



Look To!

The Eastern District Newsletter

Platinum Jubilee Special

Welcome to the Platinum Jubilee Special edition of Look To!, where you can read all about the exciting ringing in the Eastern District marking this historic occasion.

We are currently planning a weekend of memorial ringing in honour of Alan Baldock at the beginning of September. Look out for more information on this over the next month.

Samuel Canning

Look To Editor

Words from Marion – Your District Secretary

Church bells have always been rung in celebration of special events. The Platinum Jubilee celebration was one of these occasions. There was organised ringing in terms of the request for towers to ring on the day itself- 2 June - at a set time. Many of our towers took up this challenge with ringing from general ringing including rounds and call changes to more general change ringing and in some cases extending to quarter peals.

In addition, many towers in the coming days added to this celebration with further ringing against all levels from general ringing to quarter peals. This special edition of 'Look To' includes all details of the celebration ringing and I thank 'Look To' editor Sam for producing this.

I am not sure what the next major event will be where we will all ring in celebration but feel sure at that time, we will all meet the challenge when the call comes.

Thank you everybody for making this a successful event.

Marion Hollands



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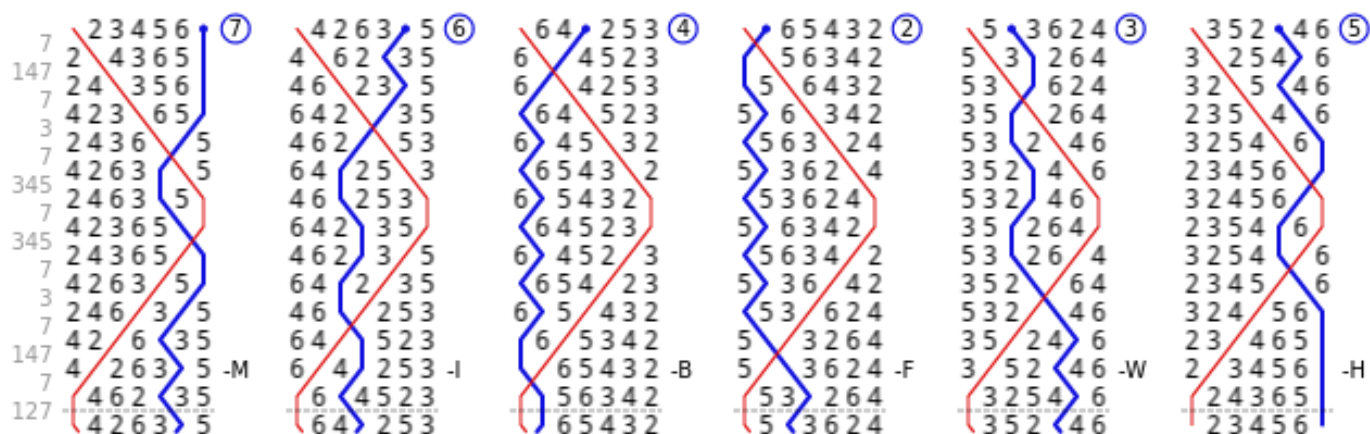
So get ordering to spoil yourself and advertise your passion for ringing at the same time.

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Platinum Bob Triples

As mentioned, two quarters of Platinum Bob Triples were rung at the Forewood Ring in Crowhurst. So, let's get the low down on this method.

Platinum Bob has understandably seen an explosion in popularity thanks to the Jubilee. There are 15 performances on Bellboard, and all but one of these are from the past six months. (The other is the quarter peal in which it was first rung, at Thatcham in 2017). So let's take a look at the blue line.



If you've rung St Simon's Triples, the frontwork will look familiar as it is the same, with four dodges on the front and seconds over the treble. However, be sure to remember the 3-4 up dodge is followed by places.

The first thing that jumps out at most people is the eight blows(!) at the back. I would recommend that you do count these blows, and very carefully. Leaving the back too early is one of the easiest mistakes to make. Another pitfall is forgetting to turn around in fifths place after leaving the back, so watch out for that, too.

[Upcoming events – Check the website at https://www.scacr.org/news-events/calendar](https://www.scacr.org/news-events/calendar) for the latest info

August 6th – Ringing for Willingdon flower festival, 2pm-4pm with refreshments on sale

September 24th – Walk between two towers starting at Chiddingly at 10am

October 29th – Day outing to the Bracknell area (note: the date has changed since the previous edition)

November 26th – Ringing at Rye (TBC)

Battle

At this tower on Sunday 5th June, a quarter peal of 1287 Grandsire Triples was rung in 49 minutes, conducted by Alan Pink.

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Bexhill

A quarter peal of 1260 Grandsire Doubles was rung on the front six on the Friday, jointly conducted by the inside ringers. Rounds were also rung prior to the service at St Paul's.

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Crowhurst

Over the Jubilee Weekend, two quarters were rung at the Forewood Ring, both of 1260 Platinum Bob Triples – one on the Friday and one on the Sunday. Both were conducted by Alan Pink.

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Eastbourne, Christ Church

On Friday, 3rd June 2022 at Christ Church, Eastbourne we rung Rounds, Call Changes and Plain Bob Minor in 30 minutes. The following ringers were involved: Martin Padfield, Marian Bell, Marion C Hollands, Hazel E Horobin, David J Hollands, Janet Fennings, Tony Mottram, Frances P Bradford. We rung this prior to the service at St Paul's Cathedral to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. After we had rung, some of us walked along to a local hotel for a drink and chat.

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Marion Hollands

Eastbourne, St Mary

On the Friday, a quarter of 1260 Plain Bob Doubles was rung prior to the service at St Paul's Cathedral, conducted by Ann Wright. This was a first quarter for the tenor ringer. Rounds and Call Changes were later rung prior to the morning service.

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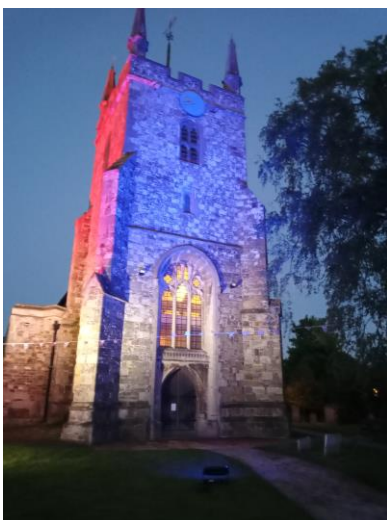
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Laughton

A peal at All Saints, Laughton was rung on the Thursday of the Jubilee Weekend. This was six minor methods – Cambridge, Kent, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St Clement's and Single Canterbury – rung in 2 hours 40 minutes and conducted expertly by Stephen Beckingham. As it happened, this was the 25th peal on the bells, a first of minor for the third ringer and the first towerbell peal rung for the association this year.

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Hailsham



There was plenty of ringing going on at Hailsham over the Jubilee period. On the Thursday, we rung a quarter peal of 2 doubles methods conducted by Stephen Beckingham. Later, we rung call changes for 20 minutes to coincide with the lighting of the beacon in Vicarage Field at the request of the town council. This ringing was recorded, but unfortunately, the climax of the ringing was drowned out by an errant ice cream van! As seen in this image, the tower was lit by floodlights in the colours red, white and blue during the event.

The next morning, we rang another quarter, in 3 doubles methods for the service at St Paul's Cathedral. This was the first quarter rung by an entirely local band for over four years.

Along with our regular Sunday service ringing in the morning, we rung another quarter of 6 doubles methods in the evening to coincide with the conclusion of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Western Road Recreation Ground. The Hailsham band was aided by Pauline Kennard in this. We would like to thank her and Stephen for helping us out over the weekend.

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Hastings (and St Leonards)

As well as our quarter peals at The Forewood Ring to celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the throne, we also had a day of ringing the "big bells" in Hastings and St Leonards. Thursday 2 June 2022 was an extra bank holiday, and so this day was chosen by us to make a joyful noise all around the town. Rather than organise quarters, though, general ringing was the order of the day, so that as many local ringers as possible could be involved.

The first tower was Christ Church in leafy Blacklands, near Alexandra Park. The magnificent late 19th century Taylor eight rang out over the neighbourhood from about quarter to eleven in the morning. Most of the band then walked over the West Hill to St Clements, where the church was open, and coffee and cake were available.

At this point we suffered a setback. News came that the other Hastings Old Town church, All Saints, was inaccessible because the door lock had jammed. So, we returned to St Clements for more ringing after lunch: having gathered in a former St Leonards ringer whom we found at the bar of the Anchor inn ordering Harveys bitter in full Morris gear. After tea in a seafront cafe in St

Leonards the bells of Christ Church, London Road, rang out to round off the day's celebration of a remarkable monarch and reign.

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Alan Pink

Wadhurst

Prior to Sunday service, the local band undertook general ringing including Plain Bob, Little Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

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Westham

At St Mary's in Westham we had 8 ringers doing 30 minutes of rounds and call changes at 11:30 on Friday, to coincide with the service at St Paul's.

After the tower ringing there was a session of handbell ringing involving friends and family of the main band, and then a toast to the Queen with refreshments afterwards.

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Stephen Pilfold

Willingdon

Willingdon ringers rang Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Call Changes on the Thursday to mark the Jubilee. An extent of Grandsire Doubles was also rung on Sunday.

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Recipe: Celebration Kisses



Ingredients

- 4oz. Caster sugar
- 3oz. Cornflour
- 3 1/2oz. Plain flour
- Pinch of salt
- Red food colouring
- 4oz. Butter
- 1 tbsp. Of baking powder
- 1 egg
- Raspberry flavouring (optional)

- Raspberry Jam

Buttercream Filling

- 6oz. Icing sugar
- 3oz. Butter or soft margarine
- A few drops of vanilla essence

Method

- Sieve together the cornflour, flour and baking powder then add the salt. Mix dry ingredients together.
 - Cream together the butter and sugar. Beat in the egg and slowly add the dry ingredients.
 - Divide the mixture into two, to one section add the flavouring and colouring.
 - Roll into small balls, about six of each colour and place on a greased baking tray.
 - Cook for approx. 12 minutes at 160C.
 - After a few minutes place the rounds onto a cooling tray to cool.
 - Make buttercream by whipping together the icing sugar and butter until light and fluffy.
 - Add a few drops of vanilla essence in to add flavour.
 - Join one cake of each colour together using a thin layer of jam and buttercream.
 - Variations are Lemon, Strawberry, Blackcurrant, Coffee or Elderflower.
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The next edition of Look To! will be September 2022

The deadline for write ups, events and relevant material is the end of August.

Send it all to news-east@scacr.org

Many thanks to everyone who contributed

