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Parental involvement – What is the relevance

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Does parental involvement make a difference to retention?

We all want to retain as many young ringers as possible

This presentation

- Looks into the evidence from research

- Looks at some practical strategies

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What research has been done?

- There has been no research directly in ringing!

- There has been research in

  - Education

  - Sport

  - Scouting

Can we learn anything from the above?

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Education

- Analysis of data from the 1999 National Child Development Study [NCDS] up to the age of 16 demonstrated that -

Parental involvement in a child's schooling

was a more powerful force than other

family background indicators such as social

class, family size and level of parental

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Question

With greater parental involvement could we improve retention and progress in ringing?

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What happens when parents are not involved

Research evidence clearly states that children's progress can be hindered by lack of parental involvement

Educational failure is increased by lack of

parental interest in schooling.

Douglas,J.W.B (1964) The Home and School

Question

Could lack of interest by parents in their child's ringing hinder progress or attendance?

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Sport – various studies undertaken

McCarthy, Jones and Clark-Carter (2008) investigated the sources of enjoyment reported by youth sport participants and found that positive parental involvement was considered one of the most important factors reported results by young males and females

(Jones & Lavallee, 2009) Found that in terms of child development, positive parental involvement can help develop important skills such as self-esteem, motivation and social skills.

Question
Could parental involvement increase enjoyment and motivation for young ringers?

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Scouting
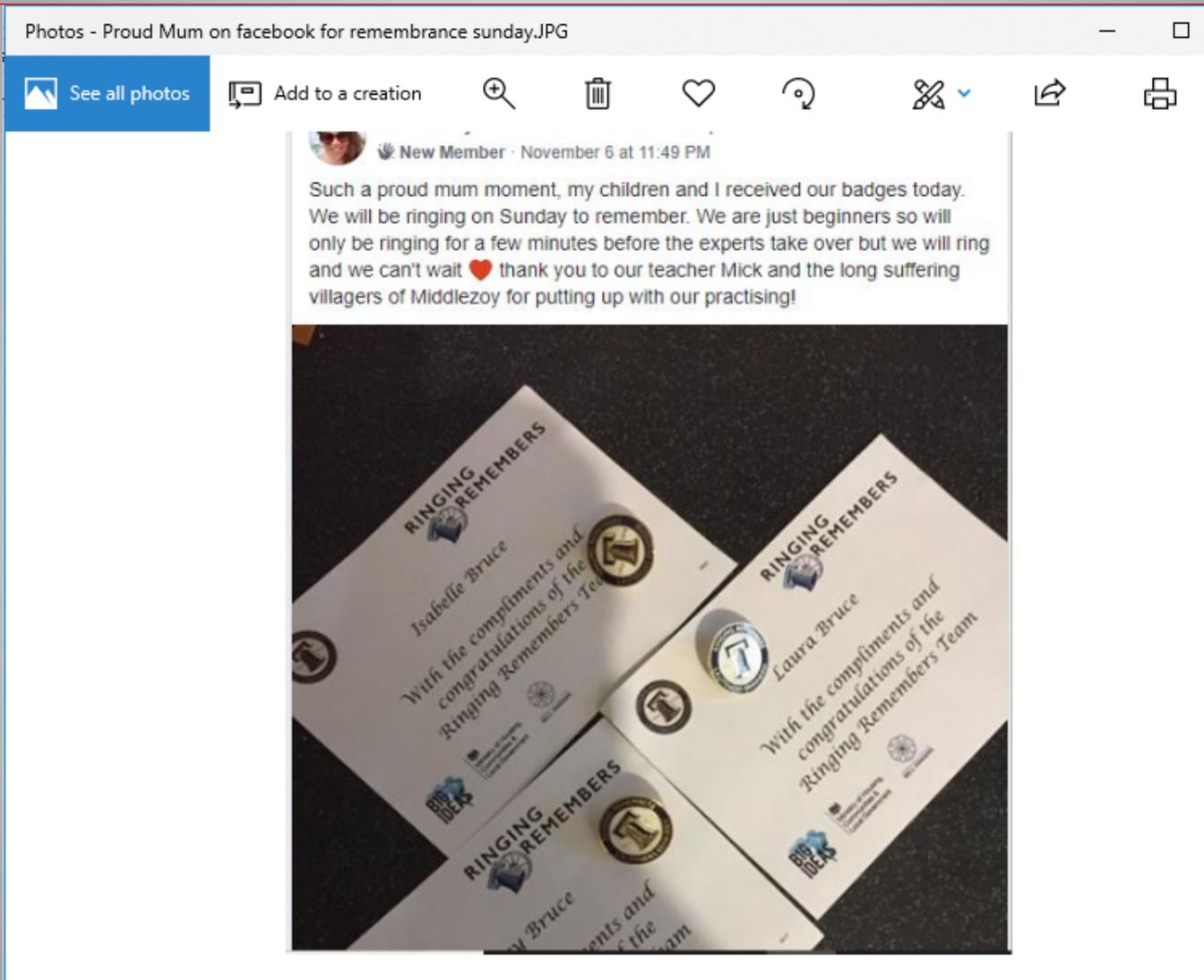
Parental involvement is very important in scouting

Forty-five per cent of new section leaders come from parents of children already in a Scout Group or waiting to join

Question

By getting parents more involved could we attract the parents to coming into ringing?

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Proud parents -

Photos - Proud Mum on facebook for remembrance sunday.JPG

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New Member · November 6 at 11:49 PM

Such a proud mum moment, my children and I received our badges today. We will be ringing on Sunday to remember. We are just beginners so will only be ringing for a few minutes before the experts take over but we will ring and we can't wait ❤ thank you to our teacher Mick and the long suffering villagers of Middlezoy for putting up with our practising!

What do we already know about parent involvement in ringing?

- It is a common perception that ringers children are more likely to become involved in ringing long term than other young ringers

Why is this?

Do they get more time on the rope?

Do they get the theory explained better?

Is it because ringing is a whole family experience?

What do you think?

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How do we move forward

- This is an important area which as a whole the ringing community has not been good at

- If it is so important how can we address the issue

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Involving parents is often difficult.

- Often deliberate attempts to involve parents fall flat

- Getting parent involvement takes time and sustained effort

- Remember parents, like young people, want to feel respected and appreciated

- It will take hard work to get parents involved

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General approach

Never underestimate the power of informal approaches to engage parents

Provide opportunities for the parents to get to know one another

Allow time for relationships to develop

Make time to talk to parents at the beginning or end of meetings

Try to find out: their skills, their availability, what they might like from a volunteering role

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Strategies for getting parents involved

- Research shows that a lot of parents are willing to say "yes" when asked to do one specific thing

- Communication –

  - a parent newsletter- This could include details of ringing times, outings, certificates of achievement {LtR} , quarter peals planned and rung

  - Facebook group

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Strategies for getting parents involved

- Encourage parents to actually come into the ringing room to drop off or pick up their children This provides the opportunity to speak to them!

- Family events – e.g. and outing involving ringing but also offering something to other family members such as siblings and parents.

  - Cathedral visit – summer BBQ- steam train ride- camping trip – Christmas party

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5 top tips to encourage parental involvement

Set up ways to communicate positively From the start

Encourage parents to come into the ringing room to drop off and pick up their child

5 top tips

Get to know the parents, listen to any concerns and try to act on them

Create Family events to include other family members

Update parents on children's' progress

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