

THE ARMY GUILD OF BELLRINGERS
GUILD CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

a. The Society shall be called "Army Guild of Bellringers" (hereinafter called the Guild).

2. OBJECT

a. To unite Campanologists who meet the membership criteria.

3. MEMBERSHIP

a. Ringing membership shall be open to the following,

(I) Retired or serving personnel of any British Army Unit including the Army Reserve and CCF/ACF Units.

(II) MOD personnel that have close links with the Army.

(III) Personnel with a link to the Army.

(IV) Partners or family of personnel falling within the above criteria.

b. Honorary membership shall be bestowed upon anyone that the Guild feels has shown a significant commitment or devotion to matters surrounding the Armed Forces.

c. Life membership shall be conferred upon those who have completed 25 years membership of the Guild. Members may also recommend any individual for election to life membership at an Annual General Meeting of the Guild in recognition of their services to the Guild.

d. New members may join the Guild during the year. Membership of new members is to be ratified at the AGM.

4. ADMINISTRATION

a. The administration of the Guild shall be vested in the Committee consisting of: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Ringing Master. The post of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

b. The officers of the Guild shall be elected at the AGM every year.

5. VOTING

a. A simple majority at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting Convened under the general meeting rule is required to authorise the following

(I) Membership to the Guild.

(II) Expenditure (totalling more than £100) of Guild funds.

b. Change to Guild rules.

(I) No alteration or addition to the above rules may be made except at an Annual General Meeting of the Guild or Special Meeting called for that purpose. Notice of any such proposed alteration or addition must be given in writing before the date of the meeting, to the secretary of the Guild. Any alteration or addition to the rules shall be approved by simple majority and come into effect on the following day, after the meeting. New guild rules will be circulated to members, and updated on the website after the meeting.

6. GENERAL MEETING

a. A General Meeting of the Guild shall be held annually. The meeting shall be held on the first Saturday in April, to receive reports and a statement of accounts. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time as seen appropriate by the committee. The secretary will notify members in reasonable time if a Special General Meeting is due to be held.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

a. Subscription is due in April each year.

b. New members will be encouraged to pay their subscription upon completion of the membership form. Their membership will then be ratified upon the next AGM or EGM. Fees will be refunded if membership is denied.

c. Membership may be revoked if annual subscription is not paid.

8. CENTRAL FUND

a. The Treasurer shall maintain a statement of the central account. A full report is to be prepared and submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

b. If the guild folds the Treasurer is to close all accounts and submit a closing account statement to the chairman. The monies will be accounted for in one of two ways.

(I) A cheque to be presented to the chairman made out to the Central Bell Restoration Fund.

(II) The Guild membership joins a new Guild then the monies are to be transferred to the new Guild funds.

c. The Secretary and Treasurer are authorised to sign cheques not exceeding the value of £100 for the day-to -day running expenses of the Guild. Expenditure exceeding this amount is to be authorised at the EGM or AGM.

d. The account is to have two authorised signatories who will be the Secretary and Treasurer.

9. PEALS

a. Peals that are to be recognised by the Guild and have their details published in the Annual General Meeting report must be rung by bands composed with over 50% of Guild members.