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## 125th Anniversary of the MCA

*Stephen Mitchell, Master*

The Middlesex County Association of Change Ringers was set up on Whit Monday, 7th June, 1897, just two weeks before Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and the great Naval Review at Spithead—a memorable month indeed. The first peal for the Association was rung at Enfield St Andrew on 11 September 1897. Since then almost 8,000 peals have been rung for the Middlesex County Association (and London Diocesan Guild from 1903).



*We are, though*

I was able to assemble a band to ring 5,125 Stedman Caters at Isleworth, hosted by the

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tower captain Louise Dixon.

*We are not amused*

Lucinda Woodward conducted a band which included the present and previous Presidents, one of our Vice Presidents (Stephen Jakeman) and the current Master (Dave Bassford) so the anniversary was celebrated in appropriate style. See (<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1523001>).

### Master's update

One of my first responsibilities as Master was to organise a Middlesex Association band to ring for the annual ordination service at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 2nd July. Since around 2000, this has become an annual fixture for the Association, and we have rung a number of successful quarter peals. This year we rang a QP of Stedman Cinques (<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1527028>).

We have also entered the London 12 Bell Competition 2022, which this year will be at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 22nd October. We shall practise at St Paul's on Saturday 8th October from 3.30-5pm. This will be after the Association's Autumn General Meeting to be held at lunchtime (Lucy and Linda will be providing the details of this), so anyone interested can come and listen to us getting to grips with these challenging, heavy bells. The test piece is a two course touch of Stedman Cinques. Ten teams have been entered, and this will be a good opportunity for members to listen to the Cathedral bells being rung, including by the top London bands.

The second Friday 12 bell practices at St Magnus have been encouraging. The June practice saw a good turnout, including a couple of new faces, and some welcome support from Southwark and St Paul's ringers. As well as lots of Grandsire, Stedman and Little Bob, we finished off with 4 leads of Bristol Maximus, which I think was a 'first' successful attempt at Bristol at one of these practices. It is good to have a practice from which people at a wide range of 12 bell experience and ability can benefit. We even had three people still in their teens there.

Members wishing to ring QPs on 10 and 12 may have difficulty finding opportunities, especially for anything beyond Grandsire. As Master, I will be happy to try to arrange such things. Just let me know what you are aspiring to ring!

### Training courses

Training happens because we are fortunate to have energetic Training Officers, tutors, and those unsung but vital helpers who make it all possible. This issue includes reports from Association courses, but also from the 3-day course run by the Essex Association at Coggeshall and from the nationwide 4-day course at Bradfield. It's worth checking the Central Council's advertisements at <https://cccbr.org.uk/?s=course> for courses at Worcester, Hereford, Tulloch, the North West, and elsewhere.

### Officers' roles

This issue also highlights the vital but largely hidden work undertaken by District Secretaries on behalf of members. Help for the administrative work involved is always welcome.

### Students in London

Every September bellringers across London welcome students starting new courses at London's universities and colleges (and others, of course). Students are welcome to join any band with practice nights detailed on this site but to find the rest of the student ringers in London join the University of London Society of Change Ringers. The ULSCR is the dedicated ringing society for students, staff, and alumni from any university within London. More details at <https://www.ulscr.org.uk/>.

## S&W 6 bell Striking Competition

*Bridget Campbell, S&W District Secretary*

Many thanks to Linda Georgiades and the church team for hosting S&W ringers for the 6 bell Striking Competition held on Sunday 12 June 2022 at St Mary the Virgin, Norwood Green. Many thanks also to Tom Lawrance for judging the competition and for the useful advice he gave to each band for their future improvement.

The result was:

- 1 Twickenham, All Hallows & St Mary
- 2 Harrow Weald, All Saints
- 3 Hillingdon, St John the Baptist
- 4 Ealing, Christ the Saviour
- 5 Harrow on the Hill, St Mary

Teams 1, 3, and 4 progress to the next stage in the autumn, being the top three method bands.

Congratulations to all ringers taking part, especially to those enjoying their first experience of a striking competition.

## ... and a word from the winners

*Liz Sephton*

It's not the taking part that counts, it's the winning.

In Cheshire, where I learnt to ring, we used to joke about coming last to second to last in the striking competition. It wasn't necessarily about winning but the getting together with other teams and the general amenable atmosphere we enjoyed, especially over tea and cake afterwards.

It's been a while since I participated in a Striking Competition and since taking over as tower captain at St Mary's, Twickenham, I was keen to enter a local band. However, with limited numbers and two of our most experienced ringers unavailable, I thought our hopes of entering were dashed.

Steve Mitchell from All Hallows, Twickenham found himself in similar straits and so he suggested we enter a combined Twickenham band. With four from All Hallows and two from St Mary's our band was complete. Five other towers from the S&W district also gathered on a very pleasant Sunday afternoon at Norwood Green, for the 6 bell striking competition.

In passing, while we were waiting for the order to be drawn, one of the ringers said we need to be in it to win it, or words to that effect - an interesting new concept to me! Camaraderie between towers I recognised, and the wonderful welcome by the Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, together with tea and fabulous biscuits were reminiscent of the 'old' days. However this time, I wasn't used to being in the winning band!

Many thanks to St Mary V for hosting, Tom Lawrance for judging and to all the towers for participating to make this a very enjoyable afternoon. Maybe see you at the next stage for the autumn competition at the Church of Christ and St. John, Isle of Dogs?

## All Hail the Essex ringing course

*Jo Harris*



In April this year I was fortunate enough to attend the Essex Ringing Course based at Honeywood School in Coggeshall. I did the Plain Hunt module, as I still needed to master this foundation stone of method ringing.

The idea of an intensive 3 days focusing on Plain Hunt seemed like a great idea. I have been blessed to have an amazing teacher in Sonia Field from the very start, but given that my home tower has lots of people at the same stage as myself it has been difficult to get enough practice time with a strong method band to reach that next step.

The first morning nerves were minimised due to the fact that our fabulous course tutor, Beth Johnson, had managed to make the time to telephone each student to get a feel of where we each were with our ringing, and had also arranged a Zoom meeting with the 6 of us so that we had a chance for a chat before the course.



*Kelvedon church*

After a warm welcome from the Master of the Essex Association, and tea and biscuits provided by the volunteer catering team who did a great job during the course, we headed to the tower for the first day. Each day we were based in a different tower, with a welcome lunch break at a local pub. Our group visited Kelvedon, Inworth and Downham.

We were blessed to have 6 helpers each day, who patiently rang the same thing repeatedly, and supported us with never-ending good humour and helpful suggestions. They all added so much to our enjoyment of the course. When my abilities are good enough I'll volunteer as a helper, because without these folk the courses couldn't run.

Beth had a plan of what she wanted to cover in each session - and keeping in mind that there was a two hour session each morning and afternoon of the 3 day course this had obviously involved a lot of preparation. She'd tailored exercises to suit each student, and was obviously adjusting again as the time went on, to ensure everyone gained the most they possibly could from the rope time. It was a great help that I have been working through the ART Learning the Ropes scheme, so the terminology being used was familiar, as were the exercises, like Kaleidoscope and Mexican Wave.

I loved every minute of the course, and gained not only skills, but also increased confidence from ringing a variety of bells in different towers. I would urge everyone to take a look at the courses on offer throughout the year. I for one will be applying for Essex next year, so please keep your fingers crossed for me to get a place, and I hope to meet some of you there.

## St Augustine's, Kilburn Church Fair

Lucy Chandhial

Every year St Augustine's, Kilburn has a church fair on

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a summer Saturday and generally a couple of us help with setting up or selling on a stall of DVD's, cups without matching saucers, saucers without matching cups and the usual varied bric a brac which accumulates at church.

This year we decided to have an open tower session as one of the church wardens had asked about learning to ring and we had wedding ringing booked for a couple in the congregation later in the summer. This inspired Caleb to organise a grand spring clean and he persuaded Catherine, Charlotte and Elliot to help him remove old vacuum cleaners, cobwebs as high as a broom can reach and various other accumulations in the tower.

Fr. Amos took me seriously when I told him that



people needed to know it is 80 steps up to the ringing chamber and so the publicity on the church fair programme offered 'a tour of the bell tower - please note there are 80 steps to climb' and the poster on the tower door remains with its '80 Steps' warning.

About twenty people came up to hear a bit about

bellringing, to see and hear some bellringing and a few had a go at either chiming a down bell or backstrokes with an experienced ringer. As a result we have two new learners: Christopher, church warden, is now ringing rounds and called changes, covering and learning to plain hunt and Thomas can ring independently (but has missed a few weeks with illness and holiday).

This was a worthwhile offering within the church fair day as more of the congregation now have some understanding about bellringing, we have two new and able learners and the tower had a full spring clean!

## For whom, what, where and why the bells toll.

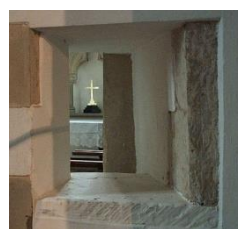
Harry Baulcombe

On the feast day of the Assumption of Mary, a major Christian festival, Mary is commemorated for ascending into the Heavens and thus becoming only the second person, according to the Christian tradition, to have left this life without first having been placed in a sealed box (figuratively speaking). The first was Enoch, and thus far there has not been a third, although we never did find out what happened to Lord Lucan!

This would be a very fine occasion for a QP or full peal. We like to ring peals as they afford us a great opportunity for progress. There is also the accompanying satisfaction of achievement when the conductor utters "That's all!" However, a challenge for ringers is complaints about the noise, especially in densely populated areas like London. Keeping neighbours happy is important, and actually there are few complaints. This is important if we want to keep ringing alive and well.

A key part of this is keeping our ringing times consistent. There are some towers which have peal attempts scheduled as consistently as their practices, but this is unusual. So when a peal is to be rung there is always an attempt to alert neighbours, but how often do we explain any explanation *why* we are doing it?

Here's a parallel. In the medieval world it was considered salvific enough not to consume the host at Mass



but merely to view it, so much so that one may find openings, called hagioscopes, in the walls of medieval churches which allow a view of the elevated host where otherwise it would be invisible. Unlike the

medieval observer at Mass however, the person on the street will not always know what they are partaking in, as they will often not know for whom or what the bells toll. For them, there is no hagioscope for them to look through. Attendance in the church of England in the UK is said to be on a par with numbers of naturists. We should not give in to a maddening saudade (*I had to look this up too. Ed*) for a time when even the most irreligious could distinguish between the curfew and the Sanctus bell in their parish.

To foster better relations with neighbours and to attract recruits, we might recognise that a peal is a performance as much for its audience as it is for its performers, but only if the audience knows why a peal is being rung. Peals rung for Christmas or the recent Jubilee are clear in their purpose and provide a sonic patina to the day. But otherwise we should think about providing a sort of hagioscope for any peal we ring, a *pealoscope*, a means by which our audience may peep in and share in the soundscape we are imposing on them

For instance, set up your tower website explaining when and why the bells are to be rung. Again, with the ULSCR I once visited a tower which had put up an A-board showing the name of our band. It was a simple gesture, but its effect was noticeable. As we left the tower we received a round of applause from groups outside. None of them were ringers but had stopped to enjoy our performance.

## Corporate Social Responsibility: Training and Mentoring

Chris Rimmer

At my company Allianz UK, we are offered and encouraged to use a few Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) days each year to allow employees to take time out of their regular working days to make a positive impact in communities, for example by supporting local charities. For a year or so now I have been using my CSR days to support local ringing in Northwest London, starting with morning service ringing at All Saints Harrow Weald followed by an eKenton training session in Ruislip.



Gerald, I didn't see any corporate responsibility in that 3-4 dodge.

Having learnt to ring over 15 years ago now I'm in a good position to support learners in both handling and progressing their method ringing. In the latest session on the 6th of July we focussed on accurate and quick call changes, rhythmic rounds on 8, and more confident plain hunting. All the learners made notable progress

toward their objectives in this session.

Everyone benefits from the arrangement. There is a positive impact on the company's reputation, learners have access to insight and guidance from a more experienced ringer, and personally I can use these sessions to develop my own leadership and mentoring skills – not to mention having an enjoyable day away from my desk! I'd strongly encourage everyone to investigate the options that might be available in their own workplace.

## The role of a District Secretary - N&E.

Lucy Chandhial, N&E District Secretary

I first took on an Assistant Secretary role for the district with responsibility for the money. Janet Drake was the district secretary and would pass me a large pile of cheques and cash during January and February to



Cartoon by Ace Harvey

bank the subscription money paid by each tower. This task is now mostly bank transfers so becomes an exercise of checking

the statement shared by Mark and comparing it to the emails people have sent me about how they have paid and who they are paying for.

When I became District Secretary I was lucky as Janet Drake became Chair and we still see each other nearly every week for any questions and ideas. With Janet Betham and Angela McLellan I organise one or two of the third Saturday of the month events each year. This year I have organised the outings to south Essex and Hertford and as N&E are hosting the Association Autumn meeting I've been checking for a venue.

The role comes in two main parts:

January and February is all about the subscriptions and the update to tower contacts, practice times, etc. Some tower contacts are very reliable and for many towers nothing changes apart from the occasional new member or member moving away. **Others are invisible, unreachable or simply noncommittal and it can be hard work to get answers** before the print deadline for the Association report.

At the same time of year Helen Porter prepares a draft programme for the year, generally after a catch up over a cup of tea or a glass of wine with Janet and me.

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Through the planning meeting and then the Annual District Meeting this programme is agreed.

District practices are mostly in some kind of routine. Helen and I share the work of booking the towers. The Ringing Master who is leading the practice sends the confirmation email to everyone, thus spreading the workload helping when we want to check that practices are viable. Updating the programme and synching the website provides a mini challenge.

I get occasional email enquiries for new learners to be directed to a suitable tower, from members interested to find practices to suit them or with changes to tower information for the website. We get occasional new members through the year, mainly based on peal ringing. Some of the third Saturday events raise some money for the Bell Restoration Fund and I recently bought a SumUp machine to make it easier for people to donate to the BRF at these events without needing to bring cash along.

I think it helps that I am ringing in the district four or five days every week so I see a fairly wide variety of people regularly but I am conscious that there are some towers where it is rare for one of the band to come along to district practices or events.

I hope that the website calendar, news page and Bell News (as well as the email list) make it easy for people to find out about the ringing they could be joining, even if no one else in their tower chooses to go, and I hope people feel welcome anytime that they do join in.

## N&E District striking competition

*Lucy Chandhial, N&E District Secretary*

The N&E district striking competition took place at St Margaret's, Edgware on 16th July. With sunshine, cake and never-ending tea it was an enjoyable afternoon of ringing. I'd like to thank Angela for the organisation, Matt for keyholding and Janet Betham for running the refreshments. Special thanks to Geraldine for taking the responsibility of judging our ringing from a shady corner of the churchyard.

Thank you to everyone who took part. It was good to have five bands in total and we realise that having our quarter peal fortnight in May made it hard to raise novice bands in July! Aldgate won the novice cup by default, having held both the Novice and the Jersey cups since 2019.

The results of the Jersey Cup:

- 1st - St Giles in the Field, 20 faults
- 2nd - Kilburn, 27 faults
- 3rd - Holloway Road/Islington, 32 faults
- 4th - Aldgate, 44 faults
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Hendon, 46 faults

Congratulations to St Giles in the Fields.

The top three can all start practising for the Autumn meeting where our N&E champions will compete against the S&W top three for the Diocesan Cup.

## Willesden, pilgrimage site

*Steve Jakeman*

Willesden St Mary has a considerable pilgrimage tradition, from at least the early mediaeval period until 1538, when the statue of Mary was knocked down, dragged to Tyburn, and burnt. An enormous fine was exacted from the vicar for idolatry and superstition.

There is now an annual service for which in past times the bells were rung. On Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> ringers from across the Association responded to a request from the Church Wardens to provide some ringing on this lovely light eight that were last rung well before Covid. The bells had been given a health check by the Association's Bell Restoration Officer which included the expected tightening up of stay bolts.

Eight ringers rang rounds and call changes, plain hunt on eight and Grandsire Triples which was much appreciated and enjoyed by all.



## Starting 2022 in the role of S&W District Secretary

*Bridget Campbell, S&W District Secretary*

When I was asked to consider taking on the role of S&W District Secretary, I could only think of how well Mike Wigney had performed in this role and the opportunities he had created for others to make progress in ringing; an excellent role model to follow, but still daunting. Mike and Jill Wigney have been most helpful to me in starting out as District Secretary and Jill has generously continued to manage the Finances and Membership despite having moved out of the area.

Lockdown had prevented District practices from taking place during 2020 and 2021 so I made reference to past editions of Bell News and old emails to put together a 2022 S&W District ringing programme and presented it at the S&W Planning Meeting. This led to an agreed outline for the year. My main aim was to involve as many towers as possible because the S&W District covers such a wide area resulting in many ringers tending to go to more local towers rather than travel the length and breadth of the S&W District.

The Tower Correspondents have been most helpful in accommodating the range of practices held each month and attendances have been very encouraging. Whilst I promote each event to the membership and contact its regular ringers, practices do rely on the Tower host agreeing the date with their vicar, organizing the tower with their steeple-keeper, and encouraging local ringers to attend, and also on a fellow ringer, usually the S&W Ringing Master, Mike Palmer, to run the event.

It is a team effort which extends to experienced ringers across MCA&LDG willing to give their time to help learners based in other towers to make progress. When sufficient advanced ringers attend they give the less experienced ringers the opportunity to listen to excellent striking, in addition to getting valuable advice on their own bell handling and ringing. I appreciate that many advanced ringers are Tower Captains and Ringing Masters running weekly practice nights and training learners, so their spare time is limited.

I am still only two-thirds of the way through my first year with much to learn and to manage up to Christmas. All tasks are enjoyable when requests are met with enthusiastic help and ringers' support by attending the practices, outings, striking competitions, etc, so I am grateful to all the willing contributors, and long may their help continue.

Looking ahead, to ensure continuity of the S&W annual programme, it is wise for any role to have at least one assistant, so **if any member has time to help on the administrative side, even just for specific events, please consider offering to get involved.**

## Harrow Weald to the rescue

*Derek Croxall, Bushey Heath*

St Peter's, Bushey Heath, is immediately opposite the park where performances in the Acoustic Festival were to take place. We were asked to ring for the event, but as our own church bell ringers are short in numbers, Harrow Weald came to the rescue!

Thanks to all who rang, especially Sonia Field for organising this.

## The Lord Mayor's Show

*Steve Jakeman*

The Lord Mayor's Show this year is on Saturday 12th November. There will be general ringing for members, friends and their families this year at St Mary-le-Bow on Cheapside. Ringing will be from rounds and call changes upwards to suit all who come. Meet at 10.45am to start at 11am. General ringing will also be arranged at an afternoon tower to be announced.

This is an opportunity not only to ring at two City churches but also, for those new to the occasion, to take part in a traditional and colourful pageant. The window at St Mary's provides an excellent viewpoint upon the procession as it passes by.

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The first Lord Mayor was elected in 1287, and the Lord Mayor's Show was originally held every year on the day of the Feast of St Simon and St Jude, which as everyone knows is 28th October, but found itself moved into November when the Gregorian calendar was adopted in 1751 and was eventually fixed for the second Saturday in November to avoid snarling *Dick Whittington 1358-1423* up the traffic on a weekday.

## Middlesex in print

Ringers from our Association feature in Tower Talk from time to time. See

[https://www.learningtheropes.org/application/files/9116/5720/6190/Tower\\_Talk\\_23.pdf](https://www.learningtheropes.org/application/files/9116/5720/6190/Tower_Talk_23.pdf)

for articles by Sonia Field, Steve Johnston, Wendy Crampton, Em Mayo and Jo Harris, together with useful links to training course websites.

## A novice at Bradfield 2022

*Aveline Pérez de Vera*

Bradfield 2022 was my first experience at a residential ringing course; four days to get to grips with Grandsire Doubles, not to mention rail strikes and no public transport to the school. What had I signed myself up for?

I needn't have worried. The course continued as it began, with efficient and well-connected organisers linking me up with kind people who offered to collect me from the nearby village where I had stranded myself the day before the strike. Having arrived at Bradfield, my first lesson was how large the school campus is. Predictably my bedroom was at the top of the building on the top of the hill, with everything else happening in the main quad buildings at the bottom of the hill – still, this was just getting the legs in shape for all those towers I would be climbing.

We were out ringing on the first evening as our tutor eased each of the five students in my group gently into the process, with seven helpers supporting our efforts. The following days saw a combination of theory lessons in our method, hands-on optional sessions (I can now short splice a rope), and lots of chances to practise our method. We rang at two towers a day (nicely interspersed with a pub lunch), and spent the evenings in social gatherings spanning a lively quiz, uplifting service in the chapel (with a scratch choir who managed to sound very professional), and hilarious striking competition on the mini-ring, where one group seemed to be attempting a quarter peal! It was a great chance to meet many ringers from across the country, and make lots of new friends.

And as for Grandsire Doubles? By the last day I was ringing touches and we even tried Grandsire Triples in one of the towers with eight bells. A resounding success! I finished with a real sense of achievement, feeling my bell-handling had improved over the course with each tower's bells having their own little quirks to which the ringer needed to learn to adapt. I heartily recommend Bradfield to any new ringers unsure of its merits – and maybe I'll see you there next year?

*Janet Betham*

Bradfield courses are very over-subscribed so don't be disappointed if you don't get in. It's not first-come first-served so you have until the deadline to apply, available next year on [www.bradfield-ringing-course.org.uk](http://www.bradfield-ringing-course.org.uk). If you go as a helper you just pay for your board and lodging and get to do the options and extras free of charge. They are always very grateful to all helpers, and it's extremely gratifying to see students make progress.

## Summer School graduate

Piers Myers

It all started five years ago almost to the day. My wife and I signed up for the first week-long London ringing summer school. Neither of us had even considered bell ringing previously and thought that it might be a fun thing to do. The school took place at St. Mary Abbots Church and St. Mary Abbots Centre in Kensington. Every day was very well organised consisting of a mix of ringing on simulators and dumb bells (we weren't trusted on the real bells at that stage), handbells, theory classes and excursions to various towers including St. Paul's which was probably the highlight of the whole week.

Everyone at the school, students, teachers and helpers, were all very friendly. During the week some of us including ourselves did so well that we were awarded level 1 of the ART bell ringing scheme. Although one of the teachers said that after two to three years we'd be like gold dust and we'd be ringing at St. Paul's, it took me another 5 years (minus the Covid years) to complete my level 5, and only now I am a 'fully experienced professional ringer' as one of our bellringing colleagues would say.

Needless to say, I still have a lot to learn and am still awaiting a call from St. Paul's (though I did feature in an episode of Have I Got News For You in a picture of our band looking somewhat gloomy to illustrate an attempt by Jo Brand to be funny).

Much of our progress has been down to having a fantastic Docklands Ringing Centre ART teacher who has dedicated so much of her time to train new ringers. I now have rung 1 peal and nearly 150 QPs, admittedly a miniscule number compared to some prolific ringers. If only I'd discovered ringing earlier in my life !

We have been on numerous bellringing outings, including the Loughborough Bell Foundry; it was absolutely fascinating to see how the bells are cast.

The best things about ringing for me ? The wonderful people you get to meet and ring with (including some of ringing crème-de-la-crème who are happy to spare their time to ring with us, even Bob Doubles). Big bells – being able to ring the 48 cwt (2.4 ton) tenor at Southwark Cathedral was one of the best Christmas presents ever. The history of the churches and their bells some dating back to the 15th century – which other historical figures have heard them ringing too?. The mathematical complexity and elegance of how method ringing works. There are so many methods and their variations to attempt to ring to last us multiple lifetimes, we are just scratching the surface and will never run out of new things to keep us busy.

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## Grandsire training

Chris Weavers

The morning of Saturday 28 August saw the latest instalment in the North and East District's training programme – a session on Grandsire Doubles, led by Edmund Wratten, who also generously led two theory sessions in the preceding week.

Edmund, the eager trainees and invaluable 'helpers' met at St Mary Magdalene Church, Holloway. The ring of eight was cast by John Warner and Son at their Spitalfields foundry in 1875, a "maiden" ring, having never been re-tuned or altered in any way.

The focus was mainly on moving into or building confidence in ringing touches. Everyone progressed over the course of the two and a half hour session and will now return to their home towers to consolidate what they learnt. With thanks as ever to the training team and their helpers!

## And finally....

Aspiring bob callers !

Go to Richmond and study this peal board:-



*January 28th 1816  
Was rung on these Bells  
A Complete Peal of Real  
Double Eight In 5040  
Changes with two bobs  
In a Lead, as many 7ths  
as 2nds, and as many 5ths  
as 4ths, with bobs behind  
and before Alternately  
In 3 Hours 6 minutes.*

**The London Bell Ringers' Advent Service Tuesday 29 November 2022**  
**St John's Church, Waterloo Road**

*Bridget Campbell*

The London Bell Ringers' Advent Service is to resume this year and all ringers, their families and friends, are welcome. (The last Bell Ringers' Advent Service took place in 2019 and an electronic version was made for 2020, and it was available for viewing again in 2021.)

This is a lovely event for ringers across the two Districts and beyond to get together to ring, attend a service run by ringers for ringers, and to join in the social afterwards. Gregory Rose is the Music Director again with a choir of ringers and local singers, Norman Harper is the organist, with service touches by a band from the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Many thanks to Trisha Shannon for arranging for the service to take place at St John's Church, Waterloo Road, with Fr Giles leading the service. Please save the date!

**London Bell Ringers' Advent Carol Service**

**Tuesday 29 November 2022**

**7.30pm**

**St John's Church, 73 Waterloo Rd, London SE1 8TY**

General ringing from **6.30pm** with service touches before and after the service

A get together will be held afterwards in an upstairs room of  
The Duke of Sussex, 23 Baylis Rd, London SE1 7AY



**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday 29 November 2022**  
Families and friends welcome



## CALENDAR – AUTUMN 2022

Date	Distr	Event	Location	Time
Changes and more details are sent via email to the Middlesex Association email list nearer the date of each event. Send an email to <a href="mailto:mcaldg+subscribe@googlegroups.com">mcaldg+subscribe@googlegroups.com</a> to be put on the list if not on it already.				
Date		Topic	Location	Time
Thu 1st Sept	S&W	8 bell practice	Hanwell	8:00 – 9:30pm
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	CCCBR	CCCBR Roadshow 2022	Nottingham Uni NG11 8NS	10:00-5:pm
Wed 7th Sept	N&E	Minor methods practice	Southgate	7:30 – 9pm
Thur 8th Sept	N&E	Maio <b>r</b> practice (and tower band practice)	Upper Street, Islington	7 – 9pm
Fri 9th Sept	MCA	Association 12 bell method practice	St Magnus the Martyr	6:30 – 8:30pm
Sat 10th Sept	N&E	Open House, Bellringing talk, demo, cakes	St Botolph's Aldgate	All day
Sat 10th Sept	S&W	District outing ( Henley, Sonning, Shiplake,	Hughenden )	All day
Sun 11th Sept	N&E	10 bell method practice	Hackney	2-4pm
Tue 13th Sept	S&W	Daytime practice	Isleworth	2:00 – 3:30pm
Tue 13th Sept	S&W	6 bell practice	Norwood Green	8:00 – 9:15pm
Fri 16th Sept	S&W	Surprise Major practice	Harlington	7.45-9.15pm
Sat 17th Sept	N&E	Learners' Outing	Hertford	All day
Wed 21st Sept	N&E	Daytime general practice	Barnet or Wood Green TBC	10-12 noon
Fri 23rd Sept	S&W	10 bell practice	Twickenham	7.45-9.15pm
Sat 24th Sept	N&E	Training	TBA	10:00-1:00 pm
Sat 1st Oct	MCA	Janets' Jaunt	TBA	All day
Wed 5th Oct	N&E	Minor Methods practice	Southgate	7:30 – 9pm
Thu 6th Oct	S&W	8 bell practice	Hanwell	8-9.30pm
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	MCA	Association 12 bell method practice	St Magnus the Martyr	6:30 – 8:30pm
<b>Sat 8th Oct</b>	<b>MCA</b>	<b>Autumn GM &amp; striking competition</b>	<b>Isle of Dogs</b>	<b>10:30-3:30pm</b>
Sun 9th Oct	N&E	10 bell method practice	Southgate	2-4pm
Tue 11th Oct	S&W	Daytime practice	Isleworth	2:00 – 3:30pm
Tue 11th Oct	S&W	6 bell practice	Norwood Green	8.00-9.15pm
Thur 13th Oct	N&E	Major practice (and tower band practice)	Upper Street, Islington	7 – 9pm
Fri 14th Oct	MCA	Association 12 bell method practice	St Magnus the Martvr	6:30 – 8:30pm
Wed 19th Oct	N&E	Daytime general practice	Barnet or Wood Green TBC	10-12 noon
Fri 21st Oct	S&W	Surprise Major practice	Harlington	7.45-9.15pm
Sat 22nd Oct	N&E	Training	TBA	10:00-1:00 pm
Fri 28th Oct	S&W	10 bell practice	Harrow on the Hill	7.45-9.15pm
Sat 29th Oct	S&W	Quarter peal week starts	All towers	Various
Wed 2nd Nov	N&E	Minor Methods practice	Southgate TBC	7:30 – 9pm
Thu 3rd Nov	S&W	8 bell practice	Hanwell	8-9.30pm
Sat 5th Nov	S&W	Quarter peal week ends. Social	All towers	Various
Tue 8th Nov	S&W	Daytime practice	Isleworth	2:00 – 3:30pm
Tue 8th Nov	S&W	6 bell practice	Norwood Green	8.00-9.15pm
Thu 10th Nov	N&E	Major practice (and tower band practice)	Upper Street, Islington	7.00–9pm
Fri 11th Nov	MCA	Association 12 bell method practice	St Magnus the Martvr	6:30 – 8:30pm
<b>Sat 12th Nov</b>	<b>MCA</b>	<b>Lord Mayors Show</b>	<b>St Mary le Bow, Cheapside</b>	<b>09:30 -14:00</b>
Sun 13th Nov	N&E	10 bell method practice	Limehouse	2-4pm
Wed 16th Nov	N&E	Daytime general practice	TBA	10-12 noon
Fri 18th Nov	S&W	Surprise Major practice	Harlington	7.45-9.15pm
Sat 19th Nov	N&E	General ringing TBA	TBA	2:00-5:00pm
Fri 25th Nov	S&W	10 bell practice	Hillingdon	7.45-9.15pm
Sat 26th Nov	N&E	Training	TBA	10:00-1:00 pm
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	MCA	The London Bell Ringers' Advent Service	St John, Waterloo Road	6:30 – 8:30pm
Wed 7th Sep	N&E	Minor Methods practice	TBA	7:30 – 9pm

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