



Issue 114

www.bellringing.london

June 2023

## The Coronation

Members across London enthusiastically took every opportunity to ring for the Coronation on May 6th. While the Westminster Abbey Company of Ringers rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal as the royal party left the Abbey (<https://twitter.com/wabbey/status/1654848421126176772?lang=en-GB> –copy& paste, & turn the sound up ), many towers logged straightforward rounds and call changes on Bellboard as learners were given the opportunity to ring on this historic occasion.

At **St James, Garlickhythe** the Royal Jubilee Ringers rang a QP of Plain Bob Doubles as an apéritif to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major the next day. At **St Mary Abbots, Kensington** Stephanie Pattenden conducted the Guild band in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal; one can only hope that no grumpy poets were listening (*And finally, Bell News 110.*)

### *Stephanie Pattenden*

On 17th September 2022 we rang a peal at **St Barnabas, Pimlico** in memoriam H M Queen Elizabeth II, but before that no peal had been rung at that tower for nearly 120 years. There was much anxiety as to whether this would prompt huge numbers of complaints as the bells are very loud. That proved not to be the case and there were many more comments of support than there were complaints.

When another peal attempt for the Coronation was suggested to the vicar he was delighted and said yes without hesitation! The 2022 attempt had been fully muffled, with an open tenor backstroke, so we decided to do what we could to put up some temporary sound proofing for the Coronation peal. And then there was the matter of choosing a suitable band.

Since 2009 a lot of people have helped with tower work, occasional practices and service ringing so the task was not easy. We had decided to play safe with the 2022 peal and rang a very respectable peal of Grandsire Caters. So for the next peal it was thought that it would be worth trying for Cambridge Surprise Royal. This time there were positive and negative comments from neighbours but the former outweighed the latter so the vicar was happy. And the modest reduction in volume was noted and appreciated by more than one neighbour!

### *Louise Booth*

When Stephanie invited me to ring in the **St Barnabas** peal, I knew this was a once in a lifetime opportunity, although I had a certain amount of trepidation as to whether I was up to the challenge of the bells. They are certainly improved compared to when I first rang there but they still have their quirks.

By the end I had accustomed myself to not looking at the back bells at all so that I would not be thrown sideways by their odd-struckness, and that meant I missed all the smiles of encouragement from Andrew Mills on the tenor. Richard Pullin conducted with his usual preciseness and unflappable style, deciding at the last minute to swap bells with me as the ropes were better suited to our heights. I was in awe of his ability to have the composition so firm that he could call from another bell without a moment's hesitation.

There were only a few trips which were soon quashed, and overall we were pleased with the quality of ringing. As is customary, there was much post-peal celebration in the pub including comparisons of blisters incurred from a

*Illustration removed*

weekend of Coronation ringing.

*Did 4 miss a dodge there ?*

## The Association

Across Middlesex four other peals were rung for the Association, together with eight QPs in various methods. However, what was really encouraging was the number of towers ringing rounds and call changes with early-stage ringers, many recruited through Ring for the King. Here are some snapshots of the ringing performed by towers across the Association and by individuals. Obviously baking and patisserie played an important supporting part in many towers. A fine example from Pinner is shown below, confirming the long-standing symbiosis of ringing and cake.

At **St John the Baptist, Pinner** Sue Ellis reports that the ringers in the Pinner tower had a busy weekend celebrating the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla with rounds, call changes and firing. On Friday evening prior to the Coronation they rang before a Vigil Service in church. On Saturday the church bells again rang out immediately before the service in Westminster Abbey culminating in firing six times! All 8 bells sounded together making a loud crash, performed perfectly!



*Olivia Thorndon, Pinner*

After the usual service-ringing on Sunday, on Monday they rang as part of an Open Morning for local residents and their families and friends, to enjoy coffee, cakes and a visit to the ringing room. Many visitors had a turn at 'ringing' themselves and over 100 people came to support the occasion. It was a joyous morning indeed. Many made donations to 'Firm Foundations,' a charity for the local homeless when almost £500 was raised.

This weekend was special. Several new recruits had joined the band in response to the appeal by the Central Council including two juniors. A total of 16 people rang in the Pinner band over the weekend, and, after visiting the ringing chamber on Monday – will more people learn to ring?

This weekend was special. Several new recruits had joined the band in response to the appeal by the Central Council including two juniors. A total of 16 people rang in the Pinner band over the weekend, and, after visiting the ringing chamber on Monday – will more people learn to ring?

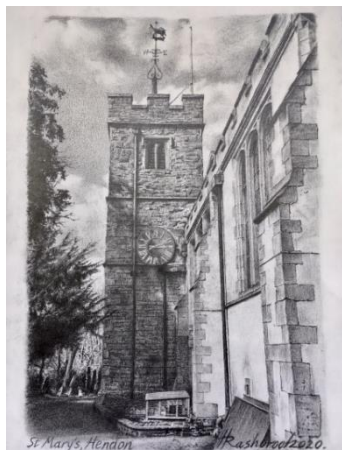
## Jocelyn Man

The Coronation was a superb opportunity for some extra ringing beyond our regular weekly practice and Sunday service ringing at Staines. On the morning of the Coronation, our band assembled in **St Mary's, Staines**, ready for an hour of ringing before the ceremony. Everyone had a go at ringing – with a band ranging from pre-teen learners to highly experienced ringers who remembered the previous Coronation. We rang rounds, call changes and methods on our ring of eight bells.

After watching the Coronation proceedings in our homes on TV, a smaller band assembled in the afternoon to ring a quarter peal at **St Peter's**, the tower we cover jointly with St Mary's. At the first attempt, we successfully scored the quarter of Plain Bob Minor, held together well in spite of some tiredness (and thus lumpiness) towards the end. I was ringing the treble – I can't say I always knew what was going on but I was counting my place religiously and just kept ploughing up to the back and down to the front.

For me, this doubled my number of quarter peals (my first one was rung for the Queen's funeral) so my sincere thanks go to the solid band around me who have taught me, with much patience and humour, from absolute beginner to the heights of being mentioned on Bell Board!

## Martin Clode



*Hans Rashbrook*

We had 5 enquiries to Ring for the King at **St Mary, Hendon**, but unfortunately they were all too late to get them to the point where they could ring unaided. For the Coronation day itself, we concentrated on giving the "Ring for the King-ers" a chance to ring back strokes to rounds and call changes with the rest of the band.

There were 50-60 people in the church ready to watch the coronation, so it was great to be able to include the new ringers. 4 of the 7 new learners rang on the day. I say 7 though one of them asked to learn on the bank holiday Monday after the coronation and one had already shown an interest independently of the Ring for the King campaign.

We attempted a quarter peal for the coronation on Wednesday instead of our practice night, but that was lost towards the end of the 720. On Sunday 7th May we successfully rang a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor. A special thank you to Andrew Hodgson for volunteering to ring on the day.

### Sonia Field

The eKenton Coronation Ringing preparation began when I attended a planning meeting for the March issue of Tower Talk – [ART's newsletter by ringers, for ringers](#). We decided to ask eKenton members to compose a piece of ringing for the Coronation, suitable for learners at about stages 2 and 3 of the Learning the Ropes scheme. Wendy Crampton and I both submitted a composition which was promoted via Tower Talk, and subsequently by the CCCBR: Coronation March, and Orb and Sceptre.

Arrangements for the Coronation weekend itself were already in place. On Saturday 6th May, an open session was held at **All Saints, Harrow Weald** (ASHW) for non-handlers who wished to ring. This was followed with general ringing by members of the home band, with guests from other towers, and included our new compositions. It was a bit of a squish because the ringing chamber is not large and we had 20 people to accommodate! Even two local police and the vicar had a go!



On Sunday afternoon we had a QP attempt of mixed doubles at ASHW. Dylan Thomas was asked to call this as we thought he would enjoy that.

Our final piece of Coronation ringing was a Quarter peal attempt at **St Margaret, Edgware** on Monday 7th May. John Morgan, a recently returned 'lapsed' ringer, has been practising ringing rhythmically 'behind' for a while and this was an ideal chance for him to put that skill to the test. John rang steadily throughout, enabling us to score his first QP without any mishaps at all 😊



### Carrie Rutherford

I was pleased to be able to ring for the coronation as I hadn't thought I'd be able to. At **St John at Hackney** there was a peal of Plain Bob Major on the actual day of the Coronation and the next day a quarter for evensong. I rang for the morning Sunday service and took part in some general ringing we did in the afternoon, along with a social celebration with friends from Aldgate and Highgate. Other ringers went along to Leyton and Stamford Hill as these towers are usually silent.

One of our young ringers, Lucien Laphorn, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at **South Hackney** on Coronation Bank Holiday Monday and, in the words of our Tower Captain who conducted the peal, "he did just brilliantly".

We had five new recruits and hope some of them will stay and join our happy band! One of them says:

### Abdi Szabolcsi



"Coming from Hungary, a majority Catholic country, church bells have been a familiar sound throughout my life. Being a bell ringer in Hungary was usually the task of the church's caretaker, and only a selected few could have a glimpse behind the scenes. Until late 2022, when I heard a radio report about church bells in the UK, I didn't realise that bell ringing was open to all.

When I learnt about the appeal for bell ringers to Ring for the King in late February, I jumped at the opportunity. Ringing for the Coronation was a very special experience and I would like to thank Tower Captain Stephen Jakeman for making it possible for me. I would also like to say thank you to my fellow bell ringers for their support."

### Bell News staff reporter

During the autumn of 2022 four learners had come to teaching at **St Anne's, Highgate**, but all were lost to other demands before Christmas. From January 2023, however, four new learners came forward to Ring for the King, and with much teaching assistance from Steve Jakeman, Nick Gander, Dylan Thomas, James Thomas and others all four were able to join in rounds and some call changes on 6th May.

On Sunday the pace quickened, as the band rang for service as usual at St Anne's from 10:00, then scurried across to **St Martin's, Gospel Oak** where the band normally rings on alternate Sundays, though for this occasion the vicar there had specially requested ringing. Ringing at St Martin's duly completed after the morning service, most of the band returned briskly to St Anne's to ring for the excellent parish Coronation lunch. With cake.



## Trigger Warning:

The following account may cause feelings of physical exhaustion in some readers.

Lucy Chandhial

We have three new ringers at **St Augustine, Kilburn** who enquired in the last three months and joined in with Coronation ringing. On Saturday morning the Kilburn 'St A' band enjoyed general ringing at **St Mary, Kilburn** including these new ringers and a returning ringer who was prompted by the Ring for the King publicity.

I started Saturday at **All Hallows, Tottenham** for general ringing with a Ring for the King returner, then back to Kilburn for a peal attempt. As a Kilburn band, with Helen Porter as our added strength, we have been preparing for this peal for a while as it matches a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in November 1948 for the birth of Prince Charles (as he was then) and we always thought it would be good to commemorate this for his 75th birthday. The Coronation seemed a good opportunity but alas, it was not to be. After various attempts which didn't make it to a quarter peal length we decided it was time for a safe option and Helen called a quarter of Plain Bob Triples as our Coronation ringing (keep your eyes open for the peal which we still hope to achieve before November).

From Kilburn to **Christchurch, Hampstead** is a hard slog on a bicycle but it was well worth it to ring with more of the Kilburn band and the Hampstead band, including a number of Ring for the King learners who closed the Coronation day with general ringing on the beautiful bells of Christchurch. Total ringing time close to 4 hours.

Sunday was a new day and a fresh start with Sunday service ringing at **St John of Jerusalem, South Hackney** and then at **St Mary, Upper Street**, across to **St Ann, Stamford Hill** for post service ringing as the congregation prepared a picnic in the garden and to **St John at Hackney** for ringing and feasting of our own. With a bring-and-share lunch we had the usual overflow of food and enjoyed a good blend of healthy and treats! A more restful day with a total ringing time around 2.5 hours.

Monday started with a rare opportunity to ring the bells at **St Mary, Stoke Newington**. The team at the Old Church wanted to bring the local community to see the ringing and hear the bells as part of Coronation weekend celebrations. With six bells in a line in a small ringing gallery it was the most challenging ring and ensures you perfect your technique of a taut rope, neat follow through and consistent pulls or you find your rope jumping towards your neighbour or catching the Ellacombe chime ropes across the ceiling.

From here I went to **St John of Jerusalem, South Hackney** for a peal attempt, which was successful! There was a definite sense of achievement for the band as Lucien Laphorn completed his first ever peal, trebling to Grandsire Triples for the Coronation of the King. This was less than one year since Lucien's first quarter peal and just six weeks after his first QP trebling to Triples. The peal board is in preparation and will be Harry Baulcombe's first painted peal board!

*Why, O why, did I set it for 6am?*

We completed the day at **St Mary, Bow in the Road** where a supportive range of Middlesex ringers ensured the bells were heard as a conclusion to the Coronation weekend. This worked out as just over 4 hours total ringing time. Interestingly I had a couple of small blisters but mainly I had aching legs rather than aching arms; standing still is clearly more of a strain than the active ringing!

It was great to ring with so many new ringers and so many long term ringers, some of whom I don't see so often, in a good variety of towers across the weekend.



## Churchyard Wildlife Count & Churches Count on Nature

<https://arocha.org.uk/event/churches-count-on-nature-in-2023/>

Churchyards, often undisturbed even in cities,

are a valuable haven for wildlife from foxes to ants, the traditional yew trees to species of moss and lichen. Ringers may like to encourage their church to register to participate in Churches Count on Nature, an annual scheme where people visit churchyards and record the plant and animal species they encounter up to June 11th.



## Kilburn outing to Cornwall 14 towers in two days

Lucy Chandhial

We had a long weekend, 3rd – 5th March, in Cornwall which was mainly about bellringing but included lots of brilliant food, some cliff side walking and great views.

Michael Dickinson very generously invited Kilburn ringers for the weekend, just before the tourist season starts and six of us took up the offer and are very pleased we did! The house in St Ives was great, with views of the steep streets and we went down to the beach as the sun sank behind the cliffs. Michael made scones which he claimed were disappointing, but we were very happy with the disappointing scones!

On Friday we took the train from St Ives along the coast to ring at Lelant then walked parallel to the train tracks (but a much more up and down route than the train) to Carbis Bay and then back for a traditional Cornish pasties lunch.



The afternoon was a drive across the downland centre of Cornwall to Penzance. Here we went to the top of the tower after ringing to get the view of the town.

Saturday was a trip to Lizard Point where we rang the most southerly bells in the UK and then went to the most southerly cafe for amazing cakes. I chose the homemade doughnut served with clotted cream, others were more reserved!

The afternoon was free time to relax and explore St Ives followed by a local tower grab and Michael made layered vegetable lasagne for dinner.

On Sunday we mostly joined local service ringing bands, including Truro Cathedral to ring for evensong and we finished at a small

church in a National Trust house close to Bodmin moor.

*Illustration removed*

### *Truro Cathedral, built 1890 - 1910*

Truro Cathedral has a fantastic gallery ringing chamber so you can see all across the church whilst the ring of twelve resonate a deep tone. Catherine, Guy and I all enjoyed the 33cwt tenor.

We rang at 13 different towers, one of which is in need of new ropes, one which was long draft and bouncy and the other 11 were really good, each in their own way. The locals were extremely friendly and welcoming at every tower and most were pleased to have the bells rung as locally they band together to ring at multiple towers.

It was a great weekend, with a really good balance of physical exercise, fresh air, good food and a sociable group. We would all like to thank Michael for everything he did to make the arrangements, for the ringing, the meals, the local ice cream and the scenery; he even made sure we had sunshine for the walk on Friday!

### **Janets' Jaunt, 1st April**

*Mandy Johnson, non-ringing observer*

After a pleasant train journey from Paddington to Cookham it was a short walk to the first tower at Holy Trinity Church. We received a very warm, friendly welcome and an added bonus was the beautiful organ music playing whilst we waited to ascend the tower.

This was a roomy bell tower, unlike the narrow stairway access to get there! There is a ring of 10 bells and the oldest was hung in 1638. The ringing to my finely tuned ear, sounded amazing. I note that there seems to be a language specific to bell ringers and the description of some of the bells brings a smile to my face – I particularly liked “these bells are smooth like chocolate”, which I assumed meant easy to pull. After several rounds of

ringing, which always makes me tired just watching, we set off towards the appropriately named Old Bell Inn for a spot of lunch.

After a very muddy walk across fields, with a varied choice of footwear (sensible, and some not so) we arrived at our lunch destination for refreshments to prepare for round two. Here there was talk of trying a new method at the afternoon session. Whilst this sounds all very complicated to me the group all got it and were looking forward to giving this a go. We also had a spot of hand bell ringing, which sounded lovely and everyone in the pub enjoyed.

The walk to the second church, St Paul's at Wooburn was along a disused railway track that was no less muddy. The tower at St Paul's has a ring of 8 bells, which provided some very good ringing. I can honestly say I am in awe of the group's talent, dedication and team effort when ringing. I have been asked several times if I would consider ringing, I did try once but it did not go too well so for now I think I will remain an observer!



There were thirteen on the Jaunt and £68 raised for the BRF, making this another successful event. Thank you to both Janets for organising and the group for making me most welcome - see you again in October.

*Lucy Chandhial adds...*

We saw a wide variety of flowers, some close swirling red kites and mud in all its forms!

Lunch introduced pannuzzo as a new option (pizza dough baked similar to pitta and then filled with a range of choices).

*Illustration removed*

*Enjoying a pannuzzo*

As it was 1st April we rang a couple of touches of April Day doubles in the afternoon. It was a little grey that day, but a good Jaunt all round.

## **N&E Striking competition**

*Lucy Chandhial, District Secretary*

On Saturday 20th May we held the N&E district striking competition at St Mary Magdalene, Enfield.

The local band hosted a fabulous selection of tea, coffee and cakes and the sun shone so it was easy to enjoy listening to each band with the open doors of the church hall.

Dylan Thomas listened from the quietest corner of the churchyard and commented that the bells were very clear, and therefore very unforgiving with every clip noticeable.

Here are the all-important results:

### **Jersey Cup**

1st St Augustine Kilburn

2nd St Mary Hendon

3rd St Andrews Enfield

4th St John at Hackney

### **Novice Cup**

1st St Andrews Enfield

2nd St Mary Magdalene Enfield

This means that Kilburn, Hendon and Enfield will be able to enter a band in the inter-district striking competition against the S&W to be held at the Autumn Association Meeting on 21st October.

It is worth noting that we had one of our oldest active members ringing, age 90, and many of our youngest members ringing, with Eleanor conducting the winning Novice Cup band as a Junior.

With thanks to all who entered, to the Enfield extended band who hosted so well and to Dylan for judging and providing thorough feedback which gave every band the opportunity to work on improved striking for the next time.

An instructive Grandsire Doubles cake



and a very chocolatey Bell cake



as just a sample of the feast laid on!

## The Kiwis (or a kiwi) are coming...

Dylan Thomas

While New Zealand (*Aotearoa*) is a country with the same land mass of the entire United Kingdom, we have a grand total of just 6 towers with ringable bells, Christchurch in the South Island after major repairs

*Illustration removed*

*"No practice tonight, then."*

following the 2011 earthquake, and five in the North Island. And even I, after 3 years of ringing, made it to only 5 of them by the time I felt myself lift off the ground in an Emirates Boeing-777, finally embarking on a journey that will go down as one of the most memorable moments of my life, not knowing when I was going to return.

I won't ever forget the day - sometime in October 2019 - that I had a request from Thomas Ashwin-Siejkowski (*St Mary, Twickenham*) to join a Young Ringers' Hangouts group. That certainly got the dominoes toppling! I went on to join several Discord servers (*a type of private computer group setup. Ed.*) and meet many young English ringers.

Then came the pandemic. Physical ringing may have ground to a halt, but it actually brought me a lot closer to so many people - as everyone was online a lot more frequently, for virtual service ringing, quarter peals, or just to go on call and have a catch up. Over the next few months I started to meet some very high-end figures in ringing as well; a lot of this was through the Cast of 1000 ringing meetings. And all throughout this time, what was I receiving??

*"If you ever come to the UK you're welcome to stay with us!"*

*"You should visit here, and ring here...."*

*"Why don't you stay with us and we can organise this...."*

*"WHEN. ARE. YOU. COMING. TO. THE. UK?"*

I spent all of 2021 working part time, after school and at weekends, to raise funds for this voyage. And on 30th May 2022, 3 ½ years since my journey in ringing started, I stepped onto the platform at St Pancras and took a rather deep breath.

A couple of ringers were waiting for me right outside the terminal! Many other besties, including from MCALDG, followed. I had given them a promise to meet them, and even if it took a while - it was well worth the wait. Since arriving I've been able to ring 45 QPs, including two for the Association, and 6 peals all over southern England.

These people have taken my life ... and turned it completely upside down.

## Middlesex 8-bell striking competition

Tom Lawrance

Marks out of 10:

**Weather** on Saturday 27th May. As sure as 'the day you forget your umbrella it will rain', the Middlesex 8-bell seems to guarantee balmy breezeless sunshine: 10/10

**Venue.** St Mary's Islington, a perfect host, Deborah Bolton, and excellent facilities: 10/10

**Bells.** Heavy and a bit sluggish with a lot of rope and pulley noise, but nice-sounding and not particularly difficult: 8/10

**Response** from Association bands. Considering this is the first rerun after a three-year lay-off, interest in the competition could have been worse. So, five bands: 5/?

**Assistance** with refreshments. Ruth Darton, Araminta Huitson, Elizabeth LeMoine, Janet Drake – thank you all: 10/10

**Judge.** Thoughtful and encouraging (though perceptive) remarks from Andrew Kelso, with some very cogent remarks on the value of 8-bell striking contests for Association ringing: 10/10

**Awards.** St Giles-in-the-Fields; Middlesex Ladies; Stepney: 9.0/10 – but close behind...

**Runners-up** award. U.L.: 9.9/10 - as they were quite literally one percent behind...

**Winners.** St Vedast, Foster Lane.  
and



*Cr: Old Queen's Head, Islington 44 Essex Rd, N1 8LN*

**Post-performance pub.** The Old Queen's Head, a splendidly bizarre kitsch antique interior, but lacking the real ale that would have given it a maximum: 9/10.

## The Roger Bailey Cup

Linda Georgiades

The Association 6-bell striking competition was held on 22nd April at St Mary Magdalene, Holloway. Results were as follows:

1. S&W Team A 86%
2. N&E Team B 84%
3. N&E Team A 75%
4. S&W Team B 68%

This was a very close result between the two leading teams. Congratulations to all those taking part, and thanks to the judges, Kevyn and Mark Hopkins-Hall.

## Towers I Have Grabbed and Drawn!

Hans Rashbrook



St Botolph, Aldgate

Some of my artwork featured on a new leaflet celebrating the Association's 125th Anniversary, and I'm delighted to present a further selection in Bell News of Middlesex tower drawings.

Examples of my work can be viewed on my website: [www.rashbrookart.com](http://www.rashbrookart.com), and any further commissions (colour or b/w) will be gladly received via my email address: [hrashbrook64@btinternet.com](mailto:hrashbrook64@btinternet.com).

## Association AGM

Linda Georgiades

The Association AGM was held on 22nd April following the Roger Bailey Cup competition. 56 members attended, and all existing officers were re-elected. Tom Lawrance was elected assistant secretary, and Elliott Hughes was elected webmaster. Thanks are due to those taking on these roles.

This being the 125th anniversary of the Association, the occasion was celebrated in the traditional manner with a splendid cake,



Helen Udal's cake ceremonially cut by past presidents Stephen Jakeman and Stephen Mitchell. Cr: Harry Baulcombe



## S&W 6-Bell Striking Competition

Bridget Campbell, District Secretary

The District 6-bell competition took place at St Mary the Virgin, Norwood Green on Sunday 4th June. Many thanks to Rev Anne Bookless, who gave us a very warm welcome, and to the parishioners who managed the church and provided the delicious cakes and much needed drinks. Thanks also to Linda Georgiades for making the arrangements possible.

Those vital results:

### Method Bands

- 1 St John's, Hillingdon Band Gillett  
Winners of the Silver Sugar Bowl
  - 2 Christ the Saviour, Ealing
  - 3 St John's Hillingdon Band Johnson
  - 4 St Mary's, Harrow on the Hill
- Unplaced:  
St Mary's and All Hallows, Twickenham Band 1

### Rounds and Call Changes

- 1 All Saints, Harrow Weald Band Alpha
- 2 St Mary's and All Hallows,  
Twickenham Band 2
- 3 All Saints, Harrow Weald Band Aleph

The top three method bands will have the opportunity to compete with each other again and with N&E bands Kilburn, Hendon and Enfield, for the Diocesan Cup on 21 October prior to the MCALDG AGM.

Our great thanks to judges Nick Wilkins and Catherine Lewis who both travelled far to listen to our eight bands and to share their insights with us for us to build on. Thanks also to all participants in the competition for making it such an enjoyable occasion.

## And finally...

*Illustration removed*

So that's the Coronation, then, done and dusted. Of course, members of the Association hold various opinions about such matters as Kings, Queens and the Coronation, though generally agreeing that it provides an acceptable reason to do a lot of ringing.

But as an observer, bearded and wearing a tiara, on the Mall on 6th June responded to Japanese TV when asked about the importance of the Coronation: "Well, you have to have a Coronation. Otherwise he's just a bloke".



## CALENDAR

### June - September 2023

Date	Day	Distr	Topic	Location	Time
1st Jun	Thurs	S&W	Triples practice	St Mary, Hanwell	8:00-9:30pm
4th Jun	Sun	S&W	6-bell striking competition	Norwood Green	2:30pm
6th Jun	Tues	S&W	6 bell practice	Norwood Green	7:45-9pm
7th Jun	Wed	N&E	Minor methods practice	Southgate	7:00-9:00pm
9th Jun	Fri	MCA	Association 12 bell methods practice	St Magnus the Martyr	6:30 – 8:30pm
11th Jun	Sun	N&E	10 bell methods practice	Hackney	2:00-4:00pm
13th Jun	Tues	S&W	Daytime practice, TBC see emails	Isleworth	10:30am-noon
15th Jun	Thur	N&E	7 & 8 bell methods, and local band	St Mary, Islington	7:00-9:00pm
16th Jun	Fri	S&W	Surprise Major practice	Harlington	7:30-9.15pm
17th Jun	Sat	N&E	District Outing – by train	Reading – see emails	All day
21st Jun	Wed	N&E	Daytime practice	St George in the East	10:00-noon
23rd Jun	Fri	N&E	Surprise Major methods practice	St George in the East	6:30-8:30pm
23rd Jun	Fri	S&W	10 bell practice	All Hallows, Twickenham	7.15-9:15pm
24th Jun	Sat	N&E	Training course – look out for emails	TBA	TBA
24th Jun	Sat	S&W	General practice	Cranford	10:30-noon
5th Jul	Wed	N&E	Minor methods practice	Southgate	7:00-9:00pm
6th Jul	Thurs	S&W	Triples practice	Hanwell	8:00-9:30pm
8th Jul	Sat	S&W	Second Saturday practice	St Peter, Staines	10:30-noon
9th Jul	Sun	N&E	10 bell methods practice	Hackney TBC	2:00-4:00pm
11th Jul	Tues	S&W	Daytime practice – TBC see emails	Isleworth	10:30am-noon
11th Jul	Tues	S&W	6 bell practice	Norwood Green	7:45-9pm
14th Jul	Fri	MCA	Association 12 bell methods practice	St Magnus the Martyr	6:30 – 8:30pm
15th Jul	Sat	N&E	Learners' afternoon outing	Garlickhythe then St Giles-i.-F.	12:30-4:00pm
19th Jul	Wed	N&E	Daytime practice	Wood Green	10:30-noon
20th Jul	Thur	N&E	7 & 8 bell methods, and local band	St Mary, Islington	7:00-9:00pm
21st Jul	Fri	S&W	Surprise Major practice	Harlington TBC	7:30-9.15pm
22nd Jul	Sat	N&E	Training course TBC	TBA	TBA
28th Jul	Fri	S&W	10 bell practice	Isleworth	7:15-9:15pm
28th Jul	Fri	N&E	Surprise Major methods	St Saviour, Pimlico	7:00-8:30pm
29th Jul	Sat	S&W	General practice	Cranford	10:30-noon
2nd Aug	Wed	N&E	Minor Methods practice	St Mary, Holloway	7:00-9:00pm
3rd Aug	Thurs	S&W	Triples practice	Hanwell	8:00-9:30pm
8th Aug	Tues	S&W	6 bell practice	Norwood Green	7:45-9pm
11th Aug	Fri	MCA	Association 12 bell methods practice	St Magnus the Martyr	6:30 – 8:30pm
12th Aug	Sat	S&W	Second Saturday practice	Sunbury	10:30-noon
13th Aug	Sun	N&E	10 bell methods practice	Limehouse	2:00-4:00pm
16th Aug	Wed	N&E	Daytime practice	Barnet	10:00-noon
17th Aug	Thur	N&E	7 & 8 bell methods, and local band	St Mary, Islington	7:00-9:00pm
18th Aug	Fri	S&W	Surprise Major practice	Harlington TBC	7:30-9.15pm
19th Aug	Sat	N&E	Summer afternoon outing	Barnes then Putney	2:00 – 5:00pm
25th Aug	Fri	S&W	10 bell practice	Harrow on the Hill	7:15-9:15pm
25th Aug	Fri	N&E	Surprise Major methods practice	Stamford Hill	6:30-8:30pm
26th Aug	Sat	N&E	Training course TBA	TBA	TBA
26th Aug	Sat	S&W	General practice	Cranford	10:30-noon
5th Sept	Tue	S&W	6 bell practice	Norwood Green	7:45-9pm
6th Sept	Wed	N&E	Minor methods practice	Southgate	7:00-9:00pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sat	N&E	Open House at Aldgate – support needed!	St Botolph, Aldgate	All day

Items for inclusion in *Middlesex Bell News* to Anthony Davey at [BellNewsEditor@bellringing.london](mailto:BellNewsEditor@bellringing.london) .  
**Next deadline Friday 25th August 2023**

The newsletter is proof-read by Janet Betham (020 8340 1368), [jrbetham@hotmail.com](mailto:jrbetham@hotmail.com).

**Website:** contact Webmaster: James White (S&W), [mail.James.White@gmail.com](mailto:mail.James.White@gmail.com) ,  
or Anthony Davey, [anthony@smoketree.org](mailto:anthony@smoketree.org) (N&E).