

Bedfordshire Association of Church Bellringers

Biggleswade District Committee Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 15^h December 2021 by Zoom

Present: - Sue Silver (Chair), Terry Brown, Paul Chandler, Clare Francis, Henry Francis, Nicky Hele,

1. **Apologies:** Chris Williams.
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held 8th September 2021 by Zoom:** Clare Francis proposed and Paul Chandler seconded that these are an accurate record of the meeting.
3. **Matters Arising:** It was agreed to publish the Minutes on the BACBR website.
4. **Correspondence:** None received.
5. **BRF.** The BRF account currently stands at £5081.54. A £400 donation has been received, specifically for the Biggleswade BRF. Collections of £37 and £16 for BRF were made at recent Ringing Meetings at Old Warden and Meppershall respectively. There are no outstanding requests for funding from Towers.
6. **Membership Accounts:** Clare reported that there are 96 fully paid-up members, and 11 concessionary. 7 members have left. The membership account currently stands at £987.50. Clare has asked to stand down from this role and Sue thanked her for all her work on these accounts.
7. **Review of District Ringing Meetings:** Ringing Meetings held at Old Warden and Meppershall have been successful; there were 20 ringers at Old Warden and 16 at Meppershall.
8. **Ringing Programme for 2022.** Ringing Meetings for the first seven months of 2022 will be held from 3.30 – 5.30pm, at towers with a ground floor ring whilst Covid precautions are in place. Suggestions were as follows: -

Date, 2022	Tower: Ringing from 3.30pm until 5.30pm
January 8 th	Campton, Cup of tea 5.30pm, ADM 6pm, Ringing til 8.30pm
February 12 th	Haynes
March 12 th	Flitton
April 9 th	Meppershall
May 14 th	Great Barford (post mtg note now Haynes)
June 11 th	Old Warden
July 9 th	Tempsford

Henry kindly volunteered to organise and confirm these arrangements.

9. **Other Events** The monthly training sessions at the RJ Sharp Ringing Centre resumed on 11th September, and have been very well attended, especially by newer ringers. The Picnic and Striking Competition held at Haynes on 18th September was well attended and it was felt that ringers enjoyed its informality. The good weather certainly helped. There is unlikely to be a District Striking Competition this year; however, it was felt that this should be discussed further at the forthcoming ADM.
10. **AoB:** The date of the next meeting is at 7.30pm Wednesday 19^h January 2022 by Zoom.