

## MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT TUNSTALL

Easter Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016

*(Subject to adoption by the AGM to be held in the Tonbridge District in 2017)*

The meeting was hosted by the Rochester District. The service was held in the parish church of St John the Baptist, Tunstall and attended by members and friends. 13 towers were open before the service and 12 towers were open after the meeting. An excellent lunch was served in Tunstall Village Hall before the General Meeting commenced.

**1. Welcome.** The Chairman welcomed 68 members and visitors and David Cawley opened the meeting with a prayer.

**2. Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Richard Dyson (Edenbridge), Roy & Sally-Ann Barclay (Staplehurst), Isobel Pearce (Sevenoaks), Donald, Alice, Rosemary & Jennifer Holden (Willesborough), Richard Bourne (Frittenden), David Stephenson (High Halstow), Tim & Diana Wraight (Rainham), Paul Barton (Canterbury), Eric Roughley (Speldhurst), Mike & Tessa Worthington (Sevenoaks), Fraser Clift (Kemsing), Nick Wilkins (Chelsfield), Bryan Tumber (Teynham & Lynsted), Rob Still (Bredgar), Andrew Bond (Bredgar), Ian Hubble (Bredgar), Lesley Barclay (Horton Kirby), Sue Payne (East Malling), Mike Wilkinson (Chalk), Liz Barnes (Wrotham), Val Bracey (Hayes) and Roy & Sylvia Lucas (Brabourne)

### **3. Minutes of the AGM held at Marden on Easter Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

The minutes were taken as read being in the Handbook and displayed on the website. It was proposed and seconded that they be approved, all agreed and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes.** None.

**5. General Secretary's report.** The General Secretary moved for the adoption of his report, which was printed in the Handbook on Page 14, this was seconded by Jacqui Barlow and all present agreed.

**6. Treasurer's report.** The Treasurer advised that the previous 3 years' account were in the handbook (pages 118-126) and all were currently with the Auditor.

A question was asked as to whether the division of subscriptions was different this year, and the Treasurer advised that they are just her recommendations that would be voted on at this AGM. Caroline Stockmann asked that the Treasurer be given a great deal of thanks for the effort that has gone into working through a difficult set of accounts, and a round of applause followed. A question was asked as to what the CCLA account is, which the Treasurer advised is the charity account which holds the monies of our Bell Restoration Fund.

The Treasurer proposed adoption of her report, Jacqui Barlow seconded and all were in favour.

**7. Division of Subscriptions** Margaret proposed Division of Subscriptions to be 50% to the General Fund, 25% to the BRF and 25% to the Training Fund. The proposal was seconded by Catherine Lewis, and all voted in favour apart from 2 abstentions.

**8. Peal Secretary's report.** Dr Phillip Barnes advised his report was published in the Handbook from Page 81. He was very pleased with our effort and contribution towards the First Peal 2015 initiative, and asked that the Association support the upcoming initiative to get more ringers conducting their first peal, suggesting at least 1 from each District would be good. He also expressed his pleasure of ringing in an Association peal of Rigel S Maximus during the year. He then proposed adoption of his report which was seconded by Mike Little and the meeting agreed.

**9. Quarter Peal Secretary's report.** Mr Leeves advised his report was printed in the Handbook from Page 68, commenting that the figures showed that the Association was quite healthy. He moved for the adoption of his report, this was seconded by Jacqui Barlow and the meeting agreed.

**10. Librarian's report.** Hazel Basford advised that she had re-catalogued the library this year, and also thanks to the Committee had been able to purchase new storage boxes for the collection. She also advised that she will begin to be more selective about what she accepts for the Library, but was particularly interested in information relating to individual Kent ringers. She also commented on the fact that a lot of District material is likely to be held electronically these days, and asked people to be mindful of how it is stored so we do not lose the history being made. Hazel then proposed the adoption of her report, this was seconded by Mike Little and all were in favour.

## **10. Officers' reports**

**a) Bell Restoration** Brian Butcher had provided his report prior to the AGM, which he proposed for adoption. This was seconded by Peter Sims, and all were in favour.

**b) Webmaster** Doug Davis advised that he had been keeping the website running for the past 6 months since the sad loss of Frank Lewis. Visitor numbers appear to be steady, and he asked for more information to be provided for the website when possible. He moved for adoption of his report, this was seconded by Jacqui Barlow and all were in favour.

**c) Handbook Editor** Tim Munt advised that his report was on Page 4 of the handbook, commenting that this was his first year as Editor and he would like to make some corrections to errors that he has already spotted next year. He thanked everyone for providing information to him when requested, and moved for the adoption of his report, which was seconded and all voted in favour.

**d) Health & Safety** Peter Sims was pleased to say he had been very under-utilised this year, apart from a couple of minor things which were in his report on Page 16 of the handbook. Peter proposed his report, Jacqui Barlow seconded it and all voted in favour of its adoption.

**e) Child Protection** Nigel Spencer advised that the expected guidance had been received and he would be reporting on this to the next General Committee meeting. A question was asked as to whether there had been any news on portability of DBS checks. Nigel advised that the process to port a DBS between PCCs was so complicated that it was simpler to do a new one. He proposed adoption of his report, Peter Sims seconded it and all were in favour.

**f) Training** Peter Dale advised his report is in the handbook on Page 15, and didn't have too much to add to it. He proposed his report for adoption, this was seconded by David Cawley and all voted in favour apart from 1 abstention.

**g) Publicity** Helen Webb advised her report was on Page 16 of the handbook, and moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Tom Barlow, and all voted in favour.

**12. Election of officers.** The following officers were elected:

<u>Post</u>	<u>Nominee(s)</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>	
Chairman	<b>Daniel Brady</b>	Jamie Austin	Victoria Higgs	
General Secretary	<b>Doug Davis</b>	Diana Wraight	Tim Wraight	
Treasurer	<b>Margaret Funnell</b>	Helen Webb	Margaret Philpott	
Peal Secretary	<b>Phil Barnes</b>	David Grimwood	Mike Birkbeck	
Quarter Peal Secretary	<b>Anthony Leeves</b>	Janice Byrne	Emma Tamkin	
Handbook Editor	<b>Tim Munt</b>	Chris Saunders	Malcolm Mitchell	
Librarian	<b>Hazel Basford</b>	Len Huckstep	Stephen Marsh	
<b><u>Sub-Committee Officers</u></b>				
Bell Restoration	<b>Brian Butcher</b>	Nigel Spencer	Ivan Hart	
Training				
Publicity	<b>Caroline Stockmann</b>	Mike Little	Mike Bullett	
Webmaster	<b>Doug Davis</b>	Catherine Lewis	David Manger	
Health & Safety	<b>Peter Sims</b>	Tim Munt	Sheila Phyll	
Child Protection	<b>Nigel Spencer</b>	Brian Butcher	Ivan Hart	
Youth	<b>Alex Fishburn</b>	Doug Davis	Daniel Brady	
Extra 3	1	<b>Peter Sims</b>	Tim Munt	Sheila Phyll
	2	<b>Revd. David Cawley</b>	Brian Butcher	Stanley Evans
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CC Reps	1	<b>Doug Davis</b>	Helen Webb	Jim Attwood
	2	<b>David Grimwood</b>	Graham Heath	Kath White
	3	<b>Caroline Stockmann</b>	Doug Davis	Daniel Brady
	4	<b>Catherine Lewis</b>	Mike Worthington	Jennifer Thomas
	5	<b>Phil Barnes</b>	David Grimwood	Jacqui Barlow

The officers were elected en bloc, with all in favour apart from Publicity and 1 x CC Rep which were proposed from the floor and voted on separately.

It was suggested by Dickon Love that perhaps the remaining position of the Extra 3 could be co-opted by the Committee, which the Chairman agreed would be looked into.

There was also an open vacancy for a CC Rep following the sad loss of Frank Lewis during the past year, for the one remaining year of the current triennium. Caroline Stockmann agreed to fill this position, and all voted in favour.

David Cawley offered a vote of thanks to Peter Dale for all his hard work in his role as Training Officer and other roles of the years, and a round of applause followed.

**14. Certificates for 50 years' membership.** The following members were presented with their certificates by the Chairman: Robert Hinde, Ruth Niblett, Donald Niblett, Hilary Small, and Hilary Hinde. Richard Birch, Jim Small, Mary Bridges, Richard Hayes, Alistair

McFadyen, Ann Oakley and Anthony Bridges were also awarded their certificates but weren't present so will also be presented their certificates separately.

**14a. Certificate for 70 years' membership.** Derek Chatfield was awarded his certificate by the Chairman and all sang Happy Birthday to him as it fell on the day.

**15. Forthcoming events.**

1. The Secretary advised that the 6-bell and 8-bell competition dates for 2016 were on the website, and advised that the next County Surprise Practice will be in May.
2. Derek Wilkinson advised that the re-dedication of Northfleet bells would be happening on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm, and invited all to attend.
3. David Manager advised of the upcoming dates relating to the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and the ringing opportunities this presented.
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in August, the Canterbury District are hosting a no-rules, fun striking competition open to all.

**16. Any other business.**

1. A Health & Safety issue was raised by Hedley Basford about the speakers perched on the doors. This was duly noted!
2. Hazel Basford reminded everyone about the WW1 centenaries and the opportunity this gives for commemorative ringing.
3. Helen Webb advised that on 25<sup>th</sup> June a group of Sussex ringers were doing a sponsored walk & ring, raising money for the Antony Nolan Trust & Bloodwise. They are appealing for 200 churches to ring on this day, and she asked those present to consider ringing for this.
4. Dickon Love advised that the Church Bells of Kent website is being updated and the new version will be live shortly. He also advised there is a new Church Bells of Kent map available for download.
5. David Cawley & the Chairman asked the meeting if there was any interest from those present to join a committee to work on the project to create the new mobile ring for the Association, asking for interested parties to speak to either the Chairman or Secretary.

**17. Votes of thanks.** The Chairman then offered a vote of thanks to Tunstall & the Rochester District for the organisation & hosting of the AGM and also thanked the catering staff and all those involved in the service. The meeting was then closed.