

## Roehampton Bells dedication



Surrey Strikers RWNYC in York



## 2023 Highlights

### Essex Trophy winners



Media coverage of Ring for the King at Kingston



# Annual Report 2024



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FOUNDED 17 MAY 1880

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024 PUBLISHED MAY 2024

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Malcolm McAlister (BRF Secretary), Mortlake; Noel Gibbin, Caterham St. John; Simon (Sid) Bensberg, Croydon Minster; Gail Terry, Redhill; Kate Wills, Bletchingley

### TRAINING GROUP 2023/2024

Training Officer position (vacant), Wendy Archibald, Barnes; Pam Donovan, Mitcham; Noel Gibbin, Caterham St. John; Ian Griffiths, Oxted; Fraser Storie, Addington; Wendy Watts, Nutfield.

The General Master is ex officio member of all Committees.

# PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM FOUNDATION

## PRESIDENTS

1883 - 1895	Archbishop of Canterbury	1972 - 1976	Bishop of Croydon
1896 - 1906	Bishop of Rochester	1977 - 1995	Roydon Davies
1907 - 1926	Bishop of Southwark	1996 - 2014	Eric G H Godfrey
1927 - 1929	Vacant	2014 - 2023	Robert J Cooles
1930 - 1937	Bishop of Croydon	2023 -	Sheila M Cheesman
1938 - 1971	Bishop of Southwark		

## MASTERS

1912	Dr Arthur B Carpenter	1981 - 1983	Carol Gosling
1913 - 1927	James Drewett	1984 - 1986	Jeremy D Cheesman
1928 - 1945	D Kenneth C Birt	1987 - 1989	Stuart J Flockton
1946 - 1953	Daniel Cooper	1990 - 1992	Nigel J Goodship
1954 - 1956	Roydon Davies	1993 - 1995	Robert J Cooles
1957 - 1959	Frederick E Collins	1996 - 1998	Robin A Grant
1960 - 1962	Frank E Darby	1999 - 2001	Stewart F Kimber
1963 - 1964	A Patrick Cannon	2002 - 2003	Robin A Grant
1965	Frederick E Collins	2004 - 2006	Sheila M Cheesman
1966	A Patrick Cannon	2007 - 2008	Anthony W Gordon
1967 - 1969	Frank E Darby	2009 - 2011	Sheila M Cheesman
1970 - 1972	Christopher F Mew	2012 - 2014	Patrick M Wills
1973 - 1974	A Patrick Cannon	2015 - 2017	Kate Flavell
1975 - 1977	Stewart F Kimber	2018 - 2021	Noel JR Gibbin
1978 - 1980	Eric G H Godfrey	2022 -	Paul Flavell

## SECRETARIES

1880 - 1882	Revd A S W Young	1959 - 1963	Raymond I F Parsons
1883	A W B Perceval	1964 - 1967	William Parrott
1884 - 1892	Dr Arthur B Carpenter	1968 - 1970	Colin H Cook
1893 - 1896	R B Blanchard	1971 - 1973	Barbara Hawkins
1896 - 1910	Charles Dean Jr	1974	Robin A Grant
1911 - 1921	Cyril F Johnston	1975 - 1977	Christopher F Mew
1922 - 1926	Charles Dean Jr	1978 - 1986	Stuart J Flockton
1927 - 1936	Charles H Kippin	1987 - 1993	Eric G H Godfrey
1937 - 1946	Edward G Talbot	1994 - 2018	Richard J Wallis
1947 - 1949	Claud S C Parks	2019 -	Ann Beirne
1950 - 1958	William F Oatway		

## SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2024

Resident Members .....	£5.00 per annum
Junior Resident Members .....	£3.00 per annum
Non-resident Members .....	£5.00

All resident subscriptions become due on First January. Junior members are those under 18 years of age on 1st January, or still receiving unpaid full-time education. Subscriptions should be paid via [MemberMojo](#).

# MASTER'S REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank all the members of the General Committee, the Belfry Repair Fund Committee and all other ringers for their contribution to running the Surrey Association over the last 12 months. The District Masters have been tireless in arranging District practices. The Training Group have arranged many training sessions which have benefited a lot of ringers. At the time of writing, we are still looking for a Training Officer so please do come forward if you think you can do this important post.

At a local level, thank you to ringers who hold tower posts such as ringing master, secretary, treasurer and steeple keeper. Running a tower is a big commitment and without you, many towers would not be ringing at all. If you have people with talents in your band then make sure to use them!

The undoubted highlight in 2023 was the Ring for the King initiative, where several towers spent a lot of time recruiting and training new ringers to ring for the Coronation on 6<sup>th</sup> of May. Another benefit of Ring for the King was to attract several lapsed ringers back to ringing who with the RFTK learners have become valued members of bands. This initiative has resulted in an increase of 65 members in 2023 which is a fantastic effort. Welcome all of you to the Surrey Association.

Congratulations to Sheila Cheesman as she was elected our President at the AGM in May. Sheila takes over from Bob Cooles who has retired to Godalming. Bill Hibbert has taken over as DAC Bells Advisor from Bob. Thank you Bob for your contribution.

It is very pleasing to see the Surrey Young Ringers are thriving under Caroline Prescott's excellent management, ably assisted by Milica Reardon and other ringers who give their time to this. Young ringers are vital for the future as our ringing population gets older and we should give the young ringers every encouragement. The Association decided to launch a Young Ringers Development Fund which is designed to sponsor young ringers attending, for example, external training courses such as Bradfield and ART courses. Please do take advantage of this funding.

I was delighted that the Surrey Association entered and won the Essex Trophy (inter Association 10 bell competition) held at Walthamstow in September. We were up against some strong teams but our diligent practises of the tricky touch before the competition tipped the balance in our favour. We also entered the London 12 bell competition coming a creditable 6<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams including Cumberlands, College Youths and St Paul's Cathedral.

We have a wonderful new ring of bells at Roehampton and particular thanks go to Phillip Ridley and Michael Uphill for masterminding this project and training a new band. The Association made a significant contribution to the cost and we look forward to being able to use these bells for training and practice purposes.

We were sorry to report that Association members Michael Chilcott, Barbara Hicks, Cherry Steward, Gordon Gibb, Paul Bradley, Derek McRobert, Michael Moreton and Leslie Burnett died in 2023 and we give our condolences to their families.

Future plans include more training events, specific training for RFTK learners, and helping struggling towers find new ringers.

Paul Flavell     [master@surreybellringers.org.uk](mailto:master@surreybellringers.org.uk)

# PROGRAMME FOR 2024/2025

## Association and District Events:

As we recover from the effects of Covid more events are being organised and regular activities being held and details finalised. Please see the events calendar on the Association website for details of events <https://www.surreybellringers.org.uk/events/>, and notices will be sent around by email.

Events are generally organised as follows:

*1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – Training event (T); 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - Association (A); 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – Northern District (ND); 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Southern District (SD);*

## 2024

<b>January</b>	<b>6</b>	Sat	T	Plain Hunting to Methods
	<b>20</b>	Sat	ND	Annual District Meeting
<b>February</b>	<b>16-18</b>	w/e	A	Peal Weekend
	<b>24</b>	Sat	SD	Annual District Meeting
<b>March</b>	<b>2</b>	Sat	T	Ringing Up and Down (Caterham, St John)
	<b>27</b>	Wed	A	Quiz (Nork Community Centre)
<b>April</b>	<b>4-6</b>	w/e		Essex ringing course
	<b>4-7</b>	w/e		Hereford ringing course
	<b>6</b>	Sat	T	Steeple Keeping (Oxted)
	<b>27</b>	Sat	ND	All-comers (Leatherhead)
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup></b>			A	Quarter Peal month
<b>May</b>	<b>4</b>	Sat	T	Norwich Surprise Minor (Roehampton)
	<b>11</b>	Sat	A	AGM (Godstone)
	<b>25</b>	Sat	SD	All-comers (Horley)
<b>June</b>	<b>1</b>	Sat	T	Plain Hunt on 5 and 6 (Carshalton)
	<b>15</b>	Sat	ND	Learners outing
	<b>15</b>	Sat		National 12 bell Striking Competition (Chilcompton)
	<b>22</b>	Sat	SD	Summer outing (Leeds Castle, Kent area)
<b>July</b>	<b>6</b>	Sat	T	
	<b>6</b>	Sat	Y	RWNYC (London)
	<b>20</b>	Sat	ND	All-comers practice
	<b>27</b>	Sat	SD	All-comers practice
<b>August</b>	<b>5</b>	Sat	T	
	<b>10</b>	Sat	A	Six bell call striking competition (Addington)
	<b>8-11</b>	w/e		North West course (Borwick Hall)
	<b>15-18</b>	w/e		Bradfield (Reading) Course
	<b>17</b>	Sat	ND	All-comers 12 bell practice (Kingston)
	<b>24</b>	Sat	SD	All-comers practice (Charlwood)
<b>September</b>	<b>2</b>	Sat	T	
	<b>6-8</b>	Sun		CCCBR AGM (Exeter)
	<b>14</b>	Sat		Essex Trophy 10-bell striking competition (Epsom St Martin of Tours)
	<b>21</b>	Sat	ND	All-comers practice
	<b>28</b>	Sat	SD	All-comers practice (East Grinstead)
<b>October</b>	<b>7</b>	Sat	T	
	<b>12</b>	Sat	A	Six and eight bell striking competitions (SD TBA)
	<b>19</b>	Sat	ND	All-comers practice (Barnes)
	<b>26</b>	Sat		London 12-bell competition (St Michael's, Cornhill)
	<b>26</b>	Sat	SD	All-comers practice

<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	Sat	T	
	2	Sat		Brockham Bonfire (for BRF)
	<b>16</b>	Sat	ND	All-comers practice
	<b>23</b>	Sat	SD	Autumn Business Meeting

<b>December</b>	<b>2</b>	Sat	T	
	<b>21</b>	Sat	ND	All-comers practice
	<b>TBC</b>	Sat	SD	Event TBC

## 2025

### January

<b>February</b>	<b>14–16</b>	w/e	A	Peal Weekend
	<b>15</b>	Sat	ND	Annual District Meeting
	<b>22</b>	Sat	SD	Annual District Meeting

<b>April</b>	<b>16</b>	Wed	A	Quiz
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<b>May</b>	<b>10</b>	Sat	A	AGM (ND TBC)
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### Regular Practices:

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### Most months (Usual location)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mon	O	Peripatetic Practice (Varies)	10:30
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tue	ND	Open 10 & 12 Bell Practice (Croydon Minster)	20:00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wed	O	Surprise Minor Practice (Buckland)	13:15
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat	SD	Surprise Major Practice (Varies)	10:00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mon	O	Wandering Bobs (calling practice)	10:30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tue	ND	12 Bell Ringing (South Croydon)	19:30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri	ND	Surprise Major Practice (Carshalton)	19:30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Y	Young Ringers (varies)	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	ND	All-comers Practice (varies)	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	O	8 Bell Method Practice (East Molesey)	13:00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	ND	8's Great! Practice (St John the Divine, Merton)	19:30
4 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	A	Advanced 12 Bell Practice (varies)	19:30
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	SD	All-comers Practice (varies)	10:00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	O	Advance Minor Practice (varies)	19:30

*A = General Association    T = Training Committee events, generally held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month  
ND = Northern District    SD = Southern District    O = Other local Practices    Y = Young Ringers*

**Please check website (<https://www.surreybellringers.org.uk/events/>) for any changes and times before making a journey.**

## **DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIPS**

**(as at December 2023)**

### **Members with over 60 years membership**

Derek Atfield	Alan Bagworth	Kathleen Chilcott	Robert Cooles
Christopher Mew	Alan Millidge	Ann Murrells	Paul Richardson
Michael Uphill	Wendy Wallace		

### **Members with over 50 years membership**

Jeremy Cheesman	Sheila Cheesman	Carole Ann Cooles	Marion Dallison
Dan Dawson-Taylor	William Day	Stuart Flockton	Martin Foster
Margaret Godfrey	Robin Grant	Bernard Hawkins	David Hawkins
Nigel Humphries	Charlotte Kirwan	Rosemary Lilley	John Maybrey
Shirley McGill	Emily Richardson	Derek Spittle	Ray Talbot
Ian Wiltshire			

### **Members with over 40 years membership**

Anne Anthony	Michael Bull	John Coatsworth	Chris Cooper
Lawrence Davies	Jo Drew	Hilary Ely	Kate Flavell
Caroline Flockton	David Gilmore	Sarah Gilmore	Nigel Goodship
Roger Grieve	Elizabeth Grover	Eddie Hartley	Norma Henderson
Martin Higgins	Martin Horn	Chris Kimber	Kathie Matthews
Keith Matthews	Angus Moore	Ed Muller	Val Muller
Lorna Nunn	Tony Nunn	Andrew Oliphant	Brian Parnell
Geoffrey Paul	Margaret Paul	David Pelham	Judith Pelham
Jeremy Pratt	Caroline Prescott	Christopher Rance	Sue Reilly
Diane Reynolds	Anne Richardson	Christopher Ridley	Francis Ring-Davies
Alan Roberts	Claire Roberts	Michael Rogerson	David Sayce
Margaret Shelley	Bernard Stone	Michael Sutcliffe	Gail Terry
Nigel Thomson	John Ticket	Niki Tompkinson	David Whitehead

## **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS RESIDENT OUTSIDE THE COUNTY**

Alan Bagworth	Susan Bailey	Andrew Brown	Kathleen Chilcott
Rosemary Cryle	William Day	Jo Drew	Caroline Flockton
Stuart Flockton	Martin Foster	Margaret Godfrey	Nigel Goodship
Revd Derek Harding	Andrew Holland	Jane Holland	Martin Horn
Pat Jenkins	Kathie Matthews	Keith Matthews	Christopher Mew
Alan Millidge	Gillian Parsons	Ray Parsons	Jeremy Pratt
Irene Rich	Anne Richardson	Emily Richardson	Paul Richardson
Derek Spittle	Chris Stanley	Heather Steere	Norman Steere
Bernard Stone	Juliet Stoy	Ray Talbot	Nigel Thomson
Tom White	Jill Wigney	Mike Wigney	Ian Wiltshire

## **NEW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS IN 2023**

Frances Clementi	Jane Humphries	John Miller
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## **NEW NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS IN 2023**

Luke Laphorn	Tom Sutton
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## **RESIDENT MEMBERS TRANSFERRED TO NON-RESIDENT IN 2023**

Martin Crick	Caroline Stockmann
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# TOWER DETAILS AND MEMBERSHIP LIST

## Northern District

256 Members (as at 31st March 2024); 34 Towers with members

**ADDINGTON** St Mary, Addington Village Road, CR0 5AS. (OS Ref: 372640, /// button.fact.front) 6 bells, 6.75 cwt (347kg) in B. *Sunday: 9.30-9.55am Practice: Monday 6.30-7.00 beginners then 7.00-8.00pm. Simulator*

**C David Whitehead (020 8681 0386, whitedw@btinternet.com)**

**S David Whitehead, (020 8681 0386, whitedw@btinternet.com)**

Sheila Davison (L)	Philip Healey	Daniel Hughes	Patrick Hughes
Ann Leakey	Edwina Morris	Lindsay Ould	Catherine Savova
Claire Shapiro	Fraser Storie	Joanne Storie	Dawn Symes
George Taylor	Wendy Wallace (L)	David Whitehead (L)	

**BANSTEAD** All Saints, High Street, SM7 2NG. (OS Ref: 254597, /// lakes.sunset.length) 8 bells, 21.25 cwt (1,079kg) in E flat. *Sunday: 8.55-9.25am, 6.00-6.30pm (evenings 3rd and 5th only, check first).*

*Practice: Wednesday 8.00-9.30pm*

**C Elizabeth Grover, (07970 842894, mumliz@uwclub.net)**

Anne Anthony (L)	Richard Anthony	Elizabeth Grover (L)	Richard Groves
John Tickett (L)			

**BARNES** St Mary, Church Road, SW13 9HL. (OS Ref: 222766, /// logs.flight.flown) 8 bells, 10.75 cwt (542kg) in G#. *Sunday: 9.20-9.55am (other services by arrangement)*

*Practice: Friday 7.30-9.00pm, Saturday 9.00am - Noon (Training and beginners)*

**C Wendy Archibald, (07973 817539, towercaptain@stmarybarnes.org)**

**A Trisha Hawkins, (07730 988370, bells@stmarybarnes.org)**

Wendy Archibald	Beverley Blanning	Nicole Constantopoulos	Michael De Freitas
Giles Dimock	Mark Fielker	Eddie Hartley (L)	Trisha Hawkins
Eddie Heath	Andrew Howard-Smith	Dominic Johnson	Katharine Malvern
Anthony Rands	Sara Selwood	Joanna Teverson	Owen Toller
Monica Trow	Emma Wellesley	Jill Wigney (L)	Mike Wigney (L)

**BATTERSEA** St Mary, Battersea Church Road, SW11 3NA. (OS Ref: 268769, /// cared.empty.loaded) 8 bells, 13.75 cwt (697kg) in F. *Sunday: 10.30-10.55am. Practice: Monday 7.30-9.00pm*

**C Caroline Prescott (020 8942 7832)**

Louis Benne	Nicola Buckthorp	Bridget Cassey	Martin Hadley
Richard Harris	Karen Hayon	Asher Kaboth	Charlotte Kirwan (L)
Penny Langton	Kevin Perkins (L)	Caroline Prescott (L)	Kate Wallis
Benjamin Woolley			

**BEDDINGTON** St Mary the Virgin, Church Road, Beddington Park, SM6 7NH.

(OS Ref: 295653, /// remit.walks.patio) 10 bells, 18.5 cwt (945kg) in E flat. *Sunday: 8.55-9.30am,*

*Practice: Thursday 7.45-9.30pm*

**C Jill Pidler, (07305 752174, jillpidler5@gmail.com)**

**S Richard Fitch, (020 8647 5304, richard.fitch2@gmail.com)**

Richard Fitch	Jo Fitzgerald	Sandra Gates	Steve Goody
Elizabeth Griffiths	Christopher Kimber (L)	Jill Pidler	Glyn Steanson
Linda Wood			

**BENHILTON** All Saints, All Saints Road, SM1 3DA. (OS Ref: 258653, /// games.sleeps.tricky) 8 bells, 13.5 cwt (689kg) in F sharp.

*Sunday: 8.55-9.30am Practice: Tuesday 7.45-9.15pm*

**C Sheila Cheesman, (07703 533985, sheilacheesman@btinternet.com)**

Hayden Bradley	Jeremy Cheesman (L)	Sheila Cheesman (L)	Linda Hadcocks
Liz Hardcastle	Alyson Larrey	Abigail Lock	Sara Mcmanus
Helen Wright	John Wright		

**BERMONDSEY** St James, Thurland Road, SE16 4AA. (OS Ref: 342794, /// park.spike.lobby) 8 bells, 14.25 cwt (731kg) in F sharp. *Sunday: 10.00-10.30am, evenings by arrangement. Practice: Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm*  
**C Colin Friend, (07747 011688, friend.colin@gmail.com)**  
Louise Booth

**CAMBERWELL** St Giles, Camberwell Church St, SE5 8RB. (OS Ref: 330767, /// nodded.drops.actual) 10 bells, 22.25 cwt (1,130kg) in D flat. *Sunday: 2nd only 9.30-10.00am. Practice: First Friday: 7.00-8.30pm*  
**C Alec Gray (a.509@btinternet.com)**  
David Cloake                      Alexander Gray

**CARSHALTON** All Saints, High Street, SM5 3PD. (OS Ref: 280645, /// rash.orders.cubs) 8 bells, 11 cwt (562kg) in F sharp. *Sunday: 10.00-10.30am Practice: Monday 8.00-9.30pm*  
**C Rosemary Lilley, (07793 045540, rosemarylilley@blueyonder.co.uk)**  
**S Arthur White, (020 8669 8569, chalkie11@btinternet.com)**  
Linda Aldroish                      Hilary Browning                      William Brueton                      David Fisher  
Danae Kiely                      Rosemary Lilley (L)                      Annette Mckiernan                      Christopher Mclean  
Angus Moore (L)

**CHEAM** St Dunstan, Church Road, SM3 8QH. (OS Ref: 242639, /// noises.attend.calms) 6 bells, 11 cwt (505kg) in G. *Sunday: 8.45-9.30am Practice: Thursday 7.30-9.00pm (Occasional practice, phone to check)*  
**C William Scotney, (020 8642 1321, w.scotney@btinternet.com)**  
**A Adrian Yardley, (020 8643 2101, adrian.yardley1@btinternet.com)**  
**S William Scotney, (020 8642 1321, w.scotney@btinternet.com)**  
Lucy Brice                      Michael Rogerson (L)                      Adrian Yardley

**CLAPHAM COMMON** Holy Trinity, Rookery Road, SW4 0QZ. (OS Ref: 292754, /// varieties.bunks.needed) 6 bells, 6.25 cwt (314kg) in B flat. *Sunday: 9.00-9.30am. Practice: No practice*  
**C Madeline Johnston, (07748 515718, johnston.madeline@gmail.com)**  
**A Marion Prideaux (020 7622 7457)**  
James Ansell                      David Beamish (L)                      Martin Carr                      Madeline Johnston (L)  
Marion Prideaux (L)

**CLAPHAM COMMON** St Mary (RC), Clapham Park Road, SW4 7AP. (OS Ref: 295753, /// natively.liner.relax) 8 bells, 8.75 cwt (440kg) in F sharp. *Ringling suspended so Ellacombe chiming frame in regular use.*  
*Chiming taster sessions available. 2x sets of handbells. We are currently seeking an existing or would-be Steeple keeper willing to provide occasional DIY TLC.*  
**C Mike Shelley, (0208 764 8634, mikeshelley64@gmail.com)**  
**S Mike Shelley (0208 764 8634, mikeshelley64@gmail.com)**  
Mike Shelley

**COLLIERS WOOD** Christ Church, Christ Church Road, SW19 2NY. (OS Ref: 268701, /// regime.inches.long) 6 bells, 6.25 cwt (313kg) in B flat. *Sunday: 10.30-11.15am*  
*Practice: Thursday 7.30- 9.00pm (2nd and 4th, phone to check)*  
**C Bernard Fanthom, (07590 815871, bernard.fanthom@gmail.com)**  
Peter Judge

**CROYDON** Minster Church of St John the Baptist, Church Street, CR0 1RN. (OS Ref: 319655, /// fork.boat.port) 12 bells, 36.75 cwt (1,875kg) in C sharp. *Sunday: 9.20-10.00am, evenings by arrangement. Practice: Tuesday 8.00- 9.30pm*  
**C Shirley McGill, (07747 897001, semcgill@blueyonder.co.uk)**  
**A Simon Bensberg, (07436 052693, scbensberg@gmail.com)**  
**S Simon Bensberg, (07436 052693, scbensberg@gmail.com)**  
Hilary Barnes                      Simon Bensberg                      David Hodge                      Shona Joyce  
Shirley McGill (L)                      Geoffrey Radford                      Mark Smith                      Thomas Wood

**EAST MOLESEY** St Mary the Virgin, Bell Road, KT8 0SS. (OS Ref: 146679, /// pulse.ends.seats)  
8 bells, 10 cwt (508kg) in G. *Sunday: 8.30-9.00am Practice: Tuesday 7.45-9.15pm*

**C Jane Marsters, (020 8942 0886, maljan@ic24.net)**

Alan Cathcart	Andrew Fisher	Joanna Hoad	Tim Hoad
Nicola Kirk	Jane Marsters	Alison Stone	

**EGHAM** St John the Baptist, High Street, TW20 9HL. (OS Ref: 13713, /// pasta.delay.rises)  
10 bells, 17 cwt (863kg) in F. *Sunday: 8.30-9.00am, 10.00-10.30am. Practice: Thursday 7.45-9.15pm*

**C David Cox, (Tower Captain, eghamten@gmail.com)**

**EWELL** St Mary, London Road, KT17 2AY. (OS Ref: 220629, /// ground.mint.limit) 8 bells, 12.5 cwt (636kg) in F sharp. *Sunday: 9.00-9.30am, (Occasional evening ringing, phone) Practice: Tuesday 7.30-9.00pm*

**C Jeff Cousins, (020 8394 0572, towercaptain@stmarysewell.com)**

**S Jeff Cousins, (020 8394 0572, towercaptain@stmarysewell.com)**

Jeff Cousins (L)

**KINGSTON UPON THAMES** All Saints, Market Place, KT1 1JP. (OS Ref: 179693, /// device.down.pink)  
12 bells, 19 cwt (965kg) in E flat. *Sunday: 8.30-9.30am, 5.00-6.00pm Practice: Wednesday 7.45-9.30pm*

**C Kate Flavell, (07768 798395, kateflavell1@gmail.com)**

**A Paul Flavell, (020 8942 1662, paulflavell53@gmail.com)**

So-Shan Au	Michael Bangham	Colin Birt	Anthony Bishop
Deborah Bishop	Andrew Bolton	Shirley Bolton	Kate Corney
Kate Flavell (L)	Paul Flavell (L)	Dwenna Georges	Linda Georgiades (L)
Mary Gledhill	Roshan Jathanna	Charlotte Mafi	Isabelle Mcgrath
Geoffrey Paul (L)	Margaret Paul (L)	Philippa Piggott	Diane Pratt (L)
Anthea Rata (L)	David Robinson (L)	Adrian Wheeler (L)	

**LAMBETH** St John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, SE1 8TY. (OS Ref: 312801, /// coherent.entry.occurs)  
8 bells, 17.75 cwt (895kg) in E. *Note: the church will be closed from July 2021 for a year for renovations. Enquire before attending. Sunday: 10.00-10.30am Practice: Sunday 12.00-1.30pm. Simulator*

**C Trisha Shannon, (07833 664475, trishashannon@gmail.com)**

**A Edmund Wratten, (07421 099467)**

Trisha Shannon

**MERTON** St John the Divine, High Path, Merton, SW19 2JY. (OS Ref: 258698, /// baked.leans.flank) 10 bells, 12 cwt (609kg) in. *Sunday: 9.00-9.30am Practice: 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday evening (Phone to check)*

**C Bernard Fanthom, (07590 815871, bernard.fanthom@gmail.com)**

Audrey Bowerman	Andy Coles	Bernard Fanthom	Chris Stanley (L)
Geoff Strawbridge	Jason Tilbrook	Dudley Tipler	

**MERTON PARK** St Mary, Church Lane, SW19 3HJ. (OS Ref: 251695, /// crest.cook.tiles)  
6 bells, 7.25 cwt (367kg) in A. *Sunday: 8.50-9.30am Practice: Monday 7.45-9.15pm (phone to check)*

**C Edward Gosden (07809 353887, edgosden@me.com)**

**A Daphne Perry, (07963 618542, bells@stmarysmerton.org.uk)**

**S Duncan Hay, (duncan.hay@hotmail.co.uk)**

Maggi Chick	David Delpy	Edward Gosden	Duncan Hay
Annette Kothari	Elizabeth Mogg	Lorna Nunn (L)	Daphne Perry
Jeffrey Perry	Andrew Robinson (L)	Niki Tompkinson (L)	

**MITCHAM** St Peter St Paul, Church Road, CR4 3BP. (OS Ref: 271687, /// hits.stale.crisp)  
8 bells, 14.5 cwt (746kg) in F. *Sunday: 9.15-9.55 am. Practice: Monday 7.00-8.30 pm*

**C Norma Vieira, (07912 357056 or 020 8241 4307, norma.vieira@virginmedia.com)**

**A Father David Pennells, (020 8646 0666, fatherdavid@btinternet.com)**

**S David Coggins, (07518 770650, davidjcoggins@aol.com)**

Mary Butler	David Coggins	Pam Donovan	Geraldine Kelly
Andrew King	James Moore	David Pennells	Norma Vieira
Heavenleigh-Angel Willoughby		Reuben-Zebidiah Willoughby	

**MORTLAKE** St Mary the Virgin, High Street, SW14 8JA. (OS Ref: 208760, /// yoga.skill.super)  
8 bells, 14 cwt (710kg) in F. *Sunday: 9.30-10.00am Practice: Second Wednesday 8.00-9.15pm*  
**C Francis Ring-Davies, (07956 624380, ringdavies@gmail.com)**  
Jaquie Brown                      Malcolm Mcalister                      Francis Ring-Davies (L)

**PUTNEY** St Mary, Putney High Street, SW15 1SN. (OS Ref: 242756, /// eaten.sank.demand) 8 bells,  
12.75 cwt (651kg) in F sharp. *Sunday: 9.30-9.55am, evenings by arrangement. Practice: Monday 7.30-9.00pm*  
**C Paula Greenwood, (07941 089093, pag.greenwood65@gmail.com)**  
**S Gerrard Ryan, (07525 944779, gdryan@gmail.com)**  
Michael Bull (L)                      Christine Day                      Paula Greenwood                      Sarah Hughes  
Madeleine Neave                      Fiona Pilkington                      Gerrard Ryan                      David Underdown  
Michael Uphill (L) (Currently on loan to Roehampton)

**RICHMOND** St Mary Magdalene, Paradise Road, TW9 1SN. (OS Ref: 179748, /// zest.joins.across)  
8 bells, 18.5 cwt (940kg) in F. *Sunday: 9.00-9.25am*  
*Practice: Tuesday 7.30-9.00pm, except first Tuesday (Call before practice)*  
**C Jackie Harrison, (07747 111525, jackieharrison456@gmail.com)**  
Amanda Adams                      Donatella Astratti                      Jennifer Carter                      Jackie Harrison  
Andrew Harvey                      Alison Jackson                      Johanna Kitson                      Sarah Percival  
Richard Reger

**ROEHAMPTON** Holy Trinity, Ponsonby Road, Roehampton, SW15 4LA.  
(OS Ref: 225737, ///gloves.badly.shared) 8 bells, 6.25 cwt (332kg) in B. *Sunday: 09:30-10:00.*  
*Practice: Sunday 16:30-18:00*  
**C Michael Uphill, (020 8330 9220, michael.uphill47@gmail.com)**  
Phill Ridley

**ROTHERHITHE** St Mary with All Saints, St Marychurch Street, SE16 4JX. (OS Ref: 352798,  
/// cloud.salsa.beside) 8 bells, 10.5 cwt (536kg) in A flat. *Sunday: 9.15-9.45am No practice.*  
**C Colin Friend, (07747 011688, friend.colin@gmail.com)**  
Simon Fraser                      Colin Friend                      Steve Johnson                      Bogumila Myers  
Piers Myers

**SOUTH CROYDON** St Peter, St Peter's Road, CR0 1HG. (OS Ref: 326644, /// cried.silly.stem)  
12 bells, 30.25 cwt (1,533kg) in D. *Sunday: 10.30-11.00am*  
*Practice: Monday 7.30-9.00pm infrequently (Phone to confirm all ringing)*  
**C Samuel MacMahon, (07949 176511, sam\_macmahon@hotmail.com)**  
Geoff Fairbairn                      Samuel MacMahon

**SOUTHWARK** Cathedral Church of St Saviour & St Mary Overie, London Bridge, SE1 9HG.  
(OS Ref: 327803, /// sleepy.throw.puzzle) 12 bells, 48.75 cwt (2,477kg) in B flat. *Sunday: 10.15-11.00am.*  
*Practice: Almost all Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm (door is locked at 7pm).*  
*Phone to check or see [www.southwark-bells.org.uk](http://www.southwark-bells.org.uk) for practice timetable.*  
**C Rachel Prior, (07933 776079, secretary@southwark-bells.org.uk)**  
**A Luke Camden, (lukeocamden@gmail.com)**  
Gavin Bennett (L)                      Jason Hughes                      Rhiannon Meredith

**SOUTHWARK (BOROUGH)** St George the Martyr, Borough High Street, SE1 1JA. (OS Ref: 325798,  
/// logic.turned.rally) 8 bells, 14.75 cwt (748kg) in F. *Practice: No Practice (Ringing by arrangement only)*  
**C boroughbells@gmail.com**

**STREATHAM** St Leonard, Tooting Bec Gardens, SW16 1RB. (OS Ref: 300718, /// invite.moth.remit)  
8 bells, 12.75 cwt (650kg) in G. *Sunday: 9.30-9.55am. Practice: Tuesday 7.30-9.00pm*

**C Tony Nunn, (07951 722270, tony@elderberry.co.uk)**

**A Gill Tomlinson, (07891 269439, gill@elderberry.co.uk)**

**S Tony Nunn, (07951 722270, tony@elderberry.co.uk)**

Edward Budden

John Garner

John Loughrey

Chris Mahalski

Tony Nunn (L)

Gill Tomlinson (L)

Cynthia Westley

**THAMES DITTON** St Nicholas, Summer Road, KT7 0QQ. (OS Ref: 161673, /// item.season.goats)

6 bells, 8 cwt (407kg) in A flat. *Sunday: 9.30-10.00am*

*Practice: Monday 7.45-9.15pm (Phone or email to check)*

**C Pamela Rider, (07410 703569, pamelarider@hotmail.com)**

Pamela Rider

**TOOTING GRAVENEY** All Saints, Franciscan Road, SW17 8DQ. (OS Ref: 282718, /// lion.stream.steps)

8 bells, 7 cwt (356kg) in B. *All ringing by arrangement.*

**C Please contact the General Secretary in the first instance**

**A Parish Office, (email@allsaintstooting.org.uk)**

Heather De Mello

Megan John

**WALWORTH** St Peter, Liverpool Grove, SE17 2HH. (OS Ref: 325781, /// played.muddy.send)

8 bells, 3.75 cwt (200kg) in E flat. *Sunday and Practice: 12.15pm on 1st, 2nd and 5th Sunday*

**C Kevin Mitchell, (07968 364141, kevmitch77@hotmail.com)**

Jenna Birley

Lois Clifton

Latoya Constantine

Kaiden Erogbogbo

Kristen Frederickson

Kevin Mitchell

Anastasia Moughtin-Mumby

Joy Moughtin-Mumby

Zoe Moughtin-Mumby

Elizabeth Ogundere-Faloye

Julius Olu-Jones

Luke Perkins

Max Roberts

Sarah Wetherall

**WANDSWORTH** All Saints, High Street, SW18 1EP. (OS Ref: 255747, /// legs.hopes.afford) 8 bells, 15.5 cwt (786kg) in F. *First Sunday: 4.30-4.55pm, and occasionally other Sunday evenings (Please phone to check)*

**C Jonathan Startup, (020 8789 1914, jonathan.startup@outlook.com)**

**A Parish Office, (0208788 4606)**

**WANDSWORTH** Holy Trinity, Beaumont Road, SW19 6SP. (OS Ref: 241740, /// boats.foods.given) 8 bells, 15 cwt (763kg) in F sharp. *Sunday: 10.00-10.25am. Practice: Friday 8.00-9.30pm. (Please phone to check)*

**C Jonathan Startup, (020 8789 1914, jonathan.startup@outlook.com)**

**A Parish Office, (0208788 4606)**

Jonathan Startup

Denise Welch

Louis Wild

**WIMBLEDON** St Mary, St Mary's Road, SW19 7BP. (OS Ref: 245715, /// desk.about.skin) 8 bells, 10.75 cwt (553kg) in A flat. *Sunday: 8.45-9.25am, evenings by arrangement.*

*Practice: Wednesday 7.30-9.00pm*

**C Lawrence Davies, (07505 900905, familydavies@care4free.net)**

**A John Coatsworth, (07757 112954, john.coatsworth@btinternet.com)**

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John Coatsworth (L)

Lawrence Davies (L)

Reece Davies

Jacqui Hunt

Paul Long

David Pelham (L)

Judith Pelham (L)

Christopher Rance (L)

Susan Rance (L)

Chris Rusby

Colette Schrier

James Sherratt

Irene Sweet (L)

Richard Sweet (L)

Mark Underwood

Richard Verrall

**UNATTACHED** Northern District

David Bassford

Carole Ann Cooles (L)

Martin Cooles

Robert Cooles (L)

Edward Gormley

Helen Hughes

Jane Humphries (L)

Nigel Humphries (L)

Jonathan Hutton

Helen Noble (L)

Loretto Puckey

Susan Reed

Christopher Ridley

Peter Smith

Susan Whittaker

Ian Wiltshire (L)

## Southern District

267 Members (as at 31st March 2024); 33 Towers with members

**ASHTED** St Giles, Park Lane, KT21 1EJ. (OS Ref: 193580, /// weep.buns.speaks) 8 bells, 13 cwt (660kg) in F. *Sunday: 10.00-10.25am; 5.30-6.00pm (phone to confirm) Practice: Thursday 8.00-9.30pm*

**C Sarah Huck, (07790 605771, towersecretary@ashtedparish.org)**

**A Richard Trueman, (01372 277323 ringingmaster@ashtedparish.org)**

Alan Brown

Penny Burnett

Richard Trueman

**BETCHWORTH** St Michael, Church Street, RH3 7DN. (OS Ref: 211497, /// relay.trips.bets)

8 bells, 11 cwt (563kg) in A flat. *Sunday: 9.25-10.00am (1st and 3rd, alt 5th with Buckland)*

*Practice: Tuesday 8.00-9.30pm*

**C Hugh Frayling, (07519 595801, frayhugh1920@gmail.com)**

**A Bernard Hawkins, (07947 446466, bernhawk57@btinternet.com)**

June Baldwin

Hilary Ely (L)

Hugh Frayling

Alison Hedges (L)

Martin Higgins (L)

John Miller (L)

Andrew Oliphant (L)

Alan Webb

Sarah Webb

Michael Willans

**BLETCHINGLEY** St Mary the Virgin, High Street, RH1 4PD. (OS Ref: 327508, /// claps.fend.zest)

10 bells, 16.5 cwt (836kg) in E. *Sunday: 9.00-9.30am Practice: Wednesday 7.30-9.15pm (Coffee 8.30pm)*

*Simulator and two dumb bells: Saturday morning monthly drop-in sessions, and practice nights.*

**C Ed Muller, (01883 742799, ed.muller@talk21.com)**

**A Angela Price, (07884 967296, aprice753@talktalk.net)**

Yvonne Cooper (L)

Trevor Dawson

Sandie Hooper

Joanna Hoy

Christine Markham

Ed Muller (L)

Valerie Muller (L)

Angela Price (L)

Kate Wills

Patrick Wills

**BUCKLAND** St Mary the Virgin, Reigate Road, RH3 7BQ. (OS Ref: 222508, /// firmly.flute.bind) 6 bells, 4.5 cwt (230kg) in B. *Sunday: 9.25-10.00am (4th, alt 5th with Betchworth).*

*Practice: Friday 8.00-9.30pm by arrangement*

**C David Sayce, (07539 742598, drsayce@ntlworld.com)**

**A Bernard Hawkins, (07947 446466, bernhawk57@btinternet.com)**

Alexia Beale

Julie Beale

Brian Boustred (L)

Vivienne Boustred (L)

Martin Boyce

Sheena Boyce

Bernard Hawkins (L)

Stephen Mott

David Sayce (L)

**BURSTOW** St Bartholomew, Church Road, RH6 9RG. (OS Ref: 313413, /// firm.lately.bless)

6 bells, 9.5 cwt (483kg) in G. *Sunday: 9.30-10.00am (Special occasions and festivals). No Practice.*

**C Please contact the General Secretary in the first instance**

**CAPEL** St John the Baptist, The Street, RH5 5JZ. (OS Ref: 175408, /// misty.spend.roofs)

6 bells, 6.75 cwt (346kg) in A. *Sunday: 10.00-10.25am Practice: Wednesday 7.45-9.00pm (1st only)*

**C Corinne Jay, (07718 346294, capelbelltower@gmail.com)**

**A Norman Ede, (07885 439079)**

**S Mike Jay, (07568 395791, mikey\_\_\_mike@hotmail.com)**

John Dale

Norman Ede

Clay Griffin

Corinne Jay

Michael Jay

**CATERHAM** St John the Evangelist, Clareville Road, CR3 6LA. (OS Ref: 343553, /// gangs.lived.skill) 8 bells, 17 cwt (856kg) in E flat. *Sunday: 9.15-9.55am Practice: Monday 7.45-9.15pm.*

*Simulator: Two stations with single or multiple bells*

**C Noel Gibbin, (01883 343509, ngibbin@btinternet.com)**

**A Alan Cooke, (01883 370059, amigacooke@googlemail.com)**

**S Ken Allen, (01883 342457)**

Kenneth Allen

Caroline Ballantyne

Simon Beirne

Danae Bird

Andy Colman

Alan Cooke

Elly Davis

Noel Gibbin (L)

Susan Gibbin (L)

Morag Hebal

Milica Reardon

Denise Sayles

Richard South

**CATERHAM** St Mary the Virgin, Church Road, CR3 5RA. (OS Ref: 336555, /// cloak.broken.hike) 8 bells, 12.5 cwt (645kg) in F sharp. *Sunday: 9.00-9.30am Practice: Friday 8.00-9.30pm*

**C Frances Clementi, (01883 348848, clementifrances@gmail.com)**

**A John Clarke, (01883 345383)**

Penny Brown	Anne Brownless	Lorna Chantry	John Clarke
Frances Clementi (L)	Kris Daniels	Laurie David	Finley Hercock
Janine Hercock	Maddalena O'Donoghue	Matteo O'Donoghue	Mirella O'Donoghue
Brian Rochester	Claire Spiteri		

**CHARLWOOD** St Nicholas, 2 Sydney villa, RH6 0ED. (OS Ref: 240411, /// firm.glare.spice) 6 bells, 11.5 cwt (592kg) in F sharp. *Sunday: 9.00-9.30am Practice: Tuesday 7.30-9.00pm*

**C Mark Davies, (01293 862056, mark@mini850.co.uk)**

Peter Comport	Marion Dallison (L)	Mark Davies	Oliver Davies
Tina Davies	Mark Patton	Sam Songhurst	

**CHIPSTEAD** St Margaret, Star Lane, CR5 3RD. (OS Ref: 283564, /// anyway loaf.loudly) 5 bells, 11 cwt (560kg) in A flat. *Sunday: Swung chime only. Practice: Fourth Thursday 7.00-8.00pm, please phone.*

**C Ian Poole, (01737 557136, eve\_and\_ian@hotmail.com)**

Sandy Boyden	Katy Deragon	Paul Deragon	Ian Poole
Nigel Smith	Geraldine Stephenson	Conny Viol	

**COBHAM** St Andrew, Church Street, KT11 3EG. (OS Ref: 108598, /// transfers.barks.locate) 8 bells, 9.75 cwt (499kg) in G. *Sunday: 9.30-10.00am Practice: Thursday 7.30-9.00pm by arrangement*

**C Peter Bound, (07779 757184, peterbound2000@yahoo.co.uk)**

**A Roger Tompsett, (07777 663178, rogertompsett@btinternet.com)**

Peter Bound	Roger Tompsett
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**COULSDON** St John the Evangelist, Canons Hill, CR5 1HA. (OS Ref: 313582, /// pure.fight.factories) 5 bells, 10.75 cwt (538kg) in A flat. *Sunday: 9.00-9.30am Practice: Tuesday 8.00-9.30pm*

**C Martin Burke (07711 822621, mrmartinburke@btinternet.com)**

Martin Burke	Meriel Spalding
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**DORKING** St Martin, High Street, RH4 1DS. (OS Ref: 165495, /// being.porch.spices) 10 bells, 18.5 cwt (935kg) in E. *Sunday: 9.30-10.00am. Practice: Monday 7.30-9.15pm*

**C Andrew Dorman, (01306 743587, andrew.dorman@btinternet.com)**

**S Bill Hibbert, (01372 451468, bill@hibberts.co.uk)**

Carole Avis	Paul Beeken (L)	Alison Dibden	Andrew Dorman
Sophie Dorman	Bill Hibbert	Richard Hoey	Jules Shipton
Kathryn Skelton	Elizabeth Smith	Chris Turner	Annette Watlow
Natalie Watt	Heather Woods		

**EPSOM** St Martin of Tours, Church Street, KT17 4PX. (OS Ref: 214605, /// wished.winter.title) 10 bells, 16 cwt (814kg) in F. *Sunday: 9.20-10.00am. Practice: Monday 8.00-9.30pm*

**C Ros Hallett, (roshallett@btinternet.com)**

**S Roger Tompsett, (07777 663178, rogertompsett@btinternet.com)**

Richard Browne	Jennifer Heyworth
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**EPSOM COMMON** Christ Church, Christchurch Rd, KT19 8NE. (OS Ref: 195609, /// bands.foil.powers) 8 bells, 8.5 cwt (433kg) in A. *Sunday: 9.30-10.00am Practice: Wednesday 8.00-9.30pm*

**C Sue Sullivan (07917 870861, epsomcommonringers@gmail.com)**

Mark Hodgson	Mavis Oakeshott (L)	Jacqueline Patel
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**ESHER** Christ Church, Esher Green, KT10 8AA. (OS Ref: 138647, /// added.soup.chair) 8 bells, 7 cwt (375kg) in A flat. *Sunday: 10.00-10.30am Practice: Wednesday 7.30-9.00pm (Phone to confirm)*  
**C Ann Battensby (07971 090116, ann@annbattensby.com)**  
 Ann Battensby Amanda Doyle Katharine Lankey Jennifer Meade (L)  
 Morgan Rook

**GODSTONE** St Nicholas, Church Lane, RH9 8BW. (OS Ref: 357515, /// index.sector.melt) 8 bells, 12 cwt (611kg) in G. *Sunday: 10.00-10.30am Practice: Thursday: 7.30-9.00pm*  
**C Diane Grose, (01883 742983, di.grose@btinternet.com)**  
**A Alison McCormick, (01883 744883, alison.mccormick@mac.com)**  
 Nick Barker Diane Grose (L) Siu Ning Catherine Hung Alison McCormick (L)  
 Katharine O'Carroll Sue Reilly (L) Matthew Rose (L) Margaret Shelley (L)  
 Christine Sparrowhawk Melanie Underwood Richard Wallis (L)

**HORLEY** St Bartholomew, Church Road, RH6 8AB. (OS Ref: 276427, /// lined.gross.ruby) 8 bells, 12 cwt (608kg) in E sharp. *Sunday: 3rd Sunday 10:00-10:30am. Practice: Friday evening with sufficient ringers, please check*  
**C Robin Grant, (01293772725, rag5040@icloud.com)**  
 Robin Grant (L) Roger Grieve (L) Neville Morley (L) Sian Morley

**KINGSWOOD** St Andrew, Brighton Road, KT20 6QE. (OS Ref: 243556, /// dads.table.unable) 6 bells, 17.5 cwt (894kg) in E. *Sunday: 10.15-10.55am Practice: Thursday 8.00-9.30pm*  
**C Peter Taylor, (07947 119633, narasdad@hotmail.co.uk)**  
**A Claire Roberts, (01737 832586, roberts.mugswell@btinternet.com)**  
 David Hawkins (L) Alan Roberts (L) Claire Roberts (L) Michael Sutcliffe (L)  
 Peter Taylor

**LEATHERHEAD** St Mary and St Nicholas, Church Road, KT22 8BD. (OS Ref: 167561, /// rewarding.lock.hooks) 10 bells, 19 cwt (971kg) in E flat. *Sunday: 10.00-10.30am. Practice: Tuesday 7.45- 9.15pm*  
**C Please contact the General Secretary in the first instance**  
**A Julian Steed, (01737 842220, jjsteed100@gmail.com)**

**LEIGH** St Bartholomew the Great, Church Road, RH2 8NJ. (OS Ref: 224469, /// crowd.rewarding.into) 6 bells, 7.75 cwt (390kg) in A. *Sunday: 9.25-9.55am Practice: 1st 3rd & 5th Thursday of the month 7.30-9.00pm*  
**C Colin Clement, (07833 240167, colin.clement@hotmail.com)**  
**A Anthony Vere Hodge, (01306 611212)**  
 Colin Clement Anthony Vere Hodge (L) Helen Vere Hodge (L)

**LIMPSFIELD** St Peter, High Street, RH8 0DG. (OS Ref: 405532, /// ideas.indoor.lands) 6 bells, 15 cwt (757kg) in F sharp. *Sunday: 9.30-10.00am Practice: Tuesday 7:45-8:45pm (please check beforehand)*  
**C Marianne Bell, (01883 712970, marlizbell@btinternet.com)**  
**A David Bell, (01883 712970, dbell1141@btinternet.com)**  
 David Bell (L) Marianne Bell (L) Lynda Boast (L) Amy Ching  
 David Daruval Douglas Fisher Nancy Fisher Helen Ireland  
 Joy Moore Andrew Smith

**LIMPSFIELD CHART** St Andrew, St Andrew's House, Kent Hatch Road, RH8 0TB. (OS Ref: 427518, /// fast.lend.dogs) 6 bells, 10.5 cwt (530kg) in G. *Sunday: 9.15-9.50am Practice: Wednesday 6.45-7.45pm (Phone to confirm)*  
**C Rev. Paul Perkin, (01883 412454, paul.perkin6@gmail.com)**  
 Ian Day Paul Perkin Nigel Press

**LINGFIELD** St Peter & St Paul, Church Road, RH7 6AH. (OS Ref: 389437, /// wipes.gold.cracks)  
 8 bells, 16.5 cwt (838kg) in E sharp. *Sunday: 9.30-10.00am. Practice: Thursday 8.00-9.00pm (occasional)*  
**C Chris Baldwin, (07595 536282, chris.baldwin65@gmail.com)**  
 Trevor Crowhurst (L) Ian Henderson (L) Norma Henderson (L) Sheila Marsh  
 Philippa Nelson

**MERSTHAM** St Katharine, London Road, RH1 3BJ. (OS Ref: 290538, /// movies.precautions.gone)  
 8 bells, 13.5 cwt (686kg) in F. *Sunday: 9.20-10.00am Practice: Wednesday 7.45-9.15pm*  
**C Ann Beirne, (07771 651164, ann.beirne@outlook.com)**  
**A Jack Pease, (07443 033294, peasealt@gmail.com)**  
 Julie Barclay Ann Beirne Peter Bignell Elinor Dudman  
 Isabel Dudman Eleanor Evans Daniel Isard Sarah Isard  
 Samantha Latty Dennison John Leighton Heather Mathews  
 John Miles Sophie Mills Jack Pease Dave Rowe  
 David St Marcus Barbara Taylor Finley Towner Eunice Tucker  
 Jane Wilcock

**NEWDIGATE** St Peter, Village Street, RH5 5DL. (OS Ref: 198421, /// races.line.piano)  
 6 bells, 8 cwt (407kg) in B flat. *Sunday: 9.30-10.00am Practice: Tuesday 7.45-9.15pm*  
**C Tanya Clarke, (07970 029271, tanya\_clarke\_2000@yahoo.co.uk)**  
**A Simon Everett, (01306 711325, simonlyn.everett@btinternet.com)**  
**S Lloyd Chapman, (01737 768275, lloydchapman@onetel.com)**  
 Rohan Agarwal Lloyd Chapman Tanya Clarke Simon Everett  
 Ian Macro

**NUTFIELD** St Peter and St Paul, Church Hill, RH1 4JA. (OS Ref: 309508, /// wizard.guides.point)  
 6 bells, 11.5 cwt (585kg) in G. *Sunday: 10.30-10.50am Practice: Tuesday 6:30-8:00. Closed Foundations by invitation: Friday 6:30-8:00pm, Saturday 9:00-11:00am*  
**C Christine Billot, (07720 499019, chris10billot@hotmail.com)**  
**A Vicky Williams, (07955 123126, buckruddles@gmail.com)**  
 Christine Billot Chris Carey Susan Hussey Libby Powell (L)  
 Rob Stuart John Watts Wendy Watts Vicky Williams

**OCKLEY** St Margaret, Coles Lane, RH5 5LS. (OS Ref: 157407, /// chemistry.assure.gratitude)  
 6 bells, 13.5 cwt (688kg) in F sharp. *Sunday: 9.00-9.25am Practice: Wednesday 7.45-9.15pm (except first)*  
**C Sue Dixon, (07777 676550, srsjdixon@btinternet.com)**  
**A Margaret Zandona, (07712 684766)**  
 Alexander Dixon Stuart Dixon Sue Dixon Graham Hunt  
 Jo Hunt Margaret Zandona

**OUTWOOD** St John the Baptist, Brickfield Road, RH1 5QF. (OS Ref: 319460, /// sank.retain.things)  
 4 bells, 4.5 cwt (230kg) in E flat. *Sunday: By arrangement. Practice: By arrangement*  
**C Tom Sutton, (stjohnbapt.outwood@gmail.com)**  
**A Sue Turner, (01342 841985, suelewisturner@hotmail.com)**  
 José Case-Green Chris Cooper (L) Ingrid Rolland Tom Sutton  
 Sue Turner

**OXTED** St Mary the Virgin, Church Lane, RH8 9NB. (OS Ref: 391530, /// lands.rank.shall) 6 bells, 12 cwt (611kg) in F sharp. *Sunday: 8.55-9.25am Practice: Monday 7.00-9.00pm Simulator with 6 individual workstations running Abel. Use of simulator may be available by arrangement. Association practice on 1st Friday afternoon and 3rd Thursday evening by prior booking and subject to availability*  
**C Ian Griffiths, (07484 717542, griffian25@gmail.com)**  
**S Ian Griffiths, (07484 717542, griffian25@gmail.com)**  
 Stuart Brett Nick Carruthers Rosalyn Dale Emily Forrest  
 James Forrest Ian Griffiths (L) John Kempton Jackie Lomas  
 Nikki Paintin Brenda Ramsden Dominic Starr Harley Tarsey

**RANMORE** St Barnabas, Ranmore Common Road, RH5 6SP. (OS Ref: 145504, /// store.riches.dangerously)  
 8 bells, 19.75 cwt (1,000kg) in E. *Sunday: 10.25-11.00am;*  
*Practice: Wednesday 7:00-9:00pm. Alternative Friday and Saturday mornings 09:30 -11:00am. Simulator facilities are installed to enable the bells to be rung silenced. These are potentially available at any time and enquiries are welcomed. A Ringing Club exists to enable ringers from other bands to use our bells with others. Enquiries to join the Club are also welcome.*

**C Phil Madden (07814 498718, [filmadn@gmail.com](mailto:filmadn@gmail.com))**

**A Andrew Dorman, (01306 743587, [andrew.dorman@btinternet.com](mailto:andrew.dorman@btinternet.com))**

**S Phil Madden (07814 498718, [filmadn@gmail.com](mailto:filmadn@gmail.com))**

Hilary Bartlett	Steve Biffen	Lucie Broome	Christine Butcher
Chrissy Hill	Theo Jones	Laura Lister	Phil Madden
Joanna Marsh	Reyna Mcmillan	Izabella Meehan	Helen Steel
Nadine Stroud	Jan Wildman		

**REDHILL** St John the Evangelist, Pendleton Road, RH1 6QA. (OS Ref: 274494, /// note.farmer.basin)  
 8 bells, 13 cwt (664kg) in F. *Sunday: 10:00-10.30am. Practice: Thursday 7.30-9.00pm*

**C Gail Terry, (01737 762592, [gail.terry@btinternet.com](mailto:gail.terry@btinternet.com))**

**A Anne Rueff, (07812 744770, [anne.rueff@googlemail.com](mailto:anne.rueff@googlemail.com))**

Derek Atfield (L)	Emma Booth	Anselm Hartley	Valerie Roopun
Anne Rueff (L)	Thomas Sibley	Gail Terry (L)	Dominic Troughton
Sophia Troughton	John Verity	David Wallis (L)	

**REIGATE** St Mary Magdalene, Chart Lane, RH2 7RN. (OS Ref: 259502, /// else.quite.dots)  
 10 bells, 19.75 cwt (1,003kg) in D. *Sunday: 9.45-10.30am (2nd & 4th Sundays), 5.45-6.30pm (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays) Please check in advance Practice: Wednesday 7.45-9.15pm*

**C David Gilmore, (01293 776593, [irishdg@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:irishdg@blueyonder.co.uk))**

**A Parish Office, (01737 221100)**

Christopher Burgess	Derek Cork	Alison Elson (L)	David Gilmore (L)
Sarah Gilmore (L)	Andrew Hamilton	John Humphreys	Sarah Mitchell
Hannah Niewiarowski	John Squirrell	Edward Stonard	Mark Thurgood
Nikki Weeds	Philip Williams	Anne Wood	

**STOKE D'ABERNON** St Mary, Stoke Road, KT11 3PX. (OS Ref: 129584, /// wheels.kicked.skirt)  
 6 bells, 3.75 cwt (195kg) in E flat. *Sunday: 9.25-9.55am; Practice: Monday 7.45-9.15pm*

**C Sarah Taylor-Clark, (07968 960883, [sarah.taylorclark@ntlworld.com](mailto:sarah.taylorclark@ntlworld.com))**

Antony Green Phil Watkins (L)

**TANDRIDGE** St Peter, Tandridge Lane, RH8 9NN. (OS Ref: 374512, /// gravel.orange.plugin)  
 5 bells, 4 cwt (200kg) in D. *Unringable.*

**C Ian Griffiths, (07484 717542, [griffian25@gmail.com](mailto:griffian25@gmail.com))**

**WALTON-ON-THAMES** St Mary, Church Street, KT12 2QT. (OS Ref: 102665, /// open.fever.coach)  
 8 bells, 21.5 cwt (1,095kg) in E. *Sunday: 10.30-11.00am (although not currently ringing on Sundays)*  
*Practice: Friday 7.30-9.15pm*

**C Andy King, (07773780144, [andyking15@hotmail.com](mailto:andyking15@hotmail.com))**

Christine Bentley	John Burnett	Gillian Cox	Michael Fuller
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**UNATTACHED** Southern District

Chris Baldwin	James Belshaw	Neil Byer	Matt Cousins
David Finch (L)	Patricia Hoverd-Hughes	Andrew Howell	Russell King
Nick Macmahon	John Maybrey (L)	Alan Millidge (L)	Katie Niewiarowski
Rosie Niewiarowski	Diane Reynolds (L)	Carol Riddington	Oliver Thompson
Tom White (L)	John Young		

# MEMBERSHIP LISTS

(L) after a member's name indicates Honorary Life Membership of the Association.

**C** indicates the tower's main correspondent to which general enquiries and requests for outings etc. should be directed. **A** is included in case people cannot reach the first contact and want to check this week's practice is still on or the time of Sunday ringing. **S** the tower's steeplekeeper

Postcodes are given for the churches to assist Sat Nav users. Occasionally they may not be the church itself (where post is not usually delivered) but the nearest building instead. Also given are the Ordnance Survey grid reference. Finally, after “///”, are the *what3words* reference. The what3words algorithm takes complex GPS coordinates and converts them into unique 3 word addresses. It means anyone can talk about anywhere with 3 simple words.



<https://membermojo.co.uk/surreybellringers>

## Membership system for the Surrey Association of Church Bell Ringers

- The system allows members to manage their Surrey Association membership online, pay fees and provide / update contact details
- It provides a platform for communication with and between members
- It eases the burden on volunteer administrators
- It ensures the Association is GDPR compliant

**Paying fees:** We encourage members to pay online if possible as it greatly reduces the administrative burden on our volunteer administrators. MemberMojo uses Stripe an online payment platform. Where fees are paid by the Church or Tower they can be paid by bank transfer or via the Tower contact. A guide to membership renewal can be found via the following link: [MemberMojoMemberRenewal.pdf](#)

**Emails:** All members can subscribe or unsubscribe to these groups by ticking or unticking the appropriate option in their MemberMojo membership form. Emails from the group also contain an unsubscribe link at the bottom. Those subscribed to a network group may send email to the group.

Northern District: [ndnetwork.surreybellringers@membermojo.co.uk](mailto:ndnetwork.surreybellringers@membermojo.co.uk)

Southern District: [sdnetwork.surreybellringers@membermojo.co.uk](mailto:sdnetwork.surreybellringers@membermojo.co.uk)

Replies to emails sent to the network groups are only sent to the originator of the email. If you want to send to all subscribed, you must add the network group name to the address field of your reply.

Groups can be created for the use of individual, or groups of, Towers. If you wish to make use of this please contact the system manager via [memberadmin@surreybellringers.org.uk](mailto:memberadmin@surreybellringers.org.uk)

**GDPR:** The data collected MemberMojo is used and saved in accordance with our published Data Policy, which may be found on our website [GDPR pages](#). The MemberMojo system is held on secure UK based servers. Your data is visible only to our administrators (the Secretaries you elect) or a limited subset of it in the Membership Directory if you opt-in to that feature.

# FELLOWSHIP GRANTS

## **One of the objectives of the association is stated as:**

“to promote fellowship and harmony among bellringers generally including organising social meetings and making gifts on behalf of the Association and to promote goodwill and understanding between bellringers and the general public;”

The association may make funds available to local bands of ringers requesting financial support for initiatives that achieve the purpose of the objective.

## **For example this might include (but is not limited to):**

- Holding outreaching social events e.g. that are open to the district or wider community. No funding should be expected for initiatives that exclusively benefit the proposing band.
- Improvement of ringing chambers.
- Installation of belfry cameras and monitors visible to the public.
- Production of local publicity material.
- Gifts for individuals whose contribution to local ringing is worthy of recognition by the association.
- Expenses for attendance at national events where the association would not otherwise be represented such as the Ringing World young ringers striking competition.

## **Grants would not be awarded for:**

- Any belfry maintenance or restoration work that would normally be considered for a grant from the BRF.
- Any training or associated activity that would normally be considered by the Training Group

## **Guidelines**

1. Bands of ringers within the association may apply for fellowship grants not exceeding £200 in any one year.
2. The amount awarded for a fellowship grant will be dependant on its merits but no more than 50% of the total cost of the initiative.
3. Grants will be funded from the general funds of the association.
4. The total value of grants made in any calendar year will be capped at an amount agreed from time to time by the general committee. The limit is currently £2,000.
5. Applications for fellowship grants should be made to the general secretary and sponsored by at least two other current members of the general committee.
6. Provided the sponsors, the general master and the general secretary all agree the application achieves the objective and meets the conditions of a fellowship grant it shall be awarded immediately following submission of receipts.
7. At least once a year the general committee will discuss the fellowship grants awarded and revise its guidance for future grants if it is thought necessary.
8. Details of fellowship grants awarded during each year will be published in the annual report.

**Two grants were paid in 2023, one to Redhill and one to Capel**

# GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

Under the provisions of the above Regulations, members of the Association are advised that the membership records are kept about them for the purpose of administration of the Association. They are not made available to anyone for commercial purposes - and anyone who obtains these details is expressly forbidden from using any information given here for such purposes.

If anyone requires their details to be omitted from future editions or to inspect these records, please contact the General Secretary.

# GENERAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT

2023 was quite a bumper year for ringing events and the organisation of more association, district and training events along with welcoming more learners.

The striking competitions returned for the first time since 2019. The Six bell call change competition for the Sid Saban trophy was judged by Jackie Roberts from the Guildford Diocesan Guild and held at Capel in July. Four bands entered and the trophy was presented to Redhill. In October the six and eight bell striking competitions were held at East Molesey. The judge was Neil Jones from the Kent County Association. For the six-bell competition four bands entered and the Taylor trophy was won by Caterham St John A band. Two bands entered the eight-bell competition and the Kingston upon Thames band were presented with the Pat Cannon trophy. These events are planned for 2024 as well as the Association's entry to National ringing competitions.

During holy week the quiz took place at All Saints Institute Hall in Banstead with 14 teams entering. After nine rounds, presented by quiz master Sarah Isard the "Hughdon" team, alias Croydon Minster were declared winners of the Inter tower quiz trophy and a box of chocolates.

Just one peal was rung over the peal weekend at the end of April however there were 33 quarter peals rung for quarter peal month which also coincided with the Ring for the King Coronation event. There were a couple of first quarter peals and many other firsts. It was wonderful to see so many photographs of bands and local communities enjoying the day. Several of the bands have chosen to include their celebratory photograph in the tower reports. For the event the Association presented members with a commemorative pin badge.



In May the AGM was held at Barnes, although fewer members attended compared to 2022, mainly due to train strikes over the weekend the local band served a delicious cream tea. At the meeting Bob Cooles was presented with a gift as outgoing President of the Association, Bob had held the position since 2014. Sheila Cheesman was elected and welcomed as our new President.

Association member records in MemberMojo as at the end of the year were 580. We welcomed 59 new members including 6 young ringers and 3 non-residents during the year. Honorary Life memberships were awarded to Frances Clementi, Caterham St. Mary, Jane Humphries, unattached and John Miller, Betchworth.

The Bank balances remain healthy with a total of over £36,000 across the accounts. Expenditure in 2023 totalled just over £4,700 with a £1,755 spend from the legacy fund and the rest from the general fund. The major spend being the belfry maintenance and training grants. The Young Ringers Development fund was approved with an initial amount of £5,000 from the Libby legacy fund. The balance of the legacy is now just under £17,000.

There were seven Association peals rung in 2023, all the peals included firsts in method. Two first peals were achieved – Fraser Storie in February ringing Stedman Cinques at Kingston and Edward Gormley ringing Plain Bob Minor at St Katharine Cree in September. Congratulations to all the peal bands. Over the year an impressive number of 232 quarter peals, an increase of 39 over last year were rung across 47 towers.

We look forward to the celebrations being planned for 2024 with ringers being encouraged to "Ring Out for Peace" on 6<sup>th</sup> June, the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landing.

**Ann Beirne**

# GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Note	2023 £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Income</b>				
Resident Levy		(622.60)	1,082.40	1,211.40
Subscriptions		1,761.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Resident Subscriptions		20.00	35.00	15.00
Donations		85.00	140.45	1,966.78
Training		0.00	0.00	(130.00)
Quiz surplus		40.13	47.96	0.00
Interest received (Gross)		462.57	71.77	0.80
<b>Total income for the year</b>		<b>1,746.10</b>	<b>1,377.58</b>	<b>3,063.98</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Public Liability Insurance		599.82	599.82	565.94
Annual Report		246.55	176.08	162.22
Training equipment	2	0.00	186.00	950.79
Belfry maintenance grants	2	787.50	441.00	4,466.00
Fellowship Grants		400.00	200.00	0.00
Initiative grants		35.00	239.25	64.54
Training Grants	2	707.50	0.00	0.00
Donations		0.00	150.00	303.00
Central Council - Affiliation fees and expenses		129.60	160.00	160.00
Central Council Library		0.00	10.00	30.00
Meeting expenses		286.80	293.40	0.00
Promotional materials		345.00	607.98	0.00
Website		190.67	170.70	166.73
Ringling World National Youth Contest/SEECOM		146.00	200.00	210.00
MemberMojo - software Membership system		140.00	140.00	109.18
Stripe software fees		88.73	65.56	0.00
The Violet Potter Award		0.00	0.00	0.00
Training		290.00	331.94	0.00
Young Ringers Development Fund	2	260.00	0.00	0.00
Sundry expenses		128.81	248.45	71.94
<b>Total expenditure for the year</b>		<b>4,781.98</b>	<b>4,220.18</b>	<b>7,260.34</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>(3,035.88)</b>	<b>(2,842.60)</b>	<b>(4,196.36)</b>
General fund Expenditure		3,026.98	3,593.18	1,843.55
Legacy fund Expenditure	2	1,755.00	627.00	5,416.79
		<b>4,781.98</b>	<b>4,220.18</b>	<b>7,260.34</b>

## Independent Examiner's Reports

The original, signed independent examiner's reports on the accounts are available for inspection at the Annual General Meeting on 11 May 2024 or at any time on application to the appropriate Secretary. The accounts of the Peel Fund and the Bookstall have not been independently examined.

# GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

BALANCE SHEET	Note	2023 £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Assets</b>				
Deposit at COIF	1	14,784.93	6,679.81	6,615.26
Cash at Lloyds Bank	1	<u>22,035.65</u>	24,462.38	27,560.15
		36,820.58		
District Levy owing		0.00	1,071.40	1,241.40
Balance in Stripe		0.00	61.89	0.00
Other debtors		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total assets		<u><b>36,820.58</b></u>	<u><b>32,275.48</b></u>	<u><b>35,416.81</b></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Cash Balances held for District Associations</b>				
Northern District		2,307.85		
Southern District		<u>5,504.53</u>		
	1		7,812.38	
<b>Other Creditors</b>	3			
Expenses		0.00	0.00	130.00
Donations due to BRF		546.00	71.00	165.00
Donations due to districts		500.00		
2023 subscriptions in Stripe		0.00	60.00	0.00
Subscriptions due to district funds		<u>622.60</u>	<u>1,769.00</u>	<u>1,903.73</u>
Total liabilities		<u>9,480.98</u>	<u>1,900.00</u>	<u>2,198.73</u>
Net Assets		<u><b>27,339.60</b></u>	<u><b>30,375.48</b></u>	<u><b>33,218.08</b></u>
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>				
Balance Brought forward		30,375.48	33,218.08	37,414.44
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		<u>(3,035.88)</u>	<u>(2,842.60)</u>	<u>(4,196.36)</u>
Balance Carried Forward		<u><b>27,339.60</b></u>	<u><b>30,375.48</b></u>	<u><b>33,218.08</b></u>

## PROPERTY REGISTER as at 31 December 2023

The General Master, Paul Flavell, holds the new Master's badge.  
 Kingston holds the Pat Cannon Trophy for the Eight Bell Striking Competition.  
 Caterham St John holds the Taylor Trophy for the Six Bell Striking Competition.  
 Redhill holds the Sid Saban Trophy for the Call Change Striking Competition.  
 Richard Wallis, holds the complete TSB Bank Trophy for the Call Change Striking Competition.  
 Croydon Minster holds the Inter Tower Quiz Trophy.  
 The Archivist, Sue Dixon, holds the Archive section of the Library.  
 Richard Wallis holds the Book Collection section of the Library.  
 Paul Flavell, holds the gavel and hammer.  
 Caroline Prescott and Sue Dixon hold the display boards.

as per prepared accounts

# GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

## Notes to the Accounts

Cash Balances held at Lloyds and COIF

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The Association has three accounts at Lloyds Bank and one COIF balance. The reconciled total flow of funds is as below

Opening Balances	38,626.57
Receipts	3,624.86
Payments	(5,430.85)
<b>Total Cash as per balance sheet</b>	<b><u>36,820.58</u></b>

Of which	
Legacy Fund	21,707.48
Held on behalf of districts	7,812.38
General Fund	7,300.72
<b>Total Cash as per balance sheet</b>	<b><u>36,820.58</u></b>

<b>Legacy Fund</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Balance brought forward</b>		<b>23,462.48</b>	<b>24,089.48</b>	<b>29,506.27</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Bell maintenance initiative	787.50		441.00	4,466.00
Ockley simulator	0.00		186.00	0.00
Caterham St Johns simulator	0.00		0.00	950.79
Grants/Bursaries	707.50		0.00	0.00
Younger Ringers Development Fund	260.00		0.00	0.00
		<b>(1,755.00)</b>	<b>627.00</b>	<b>5,416.79</b>
Carried forward		21,707.48	23,462.48	24,089.48
Of which there remains a commitment of for the YRDC		(4,740.00)	0.00	0.00
Unallocated Legacy Fund balance carried forward		<b><u>16,967.48</u></b>	<b><u>23,462.48</u></b>	<b><u>24,089.48</u></b>

Other Creditors	<b>3</b>	
Subscriptions due to Northern district	350.20	
Subscriptions due to Southern district	272.40	
		622.60
BRF donation due to central fund -2022 and 2023	546.00	
Northern district donation paid into General fund	440.00	
Southern district donation paid into General fund	60.00	
		1,046.00
		<b><u>1,668.60</u></b>

## NOTE

COIF is the *Charities Official Investment Fund* from CCLA Investment Management Limited (Registered in England No. 2183088, authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority). Funds are not covered by the £75,000 deposit guarantee of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme as it is not a bank.

# NORTHERN DISTRICT REPORT

2023 was a successful year for the Northern District. At our Annual District Meeting we were delighted to welcome 25 new or returning members. Across the District we had good recruitment through the Ring for the King initiative and other publicity around the time of the Coronation. Many (but not all) towers recruited new starters and several towers welcomed returning ringers, who are making a huge contribution to their bands. A new band was recruited and is now ringing the new bells at Roehampton. Tooting Graveney has three new recruits and has resumed service ringing once a month after many years of silence. However, not all of our towers have been lucky and many are still very short of ringers and rely on visitors to support service ringing and practices.

During the year the Northern District continued to run four regular practices every month. The Saturday open practices move to a different tower each month and feature general ringing for whoever comes. There has been a very welcome increase in the number of less-experienced ringers attending during the year. If you are a new ringer, or a not-so-new ringer who likes call changes, plain hunt and basic methods, please do come along. Of course, experienced and advanced ringers are also very welcome and during 2023 we rang method at every Saturday practice, rounding the year off in December with a course of Rutland Surprise major. The 8's Great! practices continue to be popular with six-bell ringers wanting to move up to eight-bell method ringing. These practices concentrate on plain hunt on 7 and plain courses and touches of Grandsire triples. The surprise major and the open 10/12 bell practices have been well attended and I would like to thank Shirley McGill and Fraser Storie for their hard work running these.

A new event this year was the Learners' Outing in June for novice ringers wanting to practice rounds or rounds and call changes. We visited East Molesey in the morning and Thames Ditton in the afternoon. It was a very enjoyable day. We will be repeating this event on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024. If you are a novice ringer, or have novice ringers in your band, put this date in your calendar now!

The year concluded with the Northern District Christmas Tower Showcase. All the District towers were invited to send in a short audio recording of their ringing, along with a photo and caption. 22 towers sent a contribution, and these were compiled by Alan Cooke into an Advent calendar on the Association Facebook page, with a different tower featured each day starting from 1<sup>st</sup> December. This was a fantastic record of the achievements of our towers. If you missed it do go to the Facebook page or Instagram and enjoy the entries. I'd like to thank everyone who participated (more than 150 ringers at a conservative estimate!) and I'd particularly like to thank Alan for his hard work and creative input.

Finally, I'd like to thank all members of the Northern District, the Southern District and neighbouring associations who have supported our events this year. I'd particularly like to thank the District committee members and Paul Flavell, our Association Master, for their support, all the tower correspondents who made bookings and the people who turned out to let us into the towers.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and successful year's ringing in 2024.

**Pam Donovan**

# NORTHERN DISTRICT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2023 £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>INCOME</b>			
Subscriptions (net of levy)	355.20	367.20	446.40
Donation and profit	440.00	7.00	-
Interest received (gross)	<u>296.90</u>	<u>21.36</u>	<u>0.25</u>
Total income for the year	<u>892.10</u>	<u>395.56</u>	<u>446.65</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Postage	-	20.52	-
Stationery	-	10.98	-
Cost of District meetings	<u>10.00</u>	<u>41.50</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure for the year	<u>10.00</u>	<u>73.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<u><b>£882.10</b></u>	<u><b>£322.56</b></u>	<u><b>£446.65</b></u>

## BALANCE SHEET

	2023 £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Deposit at COIF (held by General fund)	2,307.85	2,210.95	2,189.59
Cash at Bank and in hand a/c 00524280	4,617.52	4,265.32	4,083.92
Levy due from General fund a/c	<u>790.20</u>	<u>357.20</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u><b>7,715.57</b></u>	<u><b>6,833.47</b></u>	<u><b>6,522.91</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amounts received in advance	-	-	12.00
Levy due to General Fund	-	-	-
Accrued expenses	-	-	-
Total liabilities	<u><b>0.00</b></u>	<u><b>0.00</b></u>	<u><b>12.00</b></u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><b>£7,715.57</b></u>	<u><b>£6,833.47</b></u>	<u><b>£6,510.91</b></u>
Represented by			
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>			
Balance at 1st January	6,833.47	6,510.91	6,064.26
Surplus for the year	<u>882.10</u>	<u>322.56</u>	<u>446.65</u>
	<u><b>£7,715.57</b></u>	<u><b>£6,833.47</b></u>	<u><b>£6,510.91</b></u>

### PROPERTY REGISTER at 31 December 2023

The Darts Trophy is held by Colliers Wood.

The Collection Bell is held by Malcolm McAlister.

# SOUTHERN DISTRICT REPORT

As most of you know, this is the last Report I will make since I am retiring today! I have been District Master for over 6 years and quite a lot of things have happened in this time.

On the bad side, Covid struck and really we are still suffering from this – poor numbers and fewer ringers helping out at other towers.

On the other hand, the good side – Ringing for the King saw a large surge in the number of ringers that we have started to teach as well as those ringers who rang their first quarter for the King's Ordination -Trevor Dawson (Bletchingley) and Sue Turner (Outwood). Well done everyone who helped make this work! I do feel that things have turned round a bit and I hope this will continue to develop. I would like to mention one of our first pealers because he is a committee member - Alan Cooke, our assistant District Secretary, rang his first peal just last week on the tenor at Caterham.

The Surrey Association has put in a lot of work to help build up the bands again. The Surrey Association has really developed this theme and now runs a monthly training course as well as Open Practices on the 4th Saturday of the month aimed at all levels of ringing. These are also quite a social event, again allowing ringers to help others as well as ringing things they don't usually ring. I would like to thank those who organise and help at these practices.

We had two Outings organised by Matt Cousins, who was taught in the same school that I worked in! The first was a Summer and the second, an End of Year Outing.

We have introduced 10 bell practices – these are open practices at 10 bell towers allowing ringers to extend their ringing confidence and competence. I would like to thank Noel for our Surprise Major and now, occasional Surprise Royal practices held here. They allow experienced ringers to ring methods that now are not commonly rung at local practices – unfortunately, Covid had quite an effect on our older experienced ringers and they have moved or given up ringing as part of the desire to avoid catching diseases.

I would like to thank Ian who now runs 2 sessions a month using his computerised ringing system – these are really good in helping you to ring accurately anything you want from rounds to methods – after you have finished – the system will show you where you went wrong and mark you! If you want to have a go contact Ian. There are 6 systems set up. Although I am getting old, I am getting used to new ways of doing things and my view is if it works for you – it is OK. I know that Ranmore has invested in silencing its bells and then starting ringing sessions using similar programmes.

Lastly, if I were staying on, I would add what I want to see happening this year. I have always tried to visit other towers to help them and, as the Tower Captain of Dorking, asked others to join us at our practices. I would like to see this become more popular. However, please contact the Tower before turning up. I sometimes take another ringer to a tower that I feel they could contribute to just to increase the time and experience of ringing. I hope that this becomes more popular.

I have enjoyed working with the committee and all the ringers that I've come into contact with and thank you ALL for your support.

A huge Thanks,

**Paul Beeken**

# SOUTHERN DISTRICT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions (current year - gross)	<b>901.00</b>		886.00		946.00	
Levy to General Fund	<b>540.60</b>		531.60		567.60	
Net Subscriptions		<b>360.40</b>		354.40		378.40
Donations		<b>60.00</b>		5.00		33.00
Interest received		<b>231.10</b>		50.96		0.60
<b>Total income for the year</b>		<b>651.50</b>		410.36		412.00
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Tower Donations		<b>200.00</b>		105.00		15.00
Meeting Expenses		<b>0.00</b>		0.00		0.00
Ringling World notices		<b>8.60</b>		0.00		0.00
Postage		<b>0.00</b>		23.55		0.00
Stationery		<b>0.00</b>		0.00		0.00
<b>Total expenditure for the year</b>		<b>208.60</b>		128.55		15.00
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>442.90</b>		281.81		397.00

## BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>1,500.78</b>		1,272.38		970.53
Deposit in COIF Account (held in General fund)		<b>5,504.52</b>		5,273.42		5,222.46
Amount Due from Surrey Association General fund		<b>332.40</b>		340.40		415.40
Ringling World advance		<b>30.89</b>		39.49		39.49
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>7,368.59</b>		6,925.69		6,647.88
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Subscriptions to be repaid		<b>0.00</b>		0.00		4.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>0.00</b>		0.00		4.00
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>£7,368.59</b>		£6,925.69		£6,643.88
<b>Represented by:</b>						
Accumulated Fund						
Balance at 1st January		<b>6,925.69</b>		6,643.88		6,246.88
Surplus/(Deficit)		<b>442.00</b>		281.81		397.00
<b>Balance at 31st December</b>		<b>£7,368.59</b>		£6,925.69		£6,643.88

## PROPERTY REGISTER

The Collection Bell is held by the Secretary, Sue Dixon.

The Meeting Gavel is held by the Secretary, Sue Dixon.

The Richard Wallis Trophy is held jointly by Betchworth and Buckland.

## BELFRY REPAIR FUND

This was the first year in many in which a truly substantial grant was made from the fund, this being for the exciting installation of eight bells at Holy Trinity, Roehampton. After a commendably brief period of deliberation, the new bells were cast early in the year and installation followed in late summer, enthusiastically supported by quite a broad team of ringer volunteers.

As a result, the value of the fund stands at £14.3k at the end of 2023, compared with £21.5k at the start of the year. Receipts were boosted by a generous bequest of £500 from the late Dan Dawson-Taylor, a ringer at Beddington. Another early-November meteorological inundation meant that Brockham Bonfire had a reduced need for our services, thus slightly decreasing our revenue from that quarter (while allowing several would-be volunteers a much drier bonfire night). Gift-aided donations were down slightly, but the Numbers Club yielded almost as much as it had in the peak year of 2022. Monthly draws for the Numbers Club are conducted by Gail Terry and Wendy Archibald (for the southern and northern districts, respectively).

Donations were received during the year from the towers of St John's, Caterham and St Mary, Wimbledon; and from the PCCs of Beddington, Oxted and St John's, Egham. Our donors with regular standing orders made their usual much-valued contribution. Clothing purchases were made on behalf of five ringers this year, thanks to Kate Wills.

The committee, comprising Malcolm McAlister, Gail Terry, Russell King (who resigned during the year), Kate Wills, Noel Gibbin, Sid Bensberg and Paul Flavell, have continued their discussions of projects and awards as well as the running of the Numbers Club and the compilation of clothing orders.

**Malcolm McAlister**

## STATUTORY DECLARATIONS

### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Number: 260561  
Registered Address: 143 Lichfield Court, Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 1AY  
Governing Document: The Surrey Association of Church Bell Ringers' Rules 40 – 42  
Bankers: Barclays Bank Plc, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey.  
Independent Examiner: Janet Edwards.  
None of the Fund's assets are a permanent endowment.  
The Fund has no borrowing powers and no specific investment powers.

### NARRATIVE INFORMATION (to be revised to be compatible with the revised Association Rules 11th May 2024)

The objects of the Charity are to provide "for or towards the cost of bells, their fittings, or repairs thereto or any structural or mechanical work essential to the proper functioning of bells ringing full circle provided always that the bell or bells concerned are located within the county" (of Surrey as recognised in 1880). The Charity is part of The Surrey Association of Church Bell Ringers (the "Association") which is managed by a General Committee elected by members annually. The BRF Committee members are the Managing Trustees of the fund, a registered charity, but with the decision as to whether to give Grants or not in the hands of the Custodian Trustees - the General Committee - so as to give proper a protection for the charitable funds. The BRF Committee shall comprise as a minimum the following:

- The elected BRF Secretary
- One of the Association General Master, General Secretary or the Assistant General Secretary
- One member of the Southern District Committee, nominated each year by the Southern District Committee
- One member of the Northern District Committee, nominated each year by the Northern District Committee

The Committee may co-opt other Association members to join the Committee as desired and as necessary from time to time, particularly in relation to any specific projects. The Committee shall elect its Chairman from among its members.

Current members are: Malcolm McAlister (BRF Secretary), Paul Flavell (General Representative), Noel Gibbin, Simon (Sid) Bensberg, Gail Terry, Kate Wills

# BELFRY REPAIR FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Donations: Gift Aided	205.00	280.00	292.00
Not Gift Aided	519.00	170.00	45.00
Towers	200.00	150.00	250.00
PCCs	140.00	140.00	140.00
Tax refund on Gift Aid for previous year	115.14	73.10	117.87
Cash collections: Northern District	20.00	-	-
Southern District	90.61	42.60	-
General Meetings	-	135.78	-
Clothing: Income	239.82	435.58	178.55
Expenditure	(191.26)	(384.84)	(165.15)
Brockham Bonfire	400.00	550.00	-
Surrey Association Quiz	55.82	129.70	224.00
Numbers Club	1,057.95	1,083.98	1,016.10
Interest	69.36	48.98	86.01
Total Receipts	<u>2,921.44</u>	<u>2,854.88</u>	<u>2,184.38</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Grants	(10,163.00)		(4,564.50)
Total Payments	<u>(10,163.00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,564.50)</u>
Excess Receipts over Payments	<u>(7,241.56)</u>	<u>2,854.88</u>	<u>(2,380.12)</u>
Add Funds at 31 December 2022/ 2021 / 2020	21,502.60	18,647.72	21,027.84
<b>Funds at 31 December 2023 / 2022 / 2021</b>	<u>14,261.04</u>	<u>21,502.60</u>	<u>18,647.72</u>
<b><u>Disposition of Funds</u></b>			
Barclays Current Account	3,883.55	6,194.47	3,388.57
Virgin Charity Deposit Account	10,377.49	15,308.13	15,259.15
	<u>14,261.04</u>	<u>21,502.60</u>	<u>18,647.72</u>

# BRF NUMBERS CLUB RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Stakes	£2,340.00	£2,340.00	£2,388.00
Donation			£12.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>£2,340.00</u>	<u>£2,340.00</u>	<u>£2,400.00</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Prizes	£1,295.26	£1,245.76	£1,204.77
To BRF	£1,057.95	£1,108.98	£1,028.10
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>£2,353.21</u>	<u>£2,354.74</u>	<u>£2,232.87</u>
Excess receipts over payments	-£13.21	-£14.74	£167.13
Add Funds at 1 January	£1,263.27	£1,278.01	£1,110.88
<b>Funds at 31 December</b>	<u>£1,250.06</u>	<u>£1,263.27</u>	<u>£1,278.01</u>
<b>Application of Funds</b>			
Subscriptions received in advance	£1,023.00	£1,034.00	£1,016.00
Quarterly prize fund	£28.08	£29.45	£28.63
Annual prize fund	£198.98	£199.82	£193.75
	<u>£1,250.06</u>	<u>£1,263.27</u>	<u>£1,238.38</u>
<b>Adjusting Items</b>			
Understatement of numbers in March 2021:			
- reduced prizes			£0.55
- reduced payment to BRF			£0.45
Residual difference			£38.63
Total adjusting items	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£39.63</u>
<b>Disposition of Funds</b>			
Barclays Current Account Balance	<u>£1,250.06</u>	<u>£1,263.27</u>	<u>£1,278.01</u>

## NUMBERS CLUB WINNERS IN 2023



Draw	Number	Amount	Winner
January	182	£25.00	Jeremy Cheesman (Benhilton)
	121	£25.00	Sue Dixon (Ockley)
February (quarterly)	104	£112.80	Owen Toller (Barnes)
	62	£25.00	Robin Grant (Horley)
March	152	£25.00	John Verity (Redhill)
	111	£25.00	James Ingham (Non resident)
April	149	£25.00	Newdigate Bellringers (Newdigate)
	147	£25.00	Newdigate Bellringers (Newdigate)
May (annual)	92	£347.34	Chris Drew (Unattached)
May (quarterly)	36	£114.18	Jeremy Cheesman (Benhilton)
	54	£25.00	Sara Selwood (Barnes)
June	61	£25.00	Bletchingley Bellringers (Bletchingley)
	52	£25.00	Barnes Bellringers (Barnes)
July	4	£25.00	Andrew Bolton (Kingston)
	26	£25.00	Irene Rich (Non resident)
August (quarterly)	141	£110.34	Linda Georgiades (Kingston)
	1	£25.00	Kate Flavell (Kingston)
September	187	£25.00	Gavin Bennett (Southwark Cathedral)
	116	£25.00	Beddington Bellringers (Beddington)
October	85	£25.00	Jenny Heyworth (Epsom)
	122	£25.00	Jackie Harrison (Richmond)
November (quarterly)	85	£110.60	Jenny Heyworth (Epsom)
	74	£25.00	Richmond Bellringers (Richmond)
December	105	£25.00	Owen Toller (Barnes)
	68	£25.00	Caroline Stockmann (Barnes)

The Numbers club makes a profit of exactly 45%, which automatically goes to the Belfry Repair Fund to be used to help pay for any repairs and modifications that may become necessary in towers throughout the county (and sometimes to help towards new bells).

You can join the number club, as an individual or a band, by sending an e-mail to [brfsectreas@surreybellringers.org.uk](mailto:brfsectreas@surreybellringers.org.uk) or [malcolm.mcalister@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:malcolm.mcalister@yahoo.co.uk) applying for as many numbers as you would like. It is a great way to help ringing in the Surrey area, while giving yourself a possible financial windfall to look forward to (particularly useful at this time of the year).

# TRAINING GROUP REPORT

We had some very satisfactory training events in 2023 including the following:

Listening Skills	Oxted
Touches of Grandsire Doubles	Streatham
Foundation skills	Nutfield
Steeple keeping	Oxted
Plain Hunt on 5 and 6	Colliers Wood
Working with Simulators	Oxted
Surprise Minor	Esher
Tower Leadership	Barnes
Up and down	Caterham St John

All the courses were fully subscribed with students and we are grateful to all the helpers who gave their time to enable the students to ring with experienced ringers.

The main focus for 2024 is to move ringers, including the new Ring For The King recruits, to the next level, i.e. from RCC to PH, PH to PB, PB to Grandsire and so on.

We have carried out a survey to ensure we focus on the right level of courses. There will be popular courses including ringing up and down, steeple keeping, Surprise Minor, Stedman Doubles and conducting.

The full program will be published on the website but the first events are confirmed as follows:

3 February	Stedman Doubles	Thames Ditton
2 March	Up and Down in peal	Caterham St John
6 April	Steeple keeping	Oxted
4 May	Surprise Minor	Roehampton
1 June	Plain Hunt	East Molesey

These events will be publicised on email with links to the training page for students to apply for courses.

**Paul Flavell**

## PROPERTY REGISTER

The previous Training Officer, Ian Griffiths holds the travelling case, flasks, beakers and flip charts.

# SIMULATORS

In the Surrey Association we are fortunate to have a number of towers with simulators which are a valuable learning tool and are available for ringers to practise on at any level of ringing from bell handling to complex methods. Most of the towers below have regularly arranged individual or group practice sessions, or these can be organised with the people in charge with notice (see tower section for contact information).

The Association towers with simulators include:

Addington	Barnes	Bletchingley
Caterham St John	St John's Lambeth	Nutfield
Oxted	Ranmore	Richmond

## Simulator systems

Simulators typically include a sensor placed on a bell wheel which activates the computer to 'ring' at the right time when the bell is rung. The sensors can be interfaced with software e.g. Abel to enable the ringer to practise anything from rounds to methods and review the striking at the end of the session.

Tower bells are clamped so the bells can be rung at any time without annoying the locals! Better still are dumb-bells which save time and effort having to clamp and unclamp tower bells. The downside with simulators is that they are complex installations and need expert hands to keep them working satisfactorily, and in some towers open to the public, have to be set up from scratch each time they are used.

Benefits of using simulators:

- Practise at any time
- Practise from bell handling to advanced change ringing
- Practise ropesight, rhythm and listening skills
- Individual or group training

The Training Group will organise Simulator sessions and The Association of Ringing Teachers also run Simulator Workshops (we ran one in Surrey in 2019) and these demonstrate how simulators can be used as a teaching tool. If there is sufficient interest, we can certainly organise another course this year.

# COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER REPORT

At the end of 2023, the communications team of Chris Baldwin (webmaster), Alan Cooke (Facebook guy) and Jackie Harrison (newsletter editor) was joined by So-Shan Au of Kingston who is managing the Association Instagram account. A link to the Instagram account now features prominently along with the Facebook and Newsletter links on the web site home page.

In addition to the usual quarterly newsletters, a special edition was published to celebrate the new ring at Roehampton.

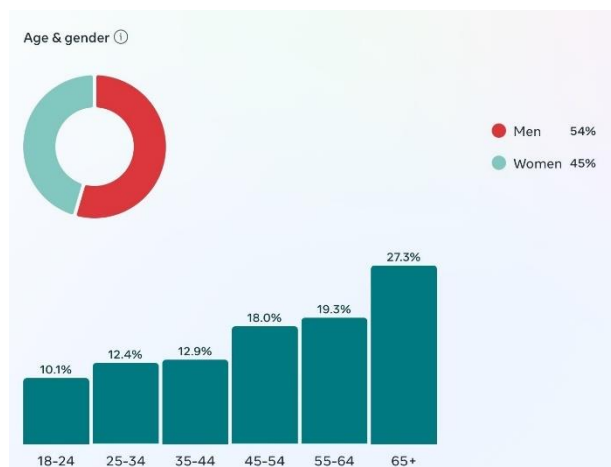
During 2023 the Facebook reach increased by 47.6% to 13.2k. Page visits increased by 610% to 16.4k and new page likes by 127% to 102.

This may reflect an increase in the general interest in ringing due to the publicity generated by the 'Ring for the King' campaign. The Northern District Christmas Showcase also resulted in a lot of interest and we hope that this will encourage members to keep sharing their news. Sadly, apart from this excellent initiative driven by Pam, the ND Master, there has been no discernible increase in the provision of material for Facebook or the newsletter although there are a number of people who regularly contribute articles and/or tower updates which are invaluable for the production of an interesting newsletter each quarter.

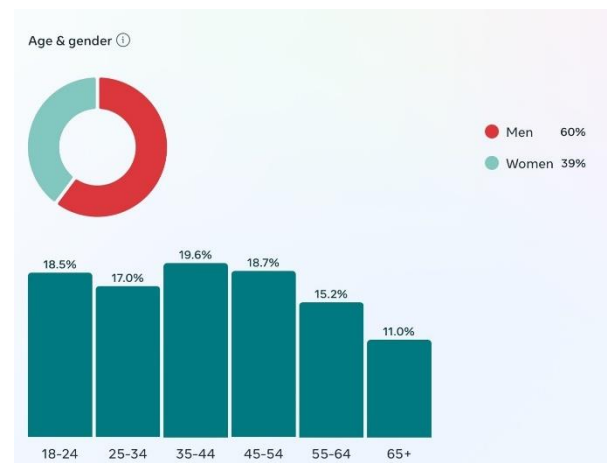
The Instagram account was launched in December and by the end of the year already had 157 followers (at the of writing this report in February, this had increased to 181). The reach was 731 and profile visits 408. So-Shan's initiative of Towers on Tuesdays seems to be generating a lot of interest and we hope that we will acquire a lot more Instagram followers in the coming months.

The charts below illustrate the audience breakdown across the two social media platforms.

## Facebook - 565 followers



## Instagram - 181 followers



As always, we want to encourage members to share as much news as possible across the communication platforms and welcome any feedback: [communications@surreybellringers.org.uk](mailto:communications@surreybellringers.org.uk)

**Jackie Harrison**

# **YOUNG RINGERS REPORT**

## **Surrey Strikers**

The Surrey Association continues to host events for ringers under the age of 18. The group does not undertake the physical teaching of bellringing, although teachers wishing to bring along learners are very welcome. Once ringing independently and with the consent of parents and carers, individuals are welcome to come and join us.

2023 was a very active time for us as a group.

We took part in two striking competition events. Firstly, SEECON (South East England Striking Contest). April 2023 saw Surrey host this contest. The host tower was St Mary's Caterham. Maypole bells and a quiz entertained the ringers whilst waiting for their turn to ring. Surrey came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 7 ringing Call Changes conducted by Fraser Storie. Secondly, we took part in the RWNYS held in York. For the first time Surrey entered the method section of the contest. The contest was held at Huntingdon and we were placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8 ringing Grandsire Doubles conducted by Fraser Storie. The most popular part of the day however was definitely the opportunity to ring at York Minster.

We took part in two outings. As with previous years, we joined forces with the young ringers from the Berks and Bucks youth team. October saw us visit St Albans for the day, with February taking us to Oxford City centre.

When not out and about in the country, we focused on monthly practices at Surrey towers. We have visited Colliers Wood, St Johns Merton, St John's Caterham, Cheam, Merstham and Waterloo Road to name but a few.

If you are a young ringer or are teaching young ringers, do consider coming along to these sessions. It is a great opportunity to mix and socialise with other like-minded people and ring at other towers. Keep an eye of the events calendar on the Surrey website for details of what we are up to!

**Caroline Prescott**

## YOUNG RINGERS



## VIOLET POTTER AWARD FOR YOUNG RINGERS

Violet Potter was a ringer for over 60 years in Surrey, initially at St Peter, South Croydon and then St John, Caterham. In this time she was a great supporter of young ringers and went out of her way to encourage them. In her will, she left the Association a sum of money and the General Committee decided to start this award with that legacy. It is designed to provide a small goal for ringers who are not yet 18 years old to aim for and provide recognition for an achievement that is within their reach.

### Details

- Every member of the Association who has not yet reached their 18th birthday (at the time of ringing) is eligible for this.
- When they ring or they conduct their first peal or quarter peal (treble, tenor or inside), they will be offered £15 towards a book or voucher. This will be presented at the next suitable opportunity.
- Application must be made to the General Secretary within 3 months of the peal or the quarter peal.
- Limited funds that will be used until the legacy runs out. Current balance is £94.80
- Only one award per person.

No awards were made in 2023.

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# PEALS RUNG IN 2023

## All Saints, KINGSTON UPON THAMES, Greater London

Sunday February 5, 2023 in 3h 11 (18-3-27 in Eb)

### 5009 Stedman Cinques

Composed by L J Woodward

1	David C Bath	7	Benjamin D Constant
2	Shirley E McGill	8	Ian Roulstone
3	Fraser A Storie	9	Anne M Anthony
4	Lucinda J Woodward (C)	10	Alan Regin
5	Claire F Roulstone	11	Michael R Crockett
6	Anne L Rueff	12	Adam S Greenley

*First peal: 3.*

*In affectionate memory of Robert B Smith*



Band in order clockwise from front right

## All Saints, KINGSTON UPON THAMES, Greater London

Sunday April 30, 2023 in 3h 25 (18-3-27 in Eb)

### 5042 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus

Composed by R W Pipe

1	Anne L Rueff	7	Noel J R Gibbin (C)
2	Shirley E McGill	8	Ruth E R Corney
3	Fraser A Storie	9	David N Wallis
4	Sheila M Cheesman	10	John G Hutchinson
5	Christopher H Rogers	11	Peter J Joyce
6	Jenny M Heyworth	12	Samuel C Cave

*First Maximus: 3. Rung for the Coronation of King Charles III.*

## Holy Trinity, West Hill, WANDSWORTH, Greater London

Sunday May 7, 2023 in 3h 1 (15-0-2 in F#)

### 5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

1	Christopher Ridley	5	Oliver D W Hughes
2	Michael J Uphill	6	Noel J R Gibbin
3	Stephen J F Mitchell	7	Anthony P Matthews
4	Caroline A Prescott	8	Philip P Ridley (C)

*Rung to mark the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camila.*

*Circled the tower: 2*

*First of surprise major: 5*

## All Saints, CARSHALTON, Greater London

Monday August 7, 2023 in 2h 49 (11-0-6 in F#)

### 5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Composed by C Middleton (Johnson's variation)

1	David S Fisher	5	Fraser A Storie
2	Shirley E McGill	6	Stephen J F Mitchell
3	Martin J Brown	7	Jason W Hughes (C)
4	Ian G Campbell	8	Ian K Bushell

*First peal of major: 5.*

## St Michael and All Angels, LITTLE HORSTED, East Sussex

Wednesday August 16, 2023 in 2h 55 (11-0-21 in G)

### 5040 Surprise Minor (7m)

7 methods: London, Beverley, Bourne, Ipswich, Surfleet, Norwich, Cambridge

1	Shirley E McGill	4	David Kirkcaldy
2	Beryl R Norris	5	John B Keeler (C)
3	Fraser A Storie	6	Alan Regin

*First of Minor: 3*

## St Katharine Cree, CITY of LONDON

Sunday September 10, 2023 in 2h 58 (9-3-18 in G)

### 5040 Plain Bob Minor

1	Julius Olu-Jones	4	Colin Friend
2	Alexander E Gray	5	Edward P Gormley
3	Dominic D Meredith	6	M Louise Booth (C)

*First Peal: 5. Marking 10 years since his first lesson.*

*In memory of The Right Reverend Dr Karwei Dorgu, Bishop of Woolwich 2017-2023*



Band in order Lef to Right

## St Kathrine, MERSTHAM, Surrey

Wednesday October 18, 2023 in 2h 57 (13½ in F#

### **5024 Lessness Surprise Major**

Composed by A G Reading (No 5)

1	Shirley E McGill	5	Gwen Rogers
2	Fraser A Storie	6	Alan Regin
3	Beryl R Norris	7	Peter G C Ellis (C)
4	Anne L Rueff	8	Philip Rogers

*First peal of major: 5.*

### **Peal Weekend 2024**

Friday 16 - Sunday 18 February

### **Peal Weekend 2025**

Friday 14 - Sunday 16 February

*Marking the anniversary of the first peal for the Association  
on 18<sup>th</sup> February 1881 at Kingston.*

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A peal can be recognised as having been rung for the Association provided that the majority of the band are members of the Association, as determined by the current system of record, (e.g. on 8 bells 5 ringers must be members allowing for a maximum of 3 non-members to be in the band) and the composition meets the standard accepted by the CCCBR. (*Rule 34*)

# TOWER REPORTS AND QUARTER PEAL DETAILS

## Northern District

### ADDINGTON

01-Jan	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Jason W Hughes
05-Feb	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Jason W Hughes
04-Mar	1320	Plain Bob Minor	Fraser A Storie
10-Apr	1279	Grandsire Doubles	Fraser A Storie
25-Apr	1296	Pontefract Delight Minor	Paul Flavell
9-May	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Judith A Godfrey
11-Jun	1320	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Jason W Hughes
02-Jul	1279	Grandsire Doubles	Fraser A Storie

It's been a year of recovery for the Addington band. Following lockdown we were greatly reduced in numbers and Sunday service ringing was missed fairly regularly. In 2022 we recruited three new members, and another three have been recruited this year. Lots of teaching has taken place and we can now manage rounds and call changes with the occasional simple method attempted.

Fraser has been excellent at helping the new members bed in and we will hopefully improve going forward.

We have had two outings, one in the Spring to the Cheltenham area for the weekend and in the Autumn, a day visiting the Isle of Sheppy. Both were enjoyed by ourselves and helped by friends.



Quarter peal band 10<sup>th</sup> April



Quarter peal band 9<sup>th</sup> May

Plain Bob Minor rung in celebration of the life of Eric Godfrey (father of 1, 4 and 6) on the day of the interment of his ashes in the churchyard at Addington where he was tower captain from 1965 – 2013

## BANSTEAD

07-May 1260 Stedman Triples

Jeremy D Cheesman



Quarter peal band

Stedman Triples rung to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Cheesmans (and relatives) have now rung a performance of Stedman Triples at Banstead for three consecutive Coronations (1937, 1953 and 2023)

## BARNES

14-Jan	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
04-Feb	1320	St Simon's Bob Doubles
10-Feb	1320	Cambridge Surprise Minor
17-Feb	1288	Plain Bob Triples
24-Feb	1344	Rutland Surprise Major
24-Mar	1280	Cambridge Surprise Major
21-Apr	1344	Superlative Surprise Major
28-Apr	1280	Lincolnshire Surprise Major
08-May	2520	Grandsire Triples
12-May	1260	Plain Bob Minor
13-May	1250	Cambridge Surprise Major
09-Jun	1296	Stedman Triples
23-Jun	1264	Plain Bob Major
25-Jun	1260	Grandsire Doubles
07-Jul	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor
28-Jul	1260	Grandsire Triples
31-Jul	1260	Grandsire Doubles
04-Aug	1260	St Clements College Bob Minor
11-Aug	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
18-Aug	1320	London Surprise Minor
03-Sep	1320	Primrose Surprise Minor
08-Sep	1260	Plain Bob Triples
15-Sep	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
30-Sep	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
06-Oct	1260	Grandsire Doubles
27-Oct	1280	Spliced Surprise Major (8m)
03-Nov	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor
10-Nov	1280	Cambridge Surprise Major
17-Nov	1260	Spliced Minor (2m)
24-Nov	1260	Stedman Triples
01-Dec	1260	Middlesex Bob Triples
15-Dec	1287	Grandsire Triples

Michael Uphill  
M Louise Booth  
M Louise Booth  
Gill Tomlinson  
Jeremy Cheesman  
Jeremy Cheesman  
Mike Wigney  
Jeremy Cheesman  
Michael Uphill  
Dylan Thomas  
Stephanie J Pattenden  
Tony Nunn  
Fraser A Storie  
Thomas G Ashwin-Siejkowski  
Gill Tomlinson  
Fraser A Storie  
M Louise Booth  
Dylan Thomas  
Jeremy Cheesman  
David I Bassford  
Fraser A Storie  
Dylan Thomas  
Malcolm McAlister  
Thomas G Ashwin-Siejkowski  
Malcolm McAlister  
Jeremy Cheesman  
Ian G Campbell  
Jeremy Cheesman  
Gill Tomlinson  
Fraser A Storie  
Dylan Thomas  
Tony Nunn

22-Dec 1320 Beverley Surprise Minor  
29-Dec 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major

David I Bassford  
Fraser A Storie

Like many towers, the first half of 2023 was dominated by teaching 'Ring for the King' recruits. Fuelled by the interest in the RFTK initiative, TV crews from both London and abroad filmed several of our training sessions. Coronation day saw us ringing first thing in the morning then returning later for a wonderful tea party attended by around 50 people; 35 people in total rang for the King that afternoon.

July saw the annual Barnes summer tour taking us to Hartington in the Derbyshire Dales; a most successful trip, despite the rain! Some less experienced ringers came with us alongside the more experienced with an age range of 16 to 80+ scoring 13 QPs.

Post coronation, Saturday practices have continued apace, and it has been wonderful to see ringers making continued progress. Friday evening QP attempts and practices have continued to thrive with the support of visiting experienced ringers resulting in 34 quarters being scored throughout the year, representing 37 individual firsts for both ringers and conductors.

Sunday service ringing has been well attended and, as in 2022, we have been able to ring on every Sunday throughout the year.



The new ringers who rang for the King at Barnes on Coronation Day

## BATTERSEA

18-Feb	1260	Grandsire Triples	Thomas A Winter
27-May	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Martin Cansdale
20-Jul	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Robert Swarder

St Mary's Battersea continues to enjoy support from band members and regular visitors. Regular help also from University of London ringers has helped expand our repertoire, thanks go to them. We are able to ring every Sunday morning, for all weddings as requested and Monday practices. We had 4 learners who are progressing well, now ringing independently supporting not only our ringing but local towers also. Our first tower dinner since Covid saw 21 sit down to eat, quite a party!

Our plans for the coming year will be longer periods of ringing to build up stamina, leading hopefully to quarter peals for all regular Battersea ringers!

## BENHILTON

17-Feb	1280	Spliced Surprise Major (4m)	Ian Oram
06-May	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Jeremy Cheesman
08-May	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Jeremy Cheesman

## BERMONDSEY

12-Jan	1260	St Clement's College Bob Minor	M Louise Booth
14-Jan	1260	Doubles (1m/3v)	M Louise Booth
08-Apr	1344	Spliced Surprise Major (23m)	Thomas J Hinks
16-Apr	1250	Cambridge Surprise Major	Clive J Stephenson
27-Apr	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Colin Friend
05-Nov	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Colin Friend
26-Nov	1260	Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles	M Louise Booth

## CAMBERWELL

03-Sep	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Alec Gray
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## CARSHALTON

19-Mar	1260	Stedman Triples	Jeremy Cheesman
19-Jun	1260	Doubles (11m/v)	Christopher McLean

## CLAPHAM COMMON, Holy Trinity

09-Jan	1260	Stedman Doubles	Martin Carr
21-Mar	1260	Plain Bob Minor	James Ansell
08-May	5040	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Stephanie J Pattenden
27-May	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Andrew Hodgson
13-Jun	1260	Doubles (3m)	Martin Carr
11-Jul	1260	Doubles (3m)	James Ansell
22-Aug	1318	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Andrew Hodgson
24-Oct	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Martin Carr
11-Nov	1260	St Martin's Bob Doubles	Martin Carr

## EAST MOLESEY

We had the most fantastic response to our RftK recruitment initiative and started off with 13 learners. 3 decided very early that it wasn't for them leaving 10. We put on extra Saturday handling sessions and started our practices an hour earlier on Tuesday nights to accommodate them. This resulted in 8 learners managing both strokes on coronation day – 2 unfortunately missed out, going down with flu on the big day. A total of 21 ringers took part including Tony Bishop who rang for the Queen's coronation in 1953. After this intense effort it was a relief to get back to "normal"

On 17<sup>th</sup> June we hosted a learners practice for the SA. It was a pleasure to see these new recruits gaining confidence on our easy going bells. We celebrated Tony Bishop's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on 22<sup>nd</sup> June with a barbecue hosted by Tim & Jo and on 23<sup>rd</sup> July enjoyed sunshine in my garden for our annual summer lunch.

On 16<sup>th</sup> September we had an up & down training session which coincided with a market being held in the nearby car park organised by local publication Court Circular. This resulted in some nice publicity in their magazine which brought us 1 new recruit. 7<sup>th</sup> October saw us hosting the SA 6 & 8 bell striking competition

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday afternoon 8 bell practices continue to be well attended. Unfortunately we lost our QP attempt of half muffled Grandsire Doubles on Remembrance Sunday. We hosted the wandering bobs on 12<sup>th</sup> December and rang in the New Year with fizz and nibbles

Sadly we have lost most of our RftK recruits. It seems they enjoyed the experience but, for various reasons, were not able to continue. The 3 that remain are still full of enthusiasm and are making excellent progress.



## EGHAM

01-Jan	1259	Grandsire Caters	Nicholas J Green
28-Oct	1260	Plain Minor (2m)	Richard A Pearce
28-Oct	1260	Spliced Plain Minor (2m)	Richard A Pearce
23-Dec	1280	Bristol Surprise Royal	David Maynard

## KINGSTON UPON THAMES

08-Jan	1344	Plain Bob Triples	Paul Flavell
12-Feb	1269	Plain Bob Doubles	Paul Flavell
09-Apr	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Paul Flavell
04-Jun	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Paul Flavell
11-Jun	1584	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	Jack E Page
09-Jul	1280	Superlative Surprise Major	Paul Flavell
7-Aug	1289	Stedman Triples	Lucinda J Woodward
27-Aug	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Fraser A Storie
10-Sep	1331	Grandsire Caters	Paul Flavell
08-Oct	1344	Superlative Surprise Major	Paul Flavell
12-Nov	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Fraser A Storie
10-Dec	1280	Turramurra Surprise Major	Paul J Flavell

We are enjoying good attendances on Sundays and Wednesdays with attendance at some practice nights being excellent. We mostly ring 10-12 bells on a Sunday. Wednesday practices are run by different people to give them the opportunity to run a practice and to ensure we do different ringing things to keep everybody interested. It's quite a challenge when there is such a wide range of abilities, but we try and please everybody!

We are delighted to welcome Charlotte Mafi and Anne Porter, both Ring for the King learners, and we're also delighted to welcome Pip Piggott and Mary Gledhill, lapsed ringers who have returned to ringing. All are now valued members of the team. Three youngsters, Ed, Max M and Max C, are learning to ring for Duke of Edinburgh Bronze medal and all are making very good progress.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Gavin and Jacob. They were both regular ringers and great fun so we will miss them both very much. Junnan and Hongli Lusha have moved to the Catholic Church in Kingston. Geoff and Andrew have both sadly had to stop ringing for health reasons and we wish them well.

We're grateful to Chris Ridley for agreeing to become our new Treasurer, Janet Edwards our new Independent Examiner and Kate Corney for running the social side.

We are a popular tower with visitors - ringing visitors were from towers including Exeter, Wells, Melbourne and Sydney. Non-ringing visitors who signed the visitors book were from Richmond (Virginia), Brazil, Iran, Austria, Texas, Inner Mongolia, Hawaii and Russia! We were also visited by Architect Ptolomy Dean when he was carrying out the Quinquennial inspection.

We make our visitors very welcome and try and include ringing for everybody to make progress so that they will want to come again.

Key ringing events in 2023 included ringing for the Coronation of King Charles on 6 May and the dedication of the new carillon on 23rd April at a wonderful choral evensong service attended by the Mayor and other dignitaries and former Kingston ringers and Tower Captains. The service also celebrated 50 years since the augmentation of the bells to 12.

Kingston won the local Association eight bell competition. Surrey won the Inter-Association Essex Trophy in September, and the impressive Essex Trophy is currently in the Kingston ringing chamber with the eight bell trophy.

We continue to have dinners and barbeques together and coffee after ringing so we can have a catch up. We had an excellent weekend to the Wirral with the highlight of ringing at Chester Cathedral on Sunday morning.

The new electronic carillon and hour strike works well. Nicholsons did some work in the tower in the early part of 2023 including a new wheel on the 10th bell. There was a big spring clean in the tower in April 2023 and again in January 2024.

Finally, I would like to thank all the ringers for their ongoing contribution to the tower, and especially to So-Shan who does a brilliant job with our social media pages, demonstrating we are an active and vibrant set of ringers.



Kingston Ringers on Coronation Day

## LAMBETH

03-Sep	1260	Grandsire Triples	Keith E Beale
16-Oct	1344	Brereton Surprise Major	James White

## MERTON, St John the Divine

24-Jul	1275	Stedman Caters	Jeremy Cheesman
21-Oct	1290	Doubles (2m)	Lorna Nunn, Michael Uphill

## MERTON PARK, St Mary

12-Mar	1260	St Simon's Bob Doubles	Ed Gosden
10-Apr	1260	St Clement's College Bob Minor	Ed Gosden
06-May	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Ed Gosden
06-May	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Niki Tompkinson
08-May	1320	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Ed Gosden
04-Jun	1260	Spliced Doubles (3m)	Ed Gosden
11-Nov	1260	Winchendon Place Doubles	Ed Gosden
10-Dec	1320	Beverley Surprise Minor	Ed Gosden

## MITCHAM

During 2023 there were restrictions on ringing at Mitcham because we have been renewing the sound-absorbing floor covering in our bell chamber, and we also had problems with the access hatch due to work on the mobile phone installation. This meant that Reuben-Zebidiah's first quarter peal attempt, planned for Easter Monday, had to be relocated to Addington. We'd like to thank the Addington ringers for hosting this. The attempt was successful, so congratulations to Reuben on his first quarter peal!

I'd like to thank all the band for persevering through some tricky times and turning up regularly for Sunday service ringing and practice nights in spite of the disruption. We're also most grateful to both our regular and our occasional visitors who support our practices. Finally, I'd like to thank David Delpy from St Mary's Merton Park for his helpful advice on sourcing and installing the new belfry floor covering.

## MORTLAKE

27-Jan	1288	Grandsire Triples
03-Feb	1260	St Clement's College Bob Minor
22-Sep	1312	Plain Bob Major

Gill Tomlinson  
M Louise Booth  
Fraser A Storie

## PUTNEY

26-Mar	1289	Plain Bob Doubles
07-May	1260	Doubles (3m)
23-Oct	1260	Plain Bob Triples

Ben White-Horne  
Michael Uphill  
Ian G Campbell

## RICHMOND

13-May	1260	Plain Bob Triples
08-Jul	1260	Grandsire Triples
05-Aug	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
02-Sep	1259	Grandsire Triples
07-Oct	1260	Plain Bob Minor
11-Nov	1380	Grandsire Doubles

Paul Flavell  
Paul Flavell  
Thomas G Ashwin-Siejkowski  
Fraser A Storie  
Thomas G Ashwin-Siejkowski  
Stephen J F Mitchell

## ROEHAMPTON

15-Dec	1250	Yorkshire Surprise Major
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Phillip P Ridley

## ROTHERHITHE

08-Jan	1320	Kent Treble Bob Minor
14-Jan	1260	Grandsire Doubles
26-Jan	1320	Eynesbury Bob Doubles
19-Feb	1260	St Simon's Bob Doubles
24-Feb	1260	Flying Scotsman Doubles
19-Mar	1260	Grandsire Doubles
19-Mar	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
23-Mar	1260	Plain Bob Minor
26-Mar	1320	Norwich Surprise Minor
02-Apr	1260	April Day Doubles
18-Jun	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
30-Jul	1260	Plain Bob Minor
24-Sep	1260	Doubles (5v)
12-Oct	1260	Doubles (1m/4v)
22-Oct	1260	Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles
19-Nov	1260	Spliced Doubles (4m)

M Louise Booth  
Bogumila Myers  
M Louise Booth  
M Louise Booth  
M Louise Booth  
M Louise Booth  
Piers Myers  
Colin Friend  
M Louise Booth  
M Louise Booth  
Bogumila Myers  
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## SOUTH CROYDON

01-Jun	1296	Plain Bob Caters
01-Jun	1260	Grandsire Triples
15-Jun	1260	Stedman Triples
15-Jun	1368	Grandsire Caters
24-Jun	1260	Plain Bob Doubles
29-Jun	1280	Bristol Surprise Major
29-Jun	1260	Plain Bob Royal
13-Jul	1260	Grandsire Triples
20-Jul	1260	Grandsire Triples
20-Jul	1260	Plain Bob Triples
07-Sep	1260	Doubles (6m)

David I Bassford  
Jason W Hughes  
Daniel E Hughes  
Noel Gibbin  
Fraser A Storie  
David I Bassford  
Jason W Hughes  
Jeremy D Cheesman  
Fraser A Storie  
Jason W Hughes  
Jason W Hughes

07-Sep	1296	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Jason W Hughes
12-Oct	1288	Little Bob Major	Fraser A Storie
12-Oct	1259	Grandsire Caters	Jeremy Cheesman
12-Nov	1260	Grandsire Triples	Jason W Hughes
07-Dec	1296	Stedman Caters	Jason W Hughes
07-Dec	1259	Grandsire Caters	Jeremy D Cheesman
08-Dec	1291	Stedman Cinques	Michael J Uphill

## **SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL**

16-Mar	1313	Stedman Cinques	Michael J Uphill
19-Mar	1253	Grandsire Cinques	Matthew E Rayner
26-Mar	1280	Bristol Surprise Major	Jeremy D Cheesman
16-Apr	1296	Stedman Caters	Alex W Tatlow
07-May	1260	Grandsire Triples	Robert Sworder
22-Jul	1313	Stedman Cinques	Michael Uphill
06-Aug	1265	Stedman Cinques	Lucinda J Woodward
10-Sep	1344	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	James C Marchbank
04-Oct	1259	Grandsire Caters	Billy Clarke
08-Oct	1344	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	Luke O Camden
29-Oct	1253	Grandsire Cinques	Jeremy Cheesman
12-Nov	1287	Stedman Cinques	Luke O Camden
19-Nov	1313	Stedman Cinques	Mark C Liebenrood
26-Nov	1320	Grandsire Cinques	Robert Sworder
10-Dec	1346	Cambridge Surprise Maximus	Jason W Hughes

## **SOUTHWARK (BOROUGH)**

27-Jan	1344	Spliced Surprise Major (4m)	Adam D Rebick
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## **STREATHAM**

22-Apr	1320	London Surprise Minor	Tony Nunn
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## **THAMES DITTON**

04-May	1269	Plain Bob Doubles	Paul Flavell
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## **WANDSWORTH, HOLY TRINITY**

21-Jun	1312	Bristol Surprise Major	Ian Oram
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## **WIMBLEDON**

23-Apr	1300	Grandsire Doubles	Chris Rusby
07-May	1273	Grandsire Triples	Lawrence C Davies
16-Nov	1272	Cambridge Surprise Minor	David Pelham
22-Dec	1344	Superlative Surprise Major	Paul Flavell

## Southern District

### ASHTEAD

13-Feb	1288	Middlesex Bob Triples	Richard Trueman
13-Feb	1280	Jacobs Well Treble Bob Major	Martin Turner
15-Feb	1260	Single Oxford Bob Triples	Richard Trueman
08-May	1260	Plain Bob Triples	Mike Bale
04-Jun	1260	Grandsire Triples	Richard Trueman
28-Jun	1260	Middlesex Bob Triples	Richard Trueman
14-Jul	1344	London Surprise Major	Noel Gibbin
16-Aug	1260	Stedman Triples	Jeremy Cheesman
22-Aug	1291	Stedman Triples	Jeremy Cheesman
08-Nov	1260	Plain Bob Triples	Richard Trueman

It's been a busy year, and a very good year, for us. We have discharged our Sunday ringing duties with generally good attendances and good quality ringing. We have been busy with Weddings and learners, and we have rung some Quarters.

Collectively and individually our ringing has moved on well over the year. Our method repertoire has expanded, and we have also been able to experience some very good striking. We regularly ring Grandsire, Plain Bob, Middlesex & Single Oxford Bob Triples with Stedman Triples and Plain & Little Bob Major when we can. On the occasional practice nights where we are fewer in number, we have put them to good use by continuing to consolidate the basics of Plain Bob Doubles and of course plenty of rounds for our learners. June saw the Coronation of HM King Charles & Queen Camilla; we rang in the morning prior to the coronation service and followed this up with a Quarter Peal on the Monday.

We attempted 6 Quarters during the year and got 5 of them. We opened our account in February with Middlesex Bob Triples and then for the Coronation we rang Plain Bob Triples. We rang Grandsire in June as a farewell to Richard & Jo Jones, Richard having been Rector here for nearly 8 years: it was a particularly well-struck quarter. Later in June we followed up with another well struck quarter of Middlesex and another of Plain Bob Triples in November. An attempt for Grandsire in August eluded us but we are proud of our 5 out of 6 for the year.

We continue to welcome visitors to our practices and on Sunday evenings, being one of the very few towers locally to ring every Sunday evening for evensong.

### BETCHWORTH

05-Nov	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Hugh Frayling
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We were pleased to "Ring for the King" in May and have continued to train new ringers, who are all progressing well. Our practices have been well attended and of a high standard having benefitted from displaced Leigh ringers. The highlight of the year was the completion of a splendid new handrail on the belfry stairs. Social events have included an annual outing and a Belfry Dinner in Gomshall Mill complete with a bellringing quiz.

### BLETCHINGLEY

12-Feb	1320	Plain Bob Doubles	Oliver Thompson
21-May	1320	Plain Bob Doubles	Oliver H J Thompson
01-Jul	1260	Grandsire Triples	Jonathan Franklin
23-Jul	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Oliver H J Thompson
03-Dec	1320	Plain Bob Doubles	Oliver H J Thompson

### BUCKLAND

26-Sep	1296	Capel Treble Bob Minor	Paul Flavell
04-Nov	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Hugh Frayling

## CAPEL

03-May	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Alexander Dixon
20-Sep	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Alexander Dixon

## CATERHAM, ST JOHN

26-Feb	1260	Doubles (3m)	Noel Gibbin
05-May	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Milica Reardon
08-Jun	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Milica Reardon
25-Jun	1280	Cambridge Surprise Major	Noel Gibbin
27-Aug	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Milica Reardon
24-Sep	1260	Grandsire Triples	Noel Gibbin
05-Nov	1260	St Simon's Triples	Noel Gibbin
15-Dec	1280	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Jeremy D Cheesman

A successful and enjoyable year at St Johns, with ringing all eight bells nearly every Sunday and a crowded belfry on many practice nights – and starting early specifically for the early developers in the band. We are teaching new ringers and have persuaded back a lapsed ringer!

We led the parish with our ringing for the King's Coronation and also celebrated with a ringers' party around the TV and our church with its decorations appeared on the cover page of the Coronation edition of the Ringing World.

During 2023 we rang 8 quarters on the bells with various firsts We also rang 300 call changes, with a rotating band and all contributing to the 300 calls, to celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> birthday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> bell.

Other events included a tower outing and Christmas party and winning the Association 6 bell striking competition.

We look forward to another year of ringing and friendship.



## CATERHAM, ST MARY

06-May 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Milica Reardon

We've had a very busy year teaching new 'Ring for the King' learners at St Mary's, 3 are still ringing and are all making excellent progress. After ringing for a year, Janine rang her first QP for the coronation. Having rung lots of 'Queens' for the Jubilee we rang lots of 'Kings' for the Coronation! We look forward to more first QPs next year.

We are very grateful for the support we have from our visitors and the unstinting support from Caterham, St. John



## COBHAM

18-Jul 1320 Stamford Surprise Minor  
25-Aug 1274 Stedman Triples  
26-Sep 1260 Grandsire Triples

Paul Flavell  
Jeremy Cheesman  
Martin Turner

We held a successful 'Ring for the King' recruitment day early in 2023 and two new recruits rang for the Coronation. We now have a regular practice on Thursdays at 7.30 and we ring six and sometimes eight bells most Sunday mornings. We have been pleased to welcome returning ringers and regular visitors from Stoke D'Abernon and Esher, amongst others. Another recruitment day is being planned and we have now started hopefully monthly quarter peal attempts. We are also working on general refurbishment of the belfry, including new muffles, ropes, mats, boxes and other ideas to improve the ringing experience. Visitors are welcome

## DORKING

14-May 1269 Plain Bob Doubles

William A Hibbert

In 2023 we rang for 2 weddings and 2 funerals at St Martin's. There were also 2 quarter peals for the Coronation as well as general ringing the morning of the Coronation which was very enjoyable. We hosted 2 district practices. We opened the tower on heritage weekend in September and we had a fair few visitors despite the heat.

We helped with the tombola at St Barnabas for the Cherry Fair on a very windy day in July (hence being inside) and at the Christmas Fair in November and I would like to thank people for their help and donations. I would also like to thank those who help ring at the weddings which were rung by our own band. We also had an outing in June, visiting Betchworth, Newdigate and Rusper, where we also had nice tea and cake.

## EPSOM

26-Sep	1250	Yorkshire Surprise Major	Jeremy Cheesman
06-Dec	1260	Stedman Triples	Richard Trueman

## EPSOM COMMON

19-May	1250	Cambridge Surprise Major	John Harpole
25-Jun	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Mark Hodgson
13-Nov	1260	Double Oxford Bob Triples	Richard Trueman
20-Nov	1280	Spliced Surprise Major (5m)	Jeremy Cheesman
11-Dec	1320	Cambridge Surprise Minor	Richard Trueman

2023 was a year of stability and consolidation for the Epsom Common band. We have a solid core of ringers and are able to raise a band for most Sunday mornings and special occasions, occasionally ringing all eight bells. We are fortunate that our practice nights are supported by a number of regular visitors, who not only help the local band, but also get the chance to try something new or to improve their own ringing. For a number of months we were pleased to welcome the band from Banstead to our practices whilst the church was out of use for renovations. This year also saw the first successful quarter peal rung by an all-local band for over a decade, and included a first QP for the treble ringer. However, the highlight of the year for many was ringing for the Coronation.



## GODSTONE

06-May	1260	Doubles (2m/1p)	Richard Wallis
08-May	1260	Grandsire Triples	Richard Wallis
29-May	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Richard Wallis
25-Sep	1280	Lessness Surprise Major	Stanley Jenner
22-Oct	1260	Plain Bob Doubles	Katharine O'Carroll

Highlights of our year included several first quarters: Ann Beirne's first minor, Katharine O'Carroll's first treble on 7 and her first as conductor. Everyone was involved in ringing for the Coronation with two quarters plus general ringing on the day (see photo).

A mini outing in March to Hever, Cowden and Hartfield was enjoyable and well supported.

We opened the tower three months in a row over the summer which attracted a lot of interest and gained us a recruit, Aparna, who is doing well.

As is tradition, we ended the year with a glorious meal at Katharine's before tumbling down to the tower and welcoming the New Year in.

A huge thank you as always to those who regularly support us.



Coronation Cupcakes and Ringers

## KINGSWOOD

St. Andrews is in the doldrums at present. We have 3 active members at best and 2 of them are on the sick list at the moment. We rely on visitors to keep ringing. All are welcome but please contact Peter Taylor before attending.

## LEATHERHEAD

12-Apr	1259	Grandsire Caters	Richard Burton
13-Apr	1272	Cambridge Surprise Minor	William Lake
11-Jun	1380	Grandsire Doubles	Ann Steed
14-Jun	1280	Rutland Surprise Major	Richard Trueman
16-Jul	1260	Plain Bob Minor	Richard Trueman
30-Jul	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Ann Steed
24-Sep	1260	Stedman Triples	Jeremy Cheesman
25-Oct	1282	Cambridge Surprise Royal	Richard Trueman
03-Dec	1260	Stedman Triples	Jeremy Cheesman

## LIMPSFIELD

Limpsfield have recently been training 4 new ringers two of whom have started ringing on Sunday mornings, including Joy Moore who is also one of our church wardens.

As is our custom on major national occasions we made sure that all our ringers irrespective of experience had a chance to ring for the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III last May. For our Christmas ringing we were delighted to welcome back some of our "old" juniors to ring, including Annabelle Smith, now an art student and her sister Lucy, now a Ph.D student researching Atlantic salmon migration.

## MERSTHAM

17-Mar	1344	Worthington Surprise Major	John Harpole
06-Oct	1250	Lincolnshire Surprise Major	Noel Gibbin

Momentum continues to build post-Covid and we have managed to attract new learners and improving our other ringers, we are delighted to be able to ring all eight bells most services and practices with leftovers able to rest and chat

Increasingly our home band is able to ring plain hunt on seven and an aspiration for the coming year is to ring Grandsire Triples - we are encouraging our ringers to visit better towers to improve themselves!

Special thanks to our regular visitors from Reigate, Kingswood, Dorking and Caterham (you know who you are!) and we try to do our bit by supporting other local towers.

As our learners are now ringing independently we are planning another push for new learners to replace the natural churn as young 'uns come and go.



Merstham outing to 5 Kent towers in April

## NEWDIGATE

21-Mar	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Alexander Dixon
24-Apr	1272	Spliced Surprise Minor (2m)	Stanley Jenner
26-Sep	1296	Kingston Treble Bob Minor	Paul Flavell

## NUTFIELD

09-May	1260	Stedman Doubles	Vicky Williams
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Strangely the death of Queen Elizabeth II turned out to be a catalyst point for Nutfield. After tolling each day until her funeral I wrote an article for our local magazine which became the beginning of a recruitment campaign. It's been a huge challenge time wise but extremely rewarding.

I've been teaching individual or group sessions for roughly 10 hours a week since. Nutfield now has 6 very enthusiastic new ringers which are progressing well. First Quarters have started.

We've held our first AGM (it's nice not to be talking to myself anymore) and redistributed our society's roles amongst us.

To mark the significance of these events we redesigned a Nutfield logo and are awaiting delivery of the first garments. The band is gelling really well and I couldn't be more delighted.

## OCKLEY

05-May	1260	Grandsire Doubles	Alexander Dixon
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We were again pleased to welcome our annual visitor from Sydney, this year in time to ring for the Coronation. Luckily we managed a quarter peal to celebrate as the following week the treble fell into its pit when the headstock sheared off from its gudgeon. Our thanks to Bill Hlbbert for helping to lift and stand the bell on blocks while repairs were arranged. This proved surprisingly costly at over £2500 and we are grateful to the Guildford Guild Belfry Repair for granting half of the amount and to donations from the band and our local community for supplying the balance, after a small grant from Surrey Association BRF, Gift Aid and VAT relief. We now have six functioning bells once again but only just enough ringers.

## OUTWOOD.

19-Jun	1512	Minimus (2m)	Tom A Sutton
02-Jul	1272	Mixed Minimus (3m)	Kye L Leaver

## OXTED

The year of 2023 was very successful for the bellringers. We managed to ring at the majority of Sunday services as well as other special events. The ringers were fully involved with the Church 'Open Day' and provided a demonstration of bell ringing. On a couple of occasions, we supplemented the ringers at Limpsfield Chart by ringing simultaneously for Sunday services at both St. Mary's and St. Andrews churches.

The year ended with a Ringers Social Gathering in Church Room where ringers, their 'other halves', and some church officers were invited. The event, planned to include all between 8 and 80 years of age was enjoyed by all.

The band of ringers is now strong following many years of trying to recruit new ringers. We are most fortunate to have several young ringers who, I hope will continue to ring for many years to come. All new ringers are following an accredited training programme (Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) scheme). All have reached Level 1 and most Level 2 while making good progress towards Level 3. One band member moved away.

St. Mary's has now got an excellent ringing teaching facility fully equipped with computers connected to six

bells. This enables individual and group learning to be done without making a noise outside. I am most grateful to have received a few newer computers which has allowed me to upgrade our system. The availability of the computer training system has enabled St. Mary's to host several training sessions for the Surrey Bellringers, Whiting Society and other organisations. Regular 'Twice a Month' sessions were introduced and have become very popular enabling afternoon and evening practice to be organised.

We look forward to an equally successful 2024. New or returning ringers are always welcome to join us.

## RANMORE

20-May 1260 Grandsire Doubles

Alexander Dixon

For a number of years Ranmore had no band of its own. 2023 was the year in which that changed. By May, 17 ringers, almost all new to ringing, were able to celebrate the coronation. 11 are still ringing and enthusiastically practising twice a week. The band has only a single experienced ringer but with the support of the excellent Paul Beeken from Dorking it is well on the way to achieving Plain Bob Doubles.

2023 also saw efforts to bring the ringing facilities up to date. New ropes, adjusted ringing positions, redecoration and the installation of a simulator have made a real difference.



## REDHILL

08-May 1260 Plain Bob Doubles

Anne Rueff

18-May 1260 Grandsire Doubles

David Wallis

13-Aug 1260 Plain Bob Triples

Ross Weddell

We continue to ring regularly on Sundays and for Thursday practice, with variable attendance due to family and work commitments. Our new ringer, Michael, started ringing at Easter as a "Ring for the King" recruit and made enough progress to ring on Coronation Day. By July he was part of our winning team at the Call Change striking competition. We continue to improve our ringing as numbers permit, with some members actively supporting ringing events locally and further afield.

After notice that the property was to be sold, we had our final visit to Blo' Norton Hall in Norfolk in April, so a new location has been found for our 2024 trip.



## REIGATE

The year has shown a sound recovery after the effects of Covid and the associated lockdowns. It is encouraging that we now ring all ten bells more regularly with assistance from other local tower ringers. Sadly we learnt during the year of the death of Judith Humphrey who had previously been a member of the St Mary's band ( please see attached photo ). Visitors are always welcome at the tower, either on practice evening or on Sundays



## STOKE D'ABERNON

18-Jul 1272 Surfleet Surprise Minor

Paul Flavell

# SAFEGUARDING

As the Surrey Association of Church Bell Ringers we are committed to helping safeguard all of our members. We work in accordance with the national legal and procedural framework for safeguarding children and adults who may be vulnerable, in particular The House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Church'.

The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in ringing activities across the Surrey Association is the responsibility of all participants. Susan Gibbin, our Safeguarding lead is available to help shape our advice and guidance, linking closely with the CCCBR and the Southwark the Diocesan Safeguarding team to:

- signpost people to training
- provide links with key agencies who can help where and when safeguarding issues arise
- provide all those with leadership roles at Tower, District and Association level with advice on keeping themselves and their members safe.

Members are reminded that good safeguarding practice is as important as ever when using digital platforms. For more information please visit the Association website and notifications via MemberMojo <https://www.surreybellringers.org.uk/resources/safeguarding/>

**Susan Gibbin**

## HOLDING A TOWER OPEN DAY?

You could borrow the display boards

We have two sets of display boards which towers are welcome to use for their own promotional events. These 3-panel sets are lightweight and designed for tabletop use.

They are full of colourful displays featuring ringing in The Surrey Association and designed to appeal to all age groups. Content can be varied to suit your promotion.

Look at the website [www.surreybellringers.org.uk](http://www.surreybellringers.org.uk) to view them and other promotional material.

To make a booking, email Caroline Prescott at [carolineprescott@btinternet.com](mailto:carolineprescott@btinternet.com) for Northern District and for Southern District email Sue Dixon at [srsjdixon@btinternet.com](mailto:srsjdixon@btinternet.com)

## ASSOCIATION RULES last updated: 11 May 2024

### TITLE

- 1) The title of the Association shall be "The Surrey Association of Church Bell Ringers".

### DEFINITIONS

- 2) In these rules the following expressions shall have the following meanings:
  - a) "the County" shall mean the County of Surrey as recognised in 1880;
  - b) "Ordinary Resolution" and "Special Resolution" shall mean a motion passed by a simple majority and a three-quarters majority respectively of those members voting and entitled to vote at the meeting at which it is moved;
  - c) reference to "meetings of the Association" and, where the context admits, to "the Association" shall mean "the Association in General Meeting" and shall not extend to meetings of a District;
  - d) "the Council" shall mean the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers;

### OBJECTS

- 3) The objects of the Association shall be:
  - a) to promote, advance, maintain and support the ringing of bells for services;
  - b) the recognition of bellringers as church workers;
  - c) to facilitate and assist in the instruction and practice of both the art and science of change-ringing;
  - d) to institute schemes for, supply information as to, and to assist in, the provision, repair, maintenance or transfer of church bells and their fittings and necessary apparatus including equipment for sound control measures whether through the administration of the Belfry Repair Fund or otherwise;
  - e) to promote fellowship and harmony among bellringers generally including organising social meetings and making gifts on behalf of the Association and to promote goodwill and understanding between bellringers and the general public;
  - f) in construing and of the paragraphs (a) to (e) of this Rule, no paragraph shall be deemed to be predominant and no object shall be deemed to be subsidiary to another;
  - g) to commission, print, publish, and distribute and/or sell, in any part of the world, literature relating to all or any of the above objects and to the history of bells and bellringing;
  - h) to do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the above objects and in particular (but without raising any loan save with the authority of a Special Resolution of the Association) to expend monies on or in furtherance of any of the above objects. Such monies may be expended on the authority of an Ordinary Resolution of the General Committee or (if part of the funds of a District) of its District Committee and in such case the members from time to time of such committees acting in good faith shall not be responsible for loss.

### AREA

- 4) Pursuit of the objects shall be conducted usually within the County but shall not be limited thereto.
- 5) The County shall be divided into such number of Districts with such boundaries as the Association by Special Resolution shall decide from time to time.

## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

6) The types of membership recognised by the Association are detailed in the table below:

Membership	Qualifying criteria	Subscription	Affiliation	Voting Rights*
<b>Resident Ringing Member</b>	A ringer (or lapsed ringer) resident in or ringing frequently for Sunday Service within the County and meeting one of the following criteria:	Annually renewable at the rate below		
Adult	An adult who does not fall under other Resident Ringer categories.	Full	District	Yes
Student	A young ringer who has not yet reached their 18th birthday at the 1st January or is still in full time education.  Note: Resident Ringing Members may be attached or unattached to a tower, but shall be affiliated to a District.	Student Concession	District	Yes
<b>Honorary Life Member</b>	Awarded on the achievement of thirty years as a Resident Ringing Member.  The total of thirty years membership does not need to be accumulated in a single continuous period.	Exempt	District or Association	Yes
<b>Non-Resident Ringing Member</b>	A ringer who is not resident and does not ring frequently for Sunday Service within the County.	Single payment on first joining as a member	Association	No

## JOINING THE ASSOCIATION

- 7)
- A new member satisfying the criteria for membership can join the Association on completion of a membership form with sponsor and on payment of the current year's subscription.
  - All new members must agree to be bound by the Rules of the Association and have their application sponsored. Sponsors must have been a Resident Ringing Member of the Association for at least the preceding two calendar years, or be an Honorary Life Member.
  - Resident Ringing Members shall be affiliated with the District in which they are resident or most frequently ring. New members eligible for more than one District may choose their affiliation by writing to the relevant District Secretary.
  - Although common it is not necessary to be attached to a tower to be a member of the Association. Ringers who are unattached to a tower but otherwise qualify as a Resident Ringing Member may join the Association and choose their affiliation to a District.
  - An existing Resident Ringing Member may choose to change their District affiliation provided they qualify by residency or place of ringing by notifying, in writing, both District Secretaries.
  - A ringer who is not resident in the County and is not a frequent Sunday Service ringer in the County may join as a Non-Resident Member, on completion of a membership form with sponsor and on payment of the subscription.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 8)
- a) The subscription and concession rates shall be kept under review by the General Committee and set by a Special Resolution of the Association for the following year.
  - b) The methods of payment and collection of subscriptions shall be agreed by the General Committee and be appropriate to the type of membership, affiliation and processes available for collection at the time.
  - c) The total subscription raised each year shall be shared between the Association and the Districts. The basis on which subscriptions are shared shall be determined by a Special Resolution of the General Committee.
  - d) Annually renewable memberships shall be continuous with all subscriptions becoming due on 1st January each year. Any membership not renewed on or before the date of the Annual General Meeting shall be deemed to have lapsed in accordance with Rule 10.
  - e) The subscription of any annually renewable membership commencing on or after 1st October shall run to 31st December of the following year.
  - f) A member resigning or being expelled before their subscription is paid shall not be liable for that year's subscription. Once paid no refunds shall be given for resigning or expelled members.

## **CONDUCT OF MEMBERS**

- 9)
- a) Members eligible to vote may only do so in person at a meeting of the Association.
  - b) Members with voting rights will be eligible to vote at all meetings of the Association and at meetings of the District to which they are affiliated. Honorary Life Members may vote at all meetings of the Association and at any District meeting regardless of their affiliation.

## **LEAVING THE ASSOCIATION**

- 10) Membership of the Association shall cease if a member dies, resigns, lapses or is expelled.
- a) Resigns by notifying the District or General Secretary they no longer wish to be a member of the Association.
  - b) Lapses by failing to pay their subscription renewal on or before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
  - c) Expulsion on completion of the process for expulsion of a member (see below).
  - d) A Resident Ringing Member who moves away from or ceases to ring within the County may transfer their membership to a Non-Resident Ringing Member upon notification, in writing, to the General Secretary or the appropriate District Secretary.

## **EXPULSION OF A MEMBER**

- 11)
- a) If a member acts against the interests of the Association, or is deemed to have acted in a manner likely to bring the Association into disrepute, the General Committee shall consider the expulsion of that member and may, after an Ordinary Resolution, invite the member to resign within a given time period.
  - b) If no such resignation is received within the time given the General Secretary shall organise an Extraordinary meeting of the Association and propose a motion for Special Resolution at that meeting for the expulsion of the member.
  - c) The member has the right to be informed of any complaint against them and be invited to speak at any meeting where a proposal has been made to expel them.
  - d) Reinstatement of the Member at the next and subsequent Annual General Meetings may be considered by a motion to be passed by Special Resolution.

## OFFICERS

- 12) The Association shall elect any person as President of the Association for a term not exceeding five years. This rule shall not prevent any person being re-elected for a further term or terms.
- 13) Vice Presidents of the Association shall be elected for a period of 5 years by Special Resolution. They will automatically become honorary members of the Association, if they are not already, for the term of their appointment.
- 14) The Association annually shall elect any person as Independent Examiner to independently examine the accounts of the Districts and of the Association. They may not hold an office which confers membership of the General Committee.
- 15) The Association shall be affiliated to the Council and Representatives shall be elected in accordance with the Council's constitution for the time being. The Association shall recognise and abide by the rulings of the Council and shall pay the reasonable travelling and incidental expenses of such Representatives in attending the meetings of the Council.
- 16) The General Officers (in order of seniority and their responsibilities) shall be a General Master (who shall, inter alia, be the Chair at the business meetings of the Association and of the General Committee and shall organise ringing meetings of the Association), a General Secretary (who shall, inter alia, act as Treasurer of the Association, conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Association and the General Committee and maintain a register of members and their respective classes), an Assistant General Secretary (who shall, inter alia, take minutes of business meetings of the Association and the General Committee and perform all such other functions as the General Secretary may delegate to them from time to time), a Belfry Repair Fund Secretary (who shall, inter alia, coordinate the belfry repair activities of the Association including keeping accounts and compliance with the requirements of the Charity Commission), a Training Officer (who shall, inter alia, coordinate training within the Association), and a Communications Officer (who shall, inter alia, advise the General Committee on matters relating to member and public communication, edit the Association's newsletter and coordinate the Association's online presence), and a Young Ringers Officer (who shall, inter alia, be responsible for arranging events for young ringers and ensuring there is a safe environment for them at these events).
- 17) District Officers shall be a District Master, a District Secretary, an Assistant District Secretary (who shall perform the same functions for their District as the corresponding General Officers perform for the Association respectively) and three District Committee Members.
- 18) Only a resident ringing member or honorary life member is eligible as General Officer or District Officer. No member may be General Master for more than three consecutive years. A Resident Ringing Member is only eligible as a District Officer for the District to which they are affiliated for the time being.
- 19) No member may be elected to more than one General and one District post at any one time. Officers shall be elected in order of seniority. Newly elected Officers come into office at the close of the meeting at which they are elected, save for a Master who comes into office immediately upon election.
- 20) Other roles may be created from time to time to take on particular responsibilities with a District or the Association. The role may cease when not required.

## COMMITTEES

- 21) A District Committee shall consist of the District Officers for the District of whom three shall form a quorum. The General Committee shall consist of the members of all District Committees and the General Officers of whom seven shall form a quorum.
- 22) A Committee meeting shall be convened forthwith upon the request of any member thereof to the appropriate Secretary who shall give at least three days' notice of such meeting to all members of that Committee. The power of the Committee is unlimited within the Rules and objects of the Association. It may delegate such power to whom it thinks fit and may revoke such power provided that any such revocation shall have no effect until received by the delegate and shall be void in so far as it purports to be of retrospective effect.

## MEETINGS

- 23) The General Secretary and each District Secretary shall produce accounts annually to the Independent Examiner and seek the approval thereto of a meeting of the General Committee (and of the Annual General Meeting) and of the District Committee (and the Annual District Meeting) respectively.
- 24) The appropriate Committee shall arrange the times, dates and venues of all meetings of the District or of the Association and shall have power to alter such arrangements save that the date of the Annual General Meeting shall be held on a Saturday in May and an Annual District Meeting shall be held by each District on a Saturday in January or February.
- 25) An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association or of a District shall be convened within 42 days of the receipt by the appropriate Secretary of the instruction of the appropriate Master, or of the written requests of at least 12 members (other than non-resident members) who shall in the case of such requests in respect of a District be attached to that District.
- 26) No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Association or at an Annual District Meeting unless a quorum of members entitled to vote at such meeting is present. A quorum shall be twenty in the case of a meeting of the Association and ten in the case of an Annual District Meeting.
- 27) The resident ringing members and/or honorary life members frequenting a particular tower shall cause their District Secretary to be told of a tower correspondent to receive postal and/or email notices of meetings. All notices will also be placed on the Association's website. Accidental omission to give any (but not all) such notices shall not invalidate the meeting concerned.
- 28) At least 14 clear days' notice and 28 clear days' notice shall be given of Annual Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings respectively.

## CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

- 29) If the appropriate Master is at any time absent from a meeting it shall forthwith proceed by Ordinary Resolution to elect a member to act as Chair in the Master's absence. Such election is to be conducted by the appropriate Secretary or other member, on a show of hands.
- 30) Motions:  
Save as otherwise provided in these Rules, the voting for a motion, other than for the election of Officers or other roles, shall be conducted as follows:
  - a) a proposal for a motion must be made in writing to reach the appropriate Secretary at least 28 clear days before the meeting at which such motion is to be voted upon.
  - b) all motions require a seconder before being put to the meeting. Any proposer or seconder shall be a Resident or Honorary Life Member of the Association, or relevant District.
  - c) alterations, additions or deletions to the Rules or any matter directly concerning finance (save for the adoption of the accounts) may only be effected by Special Resolution.
  - d) notwithstanding the foregoing the meeting may by Special Resolution agree to discuss and to vote upon a motion received within less than the stipulated notice. Such motions shall be in writing if received outside a meeting, or verbally if at a meeting.
  - e) All motions shall be voted on by a show of hands.
- 31) Election of Officers:  
Elections for all Officers and other roles of the Association and Districts shall be conducted as follows, by Ordinary Resolution:
  - a) The President, Vice-Presidents, General Officers, Council Representatives and Independent Examiner shall be elected, as required, at the Annual General Meeting.
  - b) District Officers shall be elected at the Annual District Meetings.
  - c) Notice of election of Officers shall be circulated at least 56 days in advance of the relevant Annual Meeting requesting nominations at least 28 days in advance of the relevant Meeting.
  - d) Any nominations for Officers should be received by the appropriate Secretary at least 28 days in advance of the relevant Annual Meeting. All nominations require a proposer and seconder. Any proposer or seconder shall be a Resident or Honorary Life Member of the Association, or relevant District.
  - e) All valid nominations received shall be circulated to Members by the appropriate Secretary in advance of the Annual Meeting in accordance with Rule 28.
  - f) If only one nomination is received for a post the election of the nominee shall be confirmed by a show of hands at the meeting.
  - g) If more than one nomination is received for a post a secret ballot shall be held. The Chair shall appoint tellers to conduct the ballot who shall, if possible, not be voting members of the Association.
  - h) If no nominations are received the Chair of the meeting shall, at their discretion, take nominations from the floor. The election shall then proceed in accordance with Rule 31f and g.
  - i) Vacancies for Officers and roles, not filled at the relevant annual meeting, may be filled by Ordinary Resolution of the relevant District Committee or, in the case of a General Officer and roles, of the General Committee.

32) Any other business is to be restricted to discussion and the raising and answer of queries.

33) No notice need be given of motions for the adoption of minutes, reports or accounts.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

34) A peal can be recognised as having been rung for the Association provided that the majority of the band are members of the Association, as determined by the current system of record, (e.g. on 8 bells 5 ringers must be members allowing for a maximum of 3 non-members to be in the band) and the composition meets the standard accepted by the CCCBR.

35) The Association by Special Resolution may dissolve and provide for the disposal of its net assets, provided always that except when such dissolution is with a view to reconstruction or amalgamation, the Belfry Repair Fund shall be administered by the Council.

#### **LIBRARY**

36) The Association shall maintain an archive of books and other items pertinent to the Association, with the General Committee responsible for the annual appointment of an Association Archivist.

#### **BELFRY REPAIR FUND**

37) The Association shall hold a Belfry Repair Fund, to be administered by Trustees through the Belfry Repair Fund Secretary. The Fund shall be registered as a charity and the Trustees shall be the following members of the General Committee.

- General Master
- General Secretary
- BRF Secretary

plus up to two other Members of the Association.

The General Officer Trustees will be appointed following election to their respective roles according to the rules governing election of Officers. The other Trustees shall be appointed by the General Committee by Special Resolution, for a term of up to 5 years, following which they may be reappointed; they shall be members of the BRF Committee.

38) The role of the BRF Committee will be to manage grant applications, advise and make recommendations to the Trustees, and undertake other work as may be required for the BRF. The members of the BRF Committee shall be appointed by the General Committee. The Committee shall be convened by the BRF Secretary, and be chaired by the General Master or as determined in accordance with Rule 29.

39) The Trustees may in their absolute discretion, by majority recorded agreement, make a grant out of the Belfry Repair Fund for or towards the cost of bells, their fittings (usually excluding ropes) or repairs thereto or any structural, mechanical or sound control work for the proper functioning of bells ringing full circle provided that the bell or bells concerned are located within the towers in which the Association has a major interest. The Trustees may seek views from the General Committee at their absolute discretion. Payments shall be authorised by a minimum of two Trustees including the BRF Secretary, and the fund shall be managed in accordance with best practice and with reference to the Charity Commission's guidance on internal financial controls.

40) The Belfry Repair Fund Secretary shall maintain account of the Belfry Repair Fund distinguishing monies in the Fund from all other monies held in the name of the Association. Collections shall be taken for the Fund at every meeting of the Association and at every business meeting of the Districts, such monies as are collected shall be added to the Belfry Repair Fund. The Trustees shall have the same unrestricted power of investment of the Fund as if it were absolutely entitled thereto and when acting in good faith shall not be responsible for loss.

(Surrey Association Belfry Repair Fund: Registered Charity Number – 260561)

Note 1: 'Written notification' is deemed to include electronic communication such as emails, but not texts.

Note 2: Rule 8c - the share of the subscriptions is currently set as 60% Association: 40% Districts.

Note 3: Rule 13 - Existing Vice-Presidents will remain in place until 5 years after the approval of this rule change (11 May 2024).

END





# PRACTICE NIGHTS

This list of practice nights is included as a quick reference guide to which towers practice on each day. You can use it in conjunction with the map on the back cover to help you decide which tower to visit. Most towers have a regular practice but visitors are advised to check the details in the tower lists in this report and to contact the tower secretary or the alternative contact for confirmation.

## SUNDAY

Lambeth .....	12:00noon
Roehampton .....	4:30pm
Walworth # .....	12:15pm

## MONDAY

Addington .....	6.30pm
Battersea .....	7.30pm
Carshalton .....	8.00pm
Caterham, St John .....	7.45pm
Dorking .....	7.30pm
Epsom .....	8.00pm
Merton Park # .....	7.45pm
Mitcham .....	7.00pm
Oxted .....	7.00pm
Putney .....	7.30pm
South Croydon # .....	7.30pm
Stoke D'Abernon .....	7.45pm
Thames Ditton # .....	7.45pm

## TUESDAY

Benhillon .....	7.45pm
Bermondsey .....	7.30pm
Betchworth .....	8.00pm
Charlwood .....	7.30pm
Coulsdon .....	8.00pm
Croydon Minster .....	8.00pm
East Molesey .....	7.45pm
Ewell .....	7.30pm
Horsell .....	7.45pm
Leatherhead .....	7.45pm
Limpsfield # .....	7.45pm
Newdigate .....	7.45pm
Nutfield .....	6.30pm
Richmond # .....	7.30pm
Streatham .....	7.30pm

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Monday to Friday, 07.00 to 18.00, Saturday,  
Sunday and bank holidays 12:00 to 18:00. No  
charge between Christmas Day and New Year's  
Day bank Holiday (inclusive).  
Check the charge areas at  
<https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/congestion-charge>

The Ultra Low Emission Zone and Low Emission  
Zone operate across all London Boroughs.  
Check the postcode using  
<https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/>

## WEDNESDAY

Banstead .....	8.00pm
Bletchingley .....	7.30pm
Capel # .....	7.45pm
Epsom Common .....	8.00pm
Esher .....	7.30pm
Kingston upon Thames .....	7.45pm
Limpsfield Chart # .....	6.45pm
Merstham .....	7.45pm
Mortlake # .....	8.00pm
Ockley # .....	7.45pm
Ranmore .....	7.00pm
Reigate .....	7.45pm
Southwark Cathedral # .....	6.30pm
Wimbledon .....	7.30pm

## THURSDAY

Ashted .....	8.00pm
Beddington .....	7.45pm
Cheam .....	7.30pm
Chipstead # .....	7.00pm
Cobham # .....	7.30pm
Colliers Wood # .....	7.30pm
Egham .....	7.45pm
Godstone .....	7.30pm
Kingswood .....	8.00pm
Leigh # .....	7.30pm
Lingfield # .....	8.00pm
Merton # .....	
Redhill .....	7.30pm

## FRIDAY

Barnes .....	7.30pm
Buckland # .....	8.00pm
Camberwell # .....	7.00pm
Caterham, St Mary .....	8.00pm
Horley # .....	
Walton on Thames .....	7.30pm
Wandsworth Holy Trinity # .....	8.00pm

# indicates further information on tower listing  
page e.g. not every week, not all year, etc..

## SURREY ASSOCIATION MAP

