

Dear members

It's coming up to AGM time again. This year's big event takes place at Boxford on Saturday 14th April. There is no Royal Wedding to distract us this year, so please make sure the date is in your diary and come along.

The big focus of this year's meeting will be training, and in particular the concept of training the trainers. At 2.15 in Boxford Village Hall, John Harrison (author of the "Thinking the Unthinkable" series of articles in the Ringing World) and Roger Booth (a director of the Ringing Foundation) will be leading a seminar to give us some ideas on how to move forward. During the AGM itself our Master, Jed Flatters, will explain how he and the Recruitment and Training Committee hope to put some of those ideas into practice, and will be asking you to vote to give the Guild's formal support to this venture. Do please come along to this seminar, particularly if you are interested in or have experience of training other ringers, listen to what John and Roger have to say, and express your views both at the seminar and at the subsequent meeting which will start at 6.15 after tea.

Ringing at Boxford will be from 3 to 4 and the mini-ring will be available as well. Don't forget to book your tea with Richard Gates! Evening ringing will be at Boxford and Edwardstone. Full details are on the website.

As in the past it will save a lot of time at the AGM if nominations for officers have been made in advance. Apart from our Central Council representatives (who are elected every three years) and the Child Protection Officer (who is appointed by the GMC) ALL the officer posts have to be filled by election. There is a list of officers at the front of the annual report or on the website. Please give some thought as to who you would like to see in each post, whether it is the current post holder or somebody different, and drop me a line to say so. All you have to do is click on the email link below and writing "I nominate as", whether you will be at the meeting or not. If this is not a re-election please make sure the person concerned is willing to stand.

Please do take a minute to drop me a line so I'm not chasing round the week before election "fixing"!

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