

Minutes of Education Committee Meeting Sunday 28 September 2025 8.00 via Jitsi

Present: Susan Welch (SEW), Neil Donovan (ND), Bill Lennox (BL), John Leech (JL), Elva Ainsworth (EA), Emma Coles (EC), Jane Lynch (JLy), Barrie Dove (BD),

1. Apologies Sheila Bloomfield (SB), Helen Nichols (HN), Simon Plows (SP), Steve Wentworth (SW), Peter Kirby (PK)
2. Minutes of last meeting (13 July 2025)
3. Action points from Minutes
 1. ES has put Minutes of last meeting (13 July 2025) on Website
 2. EA/SB to provide details of Tower Management course
 3. ES has produced expression of interest forms.
 4. New YACR members greeting. Each Branch that does do a letter to send a copy to the Committee to be shared.
Action – all Branches who send new members letter
 5. ART M2F course has been organised for Saturday 18 October at Helmsley, tutor Heather Peachey. 10 people booked so course is viable
 6. ES has included ART courses in the expression of interest. ES to share form with SEW. SEW to arrange putting on website, Facebook and to all members via SP
Action – SEW/SP
4. Matters arising not already on the agenda - none
5. Committee Assets
 1. ES now has the display boards, JLy has the case. ES to return boards at February meeting
Action – ES/JLy
6. Courses run:-
 1. None since last time
7. 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.
8. Up coming courses:-
 1. ND to produce an invite to those on the education email list to offer them any further help they might require.
Action – ND
 2. SEW putting on a C&NY Leading Up and Down course

Action – SEW

3. It was agreed that we might run a basic conducting/calling changes course and an advanced conducting course

Action – ES to add to expression of interest

4. HN to ask Brian Sanders to tutor a tower maintenance course. Still awaiting Brian's response.
5. Handbell days to be added to expression of interest – need to have follow up courses

Action – ES

6. Check that Tower Leadership is on expression of interest. Set date of end of November for return of forms

Action – ES/SEW

9. Finance

1. Silsden has applied for the £250 . Report on the event has been received and will be put on the website properly when SEW can upload pictures

10. 150th anniversary of the Association

1. The link to the event has been corrected so that it can be used
2. As of 28/9/25 there are 26 associated performances. Aim is 150 by next May
3. We need to get Branches to encourage members/towers to do things
4. EA to get people to record today's ringers to create a collage of 150 pictures of current ringers. EA will provide idea and circulate to committee in first instance.

Action – EA

5. SEW thanked ES for providing items on the display boards for the Roadshow.

6. Items for 150 anniversary agreed at meeting at Niagara 7/9/25

1. Snowdon lunch Saturday 10 January in Leeds

Action – AS/SP

2. Evening event at Sharrow, with monies raised going to the Sharrow bell project

Action – SEW

3. Badged items – ES has produced an expression of interest form to be published on website, facebook and direct to members by SP. Prices to follow when

Action – SEW/SP

11. Any other business

1. There has been a response to the new learn to ring tab on the Education Webpage from a returning ringer.

2. ES will be standing down as Secretary in the next few months. If anyone knows of anyone who would be good for the job please ask them.

Action – All

3. ES is happy to remain on the committee probably as Sheffield Rep.
4. Suggested that every Branch provide a stand-in if their rep. cannot attend.

Action – All

5. Suggested that all Branches be encouraged to send comments on Items on the agenda even if ir rep cannot attend

Action – All

6. The Education Committee will buy a zoom licence specially if we are going to use zoom for some courses. We can share this with the YACR if the Association does not require a second one..

Action – ES to contact SP

12. Date of next meeting

1. Sunday 11 January 2026 8.00 on line
2. Need to have possible dates for courses for 2026 in order that the dates can be presented at the February meeting. ES to email out responses to expression of interest.

Action – All