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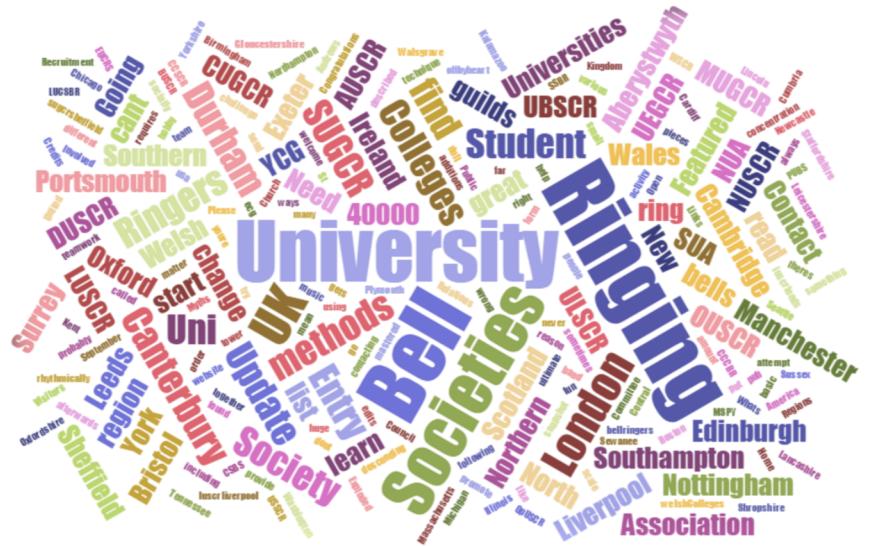
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Central Council of Church Bell Ringers:
Public Relations Committee



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WHAT IS BELL RINGING?

- Bell ringing or change ringing is the art of ringing bells rhythmically in a series of patterns called "changes".
- Groups of "changes" are known as methods this is like a piece of music we learn off-by-heart (see right).
- There are about 40,000 bell ringers in the UK! Ringing is a very social & friendly team activity which introduces you to a global group of friends!
- You don't need to be strong or good at maths or music. A good sense of rhythm helps a little.
- Bells hung for change ringing are controlled by the ringer from below using a long rope and wheel.
- Bell ringing can be physically & mentally challenging, but it doesn't matter how long it takes you to learn. Even as a beginner you become a valuable part of the team.
- You don't have to go to church.
- Bells usually weigh between 1 cwt (50kg) and 4 tons (4,000kg) and are made from an alloy of copper & tin.
- Change ringing has a great history & started to develop in the early 17th century.
- Rings of bells are sometimes called peals, but the word "peal" actually means when 5,000 or more different changes are rung non-stop. A peal takes about three hours to ring!



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ALREADY A RINGER?

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR) Public Relations Committee has put together the following website to promote university bell ringing societies & guilds:



universityringing.org

Most university ringing societies have an active social calendar and some spend as much time drinking as they do ringing!

Socials can include: tours or outings, treasure hunts, picnics, hand-bells, competitions (including the Southern and Northern Universities Association weekends), peal/quarter weekends, theatre trips, concerts, parties, dinners, Ringing World infiltration, nights down the pub and lots more...!

A lot of university ringing societies cater for a wide range of abilities at practices – the ULSCR for example rings anything from rounds to eight spliced surprise major, as well as giving handling lessons to those who are just beginning to ring.

