



# Regional Networks

Revitalising Ringing

# ART is growing, fast. How should we adapt?

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- Setting the scene – Roger Booth
- Northern Ireland – Don McLean.
- Shropshire – Matt Lawrence
- Other areas/lessons learnt – Roger Booth
- Discussion



# A two year pilot to find out what works

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- Matt Lawrence, Shropshire
- Tony Croft, Leicestershire
- Don McLean, Northern Ireland
- Juliet Lawrance, N Lancs/S Lakes



# Objectives:

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To develop local initiatives focussing on the following areas:

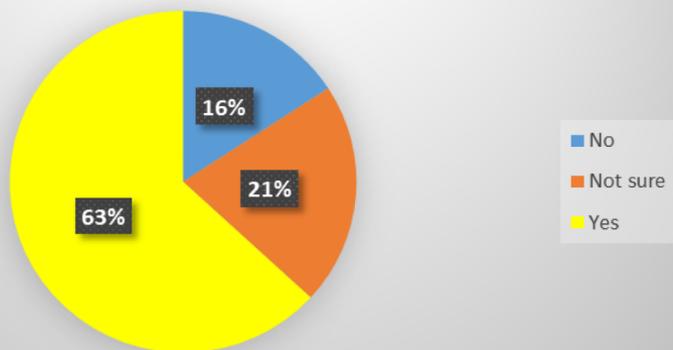
- Teacher and ringer development
- Recruitment and retention
- Youth
- Leadership



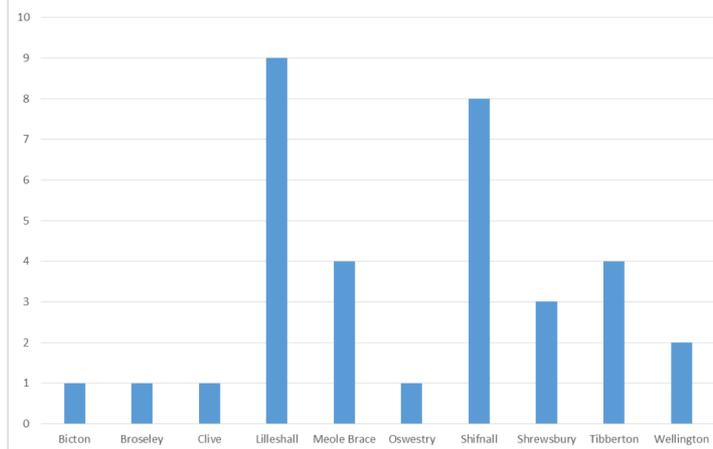
Matt Lawrence

# Background

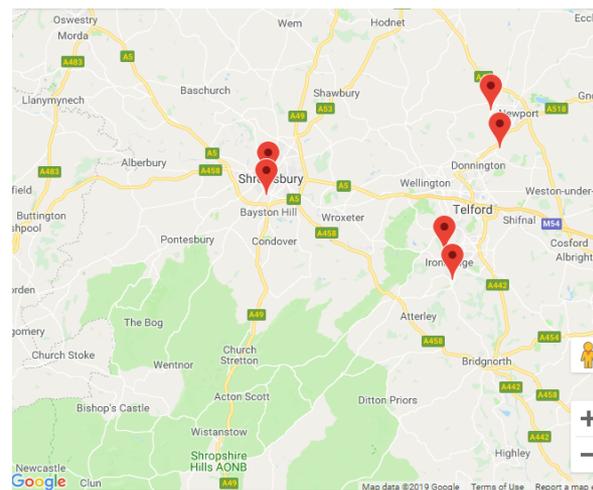
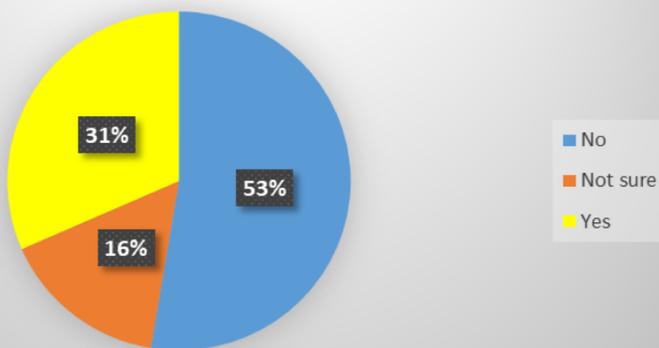
Would you like support in recruiting new ringers?



SACBR Ringing Remembers Recruits



Would you like support in teaching bell handling?



# Progress so far....





# Future Plans

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- Recruitment and Retention Workshop
- Support with Recruitment Events and Training
- SACBR New Members Practice(s)
- Module 1 Refresher
- Programme of ART Courses and Workshops
- Extended Programme of Round the Wrekin activity
- Additional Teaching Hub(s)
- Engagement with neighbouring Association(s)

# Northern Ireland

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Preparing Soil and Planting seeds

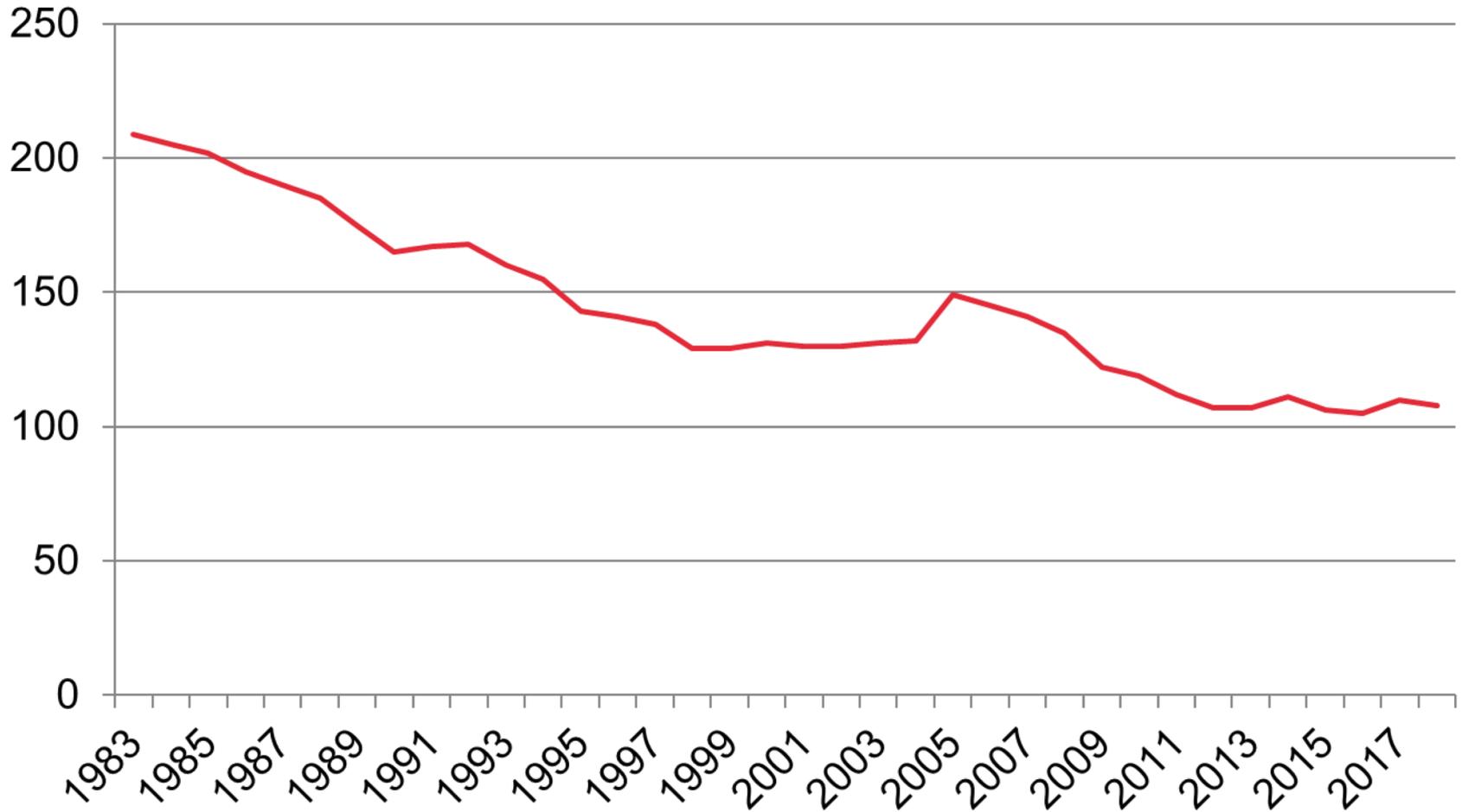
Fertilising and Nourishing



# Preparing Soil (Establishing Need)

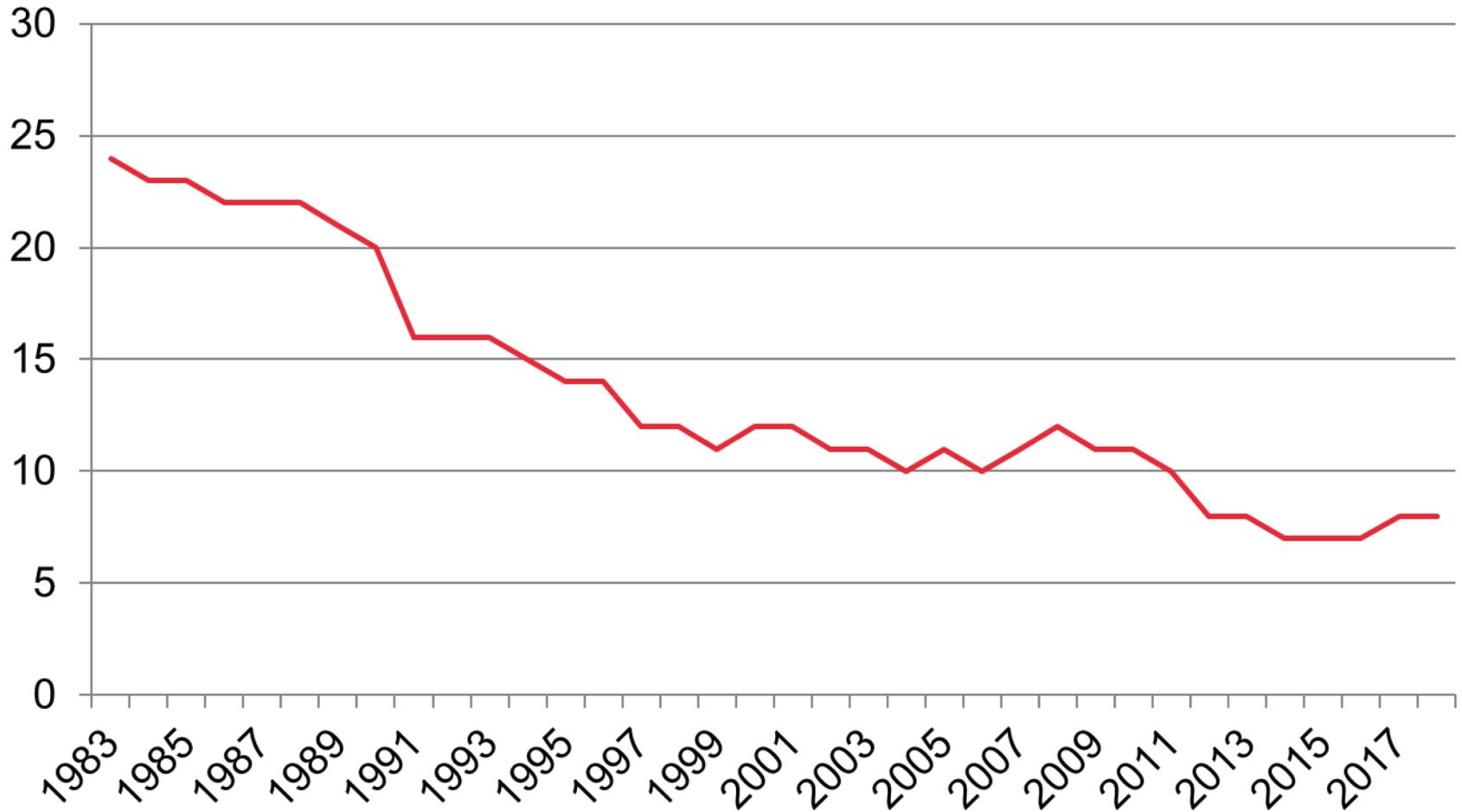


# Approx. Northern Ireland membership between 1983 and 2018



# Approx Northern Ireland teachers with some training or instruction

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# Planting Seed. (The Plan)

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1. Get District to accept ART as a teaching vehicle to use
2. Get co-operation between existing teachers to agree on way forward.
3. Use and enhance existing District practice Network

## Northern District Practices 2019

Date	Venue
Jan 5	St Thomas, Patterson Cup
Feb 2	St Marys Kilmood
Mar 2	St Nicholas Carrickfergus
Apr 6	St Patrick Coleraine
Apr 27	St Marks Dundela AGM Cunningham Cup
May 4	St Macartins Enniskillen
June 1	St Saviours Greyabbey
Aug 3	St Bronagh Rostrevor
Sept 7	Holy Trinity Drumbo Weigh and Adamson Cups
Oct 5	Christ Church Lurgan
Nov 2	St Comgall Bangor
Dec 7	St Malachy, Hillsborough

**Times 2.30 – 4.30 except**  
**Jan/Feb/Sept – 2.00 p.m.**  
**Mar – 7.00 p.m.**

# Planting Seed. (The Plan)

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4. Train and teach by example as many new recruits as possible in as many towers as possible.
5. Ensure at every opportunity ART aids are used.
6. Supervise good existing teachers in a co-operative and supportive way.
7. Run Module 1 and 2 Courses
8. Programme of ART Workshops
9. Use District Mini Bells as recruitment tool

# District Mini Bells

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# Kilmood

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Opportunity to demonstrate ART teaching

Build co-operation between ART and Non ART



# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Peal Kilmood. Party and instructors team



## Fertilizing & Nourishing (Progress)

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- Teaching 14 new recruits on-going in Bangor, Holywood , Drumbo, Enniskillen, Rostrevor .
- L the R passes Level 1 achieved or nearly achieved by approx 30 pupils.
- L the R passes Level 2 work in progress
- M1 and M2 courses planned for 2019
- Workshops planned for striking, change-ringing and tower management.
- District practices as recruitment tool in advanced publicity



# Leicestershire & North Lancs/South Lakes

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**Leicestershire:** Accreditation Sessions arranged, M1 and M2 refresher workshop in development and new M1 & M2 courses arranged.

Cooperation with neighbouring counties. ART publicity on LDG website and advertising courses etc in Guild newsletter.

**North Lancs/South Lakes:** M1 course run for first time in November in Lancaster. Youngest participant was 18 and at Uni of Cumbria, other ringers from all over the patch.

Lytham St Anne's goes from strength to strength with its third course in the pipeline! Flookborough has its first ever course booked for May.

BIG THANK YOU to mentors and teachers who are coming in from the surrounding areas such as Carlise and Derbyshire.

The next challenge is to get good quality mentors in place!

# Ringling Teachers East Anglia

Lesley Boyle, Ruth Suggett, Nikki Thomas



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- Facebook group
- Group teaching sessions and workshops
- Refresher days for M1/M2
- Assessment sessions
- Meeting to plan future modules and workshops
- Essex Association delivering M1 and M2F as part of its 3 day Course
- Foundation Skills/Ring Something Simple practices
- Ringling Remembers Learners Day/Learning the Ropes Day



No matter what your ringing ability you are cordially invited to the Wisbech Ringing District's pre-method ringing event.

At this event only rounds, call changes and plain hunt will be rung – no methods!

# New ART members accredited in 2018

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23	<b>Dorset</b>
8	Cambridgeshire, Somerset
6	Yorkshire
5	Lancashire, London, Norfolk, Northants, Suffolk & Sussex
4	Birmingham, Hampshire, Shropshire
3	Australia, Essex, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Wiltshire
2	Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Ireland, Kent
1	Buckinghamshire, Cheshire, Cornwall, C Durham, Cumbria, Derbyshire, Hertfordshire, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Scotland, Surrey, Tyne & Wear

# Lessons from the first year

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- No two areas are the same. Flexibility is key
- On a small scale it may just be a couple of teachers working together in a local hub.
- Or people like Frank Seabright working across 10 towers in the Ledbury District.
- On a larger scale, we also have the Birmingham School of Bell Ringing and Lesley Boyle, Ruth Suggett and Nikki Thomas in East Anglia

**It's about people**

# Going forward

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- Review systems for appointing Local Organisers and Mentors and their roles
- Develop flexible, flat structure for active people to come forward
- Join up people to reach critical mass
- Fit with group teaching and hubs
- Support local networks with ideas, encouragement and finance

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# Discussion

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