

Training Report - Lesley Jennings

During the first quarter of 2005 I was asked if I would consider getting involved with training new members of the station. With my limited knowledge of the Myriad system I was dubious but agreed to shadow Steve Allen as he carried out the 12 weeks training course he had designed for Rookwood Sound to provide all the basic information required to enable a complete novice to begin broadcasting.

At the end of the 12 weeks I was convinced that the course was designed to convey all relevant information in an easy format so I agreed to run the next training course, which went well and resulted in 4 out of 6 trainees completing the course. During this course I was able to identify certain areas which could be improved eg the introduction of attendance sheets to ensure all elements of the course were covered for all trainees, highlighting the importance of ward visits, providing subscription information to the Treasurer, and re-arranging a couple of sessions so that the trainees understood how all the theory sessions at the beginning of the course came together as a show. Since then a further 6 presenters have completed the course.

Over the past year we have been extremely lucky with a steady stream of people wishing to join the station – long may it continue as it helps maintain the live programming schedule we have declared for our broadcasting licence.

Carrying out the training has also highlighted bad habits that I had picked up over the years and facilities on Myriad that I did not use e.g. Seg Edit to record shows and Cool Edit to create jingles. Cool Edit is still a nightmare so if anyone would like to volunteer to spend 2 hours every three months teaching trainees how to do this please get in touch. Also if any existing members would like refresher training please get in touch so that convenient sessions can be arranged.