

Correspondence

Letter to the Editor: re. SS versus AI rings.

Dear Dieter

... we put BDs on Masked Weavers at our Greenside ringing site, but stopped after about a year as even over that short period, the inscriptions became barely legible. No doubt it was due to the poor water quality (high acidity as a result of water run-off from the coal dumps) that etched the punchings. And the other point that I made about BCs is, that if trainees are forced to put BCs on weavers (and taught to put them on correctly!) then

at least you can be fairly confident that most other rings will be a piece of cake for them to put on. To use a softer ring because it is cheaper is using entirely the wrong criteria to decide. The investment one makes when one puts on a ring is by no means only the cost of the ring.

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