

The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers
www.bacbr.org.uk
Members Update July 2019

Dear Member,

AGM News

Over 30 members attended the AGM on 18 May hosted by the ringers at St Paul's Bedford.

We stood to remember Sheila Smith, C Michael Orme, Diane Crick, Derrick Clark and Neil Garrard.

The following Association officers were re-elected:

President - Sue Silver

Vice-President - Pat Albon

Honorary Secretary - Terry Brown

Honorary Treasurer - Tim Blunt

Honorary Peal Secretary - Christine Williams

Honorary Librarian - Pat Albon

Independent Accounts Examiner - Trevor Groom

Our 3 Central Council Reps were re-elected for the next 3 year term - Pat Albon, Linda Garton and Richard Horne.

Membership Categories Rule Change - the proposals to simplify our membership categories was passed. The next step is to produce a new membership form that reflects these changes which will come into effect from January 2020.

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

The amended rules can be found on the website here <https://www.bacbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Association-Rules-2019-large-print.pdf>

Subscription Rates – will remain unchanged for 2020. If you are a tax payer please gift aid your subscription, it is an easy fund raiser for us – a form is available on our website here <http://www.bacbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/BACBR-Subscription-Gift-Aid-Declaration.pdf>

Other Business:

- John Hele gave an update about the proposed restoration project at St Lawrence Steppingley, a Bell Restoration Fund grant application has now been made.
- Our Peal Secretary, Chris Williams has asked the General Committee to review the fees and criteria for Association peals; the current system is cumbersome to administer and there may be a better approach. The General Committee will discuss this at their November meeting; if you have any views or suggestions please email me on secretary@bacbr.org.uk

Bedfordshire Woman's Institute Centenary – Friday 27 September 2019

This year is the centenary of Bedfordshire Woman's Institute and they asked our Association to do some ringing on Friday 27 September 2019 to mark the occasion. The request is that churches ring for 15 minutes at 7.00pm on that day if possible but any ringing around the anniversary is welcomed. Please email Sally Ball, WI County Chairman, to let her know your ringing plans - is.ball@btinternet.com. Read more on the website at <https://www.bacbr.org.uk/association/events/other-events/>

Technical Advice

We are still without a formal Technical Advisor. Requests for technical help can still be made to techadvisor@bacbr.org.uk and will be passed on to members who are willing to give informal advice.

Central Council Annual Meeting, London - booking is now open

Booking for the Central Council's Annual Meeting is now open. The meeting is being held at Goldsmiths College, New Cross, London, SE14 6NW from 6th to 8th September 2019. The programme is open to all ringers. There is a social evening on Friday 6th September, the chance to hear about and discuss the Council's work on Saturday 7th September and a mini road-show, exhibition and speaker events taking place on Sunday 8th September; there is also an opportunity to visit St Paul's Cathedral and ring at some iconic London churches. Click here for more information <https://cccbr.org.uk/about/annual-meetings/2019-meeting/>

Ringling out for Peace – 75th Anniversary of VE Day 8th May 2020

Bruno Peak is organising another national celebration, similar to his WW1 'Battles Over' event, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. The early Mayday bank holiday has been changed to Friday 8th May so that everyone can participate in these celebrations. It looks like commemorative ringing is to take place at 7.00pm. You can read more about this here <https://www.veday75.org/> and here <https://www.veday75.org/get-involved/ringing-out-for-peace/> - where you can register your event.

Ringling World National Youth Striking Contest (RWNYC) – Liverpool, Saturday 6th July

Good luck to our Young Ringers as they, their families and Association supporters travel to Liverpool to take part in the 9th RWNYC, undoubtedly the furthest they've had to travel yet! St Nicholas Pier Head is the Contest HQ and the contest ringing will take place at St Francis Xavier, 24 teams are taking part. This year the team has some new faces as a couple of our longer serving youngsters became too old to take part; they will be ringing call changes again. Keep an eye on BACBR Facebook for the latest news.

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.

Our website www.bacbr.org.uk

There is all the essential information you need about the Association and districts on our website. Please have a look and email me (secretary@bacbr.org.uk) or Webmaster Tony Sharp (webmaster@bacbr.org.uk) with any comments or suggestions for new content.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Terry Brown, Honorary Secretary

10462 631057 / 07932 627476