

# What is a Ringing Centre?

*“A Ringing Centre is a combination of people, tower bells, technology and other facilities designed to help people learn to ring. Centres are intended to promote high standards of teaching and to train teachers of ringing.”*

**Gail Cater** – Central Council of Church bell Ringers

# What training events take place at The Ringing Centre?

## Training Days

These will be organised by The Centre on a regular basis and will cover subjects that people have identified would be helpful to them. Normally they will be 5 hour events with a lunch break - but this may depend on the subject covered. Anything from theory to raising in peal, rope splicing or first aid might be covered as well as particular methods.

## Training Courses

Half or full day courses may be arranged on request and any group may book the Centre for a course of their own, either organized by themselves or the Guild.

## Targeted Practices

Special Practices can be arranged at various levels for specific training needs.

## Individual Coaching or Tuition

This may take the form of a practical session using the simulator to develop listening, conducting or method skills, help with rope handling or teaching skills.

## Weekday Training/Coaching Sessions

For those available in the week, individual tuition can be arranged on a weekday. Normally Thursday mornings are used for a variety of tuition including ringing all the bells using the simulator. Refreshments are available.

## Central Council Training Modules

Facilities are present to host Central Council Training Modules. Currently ‘Management, Teaching & Maintenance’ or ‘Listening Skills’

## Quarter Peals

Sustained practice to consolidate any learning is essential for any skill – Quarter peals are encouraged and The Centre is available for quarter peals on the simulator or using sound control.

## ‘Handling a Bell from Scratch’ Tuition

Where desired Centre tutors will teach bell handling from scratch to rounds – provided it is carried out exclusively by the Centre’s tutors.

## Band, Guild or other training practices & events

With the variety of facilities and convenience of location The Centre is available for booking for any training event – including bands from other towers looking to use the Centre for extra practice



