



Rutland branch

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Edith Weston Village Hall

6.00 pm on 14th January 2024

1. Vote of thanks

Chairman Alan Wordie thanked Reverend Doctor Pippa Madgwick for presiding over the church service and organist Diana Wordie for the music. He also thanked Tracey Lawson, Nicky Vickers and the PCC volunteers for organising the service and the splendid tea afterwards. Hilary Fox tower captain at Edith Weston and Sharon Bromilow TC at North Luffenham were thanked for their hospitality and use of their bells.

2. Welcome

A warm welcome was extended to all who attended the meeting, including Guild representative Chris Fitzgerald.

28 people signed the attendance register

3. Apologies received

13 members sent apologies beforehand or on the day.

4. Minutes of the last AGM

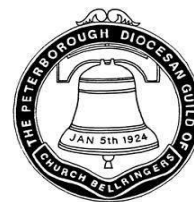


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Annual General Meeti

It was proposed by Ann Archer and seconded by Simon Forster that the minutes of the last AGM at Great Casterton on 14th January 2023 were accepted. This was carried by a show of hands.

5. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the last AGM.



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6. Presentation of committee's reports (Reports previously circulated to all members)

a) Branch Annual Review 2023



annual review 2023
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Proposed by Alan Wordie and seconded by Alan Ellis - the branch review was approved for submission to the Guild

b) Treasurer's and membership Secretary report

There has been a good increase in membership numbers this year. 46 trainee members - 35 already approved by committee as full or junior members and 11 more in training. Members details list is up to date.

Guild subscriptions and Rutland donation has been paid to the Guild Treasurer. Overall a small deficit. Verified by our independent examiner.



Rutland Bellringers
Accounts to 311223.pdf

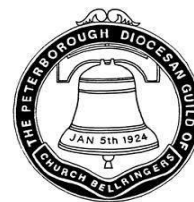


Members totals
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Treasurers report
2023 (1).pdf

Proposal for adoption of accounts and reports by Simon Forster, Seconded: Alan Ellis. Vote unanimously supported this proposal.



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c) Ringing Master's Report including draft programme for 2024

Report and programme had been circulated prior to AGM.



Ringing Master
Report (1).pdf



2024 Branch
programme to Easter

Proposal to have additional monthly or bimonthly plain hunt practices.

Branch practises are a good opportunity for learners to practise and also observe as part of their progression.

Correction to programme - branch dinner is to be held on Friday 22nd March at The Barnsdale rather than in Oakham. Slightly increased cost from last year at £37.50 reflecting inflation and room hire to ensure we are not disturbed by others in the venue.

Proposal for adoption of Report: Alan Wordie, Seconded : Sue Baker

d) Steward and website coordinator's report

Reports circulated prior to meeting



Stewards report for
AGM 2024.docx



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Website report for AC

Ted Philips thanked all those who help to keep the bells ringing.

Tower Captains thanked Ted for his timely response to requests for repairs - such as broken stays when they break immediately before a funeral or wedding.

Nigel Barratt has volunteered to take on the Website coordinator role.

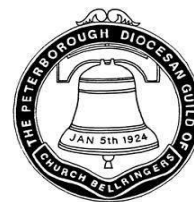
Proposal for adoption of reports : Ted Phillips, Seconded : Sue Baker

e) Admittance of new members

Heather Smith Gretton proposed Sally Watts, seconded Brian Newman

David Smith Gretton proposed Sally Watts seconded Brian Newman

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David Wilkin Edith Weston proposed Hilary Fox seconded Tracey Lawson

Recognition of achievements:

First Quarter Peal

Paul Szyszka – Ryhall

Alan Ellis to present Paul with his certificate.

Thomas Saunders (Uppingham) recognised for first Peal at St Mary's Peterborough and conducting his first quarter peal.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

f) Chairman's remarks

Document circulated prior to meeting



Chairmans comments
2024 AGM.docx

Reminder to everyone of ringing at St Mary's Peterborough prior to service at Peterborough cathedral to celebrate the centenary of the Guild. Please let Sue Webster know if you wish to attend.

7. Re-Election of branch officers and committee members

Position of chairman was re-elected as follows

Position	Nominees	Proposer	Seconded	Elected
Chairman	Alan Wordie	Brian Newman	Hilary Fox	yes

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Members present agreed that nominees could be voted for en bloc as there were no other nominees for the posts

Position	Nominee	proposed	seconded	
Ringling Master	Brian Newman	Ann Archer Brian Newman	Sally Watts Sian Ryan	yes
Deputy Ringling Master	Roger Scholes			yes
Hon Secretary	Sue Baker			yes
Treasurer/ Membership secretary	Simon Forster			yes
100 club organiser	Simon Forster			yes
Steward	Ted Phillips			yes
Social Secretary and dinner convenor	Tracey Lawson			
Newsletter editor and press correspondent	Sue Webster			yes
Branch website coordinator	Nigel Barratt			yes
Representative on Guild Management Committee	Alan Wordie Ian Bell			yes
Independent Examiner	James Robinson			yes
Other members of committee	Alan Ellis Sharon Bromilow			yes

8. Nomination of Guild Officers

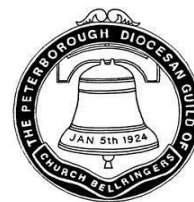
Alan Wordie and Ian Bell will represent Rutland branch at Guild General Management Committee meetings.

9. Update from Guild Representative

Chris Fitzgerlad from the Guild noted that the excellent performance of Rutland Branch this year had been recognised by the Guild. He thanked Simon Forster for his involvement with current Guild discussions around finance and membership recording/ administering at Guild level.

Diocesan Affiliation letter requests were not sent out to PCCs during the Covid pandemic but have been sent this year in September 2023. Emails will be sent to incumbents and the treasurers in March/ April 2024 so tower captains should be aware.

Centenary celebration events are happening in every branch whether technical (peals challenges etc) spiritual or Social (eg barn dance)



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Centenary merchandise will be available at all events from committee members.

Guild has unfilled positions including safeguarding officer, Youth Coordinator and recruitment and development. Applications welcome.

The proposed development at the Old Black Lion is not currently going ahead due to financial pressures although a CCCBR grant may be available.

Approaches to the Guild for bell funds should be directed to the secretary and treasurer. There is usually a period of about 12 months from inception to drawdown so need to apply early.

The Guild open tower day on 11th May is being organised by Simon and Cathy Dixon. A number of suggestions for Rutland towers were put forward and it was decided to offer Simon and Cathy our assistance with organising the event in Rutland towers.

COOTS (Come Out On Thursdays) programme available events are for arranging individualised ringing requests eg. Preparing for ringing quarter peals. See Guild website and contact coots.alistair@gmail.com for information.

Fundraising in the Guild by quizzes, 100 club, puzzles etc. continue. Please help where possible.

10. Any Other Business

- Suggestion by Richard Beadman that branch could attempt to ring a quarter peal in every tower in 2024 to celebrate the centenary. Discussion ensued and generally agreed that would need coordinating. Sue Baker offered to coordinate. To be discussed at next committee meeting on 26th January 2024.
- Sue Webster has several Sherbourne teaching aids if any tower needs some.
- Members attending Association of Ringing teachers course in 2 weeks. Available to help with teaching around the branch if required. Contact Brian Newman, Alan Ellis or a committee member to arrange.

MEETING CLOSED 18:52