

ARMY GUILD OF BELLRINGERS
MINUTES OF THE AGM ON SATURDAY 28th MARCH 2015

Members Present:

Maggy Vince (Chairman)
John Davey (Secretary)
Anne Bray, Paul Bray, David Cullum, Elizabeth Davey, David Fox, Val Fox, Derek Knowles, Peter Leigh, Rod Pagdin, Mike Suttill, Ian Wiltshire, John Verity, Bridget White RAF, Michael White RAF

Apologies received from:

Peter Cates, Sally Cates, Mary Coe, Claire Culham, Ian Culham, Andrew Frost, John Longsbrough & Nicole Roberts.

The meeting opened at 1705 hrs:

1. The chairman welcomed and thanked all members present. Maggy also thanked the Vicar at Diseworth for taking the service, and the ladies who provided the tea. Maggy also thanked Rod Pagdin for arranging the AGM towers.
2. Loss of members:

Roy Jones. Roy was the driving force behind the current AGB and was the first Chairman.
3. The minutes of the 2014 AGM were passed as a true copy and signed by the Chairman,
4. Matters from last year's AGM: Nil
5. **Chairman's report:** This last year has been fairly quiet for the Guild. The September meeting was due to coincide with the Ringing Roadshow, so it was decided to combine the events and invited members to join us at Newbury Racecourse. The initial idea of having a stand with the RN and RAF guilds wasn't feasible. As it was, not many members attended.

On Sunday 23 November John Davey, John Verity and I – joined by Christine Baldock (RAF) and Mark Robins (RN) - were in Gillingham, Kent for the dedication of the Centenary Peal board at the end of the morning service. Mark, who rang in the peal, spoke briefly about the peal, Armed Forces ringing, and the significance of the peal board, which will be hung in the tower next to the original peal board in due course.

I have been Chairman for 5 years and I thank you for the support you have given me and the Guild in that time. Sadly I have not been able to increase membership, but we are still here,

I wish the new Chairman a successful term of office.

- 6. Secretary's Report:** As secretary a big thank you for all the returns over the last year. A thank you to Andrew Frost for maintaining the Guild web site. We had 2971 hit on the web site until 14th August 2014, when the net provider stopped supplying the number of hits . We were not informed of this, and Andrew is looking into either getting a hit counter put onto our site, or moving the site to a new provider.

The Guild pass on their best wishes to Ian and Claire Culham on their marriage last August.

I would like to pass on a big thank you to Maggy for all her help over the years as Chairman, and a bigger thank you to all the members for the support that they have given me over the time, in all Guild posts that I have held.

- 7. Treasurer's report:** The balance stands at £722.35. I have spent £150.00 this year on the Peal Board. Membership stands at 34.

We discussed the accounts and agreed that we should try and reduce the amount we hold. A figure of £500.00 was agreed, but not voted on as being the lower amount we have in the account.

(After note the AGM tower fees of £5.00 was taken from each ringing member present, and the fees for the towers and church were paid out, we made £5.00 profit)

8. New Members:

- a. Mrs Anne Bray
- b. Mr Paul Bray
- c. Mrs Claire Culham
- d. Mrs Nicole Roberts

9. Retirement of Members:

- a. Steve Turpin (Retired)

10. Election of Guild Officers:

- a. Chairman: Ian Culham
- b. Secretary: John Verity
- c. Treasurer: John Verity

Both elected unopposed

(The Chairman and Treasurer are voted in for 2 years with the Secretary for 1 year .In 2016 the Ringing Master and Secretary will be voted in for 2 years . This will bring us back to the 2 year vote cycle.)

- 11. Rule Change:** A letter was sent out to all members ref a rule change under membership. We had 75% of the member send in returns and all agreed to the change. John Davey also asked for a vote on changing the membership words to reflect the change from TA to Army Reserves.

12. Diary:

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- a. Army autumn Meeting: 26th Sept: Anne and Paul Bray to arrange.
- b. RAF BOB Meeting: 17 – 19th Sept.
- c. RN Trafalgar Meeting: Oct. Details to follow

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- a. Army AGM: 2nd April: David Fox to arrange
- b. RAF AGM: Details to follow
- c. RN AGM: Details to follow

14. AOB:

- a. We spoke about a Peal for the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. Names to be passed to Ian Culham.
- b. We spoke about a Quarter Peal for the Battle of Waterloo, but decided to leave it to local ringers to ring one if they would like to.
- c. Maggy asked that if any Peals or Quarters are rung for the Guild can the details please be sent to the Secretary.

15. Date of next Meeting: 2nd April 2016. To be arranged by David Fox.

MaggyVince
Chairman