amazing experience. I'm glad we rang the competition piece early in the morning as we then had the whole day to relax and enjoy ringing at various local towers. A nice surprise was seeing the Red Arrows take off right above us at one of the towers in the afternoon. I enjoyed going for a walk around the city in the evening with the others. The highlight of the weekend was ringing at Exeter Cathedral & Buckfast Abbey, as I don't often get the opportunity to ring on 12.

Matthew

I was trying to think of a specific highlight of the RWNYC weekend but I just couldn't - I enjoyed absolutely every second of it. Ringing at Exeter Cathedral was most definitely a highlight for me even though it was me ringing the tenor when the clapper snapped (not my fault, I promise!). Seeing the Red Arrows at Clyst Honiton was just phenomenal and then ringing at Buckfast Abbey was the icing on the cake! The RWNYC 2022 weekend is definitely one of the best highlights of my ringing career so far - here's to York 2023!

Jayden

What a journey it has been for the 3Ls for this year's competition. But most importantly what a brilliant weekend it was for the team and the support crew. A weekend that I'm sure we will never forget, not just because of the result but for the experience. I think that I can say on behalf of the 3Ls Thank you to the support team for even making this possible. After the test piece I think the team's reaction was that we could've done better for sure and that we all predicted ourselves for around about 4th place. When it was down to the final two it was an incredible feeling. When we were drawn second there was a bit of disappointment but we did ourselves proud in the end. I can't pick a highlight of the weekend because there were so many highlights to choose from. Hopefully next year we can go that one step further and bring it home. But thank you to all the support team and particularly Graham and Nigel for helping us with the test piece and providing opportunities with extra practice, which really helped the team.

James





NORTH WEST RINGING COURSE



The very first North West Ringing Course was held from 11th to 14th August at Myerscough College, near Preston. A number of 3Ls attended and you can read about what a couple of them thought about the experience below.

Look at their website for next year's dates:

<https://nwringingcourse.uk/>

Advanced Conducting Course - Jayden Milby

I didn't really know what to expect, but it was instantly clear that it was going to be a great weekend. I packed some of my college work in with my suitcase naively thinking there would be loads of spare time to get some done, how wrong was I! I was a student on the Advanced Conducting course, expertly tutored by Simon Linford and it certainly did not disappoint. I had plenty of 'lightbulb moments' as promised in Simon's President's Blog –

these undoubtedly have given me a much better understanding of how methods actually work. As somebody in my group said, we were promoted from bob callers to novice conductors. Aside from the actual teaching, there was absolutely loads to keep us occupied. Most of the 3Ls were there, so we rang lots together including a quarter peal on the Charmborough Ring (mini ring) as the Cadbury Red Roses (3L's + Brumdingers) which was jointly conducted by Ellis and myself:

Myerscough College, The Charmborough Ring

Saturday, 13 August 2022 in 40m (0–3–10)

1260 Plain Bob Minor

1 Iwan Cotgreave	2 James C Turner
3 Matthew W Goodship	4 Charlotte D Linford
5 Ellis Hollows (C)	6 Jayden Milby (C)

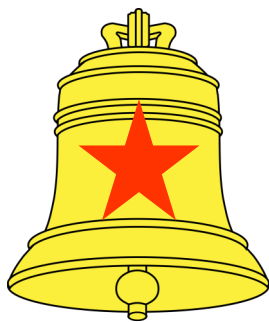
Jointly conducted (Ellis - 720) (Jayden - 540)
Rung by the Cadbury Red Roses
(Lancashire Lads & Lasses/Brumdingers)
at the North West Ringing Course 2022.



Liverpool Cathedral was last and it was definitely a highlight for many. We rang mostly rounds, and some of us rang a bob course of Grandsire Cinques with the local band as well as Plain Hunt on 9 and 11. We also got the chance to see the bells & the roof. Phenomenal!

Basic Conducting Course - Iwan Cotgreave

Despite the early mornings the course was fantastic! The course tutors led the teaching in such a way that no matter whether we fully grasped the new concepts or missed a few of the details, we all gained something from each session, both practical and in theory. Being on the basic conducting course, we successfully attempted to call a quarter of Plain Bob Doubles with the 5 students in my group each calling two extents and our course tutor calling a final 60 from the tenor. The course gave us the basic tools that we needed to progress with relative ease to the world of coursing orders in the advanced conducting course next time round. As a small bonus, I attended a Plain and Little Bob spliced optional session, which in much the same way gave us the tools to begin to call spliced methods as well as the brief introduction to putting Cambridge and St. Clements into the mix to create an even more wonderfully complex piece.



3Ls Ringing Achievements

Dalton in Furness, St Mary
Saturday, 30 April 2022 in 3h 9 (21–2–25 in D)
5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- 1 Barbara D Murray
- 2 Alison L Brooke
- 3 **Jayden Milby**
- 4 J Andrew Pollock
- 5 Peter H Gardner
- 6 Andrew D Ingham
- 7 Patrick L H Brooke (C)
- 8 Julia R Cater

Dedicated to the Revd Canon Ruth Crossley in celebration, love and thanks for many years of dedicated service to the parish.

First Peal at the first attempt - 3.

The band would like to associate this peal with Jeff and Nina Brannan, who were unable to take part at the last minute.

Burnley, St Peter
Sunday, 12 June 2022 in 2h 59 (18–0–8 in E)
5088 Uxbridge Surprise Major

- 1 Jane Owen
- 2 **Ellis Hollows**
- 3 Pauline Campling
- 4 Derek J Thomas
- 5 George H Campling
- 6 Brian J Owen
- 7 James E Andrews
- 8 Ashley B Wilson (C)

First peal - 2.

Adlington, St Paul
Saturday, 9 July 2022 in 2h 52 (13–1–4 in F)
5040 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 **Elle Buttery**
- 2 Laura Robinson
- 3 Lindsay F Smith
- 4 Ryan A Battersby
- 5 Andy Cope
- 6 Paul F Warren (C)

1st Peal 1 and 2.

A 16th Birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

Barrow in Furness, St James
Saturday, 23 July 2022 in 2h 58 (12)
5040 Plain Bob Triples

- 1 Clarissa J E Caroe
- 2 D Robert Pettifor
- 3 Anne E Pettifor
- 4 **Iwan Cotgreave**
- 5 Norman M Brock
- 6 **Jayden Milby**
- 7 Julia R Cater (C)
- 8 Hugh F Pettifer

First peal, and with best wishes for his recent 18th birthday; 4

To celebrate Ron East and Geoff Pullin being awarded the British Empire Medal for services to bellringing in the Queen's Jubilee birthday honours.

Rung to mark the patronal festival on 25 July.

Heywood, St Luke
Wednesday, 27 July 2022 in 45m
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 **Luke Pollock**
 - 2 Debra Holmes
 - 3 Andrew J Webster (C)
 - 4 Simon Ripley
 - 5 Taylor Wright
 - 6 Keith A Bamford
- Treble - First Quarter at first attempt.**
Started ringing 3rd August 2021

Goosnargh, St Mary the Virgin
Sunday, 31 July 2022 in 44m (7–2–13 in A)
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 **Isobel Lakeland**
- 2 Melanie Chapman
- 3 Tom Hickson
- 4 John E Blackley
- 5 Rob A Chapman (C)
- 6 David Hodgkinson

Rung by a group of Fellside ringers & friends to mark the retirement of Reverend Steve Cooper, Vicar of Goosnargh since 2009, and Rector of the Fellside Parishes since 2014

Thank you Steve for your ministry, great guidance, friendship and fellowship: all the Fellside ringers and parishioners wish you and Rachel a very long, happy and healthy retirement.

First QP at first attempt for 1 (aged 14): well done Isobel.

Sian Elcomb, Nigel Catterall, Jo Hampson & David Paton would also like to be associated with this event.

St Annes on the Sea, St Anne
Sunday, 11 September 2022 in 45m (16–1–19 in F#)
1260 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 **Finley Meakin**
- 2 James Wormleighton
- 3 **Ellis Hollows**
- 4 Gareth Wilson
- 5 Sidney Lloyd (C)
- 6 John Preston

Rung open prior to Evening Prayer following the proclamation of HM King Charles III at the Town Hall in St. Anne's on the Sea at 3.00pm.

1st Q: 1

Bamber Bridge, St Mary, Brownedge Sunday, 30 October 2022 in 39m (14–3–24 in F#) 1260 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Val A Andrews
- 2 James E Andrews
- 3 Graham C Turner
- 4 Elizabeth G Turner
- 5 **James C Turner**
- 6 **Ellis Hollows (C)**

To Celebrate the 18th Birthday of James C Turner and Will James, on 11th & 28th October, both members of this tower and together with Ellis Hollows, the conductor of this quarter, are founder members of the Lancashire Lads and Lasses.

Rung on the front 6 after an attempt of Grandsire Triples was lost due to a broken tenor rope. Stuart Newton and Monica Hollows were part of this attempt and wish to be associated with this quarter.