

RINGERS` REPORT 2022

There are reasons to be cautiously optimistic about ringing in our branch of the guild. We have publicised on social media the times we have rung for annual events (New Year`s Eve, Remembrance Sunday) as well as the national events that took place last year. Locals have thanked us for the way in which we have marked these occasions. We even had a video of us ringing in the New Year on Facebook!

The Improvers` Practices have continued to be popular and participants have been grateful to have the opportunity to hone their skill or to move onto a higher level of ringing. Last year`s hosts included St Tudy (of cake fame), Poughill, Week St Mary as well as ourselves. Members of our band are very important helpers at these events.

On the social side, we joined Launcells ringers in an enjoyable minibus outing that took in Otterham, Advent, St Tudy, lunch at St Teath, followed by Lanteglos. We also joined with fellow ringers at The Brendon Arms in December for an end-of-year dinner.

One of the highlights of `22 was the Association of Ringing Teachers` course held at Lanteglos-by-Camelford. Les Boyce led the day-long session and it was good to see how many of our local ringers took the opportunity either to revise their teaching approach or even consider teaching for the first time. Several towers have learners in the pipeline and this year`s headline "Ring for the King" might well result in more recruits, we currently have two who are making good progress in their bell-handling and, we hope, will be ringing over the coronation weekend in May`23.

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