



Below is a report from two of the young ringers who travelled off to the “big city” for the recent highly successful RWNYC

On Saturday 6th July, the Lincolnshire Poachers went to London as a team of 7 to take part in RWNYC. The first church we arrived at was St Dunstan in the West, a quite pretty and ornate church. There we had a little practice before heading off to St James Garlickhythe to do our competition piece: 6 bell call changes. Despite a few clashes, we placed joint 6th out of 14 teams and we were all very proud.

We then visited St Michael Cornhill and St Magnus London Bridge to ring more rounds and call changes. It was quite a unique opportunity to ring at so many churches.

After that, despite the weather being quite gloomy, the mini bells (the Charmborough Ring) near St Mary Le Bow gave us a fun (and very loud) distraction. It was especially interesting to see how the bells work behind the scenes.

Afterwards, we entered St Mary Le Bow. The entrance was small so many of us had to bend down to get in, and a few unfortunate ones bumped their heads. The ringing room was quite unusual as it not only had a balcony, but also a small garden terrace. There we were able to talk to the other bellringing teams, igniting a friendly competitive spirit, especially with the Sussex team. Then we had a final ring at St Giles Cripplegate, where an orchestra was coincidentally playing downstairs as we were ringing.

After having been on our feet for the entire day we finished the day off by going to our final destination: St Paul's Cathedral. It was a privilege to receive the results in St Paul's incredibly enthralling interior. There everyone involved in the event was thanked and appreciated. On behalf of the Lincolnshire Poachers, we would like to again express our gratitude to all the adults who helped us take part.

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