

KCACR Training Officer's Report – for 28th July 2018

Ringling skills:

The Chairman and I have met with a representative from ART, and I have looked into the ART training approach. A large number of Association members have attended the initial days on teaching and mentoring, but few have persevered with completing the courses. However, 20 have undertaken the initial day courses this year (excluding those who attended a course on 7th July).

We need to increase the number of accredited 'mentors' to accompany the 'teachers' through their qualifying, as at present there are not sufficient to cover those keen to progress.

In due course, I hope to be able to assess the impact of the ART courses on the development of ringing in local towers. In the meantime, I am offering funding for those wishing to undertake the courses from the Association Training Fund.

I want to make clear that support for ART does not imply that all training will be offered only through ART – it is one useful resource, but not the only route to follow.

District training days:

I am very grateful to hear about any local or district training days and initiatives. It would also be helpful to know the outcomes from such days. I hope that such days will not be limited within a district, but made available to ringers from the wider Association. The Association website news updates are very helpful for achieving this.

Safeguarding:

I attended a very positive meeting between Nigel Spencer and the Rochester Safeguarding Training Officer, Greg Barry, and we arranged two day courses specifically for tower captains and ringing masters for Level C2. The dates are Monday 1st October and Saturday 1st December. I am currently arranging venues and will then issue invitations.

The Rochester Diocese has only recently launched current safeguarding training, and so we anticipate that few tower captains and similar will have completed C2 training. Although Greg Barry is working for the Rochester Diocese, the training is part of a national scheme, and so can be open to ringers across the Association.

Leadership skills:

I am supporting the Chairman in his plans for developing local ringing leadership, and a tentative date has been arranged for November.

Gathering information:

I am keen to gain a picture of what is happening across the Association. Please encourage ringers to contact me with any information, requests, ideas and so on. I hope to move forward on recruitment/retention as a next step, and experience shared would be most useful.

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