

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Based on subscriptions received, membership has increased by 13 in the past year. Reconciliation is now further complicated by the rule change at the 2013 AGM whereby members elected after 1 September are not required to pay a subscription until 1 November. Some branch secretaries correctly included these members in their final return, others did not. (One of the reasons for this change of rule being that members elected in the Association year would have their names included in the annual report).

I was notified of 132 new members of whom 12 were re-elections. Bath Branch held their AGM in November which may have contributed to the lower than average numbers. Whilst we might congratulate ourselves on the number of new recruits, this figure still means that we have lost a number of members over the year. Why have these people not paid a subscription? I am sure that they have not all died or moved away.

Numbers in Chew, Crewkerne, Dunster and Frome branches actually fell whilst Cary and Glaston recorded the highest increase at 8 each.

Please would Branch Secretaries keep me informed of new members and also of members moving from the area who wish to transfer to non resident membership.:

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