**TOWARDS DECENT STRIKING**

At the Central Council’s AGM in 2022, an initiative, to improve striking throughout the country was announced. The CCCBR Executive had requested the Volunteering and Leadership Work Group to form a team to run this project.

My name is Mike Hopkins Till and I was asked to form a team to move this project forward. I ring on the Hampshire/Berkshire/Wiltshire border, and I have strong ties with the Winchester and Portsmouth and the Oxford Diocesan Guilds.

It is appreciated that tower leaders have, to a greater or lesser extent, always encouraged their bands to strike well. However, as in any walk of life, there is always room for improvement!

Also, many Guilds, Associations and Societies provide training pertinent to achieving good striking (Handling courses, Listening courses, etc.). One of the important areas where we hope we can be of assistance is to compile and publish a list of resources dealing with striking and all the skills required to achieve a good standard. I wonder if I might request some assistance from your organisation in compiling this?

At the moment, a simple bibliographic list would be helpful, so that we can start to appreciate what is available and develop an appropriate way of bringing the information to the whole of the Ringing fraternity.

Responses should initially come to me on (mike.mktill@gmail.com). I would also appreciate links to your Education / Training teams so that we can avoid duplication and put in place helpful measures, where appropriate.

Further work may include developing additional courses, software support for ringers trying to improve their listening skills and any other material that might help and is not available elsewhere.

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