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## Peals and Membership

*Jill Wigney, MembSecretary@bellringing.london*

It is good to see the number of peals being rung for the Association gradually increasing as things get back to normal after lockdown. We are approaching the 8000th peal to be rung for the Association

It is particularly pleasing to see new peal organisers coming along. I thought it might be helpful to remind all peal organisers that every member of the peal band should be a member of the Association, either Ordinary or Associate (anyone who has paid membership for one year is an Associate member for life). The relevant rules are in the Annual Report under Rule 7 (page 50 in the 2021-22 Report).

If a member of the band is not yet a member of the Association, they can be elected prior to the peal (Rule 2.2.1) and then ratified at a District or Association meeting. In practice, the election is not held formally before the peal, but is deemed to have happened if the peal is successful. The organiser should then arrange for the joining fee to be paid (currently £10), and for the election to be notified to their District Secretary or the Membership Secretary (currently me) to arrange for ratification. As a minimum, an email address for the new member should be provided so that they may receive Bell News and the Annual Report - although ideally the new member should complete a membership application form.

A membership application form can be downloaded from the web site. May I also remind tower captains that this form should be completed by all prospective members being put forward for election please. New member welcome packs are only sent out to those who have completed this form.

## Ring for the King's coronation - 8,000 additional ringers needed nationwide

*Lucy Chandhial*



The Central Council has started a publicity drive with the ambitious objective to have a ringer for every ringable bell (in a tower with five or more bells). They estimate that we currently have 30,000 ringers for 38,000 bells. This means recruiting and training one new ringer for every four current ringers!

Think about what that would mean for your tower, do you have a ringer for every bell on your average Sunday? Were you able to ring every bell for the Queen's funeral?

Even in 2019 only 42 of the 66 towers with regular Sunday ringing expected to ring every or 'most' Sundays, the rest rang only on selected Sundays (and another 29 towers rang only 'by arrangement'). For the lucky, every week towers, not all would expect to have a ringer for every bell. Since 2019 we know that numbers have dropped further and more towers ring less often and / or with fewer ringers. With Ring for the King as a 'once in a lifetime' promotional opportunity to find more ringers and reach the aim of one ringer per bell what will we need to do as an Association to support interested towers in reaching this goal?

The national publicity will bring more enquiries from potential learners and we need to be ready to offer introduction sessions and handling training for those who want to learn to ring. If you would like to learn to teach handling take a look at the ART website (<http://ringingteachers.org/get-involved/courses>) and / or talk to an Association or District Officer for local support. If you would like to promote learning to ring locally you can make use of the Ring for the King logo and some PR advice from here: <https://ccbr.org.uk/bellringing/ring-for-the-king/>

If you have ideas, and especially if you would be willing to get involved in promoting learning to ring and handling training for learners within the Middlesex Association, please talk to an Association or District Officer as the more volunteers we have the easier it will be to build a complete band of ringers for every active tower.

## Opportunities to learn – North London

*Sonia Field*

eKenton has now made a full transition from the online training that ran during the lockdowns, to in-person training using a monthly circuit of four towers. We cater for totally new recruits through to early method ringers, using the ART Learning the Ropes scheme as a teaching framework. A number of more experienced ringers join us, thus increasing development opportunities.

We have recently had a flurry of Quarter Peals that have ticked progress boxes: post-lockdown revision, consolidation, and several firsts. A really pleasing sign of progress is that several members now feel confident enough with their ringing to attend District events – training and outings – which they have thoroughly enjoyed. Our collegiate approach means that we are able to provide ringing at a number of local church events that would otherwise be ‘silent’; and this is appreciated by the church communities.

Of course, it helps that some of our team are excellent at baking. Homemade cakes are a sure way of gaining the support of a vicar or two! The monthly schedule is:

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| First Monday of the month:     | 7.00-8.30 pm |
| St Margaret, Edgware           |              |
| Second Wednesday of the month: | 7.30-9.15 pm |
| St Peter, Bushey Heath         |              |
| Third Sunday of the month:     | 4.00-6.00 pm |
| All Saints, Harrow Weald       |              |
| Fourth Wednesday of the month: | 2.00-4.00 pm |
| St Martin, Ruislip             |              |

Learners from both S&W and N&E are welcome, but please contact Sonia on [sonia.field@hotmail.com](mailto:sonia.field@hotmail.com) if you wish to attend any of these sessions as timings are occasionally subject to change.

## What can be achieved...

*Louise Dixon, Tower Captain, Isleworth*

Five of us managed to band together to ring at Isleworth for HM Queen Elizabeth. One ringer, who sadly hasn't rung for a few years and was not confident, rang fairly well; Louis Plant, a youngster whom I have been training was just able to ring on his own, again lacking full confidence. Two other ringers were old hands but only up to Plain Hunting.

Eventually we managed to ring Rounds, passably! We rang until Louis got tired, but he was so happy that he'd managed to ring after queuing hours the day before for the vigil at Westminster Hall. His reward is that he is now worthy to ring on Sundays! Our reward that his mother made us tea and cake !

*Araminta Huitson*

Araminta started to learn with Tom Lawrance in January, and rang her first QP inside at St Vedast on 12th November. Congratulations !

**What do I love about learning to ring? I must confess, it's complaining!**

**And hearing the kettle bubble and steam, and Phil at the pot with a nice cup of tea.**

**I'm frustrated and scared by my out-of-control bell, Tom finds it entertaining!**

**What do I love about learning to ring? I must confess, it's complaining!**

**Some urgent advice is hurled my way - it's gone wrong, Tom is explaining.**

**I know, I know, I heard you before, it's the skill with my hands that fails me...**

**What do I love about learning to ring? I must confess, it's complaining!**

**And hearing the kettle bubble and steam, and Phil at the pot with a nice cup of tea.**

*Jean Power, Harrow Weald*

Up to May this year I had no knowledge about bell-ringing, and certainly no idea I would ever do it. Then a meet-up with a bell-ringing friend changed all of that. He was going to be ringing near me so I went along thinking I might get a chance to listen... but before I knew it I was in the bell-tower and there was a spark.

It's been an up-and-down path as a combination of cognitive issues have led to me finding it harder to learn new things, and a big loss of confidence in my mental and physical ability. But the combination of lots of lessons, and everyone being supportive and non-judgmental as I've plodded along, kept me coming back. The tears, frustration, and resolutions to quit have been kept to my poor husband who has had to learn far more about bell-ringing than he ever meant to so he could help me!

Covid stopped me in my tracks for 5 weeks but then I had multiple lessons and my ability has leapt up. I've been solo-handling, ringing up and down unaided, changing speed and many other things that just a week before I couldn't imagine ever being able to do.

I still can't comprehend how I'll make the leap to ringing with others, and ringing call changes etc, but who knows where I'll be in the next 4 months...

## Inter-district striking competition

The inter-district striking competition was due to take place on 8th October at the Isle of Dogs, but regrettably had to be cancelled because of a train strike and other issues. Next year's competitions are expected to resume on the usual timetable.

## Frank Blagrove 1934-2022

Frank Blagrove, Master of our Association 1978-96, and President 1996-1999, died on 11th October. His funeral took place at Windsor St John the Baptist, where Frank had rung for several decades, on 14th November.

Following a service attended by many ringers, a quarter peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by the current Association Master, and with



two former Masters (and Presidents) in the band. A Middlesex Association peal at Windsor St John in memory of Frank, who rang 584 peals there, is planned for early in the New Year.

An obituary of Frank is being compiled for 'The Ringing World' by Stephen Mitchell, at

the Editor's request. This will pay tribute to Frank's dedicated service to local ringing and to the Middlesex Association as Secretary 1969-1978, Master, President, and Vice President from 1999. It will also highlight his wider contributions, particularly to the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths and the Central Council (of which he was a longstanding member).

Frank rang 1,744 peals, including more tower bell peals (1057) for the Association than anyone in history. He also committed time and attention to ringing at all levels, including being a member of the band at The Curfew Tower at Windsor Castle, where he rang six peals.

On a personal note, our General Secretary Linda Georgiades has happy memories of Frank supporting ringing at Norwood Green, and in December 1979 conducting a peal of Plain Bob Minor there, her first inside, with her mother Valerie and Frank's wife Monica in the band.

Many other Middlesex members will have similar memories of enjoyable ringing with Frank, who strove to achieve high standards in his own ringing and encouraged everyone he rang with to do so as well.

## Sybil Priestnall 1929-2022



Sybil died on 3rd October 2022 aged 93. She was definitely a character in All Saints Fulham's Tower Band. Hailing originally from Leicestershire, she settled in the White City end of Hammersmith and was for many years a highly respected member of the nursing profession, including time as a theatre nurse.

In 2004 the then new Vicar of All Saints, Joe Hawes, invited Eddie Hartley to form a band. Sybil despite her 75 years and diminutive stature was among the first to volunteer. She set to with enthusiasm to learn both at Fulham and Barnes, plus other towers in the West End and City, but her independent spirit ensured she developed her own style of ringing.

Sybil was also an enthusiastic participant in the Band's social life, never short of conversation, and also extremely generous in her support; few will forget Sybil's annual birthday dinners at the Durbar restaurant in Notting Hill, where she always paid for everyone's dessert and champagne.

Despite advancing years, Sybil remained a staunch member of the Fulham Band. She rang for services, weddings and other special occasions - including at least one quarter peal - until a stroke soon after she turned 90 put an end to her ringing.

Moreover, she made an extremely generous donation to All Saints Tower funds in recognition of her 15 years ringing with us. Sybil Priestnall's funeral is at St Ethelreda's on 1st December, but All Saints bells will ring to honour her as her coffin passes through our churchyard. Sybil will be much missed, but certainly not forgotten.

*Mike Dudgeon*

## Lord Mayor's Show

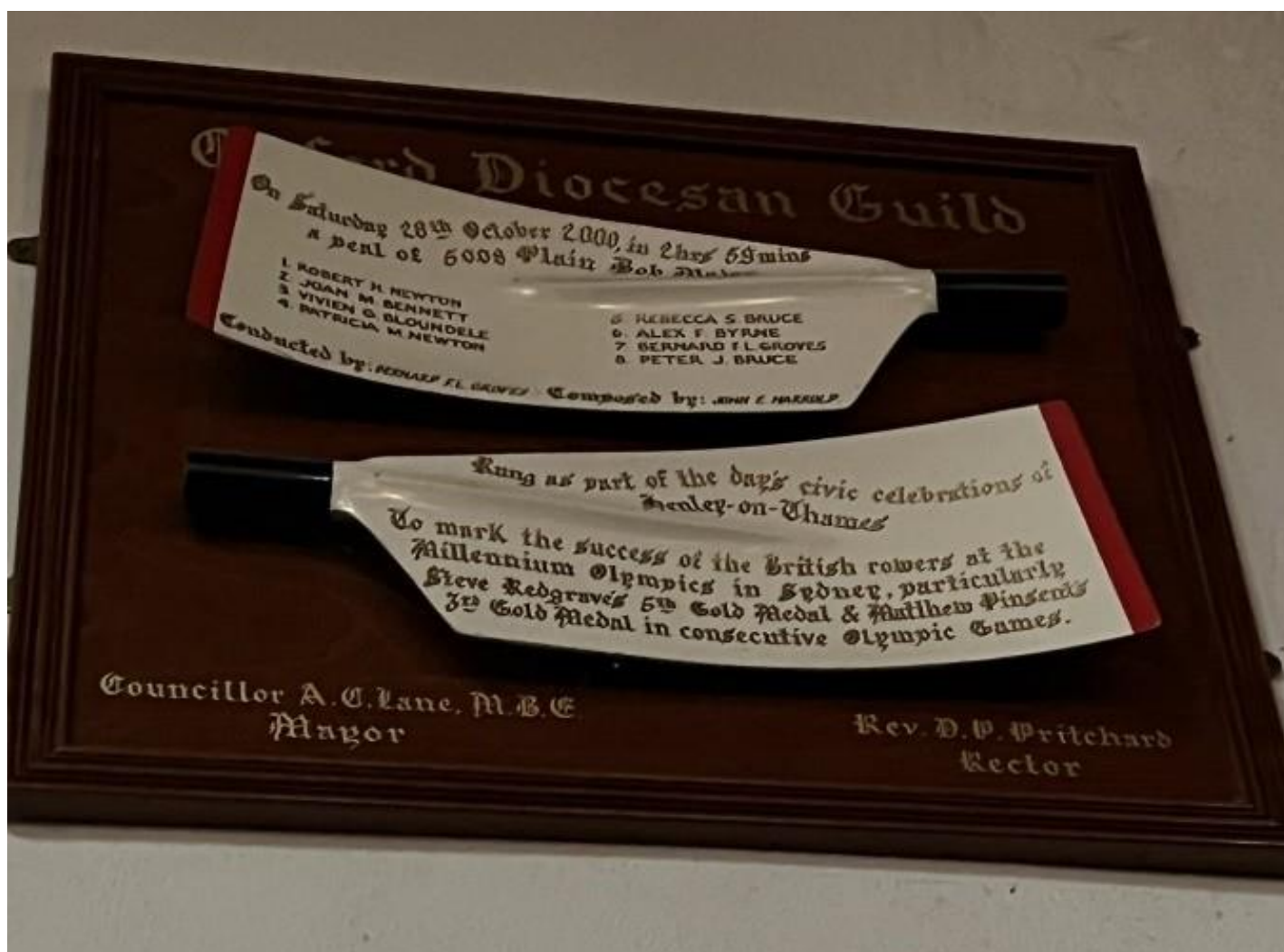
*Stephen Mitchell*

What was probably a record attendance of over 40 people turned up to ring for the Lord Mayor's Show at St Mary le Bow on the morning of 12th November, with Steve Jakeman and Mike Palmer somehow managing to keep clear enough heads to run the ringing, not least through the mayhem going on in Cheapside! Some people there had never rung Bow bells before. Well done everyone.

Thanks particularly to Steve and Mike, but also to Dave Bassford and Geraldine Forster for giving their considerable 12 bell experience to two Middlesex ringing events in the City, about 14 hours apart! In return for fulfilling this fixture, I anticipate that the Association will receive a significant financial contribution to our Bell Restoration Fund.

## S&W District Outing - and an unusual peal board

number of the visitors and took time for a catch up between rings. The bells were installed in 2010 and



### **Bridget Campbell, S&W District Secretary**

The S&W District Outing booked for Saturday 10th September had to be moved to 5th November due to the Queen's death and the accession of King Charles III.

We met for a 10am start at St Mary V, Henley, with its impressive position and tower overlooking the Thames, near to where the Henley regatta races end. We received a warm welcome from Norman Topsom MBE who was familiar with some of our ringers, and the day's ringing was soon underway with Geoff Riglar hosting. Those not ringing had time to look around Henley and take a walk by the river and over the bridge, whilst listening to our ringing. Or maybe they looked for the memorial stone to Dusty Springfield in the graveyard. The tower's link to rowing was evident in this unusual peal board, commemorating Millennium Olympic Rowing success.

Our next stop was SS Peter & Paul, Shiplake, where the bells are a ground floor ring and used for training. Bob Partridge welcomed us and again he knew a

everyone enjoyed ringing them; very different perhaps from the 5 bells rung at the time of Alfred, Lord Tennyson's wedding there in 1850.

On our leaving the church the rain fell heavily but it was not far to The Crown at Playhatch which proved a popular choice and they accommodated us very well.



The third tower, St Andrew's Sonning, with another picturesque setting on the Thames, was arranged with Pam Elliston. The ringing was now taking a particular pattern, ranging from Rounds and Call changes through touches of Grandsire Triples and plain courses of Plain Bob Major, with ringers gaining more confidence in their ringing.

The fourth tower, arranged with David Cornwall, was on the way home for most ringers. St Michael and All Angels Church is set in the grounds of Hughenden Manor, the home of Disraeli, whose family grave is in the churchyard. Andrew Ottaway, our host at Hughenden, joined the day's outing, meeting old friends, and giving valued support at each tower.

During the day thirty adults and two children joined the outing, where twenty two adults rang at all towers and five joined at various towers. Three non-ringers and two children enjoyed the social side of the day, and it was an occasion for many reconnections between ringers who have moved locations over the years. It was an opportunity to ring at other towers with manageable bells and to practise a wider range of ringing on eight bells than available at their individual towers.

Thanks to Mike Palmer, S&W District Ringing Master, for running the ringing at each tower and to all those who supported the day making it a fun, enjoyable time for all. Now I have to think of where to visit next year.

## N&E outing

Janet Drake, N&E District Chair

The N&E outing on the 19th November took us to the Thames in the south of the Association to Fulham, All



Saints and Chelsea Old Church. Ringers came from across the District and we had an enjoyable afternoon ringing rounds and call

*Chelsea Old Church, 10cwt 8*

changes to Royal and Major Surprise to suit all comers.

Most of us hadn't rung in either tower for a number of years, or not at all, and we appreciated the opportunity to visit these interesting churches and try their tuneful bells. Many of the ringers had been ringing elsewhere in the morning and/or at lunch-time, and I for one had run out of steam by the end of the afternoon and was much relieved at finding a local pub in Chelsea for a drink - tea or alcohol - to sit with friendly ringers and chat.

A very enjoyable afternoon. Our thanks to Lucy Chandhial for organising it.

## Tuning up handbells

Sonia Field

Most tower bell ringers know at least *something* about handbell ringing even if it isn't something that they do themselves. But I bet that they think of change ringing, plain hunt, or perhaps for the fancy ringers some spliced surprise major. How many of you have tried tune ringing on handbells?

I have been a member of the Harrow-on-the-Hill tune handbell ringing band for far longer than I have rung on tower bells. We have 8 active members and 49 Whitechapel handbells (four octaves) which are set to strike only one way, unlike change ringing bells which strike both ways. We wear gloves to protect the bells and hold them slightly differently from the change ringer hold. I found that very confusing when I first tried out the latter!

We play from music scores – and colour up the parts for each desk, to enable those who are not proficient at reading music to be included. It's helpful to be able to count a beat though! Some of us can play four in hand on the smaller bells; excellent Brain Gym!

We have a wide range of music, much of it scored specifically for our band, although some is 'off the shelf', so we can put together programmes suitable for different tastes and ages.



On 4th November we entertained members of a local Catholic church with a selection of tunes such as: 'The Bells of St Mary's, Messing About on the River, Oh Dear What can the Matter Be, and Over the Rainbow. Then we run a have-a-go workshop (using coloured up number scores to support inclusion) which is always entertaining and well received.

Our performances raise a lot of money for local charities throughout the year and bring pleasure to many. Next week we'll start rehearsing for the Christmas gigs.

## Harlington Re-Dedication

*Stephen Jakeman, Bell Restoration Officer*



Sunday 27th November saw a much looked forward to event, namely the Re-Dedication service of the restored bells at St Peter and St Paul Harlington. Over 40 people including many of those who had raised funds and provided voluntary labour heard the Revd. Mike Talbot tell of his bell experiences at the four parishes he had passed through. We then witnessed Mike Palmer being made 'Tower Foreman'.

*Mike Palmer, Tower Foreman*

This was followed by refreshments and an excellent spread prepared by Jan Morgan and Julia Gilbert.

This project has been more challenging than most and space here precludes the full story. Starting out in 2015 with a simple refurbishment objective (clappers, pulleys, bearings etc), fate seemed to conspire against us. With the normal hurdles of fund raising and obtaining Faculty passed, we were overtaken by the unexpected cracking of the 7th during removal of the cast in staple remains. As it turned out this was an existing fault and arguably a blessing in disguise as the bell would have eventually failed probably while being rung!

The project then moved in a new direction – the 7th was welded and the 5th (also found to be badly cracked across the crown), was replaced with generous assistance from the Keltek Bell Trust. The bells were removed to Nicholson's works and returned in June 2019.

However, the anticipated improvements in the go did not materialise and investigation revealed that the frame foundations were loose. So more fund raising, quotations, faculty extension, contracts placed etc. With covid passed, work recommenced this year and in August we had a successful test ring.

There is no doubt that without grants from the BRF (£11,500) and support of the BRC (supply of experienced voluntary labour alone saving around £6k) this project would not have happened. The bells are now ready for many years' service and provide a valuable base for the S&W District's surprise major ringing.

Dorothy Barker who initially led the project until her passing in 2019 would be very pleased with the eventual outcome having overcome the many obstacles. A quarter peal was rung after the proceedings called by Mike.

## Muffles and muffling

Leather muffles with Velcro strapping of the type sold by Big Wilf are not cheap, and many towers do not have a full set of primary and secondary muffles. After all we'd hope that the formal occasions when fully muffled bells are wanted are rare.

Most recently the towers that rang peals on the occasion of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II tended to ring fully muffled with the tenor open on backstroke, thus requiring a full set of primary muffles and one fewer secondaries.

However there may be occasions when it is desirable to muffle all the bells, for example to avoid inconvenience to neighbours. Rather than go to the expense of procuring leather muffles, Wendy Crampton designed and, with a friend, made ad hoc muffles from old jeans.

*Wendy Crampton, Bushey*

Each fluffle needs 3 layers of denim. I made each sheet 20"x15" and then sewed 3 together. These dimensions were used as a bag so that one size fits all. We started working with a sewing machine using a denim needle. The job soon proved too big for the toughest of sewing machines and we had to secure the three layers together by hand.



As you can see, the final product is rather crude. The sewing machines couldn't cope so we used cable ties to close up the bottoms to make sure the ball of the clapper was fully covered and nothing slipped. The bags are pushed up over the clapper as if putting a bottle of wine in a bottle bag and another cable tie or two is put round the top above the clapper.

When I took the fluffle off the bell after practice, the damage to the fabric was almost unidentifiable. We had previously tested various other fabrics that were just destroyed within a few blows. With sustained ringing fluffles might need some patching up. They are not designed for longevity, just a short-term stop gap.

These took two of us 5 hours to make.

### *Bell News R&D department*

Further evaluation of fluffles shows that their effectiveness depends on the weight of the bell concerned. Three layers of denim may be enough for a light bell of 3 cwt or less, but for anything heavier six are required. It is also necessary to ensure that at hand and back the clapper is striking on the thick side seam of each layer of jeans, arranged so that there are three seams to cushion each of hand and back.

It is not really necessary to tie the fluffle below the clapper provided that the cable tie above the ball is securely fixed. Care needs to be taken that the fluffle does not protrude below the end of the clapper where otherwise it may foul the slider.

## **Janets' Jaunt – The Dedicated Dozen**

*Genevieve Algie, Holloway*

On Saturday, 1st October, a group of determined and optimistic ringers congregated at Liverpool Street station, braving potential dire weather warnings and train strikes, to join Janets' Jaunt autumn outing. We ventured to Erith via the Elizabeth line to Abbey Wood and managed to get to our first tower of Christ Church (8



bells) on time. A beautiful church, with amazing internal wall murals dating to 1874, it was built to support the growing affluent population of the town with the tower being added in 1915. After an hour of ringing we had all warmed up, woken up and were ready for a wander with an added gift of sunshine (and not torrential rain).

Walking alongside the Thames pathway we walked through the Erith Saltings on Crayford Marsh, which is one of the last saltmarshes of the inner London Thames estuary. We took in the views of the Thames and farmland complete with cows, before veering off to follow the rivers of the Darent and the Cray on our way to Crayford. Being short of places to eat en-route, we opted for a picnic and found a delightful spot by the river - sheltered, sunny and peaceful. We resumed our walk, with some of us sampling the blackberry hedges by the path (ranging from very sweet to sour), and ended up at a greasy spoon in Crayford, whose owners kindly stayed open for us to rest our weary feet and have a hot drink after our 6-mile walk, before heading to our final destination of St Paulinus, Crayford (8 bells).

St Paulinus, a grade II listed church sits on Crayford hill with parts dating back to 1100AD and records of an

even more ancient church pre-dating the current one. Among the St Paulinus' bell boards some document the remarkable feat of a past ringer, who rang his first peal before the age of 10 and conducted his first peal in his early teens!

We ended up at the appropriately named pub, The One Bell, relaxing in their beer garden, enjoying the autumnal sunshine before heading back to Abbey Wood and getting the Elizabeth line back to London. The day was also punctuated by short bursts of handbell ringing while we picnicked, drank in the pub and on the Elizabeth Line - and no-one complained...

*Illustration removed*

*Jump for it! They're ringing a peal in there !*

Thanks to the Janets for organising the jaunt, which raised £58 for the BRF. Now we have to wait until the spring for the next one!

## **N&E Learners' outing**

*David Brett*

After Open House in Enfield on Saturday 17th September, my sons and I dashed hot-foot over to Hertford to join a very good number of ringers on the N&E learners outing. We'd missed what we later heard were a "glorious six" at St Mary's in Hertingfordbury, but joined them at nearby St Andrew's to ring on a delightful set of eight.

Lunch at a local pub provided sustenance enough to tackle the rather more challenging and heavier set of ten at All Saints. We had a fantastic time with an excellent company of ringers.

Our grateful thanks to Lucy Chandhial for organising the trip and to all those who invited and enabled us to ring at their home towers. A great day out for all.

## **And finally...**

*Charles Dickens*

When Scrooge wakes on Christmas Day he hears:  
“” the churches ringing out the lustiest peals he had ever heard. Clash, clang, hammer; ding, dong, bell. Bell, dong, ding; hammer, clang, clash! ”

*Surely not service ringing ?*

# CALENDAR

## December 2022 – February 2023

### S&W District

The 2023 calendar for S&W is to be planned at the meeting on 3rd December. Full information is not available for this issue of Bell News, but will be circulated by email in due course.

### Email updates

Changes and more details are sent via email to the Middlesex Association email list nearer the date of each event. Send an email to [mcaldg+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:mcaldg+subscribe@googlegroups.com) to be put on the list if not on it already.

| Date                 | Day   | Distr | Topic   | Location                   | Time          |
|----------------------|-------|-------|---|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1st Dec              | Thurs | S&W   | 8 bell practice                                     | St Mary, Hanwell           | 8:00-9:30pm   |
| 3rd Dec              | Sat   | S&W   | <b>District planning meeting</b> and ringing        | St John, Hillingdon        | 10:30am-noon  |
| 7th Dec              | Wed   | N&E   | Minor methods practice                              | Southgate                  | 7:30 – 9pm    |
| 8th Dec              | Thurs | N&E   | Major methods practice                              | St George in the East      | 7:30 – 9pm    |
| 9th Dec              | Fri   | MCA   | Association 12 bell method practice                 | St Magnus the Martyr       | 6:30 – 8:30pm |
| 10th Dec             | Sat   | S&W   | Second Saturday practice                            | Uxbridge St Mary           | 10:30-noon    |
| 11th Dec             | Sun   | N&E   | 10 bell method practice                             | Hackney                    | 2:00-4:00pm   |
| 13th Dec             | Tues  | S&W   | Daytime practice – all welcome                      | Isleworth                  | 10:30am-noon  |
| 13th Dec             | Tues  | S&W   | 6 bell practice                                     | Norwood Green              | 8.00-9.15pm   |
| 16th Dec             | Fri   | S&W   | Surprise Major practice                             | Harlington                 | 7.45-9.15pm   |
| 17th Dec             | Sat   | MCA   | Association Christmas ringing                       | St Clement Danes           | 3:00-4:30pm   |
| 23rd Dec             | Fri   | N&E   | 10 bell practice is not taking place                | N/A                        | N/A           |
| 28th Dec             | Wed   | N&E   | Daytime general practice/ Christmas lunch           | TBC                        | TBC           |
| 30th Dec             | Fri   | N&E   | Surprise Major practice                             | TBA                        | 7:00-8:30 pm  |
| 4th Jan              | Wed   | N&E   | Minor Methods practice                              | Southgate                  | 7:30 – 9pm    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | Sat   | S&W   | <b>Annual District meeting</b> – details to follow  | Christ the Saviour, Ealing | TBC           |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Tues  | S&W   | Daytime practice – all welcome                      | Isleworth                  | 10:30am-noon  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Tues  | S&W   | 6 bell practice                                     | Norwood Green              | 8.00-9.15pm   |
| 12th Jan             | Thurs | N&E   | Major methods then tower band practice              | St Mary, Islington         | 7:00-9:00pm   |
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| 14th Jan             | Sat   | S&W   | Second Saturday practice                            | Uxbridge St Mary           | 10:30-noon    |
| 15th Jan             | Sun   | N&E   | 10 bell method practice                             | Limehouse                  | 2:00-4:00pm   |
| 18th Jan             | Wed   | N&E   | Daytime general practice                            | TBA                        | 10:00-noon    |
| 21st Jan             | Sat   | N&E   | <b>District planning meeting</b> & ringing          | Enfield St Andrew & St     | 2:00-5:00pm   |
| 27th Jan             | Fri   | S&W   | Surprise Major practice                             | Harlington TBC             | 7.45-9.15pm   |
| 27th Jan             | Fri   | N&E   | Surprise Major practice                             | TBA                        | 7:00-8:30pm   |
| 28th Jan             | Sat   | N&E   | Training  | TBA                        | morning       |
| 1st Feb              | Wed   | N&E   | Minor methods practice                              | St Mary, Holloway          | 7:30-9:00pm   |
| 9th Feb              | Thurs | N&E   | Major methods then tower band practice              | St Mary, Islington         | 7 – 9pm       |
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| 14th Feb             | Tues  | S&W   | 6 bell practice                                     | Norwood Green              | 8.00-9.15pm   |
| 15th Feb             | Wed   | N&E   | Daytime general practice - TBC                      | TBA                        | 10-12 noon    |
| 18th Feb             | Sat   | N&E   | <b>Annual District meeting, lunch &amp; ringing</b> | St Matthew, Bethnal        | 1:00-4:00pm   |
| 17th Feb             | Fri   | S&W   | Surprise Major practice                             | Harlington TBC             | 7.45-9.15pm   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Fri   | N&E   | Surprise Major practice                             | TBA                        | 7:00-8:30pm   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Sat   | N&E   | Basic Conducting Training                           | TBA                        | Morning       |
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