



2026 LEARNING THE ROPES FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST - SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

Based around Norwich

The cost is £40 and includes a packed lunch.

The Festival is aimed at ringers who are at ART Levels 1, 2 & 3. We are also looking for volunteers and would welcome ringing teachers who are working towards their ART M1 or M2 accreditation to work with our experienced Tutors as helpers.

To apply please email mrdc@stpetermancroft.org.uk and tell us a little about your ringing, where you ring and what you've achieved so far.

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS TO RING ON 12

Great Yarmouth Minster Friday 28 August 7 pm - 9 pm

Use your basic bell handling and listening skills to ring on 12, building up from just rounds.

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST

SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Three groups work with their Tutors to develop various ringing skills.

1. South Walsham ART Level 2 & 3: Ringing as a team
2. St Giles ART Level 2 & 3: Ringing as a team

For both of the above to get the most from the event you need to be able to ring unaided, be confident ringing rounds and call changes and starting your journey into change ringing.

3. MRDC - ART Level 1 & 2

If you would like to improve your bell control and gain confidence, including ringing up and down, we are running a session based in our training centre.

- 9.00 am Meet at St Peter Mancroft church in the centre of Norwich to be allocated groups, pick up lunch bags and meet your team. Bacon Rolls and coffee
- 10.00 - 11.30 am Morning Session
- 1 - 2.30 pm Afternoon Session
- 3 pm Meet back at St Peter Mancroft
- 3.15 pm Showcase your ringing - each group rings something they have been working on (15 mins each)
- 4.15 pm Feedback on the day with Q and A,
- 5 pm End



SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

Optional Sunday ringing at Norwich towers

10 - 11am MRDC Open for Using apps and technology to Improve your Ringing

FURTHER INFORMATION

This event is open to teachers and students who are looking for an interactive and focused event to improve their ringing and teaching.

The cost of the event is £40 which covers the following:

- Lunch bags
- Great Yarmouth ringing session
- The Skills Workshops sessions
- Sunday ringing

The event is organised by MRDC in conjunction with the Association of Ringing Teachers and is open to anyone and not just those on the Learning the Ropes scheme.

If you have completed the M1 or M2 workshops and would like to work towards your accreditation we would be happy to help, please get in touch.

The Octagon at St Peter Mancroft will be open for tea and coffee and where you can collect pre-ordered packed lunches and breakfast rolls. The nearest toilets are at the Forum just a few minutes' walk away from St Peter Mancroft.

Transport and accommodation are participants' responsibility BUT we plan to be able to use designated cars for transport for the Saturday event - details will be available later.