

SE District report 2025 - Brandeston to Woodbridge

	something our band is working towards achieving in 2025	update on progress made in 2025 towards achievement	new band aspiration/goal for 2026
Brandeston Chris McArthur	Just need to keep the occasional Sunday service ringing going. I have tried to recruit a new band, but not successful.	Mostly achieved. But not able to form a regular band	same as for 2025
Bredfield Mike Pilgrim	Our goal as always is to have enough ringers to ring the bells for Sunday Service, and trying to have enough visiting experienced ringers to enable us to make progress at Friday Practices. Making progress in teaching Plain Hunt Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles.	A couple of beginners are achieving some success in plain hunt doubles. Another ringer is making progress on PB doubles. A family of four began to learn to ring this year, but is now down to only two. Younger son (12) is doing well when he attends, whilst elder son (19) has made remarkable progress in a short time, but he is now at University, a sad loss to us in term time. We are grateful for the help we get from Wickham Market ringers on practice nights who	My objectives for our band would be to progress to ringing up and down in peal acceptably well, and to ringing touches of Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob Minor
Campsea Ashe Glenys Fear	Improving the ringers' range of methods we can ring	The regular Saturday morning practice continues to be very popular and is well attended by ringers from other local towers - often 12 or so ringers. There is a good range of ringing from basic through to Surprise Minor. Attempts to put a band together for Sunday services isn't always possible as it relies on other towers to help and there is often a clash with their own service ringing.	Carry on with the Saturday morning practices and broaden the range of methods rung. Would like to teach two or three people from Campsea Ashe to ring in 2026. I'm thinking of holding an Open Tower, which could bring in some more local ringers.
Easton Chris McArthur	Just need to keep the occasional Sunday service ringing going	Mostly achieved. No regular band Pulley box's have been refurbished in September by locals. The ring has improved considerably as a result, with no pulley noise now present , that was previously so noticeable.	same as for 2025

Framingham Jochen Culemann	Improving ringing skills of the youngest members in the team	<p>The youngest team members made significant progress concerning bell control and ringing skills which enabled them to join the Sunday's services ringing sessions.</p> <p>Concerning bell control we focus at the moment on ringing bells up and down single and in peal. Concerning ringing skills the youngest team members are trying to improve ringing plain hunt and plain bob minimus and plain bob</p>	We try to diversify the structure of the Tuesday practice nights by introducing a broader variety of exercises which should help the overall progress
Hacheston Jos Slade	Start on Bob Doubles	Ringling is linked with Parham and Marlesford	
Kettlebrugh Persephone Booth	Just need to keep the occasional Sunday service ringing going	Mostly achieved. No regular band.	
Marlesford Jos Slade	No regular band	ringing is linked with Parham and Hacheston	
Parham Jos Slade	Teaching basic bell handling after Christmas to new recruits - one from Parham, one from Marlesford, as well as two more potential from Parham who intend to start after Christmas. Start on Bob Doubles. Possible tower open day to increase local awareness of what we do and possibly attract new ringers.	<p>Two new recruits from Parham started but stopped after a few weeks because of pressure of other activities. I hope that one will come back</p> <p>Ringling is linked with Hacheson, Marlesford</p>	continue to build team

Pettistree Mary Garner	To enable everyone who rings at Pettistree to improve their skills and method repertoire.	A steady improvement in all these aims.	To continue the current years aims, increase the size of the band, to attract a broad age of ringers including learners and continue to be a fun band.
Ufford Kate Eagle	Getting more local recruits	<p>Ufford bells have been out of action since 24th July 2025, waiting for the pigeon poo to be removed by a specialist company. I believe this has been booked to be done.</p> <p>Prior to this we held a weekly practice on a Tuesday, the last one of the month concentrating on surprise major.</p> <p>We often have the ringers from Hollesley come over to join our practice, and help for ring at weddings. We have no home grown ringers living in Ufford, and we are not able to ring on Sundays because they changed the time of the services, so those of us who were able to ring for service are now finding</p>	Resume ringing as soon as the pigeon issue has been dealt with.
Wickham Market Ray Lewis	Primary goal is to complete the training of all of our beginners so that they can competently ring for Sunday and special services	<p>All our new recruits have progressed very well and have recently become members of the guild. Wickham also won the SE District striking competition this year</p> <p>Our practices are well attended and we are grateful for help from other local towers including Bredfield and Pettistree who help us to achieve a varied and rewarding practice. Our new recruits are also encouraged to visit other local towers.</p>	Continue to broaden the skills of the team and achieve first quarter peals for the new recruits.

Woodbridge Bruce Wakefield	Advance our ringing ability Training new recruits	Simple change ringing, eg Plain hunt, Bob Doubles, Grandsire. Five new recruits ring regularly with us	To ring minor and triples.
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a special event/occasion the bells were rung for in 2025 - name of event, what rung, who rang	what support the band members would like the SE District to offer their members in 2026
weddings, etc	
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Weddings Ringing for VE Day on 8th May (see Bellboard)	
weddings, etc. District practice and striking competition held here	

<p>The bells have been rung for a number of weddings (call changes) with different team members and occasionally with support by ringers from other local towers.</p> <p>Special occasions for ringing (call changes) were for Remembrance Sunday, Christmas and New Year's Eve.</p>	
<p>Tower open day on 28th June. This was publicised by a leaflet drop to all houses in Parham and Hacheston as well as on social media. It attracted few visitors and we got no new recruits from</p>	
<p>Ringling for the funeral of Lord Marlesford on 1st August. Ringers were Glenys Fear, Chris McArthur, Martin Steadman, John Coleman, John Cottrell and myself</p>	
<p>Wedding on 7th June. Ringers were Claire and Simon Allsop, Amanda and Gary Collinge, Malcolm Robinson and myself.</p>	

<p>Peal on 7th June, bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1859880 , Circled the tower 1,500th for the Guild 2, On the 50th anniversary of the conductors first peal. Also quarters for many of the special/seasonal services,</p>	
<p>Weddings, etc</p>	
<p>Qtr peals including: 80th anniversary of VE Day, Installation service of our new vicar, Emerald wedding anniversary of Ray & Sue Lewis (1st Qtr for Martin Steadman) See bellboard for details</p>	

<p>Our annual Spring Ring which this year was a "Field Day" which took us to Wingfield, Fressingfield, Huntingfield, and Laxfield.</p> <p>VE Day and VJ Days 2025</p> <p>Rung for the start of the Tour of Britain men's cycle race as they set off from Woodbridge</p> <p>Our annual Autumn ring was at two nearby towers, viz Parham and Kettleburgh.</p> <p>Our Summer BBQ was again held at the Rectory hosted by the Rector and his wife..</p> <p>After ringing the Old Year Out and the New Year in, we held a party in the Tower.</p>	
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