

B&WDACR: Dunster Branch Training Programme – September to December 2015

Date	Time & venue	Topic	Further details	Number of places
Monday 21 September	1900-2100	Cambridge and London Surprise Minor	Anyone wishing to practice Cambridge or London is welcome at this session. There will also be limited opportunities to practice treble bob hunting on the treble. Andrew Palk will be leading this session for us.	No limit
Monday 5 October	1900-2100	Calling touches of triples and major	This session is for those who would like to have a go at calling touches of triples and major. Methods are likely to be Plain Bob and Grandsire. Those who would just like to practise ringing touches of these methods will be welcome too. Andrew Palk will be leading this session for us.	No limit
Saturday 17 October	0930-1200	Plain Bob Doubles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Theory reminders ▪ Plain courses or touches ▪ Hunting the treble ▪ Ringing the tenor behind 	This is mainly aimed at those who have already had a go at ringing inside to Plain Bob Doubles, but would like some concentrated practice and maybe attempt bobs. There will also be opportunities to hunt the treble and ring the tenor behind.	6
Saturday 31 October	1430-1715	Bell handling skills (1)	A group from Brushford would like to learn to ring. So this session is especially for them.	Already booked
Saturday 7 November	1430-1715	Bell handling skills (2)	A follow-up session for the Brushford group.	Already booked
Saturday 28 November	0930-1200	New ringers' morning	This is aimed at those who have started ringing in the last year or two. Come along and meet other new ringers, and find out more about opportunities in the Dunster Branch and the wonderful world of bell ringing. Ring with other new ringers, try different bells and brush up your handling skills and ringing style.	No limit
Monday 30 November	1900-2100	Devon call changes	Ringing Devon call changes is fun! Come along and learn some callings and brush up your striking ready for some joyful ringing over the Christmas and New Year period. Andrew Palk will lead this session.	No limit
To be arranged	To be arranged	Conducting	This will be led for us by Mike Hatchett and will include both theory and practical sessions. It is for anyone who would like to develop/improve their conducting skills. If you are interested in this, please let Susan know and she will confirm the date and venue when finalised.	No limit
Christmas holidays	To be arranged	Young ringers' outing	We usually arrange a day's outing for our young ringers during the school Christmas holidays. Any young ringers in the branch are welcome to join us. If you've had youngsters join your band in recent months, please let us know so we can include them in the arrangements.	No limit

See overleaf for further information and how to book your place!

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Booking your place

For more information or to book your place, please contact Susan Mew, Branch Education Officer, by email at DunsterBranch.EducationOfficer@bath-wells.org or by phone on 01643 821209. Even if the programme says 'no limit', **please email or phone in advance to say you would like to attend.** We need to know in advance who is coming, to help us plan the session and also to be sure we have a viable number of participants and the right number of helpers.

Venues

All training sessions will be at St Michael's Church, on North Hill in Minehead unless otherwise stated. We will be using the simulator which means we can ring the bells without disturbing the neighbours. There is a toilet at the church and we will have a refreshment break half way through each session. Sessions are **FREE**, but donations to the tower fund will be welcome.

Helpers

We need helpers for all these sessions. Please contact Susan if you would like to help. You do not need to be very experienced or 'expert' but you do need to have a good handling style and a quiet, calm and supportive manner!

Preparation

Each practice will include some theory as well as practice. Handouts may be provided, but please bring your own notebook and any ringing books that you already have. If you are coming to a methods session, please do some homework beforehand!

Young ringers

All young ringers are welcome to attend the Taunton Branch practices held in the school holidays at Hillfarrence from 0930-1230. The next practice is on 29 October. Contact Tom Mitchell for more information: DunsterBranch.AsstRingingMaster@bath-wells.org

Support for your own band

If there is something that your band is working on and would like some outside help, please let Susan know and we will try to set up a tailored training session for you.

Branch Book Stall

A range of ringing books is on sale at each of our Branch business meetings, held three times a year in February, June and October. If you have any special requests, or you would like to buy some books in between meetings, please let Susan know.

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