

## Deputy Ringingmaster's Report

Attendance at branch practices during 2024 was very patchy. When they were held at towers with a strong local band they tended to be well attended whilst those with a small or non-existent band were very poorly attended. On at least 3 occasions we didn't have enough to ring. This tends to suggest that if a branch practice clashes with a local one, ringers want to go to their own rather than a branch one.

Given what's happened over the last 12 months I personally think that we need a rethink with regards to branch practices.

I would suggest going down to 1 branch event per month, this should be discussed at item 4 on the agenda.

Jeremy organised a very enjoyable branch outing in April to Lambourn and the surrounding area, yet again the numbers attending were rather disappointing.

The Striking competition/ barbecue was the most successful event of the year, congratulations to Islip B who won.