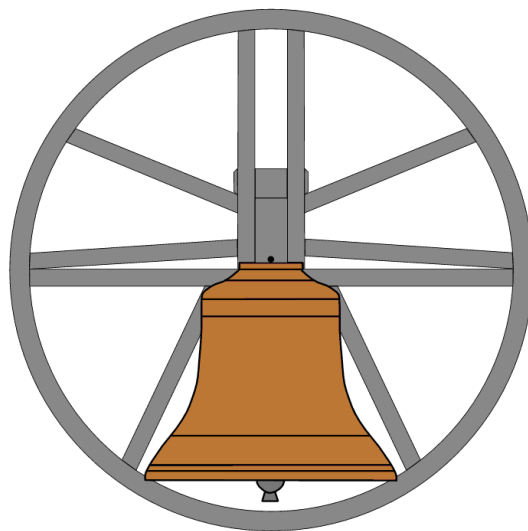


**THE GUILD OF
DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**

NORTH EAST BRANCH



2017

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME A

CALL CHANGES

INTRODUCTION:

Almost without exception all the towers affiliated to the North East Branch ring call changes. Some towers will consider call changes to be the first step beyond rounds and to be followed with Kaleidoscope exercises or the first appropriate method. Some of our towers only ring call changes, and thus we believe there is value in running a development programme which concentrates on Devon call changes. Huntsham will be the tower of choice for this programme, but the church is popular for weddings and we may have to use other towers if our programme dates and times clash with the needs of wedding parties.

This programme will start mainly with top ringing, that is with the bells starting and finishing in the “up” position and will progress as the programme develops to touches which start and finish with the bells “down”. Thus participants will learn to ring up and down in peal as well as maintaining their place and rhythm throughout each touch. Most of the touches will be on six bells, using the front six or the back six as appropriate for each band. For those who normally ring call changes on eight bells there will be opportunities for some eight bell touches during each session.

This programme will run on Saturdays mostly two hour morning sessions with a suitable support band led by Catherine Thorpe of Halberton.

There will also be two support sessions run by the Troyte Ringing Centre on ringing up and down in peal. These sessions will concentrate on Devon style raising and lowering.

This programme will also concentrate on ringing with closed handstroke leads.

PROGRAMME DATES AND TIMES:

This programme will run at Huntsham on the following dates and times

Saturday 21st January	from 10.00 - 12.00	
Saturday 18th February	from 10.00 - 12.00	
Saturday 25th March	from 19.00 - 21.00	*church in use for a wedding earlier
Saturday 22nd April	from 10.00 - 12.00	
Saturday 20th May	from 10.00 - 12.00	
Saturday 17th June	from 10.00 - 12.00	
Saturday 15th July	from 10.00 - 12.00	
Saturday 19th August	from 10.00 - 12.00	
Saturday 16th September	from 10.00 - 12.00	
Saturday 21st October	from 10.00 - 12.00	
Saturday 18th November	from 10.00 - 12.00	
Saturday 16th December	from 10.00 - 12.00	

The Troyte Ringing Centre will run two raising and lowering in peal workshops on the following dates:

Saturday 28th January	from 10.00 - 13.00
Saturday 11th March	from 10.00 - 13.00

Coffee and biscuits will be provided during the two hour sessions, and coffee and a light lunch will be provided for the three hour sessions.

SUMMARY:

Over the whole year this development programme provides a total of 24 hours of supported call change ringing. We appreciate that it might not be possible to attend all the sessions. However, we will be restricting the maximum number attending each session so that each person has ample opportunity to participate during each session.

With these issues very much in mind we are inviting participants to sign up for the whole programme for a donation of £20.00. This does not include the Troyte Ringing Centre workshops which are costed separately and places should be booked separately. It will also be possible for participants to attend occasional sessions for a donation of £2.00 for each session, payable on arrival, providing there are sufficient places available, however, preference will always be given to those seeking to participate for the whole programme.

The latest date for joining this development programme is Saturday 14 January at the six bell practice and places should be booked with the Branch Secretary.