



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

Individual Membership Update Annabel Smith

Thank you to all existing and new members who support the Guild throughout the year, not least through their subscription payments.

Membership Update (as of May 31, 2021)

Full Members = 240

Associate Members = 19

Total members in good standing = 259

(versus 276 members in March 2020 and 258 in August 2020, at the 2020 AGM)

During the 20/21 year, 20 members retired from the Guild, 16 lapsed in membership by failing to renew their subs, and 1 member was accepted, but never paid.

When subscription payment requests were issued in April 2021, five members retired from the Guild and four members have not yet responded to the subscription renewal request.

New Members 2020/2021

Thank you to all Guild members who promote new members and act as proposers in the application process. A particular thank you to Bryan Betts and John Porter who act as a sub-committee to the Membership Secretary. Their counsel, recommendations and swift responses are greatly appreciated.

Full Members = 29

Associate Members = 4

Total = 33

(versus 41 new members last year)

Subscription Rates

The subscription rate has not been increased since 2018

£57.50

Membership Pin Badges

Membership pin badges have been posted to all individual members who have paid their subscriptions, and on an ongoing basis as and when new members join the Guild.

We do not have postal addresses for all members, so if you have not received your badge, please could you email secretary@beerguild.co.uk with your current preferred address.

Call to Action

We encourage all beer communicators to join the Guild, our strength lies in numbers. We are the British Guild of Beer Writers, but people communicate about beer in a variety of mediums including:

- *Photography*
- *Films & videography*
- *Podcasts*
- *Vlogs*
- *Broadcasting*
- *Training*
- *Social media platforms*
- *Performers*
- *Event organisers*

Guild Members are encouraged to propose new members contributing to improving the standards of beer communications and extend the public knowledge of beer.