

St Albans District Newsletter

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CORONATION RINGING



Ringling took place at all of the ringable towers in our district – but wasn't it a wet day!

In no particular order, here are some of the pictures and stories I've received...

ST PAUL'S WALDEN



St Paul's Walden rang rounds and call changes. Left to Right:

Nick Muir,
Rob Castle,
Nikki Brooke,
Alex Cunningham,
Phil Beavis,
Roger Thomson,
Tim Liddell,
Jane James (Priory Malvern - took the photo)

Kimpton rang Rounds and Call Changes on 8 and Stedman Triples. Left to Right: Rob Goss, Sue Hammond, Keith Lewin, Judith Titmus, Ron Titmus, Rachel Wallace, Gordon Hammond, Vivian Nutton, Bob Crocker, Mary Goss



KIMPTON



Sandridge rang a Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Doubles on Saturday 6th:

Treble:	Christine Nutton
2:	Judith Titmus
3:	Dianne Crowder
4:	Rob Goss
5:	Vivian Nutton (C)
Tenor:	Ron Titmus

...and on Sunday 7th: Rounds and Call Changes on 4 bells: Ringers were : Christine Nutton, Trevor Hawkins, Pat O'Brien and Vivian Nutton



St Michael's rang Plain Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Little Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles and three lots of rounds for their newest ringer, Gina, who started to learn as part of the Ring For The King Initiative.

Left to Right: Liz Sage, Steve Haynes, Neil Evans, Alison Evans, Alex Sage, Hilary Heine, Bob Picton, Gina Keeney

Wheathampstead rang Rounds and Call Changes on 8 including 'Kings, Queens, Tittums and Whittingtons'.

Billy the dog listened appreciatively.

Front row: Left to right: Lisa Wenz, Ben Quinn, Susan L'Estrange.

Back Row: Left to Right: Rob Goss, Jim Donnet, Max Hebington, Judith Titmus, Ron Titmus, Dianne Crowder, Bob Crocker, Mary Goss.

Jim has recently started to learn and had a go at back stroke.





ESSENDON

The soldier is Jamie McAdam, aged 18, **Essendon's** youngest ringer who has just completed his year's training passing out recently as a Coldstream Guardsman. He was recently measured for his bearskin and was part of the Coronation Guards contingent so was otherwise engaged on Sat 6th May!



We rang rounds and call changes and Tony (who has only just started to learn to ring) was ably assisted by Paula.

In order: Kneeling John J Ford.

Front row sitting: Sue Rees, Ann Piggot, Lyn Orr, Pam Worsley Standing Hilary Scott.

Middle row standing: Rosalind Craig, Chris Hunt, Cas Blackman, Stephen Healing

Back row: Colin Rees, Paula Marshall, Tony Wright,



ST PETER'S
Plain Bob Doubles Quarter peal band

On Saturday 6 May, **St Peter's** rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles with Nick Groves achieving his 'first inside'.

1. Cheryl Groves
2. Ann Evans
3. Nicholas Groves
4. Thomas R Groves
5. Richard Sales (C)
6. Rosemary E Sales

On the Sunday **St Peter's** rang Rounds and Call changes on 10, Plain Hunt on 5, 9 & 10, Grandsire Triples and Cambridge Surprise Minor

L to R front row: Amanda E Sherwood, Rosemary Sales, Jackie Broadfoot, Cheryl Groves, Ann Evans

L to R back row: Robin Teesdale, Richard Sales, Tommy Groves, James McGaughey, Nicholas Groves, Elain Peill, Hayley Wells, Richard Butler.



ST PETER'S

St Peter's also rang a quarter of 1260 Plain Bob Royal on Monday 8 May

1. Nicholas Groves
2. Julie Grimwade
3. Thomas R Groves
4. Ann Evans
5. Hayley J Wells
6. Rosemary E Sales
7. Claire C Nicholson
8. Andrew M Reeve
9. Bjørn E Bradstock
10. Richard Sales (C)

First quarter of royal for Nicholas Groves on the Treble and First inside for Tommy ringing the 3rd.



The **Abbey** rang Rounds and call changes on 12 (including Kings), Stedman Triples and Cambridge S Major.

Left to right:

Jacqueline Tan
Stephen W Penney
Hayley Wells
Rachel Moll
Nikki Wills
Alan G G Smith
Chloe Amos-Edkins
Jonathan P Humbert
David P Hodgskin
Jennifer V Johnson
Janet L Penney
Ian K Bushell
Rachael M Oborn

Also ringing but not in the picture was Julie Grimwade.



The Abbey also rang a Quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the Sunday.

1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

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| 1. Emily J Mills | 6. Roderic K Bickerton |
| 2. Claire C Nicholson | 7. Russell A Brown |
| 3. Cameron White-Spunner | 8. Richard Sales |
| 4. David Kemp | 9. Andrew B Mills |
| 5. Richard A Horne | 10. Stephen W Penney (C) |

At **St Stephen's** we had two hours of general ringing on the Saturday afternoon, including rounds with our new learners, as well as plain hunt and Plain Bob Doubles.

We enjoyed tea, coffee and homemade cake while we rang, and it was a nice way to socialise together as a band. Two photos as we couldn't get everyone in the same one!

St STEPHENS



left to right Carolyn Terpet, Dorothea Mayne, Andy Meakins, Anne Tinkler, Nick Groves, Cheryl Groves, Tommy Groves, Alison Macfarlane, Richard Pether, John Pyburn, Julia Pyburn.

In the second photo left to right is Carolyn Terpet, Andy Meakins, Lucy Pether, Nick Groves, Alison Pether, , Tommy Groves, Alison Macfarlane, Richard Pether, Cheryl Groves, Julia & John Pyburn.



The **Welwyn** band rang to mark the Coronation from 9.30 to 10.00 am on the day. We rang call changes leading inevitably to 'Kings' and 'Queens'. There were eleven of us so we paused halfway through and swapped around so everyone could ring and then repeated the ringing to 'Kings' and 'Queens' and back.

WELWYN



From left to right: Les Harland; Chris Coxell; Janet Coates; John Williams; Mary Bridges; Peter Gill; Sonia Bhasin; Nigel Ward; Andrew King. Just behind Andrew you can see a tiny glimpse of Jill Allen's face. Out of shot altogether is Brian Gilbert.

North Myrms rang Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor 120 Grandsire Doubles Call changes - pulling off in Queens and Standing at the end in Kings. They rang both the front six and the back six.

Left to Right: Amanda Sherlock, Julia Saltmarsh, Derek Blumsom, Peter Dalling, Adrian Sherlock, Andrew Sherlock

Andrew placed a 360 camera in the belfry too. This is the link – it makes interesting viewing!

<https://fb.watch/kmhSS3yYkb/>



Hatfield rang rounds all ten bells – the first time for many years that all ten have been rung by a Thursday night practice band. Left to right: Judith Titmus, Ron Titmus, Lucy Hornberger, Sue Skerratt, Toby Hornberger, Graham Figg, Jonathan Bottoms, Fran Billings, Mary Goss, Dianne Crowder, Rob Goss. Missing is Oscar Hornberger who didn't ring on Saturday but rang for THE BIG LUNCH on the Sunday.



BARNET



At **Barnet** It was Averill's first ring on open bells - Rounds achieved.

The ringers were:
 Averill S Lovatt
 Fiona Facey
 Mark C Liebenrood
 Tricia Narracott-Wales
 Celia Workman
 Richard B Pullin
 Derek Epstein
 Nancy L Surman
 Howard Davies
 Adrian P Sweeting

Plus Victoria!

Barnet also rang a Quarter peal on Sunday, 7 May 2023
1312 King Charles III Delight Major

1. Adrian P Sweeting (C)
2. Adam D Rebeck
3. Richard B Pullin
4. Mark C Liebenrood
5. Nancy L Surman
6. Helen Porter
7. Richard PI Lewis
8. Robert Swarder

Monken Hadley rang Rounds and call changes and special mention should go to **THREE** ringers (Linda, Carol and Anthea) as it was the very first time they rang rounds on 8 – WELL DONE!

L to R: Lindy Napthine, Anthea Mills, Ian Callander, Celia Workman, Nancy Surman, Jeremy Platten, Gary Dawson, Roxanne Bartley, Tricia Narracott Wales, Carol Webb Dan Ruge-Cope.

Mary Gandy and Adrian P Sweeting also rang.



MONKEN HADLEY

and

At **Harpenden**: We rang on all three days - Saturday, Sunday and Monday 6th-8th May with general sessions when ringers of all abilities were able to participate. We rang Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Rounds & Call Changes.



Back row (L to R): Simon Brown, Henry Coverley, Andrew Agg.

Middle row (L to R): Karen Sander, Nicola Long, Agneta Burton, Christine Carter, Jackie Agg, Andrew Cripps.

Front row (L to R): Jane Fransella, Charles Pocock, Di Parrott, Christine Darby, Rachael Herriott, Andrew Farnham (Redbourn).

On the Sunday Harpenden rang a Quarter peal on the Sunday and it was the first Quarter peal for Simon Brown for 20 years!

1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor

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| 1. Andrew Cripps | 4. Christine C Darby |
| 2. Christine M Carter | 5. Andrew J Agg |
| 3. Simon C Brown | 6. Charles W G Herriott (C) |

Lemsford rang Rounds & Call Changes, Plain Hunt Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles.



L to R: Laura Hill, Virginia Simpson, Bob Crocker, Emily Palmer, Ron Titmus, Morgan Henderson, Oscar Hornberger, Sue Skerratt, Judith Titmus, Toby Hornberger, Anne Howie, Kaitlyn Mason

Congratulations to Ron and Judith Titmus who rang at **five** District Towers on Coronation Day (Sandridge, Hatfield, Kimpton, Wheathampstead and Lemsford) and then a sixth tower as they went up to Knebworth in the evening to help out there

Our day started well at **South Mimms**, with a good turnout despite the drizzle; we had a tablet in place so we could watch/listen to the Coronation. Our four new learners all had a chance at ringing rounds, either ringing one stroke (the youngest/newest) or full with support. We were delighted as they have been learning for four weeks or less. We rang for an hour with everyone having several rings. Time to move on. Next up **Ridge** and ringing followed the same pattern; rounds for the new learners, plain hunt for the more experienced learners and methods for the rest of the band. We stopped ringing briefly to watch the crowning part of the ceremony. And so to our next stop.



SOUTH MIMMS

L to R: Louise Bourton, Sean Lennard, Daniel Skerratt, Danny Davel, Alistair Brooks, Jeannette Beckley, Adrian Beardwell, Ben, Julie Lloyd, Dan Davel, Sheila Smith, Michael, Anne Pegum



RIDGE

Daniel Skerratt, Adrian Beardwell, Jeannette Beckley, Sheila Smith, Sean Lennard, Julie Lloyd, Dan Davel, Danny Davel, Graham Figg, Anne Pegum

At **Radlett** we started by having our picnic lunch and toasting the King and Queen, in the church hall as the drizzle had now become constant rain. We had time to spare as our next stint would start with ringing for a wedding and the bride was late. The highlight was one of the new ringers breaking a stay so we had to hold the bell on the balance for the remaining time. Good that Radlett are small bells. Some of the band then went on to ring at Aldenham.

Septuagenarian Quarter Peal

For his 70th birthday in March, Ben Quinn invited fellow septuagenarians to ring in a quarter peal at Lemsford:

1320 Plain Bob Doubles

1. Dianne E Crowder
2. Bernard P Quinn
3. Rosemary A Pateman
4. David Pateman
5. Robert J Crocker
6. Ron E Titmus



Rung for Ben's birthday as a welcome to the 70's club.

FIRST PEAL!

Congratulations to Tommy Groves of St Stephens, St Albans. He rang his first peal over the Coronation weekend – well done Tommy!

Oxford Diocesan Guild

Wingrave, Buckinghamshire, SS Peter and Paul
Sunday, 7 May 2023 in 2h 59 (14)

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Johnson's Var

1. Thomas R Groves
2. Beryl R Norris
3. Jackie Roberts
4. Lucas J Williams
5. Alan J Frost
6. Duncan M Purchase
7. John R Fisher (C)
8. Robert J Crocker



For the coronations of HM King Charles III and Queen Camilla

First peal: 1

First on 8 and first inside: 4

Beryl also rang a peal for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

Dates for Your Diary (Next Two District Meetings)

- **20 May** **Ridge (6) + Short meeting.**

- **17 June** **District Outing – to Essex (Great Dunmow area)**

A lunch menu for the pub has been sent round – or you can access it here:

<https://angelandharp.co.uk/menus.html>

Click on ‘Seasonal Menus’

Deposit of £10 required to book lunch.

Names require for the Outing asap. There will be a £6 charge for the day for tower donations.

OUTING Schedule:

Time	Tower	No. of bells	Wt of tenor	Post code	Toilet?
09.30 – 10.15	Stansted Mountfitchett* St Mary the Virgin	8 bells	13 cwt	CM24 8UB	No
10.30 – 11.15	Henham (GFR)	6 bells	8 cwt	CM22 6AN	Yes
11.40 – 12.20	Great Easton (GFR)	6 bells	11 cwt	CM6 2HF	Yes
LUNCH @ The Angel & Harp (Great Dunmow) 12.30pm to 2.15pm					
2.30 – 3.15	Great Dunmow (GFR)	8 bells	21 cwt	CM6 2AE	Yes
3.30 – 4.15	Felsted	8 bells	12 cwt	CM6 3DG	Yes
4.30 – 5.15	Great Waltham St Mary & St Lawrence	8 bells	22 cwt	CM3 1AS	Yes

- *Anti-clockwise
- GFR = Ground Floor Ring

All towers confirmed..

Debenham Bell Fund

The Debenham Bell Fund is a pool of money for use within St Albans District of the HCACR. It is available to the district's towers when they have to make small repairs/replacements etc., such as broken clappers, new ropes, stays and need the funds quickly.

Applications should be made to the Fund Treasurer, Alison Evans by email to:

alison.evans@btinternet.com

The Trustees will normally consider applications and make payments up to £1,000 promptly.

Donations to the Fund can be sent to the Treasurer and the donation box will be available at practices and meetings.

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