

ARMY GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

1st April 2023 at St. Nicholas Barn Sculthorpe

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Ian Culham opened the meeting with a welcome.
2. Apologies Claire Culham, Rod Bickerton, Ian Campbell, Andrew Frost, John Verity, Anne Bray, Peter Lee, Andrew Roberts.
3. Minutes of the meeting held at YPRES were taken as read.
4. Matters arising review of the Guild rules which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The changes were proposed by Nicola Roberts, seconded Paul Bray UNANIMOUSLY agreed
5. Programme changes were discussed with an idea of extending one meeting a year to be a weekend with an evening meal, a Quarter Peal day and ringing on the Saturday. There was a consensus to try this.
6. Central Council affiliation as a very small society the fee of £20 per annum to belong to CCCBR was not cost effective and of no benefit to the Guild as we would not have voting rights. Ian Culham proposed and Nicola Roberts seconded that we do not want to affiliate to CCCBR but maintain the status quo. All agreed.
7. Safeguarding Officer Helena French was appointed to this office.
8. New members Helena French, Ivan Culham, John Hill all elected as members.
9. Chairman's report The Ypres trip was excellent. The Guild is moving forward and it was felt had a future. Thanks were given for those organizing the Ypres trip.
10. Secretary's report this was not given as the Secretary was absent
11. Treasurer's report. The accounts had been presented electronically and as there was £100 to pay for Ypres a levy of £5 per person was raised to keep the funds at the £500 working level. It was agreed the Treasurer could write a cheque up to £100 for day to day expenses. Members were reminded to check their Standing Orders as the bank details have been changed from HSBC to Lloyds.
12. Ringing Master report. It had been good to see the level of support for Ypres and the input from Alan Regin. Rhona McEune was thanked for the AGM day in North Norfolk.
13. Election of Officers Ian Culham Chair, Claire Culham Secretary, Anne Bray Treasurer all re-elected unanimously.
14. Programme 1st June 2023, Winchester Cathedral ringing at 12 noon, assemble 11.30 for the Royal Logistic Corps Worthy Down new barracks opening day. Details from Nicola Roberts for tickets and arrangements.
 - a. Quarter peal day 17/18 June cancelled due to Winchester event
 - b. Autumn Outing 28/29 October 2023 proposed to try the new format and the area be Bedfordshire. Rhona McEune to contact Simon Stranks for feasibility
 - c. April 2024 AGM Oundle area Northamptonshire
15. Life Membership Nick Claypole and David Fox have both completed 25 years membership of the Guild. David was presented with his certificate.
16. AOB A reminder that Guild clothing was available via the link on the Guild website.