

The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers
Members Update January 2014

Dear Member,

Here is an update with important information for you.

Safeguarding Coordinator

Rosemary Drewery has taken on the role of our Safeguarding Coordinator. Rosemary lives and rings at Felmersham. She can be contacted on 07792 926004, email safeguarding@bacr.co.uk. You'll find our safeguarding guidelines in the Annual Report and an updated version is on the website, www.bacr.co.uk. A 'young ringer registration form' is also available to download.

Paying subscriptions by standing order

From January 2014 you can pay your subscription by standing order. This is very easy and convenient for you and our Treasurers! If you do online banking you can set it up now. If you'd prefer a standing order mandate to send to your bank, forms will be available at forthcoming meetings and on the website in due course. For online banking our account details are:

- Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers, Account number 01418488
- Sort Code 30-94-47
- Use your name as the reference

Please let your District Treasurer know if you've set this up.

Gift Aid

Don't forget that if you are a UK tax payer you can gift aid your subscription so that we can recover the tax from HM Revenue and Customs. This is at no cost to you and gives us 25p for every pound you pay. Further information and gift aid declaration form can be found on the [website](#)

New Object of the Association.

At 2013 AGM we agreed to set up an Association Bell Restoration Fund and new Object of the Association - *'To promote and support the care, maintenance, improvement and restoration of bells within the area of the Association'*. We're pleased to say that the Charity Commission have approved our new object.

2014 Annual District Meetings

It is very important that we have a good turnout for our Annual District Meetings. Please come and elect your District Committee and find out what events have been arranged for 2014. The three ADMs are:

Biggleswade District: Saturday 11 January. Afternoon ringing at Southill 3.30-4.45pm; followed at Clifton 5.00 service, 5.30 tea, 6.00 meeting and evening ringing until 8.30pm.
Names for tea by Thursday 9 January to Sheila Ashton sheila.stanashton@btinternet.com or 01462 813340

Bedford District: Saturday 18 January. St Andrews Bedford

Luton District: Saturday 25 January. Dunstable – ringing 3.30pm, service 4.30, tea 5.00, meeting 6.00. Evening ringing until 8.30pm at Houghton Regis.

Dates for your 2014 diary

Sat 15 February - The General Committee meet. If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments about the Association and what we do, please raise this through your District Secretary.

Sat 17 May - The Association AGM at Biggleswade.

Sat 7 June - Ridgman Trophy 10 bell striking competition Essex

Sat 5 July - National Youth Striking Competition Worcester

Fri 18 to Sun 20 July - Association presence at the Bedford River Festival

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Kind regards

Sue Silver, President and Terry Brown, Honorary Secretary