

## **Ringling Master's Report**

### **AGM February 2026**

#### **Branch Practices**

Following discussion at the AGM, it was agreed to hold a Branch Practice once a month rather than twice. These have been reasonably well attended so it seems like this is a better way forward. 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 support the ringing, and they provide good social occasions when there are ringers from across the branch attending. Richard has also been kindly organising an eight- or ten-bell practice in Bicester most months. This has been very useful for those who are interested in progressing to ringing more methods on eight bells.

#### **Striking Competition**

The Striking Competition didn't happen this year as too many people were away. Helen Parkinson kindly offered to hold a Branch BBQ at her house in Bicester with ringing beforehand for those able to attend. This was very enjoyable with some excellent games to keep us all entertained – see the pictures on the branch website!

#### **Ringling outing**

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April we held our annual ringing outing; this year we visited five six-bell towers in West Northamptonshire. We deliberately chose six bell towers thinking that they would best suit our abilities as a branch. Nineteen ringers joined us in what turned out to be a very enjoyable day. This included three visitors from other branches. Six towers were represented. We rang a wide range of methods from rounds and call changes to Cambridge. This was a very successful event that everyone attending seemed to enjoy so hopefully we can repeat it in 2026.