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Reading Branch Chair’s report February 2024

2023 was in general terms a successful year for the branch with several new members joining and a good number of learners coming through.  The Ring for the King saw a good uptake of ringing at all levels with many performances recorded on Bellboard over the Coronation weekend and beyond.

The branch was successful in Guild and local competitions which is pleasing to see.

Behind the scenes, ongoing work on the Branch website is beginning to see a much improved offering as we move towards it becoming an important communication tool for the branch members.  Further development will continue in 2024.

On the social scene, unfortunately our main summer event of an outdoor picnic and ringing coincided with a weekend deluge which prevented it from happening at the last minute.  However, our regular monthly branch practices have continued to be well attended and social events in themselves.

We have a number of people working hard to make sure we continue to offer members opportunities to ring and socialise, and this is much appreciated

Giles Winter