## Freeland Bell Ringing Report – April 2017

Freeland band has 14 members of various abilities. We hold a regular Monday practice which is well attended; everyone is keen to progress and as a band we are increasing our repertoire of methods.

The band is able to ring for services and other occasions of special significance; often we support other towers in the Witney and Woodstock Branch with their service ringing requirements. At the moment we are teaching new ringers to handle a bell and in due course they will go on to ring in the band. The bells and tower are well maintained and we regularly win a gold award for tower maintenance. We have a gold award at the moment which will be reassessed in July and we are confident we will manage to maintain gold again.

We are very grateful to the church and Rev. David Tyler for letting us ring the bells and to our villagers for their support. Anyone can learn to ring and all are welcome.

Michael Probert Tower Secretary