

Notes from R&T Committee 2/4/2023

Apologies: None

Action Points:

- ART mentors, we chose to leave this outstanding to pick up after the Coronation ringing as Ring for the King is taking a lot of people's time.
- For Katharine to set up a bi-monthly Guild 8 Bell practice
- Lesley Boyle is running an ART course 15/7/23 at Redgrave
- Planning an M2 course for October

Discussion:

Sue would like to host an ART M1 course near Reydon. Sue is running ringing games (kaleidoscope ringing) at Reydon which she is running as a ringing hub.

Cath and Lesley Boyle have been discussing holding a ladies heavy bell ringing session.

SE Update:

Ring for the King:

- There is overlap with the Henley and Tuddenham recruits
- Ipswich have 12 recruits plus 3 chimers
- The district has had a huge surge in membership with over 40 new members, it has become common to get 40+ at district practices.
- Using the area reps to ensure that all towers are rung for the Coronation
- There are 3 young ringers at Barking, some at Holbrook and 2 in Ipswich

SW Update:

A few towers have learners, there are learners at Hadleigh and 1 Ring for the King learner at Little Cornard.

Haverhill has a young ringer.

NE Update:

Sue has circulated a flyer and is starting the ringing hub at Reydon from 22/4/23.

They are expecting to have too many learners and not enough teachers, the aim is to have enough ringers across the NE to service those towers that do not have Sunday Service Ringing.

Ring for the King:

4 recruits have approached and 1 has started, there has been 1 lapsed ringer return.

NW Update:

- 2 young ringers at Old Newton
- Stowmarket have 6 new ringers, 5 teachers and 4 of the ringers are looking very solid
- The Westhorpe, Gillingham, Thornham Magna ringing hub is growing, 10 recruits have been through supported by 4 teachers
- There are 2 new recruits that Maureen and Sylvie are providing intensive teaching to

Ring for the King:

- Not entirely sure of the full picture, Maureen has had 6 recruits approach her.
- Maureen, Neal Dodge, Josephine Beever and others have appeared in an article for Suffolk Magazine written by Marion Welham

There was some debate about progress of recruits beyond level 1 (rounds and call changes).

We discussed promoting the Guild Centenary achievement certificates, as it was noted it is important to recognise achievements.

The first practice of 2023 at the Norman Tower was well attended and people got a lot out of it. A lapsed ringer has moved to the area and joined the Norman Tower. There was a feeling that Bury was under utilised as a training tower.

Training Audit follow up:

The NW district towers mostly want just 1 or 2 extras at practice, there was no enthusiasm for workshops or training events. Where it is working well is where there is collaboration between towers. There are almost no ART qualified teachers outside of the ringing hubs.

We discussed an unmet need for Tower Leadership skills, including H&S risk assessments. There was a broad discussion about Mentoring and whether we should set up mentor networks including for conductors.

AOB:

Maureen raised Safeguarding training and noted that there is a Guild Standard (which is the diocese standard) and whilst the church seems pretty organised she feared that as the Guild we do not have total compliance. She was concerned that the Guild is drifting from the church.

All those teaching children and/or mentoring those teaching children should have completed the diocese leadership course (which follows basic and foundation).