



SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS

The Eric Hitchins Training Award

The Eric Hitchins Training Award is given annually to a ringer under the age of 25 to attend a ringing course with the aim of supporting their ringing development and potential.

Eric was a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers for 80 years, and throughout his ringing life was passionate about supporting young ringers' development, learning and potential.

The award will fund a course such as the :

- South West Ringing Course (<https://southwest-ringing-course.org.uk>) (October Half term)
- Bradfield Ringing Course (<https://www.bradfield-ringing-course.org.uk/home.php>) (third weekend in August)
- Hereford Ringing Course (<http://www.herefordringingcourse.org.uk/>) (Around Easter)
- North West Ringing Course, (<https://nwringingcourse.uk>), (Second weekend in August) and
- Essex Ringing Course (<https://eacr.org.uk/education/course.html>) (April)

These are residential courses (apart from Essex where you have to find your own accommodation) usually over 3-4 days, which offer a wide range of choice.

The award, up to a maximum of £300, will be paid directly to the ringing course on receipt of a confirmed place. The award will be valid for 2 years.

A Committee made up of the Master, Education Officer, a Vice President of the SDGR, and a member of Eric's family will review applications and offer the award once a year. Applications can be made at any time. during the year.

Please send completed application forms to Guild.master@sdgr.org.uk

Application Form:

Name:

Tower:

Date of Birth:

(applicants must be under 25 years of age on the first day of their chosen course.)

Email address (*of parent if under 18 when applying*):

Parental consent for application (*for under 18's only*):

Please answer the following questions to help us review your application:

1. What course might you choose and why? (Max 100 words)
2. What are your learning goals for the course? (Max 100 words)
3. What are your ringing goals for the next 2 years? (Max 100 words)
4. How will you share what you have learnt on the course? (Max 100 words)

Supporting Statement:

Please ask another ringer who knows your ringing journey to write a statement to support your application here:

Please give details of the applicants progress, enthusiasm, ability and potential, and your view of how a residential course will benefit them.

We expect the successful candidate to write an article for the Guild Website about their experience on their chosen course, to be published within 3 months of the course end date, and ideally also published in The Ringing World (<https://www.ringingworld.co.uk>).

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