

The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers
Members Update April 2019

Dear Member,

Sheila Smith

We were saddened to hear that Sheila Smith died last month. Sheila was a long standing member of the Biggleswade band and the Association. We offer our sincere condolences to Alan and Yvonne and all Sheila's family. Her funeral is on Thursday 18 April at 2.30pm at St Andrews Biggleswade.

Annual General Meeting - 18 May at St Pauls Bedford

Please make every effort to come to this year's AGM being held at St Pauls Bedford. The meeting starts at 6.00pm and will be preceded by a service and tea these timings, and any afternoon or evening ringing, are still to be confirmed – see the website for final details nearer the time.

The Agenda, minutes of the 2018 meeting, accounts and other information will be posted, when available, on the website at <http://www.bacbr.org.uk/association/business/agm-minutes-archive>

February 2019 General Committee meeting

The General Committee met in February and we:

- Agreed the reports that will go into the 2018 Annual Report. The 2018 report is with the printers now and will be distributed as soon as possible in advance of the AGM.
- Agreed the 2018 accounts and considered the 2019 budget and expenditure.
- Reappointed Rosemary Drewery 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 membership categories to make things simpler to administer and understand. In summary the proposal changes are as follows:

Currently	Becomes
Ringling Member (Resident)	Resident Member
Ringling Member (Resident Life)	Life Member
Ringling Member (Non-Resident)	Non-Resident Member
Ringling Member (Non Resident Life)	Life Member
Honorary Life Member	Honorary Life Member
Associate Member (Ringling)	Non-Resident Member
Associate Member (Non Ringling)	Associate Member

Please take a look at the proposed rules changes that are required, before the AGM, shown in a document available on the website here:

<https://www.bacbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Version-2-Membership-categories-Association-Rules-requiring-change.pdf>

The next General Committee meeting is on 23 November, 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

Don't forget the Bedfordshire Woman's Institute Centenary on 27 September 2019. The Bedfordshire Federation of Woman's Institutes have asked us for some celebratory bell ringing to mark this event. 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.

Keeping you informed

We are working hard on our membership database, which is held on a secure server maintained by Krystal, who host our website. If you don't think I have your email address and you are happy to receive updates and news emails then please contact me at secretary@bacbr.org.uk. Also let me know if you don't have an email address and we'll find other ways to get information to you. Also let me know if you don't want to receive these updates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Terry Brown, Honorary Secretary