

This week the three Edinburgh towers were visited by the ringers of Montegaldella, Italy. It was a very interesting cultural exchange. The group comprised three ringers and their families.

At St Cuthbert's they introduced us to some Italian call changes - this required very good bell control and the ability to stand at hand and backstroke after one pull. They rang backstrokes in rounds and called some changes - to queens and back. We rang various methods to illustrate the possibilities of ringing our style. They were shown the bells and taken on a tour of the roof, where there were spectacular views of the castle.



The visit to St Mary's was a bit different as the bells are out of action while the clappers are being re-bushed. Here they rang the handbells. The whole group rang rounds and the bell ringers demonstrated their call changes. They each rang the training bell very successfully.



The New Town church provided another opportunity to ring and to test us on our Italian calls. We were able to demonstrate ringing Grandsire, Stedman and ringing up and down in peal.



If you would like to find out more about ringing in Italy have a look at these YouTube videos.

