

## HUNTSHAM RINGING POLICY:

Our aim as a Ringing Centre is to accommodate all those who wish to learn to ring or to improve their ringing abilities in a friendly and helpful way. In 2007 we received a national award for being the best ringing centre that year and we have sought to maintain a professional and quality service within the following policy guidelines.

- 1 That the louvers to the bell chamber shall be shut during all ringing sessions except when ringing for church services, weddings and blessings and for other significant local events as agreed with the churchwardens.
- 2 There shall be not more than one "beginners" practice per week and this is currently held on Monday evenings between 7.30 and 9.00 pm.
- 3 There shall be one "advanced" practice per month and this shall be held on the fourth Wednesday evening between 7.30 and 9.00 pm.
- 4 Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month there will be a Branch Triples practice 7.30-9pm
- 5 There will be Branch fortnightly focused practices on Wednesdays or Friday mornings, 10.00-12.00, in 6 session blocks.
- 6 There shall be six or more "training" events each year and these will normally be held on Saturdays between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. When possible these will be held at two monthly intervals.
- 7 There shall be Young Ringers events (2hrs) during School Holidays
- 8 The regular regional peal band will attempt one peal per week throughout the year and these peal attempts will normally be held between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm on Thursdays.
- 9 The Ancient Society of College Youths will attempt to ring peals on the fifth Sunday afternoons, (normally four per year) between 2.30 and 5.30 pm.
- 10 There will be not more than one major ringing event held each year. Normally these events will be held on Saturdays and will take the form of striking competitions or annual festivals for local ringing societies.
- 11 Reasonable provisions will be made to enable visiting ringers from other towers and societies to come and ring at Huntsham. These visiting ringers may just wish a few moments ringing, or wish to attempt quarter peals or peals. On average we receive between 12 and 15 such attempts each year.
- 12 Bands will be provided to ring for services, weddings, blessings and other occasions at the request of the priest-in-charge or the churchwardens.
- 13 All visiting ringers will be met, offered suitable refreshments and shown how to close and open louvers, how to disengage the clock chimes and all other provisions made for their safety.
- 14 Visiting ringers will be expected to leave a suitable donation and when they have rung a quarter peal or peal to put the details in the book provided so that our web site can be updated.