

Minutes for Education Committee Sunday 24 November 7.30 via Jitsi

Present: Susan Welch(SW), Chair, Jane Lynch(JLy), Elva Ainsworth (EA), John Leech (JL), Marian Thomas (MT), Neil Donovan (ND), Malcolm Turner (MT), Bill Lennox (BL), Andrew Slade (AS), Barrie Dove (BD), Emma Coles(EC), Elaine Scott(ES), Secretary

1. Apologies Helen Nichols, Steve Waterworth, Sheila Bloomfield
2. Minutes of last meeting (1 September 2024) on Website – accepted
3. Committee Assets
 1. Simon Plows has confirmed he has the digital projector
 2. It was suggested that Adrian Morton might have at least one flip chart

ACTION ES to check with Adrian

4. SW said that we now have representatives from most Branches
5. Art Courses
 1. We are still working towards arranging more M2 courses
 1. EC is still awaiting response from Chapel Allerton
 2. Jly is to pursue the idea of a course in Oxenhope
 3. The idea of a course in Settle is on hold
 4. ES is to follow up on a request from the SUGCR for an M1 course at Ranmoor in June 2025

ACTION EC to chase up Chapel Allerton, Jly to contact Oxenhope

6. Other courses
 1. SL shared the results of the recent survey
 2. The main courses required from the results are
 1. ART course M1 and M2 – **being arranged see item 5**
 2. Tower bells
 1. Tower Management
ACTION EA to arrange a workshop, JL to provide material from old ART workshop. AS said the material could be used.
 2. Leading up and down in Peal
ACTION SW to source tutor
 3. Ringing up and down
 4. Plain hunt
 5. Plain bob / grandsire doubles
 6. Tower Maintenance –
ACTION MT to find suitable tower and tutor course
 7. Surprise Minor
 8. Stedman/ Surprise Major
ACTION central tower to be arranged for practice (?Pontefract)
 9. Ringing on higher numbers
This is being covered by branches and the association 'Introduction to 12 bells' events. We will see how this goes and arrange additional practices if necessary.

3. Handbells
 1. Learning to teach handbells
 2. Plain bob minor
 3. Beyond plain bob minor

ACTION ES and JL to contact Peter Church

4. BD said that Leeds Branch would like a course on Leading up and down in peal.

ACTION SW to find tutor, BD to find tower

5. It was agreed to concentrate on the course with marked actions first. They will be well advertised and depending on response, more may be held. As the courses would generally attract different students it wouldn't matter too much if they were close together.

ACTION Keep timing of courses under review

7. Finance

1. BL had had no response from David Saul
2. The application for a grant of £300 towards the installation of a simulator in St. Giles Pontefract was approved unanimously.

ACTION ES to contact Adrian Garner to say that the money will be paid on completion of the work

8. Assets – Simon Plows has confirmed he has the digital projector. Adrian Morton may have at least one flip chart

ACTION ES to contact Adrian Morton

9. Communications including updating website

1. Agreed that we would like the choice to subscribe to Education communications in Membermojo

ACTION SW to contact Janine Jones

10. 150th anniversary of YACR

There was a lengthy discussion of possible events.

It was agreed that the celebrations should start at the AGM in May 2025 and last to the following AGM.

Suggestions included

1. Series of articles in the Ringing World to be collated into a souvenir booklet
2. Young ringers being asked to produce videos of the Branches
3. Gathering in York to ring finishing with celebratory food experience, possibly in October – the Jasper Snowdon event
4. 150 challenge
5. The September Meeting might be used to celebrate the event.

AS and EA were nominated as the organising committee

ACTION ALL suggestions to the committee before the AGM

11. Communications

1. It was agreed that we needed to get items on the front page of the website. SW now has access and will see what can be done
2. WhatsApp groups to be set up to encourage people to keep in touch e.g for ringing handbells, quarters and peals

ACTION SW to look at web site, ES to remind tutors

12. Date of next meeting

The Next meeting is to be on Sunday 19 January at &.30 byJitsi