



Network for Ringing Training

Introduction

The Network for Ringing Training (NRT) is a communication service dedicated to supporting those who wish to improve the quality of ringing training, by improving their own skills or by helping others to do so. It is run by the Education Committee of the Central Council of Church Bellringers and will be launched at the 2001 Ringing RoadShow.

Objectives

The objective of the Network for Ringing Training (NRT) is to:

To help promote excellence in bell ringing performance by developing and encouraging high standards of ringing training'.

In support of this objective, the Network will:

- a) provide a communication service dedicated to the needs of those who train ringers
- b) disseminate information relevant to the training of ringers
- c) stimulate activities focussed on the development of training skills

By this means the Network is intended to raise the profile of training as a distinct activity within ringing and to lead to higher quality ringing in our towers, with more satisfaction for ringers at large.

Subscribers

Anyone may subscribe to the Network who supports the above objectives and wishes to help develop ringing training skills in themselves and others. This will include:

- tower captains (with any level of experience)
- other ringers interested in teaching
- experienced ringing teachers
- local association education officers, ringing masters, etc.
- managers and tutors of ringing centres

Organisation

The Network is sponsored by the Central Council Education Committee, which will initially manage it. In due course, the administration may be undertaken by others, who need not also be members of the Education Committee, on its behalf. The Network will provide a communication service for those concerned with ringing training across the whole exercise. The Network hopes to stimulate, but will not organise, local events for people who train ringers.

The Service will initially be based on those listed here. When the Network forms, the way its services evolve will be driven by the needs of its subscribers.

- Maintain a register of all subscribers, and make this list available to other subscribers
- Provide subscribers with details of other subscribers near to them
- Help subscribers to contact each other, by whatever means are appropriate
- Provide means to distribute information between its subscribers, in paper and/or electronic form
- Promulgate information on training related activities to its subscribers (whether organised by subscribers to the Network, by ringing centres or by societies)
- Stimulate the organisation of activities to help develop training skills, e.g. MTM courses.
- Support societies, ringing centres and individuals that organise training related activities
- Make available information on available skills and resources relevant to the development of training skills
- Manage training related electronic discussion media, such as RingingEducationNet

Local Activity

NRT will not organise events, but part of its purpose is to stimulate and support activities that benefit those who train ringing. To this end, it may be used to suggest local activities and to facilitate those who organise them. Event organisers (societies, ringing centres, the CC Education Committee and others) will be encouraged to use the Network to promote them, providing that they be open to any subscriber.

Finance

Subscription will be free for 2001. After the Network is established, its funding will be reviewed. The aim is to maintain a free service if this is possible.

John Harrison - Chairman, Central Council Education Committee