

Hertford County Association of Change Ringers

Training Weekend 2023

Here is a snapshot of the four HCACR training workshops that happened across the county in October.



Photo: Plain Bob Doubles learners.

And from the 'Moving on from Plain Hunt group:

"Really enjoyed my sessions at Tewin, Datchworth and Bennington with Kevyn and Mark. Many thanks to all the helpers. They need a prize for patience! Looking forward to the next course."



I was delighted to secure a place as one of the learners in the Plain Hunt workshop in Thorley the weekend of October 7th and 8th. The timing couldn't have been more perfect for my bell-ringing journey, as I'd been struggling with plain hunting; an intensive weekend focused on the necessary skills was exactly what I needed.

We gathered at the charming St James the Great church on an unseasonably warm and glorious, sunny October weekend. We began with basic theory for Plain Hunt demonstrated in several creative ways to help all styles of learners grasp the basics. Then it was up to the tower for practical instruction, featuring exercises to refine our bell-handling and timing-awareness. A team of experienced volunteers gave us invaluable, individualized support and instruction at every stage.

It was incredibly helpful to be able to practice these skills many times in close succession over two days, and all of the learners showed remarkable improvement over the course of the weekend. I feel like something finally "clicked," and while I'm still far from perfect, I have the foundation I need to build my skills for ringing methods.

Gorgeous weather; a beautiful setting; delicious cake; and kind, generous, and patient instructors: the perfect ingredients for a truly wonderful weekend of ringing instruction. Thank you!

Thank you for all your help at the weekend and also the other helpers as well.

I am now processing all the information that you gave me which will help me move forward with my Ringing.

Many thanks indeed for a great course and very enjoyable weekend's ringing in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. I definitely gained in knowledge and confidence.



Thank you very much for the course this weekend- I really enjoyed it and picked up some excellent tips.

Regarding any feedback about the activities and initial rhythm practise - I have never done this before and wished I had. It really made me focus on and have more confidence about using rhythm. I strongly rely on the visual which makes dodging harder as I'm looking for 2 bells. Will definitely take this on board and try to use it in my ringing from now on.