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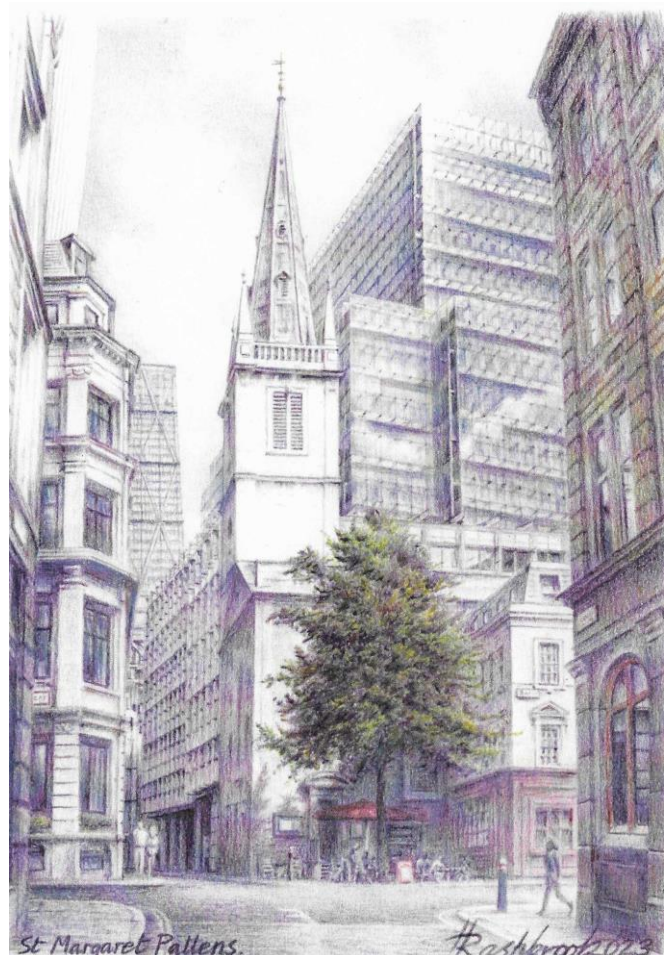
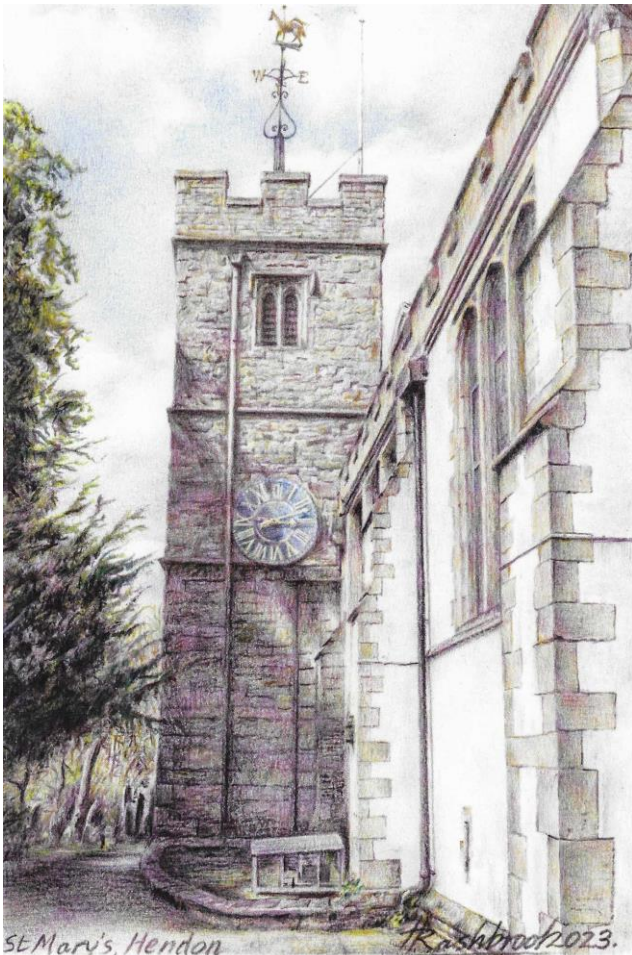
In this issue we feature some of the incredible artwork by Hans Rashbrook, whose death came as a complete shock to many of us.

Whilst I did not know Hans for as long as many of you did, I enjoyed his company last year at the 12-Bell Competition at St Magnus the Martyr, where we listened together to the striking and discussed the finer points of bellringing and art. Since his death there has been much bellringing in his honour, and all can be found detailed on BellBoard.

Angela Elliott – Editor

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This page left: St. Mary's Hendon.

Right: St. Margaret Potters Bar.

Front Cover: St. Botolph's Aldgate.

WEEKEND TRIP TO YPRES

Janet Betham - St. Anne's, Highgate

From 28th to 30th June this year 11 ringers and friends from St. Augustine's, Kilburn, travelled to Ypres to ring at St. George's Memorial Church, lay a wreath at the Menin Gate and visit some of the cemeteries to honour the dead and missing from World War I. We were particularly keen to remember bellringers whose details are recorded by Alan Regin, Steward of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in the Rolls of Honour, and I was very grateful to be included in this trip of a lifetime. Ypres was all-but flattened during the war, but has been painstakingly reconstructed in the original style, and has become synonymous with the trench warfare that typified the fighting on the Western Front including the senseless slaughter at nearby Passchendaele.

The visit began on Friday 28th with ringing at St. George's Memorial Church, consecrated in 1929 to commemorate over 500,000 British and Commonwealth troops who had died in the three battles fought for the Ypres Salient during World War I. The church was always planned to include a ring of bells, but there was insufficient funding available until 2017, when 8 new bells, cast by John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough, were installed, being the only change-ringing peal of bells in Belgium. The late Philip Vracas, one-time President of the MCA, who rang at Kilburn and Spitalfields, was one of the trustees of this project and has the treble dedicated to him. Each bell bears an inscription to a fallen ringer and 'For a Soldier of the Great War known unto God' (Rudyard Kipling); the first peal was rung on 10th January 2018, Ypres Surprise Major with Alan Regin on the tenor, and the newly trained local band rang on Armistice Day, 11th November 2018.

Before we rang, we were reminded that the bells were installed to respectfully commemorate those lost in WWI, 'lest we forget', and not just for adding to our list of tower-grabs, and indeed some of us did want to dedicate a touch or a quarter-peal to distant relatives. The bells were a delight to ring and the ringing chamber, (with its cameras and a screen, down in the foyer), a well maintained and poignant space full of photographs, memorial plaques and handbells.

After a break we all met up at the Menin Gate, one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders which covers the area known as the Ypres Salient, for the daily 8pm Last Post. Three of our group, Janet Drake, Lucy Chandhial and Harry Baulcombe, laid a wreath on behalf of the MCA to 5 fallen ringers: Private Charles F. Dell of Isleworth and Corporal Frederick G. Tegg of Southgate, both remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial; and Captain Alexander R. Milne of Barnet, Corporal Arthur J. Roker of Acton and Private Harry W.R. Thurlow of Staines St. Peter, all inscribed on the Menin Gate Memorial amongst over 54,000 names. It was a short but very well-attended ceremony, which takes place every evening.



Harry Baulcombe, Janet Drake and Lucy Chandhial laying the wreath at the Menin Gate

Saturday saw us back at St. George's to ring more touches and quarter-peals, and Alan then took us to visit 5 of the nearby Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemeteries, starting with Ypres Reservoir Cemetery near the prison which had survived bombardment together with much of the Cathedral and Cloth Hall. This is Esther Gao's memories of the five cemeteries we visited:

'The Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, marked especially with a poignant story of the Knott brothers whose father asked for them to be buried together. Then a whistle-stop tour to the New Irish Farm Cemetery with a refreshing (and invigorating!) hot toddy (a "Benny and hot" – mixture of Benedictine and hot water, a tradition brought back from the Great War by the East Lancashire Regiment; the Oxford Road Cemetery

with the memorial to the 50th Northumberland Division standing proud nearby, where we paid tribute to a famous cricketer, Colin Blythe; the Airplane Cemetery where we learnt about the bittersweet story of Luke Leadbeater and his fiancée; and finally to the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the world, the Tyne Cot Cemetery, where some of us rang handbells by the memorial panel showing amongst others the name of Corporal Frederick George Tegg from Southgate who had rung peals also at Barnet, Edmonton, St. Andrew's Enfield and Tottenham and who was also remembered on our wreath.'

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WEEKEND TRIP TO YPRES – CONT'D

We also saw an amazing peal book of Rifleman Bertram Prewett, London Irish Rifles, a prolific ringer after whom the ringing room at St. George's is named, and who had rung peals with Private C.F. Dell of Isleworth.

On the Sunday we rang for the service at St. George's, and some of us visited the Flanders Fields Museum, the Cathedral and the market, before we went our separate ways, by car, train or bicycle.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Alan Regin for arranging the ringing at St. George's with Lucy, for preparing the wreath and for guiding us around the cemeteries



Tyne Cot Cemetery

with his fascinating commentary on notable graves and memorials appropriate to where we live or ring for us to read out. We also thank Michael Dickinson for arranging our accommodation and evening meals with such care, and for his local knowledge of the town and surroundings.

A full report giving more ringing soldiers' names and details is available in Ringing World no. 5911, 9th August 2024.

FOOTNOTE: Alan is now producing a new book to add nearly 90 names to the WWII Rolls of Honour. The cost will be approximately £4,500 and the CCCBR are appealing for contributions to The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, sort code: 30-99-50, account number: 00218896, reference ROH (cccbr.org.uk/2024/01/05/rolls-of-honour).



Brighton Bells

Elliott Johnson

St. James, Prebend Street

The middle of June saw a N&E ringers' outing to Brighton. I don't know how many ringing omens there are, but the day didn't look good with cloudy grey skies and rain being the view from our seats on the

Brighton Line train. Fighting the elements outside Brighton station, things soon picked up and the bands of ringers were taking in the sights to our first tower of the day: St Peter's Church, York Place. 10 bells to challenge the newer ringers amongst us, and the nerves of us not quite used to ten bells were being tested whilst tiptoeing over what seemed to be a building site but was actually the stage for what might have been Brighton's wedding of the year.

Two strong ringers to ring up the tenor and the ringing was under way. Things could only get easier from then on in. Some more walking around the town and, for some of us, bracing the coastal winds while ticking off the tourist areas of the Pier (including the sad remains of the old one still poking its head out in the sea), the Grand Hotel, and maybe popping in an arcade shop to dispense of some 2p coins.

Tower number two: St Nicholas, Church Street. Another ten bell tower with a ground-floor ring. And then on to lunch. Here the ringers group went in separate ways for our two and a half hours' 'free time'. The Pump House - the advertised venue for our lunch - opened their first floor just for us, but others went to the coast for... what else? Yes, fish and chips, of course, protecting our meals from the very hungry seagulls. The sun was by now shining brightly, but very choppy waters put an end to dipping our toes. Some of the group rang handbells during the break on the grass outside the last church, The Good Shepherd, where we were led in some excellent ringing of Grandsire Triples, Surprise Minor and Double Norwich as a thank you to the day's organiser, Janet Betham.

For most of us, a train back to London where we reflected positively on a great outing and our luck at avoiding the rain. A big thank you to Tom Britten, Steve Jakeman and Colin Cherrett for running the respective ringing sessions, to Janet Betham for planning the day and to all those who attended and made the day as excellent as it was.



50 Ringing Things for Teams

Celia Workman

Fourteen ringers went on an Outing which was organised as part of '50 Ringing Things for Teams'. The group included ringers from All Saints, Harrow Weald and Monken Hadley. We met at St Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley, a lovely 8, perfectly suited to the learners in our group. We rang Mexican Wave, Call Changes, and plain hunt on 5 (with 3 covers) for learners at this stage. The allotted time went very quickly! Our 2nd tower was St Giles at South Mimms (photo). Here we rang plain hunt, rounds and calls, and Plain Bob doubles. To ring bells 5 and 6 we had to stand on a low windowsill! We enjoyed ringing 'new' bells with another team - all part of the experience of being a ringer!



Suitably tired, many of us went to the pub for a well-earned drink and lunch. Our youngest ringer amazed us all by demolishing an enormous serving of sticky toffee pudding and TWO scoops of ice cream!

This year the Hendon Ringers have lost two of our most loyal ringers, both of whom were active members of the congregation at Hendon St Mary. A great loss to the ringers and the church. Obituaries by Martin Clode.

David John Richard Morgan (Richard) 1952-2024

Richard was born in Plymouth but grew up in Hersham, Surrey, where his father, another DJR Morgan, was the local GP. Following in his father's footsteps, Richard studied medicine in London at Bart's, where he met his future wife and fellow doctor-to-be, Pat, with whom he would go on to have three children: Ann, David and George.

Richard and Pat moved to Hendon in the late 1970s and became actively involved at St Mary's Church, including spells as church wardens and learning to ring on the eight bells. Richard rapidly progressed to becoming one of the more experienced ringers, and by the early 1990s he became assistant ringing master to Ruth Foreman. Richard rang nine peals for the Middlesex Association, which were all at Hendon and included circling the tower. He also rang two peals for the Guild of Medical Ringers where he was an active member, and President from 2007 to 2010.

Rugby was another passion. As a young man, Richard was a referee, once bringing a match between the London Police and the London Fire Brigade to an abrupt end when he sent off an entire side. He went on to be medical officer for Saracens, for many years, and maintained a keen interest in the fortunes of Sarries and the Welsh Rugby side throughout his life.

Many of Richard's happiest times were spent down in Cornwall, particularly after he and Pat bought a home-from-home near Fowey in 2006. He was also closely involved in the community in Cornwall – ringing the bells at Lanteglos Church, singing in the choir and assisting Pat with tending her beehives.

The end came unexpectedly and much sooner than anyone would have wanted. Richard was starting to find a new rhythm after losing Pat. He was enjoying an active social life and looking forward to things, particularly a trip with his sister Carolyn and brother-in-law Rowan this summer, but he always said you never know when the number 77 bus will knock you down and he proved himself right, dying suddenly but peacefully in his sleep at home in April.

Ringings in memory of Richard:

10 Jun 2024 Edgware (St Margaret) 1260 Grandsire Doubles

10 May 2024 Hendon (St Mary) 1260 Grandsire Triples

27 Apr 2024 Hendon (St Mary) 5040 Plain Bob Triples

20 Apr 2024 Cheadle (St Mary) 1260 Grandsire Triples

14 Apr 2024 Harrow Weald (All Saints) 1296 Beverley Surprise Minor

10 Apr 2024 Hendon (St Mary) 1260 Plain Bob Minor



Albert Johann Rashbrook (Hans) 1964 - 2024



Rest in Peace

Hans will always be remembered as a friendly, helpful person, generous with his time, willing to help out wherever he could. In the pub keeping us entertained with stories of his visits to the proms, his family heritage in Germany, his work in the British Museum, membership of the Tall Persons Club, choir concert performances and so much more.

Hans learnt to ring in Swindon in the early 1980s. But we knew him ringing all over London. After initially ringing at Finchley, where he lived, he was told that if he wanted to ring methods he should go to Hendon. He started ringing with us about 15 years ago, where he became a loyal, reliable member of the band. Hans was not the ideal size for climbing amongst our bells, but he was our steeple keeper for many years, his steeple keeper's report often being delivered in prose.

Hans was a gifted artist and illustrator and did some beautiful drawings of churches in the Middlesex area. He sang in choirs including the choir at St Margaret Pattens where he was proud to ring their single bell.

Hans was always willing to ring in quarter peals and help out with practices all over the Middlesex region. Often when I tell people I ring at Hendon I get the response "that is where Hans rings". After announcing Hans' death, I received so many responses that Hans was a "Gentle Giant". Hans only rang a handful of peals. His final peal was a peal of Plain Bob Triples rung in memory of Richard Morgan at Hendon in April. Even though most of Hans' many quarter peals were minor or doubles, he regularly supported the Lord Mayor's Show ringing at St Mary-le-Bow where he enjoyed ringing the tenor and could turn his hand to Stedman Cinques.



Illustration by Ace Harvey

July Ringing in memory of Hans, with more for August to Sept on BellBoard.

29 Jul 2024 Harrow Weald (All Saints) 1260 Mixed Doubles (3m)

25 Jul 2024 City of London (St Margaret Pattens) Tolling - The Nine Tailors

15 Jul 2024 Hackney (St John at Hackney) Call Changes

15 Jul 2024 Hackney (St John at Hackney) 1260 Doubles (2m)

14 Jul 2024 Hackney (St John at Hackney) 1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

14 Jul 2024 Hendon (St Mary) 1260 Grandsire Triples

14 Jul 2024 Hornchurch (St Andrew) 1260 Plain Bob Triples

14 Jul 2024 Isle of Dogs (Christ Church) 1260 All Saints Place Doubles

14 Jul 2024 Swindon (Christ Church) 1260 Stedman Triples

12 Jul 2024 Aldgate (St Botolph without Aldgate) 120 Grandsire Doubles

11 Jul 2024 Enfield (St Andrew) 60 Call Changes - Half-Muffled

11 Jul 2024 Highgate (St Anne) General Ringing

10 Jul 2024 Ash (St Peter) 1260 Plain Bob Minor

10 Jul 2024 Harrow Weald (All Saints) Rounds and Call Changes

10 Jul 2024 Hitchin (2 Orchard Road) 5088 Spliced Surprise Major (5m)

9 Jul 2024 Bath (Blessed Virgin Mary, Bathwick) 1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

9 Jul 2024 Bermondsey (St James) 1260 Plain Bob Triples

Bell Ringing in the Highgate Community

Celebrating the Centenary of the Holly Lodge Estate

Christine Grant – St Anne's Highgate

On 2nd June 2024 members of St Anne's tower band supported the Holly Lodge Estate in Highgate in celebrating the centenary of the development of the Estate. St Anne's Church, Highgate West Hill, is located next to the Holly Lodge Estate, Highgate and has strong connections to the area.

Highgate has a ring of 8 bells, forming an octave in the key of Fb. They were cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 1853 and donated to Saint Anne's Church by Angela Burdett-Coutts (1814-1906). Baroness Burdett-Coutts was an English philanthropist who spent much of an inherited fortune on projects for the education and housing of the poor. She inherited the villa known as the Holly Lodge in 1837. The grounds were divided upon her husband's death in 1922, and the current Estate developed from 1924.

No trace of the Lodge now remains but the pond and some of the gardens are still there amongst the houses, flats and Community Centre built since.

A service was held at St Anne's, followed by a procession of clergy and congregation up Parliament Hill to bless the Estate and the Parish, which was accompanied by bellringing. After the procession, members of St Anne's tower band stewarded groups of 6 at a time to visit the ringing room in the church tower and to chime a bell. About 30 people of all ages visited the tower and were encouraged to participate in bellringing as a hobby, as a result of which a number of residents have expressed a keen interest in developing this skill.

The following St. Anne's ringers were involved: Janet Betham, Constance Redgrave, Mary Ruth (Em) Mayo, Elizabeth Young, Dylan Thomas, Christine Grant, Anthony Davey and Andrew Reed.

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(A few weeks after the event we were visited by a rather worse-for-wear local resident, a member of a well-known pop band, who have just reformed for a worldwide tour, but he was considered not suitable to try the bells on that occasion - JB).



Picture drawn by the young son of an Estate resident who came to try chiming a bell.



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Nick Gander Farewell and Good Luck

Janet Betham

Ringers from St. Anne's Highgate had a farewell drinks party in the new pub next door to St. Anne's, the Duke of St. Albans, after our practice the other day. Nick is a life member of the MCA and helped us out many times at Highgate with our learners, offering patient and considered advice to them. He also joined us on the Jaunts, and we hope to keep in touch with him and perhaps organise a tower visit when he has settled in. Nick has been a supportive ringer, helping with teaching handling and offering useful advice across many years at Holloway and Highgate in particular.



Saying Goodbye to Nick Gander

Lucy Chandhial

Ringers from Holloway, Highgate and beyond wished Nick Gander all the best as he (finally) makes his long-planned move from North London to Dorset to enjoy dark skies, spacious coastline and exploring new cycle routes, new towers and new pubs. Nick has 43 quarter peals on BellBoard and as the first is ringing inside to Plain Bob Royal in 1979 I can only imagine how long ago Nick learnt to ring! Certainly, from the early 1980's onwards he's been a reliable Middlesex ringer, and this has included ringing with many less experienced ringers. 25 of these quarter peals include a 'first' for another ringer.

Nick's timekeeping can be questionable and there are many occasions where he's joined the Jaunts in the middle of the day as the start was simply too early. In a similar vein this move to Dorset has taken years to come to reality, but the ringers of Christchurch are lucky to have Nick on their doorstep now.

Friends of the late Geoff Willis

Margaret Willis

This is an invite to a short handbell concert to celebrate Geoff's life. He especially requested the Barfield Handbell Team to ring. The concert will be held at Saint Matthew's Church, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 2NY at 2:00 PM on Saturday 19th October 2024. Unfortunately, there is no town car park now, and the few spaces outside the church are restricted to two hours only. However, I have contacted the local St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church primary school, and they have agreed to our use of their car park from 1:30 to 4:30 PM on the day. I have agreed a fee with them. Their post code is TW15 1LF. It is within easy walking distance of the church. The concert would have been held sooner but it had to be postponed owing to Covid, resulting in it being five years after Geoff's passing. There will be a voluntary retiring collection for Cancer Research. Please let me know if you will be attending, either by text or phone call to 07944 293568.

A New Arrival

Elizabeth LeMoine, Stepney, St Dunstan's

The current Stepney band was a year old in 2008 when local artists Charlotte and Ross approached us intrigued to know more about the bells. Charlotte brought her daughter Scarlett, then 6 or 7, and we introduced them to the bells one pleasant spring afternoon. Being then in full-on recruitment mode, we enthusiastically offered ringing tuition: the gateway to a life-long pursuit of interest and fellowship. But a prior commitment of comparative scale had already claimed them, body and soul: mother and daughter were focussed on Scarlett's competitive diving training. Indeed, a few years later Scarlett, aged 10, is mentioned in the local paper: 'Tower Hamlets youngster excels in diving competition'. On 27 July 2024 there she was again, and her teammate, in the news of GB's first medal at the Paris Olympics! Fantastically well done to Scarlett and Yasmin - and of course it wouldn't have been possible without Scarlett's mum!



A Volunteer's View

Andrew Reed
St Anne's, Highgate



The Ringing World National Youth Competition takes place annually, having started in 2011, and this year it was located in the City of London on Saturday 6th July. It is aimed at young ringers, specifically those under 19 and this year there were 300+ young ringers entering, in 37 teams, representing 31 different ringing associations. There were two contests throughout the day, one for Call Changes, and one for Methods, with ringing taking place at St James, Garlickhythe, and St Olave, Hart Street. The results were announced in the nave of St Paul's Cathedral in the evening. Additionally, ringing took place in 10 other churches in the City and surrounding areas, with the event based at St-Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, which also hosted three types of mini-rings and a handbell workshop.

I opted to be one of the roughly 120+ volunteers helping on the day, starting my shift at 8am in the pouring rain at St-Mary-le-Bow. Our first task was to help assemble The Charmborough Ring. Easier to set up (and inside) were The Maypole Bells, which are comprised of 6 bells developed by Trevor Arnold, with a ringing simulator and bells based on the ground. Also inside was the Higby Dumbbell, a training dumbbell which feels like a 3.5cwt tower bell.

After this I was off to St Magnus-the-Martyr, a 12-bell tower (12, 26-3-9) as part of the supporting ringers until I finished my shift at 1pm. Competing teams were allocated roughly 30-minute slots throughout the morning with ringing very ably managed by Eleanor Linford and Michael Williams. As volunteers, we were placed more or less in between the visiting team ringers and also helped welcome teams and guests, ushering people in and out, queue managing and answering general questions. It was incredibly inspiring to see so many young ringers taking part and ringing so well. Quite a few needed a box to stand on but all managed to ring competently and well. For me it was a real privilege to be part of the day and of course to experience ringing in such a wonderful tower. I would absolutely recommend volunteering for this event, it was a great experience and one that gave confidence in the flow of new ringers for the future.

Participants

Adam Brett and Jason Brett
St Andrew's, Enfield

The RWNYC was a day we will never forget. Our team were the first "Middlesex Young Ringers Team" and therefore the first Middlesex band to enter this competition. We have all been learning together, with one of our team members having rung for less than a year. We were the first team to ring for the competition and then we were off around London



Joseph Collings
Josh Harris-Perver

Adam Brett
Yuxi Chen

Gerard Evans
Jason Brett

to visit and ring at numerous towers throughout the day. The organisers had arranged for so many towers to be available for ringing we struggled to get to them all in time, and barely had time to eat our packed lunches! We had the honour of ringing the Bow Bells at Bow Church, probably the most famous church bells in the world, featured in nursery rhymes and of great importance to London Cockneys.

We arrived at St Paul's Cathedral for the evening awards ceremony and were surprised by the huge number of young ringers and supporters gathered there. It was clear that this had been a massive undertaking, and the organisers should be congratulated for the smooth running of this event. Some of our parents joined us for the awards ceremony and whilst we did not come first, we were very happy with our efforts and were delighted to receive the competitor awards; a great reminder of a fantastic day.

Our team have all been taught by Chris Trawin and he has put a huge effort into teaching us; from the first pull on a rope, to ringing as a team in the competition. We are all grateful to Chris for the hard work he has put in to get us this far. In addition to teaching us he has dealt the paperwork and ensured we have rung at various towers so that we can get used to the feel of different bells. We are also very grateful to Lesley Roper, who has provided huge support and acted as chaperone for the competition and the numerous tower-grab practice trips.

NEWBIE AT ONE YEAR AND THREE MONTHS

Constance Redgrave

NASA, we have a problem and it crystallised last night at practice. There is a hole in the system. Up until now I have been doing what I am told, trying to work it out backwards, as I do with everything in life, and getting better and better at some things. I have a toolbox of tricks and it's useful on a Sunday morning, at a pinch, when we are short of a few good people, and I am needed. Here is the problem with this method of learning. I am a one trick pony. I can only do what I know how to do.

In my toolbox are the following:

Plain Hunt – I learned to do it from the treble on the Essex Course in April. It's a sequence of bells that has taught me bell control and sometimes it's euphoric how beautiful I feel when it's right. I have added counting places in my head as I go through the sequence, but the problem is that counting the places means absolutely nothing to me. It's just numbers and a trick I can do at the same time.

Plain Bob Doubles – I learned to do this on the treble from Alec one night at Aldgate. He showed it to me on a piece of paper and it's another sequence of bells. I continued my trick of counting the places and it's the same thing. It doesn't mean I have any awareness where I actually am, but I can do it.

Plain Bob Triples – I learned this at Tom's Eight Bell District Practice. It's another trick and I can do it and count places, and I still have no idea where I am, but it sure is fun - and on eight without a tenor it gets my heart rate up to eleven.

Grandsire from the treble – I learned this from Steve Jakeman. Basically, it's ropesight with grounding from the number two bell. I work out the three in the middle, do it again, lead, and lead. If others mess up, I fall back on the counting in my head and line up from the number two on the next round. The ropes tend to phase in and out like spaghetti but it's getting better with practice. Ropesight is just magic.

That's it. That's my toolbox. I hang on to this fantasy that eventually it will all meld into a homogenous mass where they overlap and dance together... but not so far. It's like I can use a hammer, a screwdriver and a drill, but never on the same job. There is an overlap, but last night the call was a touch of Bob Doubles, and I was back to spaghetti brain and a sleepless night. Today, I am again wondering why I ever thought I could do this thing and the noise in my head is deafening.

I am determined to find my way and to anyone who knows me, please don't try to explain it. It's like you are speaking Martian and I'm from a different planet. If you can, show me what to do and be patient. You can trust I am doing my best and will ask if I need more information. I learn by seeing and doing and not by understanding. This is not a good or a bad thing. It's just reality.

My friend Maysoon is a film maker and says when she gets like this, she gets drunk, throws everything up in the air and when it comes down it's in a different place. Minus the getting drunk part it's got potential but getting thrown in at the deep end last night was definitely overkill. I suspect I am back to finding a manageable step forward again. Oh dear...

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Date	Day	District	Event	Location	Time
04/09/2024	Wednesday	N&E	Surprise Minor Methods practice	Christ Church, Southgate	19:00 - 21:00
05/09/2024	Thursday	S&W	Triples practice	St Mary, Hanwell	20:00 - 21:30
08/09/2024	Sunday	N&E	Caters and Royal Methods practice	St John at Hackney	14:00 - 16:00
10/09/2024	Tuesday	N&E	Plain Triples and Major Methods practice	St Mary Mags, Enfield	19:00 - 21:00
10/09/2024	Tuesday	S&W	6-bell practice	St Mary V, Norwood Green	19:45 - 21:00
13/09/2024	Friday	Association	Association Cinques and Maximus Methods practice	St Magnus the Martyr, Lower Thames St.	18:30 - 20:30
14/09/2024	Saturday	S&W	Second Saturday practice	St Mary, Stanwell TBC	10:30-12 noon
19/09/2024	Thursday	N&E	Plain Doubles and Minor Methods practice	St Dunstan, Stepney	19:00 - 21:00
20/09/2024	Friday	S&W	Surprise Major methods practice	St Leonard, Heston	19:30 - 21:00
21/09/2024	Saturday	N&E	Stedman focus morning, doubles & triples	St. Mary, Finchley; St Mary, Hendon	10:00 - 13:00
27/09/2024	Friday	N&E	Surprise Major methods practice	Christ Church, Hampstead	19:00 - 20:30
27/09/2024	Friday	S&W	General practice 10-bell	All Hallows, Twickenham	19:15 - 21:15
28/09/2024	Saturday		Training Course		10:00 - 13:00
02/10/2024	Wednesday	N&E	Surprise Minor Methods practice	Christ Church, Southgate	19:00 - 21:00
03/10/2024	Thursday	S&W	Triples practice	St Mary, Hanwell	20:00 - 21:30
05/10/2024	Saturday	Association	Janets' Jaunt	Hever to Edenbridge, Kent. Email to follow	All Day
08/10/2024	Tuesday	N&E	Plain Triples and Major Methods practice	All Hallows, Tottenham	19:00 - 21:00
08/10/2024	Tuesday	S&W	6-bell practice	St Mary V, Norwood Green	19:45 - 21:00
11/10/2024	Friday	Association	Association Cinques and Maximus Methods practice	St Magnus the Martyr, Lower Thames St.	18:30 - 20:30
12/10/2024	Saturday	S&W	S&W District Annual Outing	to be circulated	All day
13/10/2024	Sunday	N&E	Caters and Royal Methods practice	St John at Hackney	14:00 - 16:00
17/10/2024	Thursday	N&E	Plain Doubles and Minor Methods practice	St. Mary, Upper St, Islington	19:00 - 21:00
18/10/2024	Friday	S&W	Surprise Major methods practice	St Leonard, Heston	19:30 - 21:00
19/10/2024	Saturday	Association	Association Autumn Meeting Ringing st St Andrews Holborn Striking Competition at St James Prebend St Ringing, Service, Tea and Meeting at St Mary's Islington	N&E Hosting - Upper Street Islington St Andrews Holborn St James Prebend St St Mary's Upper St	11:30 - 12:45 13:15 - 14:45 14:00 - 18:00
25/10/2024	Friday	N&E	Surprise Major methods practice	St. Olave, Hart Street	18:30 - 20:30
25/10/2024	Friday	S&W	General practice 10 bell tower	St Mary, Harrow on the Hill	19:45 - 21:15
26/10/2024	Saturday		Training Course London 12-Bell Striking Competition	TBC St. Michael, Cornhill	10:00 - 13:00 10:00 - 19:00
26/10/2024	3 weeks	S&W	S&W District QP weeks	participating towers	tbtc
31/10/2024	Thursday	S&W	Triples practice	St Mary, Hanwell	20:00 - 21:30
05/11/2024	Tuesday	S&W	6-bell QP attempt for QP weeks	St Mary V, Norwood Green	19:45-21:00
06/11/2024	Wednesday	N&E	Surprise Minor Methods practice	St. Mary Mags, Holloway Road	19:00 - 21:00
08/11/2024	Friday	Association	Association Cinques and Maximus Methods practice	St Magnus the Martyr, Lower Thames St	18:30 - 20:30
09/11/2024	Saturday	Association	Lord Mayor's Show	Association General Secretary arranging ringing in the City area	10:30 - 12:30
10/11/2024	Sunday	N&E	Caters and Royal Methods practice	St. John at Hackney	14:00 - 16:00
12/11/2024	Tuesday	N&E	Plain Triples and Major Methods practice	Christ Church, Isle of Dogs	19:00 - 21:00
15/11/2024	Friday	S&W	Surprise Major QP attempt for QP weeks	St Leonard, Heston	19:30 - 21:00
16/11/2024	Saturday	N&E	Outing	Planned to be local and public transport based	All Day
17/11/2024	Sunday	S&W	S&W QP weeks ends		
21/11/2024	Thursday	N&E	Plain Doubles and Minor Methods practice	St Mary, Upper St, Islington	19:00 - 21:00
22/11/2024	Friday	N&E	Surprise Major methods practice	St. Saviour, Pimlico	19:00 - 20:30
22/11/2024	Friday	S&W	General practice 10 bell tower	St John's, Hillingdon	19:45 - 21:15
23/11/2024	Saturday		Training Course	TBA	10:00 - 13:00

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