



Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Ringing Trends Committee

Ringing Trends questionnaire 2007

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Tower(s) and dedication(s)	County	No. of ringable bells

NB. If you have a joint benefice and/ or your band of ringers ring at several churches please complete this form to cover all of the ringers who ring at all of the churches and name the towers.

Type of Area

Please tick or, for more than one tower listed above, name the tower

a) Town or city centre	
b) Suburbs	
c) City	
d) Town	
e) Village	

Part 1: About your ringers

1. How many ringers are there in your band?

(If there are no ringers at your church please go to Part 2)

2. What is their gender and age range? *(please state numbers in each group)*

	Male	Female
a) under 12		
b) 12-19		
c) 20-29		
d) 30-39		
e) 40-49		
f) 50-59		
g) 60-69		
h) over 70		

3. How old were your members when they learned to ring?
Please supply numbers in each age range.

a)	Under 12	
b)	Under 20	
c)	Under 30	
d)	Under 40	
e)	Under 50	
f)	Under 60	
g)	Over 60	

4. How many years have your ringers been ringing?
Please indicate numbers in each group.

a)	Less than 5	
b)	5 – 10	
c)	11 - 20	
d)	21 - 30	
e)	31 - 40	
f)	41 - 50	
g)	More than 50	

5. What is their occupation?
(Public servants etc should indicate their field of work)

a) Law/Accountancy/Finance		i) Armed/Security Services	
b) Sales		j) Service Industries	
c) Education		k) Farming.	
d) Medicine/Health care		l) Skilled Manual	
e) Science/ Engineering		m) Students in full time education	
f) General Managerial		n) Retired	
g) Clerical/Secretarial		o) Other:	
h) Clergy			

Part 2: About your tower and general ringing situation

		Yes	No
1.	Is there a regular band?		
2.	If the bells are not rung and/or there is no regular band at the tower why is this? <i>eg. Bells unringable, tower unsafe, no local ringers, complaints, other reasons.</i>		
3.	Are your bells regularly maintained?		
4.	Is significant work required to your bells or tower?		

5.	If there is a regular band what is the band situation? <i>Please tick</i>	
	a) Prospering	
	b) Steady	
	c) Declining	
	d) Struggling	

6.	Age of Tower Captain <i>Please tick</i>	
	a) under 25	
	b) 25 – 50	
	c) over 50	
7.	What sort of distances do your ringers travel to ring at your tower? <i>Please state numbers of ringers in each category</i>	
	a) less than 5 miles	
	b) 5-10 miles	
	c) more than 10 miles	

		Yes	No
8.	Are your bells rung on most Sundays when there is a service?		
9.	How many of your bells are normally rung on Sundays? <i>Please state number</i>		
10.	How many of your ringers normally ring on Sundays? <i>Please state number</i>		
11.	How often do you practice? <i>Please tick usual frequency</i>		
	a) twice weekly		
	b) weekly		
	c) fortnightly		
	d) monthly		
	e) no practice		
		12. What do you ring on Sundays?	13. What do you practice on practice nights?
		<i>Please tick all that apply</i>	
	a) Rounds / Call changes		
	b) Plain Bob		
	c) Grandsire		
	d) Stedman		
	e) Surprise methods		
14.	On average how many ringers attend on practice night? <i>Please state number</i>		
15.	How many of those are regular visitors? <i>Please state number</i>		
16.	How many people have been taught to ring in the last three years?		
17.	What was the age range? <i>Please state number in each range.</i>		
	a) under 12		
	b) 12 – 18		
	c) 19 - 40		
	d) over 40		
18.	How many of those taught in that time are still ringing? <i>Please state number</i>		
19.	How do you recruit learners?		
20.	How many ringers other than lost learners have you lost in the last three years?		
21.	How many ringers past the learning stage have joined your tower in that time?		

Part 3: General Questions

1.	How many of your ringers have/had a ringing relative?		
2a..	How many of your members ring or have rung 1 or more peals?		
2b.	How many of your members ring or have rung 1 or more quarter peals?		
3.	How many of your ringers belong to a ringing association (or more than one association)?		
4.	How many of your ringers attend association events?		
5.	How many regularly attend Sunday services at the local church or another church?		
6.	How many of your ringers read the <i>Ringing World</i> ?		
		Yes	No
7.	Does your tower have an AGM?		
8.	Are your tower officers elected by the band?		
9.	If not, how are they appointed?		
10.	Do you have a tower fund?		
11.	Who funds any maintenance or repair costs for your bells? (eg PCC?)		
12.	What social activities do your ringers take part in? <i>eg. Skittles evenings, lunches, dinners, etc</i>		
13.	Does your tower have sound control?		
14.	Do you get (or have you had) any complaints about your bells ringing?		
15.	If so, what was the outcome?		