

# TRAINING GROUP REPORT

The following Surrey Association Training Events took place in 2017:

7 Jan	Bletchingley Training Day booster course
4 Feb	Teaching bell handling refresher course
4 Mar	Wimbledon Training Day
1 Apr	Recruitment and Training Seminar
6 May	Wimbledon Training Day booster course
3 Jun	Up and Down course
5 Aug	Grandsire Doubles and Triples
2 Sep	Foundation skills
7 Oct	Cambridge by Christmas #1
4 Nov	Bletchingley Training Day
11 Nov	Cambridge by Christmas #2
2 Dec	Cambridge by Christmas #3

Six students met at Bletchingley on 7 January for a Booster course on Plain Bob Doubles, ably led by Kate Wills. The feedback was very positive and several of the students made good progress, and state they understand what is happening better now! As we have said before, it is essential that students who attend training events should try and get follow up practice as soon as possible so that the training is much more productive.

At the teaching bell handling course at Kingston on February 4, based on ART Module 1, the students were given an introduction as to how to teach bell handling in a structured and safe way that gives confidence to both the teacher and the student.

We are making good progress with ART training in Surrey - we now have 19 accredited Trainers for bell handling (Module 1) and some are also accredited for teaching change ringing (Module 2). So far over 60 learners have been through the Learning the Ropes program and this has brought new ringers and benefits to many towers in the Association.

Around 30 students attended Wimbledon Training Day in March and were offered courses from Foundation Skills (Kaleidoscope exercises for learning change ringing), Plain Hunt, and Plain Bob Doubles. All the students had plenty of rope time to ensure the training was productive.

The Recruitment and Training Seminar at Caterham was well attended by over 40 Surrey members and they were rewarded by excellent presentations from Clare McArdle of the Birmingham School of Bell Ringing, Graham Nabb the Chairman of ART, Rosalind Martin from Christchurch and Roger Booth, who spoke about the value of using simulators in towers. A breakout session in the afternoon gave ringers the opportunity to brainstorm ideas and make plans for future recruitment and training.

Shirley McGill held an excellent and intensive training session for four Bob Doubles students at Epsom Common on 6 May, where the improvement from start to finish was very marked, well done all! Other practice nights e.g. at Oxted were also arranged during the year to help people progress in Bob Doubles. Noel Gibbin held a successful Up and Down course at Caterham St John on 1 June. More than one student has come back and said the course had improved their ringing up and down the following Sunday morning! Ringing up and down in peal well can only be achieved with practice so please do keep practising and ask more experienced ringers for help if required.

We held a Grandsire course with five students at Streatham on 5 August which was constructive. The students made good progress but it is essential they follow it up with more practice to make it stick!

Martin Crick held a Foundations Skills course on 2 September with five students practising Kaleidoscope places, Bastow and Cloister. The great thing about Foundation Skills is that each exercise can be tailored to suit the student's needs so that they get the maximum benefit from the training.

Following feedback from students and helpers, Bletchingley Training Day was limited to 4 students per group to ensure plenty of rope time and productive training. This formula is more successful and all future training days will be limited in student numbers. All the application forms and information is available on line now and this enables people to share transport and go directly to towers if required.

Finally Anne Rueff ran her successful Cambridge by Christmas course in three sessions starting with St Clements, Kent Minor and Cambridge. For a number of reasons only two students were able to take part but

this meant their training was extremely intense and both are now ringing Cambridge Minor on a regular basis. The 2018 program will be well underway by the time you read this report. As well as normal training events we will be holding a number of ART Module 1 and 2 courses together with new ART workshops on listening and striking, conducting, and tower management.

In conclusion I would like to thank all students, helpers and leaders for their input into the training program, the Training Group for their contribution to Surrey training and also the towers and tower captains for the use of their bells for all the training events.

Anyone who is interested in helping with our training work is very welcome to join the Training Group. Its members for 2017 were:

Kate Flavell, Association General Master, Chairman  
 Paul Flavell, Training Officer  
 Caroline Prescott, Northern District Master  
 Andrew Howell, Southern District Master  
 Noel Gibbin, Caterham St John  
 Shirley McGill, Croydon Minster  
 Louise Booth, Rotherhithe

Paul Flavell

## TRAINING GROUP INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 - £	2016 - £	2015 - £
<b>INCOME</b>			
Training Day – Wimbledon	65.00	200.00	-
Recruitment Seminar	625.00	-	-
ART Course	-	170.00	240.00
Steeplekeeping Course	-	180.00	-
Training Day- Bletchingley	<u>366.45</u>	<u>383.00</u>	<u>291.68</u>
<b>Net income from events for the year</b>	<b><u>1,056.45</u></b>	<b><u>933.00</u></b>	<b><u>531.68</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Listening Skills	-	148.40	-
Training Day - Wimbledon	122.33	157.94	-
Recruitment Seminar	533.00	-	-
ART Course	-	442.00	540.00
May event	-	16.00	-
Steeplekeeping Course	-	123.50	-
August event	-	12.04	-
September event	-	76.41	-
Training Day - Bletchingley	306.54	458.71	142.26
Sundry expenses	<u>20.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133.00</u>
<b>Total expenditure for the year</b>	<b><u>981.87</u></b>	<b><u>1,435.00</u></b>	<b><u>815.26</u></b>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>74.58</u>	<u>(502.00)</u>	<u>(283.58)</u>
Represented by: Fund at 1 January	2,697.92	2,045.01	2,328.59
Transfer from Peal Fund	-	1,154.91	-
Net decrease/increase in Fund	<u>74.58</u>	<u>(502.00)</u>	<u>(283.58)</u>
	<b><u>£2,772.50</u></b>	<b><u>£2,697.92</u></b>	<b><u>£2,045.01</u></b>

### PROPERTY REGISTER

The former Training Officer, Vicky Williams, holds the video camera and tripod.