



**PORTSMOUTH
DISTRICT** NEWS

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District Training Day Report Cambridge Surprise Minor

It was another warm and sunny day as we drove through the autumn countryside to Botley. However, we weren't going to see any sun this morning because this was the start of the next District Training Day and we were going to be cooped up in the tower. A morning of Cambridge Surprise Minor was planned at the six at Botley as part of our on going schedule of District organised training.

The three students were welcomed with tea and coffee before we settled down to a session on how to learn a method by breaking it down into manageable chunks. We also spent some time discussing the building blocks which are used to construct all methods before moving on to have a more detailed look at Cambridge Minor. Then it was up the tower for an hour of ringing to re-enforce what had been discussed during the session. The plentiful helpers on the day provided a good and (mostly) steady band to support the students and their assistance was, as always, very much appreciated. The practical was followed by a brief tutorial on staying right through keeping an eye on the coursing order and a discussion around the dreaded bobs. Back up the tower for some more practice, this time with some touches; everyone was making good progress and the keeping right tips proved very useful. Then onto the final tutorial looking at Cambridge on higher numbers before a final ring in the tower.

A great deal of ground covered and all of the students were given a hand-out to take away with them as a memory jogger to some of the topics that were covered.

The morning proved very successful – at the end of the session we were able to ring Cambridge Minor with any two of the learners inside which was a large step forward from where we started. We had also (nearly) broken the fear that bobs create and were able to ring touches.

Tea and biscuits were, as always, gratefully received and were provided by Anthony Manship who also organised the tower for us.

And finally, these training days could not happen if it were not for the helpers who freely gave their time. A really big thanks to all of you for coming along and supporting us.

Helpers

David Atkins
Alison Barber
Brian Baverstock
Diana Bishop
Roy Grayson
Lyndon Hatfield
Robin Milford
Bob Wilson

Students

Trevor Benjamin (Southwick)
Rhys Lippiatt (Titchfield)
Jill McManus (Titchfield)

If you think that you would benefit from a training day please let our District Secretary, Diana, know or sign up to our email group. A link to this can be found on the web site.

Also, please visit the web site for the latest information on events: www.portsmouthringers.org.

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