

On the 2nd April, we were lucky enough to attend the ART Level 5 Masterclass. We arrived at St Martin's in the Bullring where we met with other Level 5 ringers. Firstly, we completed a listening exercise where we had to identify the poorly struck bell. We found this beneficial because it allowed us to practise our listening skills, and also gave us the chance to judge a piece in the style of a Striking Contest. Afterwards, we walked to St Paul's and rang many different methods, including Cambridge Minor and Major, Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and a Devon-style raise, call changes and lower (things which we normally wouldn't be able to attempt). Throughout the day we had tutors that helped us with methods we were unfamiliar with and our striking. After St Paul's, we made our way to St Martin's, a 16 bell tower where we ran Little Bob Maximus, Stedman Cinques, Plain Hunt on 11/12 and Call Changes. Both of us got the chance to ring the 37cwt tenor to a Bob Course of Stedman Cinques. We then rang on all 16 bells, which was a great experience. After the ringing, we went to a nearby pub and enjoyed a meal with the other attendees.

On Sunday, we were invited to ring with the local Sunday Service bands at both St Martin's and St Chad's, where we rang Grandsire Cinques and Jump Call Changes in 16, something which neither of us had rang before. In the afternoon, we got the chance to ring a Quarter Peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, accompanied by 4 other ringers who had helped us progress over the weekend.

We would like to thank The Yorkshire Association Education Committee for the grants given to us that allowed us to attend the Masterclass. We feel we benefited greatly by attending the Masterclass and feel more confident in our ringing abilities after having learnt new things, visited new towers and got the chance to ring with expert ringers.

Thank you,
Charlie and Noah



Birmingham, West Midlands
St Paul
Sunday, 3 April 2022 in 43m (4)
1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Simon J L Linford (C)
- 2 Alistair J Cherry
- 3 Oliver C Bates
- 4 Noah J McDermott
- 5 Charlie I Thorpe
- 6 Stephanie J Warboys

First Surprise: 5

Rung as part of the 2022 Learning The Ropes Masterclass.

