**Bell Ringing at St Mary’s Billingshurst**

Bell Ringing is a team activity for people of all ages (10yrs +) and from all works of life. Although some ringers are members of the church where they ring, many are not. It is a good way to meet people, exercise your brain and keep an English tradition alive. Ringers are welcome at any tower across the UK and can even ring internationally.

After the initial bell handling training and you are proficient at ringing and controlling a bell, you can join us for Sunday service ringing, special celebrations such as weddings and national events and Christmas. We also ring on New Year’s Eve at midnight to welcome the New Year in.

Once a year we usually go on a tower outing to a different area and ring in five to six different towers. We have rung at a few cathedrals on these outings. The outings also include various coffee, tea and lunch stops using some rather nice hostelries! We also have other social events throughout the year.

We also take part in competitions with other towers where the band that makes the least mistakes is the winner. The Sussex Young ringers usually do very well in these competitions and we are very proud that one of our ringers is a member of the youth team.

We all have a DBS certificate and have undertaken the Diocesan Safe Guarding Training. The tower also has undertaken a risk assessment.

Our practices take place every Wednesday from 7.30pm to 9pm. We would love you to come and see what we get up to and have a go.

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