

Ringling Master's Report

AGM February 2025

Branch Practices

We have continued holding two branch practices a month. Some have been reasonably well attended whilst at times we have not had enough members present to ring. It seems like it may be preferable to revert to one branch practice a month and hopefully this can be discussed at the AGM. It would also be useful to know which days of the week would be preferred. We always encourage members to come along to branch practices as it can be really useful to help learners progress, when there are experienced ringers to help, and they provide good social occasions when there are ringers from across the branch attending.

Striking Competition

The Striking Competition was held again in September and we are very grateful to Islip tower, and particularly to Kathryn Grant, for hosting this event once again. We managed to make up six teams, one of which was a youth team who rang very creditably coming second overall. Congratulations are due to the Islip B team which won. Each team rang either Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles or Call Changes and the ringing was pretty even for all teams. Hugh Deam and Maarit Kivilo very kindly judged for us and were very generous with their comments on our ringing. The placings were very close; well done to all who took part. The BBQ which followed the ringing was excellent as always with very tasty food on offer and a jolly social time enjoyed by all.

Ringling Outing

We were able to organise a ringling outing in April to five towers around the Lambourn area of Berkshire. The outing was particularly memorable for high level access to ringling chambers, an anti-clockwise ring, great lunch, one of the longest draughts ever, and ringling with a broken stay (not caused by anyone on the outing) in our first tower of the day (Lambourn) – a challenging start! Our thanks go to those who opened the towers for us – and particularly Stefan in Lambourn who provided us all with coffee too. It was pleasing to see a good number of ringers coming along on the outing and several non-ringling partners also came along and enjoyed the day. If you haven't been on a ringling outing before then do it give it a try at the next opportunity. If anyone would like to take on organising an outing this year, then that would be very welcome.