

What is a Ringing Centre?

“A Ringing Centre is a combination of people, tower bells, technology and other facilities designed to help people learn to ring. Centres are intended to promote high standards of teaching and to train teachers of ringing.”

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

What training events take place at The Ringing Centre?

Training Courses

These are organized by The Centre on a regular basis and will cover subjects that people have identified would be helpful to them.. Anything from method theory to raising in peal or first aid might be covered as well as particular methods followed by practice.

Targeted Practices

Special Practices can be arranged at all levels for specific training needs e.g. First steps in method ringing to surprise major.

Individual Coaching or Tuition

This may take the form of a practical session using the simulator to develop listening, conducting or method skills, help with rope handling or teaching skills.

Weekday Training/Coaching Sessions

For those available in the week, individual tuition can be arranged on a weekday. Normally Thursday & Tuesday mornings are used for a variety of tuition including ringing all the bells using the simulator. Refreshments are available.

Training Courses

Facilities are present to host training courses. Currently Tower Management, Integrated Teacher Training, Rope Splicing & Maintenance courses are run annually.

Quarter Peals

Sustained practice to consolidate learning is essential for any skill – Quarter peals are encouraged and the Centre is available for quarter peals on the simulator or using sound control.

‘Handling a Bell from Scratch’ Tuition

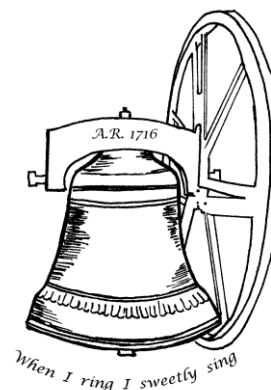
Where desired Centre tutors will teach bell handling from scratch to rounds – provided it is carried out exclusively by the Centre’s tutors who are **ITTS standard** trained. This takes 8/15 hours tuition.

Kids in Charge

Monthly Saturday practices and other events for teenagers take place on the first Saturday of the month

Band, Guild or other Training, Practices & events

With the variety of facilities and convenience of location The Centre is available for booking for any training event – including bands from other towers looking to use the Centre for extra practice



What does it cost?

The Ringing Centre is not a profit making organization and aims only to cover its expenses (and that of St. Peter's). Any excess is set aside for new equipment and developing the Centre's facilities.

Typically Individual tuition is charged at £2 an hour and groups events at £10 an hour (per group). Full day conferences individually priced.

Teaching Bell Handling from scratch to rounds - a set fee of £15 per person (incl. book) in total.

Quarter peals on the Simulator - £2 a rope.

Where a lecturer travels any distance or where food & drinks are supplied these expenses will be added at cost.

Other Activities

For those churches with few bells, or bell not hung for full circle ringing training and advice can be given on sounding the bells weather by swinging, ellacombe, or chiming.

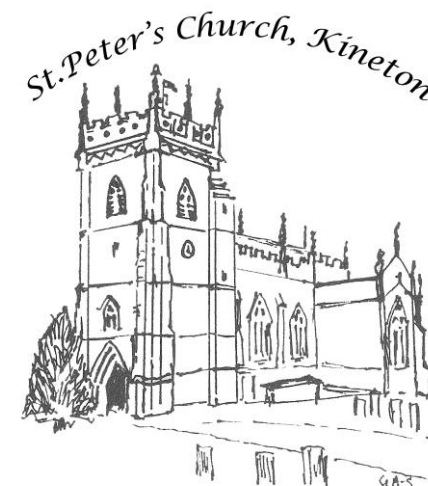
Another important of our work is to give talks and presentations to groups so if you are looking to recruit and need a presentation, or need someone to talk at a church, WI or other group – get in touch!

Facilities at the Harry Windsor Ringing Centre

- ❖ Eight Bells – tenor 10 Cwt
 - ❖ Abel Simulator connected to all bells
- allowing:
- Individual tuition of listening skills
 - An analysis of striking
 - Individual method practice
 - All 8 to be rung silenced to methods
 - A front 6 (5cwt) to be rung sounding as a natural six.
- ❖ Variable Sound Control
 - ❖ Handbells
 - ❖ Teaching Facilities (screen & seminar areas)
- in Church
- ❖ Kitchen & Toilet facilities
 - ❖ Dumb Bell - connected to simulator
 - ❖ Conference facilities available for hire in the nearby Village Hall
 - ❖ Easy Parking with local shops, pubs & coffee shop nearby
 - ❖ Whiteboard, Flipchart, Camcorder, DVD player
 - ❖ Reference Books and Teaching aid book sales
 - ❖ CCTV to bells

The Harry Windsor Ringing Centre

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For more information and details of current or planned activities

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When I ring I sweetly sing