

Have Fun with Bells!

Learn Bellringing for the Platinum Jubilee!



Join a free introductory course to bell ringing run at St Buryan tower & ring for the Queen's Jubilee in June 2022

For over five hundred years the Church Bells of St Buryan have been resounding across our countryside. The sound of bells ringing is deeply rooted in English culture. They provide the grand soundtrack to our historic moments, call out for our celebrations and toll sadly in empathy with our grief.

The Covid pandemic halted ringing in the church tower. However, our enthusiastic ringers have not been

silenced! Ringers initially got together on-line to practise and learn. Since June last year (starting with the wedding of two of our ringers), we have rung whenever covid control measures allowed. This in turn has created an excellent opportunity for those new to ringing to find out all about it and why so many get the ringing bug.



We are offering to teach new ringers the joy, techniques, and benefits of bell ringing. We invite everyone to join us in these

sessions, from those who have simply wondered about how the bells are rung through to those interested in whether bell ringing is for them. With spring coming, Covid infection rates hopefully more controlled, now is the time to start a new hobby with the immediate goal of ringing for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee! This is an open invitation to come and learn in your local bell tower. The sessions will also be an occasion to meet others in a friendly setting.

Bell ringing is a team activity that keeps your brain active and your body agile. Some do it for the community of friends, some do it to contribute to Church life, some to keep the glorious sound of bells alive, and some do it for the pure pleasure and feeling of well-being it brings.

“when I’m ringing I forget all the tensions and frustrations of the day”.

The Buryan tower band includes young ringers to those well into retirement and all in between, male and female. Some attend church but others do not: there is no requirement to be a churchgoer. Whether your interest is theoretical, or whether you are wondering if bell ringing could be

for you, we invite you to come to a ‘Taster Session’ and take it from there.

Bell ringing does not require great strength, it's all in the technique - the feel between the bell and your hands via the rope. This will take some weeks to learn – so start now to ring by June!

The bells of St Buryan are themselves very special. Apart from sounding fabulous, they are famously the heaviest peal of six bells in the world and the tenor is the heaviest bell in all Cornwall, weighing in at just over 37 cwt.

We practice on Friday evenings, 7:30 till 9pm.

If you are interested in finding out about what the sessions entail, come for a Taster Session. These can be on any Friday practice night, just contact Miranda Penhaligon on Facebook ‘St Buryan Village’ or e-mail her on penhaligonmiranda@gmail.com

