

West District 2017 Report

We have had a busy year with monthly evening practices for novice ringers and more experienced ringers, which have been both well attended. Although we started the year with the more advanced practice (Stedman onwards) at Westbourne, we moved it in the autumn to Arundel, to try to encourage any ringers on the east side of our district to come. The Saturday morning 6 bell Surprise methods practice has also continued to be very popular as has the 6 bell elementary practices each month, however, it does tend to be the same ringers wishing to learn who attend so it would be good to see some new faces. My thanks go to Colin Spencer, Graham Hills and Christine Butterfield for running these each month.

During the year we also held a day course of Bob Doubles when 5 learners practised with experienced ringers and this was very popular. There still seems to be a constant need for a whole day course to learn basic methods such as Bob Doubles and Grandsire and also to learn ringing up and down, so we do need to provide for both of these next year, even though there is an Association 2 day course in October. However, without our loyal helpers many of these practices couldn't take place so my thanks go to all of them for continuing to regularly help out

Our monthly Saturday get-together's each month have mostly been well attended and have included, as well as ringing, a walk around Chichester's Roman walls, a walk from Pulborough to Fittleworth, a Quiz with supper, a Service for Remembrance Day and a Christmas Carol Service.

No striking contest was held this year but after a ballot was sent out to our Towers there seems to be interest in having one again next year and we shall endeavour to include this in our events calendar.

I hope we will have another enjoyable year ringing with events arranged by our committee, and with the help of our experienced ringers who turn out every month to help. My thanks go once again to them for their help and to David Hall who helps me arrange all these events, and to the dedicated publicity team of Mandy and Hamish for publishing Sally Forth and the Diary for our members.

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