

KCBA Committee Meeting

June 10th 2018

Adult Education Officer's Report

1. I have been in touch twice with all the Kent EBU Teachers at present on our website, but as always getting them to reply is another matter! This was in response to a communication from the EBU asking all teachers to fill in a survey regarding the new Data Protection rules. Failure to complete this survey would result in the teacher's removal from both the EBU register and therefore our own. Several, but not all, replied to say they had completed the survey. It remains to be seen whether there are those who didn't reply directly to me, but completed it anyway. There is a meeting at Aylesbury this week after which the new updated and revamped register will be available for me to view and then update our own list - with Liz Blande's help.
I attach a map showing where our present teachers are located but this I fear will change when I have the results of the survey.
2. I attended a 'Teacher Educators' meeting at Young Chelsea Bridge Club last week. This was by invitation only and its aim was to attract more existing teachers into training other would be teachers. As a result of this I have been invited to write an article for the club management magazine 'Focus' outlining the teaching programme we have in place at Folkestone DBC. At the moment we have 3 teachers running 4 classes. These range from beginners to intermediate. Seminars for club members once a month are run by Brian Crack and David Ellerby - and Shirley Goldwin, David and Brian are introducing bridge into 2 local Primary schools - with the hope that we might go into a 3rd and also into the local grammar school.
3. I have also been asked to submit a piece for the for the EBED page of the EBU magazine with a photograph.
4. I am running a second, 2 day teacher training course in Faversham on the 13th and 14th September. Could this please be advertised on our website? Liz has already sent out a notification to club secretaries but of course we don't know if that has got through to club members. Depends how good the secretaries are!
5. I have had a meeting with Jack Reason at Canterbury who has now given up beginners/improvers and is only running the occasional 'Fast Track' weekend. Roger Markwick has now taken over Jack's club in Lower Hardres. I haven't heard from any other teacher in Kent who is going down Jack's route.