



COLLEGE YOUTHS RING OUR BELLS

Today one of the premier change ringing societies in the City of London will arrive in Perth to ring our bells.

Established in 1637, The Ancient Society of College Youths has a national and international membership that promotes excellence in ringing around the world.

Since its formation the ASCY has been a leader in ringing achievement, including large numbers of 'long length' peals - ringing bells for up to 17 hours continuously. The first of these long lengths took place on 18 May 1728, and consisted of 10,080 changes.

More recently, three members of the ASCY - Philip Earis, Andrew Tibbetts and David Pipe rang the longest peal ever on hand-bells. Consisting of 72,000 changes and ringing 100 different methods, all of which had to be memorised, it took 24 hours and 9 minutes.

In December 1977, The Society rang the 'extent' on eight bells. This is the maximum number of possible permutations in the order of the bells without repetition. This incredible feat took an amazing 15 hours and 59 minutes of non-stop ringing by one set of eight ringers.

The Society Master acts as a Chairperson at meetings and is responsible for organising the ringing at all society ringing events.

For the first time in its long, long history the College Youths have an Australian Master. Phil Goodyer, an architect, was born and brought up in Sydney where he learnt to ring.

The Ancient Society of College Youths will arrive in Perth today and depart Sunday 6 March. During that time, they have scheduled two peals (three and a half hour non-stop performances by one set of ringers) and general ringing at The Bell Tower.

You can hear this highly skilled Society performing their ancient craft as follows. Times are subject to change so please ring the Tower prior to visiting.

- **Wednesday 2 February, 3.00 – 5.00pm**
- **Thursday 3 & Friday 4 March, 1.00pm – Peal**
- **Saturday 5 March, 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

Don't miss the chance to hear these extraordinary performers play the largest musical instrument in the world, at The Bell Tower – Home of the Swan Bells.

For more information visit www.thebelltower.com.au

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