

TRAINING GROUP REPORT

The following Surrey Association training courses were held in 2018:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Training event</i>	<i>Leader</i>	<i>Students</i>
06-Jan	Thames Ditton	Stedman Doubles	Paul Flavell	5
03-Feb	Caterham StM	Bletchingley Follow Up	Noel Gibbin	5
03-Feb	Addington	Bletchingley Follow Up	David Whitehead	4
24-Feb	Wimbledon	Northern Training Day	Paul Flavell	18
07-Apr	Barnes	Listen and Strike Workshop	Ruth Suggett	6
05-May	Oxted	Teaching Bell handling	Graham Nabb	11
02-Jun	Merstham	Beyond Plain Bob	Noel Gibbin	4
02-Jun	Addington	Beyond Plain Bob	Shirley McGill	3
04-Aug	Merstham	Conducting ART Workshop	Paul Flavell	9
01-Sep	Caterham StJ	Up and down	Noel Gibbin	6
06-Oct	Bletchingley	Southern Training Day	Paul Flavell	22
03-Nov	Bletchingley	Elementary change ringing	Frank Seabright	11
01-Dec	Kingston	Tower Management course	Paul Flavell	10
			Total students	114

Thames Ditton is a popular venue for training and the Stedman course in January gave students practice at singles with a view to ringing 120s and quarter peals. At least two students have subsequently rung quarter peals of Stedman Doubles.

Following on from Southern Training Day, there were two sessions for seven students who wished to practice Bob Doubles, Kaleidoscope and Plain Hunt.

There were fewer students than usual at Northern Training Day but it was pleasing to see several new faces in the Foundation Skills and Plain Hunt Groups. All the Leaders reported good progress for all or some of their students.

ART (Association of Ringing Teachers) have developed Workshops in a range of subjects including Conducting, Tower Management, Bell Maintenance, Simulator Awareness and Listen and Strike! Ruth Suggett from the Bardwell ART Hub ran the first ART Listen and Strike Workshop in Surrey at Barnes. There was an entertaining set of exercises specifically for listening skills and the striking was noticeably improved by the end of the day.

ART is becoming established as a good teaching tool both nationally and in Surrey and as at the end of January 2019, we have over 20 accredited teachers for bell handling. This has helped enormously with training new recruits in 2018, e.g. from the Ringing Remembers campaign, where the Association received over 60 enquiries from people wishing to learn bell ringing.

As of January 2019, over 90 Surrey Association learners have been through the ART Learning the Ropes program to at least at Level 1 and we have several new ringers in Surrey as a result. We were very pleased to welcome Graham Nabb back to deliver another course for teachers to learn how to teach bell handling.

Shirley and Noel held very constructive 'Beyond Plain Bob' practices where the students rang touches of Little Bob, St Clements, Double Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob.

I gave an ART course on conducting, showing students the intricacies of transposing lead ends and working out coursing orders, and how to call a 1260 of Plain Bob Minor. The students were given opportunities to call touches and practise their new skills.

Up and down courses are always popular and Noel has this off to a fine art. All the bells are clamped and all follow the treble up and down, with helpers giving useful tips.

We limited the number of students on Southern Training Day to ensure they got plenty of rope time and the training was productive. However, the training is only really helpful if the students follow it up with more practice.

We welcomed Frank Seabright, formerly a ringer at Merton Park, to give an ART course on teaching elementary change ringing in November. This course continues from bell handling to enabling students to ring elementary methods.

Finally, I held a Tower Management course in December, covering a wide range of tower issues but focusing on safeguarding and recruitment and retention.

I'm pleased to say that the new band at Mitcham are doing well and thank you to all the ringers who are helping with their training.

I am stepping down as Training Officer at the AGM and handing over to my successor to be elected at the AGM. I would like to thank all leaders, helpers and of course students for their support and encouragement and hope that my successors will continue with the commitment to quality training in Surrey. It has been a rewarding time and great privilege to be your Training Officer.

Paul Flavell

TRAINING GROUP INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018 - £	2017 - £	2016 - £
INCOME			
Training Day – Wimbledon	183.37	65.00	200.00
May event	210.00	-	-
Recruitment Seminar	-	625.00	-
ART Course	-	-	170.00
Steeplekeeping Course	-	-	180.00
November event	156.62	-	-
Autumn Training Morning (was Training Day)	<u>261.13</u>	<u>366.45</u>	<u>383.00</u>
Net income from events for the year	<u>811.12</u>	<u>1,056.45</u>	<u>933.00</u>
EXPENDITURE			
January event	10.00	-	-
Listening Skills	-	-	148.40
February event	20.00	-	-
Training Day - Wimbledon	100.00	122.33	157.94
Recruitment Seminar	-	533.00	-
ART Course	-	-	442.00
April event	85.00	-	-
May event	415.49	-	16.00
June event	20.00	-	-
Steeplekeeping Course	-	-	123.50
August event	10.00	-	12.04
September event	10.00	-	76.41
Autumn Training Morning	143.85	306.54	458.71
November event	373.99	-	-
December event	10.00	-	-
Sundry expenses	-	<u>20.00</u>	-
Total expenditure for the year	<u>1,198.33</u>	<u>981.87</u>	<u>1,435.00</u>
 (Deficit)/Surplus for the year	 <u>(387.21)</u>	 <u>74.58</u>	 <u>(502.00)</u>
Represented by: Fund at 1 January	2,772.50	2,697.92	2,045.01
Transfer from Peal Fund	-	-	1,154.91
Net decrease/increase in Fund	<u>(387.21)</u>	<u>74.58</u>	<u>(502.00)</u>
	<u>£2,385.29</u>	<u>£2,772.50</u>	<u>£2,697.92</u>

PROPERTY REGISTER

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