

Marhamchurch Ringers in 2025

We only rang 2 quarter peals at St Marwenne`s in `25 but helped Launcells` ringers to ring 3 at St Swithins. We continue to ring for most Sunday services, thanks to friends from Launcells. We joined many of our local towers in ringing for VE day last May. The improvers` practices have continued to attract ringers who look to either learn new methods or improve the quality of their striking. We rang for funerals and weddings here and elsewhere, including Ashwater. In October Ashwater was also the venue for a ringing competition, in which we entered two teams and claimed victory in the novices` section. It proved to be a valuable experience for Helen and Cate, not only for their success, but also to hear other band`s efforts.

In the absence of a steeple keeper to look at the condition of the bells and associated bits and pieces, as mentioned in last year`s report we signed an annual maintenance contract with Taylors of Loughborough. We also finally managed to fulfil the requirement featured in recent church quinquennial inspections to have the bell frame painted.

One other observation to make is about the refurbishment of the bells at South Hill, near Callington. The media coverage of this event was that the bells could not be rung in full circle and are being rung electronically. Is this a sign of the future?

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