

Dear Ringer

Welcome to the Surrey Association of Church Bell Ringers. The majority of our new members are new to ringing and have been encouraged by their own church band to join the Association. But you may have been ringing for years, maybe not in Surrey, and have recognised the extra benefits that membership of the Association can offer.

Some of you may have returned to ringing after a break - it's good to have you back. I hope you have many valuable and enjoyable years of membership of the Association.



Our primary aim is to promote, advance, maintain and support the ringing of bells for services. I think ringing can be compared with playing a more conventional musical instrument. The more you do it the better you become and derive greater enjoyment and satisfaction from your performance. A good way to help with this is if you go to other nearby practices to meet some different ringers and see what is rung at other towers, where you will always be welcome. They might be able to help you develop your ringing or you might be able to help them. Encourage them to come to your practice as well.

We offer help in many ways. There is an Annual Report in this pack. Please take a little time to look at the pages which report the activities of the various committees. This will give you some idea of our range of activities. You will also find a list of all our members at each church - a good opportunity to look up your own tower and discover people's surnames!

Do come along to a district practice or training event. These will be advertised on your tower notice board and on our website at www.surreybellringers.org.uk/events/

Details of most up-to-date events are also circulated on our Yahoo e-mail group. Find out how you can join this at www.surreybellringers.org.uk/members/yahoo-groups/

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