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Informal Caller Training at Testvale Squares

On Saturday 21st March 'informal' Caller training was held for a group of 8 Callers, all with a varied experience in Calling over the past few years.

The photo shows:

- ❖ Fiona, who only had 2 hours training with Carol the week before, and, it turns out has a beautiful singing voice and a good command of timing. Fiona travels up from the Fareham area twice a week with husband Rory for Mainstream dancing and Plus training. We hope she continues her calling journey.
- ❖ Karen, who's been calling for a few months now and just seems to have 'got it' straightaway. Excellent timing, good control of the floor and knowledge of all the Mainstream moves. Karen moved to Testvale from the Waggoners in Herts after relocating to Dorset, and has also been tutored by Trudie and Simon.
- ❖ Alan, who of course we all know and love and has been teaching us Plus on Monday nights and has the patience of many Saints. Can sometimes be heard doing a duet call with Carol on a Friday night.
- ❖ Shirley, who's been missing in action for 6 months but is now back dancing and re-starting her Calling journey from where she left off, and is also assisting Karen with her Calling.
- ❖ Penny, a member of the Waggoners but also spends a lot of time with Testvale. Penny has recently been awarded the prestigious Harry Preston Award from the Callers Club of Great Britain for most improved caller over the past year – many congratulations.
- ❖ Carol, our much loved leader of Testvale along with husband Alan. Carol steered the Caller training on the day, including Sight Calling, Patter, Songs and a few exercises.
- ❖ Missing from the photo are Neil who had to shoot off for a holiday flight, and John who was calling the Bingo shots later that day so would have been lynched if he didn't turn up.

The Callers were assisted by the Dancing 'Angels': Lindsay, Rory, Maureen, Desna, Roger, Angela, Helen, Bob and Yvonne. A good afternoon for everyone but very tiring for Callers and Dancers with all the concentration needed.

![Photograph of nine people standing in a row in a hall]