

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

**BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT MEETING**

**St Mary's Church Haynes, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Chairman's Welcome**

Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially striking competition judges, Alan Shepherd and Richard Gordon.

**Apologies for Absence**

Received from Charlotte Francis and Henry Francis

**Minutes of Meeting Held at St Mary's Potton on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

These were accepted by the meeting.

**Matters Arising**

None

**Correspondence**

None

**District Outing**

This will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May in Cambridgeshire. Sue has a list of towers which she will circulate by email. There will be plenty of time for lunch; tea will be 'diy' at one of the towers – please bring cake.

**Election of New Members**

Alban Forster of Eaton Socon, proposed by Sue Matthews, seconded by Mike Matthews.

Helen Hodgson of Ampthill, proposed by John Hele, seconded by Hilary Nellist.

Both new members' elections were carried unanimously.

**District Striking Competition Results**

Six teams entered the competition, which was judged by Alan Shepherd and Richard Gordon from Dunstable.

The Judges' comments and scoring were separated into the Rounds Competition and the Change Ringing Competition as follows:

**Rounds Competition**

Place	Team	Judge's Comments	Faults	Rang
1	Biggleswade	Started in a very business like way; the standard dropped in rows 50 to 79, then picked up but dipped again between rows 90 to 110 but got together again towards the end.	28	3
2	Haynes	No consistent faults but a fair number throughout; the ringing improved throughout the piece.	63	2

**Change Ringing Competition**

Place	Team	Judge's Comments	Faults	Rang
1	Eaton Socon	Rang Plain Bob Doubles. Used the practice time very well and rang well in the test piece, there was a consistent change length throughout.	5	5

2	Clifton	Rang Plain Bob Doubles. Very respectable ringing, a small scatter of faults, no consistent errors.	14	1
3	Henlow	Rang Grandsire Doubles. No consistent problems but a scatter of faults throughout.	31	4
4	Campton	Rang Plain Bob Doubles. A small scatter of faults throughout.	50	6

Leah Stewart received the Rounds Cup on behalf of the Biggleswade band and Alban Forster received the Change Ringing Cup on behalf of the Eaton Socon band. Both Eaton Socon and Clifton go on to represent the District at the Association Striking Competition at Flitwick on Saturday 21 September.

Photos of the presentations after the event are at <https://www.bacbr.org.uk/biggleswade/striking-competitions>.

### **Any Other Business**

1. Terry reminded the meeting about the forthcoming AGM on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at St Paul's Church, Bedford. Timings for tea and ringing are unconfirmed but the meeting will be at 6pm.

Minutes and the agenda will be on the BACBR website; there will not be paper copies available on the day for general distribution.

Regarding the Rule Change for simplification of membership categories, Terry advised the meeting to read this on the web and forward questions in advance of the meeting.

2. Philip Jewell asked if Jessica Sawyers could choose to be a resident ringer at Henlow now she no longer lives in the area? There was general assent.

3. Anthony Smith asked if inspection paper copies of the Minutes, Accounts and Agenda for the AGM could be available at the meeting on 18 May. Terry confirmed that they would.

### **Vote of Thanks**

Revd Guy Scott proposed a vote of thanks to all involved in this afternoon's Competition and Meeting; Alan Shepherd and Richard Gordon for judging the competition, the incumbent and churchwardens for the use of the church, bells and hall and Brian Oertel and the Haynes ringers for the lovely tea.