

SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS  
NE DISTRICT  
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2017



\*Venue still to be confirmed. See 'What's On' for confirmation.

Date	Activity	Venue/Time	Aimed at:
Sat Feb 11	Quarterly meeting with focus on doing simple things well	Reydon 2-4pm, meeting and bring & share tea after	Everyone. To discuss the draft Ringing Programme, subject to Members' approval, so the meeting is your chance to propose any amendments you would like to see.
Sat Mar 11	ART follow-up session	Aldeburgh 2.30pm	Those who went on last year's course, plus a few guinea pigs
Mon Mar 13	Listening and better handling to improve striking	Huntingfield 6-8pm	Confident rounds ringers fed up with conductors saying "listen to it", but nevertheless wanting to improve the sound they make
Sat Apr 15	Introduction to handbells	To be arranged	How to plain hunt TWO bells on 6. For the curious.
Sat Apr 22	GUILD AGM	Beccles and others 1.45 onwards	Everyone – several towers available for grabs, big annual get together with ringers from all over Suffolk. Lively meeting – democracy in action!
Sat May 13	DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION and Quarterly Meeting	Metfield 2pm onwards	All District bands. Practice from 2pm, competition after bring & share tea. Followed by meeting and results.
Sat May 20	Guild Striking Competition	NW District	All District bands who'd like another go!
Sat Jun 10	Elementary call changes	Wingfield 10am-12 noon*	Beginners who have just about got rounds sorted out. Also budding conductors.
Sat July 8	Treble Bob	Sweffling 10am-12 noon *	First steps in treble bob hunting, maybe moving on to Kent
Sat Aug 26	Quarter peals and beer	Various towers followed by the Wenhaston Star	Anyone who would like to ring a quarter, followed by social for all at Wenhaston Beer Festival
Fri Sep 8	Improving 8-bell ringing	Rendham 6-8pm *	Anyone who would like to improve their call changes or simple method ringing on 8
Sat Oct 14	Building blocks (hunting/ places/dodging/fishtails etc.	Worlingham 10am-12noon*	Plain hunters for whom Plain Bob is a little daunting. Also Plain Bobbers who would like to get to grips with how to ring other stuff.
Sat Nov 11	ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING with focus on good striking	Halesworth 3pm onwards	Follow up to the September day, followed by local democracy.
Sat Dec 9	Raising and lowering	Rumburgh 10am-12noon *	Everyone finds this difficult - the hardest bit of ringing, either singly or in peal
Thurs Jan 11	General ringing and tower liaison meetings	Yoxford 6-8pm *	An hour's ringing followed by the annual feedback/planning session, aiming to get at least one representative of each band at one of the two meetings
Sat Jan 13		Fressingfield 10am-12noon *	

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**Other activities:**

**Elementary conducting** - a series of three independent theory sessions:

1. Call changes – how to get from rounds to anywhere and back again;
2. Plain Bob Doubles – not just putting the bobs in but keeping it right;
3. Plain Bob Minor – easy alternatives ways to calling a 720/540 from WHW

These will be arranged according to demand - contact PJG

**Monthly “specials”**

**Beccles 10 bell** practices on the first Wednesday of alternate months – 7.30pm  
(Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov)

Dedicated **8 bell (Triples/Major)** practices

- **Bungay**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7.30pm (not April)
- **Halesworth** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm

These are aimed at improving 8-bell change ringing from Plain Hunt up to simple Surprise Major

**Minor quarter peals** – beyond Plain Bob and into the realms of simple Surprise  
Contact PJG if you would like to ring in one/some of these

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