# 2023 Guild Education Survey

Summary

Name (Optional) 53 responses

Tower (Optional)

57 responses



## Are you completing this survey as an individual or as a tower representative (required) 70 responses



## When did you start ringing

70 responses



### How do you classify yourself as a ringer

70 responses



#### Do you want to improve your ringing ability? 70 responses



What workshops would you like to see provided (multiple selections allowed) <sup>65</sup> responses



If you classed yourself an Intermediate or advanced ringer are you prepared to help less skilled ringers and attend workshops as a helper.

62 responses



## How do you classify yourself as a ringing teacher 67 responses



# If you aspire to be a ringing teacher, what would help you achieve this? Eg Course, Practice or Mentor

### 21 responses

N/A

Opportunity to teach and be mentored We need to get ART involved here

practice, mentor

Helping learners on practice night

ART course

A refresher course as I went on the ART course to teach a few years' ago but have never had the opportunity to use it - a classic case of if you don't use it, you lose it! Practice/mentor

I have taught many ringers over the years and find it very downhearted now that there are so few young people who want to learn the art of change ringing an ART refresher course to re affirm previous teaching Happy to assist where needed but not willing to take on a teaching role at the moment, perhaps in the future (I am a gymnastics & trampolining coach, so have some teaching experience in other fields!) Teaching Course Practice, although may be interested in a course Answering on behalf of a tower colleague. He would like to attend a course for aspiring teachers Course and practice Probably a bit of all three, but also just having more ringers attending the practice to free me up to stand behind someone. Practice

Practice

Tips, rules, things that the tower/individuals need to be aware of, or have in place.

How active is your tower at teaching new ringers 69 responses



How active is your tower in increasing the skill of the group. <sup>67</sup> responses



Are you willing to travel to practices improve your ringing skills and if so how far. 68 responses



How often would you like to see workshops provided 64 responses



## Comment on previous question. 26 responses

Would not necessarily attend every session

A bit difficult this one, as actually one workshop is sufficient but follow up ringing to support the learning needs to happen. I have been on a couple of courses for Surprise major and Stedman triples and then not rung them for months/years May depend where, day and time?

Doesn't interrupt standard practice

Some would only be needed every now and again. Some, eg St Simon's or conducting, will probably need regular follow-on sessions.

Regular opportunities to use new skills are essential or they are quickly lost Daytime practices or early evening as not willing to travel in the dark and returning home after 9pm

I feel every 3 months is about the right balance given other opportunities that take place regularly eg monthly District events, mid-week events plus regular practice nights.

This would supplement many other meetings and practices I attend.

Difficult, at one time I was involved with teaching many new ringers, but as age and years have passed I have loosed the ability to travel without assistance. So I fear I can only Help locally.

unfortunately for yourselves this would always depend on personal commitments Quarterly would be appropriate for me, but if they were more often, I'd try to make them! I attended Bradfield Ringing Course with my son Zander (when he was younger) and it was a wonderful experience - I would love to do something like that again, if it was available.

If possible, a follow up of first training session a few weeks later to practice and embed new skills as this often is not possible to practice at a home tower.

At Bramcote we have three teachers who regularly attend the practice. However, we do not have enough other reliable ringers to be able to have a strong band to progress in our method ringing. If we had some visitors coming to our practice that could ring touches of Plain Bob Doubles that would greatly help us to increase the skills of our ringers.

Monthy is a good amount if there is enough support as some people might miss a workshop for work or other commitments

Useful to meet up with other ringers and learn from their experience

This should give time to practice & consolidate what has been learnt

Work usually prevents me from getting out more.

Many competing commitments!

Depends a lot on what and who the w/shop is aimed at.

Frequency must depend surely on possibilities to consolidate

I work so couldn't commit to too often.

Still need to acquire rope sight. Need an experience team around me and a helper standing with me to direct me. Currently we are short of experienced ringers.

My ringing has deteriorated since I had a fall causing a Subaracnoid Haemorrhage and broken right ring finger.

Monthly would be ideal. It will fit well with the practising.

Due to the volume of evening ring I already do, I may not be able to fit in additional monthly commitment.

#### Please add any further comments. 26 responses

Some parts of the district seem to be suffering a dearth of ringers and teachers. It is hard to build a band if the towers don't have good teachers. Not sure how we address that one though. I find myself spread pretty thinly at times.

1) i have no home tower within the county hence some questions are not relevant eg how active re recruiting etc

2) re workshops, one on striking would be good

3) re travelling to improve my ringing - I travelled an hour, weekly in 2022 but looking to reduced that in 2023 to around 30 mins as tired of all the travelling and sitting waiting for trains.

Guild and district Ringing events (unless invitation only) to be advertised on the website and bell board diary with a contact number to confirm if still on.

This may encourage ringers to attend not just guild members.

I am aware ringing meetings are no longer advertised in the Ringing World. Sorry if this sounds negative but I started ringing when I was 50 because ringers were needed for Service ringing at St Mary's. I have progressed with my ringing within this and I'm happy with what I do.

Bunny tower(6) is available for teaching and practice on heavy bells most days