



Hertford County Association of Change Ringers

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2026 Training Weekends

3rd – 4th October 2026

Plain Bob Doubles – Western District

Plain Bob Minor – Eastern District

10th – 11th October 2026

Grandsire Doubles – Bishops Stortford District

Plain Hunt and beyond – Northern District

You are invited to apply for one of the Hertfordshire County Association Training Weekends, each hosted and run by ringers of one of the County Association districts.

These weekends are designed to help you develop your ringing in a friendly and supportive environment. They provide an opportunity to gain confidence, extend your knowledge and skills, and ring alongside experienced ringers who are there to help and encourage you throughout the day.

If you have never rung with people outside your own tower, don't let that put you off. Many people feel exactly the same before their first course, and our aim is to make the sessions enjoyable, relaxed and rewarding for everyone.

The general arrangements for all the courses are outlined below, followed by details of each individual weekend.

These annual courses are always popular, so please apply early as places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Applicants who are unsuccessful will be placed on a waiting list so please keep the dates free if you would like to take advantage of a last-minute place.

To gain the greatest benefit, participants are expected to attend all three sessions of their chosen course.

Course Fee: £20 for adults, £10 for under 18s. The fee covers both Saturday and Sunday but excludes lunch. Payment is not due until you have been allocated a place on one of the courses. You can pay by bank transfer, cheque or cash. Proceeds to the County Training Fund.

Location and Timings: See individual course details

Lunch Arrangements: See individual course details

Application: Please apply using the online form.

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Once the applications have closed, places will be allocated and you will be informed by email, around the middle of September, whether you have been successful. Further details and pre-course learning will be sent no less than two weeks before the workshop. Please read this before attending, as it will help you make the most of the course.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our training weekends.

Who are these courses for?

These courses are intended for ringers wishing to develop their skills in a friendly and supportive environment. If you are unsure which course is right for you, please contact the local contact for advice.

Plain Bob Doubles – Western and Watford Districts

Location and Timings:	Saturday 3rd October
	10.00-12.30 @ Apsley End Church (HP3 9ST) 2.00-4.30 @ Langleybury Church (WD4 8QQ)
	Sunday 4th October
	2.00-5.00 @ Langleybury Church (WD4 8QQ)
Lunch arrangements:	A pub lunch can be pre-ordered. Information will be sent to attendees in advance. Alternatively, attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch.
Questions and further information from:	Stuart Brant sbrant42@gmail.com Brian Crawley rmwesternhcacr@gmail.com Su Gambling towesternhcacr@gmail.com Liz Middleton dswesternhcacr@gmail.com
Pre-requisite skills	To get the most out of this workshop, it is strongly advised that attendees are able to: - Ring Plain Hunt Doubles from a number of 'working' bells - Treble to plain methods such as Plain Bob and Grandsire - Use ropesight to know what place they are in - Hear their bell while they are ringing - Dodge accurately with another bell - Make places accurately

Plain Bob Minor – Eastern District

Location and Timings:	Saturday 3rd October
	10.00-12.30 - Location to be confirmed 2.00-4.30 - Location to be confirmed
	Sunday 4th October
	2.00-5.00 - Location to be confirmed
Lunch arrangements:	A pub lunch can be pre-ordered. Information will be sent to attendees in advance. Alternatively, attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch.
Questions and further information from:	Elaine Gazzini secretaryeastern.hcacr@gmail.com
Pre-requisite skills	To get the most out of this workshop, it is strongly advised that attendees are able to: - Ring touches of Plain Bob Doubles from an inside bell - Treble to plain methods such as Plain Bob and Grandsire - Use ropesight to know what place they are in - Hear their bell while they are ringing - Dodge accurately with another bell - Make places accurately

Grandsire Doubles – Bishops Stortford District

Location and Timings:

Saturday 3rd October

10.00-12.30 - Location to be confirmed

2.00-4.30 - Location to be confirmed

Sunday 4th October

2.00-5.00 - Location to be confirmed

Lunch arrangements:

A pub lunch can be pre-ordered. Information will be sent to attendees in advance.

Alternatively, attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch.

Questions and further information from:

Anne Sloan trainingofficerbshcacr@gmail.com

Pre-requisite skills

To get the most out of this workshop, it is strongly advised that attendees are able to:

- Ring Plain Hunt Doubles from a number of 'working' bells
- Treble to plain methods such as Plain Bob and Grandsire
- Use ropesight to know what place they are in
- Hear their bell while they are ringing
- Dodge accurately with another bell
- Make places accurately

Plain Hunt and beyond – Northern District

Location and Timings:

Saturday 10th October

10.00-12.30 - Location to be confirmed

2.00-4.30 - Location to be confirmed

Sunday 11th October

2.00-5.00 - Location to be confirmed

Lunch arrangements:

A pub lunch can be pre-ordered. Information will be sent to attendees in advance.

Alternatively, attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch.

Questions and further information from:

Geoff Horritt gth431@hotmail.com

Pre-requisite skills

To get the most out of this workshop, it is strongly advised that attendees are able to:

- Change the speed of their bell at both handstroke and backstroke
- Have an awareness of what 'place' they are ringing in
- Hear a specific bell when they are not ringing themselves
- Make places
- Lead