

Working on our behalf

Half a century since its inception, the CC Education Committee is one of the Council's largest. At its November meeting, John Harrison stepped down as Chairman after eight years in the post, to be succeeded by Barrie Dove. This is a fitting time to review the Committee's work and to meet its members. The Committee, originally formed as the Sunday Service Ringing Committee, has evolved over the years, the last major change being in 1993, when Council increased its size from nine members to twelve.

The Committee's work

In a nutshell, the Committee 'does what it says on the tin'. Its current terms of reference, last revised in 2001, are:

To review, and where necessary advance, the best methods of ringing teaching and learning; to disseminate this knowledge to societies and the ringing community; to arrange or assist in the organisation of training events for societies; to keep under review the need for up-to-date educational resources using whatever medium best suits the purpose, and to produce this material wherever necessary.

Past Committee publications include *The Tower Handbook*. Soon to be published, *The New Ringer's Book*, will be equally significant.

The Committee uses other media where appropriate. This has included the *Listen to Ringing* CDs, and *The Tutor's Companion* video. A much more modern, and more interactive DVD product on teaching ringers is being considered for the future.

The Committee has always delivered courses. Currently these cover teaching and listening. They include both day and weekend courses. Most are delivered for host societies, with the aim of reaching more people, and helping to spin off local ability to run similar courses. The committee will promote this side of its work.

Meet the committee



Barrie Dove (Chairman)

Barrie represents the Yorkshire Association. He has the task of shaping and taking forward the Committee's work. Since joining the Committee, he has been responsible for developing and delivering the conducting module within the courses that the Committee provides for local ringing societies.



Heather Peachey (Secretary)

Heather is an Honorary Council member. She is the co-ordinator of the Committee's main course 'Teaching the Teachers', handles liaison with the youth organisations, and is the

Committee's link with the Ringing Centres Committee. She was part of the team that developed the *Framework* for ringing teaching, and author of *Getting it right – Guidelines for Officers of Ringing Societies*.



John Harrison (immediate past Chairman)

John represents the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He was responsible for developing the Committee's listening course and associated resources. He wrote *The Learning Curve* from its inception in 1999 to 2007, and the four compendium volumes. Earlier he compiled *The Tower Handbook*. He was responsible for the formation of the Network for Ringing Training (NRT) in 2001 and for the launch of the *Framework* for teaching ringers in 2006. He is currently leading the team and is principle author of *The New Ringer's Book*.



Stuart Flockton



Geoff Horritt

Stuart represents the Liverpool Universities Society. He is a member of the team working on the *The New Ringer's Book*, including early experimental work on capturing video clips to illustrate handling.

Geoff represents the Hertford County Association. He acted as co-ordinator for the recent open course 'Teaching the Teachers' at Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick. He helped to promote the use for teaching bellhandling of the 'Wombel' dumbbell, which the Committee had on loan for a period after the 2006 RoadShow.



Catherine Lewis



Frank Lewis

Catherine represents the Kent County Association. She was Committee Secretary for four years, and currently acts as Committee Treasurer. She was course co-ordinator for many years. She developed the module on teaching to raise and lower in peal. She is co-author of the *The New Ringer's Book*.

Frank represents the Kent County Association. He manages the Committee's web site, and has been involved with many aspects of the Committee's work. His background in the publishing industry, and his acute eye for detail has been put to good use proof reading most of the Committee's publications.



Simon Linford



Martin Mansley

Simon represents the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was responsible for setting up and running the Committee's scheme for mentoring conductors.

Martin represents the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. He is currently responsible for compiling the summaries of discussions between NRT members, as a resource for all members. He also wrote the first of the revived 'Dips into ...' articles for *The Ringing World*.



Pip Penney

Pip represents the Llandaff & Monmouthshire Diocesan Association. She is currently writing a new publication *Teaching Unravalled*, which draws lessons from research about learning physical skills into ringing teaching. She is also co-ordinating the assembly of 'The Tower Captain's Resource', a toolkit to help run useful, interesting practices.

Joining the Committee

Council committees are sometimes accused of being closed shops, but that is far from true in this case. The committee has always encouraged people with new ideas and enthusiasm to join, and there is a steady turnover. Since 1993, a total of thirty two members have served on the Committee, with the current members having served an average of a little over seven years each.

At the end of the Triennium in May, several members plan to stand down, so the committee looks forward to another influx of new blood to help continue and develop its work.

If you are a Council member, and you want to help advance the way that ringers learn and are taught, then feel free to talk to us about the Committee's work and stand for election in May. There is more information on the Committee website (see below) or you can contact any committee member.

If you are not yet a Council member, but will join the Council in May, you don't need to wait until you arrive before thinking about how you can make a contribution. If you feel you will have something to offer, then find out more.

More information

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