

+BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

24th January 2019 at Campton Church

7.45pm

MINUTES

Present: Sue Silver (Chair), Terry Brown, Clare Francis, Linda Garton, Nicky Hele

- 1. Apologies:** Charlotte Francis, Henry Francis, Peter Overfield, Chris Williams.
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October at Campton Church:** After minor corrections these were agreed and signed.
- 3. Matters Arising:** Item 8 District Social: Sue reminded those present that last December's Social was the last in that format.
- 4. Correspondence:** There has been no correspondence.
- 5. Appointment of Association General Committee Members:** Representatives from Biggleswade District are as follows: -

Sue Silver	Association President
Terry Brown	Association Secretary
Clare Francis	District BRF Treasurer
Linda Garton	Central Council Representative
Nicky Hele	District Secretary
Peter Overfield	District Treasurer

- 6. Membership Accounts:** Sue reported that quite a lot of Standing Order payments for 2019 had already been received and several recently elected members had also agreed to set up standing orders.
- 7. Matters Arising from the ADM:** Sue distributed draft copies of the Minutes for the ADM held on Saturday 12th January 2019 at St Andrew's Church, Biggleswade. A number of corrections were identified and Sue has agreed to correct the Minutes as necessary. Terry will discuss the Rule Change at the next General Committee Meeting.
- 8. District Outing:** Chris Williams has organised a visit to towers in South Cambridgeshire for Saturday 11th May. As the Outing is relatively local ringers could opt for a half day if they prefer. Foxton Church has offered use of their kitchen facilities.
- 9. Association AGM:** The AGM will be on Saturday 18th May, hosted by St Paul's, Bedford. Further details to be confirmed nearer the time.
- 10. BRF:** Clare reported that the total balance of the BRF account has increased from £5554.70 to £5640.30 due to collections at recent events. Campton and Southill have yet to take up their grants.
Nicky reported that Steppingley is awaiting the appointment of a new churchwarden in the next fortnight, after which it is hoped that progress can be made with the planned work on their bells.
Terry gave advance notice that Clifton is making early enquiries regarding changing the Hastings stays for conventional stays and would be looking to apply for a BRF grant towards the cost of this work.
- 11. District Striking Competition (13th April):** Clare volunteered to publicise this; Linda offered for her and John to organise judges and Terry said she would be around on the day to help as required.

Linda offered to send a preliminary email and Sue said she would be sending reminders, especially regarding the change of date this year.

12. December Meeting: Sue introduced this item stating that it was time for a change after thirty years. Several ideas were discussed and it was concluded that this year there would be Evening Ringing in December at Maulden.

13. District Striking League: Sue asked if there could be more teams competing this year. Clare suggested that the League should run from February to October and has offered to prepare a poster to publicise the event.

Linda reminded the meeting that the competition should be flexible, fun and suitable for all abilities. Mixed towers and 'rent-a-ringer' are acceptable.

14. Other Events: The meeting's attention was drawn to the Six Bell Striking Competition at Haynes on Saturday 13th April and the Association Striking Competition which will be hosted by the Luton Branch on Saturday 21st September.

The successful 2nd Saturday monthly training sessions continue at the R J Sharp Ringing Centre at St Andrew's Church, Biggleswade. Occasional focused training courses also take place, for example, 'Developing Confident Handling, Striking and Listening Skills' on Saturday 2nd February 2019. Grateful thanks to all who organise and lead these sessions.

Terry reminded the meeting that this year is the Centenary of the Women's Institute and Bedfordshire WI has contacted the Association to ask if we could ring on Friday 27th September to mark the occasion. Terry will contact towers in the Association with more information.

15. Any Other Business: Nicky requested that future Committee meetings could, whenever possible, not be on a Thursday.

The date of the next meeting is 7.45pm on Wednesday 25th September 2019 at Campton Church.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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