Monmouth Branch Ringing Course 2027

Saturday 13th February 2027

It's time to think about the annual Monmouth Branch BIG ringing course again! Please can those ringers who are interested in either being students, or are willing to act as helpers or tutors, please fill in the attached form and return it to Andrew Phillips by **Friday 8th January 2027**.

The courses available are given in the following list. The number of courses run on the day will depend on demand and availability of tutors and helpers. Please fill in your availability for both the morning and afternoon sessions, your requirement for lunch.

- Call Changes & Kaleidoscope exercises
- Learning to Plain Hunt.
- Advanced Plain Hunt.
- Introduction to Plain Bob Doubles.
- Ringing touches of Plain Bob Doubles.
- Plain Course of Grandsire Doubles
- Touches of Grandsire Doubles

Some courses may have more than one group, but each group will usually be limited to a maximum of 4 students per group. Attached is a synopsis with the information of each course to help you decide which one best suit's your needs. The synopsis also includes the prerequisites for entry for each of the courses. **When deciding to enrol on a course, please remember to be realistic about your anticipated progress between now and the course. You may well end up ringing on bells you are not familiar with, which can hold some people back on the day, so students invariably find that they get most out of the course if they are realistic about their current ringing ability.** Your tutor's flexibility will ensure that being over-modest does not hold you back.

We reserve the right to take the students based on **first come first served** to suit the group numbers mentioned above, depending on courses and the number of helpers and tutors available on the day.

We are ALWAYS short of helpers, so **please, please, please** put your names down to volunteer as helpers on the day if you not intending to be a student. This will save us from conscripting students or others as "volunteers" later! The more helpers we have, the better the learning experience will be for the students and the more courses we will be able to run. We would particularly like to see people who have been students on courses in previous years make themselves available as helpers this year. This is great fun for the helpers as well as the students. It is also a good opportunity for concentrated practice as well as being a good social occasion.

The format of the course will the same as in previous years with morning and afternoon ringing sessions being punctuated by lunch. The course will be based at Newport Cathedral.

The cost of the course will be **£5** for students and helpers who are having lunch (Pizzas). This will include Tea, Coffee, and lunch. There will be no charge for Tea's & Coffee's. As in previous years we will have pizzas for lunch (from The Square Pizza company which seem to enjoy year after year), so it is **important to know exact numbers** for lunch, so please could everyone indicate on the form if they need lunch.

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Course Details and Prerequisites

Which is the right course for me?

Call Changes & Kaleidoscope exercises

- If you can competently handle a bell and can ring rounds unaided
- The session will concentrate on a mixture of Call Changes and kaleidoscope exercises such as Mexican wave.

Learning to Plain Hunt

- If you are competent at handling a bell in rounds and can ring call changes and do kaleidoscope exercises without any additional prompting, then the next stage for you is Plain Hunting.
- If you have just started with Plain Hunt and want more practice

Advanced Plain Hunt

- If you can ring plain hunt on one or more bells and can do this without too much additional prompting, then the next stage for you is Advanced Plain Hunt.
- If you would like to learn to hunt the treble to a method, then this is the course for you.
- If you need to further develop your rope sight

Learning Plain Bob Doubles

- If you ring Plain Hunt competently including hunting the treble to a method.
- Have you just started to learn Plain Bob Doubles and need more practice?

Touches of Plain Bob Doubles

- If you are competent at ringing plain courses of Plain Bob Doubles, and now want to ring touches.
- Have started to ring touches and want more practice.

Learning Grandsire Doubles

- If you ring Plain Hunt competently including hunting the treble to a method.
- Have you just started to learn Grandsire Doubles and need more practice?

Learning Touches of Grandsire Doubles

- If you can ring Plain courses of Grandsire competently including.
- Have started to ring touches and want more practice.

If you do have any questions or queries as to which is the right course for you then please don't hesitate to contact Andrew (contact details on the attached form).

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Students

Name	Home Tower	AM	PM	Lunch required?	Call Changes & Kaleidoscope	Plain Hunt	Advanced Plain Hunt	Learning Plain Bob Doubles	Touches of Plain Bob Doubles	Grandsire Doubles Plain Courses	Grandsire Doubles Touches

Helpers

Name	Tower	AM	PM	Lunch (Pizza) required Y/N

Please return all forms to me **by Friday 8th January 2027**.

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An online form can be found here (when accessed from an electronic copy)
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