

The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers Members Update April 2018

Dear Member,

Here is the latest information for you.

AGM 19 May at Leighton Buzzard

Please make every effort to come to this year's AGM being held at All Saints Leighton Buzzard. The meeting starts at 6.00pm and is preceded by a service at 4.15 and tea at approx. 5.00pm. The Agenda, minutes of the 2017 meeting and other papers will be posted as soon as possible on the website at <http://www.bacbr.org.uk/association/business/agm-minutes-archive>

February 2018 General Committee meeting

The General Committee met in February and we:

- Agreed the reports that will go into the 2017 Annual Report. The 2017 report will be printed in mid April and will be distributed as soon as possible in advance of the AGM.
- Agreed the 2017 accounts, which have been presented in a new format, and the budget for 2018 expenditure.
- Reappointed Rosemary Drewary as Safeguarding Co-ordinator and Tony Sharp as Webmaster. We are still without a formal Technical Advisor but in-house technical help is available; please email techadvisor@bacbr.org.uk in the first instance.
- Discussed the proposed change to Association BRF Rule 4 again. You can read about this in more detail, including the actual Rule change wording, at <http://www.bacbr.org.uk/association/business/agm-minutes-archive>
In summary the proposal is to have a BRF Committee Chairman who is elected at the AGM. This person can be from any District and would preferably not already have any District Committee role (although anyone who already has a role wouldn't be precluded). The other BRF Committee members would be just the Honorary Secretary and a rep from each District, elected at the ADMs as happens now.

Please think about this between now and the AGM – does this solution resolve the previous concerns and, if it is passed, we will need nominations for a BRF Chairman – is this something you could do?

- Agreed to the request from the ringers at St Peter and St Paul, Cranfield to be affiliated with the Bedford District again.
- Discussed the implications of the new General Data Protection Regulations, which come into force in May 2018. We have to comply with this legislation; our current data protection information is being revised to reflect the new requirements and we will have to review the personal information that we currently hold. Please help us keep our records up to date by telling us if you change your email address or contact phone numbers.
- Discussed the 'Ring for Peace' initiative.
This is a national initiative to recruit 1400 new ringers (the same number as were killed in WW1) to ring for the Remembrance Day activities on 11 November 2018, which is also the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. A poster for towers to use to recruit people is available. There are national and Diocesan plans to ring at 7.05pm on the 11 November to coincide with beacon lighting. The



Central Council's information is here <https://cccbr.org.uk/2017/11/11/ringing-for-peace->

[armistice100-in-2018-what-you-need-to-know/](#) and we will put more on the website when we have it.

- Heard about the Woman's Institute Centenary in 2019. The Bedfordshire Federation of Woman's Institutes have asked whether we could arrange some celebratory bell ringing to mark this event. We have given them a positive response and await further information. This could be a good recruitment opportunity for us and that BACBR members who are also WI members may like to help arrange peals or quarter peals.

The next meeting will be in October, please contact your District Reps if you have any feedback, ideas or suggestions to improve the way our Association works.

Click here to see who is on the General Committee

<http://www.bacbr.org.uk/association/business/general-committee/>

Other News

St Albans Diocese Safeguarding Information

The St Albans Diocese February 2018 safeguarding newsletter has updated information about safeguarding training courses relevant to Tower Captains and those who teach children /vulnerable adults. You can find the Diocesan safeguarding information at <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/safeguarding/> and the newsletter is at <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/Safeguarding-News-February-2018.pdf>

Don't forget that Diocesan safeguarding requirements are your responsibility and you must liaise with your Church's Safeguarding lead to find out what you need to do.

The Association of Ringing Teacher (ART) Conference and Awards, March 2018

The 2018 ART Conference, including the third ART Awards ceremony, was held at Royston on 3 and 4 March. Despite snow and transport difficulties there was a packed agenda of leading speakers sharing best practice from their ringing as well as ideas from other activities and professions. You can read a report about the event here -

<http://ringingteachers.org/news/articles/art-conference-royston>

One of the sessions was run by John Loveless and Linda Garton from Campton about developing youth teams, using their experience of running the Bedfordshire Young Ringers practices and their participation in the Ringing World National Youth Striking Competition.

Their presentation can be downloaded from here -

http://ringingteachers.org/download_file/view/825/162

And congratulations to **Clifton After School Club** who won the Sarah Beacham Youth Group Award. You can read Philippa Whittington's entry submission here -

<http://ringingteachers.org/recognition/awards/2018-winners/clifton-after-school-club>

Keeping you informed

We have developed a new member database which is held on a secure server maintained by Krystal, who host our website. This is a very safe and secure way to hold our membership information (such as name, membership number, email address) and enables us to comply with new data protection and privacy rules.

We will be using this system to send member update and news emails in future. It will save time and effort and means that we can communicate directly with everyone who has given permission to hold and use their email address. It does rely on you keeping us up to date with your email address changes. If you don't think I have your email address and you are happy to receive update and news emails then please contact me at

secretary@bacbr.org.uk. Also let me know if you don't have an email address we will find other ways to get information to you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Terry Brown, Honorary Secretary