

GENERAL TIPS FOR BETTER RINGING

(not a definitive list by any means)

GENERAL

Church Bell Ringing is a complex and challenging activity.

Don't ...

... expect to be able to do everything right first time.

Do...

...ring with determination and confidence.

LISTEN

Listen, not only to your bell, but practice at listening to the others too.
When you are sitting out practice listening to one particular bell.

BELL CONTROL

Practice correct bell control. Bell handling progresses to bell control.
Only with correct and accurate bell control can you strike well.

ROPESITE

"Look for the bells" Keep your eyes moving. Watch for HANDS. Don't look higher than head height.

MOVE THE BELL

When dodging really move the bell into the correct position. Work around the big bells especially, they have a lot harder time than the trebles.

HOMEWORK

Always prepare before the practice. Try not to wait until you arrive before swatting up.

WRITE OUT THE CHANGES

Learn how to write out the method you are learning, then draw in the blue line. Include the bobs and singles so that you begin to understand how touches are put together. Ask for help.

ASK FOR HELP

Most teachers have forgotten what it is like to learn. Try to make sure they understand what your difficulties are (as the learner).

TEACHERS

Make sure you know what the learner understands and if necessary find alternative ways of explaining things.

CALLING

If you are asked to call something make sure you speak loudly enough. Be assertive. Ringers like to know who is in charge.