



Training Times

The Ringing Centres [Committee met](#) recently to discuss how we could better support the work of the existing Ringing Centres and encourage new ones to be set up. We decided to produce an occasional newsletter to let those involved in Ringing Centres and the training of ringers about our exciting [plans for the future](#).

Who are the Committee?

Norman Mattingley	Gwennapp , Cornwall (Chair)
Christine Baldock	Hailsham , Sussex ;
Alan Bentley	Aston Clinton , Bucks
Roger Booth	Docklands , London
Leslie Boyce	Troyte (Huntsham) , Devon .
Janet Edwards	Coggeshall , Essex

Regional 'Sharing Good Practice' seminars: We have divided the country up into four regions and plan to hold a [series of regional seminars](#), starting [in the spring of 2010](#). [The idea is to get people from the Ringing Centres](#) in each region [together, perhaps in a room in a pub, to discuss items of common interest, and how we could help each other](#). If you would like to host one of these seminars please contact Christine Baldock christine.baldock.baldock@btinternet.com

Support Pack: [A number of centres have developed their own teaching material, and there are often some very good ideas. We want to bring all these together and develop a loose leaf pack containing all manner of useful information to support existing Centres and those interested on setting up new Centres.](#) This is one practical way in which we can share 'good practice'. If you can help, please contact Roger Booth r.g.booth@gmail.com

Integrated Teacher Training Scheme

The Ringing Foundation recently held two one-day seminars, in London and Birmingham, on the theme of 'moving forward' in the training of ringers generally, and working with young people in particular.



One of the speakers was Pip Penney from South Wales, and a member of the CCCBR Education Committee. She introduced a proposed Integrated Teacher Training Scheme, which is currently being piloted in South Wales.

The scheme is aimed at encouraging new people to take up training covering all the stages to Plain Bob Minor and there are currently **twelve** new instructors undergoing an initial introductory theory course, followed by a period of twelve months of mentoring by 'Experienced Teachers' as the new instructors teach their first pupils. There is also a new teachers pack, a learners pack of course materials and a mentor's pack. If the pilot scheme is successful, the aim is to roll it out nationally. This will rely on having a pool of 'Experienced

Teachers' to help deliver the scheme. It is important that the 'Experienced Teachers' have been trained to run the scheme and the Ringing Centres Committee is looking to run a course next summer aimed at Ringing Centres who may wish to run further pilots or deliver the Training Scheme in their area.

For further information contact Pip Penney pippenney@hotmail.com

Ecclesfield Ringing Centre, Sheffield



Ecclesfield became a Recognised Ringing Centre in August 2009. The Ringing Centre is committed to teaching ringers from other towers and keeping bells ringing in towers that are short of ringers. Ecclesfield has:

- A reasonably accessible, spacious comfortable ringing chamber with good heating, ventilation, seating and lighting.
- A 15cwt ring of 8 bells that are not difficult to handle and have short draft ropes.
- A computer based 8 bell ringing simulator.
- CCTV so that movements of the bells can be observed from the ringing chamber.
- Room in the bell chamber to safely observe bells being rung.

Practice night is on Tuesday (19.30). There are also regular simulator sessions usually on Friday evening (19.30). A chance for ringers to improve their bell handling and receive tuition in mastering methods and striking skills.

Quarter peals arranged to fulfill the needs or demands of individuals or teams, usually on open bells on Sunday evening or on the simulator at other times. We help arrange quarters at other towers.

Activities are run in conjunction with the Ecclesfield Church Bell Ringers and include outings, tower open days, service ringing, steeple keeping and social activities.

www.ecclesfieldtower.org.uk

Grants from the Ringing Foundation

The Ringing Foundation is now making grants to worthwhile projects throughout the country. One of the main thrusts of its current objectives is to establish more projects working with young people, either inside the school environments, such as after school ringing clubs, or outside the school environment, such as the highly successful kids.ring.out project in South Wales.



However the Foundation is willing to consider making grants to any worthwhile projects which involve the training of ringers. To download a prospectus including guidelines for applicants and an application form, visit: <http://www.ringingfoundation.com/>

Honiton Ringing Centre, Devon



One of the first beneficiaries of the Ringing Foundation was the Honiton Ringing Centre in Devon, which received a grant of £400 towards additional teaching equipment.

The Founders awards



The Founders Livery Company sponsored two awards, one for the best Ringing Centre and the other for working with young people. These were discontinued in 2008 pending a replacement scheme. The Committee would very much like to hear your views on the scheme and assistance in designing a replacement scheme.

How could we encourage more Guilds and Associations to work with young people and introduce them to ringing? Is an awards scheme a useful way of achieving this? Similarly is an awards scheme a useful way of highlighting good practice for others to copy, or are there other ways?

If you have any views or suggestions, please contact the Chairman of the Committee Norman Mattingley norman.greenways@btconnect.com

[‘Running a Successful Ringing Centre’ training course:](#) We plan to develop a training course for people who may already have some experience of running a ringing centre, and who would like some help with new ideas, or for people who are considering establishing a new one. This might be developed as a follow on module for the Integrated Teacher Training scheme. The course will probably be held in spring 2011, but if there is demand we could run one sooner.

If you are interested, please contact the Chairman of the Committee, Norman Mattingley norman.greenways@btconnect.com



“Stick with Ted, he’ll show you the ropes.”

Material for future Newsletters

We welcome contributions towards future newsletters and towards articles for the Ringing World. If your Ringing Centre is doing something interesting, or if you have an interesting approach to training ringers or working with young people, please contact Janet Edwards janet@ajsplace.fsnet.co.uk