

**ARMY GUILD OF BELLRINGERS**  
**MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2009**  
**STOWE**

**Members Present:**

John Davey   David Fox   Val Fox   Barry Sexton  
John Verity   Jon Lonsbrough   Peter Leigh

**Apologies:**

Venerable   Stephen Robins   QHC Chaplain General HM Land Forces  
Mike Norris   Roy Jones   Bernard Ongly   Robert Sherriff  
Anita Sherriff   Mike Suttill   Harold Gibson   Joan Pagdin  
Rod Pagdin   Diane Sexton   Liz Davey   Maggie Vince  
Richard Thomas   Ray Watkin

The meeting opened at 17.08 hrs.

1. The Chairman welcomed and thanked all the members present for attending especially those that had travelled some considerable distance. Special thanks go to Maggie Vince for organising a superb day; to the Vicar and Organist at Stowe for the superb service; to the refreshment providers at Stowe and Woughton on the Green.
2. The following member has deemed to have retired from the guild;
  - a. Nichola RobertsA short silence was held in memory of Bill Thompsett.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.
4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting;
  - a. The secretary confirmed that Andrew Frost has arranged the pages on the website for easier download and that the Rogues gallery was still under development.
5. **Secretary's Report.** Membership is currently at 52 with one new member this year, Ian Fowler. One member is deemed to have resigned, Nichola Roberts. The AGM in Uppingham in Rutland was very well attended and a good day out despite the appalling weather on the way home. The meeting in and around the Rochester area of Kent in September was poorly attended as only four turned up. As Secretary and Treasurer of the Guild for ten years I am standing down and would like to personally thank all the members for their support, in particular John Davey as chairman, Andrew Frost as the Internet guru who takes a lot of the work off my hands and maintains the guild website and to David Fox an original member whose support as ringing master and a wise ear has been appreciated.
6. **Treasurer's Report.** The accounts have been independently checked and found to be in order. We have an excess of income over expenditure of £116.31, therefore the fund remains healthy and subscriptions can remain at £3 as they have done for the last 12 years. Members who have not notified an email address are encouraged to do so as this cuts down on postage and stationary costs.
7. **Chairman's Report.** The Training Day in February this year held at Martin and Damerham was a great success with thanks to Peter and Sally Cates for organising it and thanks to all those who attended. The chairman commented on poor attendance at the autumn meeting

and has now rescheduled meetings to be in middle England. The chairman thanked Barry Sexton for his hard work and support as secretary and treasurer for the last 10 years.

**8. New members.**

Proposed by David Fox and Seconded by John Verity that the following new member be elected to the Guild.

**Ian Fowler**

Carried.

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

**Secretary Tenure 2 Years Richard Dowdeswell**

Proposed John Verity seconded by Peter Leigh

Carried.

**Treasurer Tenure 1 Year Nicola Dowdeswell**

Proposed David Fox seconded John Verity

Carried.

**Ringing Master Tenure 2 Years David Fox**

Proposed by the Chairman

Carried.

10. The chairman ran through the diary for 2009/2011. A copy is attached to the minutes. Members are invited to organise meetings. It is the guild's turn to run the tri-service meeting in 2010 – The chairman confirmed that the Channel Islands is going ahead subject to costs.

**11. Any Other Business.**

**a. Public Liability Insurance** The issue of public liability insurance was discussed at length by those present. It was concluded that a letter is to be sent to all members highlighting the issues on the understanding that all members are to respond stating whether the Guild should or should not take out the insurance. Those that do not respond will be deemed to agree with the majority decision at the next AGM.

**b.** The chairman informed the members that he would not be standing for re-election next year.

12. The meeting closed at 1747 hrs.

JH Davey  
Chair

R Dowdeswell  
Secretary

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