

Education Sub-Committee

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This is a working body within the Guild, which meets several times a year as well as organising events and undertaking other relevant projects. It is appointed by the Guild General Committee, and is responsible to it.

The Sub-Committee specifically aims to help the Guild meet the following two of its objects:

- The recruitment and training of ringers, so that there may be regular service ringing in all towers within the Diocese where the bells are ringable.
- The promotion of the art of change ringing.

Terms of reference

- To keep up to date with developments in the teaching of all aspects of bell ringing and advise Guild members of relevant developments.
- To provide advice and support to Branches in the area of training.
- To organize such training events which are deemed to be needed in the Guild.
- To acquire, produce and disseminate relevant literature and other teaching materials as and when necessary.
- To report twice annually to the General Committee.
- To provide courses and teaching materials which are on a self financing basis

Services provided include:

- An annual Spring day course based at Radley, focusing on methods up to Grandsire Triples
- An annual late Autumn day course based at Steeple Aston, focusing on methods up to Grandsire Triples
- An annual Michelmass day course based in the Reading area, focusing on more advanced methods including Stedman Triples, Surprise Minor, Surprise Major and advanced Surprise Major
- A 10-bell training day, normally in early December at Aston Clinton
- An annual meeting for Branch training officers (or their equivalent), with discussion and practical session, normally in February
- A book stall, containing popular ringing books that members can see and buy. The book stall is at all major Guild events, and subsidiary bookstalls are taken by Guild stewards to some branch events.
- Guild publications for sale – a series of 13 basic leaflets on a wide range of topics.
- An award scheme for young ringers, normally every four years
- Advice or practical assistance as required, in support of branch training officers or other people organising training at local level

Membership

The committee includes the Master, General Secretary, General Treasurer, and other members elected from the General Committee. Further Guild members from outside the General Committee may be co-opted, usually to perform a specific function, such as organising one of the courses. Each Ringing Centre within the Guild is normally invited to suggest one of their members to be elected or co-opted.