



Dear Ringers,

It was good to see those who attended the Bell Ringers' Carol Service on Saturday, and hopefully some of you who were unable to be there in person were able to enjoy the service via zoom. Following this fantastic event, I am writing to wish you all the very best Season's Greetings. I hope you have enough ringers to cover all the services during the festive period.

I am delighted to have received a good number of surveys back; thank you for taking the time to complete them! If you haven't done so already please feel free to send me your thoughts and feedback – president@devonbells.co.uk. All your comments are extremely valuable.

There is an overwhelming consensus that the Devon Association of Ringers should provide more training opportunities for our ringers. This includes rising and lowering, maintenance and striking workshops, among other topics. To this end we will be running four workshops in 2023 to support the ongoing development of our ringers, starting at 10am on each day. We are hoping to run a morning workshop, enjoy some social time over lunch, then perhaps some additional ringing or open towers in the afternoon, depending on numbers. There will be one in each area of the county but these will be open to all, so feel free to come to all of them if you wish!

Please make a note of these dates in your 2023 diary:

- Saturday 18th February 2023
- Saturday 20th May 2023
- Saturday 18th August 2023
- Saturday 18th November 2023

Further information about the itinerary and locations will be available early in January. The November date will fall on the same day as the Devon Association of Ringers' AGM; the workshop will take place in the morning and the AGM later in the day.

I wish you all a fantastic Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Yours in fellowship,

Suzanne Driscoll
President, Devon Association of Ringers 2022 - 2023