

Additional lecture information – practical lectures in towers

The star system works like this:

- No star talks require no specific ringing knowledge, and are suitable for all
- One star * are particularly suitable for students in Groups A, B & C
- Two stars ** assume some ringing knowledge, and are aimed D, E & F students
- Three stars *** assume a bit more knowledge and are for G, I, J & K students

These are only guidelines however.

For information about lectures in college, please see the separate PDF available on the course website.

8 Tower Maintenance

Get dirty with Nick Cooper-Tomkins! A practical session in a belfry, you will learn all the essentials to maintaining ropes and bells. Please bring old clothes or overalls. Both Friday and Saturday sessions are the same, so you only need to select one.

9, 10, 11, 22, 23 & 24 Developing ringing skills */**

On Friday and Saturday evening we offer some practical sessions to help develop your ringing skills.

9, & 22 Handling clinics * focus on bell control, and if you have any doubts about your ability to adapt to ringing strange bells, this is a good session to choose. The tutors will work to improve your style, which generally improves control at the same time.

10 & 23 Listening and timing */** This session is simulator based, and gives you chance to practice without focussing so much on what you are looking at. Too many ringers ring with their eyes instead of their ears (see also Listen to it!). A and B students should not choose this option, as they will have a simulator session at another time during the course.

11 & 14 Ringing up and down in peal *

When we used to have tutorials, this was a topic lots of students wanted us to cover. But it's not something that can be taught in the classroom, and it's not always satisfactory to cover it in group practicals either. So we now offer two sessions to develop this vital ringing skill. The first session is on tied bells, and helps ensure you have the right technique for ringing up and down. The second session may be a continuation of tied bell work for those who need a bit more practice, or on open bells for those ready to ring up and down with others. Demand for this group is always high and we frequently have to select who can join. You must opt for the Friday AND Saturday evening sessions: if you only choose one, you are unlikely to be selected for this option. Preference is also given to A & B students.