

## **THE AIMS OF THE TROYTE RINGING CENTRE:**

### *Introductory notes:*

*The first draft of this document was circulated in June 2015. It was circulated at a time when people were busy and so the time during which comments on the initial draft would be welcome was, by general request, extended. The intention was to give everyone adequate time to make some initial comment. Thus by the end of September we have probably obtained all the comments we are likely to get at this stage. This does NOT mean that further comments will be unwelcome. What is hoped is that every aspect of ringing and ringing related activity as seen by those more closely involved is included in general terms at this stage. The intention has been to produce a document which is inclusive, in other words there is a place for every person associated with ringing at Bampton and Huntsham and the Ringing Centre which is centred therein.*

*Comments received may be summarised as ranging from small revisions to the wording, to suggestions for the inclusion of other activities, to concerns about confusions between the activities of the Ringing Centre and those of the North East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, to a complete re-write of the whole paper in a very different format. Thus this revised document will not suit everyone. However, it is a working document and hopefully will remain so. It can be revised and reshaped as necessary at any time. But to some extent it is important to make progress within the agreed areas.*

*Thus there will now be a process of refinement during which people can select those teams of which they would like to be part and can firm up their aims and intentions in greater detail. Joining a team which concentrates on one of the five principal sections of our activities does NOT limit personal activity in any of the other activities described below.*

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Troyte Ringing Centre began life in 2001, became fairly well established in 2003 when it was recognised by the Central Council Ringing Centres Committee, and was the winner of the Founders' award in 2007 as the best ringing centre during that year. Between 2007 and 2010 the Centre worked increasingly in collaboration with the North East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and saw itself in 2010 as an integral part of the Branch structure. In 2013 the Branch officers decided that they did not want the Ringing Centre as an integral part of the Branch structure. Hence there are some blurred lines between Branch and Centre as the reasons for separating Branch and Ringing Centre were never clarified.

The Ringing Centre is located within the tower of All Saints Huntsham with a ring of eight bells and a tenor of 8cwt, and the tower of St. Michael and All Angels Bampton with a ring of six bells having a tenor of 14 cwt. Together with a separate practice bell and simulator. The following aims, and indications of how they may be achieved, apply to both towers unless the specific tower to which they apply is given.

Our primary aims are to establish ourselves as voluntary church workers operating under the umbrellas of the appropriate Parochial Church Councils regarding matters of insurance, health and safety and the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and to develop and encourage the ringing of church bells as part of community led worship and as a locally led performing arts Centre. Any interested ringer regardless of where they live and the tower or Ringing Society to which they belong can become a member of the TRC if they so wish. (This statement needs further clarification). One of the purposes of this document and the gestation process through which it is going is to identify those who wish to become voluntary workers at TRC in those areas of special interest to themselves.

## **SECTION A: THE PRACTICE OF RINGING:**

### **SERVICE RINGING:**

*Our aim is to ring the tower bells at Bampton and at Huntsham for church services as requested by the incumbent and PCCs.*

At Bampton we intend to ring for Sunday services as follows:

- The first Sunday in the month for the 11.00 am and the 6.30pm services
- The second Sunday in the month for the 11.00 community service
- The third Sunday in the month for the 11.00 am service
- The fourth Sunday in the month for the 11.00 am and 6.30pm services

At Huntsham we intend to ring for Sunday services as follows:

- The second Sunday in the month for the 09.30 am service.

At present we do not have sufficient ringers to ring for more than two services on a Sunday thus we cannot at present ring for the service at Huntsham on the fourth Sunday in each month.

- The fifth Sunday in the month we intend to ring for the Hukeley Mission Community service at 11.00 am when this is held at either Bampton or Huntsham.

All Sunday ringing starts with a prayer and we always welcome visits from clergy to join us in prayer.

The Troyte Ringing Centre provides a list of the service ringing requirements so that ringers may indicate their availability.

*Mike Hatchett is responsible for providing appropriate lists in the Bampton ringing chamber and for providing a weekly statement of ringing at Huntsham for display in the Huntsham bus shelter. Weekly practices service ringing is currently run by Shelia Scofield at Bampton and Mike Hatchett at Huntsham.*

*Those regularly participate in service ringing at either tower are: Ann Barrow, Simon Bartlett, Chris Bolt, Mandy Burnett, Jeannie Byham, Carla Dawes, Mike and Pat Hatchett, Sheila Scofield, Tony Trigg, Peter Vincent, Jack Ward, Mike Weight. Two member of the Bampton Primary School After School Club are now ready for Service Ringing, these are: Fergus Kettleborough and Jess ???? We also have regular visits to Bampton from Allen Tuffnell who has a holiday home in Bampton.*

## **RINGING FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS:**

### ***Our aim is to ring for weddings and funerals as requested***

We intend to ring as requested for weddings or blessings at either Huntsham or Bampton churches and for civil weddings at Huntsham Court.

We intend to ring for funerals at either Huntsham or Bampton churches as requested.

We have a wide cohort of ringers from which we select bands to ring for weddings or funerals. For weddings and blessings we, at present, have a standard charge of £100 for ringing at Huntsham and £80 for ringing at Bampton, of which £20 goes into each bell fund and £10.00 is offered to each ringer. These are considered to be donations made directly by the respective wedding parties to the ringers, and this avoids the bellringers being considered as part time employees of each church. We make no specific charge for ringing at Funeral or Memorial services, and leave those asking for the bells to be rung on these occasions to make appropriate donations. These donations go into the appropriate bell funds.

*The primary contacts for those wishing to request bells to be rung for weddings or funerals are Sheila Scofield and Pat Hatchett.*

*We have a wider list of ringers upon whom we can call for weddings and funerals. At present these include: Richard Barker, Frances Brice, Darren Brice, David Bromwich, Brian Samuels, Mark Heritage and Jenny Jones in addition to the normal Bampton and Huntsham ringers.*

## **RINGING FOR SPECIFIC CIVIC OCCASIONS:**

### ***Our aim is to ring Bampton tower bells for specific civic occasions***

At Bampton we intend to ring the bells on specified occasions each year as follows:

- For Holocaust Memorial Day on 27<sup>th</sup> January
- For St. George's Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> April
- For the Feast of St. Michael on 29<sup>th</sup> September
- For St. Luke's Day on 18<sup>th</sup> October

- For Bampton Fair Day on the last Thursday in October
- For New Year's Eve on 31<sup>st</sup> December

These dates are reviewed regularly and revised at the wishes of the community or bellringers.

*All Troyte Ringing Centre members are invited to participate in these events and to suggest appropriate ringing times for each occasion which are convenient for them if they so wish to participate. These dates and agreed times of ringing are included in the lists displayed in Bampton Ringing Chamber.*

## **RINGING FOR FAMILY CELEBRATIONS:**

***Our aim is to ring as requested for specific family celebrations***

We intend to ring whenever requested by members of either community to celebrate significant dates in their lives such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries and other significant dates as defined by community members. These "celebration rings" are for approximately 30 minutes each and we present certificates to those who ask for us to ring. We also provide recordings when requested. We make no charges for these celebration rings but we do accept donations which go into the relevant tower bank accounts.

*Pat Hatchett is the primary contact for requests to ring for family celebrations and Tony Trigg provides appropriate certificates of the ringing which has taken place and these are delivered by Pat Hatchett to the person making the request.*

## **EXTENDED RINGING OPPORTUNITIES:**

***Our aim is to provide opportunities at Huntsham on either six or eight bells for ringers to enjoy extended ringing as:***

We intend to provide:

- Dedicated practices of two to three hours duration designed to help ringers embed new methods and to consolidate the methods they already know
- Opportunities to ring with a wider group of ringers than is normally possible within the locality

*Currently these are organised and programmed in collaboration with Officers of the North east branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.*

## **PERFORMANCE RINGING OPPORTUNITIES:**

***Our aim is to encourage ringers to participate in performances which are***

***recognised and recorded as such either within the Ringing World or within on-line databases designed for the purpose.***

We intend to offer:

- Attempts to ring quarter peals in a method or methods of the individual's choice
- Attempts to ring peals as requested by ringers from the wider community

The Troyte Ringing Centre will arrange support bands, wherever possible, from competent ringers who are committed to supporting the development of method ringing skills in the area.

*The primary contacts for inclusion in these extended ringing opportunities are Sheila Scofield for long touches and quarter peals and Mike Hatchett for peals. There is a more or less regular band which attempts peals normally at Huntsham on Thursday mornings and a band of members of the Ancient Society of College Youths who attempt peals on the fifth Sunday afternoon at Huntsham. Peals at Bampton are normally restricted to the morning of Bampton Fair, which is the last Thursday in October.*

## **SECTION B: RINGING RELATED SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

### **PROVIDING A CARING COMMUNITY FOR BELLRINGERS:**

***Our aim is to offer our bell ringers a wider community experience and thus we provide a range of opportunities for ringers to enjoy each other's company and to develop friendships outside ringing.***

We intend to provide the following social opportunities for Troyte Ringing Centre participants:

- On the first Thursday evening each month after practice we meet in either the church or the Swan, for coffee or other suitable liquid refreshment and general discussion. All visiting ringers are welcome to join us on these occasions
- A simple monthly Newsletter to keep all our ringers informed of events and ringing opportunities. Copies of these Newsletters are available as paper copies each month or to download from our web site.
- An annual outing involving ringing in appropriate local towers with a picnic tea in a suitable pleasant location
- An annual DIY supper in the Bampton Community Hall between the New Year and Ash Wednesday.

- We encourage our ringers to participate in the quarterly meetings of the North East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and in joint meetings with the Dunster Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association

*We invite those interested in the activities of the Trotye Ringing Centre to participate in these events for which the primary contacts are Sheila Scofield, Pat and Mike Hatchett.*

## **WORKING WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES:**

*Our aim is to invite our bellringers to participate in the following community based activities:*

- Providing coffee, tea and biscuits after the morning service on Sundays in Bampton, where we volunteer together with others to share these duties on a rota
- We hold two coffee mornings each year in Bampton church where the funds raised together with others funds raised by the bellringers are donated to the PCC Fabric Fund
- We parachute teddy bears from the top of our church tower as our contribution to the Bampton Open Day festivities.

*We invite those interested in the activities of the Trotye Ringing Centre to participate in these events and the primary contacts are Sheila Scofield, Pat and Mike Hatchett.*

## **SECTION C: TOWER MAINTENANCE:**

### **BASIC TOWER MAINTENANCE:**

*Our aim is to provide all the basic maintenance required to keep our bells, bell frames and fittings - together with the bell and ringing chambers and any other associated spaces - in good order and fit for the purposes for which they are required.*

The spaces inside church towers, together with their bells and bell frames, and the spaces where ringers stand in order to ring, require regular but infrequent low level maintenance. These maintenance activities include preventing access by birds and bats without preventing adequate ventilation, keeping floors clean and spaces tidy, seeing that ropes are in good order, that bolts and fittings are tightened as necessary and that appropriate surface coatings are applied to minimise deterioration of components. We intend to provide new ropes for each ring of bells as and when necessary, and we intend to retain sufficient replacement ropes so that ringing is not compromised because of the poor condition of the ropes. We intend also to report to the appropriate PCC any serious defects or

maintenance problems which become apparent during basic tower maintenance. We anticipate that most of this work will be undertaken by volunteers.

Our intention is that these volunteers will attend approved courses on bell and tower maintenance as run by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers so that they are properly informed of all safety and good practice procedures to be followed during their work. It is also our intention that these volunteers shall be provided, at no cost to themselves, with all necessary tools and equipment needed to do basic maintenance safely and with ease.

From time to time as may be necessary, and normally not less frequently than every ten years, a competent bell hanger will be engaged to check over the whole installation in each tower and to report on the conditions of the bells, their fittings and the bell frames generally, and to identify any maintenance or improvements required. These visits and reports by competent bell hangers should be programmed to fit in with the normal quinquennial inspections undertaken by persons approved by the Diocese, so that these specialist reports can be included within reports made to the PCCs and to the Diocese.

It is our intention that all normal regular and low level maintenance and repair work which might reasonably be anticipated during the next fifty years will be provided at no cost to either PCC.

*At Bampton the following volunteers provide basic maintenance to our bells and their fittings and generally keep the bell chamber clean and tidy.*

*Tony Trigg, Jack Ward and Mike Weight*

*At Huntsham the following volunteers provide basic maintenance to our bells and their fittings and generally keep the bell chamber clean and tidy.*

*Mandy Burnett, Chistopher Bolt*

## **SOUND CONTROL SYSTEMS:**

After consultation at the beginning of the Huntsham bell project in 2002, it was agreed that a professionally designed, manufactured and installed sound control system would be provided for the bell chamber at Huntsham. This was included in the major works programme completed in 2004. The aim was to reduce significantly the sound output from the bell chamber during extended periods of ringing, including weekly practices, but not to impede sound output during service ringing and ringing for weddings, funerals and other civic occasions as requested by the local community. This was achieved with the only criticism that, as parts of the louvre system were permanently closed and the sound lantern on the tower roof removed, it was no longer possible to hear the clock strike the hours over such a wide area as was previously possible.

The system has now been in use for over ten years and is in need of an upgrade. The principal problem is that the control ropes which open and close the shutters from a lever

in the ringing chamber cannot be easily adjusted, with the consequence that the shutters do not always close completely, thus allowing sound to escape around the edges of the shutters. It is our intention to replace the pulleys and control cords with more robust pulleys and control wires, the tightness of which can be adjusted by bottle screws. This improvement work will be paid for from the Huntsham tower and bell fund as and when funds become available.

We decided, partly because of the cost implications of fitting shutters to the large louvred openings in the walls of the bell chamber at Bampton, and partly because the Bampton community wants to hear the bells rung as they request, that we would not install a sound control system in the Bampton bell chamber.

*The primary contacts for work within Huntsham regarding the sound control system are Mike Hatchett and Mandy Burnett.*

## **BELLS AS A LONG TERM ASSET TO EACH CHURCH AND TO THE HUKLEY MISSION COMMUNITY:**

***Our aim is to ensure that the tower bells in each tower are an asset to each church and to the Mission Community generally and therefore contribute to general fund raising activities rather than become a liability to either.***

We have clearly established over the last decade that raising funds is a by-product of our activities as a Ringing Centre. Our combined annual income from both towers is now almost £5,000, with of course monthly and annual fluctuations. This has allowed us to make annual donations to each PCC, to the Devon Bell Restoration Fund, Help for Heroes and to the Farm Community Network for their work in Devon. This last charity was suggested to us by the Hukeley Mission Community and we have made annual donations of £500 in recent years through the Hukeley Mission Community, so that these donations are seen as part of the charitable work of the Mission Community.

We have also established capital growth funds for each tower under the umbrella of each PCC, and we are intending to invest £1,000 per year into each separate fund as and when sufficient funds are available. Our intention is that these capital growth funds will provide most of the funds needed, hopefully, in more than 50 years time for major works of rehanging or recasting as they become necessary.

It is also our intention that the annual income from the Troyte Ringing Centre will enable us to make grants to each PCC towards the general maintenance of each church.

*The primary contacts for information about our investment programme are Penny Pulver and Mike Hatchett for Huntsham and Jack Ward and Mike Hatchett for Bampton.*

## **SECTION D: THE DEVELOPMENT OF RINGING SKILLS:**

### **ADDRESSING THE FUTURE NEEDS FOR BELLRINGING IN THE SURROUNDING AREA:**

*Our aim is to address, together with others outside the Troyte Ringing Centre, the future needs for bell ringing in the wider community outside the boundaries of the Hukeley Mission Community.*

The Troyte Ringing Centre has, during the last ten years, developed interests and commitments which are spread wider than the Hukeley Mission Community. Our Ringing Centre is one of approximately fifty ringing centres throughout the world which are formally recognised by the Ringing Centres Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The Troyte Ringing Centre was awarded the Founders' Company prize for the best Ringing Centre in 2007

Our intentions to address the future needs for bellringing in the surrounding area are enriched by the activities described above. Our commitment to these aims influences the way in which we are addressing the future needs of ringers and ringing in the wider community.

With these general introductory statements in mind we have recently created a Training Sub Committee which will specifically address the following issues. The membership of the Training Sub Committee is as follows:

*Chairman: Mr. Leslie Boyce - Member of the Association of Ringing Teachers and of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Ringing Centres Committee*

*Principal Trainer: Sheila Scofield - Education Officer of the North East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and Member of the Association of Ringing Teachers*

*Trainer: Mike Hatchett and training support worker: Pat Hatchett.*

*In addition there are a growing number of helpers who support our training and ringing development programme and these include: Richard Shere, Matthew Webb, David Bromwich, Paul Mainwaring, Brian Samuels, Richard Barker, Mark Heritage, Jenny Jones, Matthew Weighell, Charlotte Boyce,*

### **PROVISIONS FOR BASIC TRAINING IN BELL HANDLING:**

*Our aim is to teach basic bell handling using the most modern and internationally preferred approach.*

We now use the “Learning the Ropes” system which is part of the Integrated Teacher Training Scheme produced by the Association of Ringing Teachers as our preferred approach to the basic training of bell handling. This system is only for use by members of the Association of Ringing Teachers, and membership of this organisation is restricted to those who have satisfactorily completed appropriate training. It is our intention that all basic bell handling within the Troyte Ringing Centre is taught by members of the Association of Ringing Teachers.

*The primary contacts regarding basic bell handling within the wider community are Mr. Leslie Boyce and Sheila Scofield.*

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:**

***Our aim is to provide opportunities for children, parents and teachers associated with Bampton Primary School to participate in ringing tower bells full circle.***

At the beginning of 2015 we started an After School Bellringing Club for the children and parents associated with Bampton Primary School. We are now widening out the After School Bell Club to cater for all young people within Primary and Secondary Education. The Club is designed to introduce young people to ringing tower bells full circle with the intention of ringing for the school services held in St. Michael’s church. The members of the Club are being taught to ring using the ITTS “Learning the Ropes” scheme. It is also the intention of this new venture that once Club members have developed the necessary skills, they will continue to ring as members of an appropriate local tower.

The After School Bellringing Club also provides opportunities for young people to attend ringing events at Huntsham during school holidays and to participate in ringing events arranged by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

*Mr. Leslie Boyce and Sheila Scofield are the initial points of contact for information about the After School Club.*

### **SIX MONTHLY TRAINING PROGRAMME:**

**Our aim is to produce, in collaboration with the North East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, an ongoing series of six monthly training programmes which reflect the changing needs of ringers within the wider community.**

The Troyte Ringing Centre provides, with the full collaboration of the North East Branch education officer, a six monthly training programme of Saturday morning and mid week events held principally at Huntsham. It is our intention that these events include:

- Learning to raise and lower bells in peal

- Learning basic call changes
- Learning to plain hunt on 5 to 8 bells
- Learning Plain Bob Doubles and Plain Bob Minor
- Learning how to move on from Plain Bob Doubles and from Plain Bob Minor

The programme changes twice a year in an attempt to reflect the changing needs of ringers within the wider community. Brochures containing information about these and other Troyte Ringing Centre activities are distributed to all local towers and are available on the Troyte Ringing Centre web site. Places are limited on all these courses and booking is essential to ensure a place

These courses include refreshments and lunches as appropriate and a charge is made to participants to cover the costs of the courses and appropriate refreshments.

*Mr. Leslie Boyce and Sheila Scofield are the initial points of contact for information about the six monthly training programme*

## **WORKING WITH NUMBERS:**

*Our aim is to demonstrate through practical workshops how change ringing has developed over the centuries and how change ringing activities have become self regulating so that they might become better understood and the method learning process simplified.*

It is our intention that from time to time workshops are held which will examine:

- how methods are constructed
- some appropriate techniques for learning how to ring methods
- how to explore method ringing in a logical way
- how to conduct touches for periods of extended ringing.

These workshops are linked to the six monthly training programmes and to the extended ringing opportunities provided.

These workshops are generally of two hours duration, held on Saturday mornings and include refreshments. A charge is made to cover the costs of handouts and refreshments.

*Mr. Leslie Boyce and Mike Hatchett are the initial points of contact for information about the Working With Numbers workshops*

## **BESPOKE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH RESPONDS TO THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL TOWERS:**

*Our aim is to support the specific needs and interests of individual towers in the wider ringing communities.*

It is our intention that the Troyte Ringing Centre will also provide bespoke opportunities for specific groups of ringers to develop their skills in raising and lowering bells in peal, in ringing call changes and in learning and ringing specific methods.

These bespoke sessions can be held at Bampton or Huntsham, at the individual tower making the request or at some other tower more suitably located and equipped to meet the identified needs. These sessions can also be held at mutually convenient times and days of the week.

Refreshments are provided which reflect the needs and interests of those participating and for which an appropriate charge is usually made to cover the costs of each session.

*Mr. Leslie Boyce, Sheila Scofield and Mike Hatchett are the initial points of contact for information about bespoke training opportunities.*

## **MENTORING ACTIVITIES:**

***Our aim is to provide guidance from those with appropriate experience on a wide range of ringing related topics on a one-to-one basis as and when requested.***

Individuals members of the Troyte Ringing centre team are available to provide advice and support for those who consider that they might benefit from its receipt. This advice and support may take different forms and could include:

- Advice on suitable towers to visit and courses to attend
- Support at practical training events and extended ringing opportunities
- De-briefing sessions
- Recording progress using appropriate record books

*Mr. Leslie Boyce, Sheila Scofield and Mike Hatchett are available to discuss mentoring opportunities*

## **FUNDING TRAINING RELATED ACTIVITIES:**

***Our aim is to ensure that all training related activities undertaken by the Ringing Centre are self funded through attendance/course fees. We also intend to offer reimbursement of travel costs to those who help with training related activities, and this will require a clear and simple system of accounting for such claims. We also intend to offer grants as necessary to***

*supplement those available from the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.*

We established from 01 January 2015 a Training Sub Fund which at the end of August 2015 contains a surplus of £368.20.

*Jack Ward and Mike Hatchett currently administer this training sub fund as part of the Bampton Bellringers Account.*

## **SECTION E: COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **GUILD ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY THE TROYTE RINGING CENTRE:**

*Our aim is that the members of the Troyte Ringing Centre will support the activities provided by the North East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.*

The North East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers runs events which are supported by the Troyte Ringing Centre. These include:

- Monthly advanced eight bell practices held at different towers throughout the year and run in partnership with the East Devon Branch
- Monthly triples practices held at different towers throughout the year
- Monthly six bell practices held at different towers throughout the year
- Occasional targetted practices focussed on groups of methods such as doubles methods having Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Shipway's Place above the treble, Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Minor methods based upon Plain Bob above the treble.

It is our intention that the members of the Troyte Ringing Centre will be members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and encouraged to participate in these events

*Mr. Leslie Boyce as Branch Ringing Master and Sheila Scofield as Branch Education Officer are the initial point of contact for these events*

The Branch has also established a number of Practice Towers which welcome ringers to join the weekly practices at these towers. At present these Branch Practice Towers are:

- Monday evenings:   Huntsam                   (01398 331843)
- Tuesday evenings:   Tiverton St. Peter       (01884 256819)
- Thursday evening:   Bampton.                 (01398 331843)

There is no need to make prior arrangements to attend practices at these towers except at times associated with public holidays when a telephone call to the appropriate number given above may be helpful.

## **PUBLICITY:**

*Our aim is to provide publicity which describes clearly and simply what we do and when and how it is done.*

Members of our team are available to give talks, demonstrations and workshops on various aspects of tower bell ringing for which we have a set of professionally designed display boards and a demonstration bell hung for full circle ringing in a demountable frame.

We provide news updates on our website, through the local press, through specialist ringing publications such as Ringing Round Devon and The Ringing World, through the Central Council of Church Bellringers Ringing Centres Committee, through the Hukeley Mission monthly magazine "Signpost", our monthly newsletters and weekly programmes of ringing at Huntsham are posted in the Huntsham Bus Shelter.

Thus it is our intention that information and publicity regarding our activities is widely available to the wider community, to all ringers especially those who might be interested in participating in our ringing related activities.

*Ken Smith is our very competent and under used web master, and we really do need someone with communication skills who will keep Ken, who is not a bell ringer, informed of what is happening so that our web site can be kept up to date.*

## **CONTACTS WITH THE WIDER NON RINGING COMMUNITY:**

*Our aim is to hold tower open days, workshops and demonstrations using our demonstration bell, display boards and the hire of mobile mini rings to show what ringing tower bells involves, how it is developing and the opportunities available to the general public.*

It is our intention to hold at least one such event each year.

*All our ringers are invited to participate in these activities.*

## **IN CONCLUSION:**

Our initial intention is therefore to identify those who would like to be associated with one or more of these areas and who would work collaboratively for the future benefit of ringers and the wider communities within which our towers are located.

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