

## Bedfordshire Association of Church Bellringers

### Biggleswade District – Annual District Meeting

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021 by Zoom

1. **Chairman's Welcome** Sue Silver welcomed all to the meeting, and thanked everyone for joining this Zoom ADM.
2. **Loss of members by death** Stan and Sheila Ashton, Clifton; Prudence Moore, Biggleswade; Roy Webb, Stotfold; Alan Smith, Biggleswade; Heather Waters, Arlesey. A short period of silence was kept for all. Obituaries are on the BACBR website.
3. **Apologies for Absence** Mary Mann, Alan Dover, Tim Hele, Martin Major, Charlotte Francis
4. **Minutes of the Annual District Meeting held at Clifton on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020.** After one minor correction, the Minutes were passed as a true record, proposed by Charlotte Smith, seconded by Angela Newberry.
5. **Matters Arising** None
6. **Election of New Members** No new members were elected.
7. **Chairman's Report** Sue Silver gave her report and a copy will be in the Minute Book. It has not been a good year. The District has lost six members by death, all of whom will be much missed. Augmentation of the ring of six bells at Steppingley was completed in February, and a training session for villagers was held on 15<sup>th</sup> March. This was very successful and considerable interest was shown. The first lockdown started only a few days later, and it can only be hoped that the initial enthusiasm will still be there when ringing eventually resumes. Rev Guy Scott and Rev Kate Scott, together with their daughters Alice and Clarrie, left to move to Midsomer Norton. Thanks are due to all the Scott family for their contributions to ringing in the District, including to Alice and Clarrie for their participation in the Young Ringers' National Competitions.
8. **Correspondence** None received.
9. **Adoption of Accounts**
  - a) **BRF:** Clare Francis presented these accounts. The balance in the fund on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 was £4779.35. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Linda Garton and seconded by Terry Brown
  - b) **Membership Accounts:** Clare Francis presented the membership accounts for 2020. There are 100 full members, 11 concessionary members and 1 Non-Resident Life member. Sue Silver thanked Clare Francis for her work on these accounts, and Frank Rivett for his examination of them.
10. **Election of Officers for 2021 (Committee)**

Office	Officer	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Sue Silver	Anthony Smith	Liz McCartney
Secretary	Nicky Hele	Angela Newberry	Clare Francis
Treasurer	Clare Francis	Liz McCartney	Simon Melvin
Ringing Master	Chris Williams	Linda Garton	Sue Melvin
BRF Treasurer	Clare Francis	Terry Brown	Charlotte Smith
Committee Member	Proposed by	Seconded by	
Charlotte Francis	Anthony Smith	Terry Brown	
Henry Francis	Clare Francis	Philippa Whittington	
Terry Brown	Liz McCartney	Linda Garton	
Paul Chandler	Chris Williams	John Hele	

## 11. Other Officers

	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
District Independent Examiner	Frank Rivett	Charlotte Smith	Philippa Whittington
District Membership Accounts Independent Examiner	Frank Rivett	Colin McCartney	Chris Williams
RJ Sharp Bell Fund representative	Linda Garton	Chris Williams	Liz McCartney
Association Central Bell Fund Representative	John Loveless	Linda Garton	Clare Francis

## 12. Any Other Business

**Terry Brown** informed the meeting that she will shortly be sending out an update to all members of the Association. This will include the outcome of key discussions from the recent Association AGM.

**Linda Garton** reminded us of the Return to Ringing initiative which she introduced at a recent meeting. Plans for future Covid secure events are in hand.

**Sue Silver** thanked Linda Garton for organising the fantastic quiz last month as part of the Return to Ringing initiative.

**John Loveless** concluded the meeting with the marvellous news that **Rosemary Kimber** was recently awarded an MBE for services to the community in Potton. All offered many congratulations to Rosemary.