

ARMY GUILD OF BELLRINGERS
MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON SATURDAY 5 APRIL 2008
UPPINGHAM

Members Present:

Gill Bland	Ian Bland	Gwen Bloomfield	Frank Bloomfield	Liz Davey
John Davey	David Fox	Val Fox	Harold Gibson	
Joan Pagdin	Rod Pagdin	Barry Sexton	Colin Sweeney	
John Verity				

Apologies:

Venerable DE Wilkes (President)

Ivor Hooper Roy Jones Peter Leigh Mike Norris Mike Suttill

The meeting opened at 17.35 hrs.

1. The Chairman welcomed and thanked all the members present for attending especially those that had travelled some considerable distance. David and Val Fox were thanked for organising a superb day.
2. The following members have deemed to have retired from the guild;

Ivor Hooper Connie Baron
3. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record with one amendment to the apologies list, being Harold Gibson who is shown as attending and for apologising for his absence. He did attend the meeting.
4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting;
 - a. Life membership proposal. Proposed by John Verity that the sum of £100 be accepted to purchase life membership. Proposal not seconded and not carried.
 - b. AGB Funds. John Davey spoke at length regarding funds and the on-going project to fund a bell at Dover Castle Church. Further updates will be forthcoming at the next meeting.
5. **Secretary's Report.** Membership has decreased slightly this year. The outings organised throughout the year were very well organised with a good attendance. The Internet continues to be good value for money and widely used. This years peal attempt to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Falklands was unsuccessful – resulting in a Quarter Peal instead.
6. **Treasurer's Report.** The account is showing excess over income and was successfully audited. There is no requirement to raise subscriptions. A copy of the accounts has been forwarded separately to members.

7. **Chairman's Report.** The Training Day in February this year held at Fovant and Chilmark was a great success with thanks to Peter and Sally Cates for organising it and thanks to all those who attended. The RAF have organised a Tri Service outing to Scotland for a week in June. This is being well supported by the Army Guild.

8. **New members.**

Proposed by Rod Pagdin and Seconded by Liz Davey that the following new members be elected to the Guild.

Colin Sweeney

Carried.

Proposed through the chair that the following be elected to the Guild.

Gill Bland Val Fox Joan Pagdin

Carried

9. **Election of Officers.** The following were nominated for the post of;

Chairman John Davey Proposed Rod Pagdin Seconded by Ian Bland

Treasurer Barry Sexton Proposed David Fox seconded Ian Bland

Ringing Master David Fox Proposed by Ian Bland seconded by Liz Davey

Carried.

10. The secretary ran through the dairy for 2008/2009. A copy is attached to the minutes. Members are invited to organise meetings in their areas. It is the Guilds turn to run the Tri-service meeting in 2010 – The chair is looking into organising a trip to the Channel Islands. It was agreed by those present that the February outing/training day would be held on an as and when required basis.

11. Any Other Business.

a. **AGB Guild Clothing:** The secretary with the help of Peter Cates has sourced a new supplier for clothing incorporating the Guild Logo. Price lists were distributed at the meeting and will be sent separately to members. The prices do not include VAT or postage. Items will be posted direct to the recipient but items must be ordered through the secretary. Payment will be made on account through the AGB fund.

b. **New President:** The Venerable DE Wilkes CB OBE QHC is to be succeeded in office by the Venerable S Robbins QHC from June 2008. The chair is approaching the new Chaplain General to ascertain if he is prepared to take on the role of president for the Guild.

c. **Letter from Andrew Townsend.** Andrew has written to ask if the Guild would be prepared to donate a sum of money towards a fund raising project in memory of his father also a one time guild member. The matter was discussed

at the meeting. It was agreed by those present that a donation would not be supported.

d. Web Site. People have experienced difficulty in accessing areas of the web site (Rogues Gallery) and the pages when printed do not fit properly onto A4 paper. The secretary explained that the site was undergoing a rebuild and that normal service should resume soon.

12. The meeting closed at 1820 hrs.

JH Davey
Chair

BE Sexton
Secretary

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