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The Coronation

Coronation Ringing

Jill Wigney

It is intended to record all ringing performances by the Association for the Coronation in the 2023-24 Annual Report. The information will be downloaded from BellBoard.

So if you were involved in any such ringing please ensure that the performance was submitted to BellBoard, linked to the event Coronation of King Charles III <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=16774> and credited to the Middlesex Association (from the drop-down list in the "Association" field of the submission form). If you have any queries about this please email me at reporteditor@bellringing.london

Ring for the King recruitment

Would-be learners were roused to action by the TV and print publicity, and the lines were red-hot with enquiries in the Spring. Sonia Field reports that about 50 enquiries reached her. But the questions for the Association are how many of those enquiries resulted in new ringers? And how many of those new ringers rang for the Coronation and then stayed on to ring with their band? The Ring for the King publicity was initially welcome, but was it effective?

In an effort to find an answer to these questions, Bell News contacted every tower in the Association, other than City churches, which has a regular practice. Many thanks to those tower captains and correspondents who supplied information. The outcome of this survey can only be impressionistic, and we shall know only next Spring when memberships are approved and dues paid whether there has been a growth in numbers of ringers.

As the chart shows, membership was generally steady at about 550 until the outbreak of Covid in January 2020, which had the result by 2022 that about 10% of members had dropped away. There were hopes that Ring for the King might rebuild membership, but has it?



The responses from 17 towers report 35 new ringers who came forward as a result of the publicity, and have stayed on to continue with their band. Enfield St Andrew has retained all six that came forward. Similarly Highgate recruited five who continue to make good progress with the band, but that happened only with generous assistance with basic training from Steve Jakeman and other committed external supporters; that was key.

That number is evidently unusual; more typically Ashford and Great Stanmore each recruited and retained three, while Hendon recruited three and retained two. Islington St James and St Saviour's Pimlico with St Mary Abbots have both retained two, in the latter case perhaps attracted by the publicity but not specifically to ring for the Coronation. Chelsea and Isleworth recruited and retained one, while Ealing, Acton, Harefield, Staines St Mary and St Giles-in-the-Fields had no recruits. Bob Allen reports that an adult recruit and two youngsters rang at St John, Hillingdon on 6th May but it's too early to say how many will stay after the summer break.

Ring for the King recruitment

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Kilburn recruited and retained six, but as Lucy Chandhial comments, *“It’s not a simple science so there will always be differences based on the kind of people who live locally and the existing band and how that supports learners. Kilburn seems to be lucky to have relatively young ringers move to the area reasonably often, although that also means people then move so you have more change than in some towers”*.

In the end learners decide for themselves whether to continue with their initial interest in learning. Sara Berry-Hewish reports from Holloway that of five initial recruits, two have continued with the band, although Tom Britten as N&E Ringing Master had not only arranged training, but encouraged efforts to *“bring together all our local Islington Learners for a wonderful celebratory Ring for the King on the Day of the Coronation”*.

Some towers, of course, constitute a special case. St John at Hackney is a training centre, and recruits and provides training at various levels as required. (See the article on the local Hackney Summer School for early stage learners). Similarly Sonia Field provides the eKenton group of north-west London towers with a continuing training and recruitment focus. These towers may not have been so obviously affected by Ring for the King because they are, as it were, doing the job already.

Triples training school

Ofbell report

Bell News reproduces below this report recently published by Ofbell.

“Ofbell conducted an inspection of the N&E Triples training school on 26th August. The school is a fee-paying private school with five students and eight staff, conducted from premises at St Mary’s, Holloway.

Quality of Education:	Generally excellent.
Behaviour and attitudes:	Students were generally well-behaved and respectful to the teaching staff. There was no running on the stairs and only occasional bad language.
Personal development:	The majority of students showed excellent personal development. Inspectors noted effective teaching by Ms Chandhial, Music and Rhythm lead. Students were observed to make good progress though falling somewhat short of attainment levels desirable for college youths.
Leadership and Management:	Leadership of the school is uniformly excellent. The Master, Mr. Britten, was observed to remain cheerful at all times, which inspectors found remarkable in the circumstances. Mr Wells, Assistant Head with responsibility for curriculum, effectively incentivised students with a banana cake which he had cooked himself, and, to the inspectors’ astonishment, produced from his bag a second when the first was consumed.
Overall judgement:	Outstanding

Summer School at Hackney

Angela Elliott

A record number of people have been drawn to learn bellringing this year. So it is that Andi Szabolcsi, Constance Redgrave, and Lucy Cartwright have gone from complete novice to newbie ringers. I as a returner have blown away many years of cobwebs – and all because we’ve attended the Learner’s August Summer School at Hackney St. John’s.



Students at the Hackney local Summer School

In this local initiative Steve Jakeman has been ably assisted by a group of experienced ringers who have given up their Wednesday mornings to sit in with us. Each session starts with half an hour of theory, followed by practice tailored to the needs of each learner.

Bell control, ringing up and down, ringing rounds, call changes, ropesight, and the language of bellringing, we’ve covered it all. The sense of achievement that comes with learning in this semi-structured way, and the camaraderie of fellow ringers has gone to make this a unique and valuable experience that other towers might well wish to emulate.

Further information can be had from Steve Jakeman at Hackney.

N&E Learners' outing

Zixuan Zeng

On Saturday 15th July I went on the learners' outing to two towers in central London. There were nine of us from Enfield St Andrew, including some of our 'Ring for the King' learners.

Our first tower was St James Garlickhythe in the Ward of Vintry. Unfortunately we couldn't all fit in the ringing room at the same time, so Tom Britten divided us into five groups and gave us labels so we could write our names and ringing levels. I was in a group with my friend Yuxi and three other people. Each group had about ten minutes' ringing time. We only rang rounds because we were at mixed

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Vintners' Swan Upper skill levels. The bells were much lighter than the ones at my home tower but I soon got used to them.

When everyone had finished, we got the Tube to the next tower, St Giles-in-the-Fields. We arrived early, so Chris took us to a community garden nearby, where there was a children's playground. We all took turns on the swings and had a lot of fun there.

The ringing room at St Giles was just big enough to fit us all in. We stayed for about an hour and everyone had at least one go at ringing rounds. I tried two different weights of bell there and spent some time talking with bellringers from other towers. I also enjoyed watching others ringing because it helped me to see what I needed to focus on to improve my own ringing.

My friends and I had a lot of fun that day and we would all like to go on this type of outing again.

The Strontium Clock

Louise Dixon, Isleworth

Bell ringers are invited ring at Isleworth on **Saturday 9th September 2023** from 10.30 to 11.00 am for the 21st Birthday Celebration of the rowing barge "Jubilant". Jubilant has been asked by The National Physical Laboratory to carry a Strontium atomic clock to the Observatory at Greenwich.

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Contact me by email LouiseDixon24@hotmail.co.uk or by text to me on my mobile 07940 509 520.

When did you ring your first Quarter Peal?

Andrew Reed

I learnt to ring at St Margaret's, Ditchling in Sussex standing on a big box for several years, progressing to belfry key-holder, and regularly ringing for services and weddings.

Last autumn, after a gap of 40 years since last regularly ringing, I joined the ringers at St Anne's, Highgate. Add to this gap the years when I did ring and it put my start date at a rather daunting 1976. As a teenager I rang Grandsire, Bob Doubles and Triples but 40 years on re-remembering the details and the Bobs and Singles seems to take longer to master! However on 27th July I rang the treble to a QP of Bob Doubles. Now, had I rung a quarter peal before, and, if so, where ?

I have a memory of receiving little blue cards for notable ringing events. Were those for QPs? Checks online and searches through drawers of paper did not produce any confirmations. Now it was even more important to know, was this my first QP? I am extremely indebted to Steve Jakeman for significant and extensive research in digging up records from the pre-digital age which did indeed show a QP in December 1980, my first.

Steve also noticed that the person ringing the treble had also achieved their first QP and had the same surname. I wondered about denying knowledge of this person but came clean, it was in fact my younger sister...sibling rivalry coming down through the ages!

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Anything you can ring I can ring faster !

Now that I have rung my first QP this century, I look forward to many more. I can also rest easy in knowing the answer to the question, when was your first QP! (Andrew has now rung his first treble to Bob Minor. Ed)

Open House, Bethnal Green

Chris Weavers

St John on Bethnal Green will be taking part in Open House London on **Sunday 17th September**, 12:00-16:00, and have asked if we could arrange some ringing as part of the programme.

So as not to compete with other ringing-related Open House activities at Aldgate and St Martin-in-the-Fields, I have agreed to organise some informal talks and demonstrations 12:00-16:00.

As many of you will know there we only have three bells to demonstrate, but volunteers for part of the afternoon would be very welcome.

Contact Chris Weavers chris_weavers@hotmail.com

Norman Edwards

Stephen Mitchell and Clare Toberty



Norman was a long standing, life member of the MCALDG, and served as its Treasurer from 1992 to 2005. Having been tower captain of Chiswick, St Nicholas in the late 1970s, Norman was tower captain at Twickenham St Mary for 40 years

from 1980 to 2020 – a long stint! During this period he also helped James White to teach a completely new band at Twickenham All Hallows in 1999, to ring for the millennium: a successful initiative from which the current All Hallows band still benefits.

On 18th July Norman's funeral was held at St Mary's, Twickenham. Much of the service referenced Norman's bell ringing. His sister read a poignant poem 'The Bellringers' by Jane Williams, while the tribute given by his son and daughter shared how bell ringing was a massive part of his life from the age of 13.

Within the tribute many bell ringers recalled how he helped and encouraged them. They remembered he ensured bell ringing was a social community, organising outings to country churches and pub lunches, ringing in the New Year followed by mince pies and sherry and group tickets for the open air Shakespeare performances in the local park.

Indeed he met his wife while ringing at All Hallows, Twickenham. Bellringing *coursed* through his life. It was evidence of Norman's enthusiasm and dedication to teaching and the respect in which he was held that ringers travelled from so many Towers to ring at his funeral.

Under the 1969 Grandsire peal board that bore his name 18 bell ringers representing the Middlesex & Surrey Associations including Twickenham, Richmond, Hanwell, Kent and Woodmansterne gathered to ring before and after the service. It was beautiful to hear the 8 bells rung so well for Stedman and Grandsire, while the less experienced ringers contributed during rounds and call changes.

On Sunday 23rd July a quarter peal was rung at St Mary's Twickenham, conducted by Stephen Mitchell, <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1646711>. The band included the current Tower Captains/Ringing Masters of Twickenham St Mary's (1), Richmond (3), Chiswick (5), Acton (6) and Twickenham All Hallows (7), who all did a lot of ringing with Norman at local Middlesex and Surrey towers.

We hope he approved of the ringing. He will be missed.

N&E Reading Outing

Sachie Kimura

Although I usually ring at All Hallows Twickenham Janet Betham was very kind and warmly invited me to join the group. I was a bit anxious about whether I would feel left alone but the thought was short lived as I immediately noticed familiar faces and more followed as the day goes by.

At Reading Minster we rang simple rounds and call changes, and some methods between them. I noticed straight away the high standard of N&E ringers.

The second tower was St. Laurence. I had never rung on 12 bells but with encouragement I gave it a go and rang on 4 for rounds successfully. It might be nothing to experienced ringers but it was quite an achievement for me.



Outing members outside St Laurence

Lunch was a picnic in nearby Forbury Gardens with Janet and others. Our conversation flourished over bacon (or sausage) baps and mint & chocolate chip ice creams (yummy!).

St. Giles, our third tower, has 10 bells with a beautiful stained-glass in the bell chamber. We rang rounds, call changes and Plain Hunt on 9. Those who could rang Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, three courses of Bristol, and spliced Rutland and Little Bob.

Caversham St. Peter's is situated on the other side of River Thames. We were warned that the bells are quite light but it wasn't difficult to adjust our touches. This time I tried Plain Hunting on 8, for the first time in my life, which went well (I think). Two achievements in one day...Hooray!

Judy Bourne was in the party, and at the end of outing, the band rang a course of Bourne Surprise Minor to celebrate her 87th birthday, which was so moving and shows how close a bond they have among N&E ringers.

I thoroughly enjoyed the outing; Thank you to Janet for the memorable day and to all N&E ringers who were so supportive thorough out the day and encouraged me to break my comfy zone.

Association Autumn Meeting

The Association autumn meeting will take place on **21st October** (see the Calendar). All members are encouraged to attend. It's an opportunity to put forward points of view, to socialise, and of course to sample cake, which is usually excellent.

N&E half-day outing

Karl Erickson

Bright and lovely weather for a two tower outing on Saturday August 19th. Starting at St Mary's Church in Putney, the High Street in front of the church was very busy with football fans on the way to Fulham providing the ringing with a large, if temporary, audience.



Walking from Putney, the path on the south side of the Thames made a delightful option, watching sailboats in the river and picking

wild blackberries along the way before turning inland to Barnes.



The second tower was St Mary's in Barnes, situated in a quiet and sleepy area particularly noticeable after arriving from Putney. The ringing chamber is ground floor, tucked in the earlier part of the building yet open to the whole church. Being ground floor, a

Photo: Martin Clode

few passers-by popped in to investigate.

(Martin points out that the internal framework of the window glass unusually incorporates a design of bells, well worth a look, and rather oddly not mentioned on the church website.)

Great sets of eight bells in both towers. All bells were kept working the whole time having 16-20 ringers show up. The group rang call changes, Plain Bob Major, Stedman, single Oxford, and Grandsire among others.

Our thanks to Lucy Chandhial for organising this successful outing, and hoping future N&E outings will see more of these delightful towers south of the Thames.

Help our neighbours

Linda Georgiades, Association Secretary

The A&P District in the W&P Guild are organising a Fundraising Open Day on **30th September** to help raise funds to restore the bells at Ropley, where the church was destroyed by fire in 2014.

This Open Day offers all ringers the opportunity to enjoy a day in the Hampshire countryside, and to ring at a selection of 24 churches, some of which are not normally available. The full programme is attached at the end of Bell News, and see

<https://www.wpbells.org/open-day-for-ropley/>.

Janets' Jaunt

This event takes place twice each year, and has become a regular and popular event in the Calendar. The two Janets, Janet Drake and Janet Betham, lead a carefully researched outing, ringing at one tower and walking a few miles to a second with an optional pub lunch in between. The Jaunt will take place on **7th October**. If you've never taken part, it's fun, you ring at new towers - and you get in your 10,000 steps.

Listen to the experts !

Lucy Chandhial

On Saturday **28th October** ten bands will ring at St Magnus the Martyr in the London 12 bell striking competition. St Paul's Cathedral band, College Youths and Cumberlands will compete, a UL band and, of course, a Middlesex band. The test piece is Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Ringing is from 11 until around 4, and is a great opportunity to hear excellent ringing whether you choose to spend the day listening attentively, or simply stop for coffee or a sandwich part way through the day and meet other ringers.

A local pub will be advertised as a main meeting point. Magnus is at the north end of London Bridge so it's a perfect chance to climb Monument or walk part of the Thames path to listen.

The Lord Mayor's Show

Steve Jakeman

The Lord Mayor's Show this year is on Saturday **11th November**. There will be general ringing for all 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 from 2:15pm at St Sepulchre, Holborn Viaduct (TBC).

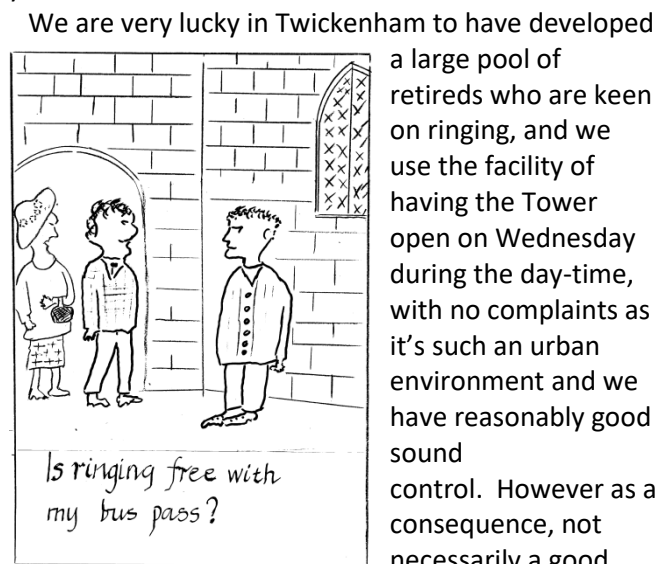
This is an opportunity not only to ring at two City churches but also, for those new to the occasion, to take part in a traditional and colourful pageant. The window at St Mary's provides an excellent viewpoint upon the procession as it passes by.

The Twickenham Edge

Steve Mitchell's initiative a few years ago to encourage older ringers to join the band under the Richmond branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A) was covered in Bell News 94.

Otto Benz

now explains Twickenham's experience several years on:-



We are very lucky in Twickenham to have developed a large pool of retirees who are keen on ringing, and we use the facility of having the Tower open on Wednesday during the day-time, with no complaints as it's such an urban environment and we have reasonably good sound control. However as a consequence, not necessarily a good

one, I think we have let slip the recruitment and training of younger ringers.

We had quite a good turn-out, around 30, for "Ring for the King" at Twickenham All Hallows, but we used the event more to tie in existing ringers who are affiliated with the Tower rather than having been able to use the initiative to recruit new ringers.

However it's also true that the Ring for the King initiative made several join or rejoin the group and it was very successful, I think, in keeping interest up with that group and even extending it.

I think the Ring for King was a really good thing – let's hope we have a few more of these over the coming years – like the Millennium, truly special state or church occasions attract learners for ringing, and we must take advantage of them when they happen! (although I'm not advocating changing monarchs too quickly, for sure.) I feel confident we will continue to keep a reasonable number of ringers next year.

Training courses

Training courses by N&E are planned for the morning of the third Saturday of September (Basic conducting), October and November as shown on the Calendar. These courses are well worth attending and offer members excellent opportunities for development. The training officers encourage suggestions and requests; contact Guy Wells N&ETrainingRep3@bellringing.london or Sonia Field S&WTrainingRep3@bellringing.london.

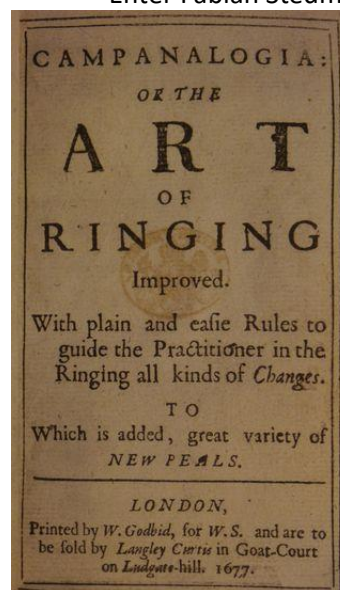
The Stedman Connection

Angela Elliott

As a teenage chorister at St Peter's, Wellesbourne in the 1970s each Sunday I saw and heard the bellringers, and I was persuaded to try bellringing. It seemed an interesting thing to do, and my mother was keen on keeping me occupied with 'wholesome' pursuits. At practices we rang completely muffled, so I learned to ring by sight, rather than sound.

University put an end to ringing but fast forward fifty years – yes, fifty years – and maybe I could go back to ringing. I mean, why not? I might be old, but I'm not past it. I thought I might just still remember what I was supposed to do with the end of a rope and a sally. Roughly three months later, I've just about closed the fifty year gap and blown most of the cobwebs away.

Enter Fabian Stedman.



Scene:- the ringing chamber at Hackney with the experts ringing Stedman, and what was going through my head, aside from 'This is complicated' was 'Where do I know this name from?' When I got home I looked Stedman up and the plot thickened. You see, I have Stedmans (sometimes spelled Steadman) in my family tree. One woman in particular has turned

out to be a key ancestor. Her name was Jane Steadman, my great great grandmother, born in 1822. Factor in the generations, and I can officially announce that Fabian Stedman and I are second cousins ten times removed.

I can't claim any fabulous ability with numbers, which is what our Fabian seemed to be good at (that and bellringing) but I can at least say I am continuing a family tradition and hope soon to be able to doff a metaphorical cap to my cousin, by way of ringing his famous principle (when I've got my head round it).

And finally

It might be wise, when trying to recruit and retain ringers, to keep them from reading John Bunyan.

Now you must know that before this I had taken much delight in ringing, but my conscience beginning to be tender, I thought such practice was but vain and therefore forced myself to leave it.

Such scruples among beginners should be sternly deterred if the Association is to flourish.

Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild

FUNDRAISING "TOWER OPEN DAY"

Saturday 30th September 2023

Come and enjoy a day out in the beautiful Hampshire countryside!

With 24 Towers situated in the South Downs National Park and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, ringing in the Alton & Petersfield District is a special treat!

- ✓ Recently augmented, restored and rarely available Towers!
- ✓ Refreshments (bacon rolls/lunches/afternoon tea) served throughout the day.
- ✓ All Towers manned with local ringers, so ringing can always take place on the full set of bells.
- ✓ Prize for anyone who manages to ring at all 24 Towers during the day!

Share the day with non-ringing friends, who can enjoy shopping in the lovely market towns of Alton or Petersfield, visiting Jane Austen's house at Chawton or The Wakes Museum (Gilbert White's house) at Selborne.....or even a trip on the Watercress Line Steam Railway!

This Fundraising Open Day is being held to support the efforts to re-hang the bells at nearby Ropley, where a devastating fire destroyed the church and bell tower in 2014. Fundraising to re-hang the bells is still ongoing after nearly 10 years so if you only support one Tower Open Day this year, make it this one!

09:00	Bentley	6 bells, 12-3-18 (GF)	R,T	
09:25	Froyle	6 bells, 10-2-18		
09:50	Binsted	6 bells, 12-3-18 (GF)		
10:15	Holybourne	8 bells, 6-3-16 (GF)	R,T	New peal of bells 2009
10:40	Alton, St Lawrence	8 bells, 18-1-20		
11:05	Alton, All Saints	6 bells, 6-0-4		New peal of bells 2006
11:30	Bentworth	6 bells, 7-0-27 (GF)		
11:55	Chawton	6 bells, 6-0-26	R, T	New peal of bells 2009
13:00	East Tisted	3 bells, 7cwt (GF)		Rare, subject to restoration July '23
13:20	Newton Valence	6 bells, 9-3-7 (GF)		Restored & augmented June 2022
13:45	Selborne	8 bells, 8-3-8 (GF)	R, T	Augmented 2007
14:10	Blackmoor	6 bells, 8-0-1		
14:35	Bramshott	6 bells, 11-1-20 (GF)		
15:00	Liss, St Mary	8 bells, 12-1-26	R, T	
15:25	Liss, St Peter	6 bells, 7-3-26 (GF)		Rarely available
15:50	Hawkley	8 bells, 8-1-25	R, T	Restored & new bells May 2023
16:15	Steep	6 bells, 6-0-13		
16:40	Froxfield (High Cross)	6 bells, 5-1-23		
17:05	Privett	8 bells, 12-0-15		Redundant church
17:30	West Meon	8 bells, 12-2-2		Future full-circle ringing to be restricted
17:50	Warnford	6 bells, 12-2-10 (GF)		
18:15	East Meon	10 bells, 18-0-12	T	
18:45	Buriton	6 bells, 8-2-6	R, T	
19:00	Petersfield	8 bells, 15½ cwt	T	

All Towers open for one hour from the time shown, with timings strictly adhered to.

All Towers manned with local ringers to enable ringing on all the bells each time during the hour slot 🦷.
(GF = Ground Floor ringing room, T = toilets, R= refreshments)

**** **EARLY BIRD DAY TICKETS** ****

£18 in advance

Available from Rachael Barber (rachaelbarber40@gmail.com, 07714 325 059, 24 Rushfield Road, Liss, Hants GU33 7LW). Early Bird Day tickets provide access to all 24 open towers.

**** **TICKETS ON THE DAY** ****

£2 per Tower, or DAY TICKETS £20 (available from the Stewards at any Tower).

Any changes will be listed/notified on the Guild Website (<https://www.wpbells.org/open-day-for-ropley/>)

CALENDAR

September - December 2023

Calendar events are liable to change; please follow MCALDG emails.

Date	Day	Distr	Topic	Location	Time
5th Sep	Tues	S&W	6 bell practice	Norwood Green	7:45-9pm
6th Sep	Wed	N&E	Minor methods practice	Southgate	7:00-9:00pm
7th Sep	Thur	S&W	Triples practice	Hanwell	8:00-9:30pm
8th Sep	Fri	MCA	Association 12 bell methods practice	St Magnus the Martyr	6:30 – 8:30pm
9th Sept	Sat	S&W	Second Saturday practice	Great Stanmore	10:30-noon
10th Sep	Sun	N&E	10 bell methods practice	Hackney	2:00-4:00pm
14th Sep	Thur	N&E	7 & 8 bell methods, and local band	St Mary, Islington	7:00-9:00pm
15th Sept	Fri	S&W	Surprise Major practice	Harlington	7:30-9:15pm
16th Sep	Sat	N&E	Open House	Aldgate	10:00-5:00pm
22nd Sep	Fri	N&E	Surprise Major methods practice	St Augustine, Kilburn	6:30-8:30pm
22nd Sept	Fri	S&W	10 bell practice	All Hallows, Twickenham	7:45-9:15pm
23rd Sep	Sat	N&E	Basic conducting – look out for emails	Garlickhythe	10:00-1:00pm
23rd Sep	Sat	S&W	General practice	Cranford	10:30-noon
4th Oct	Wed	N&E	Minor Methods practice	Southgate	7:00-9:00pm
5th Oct	Thur	S&W	Triples practice	Hanwell	8:00-9:30pm
7th Oct	Sat	N&E	Janets' Jaunt – all welcome	TBA	All day
8th Oct	Sun	N&E	10 bell methods practice	Hackney	2:00-4:00pm
10th Oct	Tues	S&W	6 bell practice	Norwood Green	7:45-9pm
13th Oct	Fri	MCA	Association 12 bell methods practice	St Magnus the Martyr	6:30 – 8:30pm
14th Oct	Sat	S&W	S&W district outing	St Albans – see emails	All day
19th Oct	Thur	N&E	7 & 8 bell methods, and local band	St Mary, Islington	7:00-9:00pm
20th Oct	Fri	S&W	Surprise Major practice	Harlington TBC	7:30-9:15pm
21st Oct	Sat	MCA	ASSOCIATION AUTUMN MEETING	Harlington	
27th Oct	Fri	N&E	Surprise Major methods	Hart Street	6:30-8:30pm
27th Oct	Fri	S&W	10 bell practice	Harrow on the Hill	7:45-9:15pm
28th Oct	Sat	N&E	Training course TBC	TBA	TBA
28th Oct	Sat	MCA	London 12 bell striking competition	St Magnus the Martyr	10:00-7:00pm
28th Oct	Sat	S&W	General practice & Planning meeting	Cranford	10:30-noon
28th Oct	Sat	S&W	Quarter peal week starts	All towers	Various
1st Nov	Wed	N&E	Minor Methods practice	St Mary, Holloway	7:00-9:00pm
2nd Nov	Thur	S&W	Triples practice	Hanwell	8:00-9:30pm
5th Nov	Sun	S&W	End of QP week, social TBA	All towers	
7th Nov	Tues	S&W	6 bell practice	Norwood Green	7:45-9pm
10th Nov	Fri	MCA	Association 12 bell methods practice	St Magnus the Martyr	6:30 – 8:30pm
11th Nov	Sat	MCA	Lord Mayor's Show	St Mary le Bow, & TBC	10:00-3:15pm
12th Nov	Sun	N&E	10 bell methods practice	Limehouse	2:00-4:00pm
16th Nov	Thur	N&E	7 & 8 bell methods, and local band	St Mary, Islington	7:00-9:00pm
17th Nov	Fri	S&W	Surprise Major practice	Harlington TBC	7:30-9:15pm
18th Nov	Sat	N&E	Outing to London towers	TBA	11:00-3:00pm
24th Nov	Fri	S&W	10 bell practice	Hillingdon	7:45-9:15pm
24th Nov	Fri	N&E	Surprise Major methods practice	St Saviour's, Pimlico	7:00-8:30pm
25th Nov	Sat	N&E	Training course TBA	TBA	TBA
25th Nov	Sat	S&W	General practice	Cranford TBC	10:30-noon
29th Nov	Wed	MCA	<i>Bellringers' Advent Carol Service but not yet</i>	<i>decided upon. Ringing 6:30, and</i>	<i>Service 7:30</i>
6th Dec	Wed	N&E	Minor Methods practice	Southgate	7:00-9:00pm
7th Dec	Thur	S&W	Triples practice	Hanwell	8:00-9:30pm
8th Dec	Fri	MCA	Association 12 bell methods practice	St Magnus the Martyr	6:30 – 8:30pm

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