Minutes of Education Committee Sunday 13 July 2025 8.00 via Jitsi

1. Present

Susan Welch (SEW), Emma Coles (EC), Jane Lynch (Jly), Elva Ainsworth (EA), Barrie Dove (BD), Elaine Scott (ES), Sheila Bloomfield (SB), Helen Nichols (HN) , William Lennox (WL)

1. Apologies

John Leech (JL), Marian Thomas (MT),Steve Waterworth (SW), Neil Donovan (ND), Peter Kirby (PK)

1. Minutes of last meeting (18 May 2025) on Website - Accepted
2. Matters arising not already on the agenda - None
3. Committee Assets
   1. No changes have been notified.
4. Courses run:-
   1. Malcolm Turner tutored a successful Tower Maintenance course in Scarborough Branch. Six towers were involved (at least, as some of the attendees were involved in more than one tower).  Further messages and information has been passed around as it has encouraged sharing and support between the different towers.
   2. EA ran a very successful Tower Management workshop in York. See notes below for report.
   3. The handbell day went well with 22 attendees. Follow up emails have been sent and there are plans for more handbell days in different pats of the YACR area. ES reported that following the day a new group is being setup
   4. There are several reports on theses courses. There was a discussion as to how to use these reports. Suggestions included linking them to new adverts for courses, putting them on the website, sending them to members etc. As we don’t have a newsletter it can be a problem. Members do not want to be bombarded by emails.
   5. ES suggested a poster for meetings and towers to let people know what we are proposing. EA said her sister might be willing to help produce a poster.
   6. Send list to Branches to be included in newsletters.
5. Courses to be run:-
   1. Tower Management – EA offered to run it again, possibly in February before the YACR meetings

**ACTION -EA/SB**

* 1. Handbell day – ES said Peter Church is happy to help to organise things such as specific method days
  2. ES to produce expression of interest form to send to everyone. To include our suggested courses, days and location.

**ACTION – ES**

* 1. SEW to investigate those who have signed up to Education Messages membermojo for meeting.
  2. Tower Maintenance - HN to ask Barry Sanders to tutor

**ACTION – HN**

* 1. EA suggested that we need a “Trip Advisor” type system. Any suggestions as to how to do this would be welcome.

1. Feedback from courses

Reports of courses held should be circulated to Branch Secretaries for circulation. Reports to be sent to ES who will collate them and forward the

1. New YACR members
   1. Need to organise a letter to greet for new members. SB volunteered to produce a draft.
   2. Events may be better organised at Branch level. SB to produce letter for Branch Ringing Masters.
   3. SEW to provide copy of CNY Branch letter

**ACTION – SB and SEW**

1. Art Courses and follow up
   1. The M1 course at Chappel Allerton was very successful.
   2. ND and SW are organising an M2F course the Scarborough Branch, NT to tutor, date to be announced sometime in October

**ACTION - ND/SW**

* 1. Western Branch are hoping to M2C/F course in Richmond
  2. ES still hoping to organise M2 course at Ranmoor, probably when the students are back at university

**ACTION – ES**

* 1. HN said she knew of people who want an M1 Course, so need to organise course either in Sheffield or Doncaster or somewhere in between.

**ACTION - ES/HN**

* 1. There is enough interest in the county for both M1 and M2C/F courses that we will look into getting them organised. ES to include these in her “expression of interest document”. When we know where people are we can try an arrange courses in different places.

**ACTION – ES URGENT**

1. Finance
   1. We have £46644.86 ring fenced having paid for the ebells. We could potentially subsidise some courses. EC has claimed for refreshments for the Chappel Allerton course and we have comitted to £250 for the Silsden Course which JLY said went very well.

**ACTION – ES/WL**

1. 150th anniversary of the Association
   1. The link to the event is <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/event.php?id=21077>
   2. Nothing has been associated yet. 11/7/25

**ACTION – ES to chase**

* 1. YACR display at Road Show. Display of successful courses
  2. Need to send out lists to towers

**ACTION – ES to talk to Vicki**

* 1. Not much happening in Sheffield, HN says things happening in Central. Leeds Branch have organised some first quarters, all quarters with firsts to be linked.
  2. Suggested to get 150 pieces of ringing
  3. We need to encourage members/towers to do things. As part of this we need to contact towers to remind them of the sort of things that can be done and encourage things ike first quarters, first Sunday Service ringing etc.

Firsts such as first Sunday ringing to be encouraged, EA to draft letter for Branches, all to contribute

**ACTION- all**

* 1. Ideas to have AGM in Cleaveland with ringing ( striking competition to be paused for the time) Needed to have something with a wow factor. Sharrow might be a good place, SEW to investigate.

**ACTION - SEW**

1. Any other business

None

1. Date of next meeting

Sunday 28 September 8.00