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News from Ringing Foundation projects in the North Bucks Branch and St Martin's Guild.

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Newsletter - December 2012

This newsletter is being circulated to Guild and Association officers, including Districts and Branches, as part of our programme to improve communication to the exercise. Please feel free to forward it on via your own internal distribution lists.

The Ringing Foundation

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Formed in 2007 to support the development of the skills, practice and art of change ringing. We soon realised the need for a structured programme of training and brought together a group of people to help us develop a curriculum Learning The Ropes and a scheme to get more people teaching bell-handling and change ringing The Integrated Teacher Training Scheme (ITTS). One of our immediate goals is to ensure that an additional five hundred new ringers are trained up to at least Plain Bob Minor level each year, in order to replace those ringers that are likely to retire over the next 20 years.

[North Bucks Branch recruits 39 new members](#)

The North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, had become concerned about the future of ringing in its area. In response it organised a recruitment campaign, The Big Ring Pull, with an exhibition in Milton Keynes Shopping Centre. Taster sessions and a follow up programme of training have resulted in 39 new ringers sprinkled around the Branch. New teachers were taught using [ITTS](#). The Ringing Foundation supported this project with a grant of £1,000. [Read more >>](#)



[St Martin's Guild Birmingham train 8 youngsters from scratch in a week](#)

The Guild recruited a group of eight new youngsters and gave them a week long intensive course over the school holidays. [ITTS](#) teachers followed the [Learning the Ropes curriculum](#) and by the end of the week, six of the youngsters had reached Level 1 (Rounds). The new ringers will now be integrated into the Guild young ringers group. The Foundation supported this project with a grant of £200. [Read more >>](#)

[ITTS Course goes from strength to strength](#)

The ITTS Course consists of two one day theoretical modules, plus a period where each new teacher is mentored by an existing experienced teacher whilst they teach their first new pupils. We have now held over 40 [Module 1](#) courses and there are over 300 new teachers working their way through the system, mentored by over 160 experienced teachers. We would very much like to extend coverage of the scheme and if you have a group of people who are interested in working their way through the scheme, please contact [Pip Penney](#) of the Association of Ringing Teachers. The course is sponsored by the Ringing Foundation. [Read](#)



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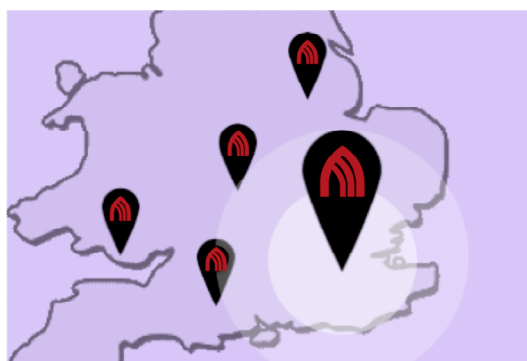
[Ring for Fitness with Churches Conservation Trust](#)

We are in discussions with the Churches Conservation Trust who look after redundant church buildings, some of which contain bells. They are keen to promote bell ringing as a way of making these buildings accessible, and they will also be directing people to the [Discover Bell Ringing](#) website. The campaign has already seen publicity in the London Evening Standard and on BBC Local and National Radio stations.



[Discover Bell Ringing: A website for non-ringers](#)

Rob Parker our webmaster has developed a website aimed at non-ringers www.bellringing.org. Non-ringers can [click on a map](#) and be directed to the Society website giving details of practices in their local area. There is also the facility to complete a form which e-mails the local Education/Training officer or Branch/District Secretary. We have been careful to conceal e-mail address, minimising the risk of spam. Please check this out for your local area, and let us have any feedback. [Read more >>](#)



[Support the Ringing Foundation](#)

In order to enable us to continue with our work, we need a steady stream of donations. [Our website sets out the various ways in which you can donate](#). We are particularly keen for individual ringers to donate by [standing order](#) as a large number of a gift aided donations of say £10 or £25 per annum will help considerably. We are also keen that Societies make regular donations and follow the lead of North Staffs Assn, the Ely Diocesan Assn and the Guild of Devonshire Ringers that have each donated

notable funds to the Foundation. [Donate now >>>](#)

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