

KCBA COMMITTEE MEETING

11/06/17

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

1. I am pleased to report that I have had many favourable comments on the decision to appoint a designated Education Officer - with Diane Rogers able to concentrate on Youth Education which is equally, if not more, important
2. I would like to draw your attention to the new page on our website 'Teachers and Classes' and I would like to minute my thanks to Liz Blande for all the work she has put in to reorganise this page.
3. We had 8 teachers on our previous page – 2 of whom no longer taught. We now have 15 – better than the 8 – but nowhere as good as I hoped. I emailed all 34 of our registered EBU teachers asking for their permission to either, update their details if they were already on our site, or to include them if they did not already appear. 13 replied and the other 2 have come on board as a result of the Faversham teacher training course. This is very disappointing. However, I am about to contact them all again regarding the accelerated teaching programme that the EBU is about to introduce and I will ask them again to consider registering their contact details on our site. If again I get no response I will assume they are happy doing their own thing and need no help from the KCBA. However, I will of course continue to keep them on my distribution list
4. EBED Teaching Course - March 2017

This seemed to be very successful. I had the support of Richard Banbury from EBED and all the staff at the Faversham Community Centre were very helpful indeed. The venue was perfect for the purpose, especially as I had the facility to link my laptop to a screen. This enabled me to bring up all the outstandingly good material in the EBED Teachers Zone. Participants could instantly see what was available to use in their classes and how it linked up with the printed material they had been given. I understand that this facility is going to be a requirement in any future venue for these courses and there is even a suggestion I write some sort of paper/ programme on it!!

15 participants attended – 11 of them from Kent - so we have potentially another 11 Kent teachers. 2 of them already appear on our website among the 15 mentioned above. Shirley Goldwin starts beginners' classes in Mersham this month with 5 students and Gregory Knopp begins in Medway in September with the help of George Wise who also attended the course. I understand Anton and Jessica Mauve are active in the Weald of Kent junior programme.

I propose to contact the other Kent participants before September to keep them all in the loop.

I would like to suggest that the Committee agree to a subsidy for those who paid their own fee for Faversham:-

Mr Anton Mauve	Weald of Kent
Mrs Jessica Mauve	Weald of Kent
Mrs Pauline Ballard	Maidstone
Mrs Jacqueline Day	Maidstone
Mr Christopher Hiorns	Hampton

Chris Lohan

June 9th 2017