

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE BRANCH BELL FUND

The Branch Bell Fund has now been set up, and already one grant has been paid. Two further grants have been awarded and are awaiting finishing of the projects before being paid.

At our Annual General Meeting in March, members discussed how new funds might be raised to top up the fund, to enable it to grow and be able to assist more towers in the future. A suggestion was made that a levy of £2 should be put on the annual adult Guild membership subscription, so the levy of £2 goes directly to the Branch Bell Fund. The Branch Officers have discussed this proposal, and with your agreement, would like to implement it with the 2017 subscription. The junior subscription would remain unchanged.

Based on current adult membership levels, this would add approximately £380 to the Branch Bell Fund each year. It should be noted that the Guild set their subscription level annually in November, and it has been £8 since 2013. (So every time the Guild subscription goes up, the £2 levy will continue to be applied.)

If the proposal is adopted, the breakdown of the subscription (at current Guild levels) will be:

	Amount	To Guild	To Branch (running costs)	To Branch (Bell Fund)
Current Adult subscription	£8.00	£5.00	£3.00	£0.00
Proposed Adult subscription	£10.00	£5.00	£3.00	£2.00
Junior subscription (no change)	£6.00	£5.00	£1.00	£0.00

This proposal will be discussed at the Branch September meeting on 17th September, which is open to all. Please come along!