

## **TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT 2018**

This year the Guild held three full training days: in August at Llanfeugan we met to work on Cambridge-related Surprise Minor methods and successfully rang Primrose, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and York. At Llanfeugan in October there were four students for ringing up and down in peal as well as two for leading up and down. The third training day was a Doubles Day at Bronllys and Talgarth with students working on methods from Plain Hunt to Stedman. All three days were well-attended and very worthwhile in terms of the progress made; the pub lunches separating the sessions were enjoyable social occasions.

My grateful thanks to those who gave their time to help on the training days. Their friendly support and encouragement of the students contributes hugely to the progress and enjoyment of these occasions.

Looking ahead, although I believe the full-day training activities offer the best opportunity for making progress, the two regular monthly Guild activities make it increasingly difficult to find free Saturdays on which to hold them: it is also very demanding on the time of the limited number of willing helpers who might like to do other things than ringing on the occasional Saturday!

I am looking at other possible slots such as Sunday afternoons and evenings and other formats such as dedicating occasional tower practices to a training activity - this would obviously have to be with the agreement of the tower captain and local ringers. I should like to have the views of Guild members before planning the training Programme for 2018-9.

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