



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BAILGATE METHODIST CHURCH, LINCOLN
SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2016**

In the absence of The Dean of Lincoln, Alan Payne, Master, welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

- Apologies:** Barry and Alison Jones, Jim Benner, Jim Sutherland, David and Val Fox, Ed Purkiss, Melvyn and Pauline Rose, Mike Lawton, David Whetton, Jenny Kirkby, Harold Gibson, Mark Giddings, Kevin and Liz Carter, Stephen Hunt, Shelagh Dunning, Helen Ainsworth, Andrew Blacklock, Philip Reeks and Geoff Bryant
- Present:** As shown in attendance book.
- Obituaries:** The Master read out the names of those members who had died during the year: Ted Brown, John Bundy, Roy Chapman, Michael Freeman, John Ketteringham, Ron Noon, Steve Selby, Ray Stallibrass, Dennis Sutton, Fred Taylor
- Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 April 2015 were approved with no amendments. There were no matters arising.
- Ratification of Election of Non-resident Life Members:** The meeting ratified the following non-resident life members as shown on page 78 of the 2015 Report: Richard C Smith and Peter V Rogers. Ben and Dan Meyer were also ratified under Rule 2c.
- Approval of the 2015 Accounts:** Roger Lord presented the accounts for the General Fund as shown on page 28 of the 2015 Report. The accounts were proposed by Andy Bennett and Seconded by Jonathan Clark. Chris Sharp and all were in favour.
- The Bell Repair Fund as shown on page 24 of the 2015 Report was presented. These were proposed by Peter Taylor and seconded by Robin Heppenstall. All were in favour.
- 2015 Guild Report:** John Nicholson presented the 2015 Report. It was highlighted that Corby Glenn now had 6 bells and not 5 as shown in the report. John Nicholson asked if members could let him know of any changes for future reports as soon as possible. It was suggested that branch sections of the report be sent out for Secretaries for overview and amendment as required.
- Philip Green mentioned that the quality of Taylors advertisement was not as good as it could be. The Central Council advertisement was fuzzy, but this was down to them requesting a half page advertisement this year. A footnote was also missing from page 54 and Barbara Webster commented that the staples were not central. Chris Sharp mentioned that a question mark instead of a full stop had been inserted at the end of the obituary for John Ketteringham.
- Thanks were expressed to John Nicholson for preparing the report.
- The 2015 Report was proposed by the Chair and seconded by a show of hands.
- Election of Officers:**
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| President | Alan Payne proposed that following the retirement of the current Dean of Lincoln, the Guild should wait until a new Dean is installed and then invite him/her to be President. This was agreed by a show of hands. |
| Master | Alan Payne – proposed by Nev Sharpe, seconded by Sylvia Taylor. Alan advised that this would be his last year as Master and asked members to give consideration as to candidates prior to next year's AGM. |
| Secretary | Sandra Underwood, the retiring Secretary, was thanked by Alan for the work she had undertaken and was presented with a basket of flowers. |

As there were no nominations for Secretary, this work would now be delegated to the Guild Committee until the next AGM. Alan appealed to members to consider suitable candidates for this post.

Treasurer Roger Lord – Proposed by Jenny Bennett and seconded by Roy Norman - all were in favour.

Representatives on the Central Council (election for a 3 year period starting 2017) Robin Heppenstall had tendered his resignation from this role after 28 years on the Central Council. Philip Green, Chris Sharp and Chris Turner all expressed a wish to stand again in 2017 and were re-elected on block. This was proposed by Sue Faull and seconded by Barbara Webster. There was no nomination for a fourth representative.

Ratification of Guild Committee Appointments:

<u>BRF Administrator:</u>	Currently vacant – temporarily filled by Alan Payne.
<u>BRF Committee :</u>	Master, Secretary, BRF Administrator and Philip Green
<u>Trustees of Bell Repair Fund:</u>	Alan Payne, Roger Lord and Robin Heppenstall
<u>BRF 100 Club:</u>	Dot Mason
<u>Education Officer:</u>	Vacant
<u>Fundraising Leader:</u>	Sue Faull
<u>Gift Aid Officer:</u>	Barbara Rand
<u>Librarian:</u>	Delia Heppenstall
<u>Peal Secretary:</u>	Chris Sharp
<u>Public Relations Officer:</u>	Vacant
<u>Report Secretary:</u>	John Nicholson
<u>Safeguarding Officer:</u>	Joy Lord
<u>Webmaster:</u>	Jonathan Clark
<u>Accounts Examiners (Guild):</u>	Barbara Rand and Linda Bromfield
<u>Accounts Examiner (BRF):</u>	Ann Maddison

The above posts were proposed en bloc by the Chair and approved by a show of hands.

Subscriptions for 2017: Adults £10, Junior and full time education £3, Associate/Non-Resident Life Member £5 Peal booking fee 25p per rope, all were in agreement.

Quota to take effect from 2017 subscriptions: General Fund 50% Bell Repair Fund 25%, Training Fund 10%. Branches to retain 15%.

All were in agreement.

Election of Hon Life Members/Roll of Honour: Melvyn Rose of West Lindsey Branch had been proposed for the Role of Honour but was unable to be at the AGM. Ian Till was nominated to present the certificate to him at their next Branch meeting.

Future activities:

- **Sat/Mon 28/30 May** Central Council at Portsmouth
- **Sat 4 Jun** Ridgman Trophy at Daventry
- **Sat 2 Jul** National Youth Striking Competition in London
- **Sat 23 July** Lincoln Guild Young Ringers Day at Dunholme
- **Sat 10 Sep** Guild 6 bell striking competition Whaplode (Cup), Moulton (Plate)
- **Sat 1 Oct** Guild 8 bell striking competition at Ingoldmells

Sue Faull appealed for helpers at the Churches Schools Festival at the Cathedral on 17/18/19 May

Val Wild mentioned the Eastern Branch BBQ at Sibsey Mill would be on Saturday 2 July.

Any Other Business:

- A new Faculty arrangement had been introduced. This will require a new verification system of any work required. PCC approval and up front inspection will be required prior to any grant funding being offered. This is to be discussed at the next committee meeting and updated guidelines will be uploaded to the Guild website shortly.
- Safeguarding – The Guild strives to provide a safe environment for ringers and has adopted the Central Council's Social Media Guidelines.

- Guild 6 Bell Striking Competition. This was less successful in 2015 as the number of teams entering was down. The rules now state that ringers can only be part of one team across both competitions. The Cup competition will be any 5 or 6 bell method and the Plate competition will be just call changes.
- State of the Guild. Membership numbers are down and members were asked to think of ways to recruit new bell ringers. Sue Faull advised she has five bookings for the wombel and encouraged members to make use of it.
- Bryan Ward's wife had painted a picture of Loughborough Bell Foundry and was selling prints at £40 with 10% going to the BRF.
- Sue Faull had Guild clothing available to buy.
- Philip; Green mentioned the 8 peal books of Rupert Richardson had been handed to Annette Rhodes at Surfleet by the Richardson family, so they would be staying in the UK.
- Val Wild enquired about Guild Christmas cards – Sue Faull is working on this.

Guild 100 Club	£100	Sleaford Ringers
draw:	£50	David Bennett
	£25	John Collett
	£10	Dot Mason
	£5	Tracey Black

Vote of thanks: Jonathan Clark proposed a vote of thanks to Bailgate Methodist church for accommodating us once again; the Sub Dean, John Patrick for the Service and use of the Cathedral Bells; PCC's and Tower Captains at Nettleham and St Giles; the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells; members for supporting the meeting, and the Master and Secretary for the AGM arrangements.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:32