

Ringling Development Leaders Report 2016 to 2017

Ringling Development

A Branch workshop on ringling new methods in October at Olney was well attended and appreciated by all. The simulator, after a bit of fine tuning, worked well and generated a bit of local interest on Facebook. Likewise, the simulator at Newport is still a useful training resource.

A North Bucks band made a good effort at the Guild 8-Bell competition and enjoyed the refreshment in the church and pub afterwards. Likewise, the band stepped up to the challenge of Grandsire Caters in the Guild 10-bell competition following some useful practices. Here, the other bands cheated by starting 20 years ago.

The Olney monthly practices have helped with our 10-bell expertise and it is planned to continue with these in 2017 with a focus on Stedman.

Several towers have recruited new ringers during the year. Bletchley is a new practice with several returning ringers and is drawing in ringers from the surrounding towers as well. Olney and Newport have learners making good progress, as at Maids Moreton. Most of this is down to the hard work of the local bands rather than any specific Branch initiative.

Towers & Bells

Progress continues with the Hanslope project which is past half way to its target of £80,000. Likewise, the Loughton project is going well. At Lathbury, the unringable 5 looks set to be augmented to 6, thanks to a donation from the Keltek Trust on behalf of Bob Winstanley, who left a bequest to the Trust.

A rope splicing workshop at Emberton in May also proved useful.