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Note from the Editor

This month we take a look at training new ringers, learn of the extraordinary progress of Aldgate newbie, Brooks Hayes, visit churches in Twyford, Maidenhead, Bath and Holborn, ring in the New Year, celebrate the life of the late Bob Todd, and find out all about the Ropespittal family of ringers. Who, I hear you ask. Turn to page 10 and find out. All that and the sun hasn't even set over the yardarm yet. By that I mean, here I am sitting in my kitchen on a sunny Sunday morning, just before service at my local tower, All Hallows, Tottenham. I'm attempting to fill the contents page up with some extra titbits of excitement for you before I send Bell News off to our long-suffering proof-reader Janet Betham. What comes to mind is to show you the before and after pictures of the ceiling in the ringing chamber at All Hallows, Tottenham, replete with its hole. Before and after being 'before' the hole was cut out into a bigger hole, and thus, the 'after'. Thanks go to Stephen Jakeman for doing the dirty work, and to Robert Mumby, architect, for his expert recommendations. Watch this space.

Photos left: Before and after cutting out ceiling to repair at All Hallows, Tottenham.

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Training New Ringers

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green

Chris Weavers

For many years, St Matthew's, Bethnal Green, has been a relatively quiet tower in East London, with limited ringing and no local band. However, recent efforts to train new ringers are breathing fresh life into the tower, ensuring that its bells can ring out regularly once more. Over the past few months, we have focused on bringing in and training new ringers, with a mixture of complete beginners and those returning to ringing after a long break. Thanks to structured handling sessions led by Steve Jakeman and regular practice opportunities, our learners are now developing their skills and progressing towards rounds and call changes.

Support from experienced ringers, particularly from Hackney and Aldgate, has been invaluable in helping to build confidence among the learners, and we are already seeing promising progress. The goal is not only to strengthen ringing at St Matthew's but also to contribute to the wider East London ringing community.

St Matthew's is an 18th-century church with a ring of eight bells, and a tenor weighing in at 13 cwt. The bells



Jamie Mason, Olivia Blanning, Iain Lawson, Brooks Hayes, Chris Weavers

have been rung intermittently in recent years, but with this renewed focus on training, we hope to establish a consistent band capable of supporting Sunday service ringing and local events. The work is far from finished, but momentum is building.

With a slowly growing band and much enthusiasm, the bells of Bethnal Green are well on their way to becoming a regular part of London's soundscape once again.

Chapter 5 – Not so much the Newbie – 18 Months

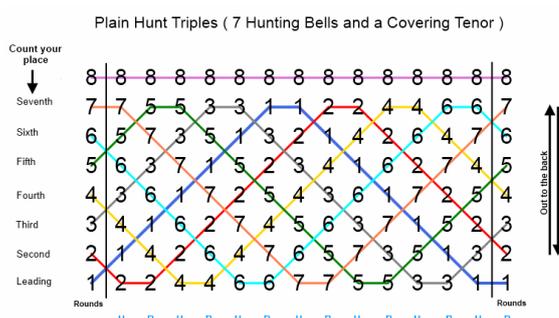
Constance Redgrave – Highgate, St. Anne's

Hooray, the plan worked. Four months' focus on my bell control is paying dividends and September's rope incident (see *Bell News* Iss. 120) seems to have finally faded into the background. I still panic occasionally but have decided fostering a healthy respect is a good thing and, at the year and a half marker, my passion for ringing continues boundless. *I thought love was only true in fairy tales...*

I ring almost all the time these days. There is very little sitting on the bench catching my breath or impatiently waiting my turn for another go, and even then, I am counting places. To my surprise, I have become useful to have around and normally leave sessions feeling very good about my progress. Unfortunately, I still have some nights where I can't find a friendly bell in the tower and occasionally must admit defeat and find a dark corner. These are tough but giving up is no longer an option. And before you say it, yes, I know it's me and not the bell. :-)

So, here is my progress report at eighteen months: Plain Hunt from treble, two and three are good, four and five are in the visualisation phase and Plain Bob Doubles is now within reach on a good night. Grandsire after a four-month break is still scary and I hope to tackle it again very soon. I also discovered quite by accident that I can tenor by ear and handle heavier bells. The surprise is how much I love them! As a bass player, I may have some transferable skills i.e. I hear low frequencies, make time adjustments easily and hold my line when it all goes horribly wrong. I credit 45 years of being the lowest common denominator on the stage; *ask my long-suffering drummer...*

And finally, a serendipitous discovery on Google Image is the horizontal Plain Hunt diagrams for 5 & 7 bells. Suddenly my stomach didn't hurt looking at blue lines! I was starting to think I would never crack this one. Add a growing awareness of places and quick/slow rhythms and I could be doing better than I know. My first quarter peal is on the horizon and the surprise is this doesn't scare me now. Woo hoo! Thank you so much to everyone for your support. I couldn't have done it without you.



S&W District Outing 2024

Bridget Campbell, S&W District Secretary

The S&W District outing 2024 took place on Saturday 12th October. Our first stop was at St Nicholas, Hurst. Its ground floor ringing chamber meant easy access for ringing its eight bells. St Mary's, Twyford was our second tower providing another eight bells, recently overhauled, for a good ringing visit. All Saints, Maidenhead, bells were a little more challenging for our group but an enjoyable ring.

Lunch for most on the outing was at a Tobery Carvery in Maidenhead whose prompt service allowed some to move on to Bray to enjoy local walks and a visit to the river Thames, and others time to enjoy a pudding.

St Michael's at Bray provided our heaviest ring but very enjoyable. Fortunately, we had booked in for an hour because we were asked to stop for fifteen minutes while wedding vows were exchanged. The clash of our bell ringing and a small wedding had been accepted by the vicar in the belief the bells would not be heard during the wedding, but we proved him wrong.

Our last stop was at St Peter's Burnham where I was delighted to find there were only thirty or so steps to the ringing chamber rather than the one hundred I was expecting. I still can't work out that mistake. Again, a very good ringing visit there. Thanks go to all the tower contacts who made us so welcome and to all who joined for all or part of the day. Also, many thanks to those on the outing for their generosity as we raised £80 for the BRF due to my pessimistic charging for the day and it was agreed the surplus would go to the BRF.

The next S&W District outing is scheduled for Saturday 30 August 2025— all welcome — please save the date.



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Royal Jubilee Outing to Bath

Neal Dodge – St. James. Garlickhythe

I organised an outing for the Royal Jubilee Bellringers on Friday 24th January to Bath. Several of us travelled down on the Friday evening and rang a QP on the light six at Lansdown, Somerset. We rang at five towers on the Saturday: Christchurch, St Michael's, Bathwick, Widcombe and Bath Abbey followed by a curry in the evening. We had several achievements including first touch as conductor for Oli Barker, first of Royal for Emiko Kemp, and Alastair's first outing! It was also great to see how much we had progressed as a band since our last outing to York a year ago.



The Royal Jubilee Bellringers
Lansdown, Somerset
St Stephen
Friday, 24 January 2025 (2–3–9 in F)
1320 Plain Bob Doubles
1 Scott A Orr
2 Adam R Crocker
3 Adrian Udal
4 Neal T Dodge (C)
5 Oliver B Barker
6 David Kemp
Rung at the start of Royal Jubilee
Bellringers tour of Bath, with absent
friends in mind.

News from The Central Council

Adrian Sweeting, Central Council Middlesex Association Rep

Plans for Ringing 2030 initiative continue. As mentioned last time, there are two types of workgroup within the Central Council: The 'traditional work', being Methods and Compositions, Bell Repair Fund, History and Archives, Safeguarding etc. All other workgroups are associated with the Ringing 2030 project.

The idea of Ringing 2030 is to change the perception of ringing, so that more people, especially the younger ones, are encouraged to come forward and learn. Ringing generally must prepare itself for the future, teach successfully, improve retention rate and generally flourish. The full CCCBR page for Ringing 2030 is here:

<https://ccabr.org.uk/ringing-2030/>

There is a Three Pillar Approach to the problem. Projects fall under one of the following three pillars:

Pillar 1: Publicity and Marketing: Raise awareness of the art of bellringing and promote it as a social and voluntary activity. Drive new recruits to ringing with better targeted marketing initiatives.

Pillar 2: Recruitment and Development: Encourage the development of local and regional structures to recruit potential new ringers and attract lapsed ringers back to ringing, then ensure their expectations are met as they progress.

Pillar 3: Quality Environment: Teachers, teaching structures, leadership, bell installations, ringing environments, safeguarding, etc. Create a quality environment that makes people enjoy ringing and want to stay doing it.

All three of these efforts are underpinned by a Young Person workgroup to ensure those voices are heard, and significant new digital projects to tie them together.

How you can help

Volunteer for Ringing 2030. Be a part of the change! Ringing 2030 is an ambitious project, and volunteers from every walk of life and experience are welcome.

They are currently looking for people who are comfortable with CSS and frontend website creation for the new recruitment portal, and people who love posting are welcome to join our social media team to launch a promotion and awareness campaign. Actually, if you have expertise in any of the areas mentioned under workgroups, and want to help, contact your CC rep. Your District secretary will direct you. Middlesex is allowed 4 reps. We have only one. We need at least one more to share the load. Anyone can volunteer really – but the younger end of the ringing spectrum is much more important. Much of the work to be done involves digital presence, image, and changing perceptions. What are you good at? Which areas of expertise could you improve by helping Ringing 2030? Develop your skills while helping ringing. Use your skills to help ringing. Get important jobs on your CV/University application. Change the ringing world, so us older ones can moan about how many young people there are, and how they can ring all sorts of stuff that we have never heard of.

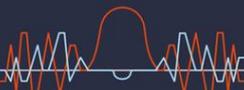



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There's also downloadable info for guilds, associations and groups wishing to promote bell ringing.

<https://ccabr.org.uk/resources/publicity-material/>

Christmas Ringing - Holborn

David Brett, once of St. Andrew's, Enfield, now of deepest Essex

Saturday the 14th of December was the MCALDG N&E district Christmas ringing trip to two churches in Holborn. The first church was St. Andrew's (8 bells, 18-1-21). A fairly long draft, but I think I was the only one who struggled a little with my bell control. We rang call changes, Plain Hunt, Stedman, Grandsire and a half-course of Cambridge Surprise Major. It was lovely to see that one of our new recruits from St Andrew's in Enfield had joined us for her first ringing outing. To her credit she bravely joined in for some rounds, with a little assistance



from Steve. Well done Ruth! I hope you enjoyed the trip and that this will be the first of many more. We all enjoyed the spectacle of Janet spilling some of the tower-fee coins and watching them disappear through the cracks in the ringing room floor. The coins were found on the floor of the church's entrance below and fortunately nobody had been concussed by the bombardment from above! Pennies from heaven...?

From St Andrew's we took a short walk across Holborn Viaduct to Holy Sepulchre (28-2-16). Most of the group took the opportunity to sit in the warm and take coffee while we waited for entry to the second tower. A few minutes were spent while some of the more youthful members rang up the biggest two bells in the tower. We then enjoyed a mixture of call changes and Plain Hunt, an extra challenge for those of us not used to ringing on twelve bells. After an hour or so of varied ringing, we were treated to tea, courtesy of the ever-resourceful Janet and her collection of flasks. We also enjoyed some excellent mince pies and festive biscuits made by Lucy and Cathryn. Thank you, Ladies, for taking the time to prepare fantastic and very welcome post-ringing treats.

Before making our way home, some of us wedged ourselves in the Holborn Viaduct Pub and spent a happy hour or so catching up and generally "putting the world right" over a couple of cold drinks. I was impressed to find that one of the team had come all the way from Lincoln for the event; such dedication to joining us. I am sure I can speak for us all when saying a heartfelt thank you to Janet for organising the trip, Colin and Steve for running the ringing at each tower, Cathryn and Lucy for baking and to everybody for making this another fantastic day out.

AGM 2025

Our Annual General Meeting takes place on Saturday 26th April and this year we are doing it slightly differently.

The Inter-District striking competition will take place at Christchurch, Spitalfields starting at 12:45pm. There is ringing for all from 1:30 pm at a city tower (tbc) and then ringing moves to St Botolph's Aldgate at 3pm. Our service will start at 4pm, at St Botolph's Aldgate and then we will walk to The Globe on Moorgate where we have the function room booked from 5pm for the AGM.

This means that instead of a ringers' tea people can purchase teas, coffees, pints or juices at the Globe before the meeting starts and stay after the meeting for another drink and / or a meal as an individual choice.

The AGM will report on the activities of 2024 and elect the Officers who shape the activity for 2025. There are a number of posts to fill so if you might be interested and willing to get involved, please talk to an existing district or association officer for more information.

Ringing in the New Year

Sonia Field, All Saints, Harrow Weald

After the Pudding Party on 31st December, we rang out 2024 and rang in 2025 at All Saints, Harrow Weald. There were ten of us in the tower: six fully fledged ringers, a novice, two non-ringing husbands and a first-time spectator who rang backstrokes initially in rounds, and then to Queens and back, brilliantly! Notably, it was Finlay's first venture into the tower (by necessity not design) and he managed very well from a snug position in Sharon's arms (photo). After the ringing it was the traditional drinks and Auld Lang Syne rendition, but this year from within the tower rather than in the churchyard due to the rather grotty weather outside.



Ringing to Celebrate a Long Life

Charmian Baker, All Saints, Harrow Weald

Harrow Weald tower rang for Bob Todd's funeral on Tuesday morning, in celebration of his long life. Bob was a great supporter of the bell ringers and had always enjoyed listening to the bells.

We rang a set of call changes on 8 – Rounds to Hagdyke to Tittums to Queens to Kings to Whittingtons and back into Rounds. Our band has been practising ringing this, and also taking turns with the conducting, Sonia Field teaching us a set pattern of call changes and scaffolding points to assist with cleaner changes and better striking.

To finish, Celia Workman rang the Nine Tailors, an arduous ring as Bob had been nearly 95 years old!
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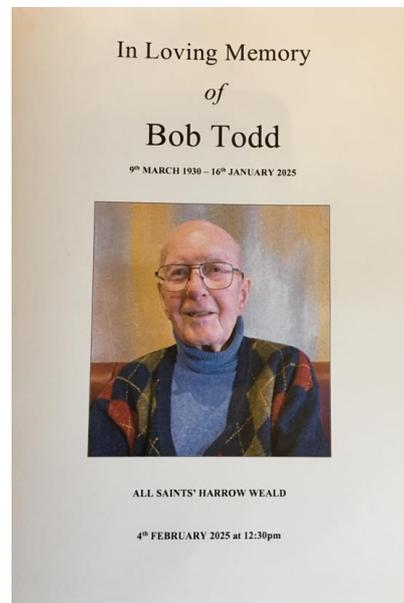


Tuesday, 4th February 2025 (7–3–3 in A)

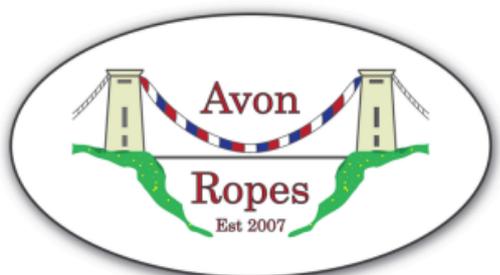
Rounds, Call Changes, Nine Tailors

Rounds, Tittums, Queens, Kings, Whittingtons; Nine Tailors

Sonia Field (C)
 Charmian Baker
 Caspar Kennedy
 Derek Croxall
 Kaz Donald
 Elaine Jackson
 Celia Workman
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Left: Funeral Band
 Rung in celebration of the life of Bob Todd following his funeral.



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Extraordinary Progress

Angela Elliott - Editor

Once in a blue moon a new ringer appears who seems to be 'a natural'. Is it in the genes or is it simply a coming together of everything they are: intelligence, physicality, coordination, and determination? Who knows, but one thing is for sure, bellringing needs more young ringers like Brooks Hayes.

Hailing from Texas, USA, Brooks is a twenty-three-year-old on a mission to master the ancient art of full circle ringing. Arriving in the UK via a stint at University in the Netherlands, and now training to be a Barrister, he lives but a stone's throw from the hallowed stones of St. Botolph's, Aldgate, which is where he rocked up one Sunday to join the congregation for service. Tim Mills, Tower Captain at Aldgate, wouldn't have been doing his job if he hadn't have followed up on Brook's enquiries about bellringing, but he did and the rest, as they say, is history, or perhaps I should say 'making history' because Brooks has already covered on his first quarter to Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles at Hackney, and at a recent Aldgate practice he rang his first Bob Doubles inside. This is outstanding progress for someone who four months ago had never even turned a bell over.

So why is Brooks' stellar progress so important? Well, at the moment bellringing is going through a crisis of confidence. Yes, post Ring-for-the-King, there was a nationwide influx of learners, but the statistics aren't looking good. Most of those learners were either older people, or they started and gave up. Ringing 2030 is the Central Council's initiative to jumpstart ringing among younger people and carry us into a bright future. Brooks is just one of a whole host of younger ringers around the country who are the ideal role models for those thinking of giving ringing a go. As Brooks says, 'it's a great way to de-stress, combat loneliness, get out and talk to people'. Plus, you learn a lifelong skill into the bargain, and with inclusivity one of bellringing's watchwords, what's not to like?

The Teacher's Perspective

Tim Mills, Tower Captain, St. Botolph without Aldgate

Returning from holiday last September, I was delighted to discover that a potential new recruit had joined the St. Botolph's congregation and had asked the Rector for information on bell ringing. Within a few days Brooks had committed to learning to ring, and we began the normal five stages of teaching him to handle. From October, we practised backstrokes, handstrokes, pull-offs, setting and finally in mid-November Brooks rang solo for the first time. The handling process had taken about five weeks and what a joy it was to see a new learner ring on their own for the first time. He very quickly integrated into the band and, together with my other four excellent learners, we had some extra mid-week handling sessions to accelerate the early stages and to reach a point where they could all ring competently and reliably on their own.

Brooks was excellent to teach and got through the handling stage probably faster than most trainees. In over thirty years of teaching, I have only had one person previously who handled so quickly! His commitment to regular Friday practices, extra



Tim Mills with Brooks Hayes at Aldgate

mid-week handling and doing his 'homework' from the books were all focused to ensure competence in his style and an underlying appreciation of the dynamics of ringing. Once ringing solo, he was quick to pick up call-changes, tenoring and now plain hunting. We've just had a 'café session' in which we spent an hour discussing the underlying structure and principles of Plain Bob Doubles, his next challenge!

From a Tower Captain's perspective, new learners who commit to regular weekly practices, Sunday service ringing and visits to other towers make the whole process so satisfying. For young ringers the opportunity to join a diverse and inclusive band, hopefully with a mix of other young learners and established and wise mentors, can trigger the start of lifelong enjoyment, great exercise and community. Brooks's progress was pretty meteoric, and not everyone will be quite as fast, but the seeds are sown for a great future in church bell ringing. As we hope for in all keen recruits, he joins a relaxed band of people with a sharp eye, a keen ear, a sense of rhythm and a sense of humour!

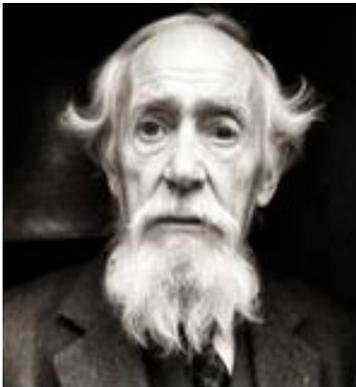
The Ropespittal Ringers

Angela Elliott – Editor

Anthony Davey – Former Editor

Occasionally, one comes upon an entire family that has had a real impact on the Exercise. Such is the way when I cleared out the cupboard in the ringing chamber at All Hallows, Tottenham and found a dusty journal, seemingly kept by one Thaddeus Ropespittal, a ringer of some renown in these parts.

It seems that the ancient Ropespittal family hailed originally from the small Lincolnshire village of Chapel Mumby, now more commonly known as Chapel St. Leonards. Here they tilled the land and got into Saturday night fights until a certain Solomon ‘Troubadour’ Ropespittal wandered, drunk, into the local church during a bellringing practice. The Ropespittals have been bellringers ever since.



Thaddeus had an illustrious parentage. His father Torquil was a much-lauded bellringer at St David's Cathedral. His mother was the infamous Russian opera singer, Petrushka Navratiskovska.

His brother Marmaduke danced with the Royal Ballet until his unfortunate demise at the hands of an umbrella thief one balmy Sunday evening as he sauntered towards St Martin-in-the-Fields to hear his mother give a hearty rendition of Hindemath's *Ein wildes Tier zahm ich im Kafig*. His cousin Ignacious Ropespittal, was a similarly half-decent bellringer.

Ignacious worked for a long time as tea-maker-in-Chief at the Whitechapel foundry. On retiring he moved to the Outer Hebrides to work on his novel, *Sunderland Oh Sunderland*, itself a book of some importance in the annals of bellringing tales.

I had heard tell that the former Bell News editor, Anthony Davey, was making some investigations into historical bellringers and thus our conversation wandered on to the matter of the Ropespittals, whom research had shown claimed descent from Maximilien François Marie Isidore de Robespierre, Ropespittal being a corruption of that name.

Needless to say, the last peal Thaddeus rang was on the great bells of Tottenham, shortly after the cessation of WW2, where it is claimed he was ‘hoisted by his own petard’ when the stay broke on the tenor, and he failed to let go of the rope until it was too late. He plummeted to the floor and broke his ankle. Thus, some two weeks later, at the age of 93, he passed away. Thaddeus never married or had children (that he knew of) and so the exploits of the mighty bellringing Ropespittals came to an end.

Anthony Davey takes up the story: I had recently been idling away an hour or so with a monograph published in Leipzig in 1786 (or possibly 1788: the heavy Gothic type is quite hard to read) under the title “*Glockenklangenden Familien von Niederbrandenburg*” in which the name “Harmonius Roppespital” (sic) occurs. It appears that the family had been established in Brandenburg for many years, holding at least as early as 1613 the hereditary appointment of brass band instrument polishers to the court of the Counts of Magdeburg. One of the family, August Roppespital (sic), conceived the ambition to improve himself by learning to read music, and although he never succeeded in this, the Count's Kapelmeister took pity upon the young August and in 1768 advanced him to the post of treble operator on the famous carillon installed at the Magdeburger Minster, a role for which he was wholly unsuited.

August makes no further appearance in history, but his son Hans-Friedrich evidently inherited many of his father's unfortunate failings. At the age of 11 he auditioned for the Count's personal choir but was dismissed by the choirmaster as a “vocally constipated poison-dwarf”. A year or two later he applied for his father's earlier job on the Minster carillon. His performance, however, was so incompetent that he acquired the ironic nickname “Harmonius” before being dismissed and exiled from the Count's Brandenburg possessions as a public nuisance, with the recommendation that he might take himself to England where church bells are rung in such an absurd fashion (“... sinnlos Wirrwarr”) that his performance might be welcome.

We lose track of ‘Harmonius’ Roppespital (sic) beyond this point, at least in German sources, but could he, perhaps, have made landfall in Ipswich or Yarmouth and made his way to Chapel Mumby, there to father Solomon ‘Troubadour’ Ropespittal?

The Ropespittal family crest



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Dates, times and venues subject to change. Please check with event organiser.

District	Date	Day	Event	Location	Time
S&W	07/03/2025	Friday	General practice	Hillingdon	19.45 - 21.45
N&E	09/03/2025	Sunday	Caters and Royal Methods practice Covid National Day of Reflection	Hackney Available to all	14:00 - 16:00 Anytime
N&E	11/03/2025	Tuesday	QP Slot	Tottenham	18:30 - 19:30
S&W	11/03/2025	Tuesday	6 Bell practice	Norwood Green	19.30 - 21.00
N&E	12/03/2025	Wed	Minor Methods practice	Southgate	19:00 - 21:00
MCA	14/03/2025	Friday	Cinques and Maximus Methods practice	St Magnus the Martyr	18:30 - 20:30
N&E	15/03/2025	Saturday	Focus Method Practice - Grandsire then Erin	Hackney	14:00 - 17:00
N&E	20/03/2025	Thursday	Plain Doubles to Major Methods practice	Stepney	19:00 - 21:00
S&W	21/03/2025	Friday	Surprise Major methods practice	Heston	19.30 - 21.00
N&E	22/03/2025	Saturday	Training Course	TBA	10:00 - 13:00
S&W	27/03/2025	Thursday	Triples practice	Hanwell	20.00 - 21.30
N&E	28/03/2025	Friday	Surprise Major Methods practice	Hart St	18:30 - 20:30
N&E	31/03/2025	Monday	QP Slot	Kilburn, St Augustine	18:30 - 19:30
N&E	02/04/2025	Wed.	Minor Methods practice	Cree	19:00 - 21:00
S&W	04/04/2025	Thursday	General practice	Hillingdon	19.45 - 21.15
MCA	05/04/2025	Saturday	Janets' Jaunt	Wendover & Ellesborough	All Day
N&E	08/04/2025	Tuesday	QP Slot	Isle of Dogs	18:30 - 19:30
S&W	08/04/2025	Tuesday	6 Bell practice	Norwood Green	19.45 - 21.00
MCA	11/04/2025	Friday	Cinques and Maximus Methods practice	St. Magnus the Martyr	18:30 - 20:30
N&E	13/04/2025	Sunday	Caters and Royal Methods practice	Hackney	14:00 - 16:00
S&W	24/04/2025	Thursday	Triples Practice	Hanwell	20.00 - 21.30
N&E	25/04/2025	Friday	Surprise Major Methods practice	Bow-in-the-road (TBC)	18:30 - 20:30
MCA	26/04/2025	Saturday	Association AGM	Hart Street then Aldgate	14:00 - 19:00
S&W	01/05/2025	Thursday	Triples practice	Hanwell	20.00 - 21.00
N&E	05/05/2025	Monday	Bank Holiday Monday		
S&W	06/05/2025	Tuesday	6 Bell practice	Norwood Green	19.45 - 21.00
N&E	07/05/2025	Wed.	Minor Methods practice	Holloway	19:00 - 21:00
	08/05/2025	Thursday	VE Day	Ringling where possible	18:30 - 19:30
MCA	09/05/2025	Friday	Cinques and Maximus Methods practice	St Magnus the Martyr	18:30 - 20:30
N&E	10/05/2025	Saturday	Quarter Peal Week starts		
N&E	11/05/2025	Sunday	Caters and Royal Methods practice	Hackney	14:00 - 16:00
N&E	13/05/2025	Tuesday	QP Slot	Enfield St M	18:30 - 19:30
N&E	15/05/2025	Thursday	Plain Doubles to Major Methods practice	Islington, St Mary	19:00 - 21:00
S&W	16/05/2025	Friday	Surprise Major Methods practice	Heston	19.30 - 21.00
N&E	17/05/2025	Saturday	Quarter Peal Day	Various towers	10:00 - 18:00
N&E	18/05/2025	Sunday	Quarter Peal Week ends		
N&E	23/05/2025	Friday	Surprise Major Methods practice	Stamford Hill	18:30 - 20:30
S&W	23/05/2025	Friday	General practice	Twickenham, All Hallows	19.45 - 21.15
N&E	24/05/2025	Saturday	Training Course	TBA	10:00 - 13:00
N&E	31/05/2025	Saturday	10 or 12 bell general ringing practice	Shoreditch	10:00 - 12:00

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