

# GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*held at Newton Abbot on Saturday 16th June 2018*

- A18/1 Alison Waterson (President) opened the meeting with a welcome to the 58 members present and confirmed the meeting was quorate. She thanked all in the Mid Devon Branch who were involved in organising the day's events; she also thanked the Revd Patrick Parkes for leading the service and Janet Ritterman for playing the organ. Alison then invited Nigel Birt to lead the members in an opening prayer.
- A18/2 Apologies for absence were received from: Anne Bailey, Peter Bailey, Donna Baker, Elena Brake, Lisa Clarke, Martin Dodd, Jason Dowling, Amy Gill, Gareth Gill, Wendy Gill, Clare Griffiths, Derek Hawkins, Mo Hawkjns, Matt Hilling, Richard Johnston, Norman Mallet, Jess Metcalfe, Rob Neal, Lucy Neal, Richard Norman, Michael Rose, Cath Saunders, Richard Shere, Trevor Smith, Clare Stagg, Mike Tompsett, Hannah Wedge, Lester Yeo.
- A18/3 Losses by death since the last AGM: John Bowden, Richard Bowden, Ed Davis, Cyril Deem, Wilf Dunn, Geoffrey Holton, John Martin, Patrick Pickering, John Pugh, John Seymour, Heather Somerwill. Although not a Guild member Carol Bill was very supportive of the aims of the Guild and members were asked to remember her too. Members stood in silence to remember them.
- A18/4 Minutes of the 2017 meeting were signed as a correct record (p: Nigel Birt, s: James Kirkcaldy). The minutes of the June 2017 Committee meeting were also signed as a correct record (p: James Kirkcaldy, s: Charlotte Boyce).
- A18/5 Matters arising from the minutes: None.
- A18/6 Election of new members: Daphne White (South West), Nicholas White (South West) (p: Lynette Costello, s: Lynne Hughes).
- A18/7 Officers' Reports: These were received as printed in the annual report.
- A18/8 Adoption of accounts/transfer of monies to DCBRF: The accounts are as published in the annual report and have been examined by Tim Payne. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Janet Ritterman, seconded by Leslie Boyce and carried unanimously. Charlotte Boyce (Treasurer) then proposed that £2,000.00 be transferred to the DCBRF; this was seconded by James Kirkcaldy, and carried unanimously. Charlotte Boyce noted little expenditure had been requested from the Education Fund during the year and that no topping up was required.
- A18/9 Subscription Review (rule 3.1): Charlotte Boyce (Treasurer) proposed the subscription for 2019 should remain unaltered at £6.00. This was agreed.
- A18/10 Election of Officers: Alison Waterson thanked all the Guild Officers for their hard work over the past year.
- a) Master 2018/19: Sheila Scofield (p: Geoff Hill, s: Janet Deem). Sue Sawyer then presented Sheila Scofield with the Master's insignia, and thanked everyone for the welcome she had received across the Guild; she also wished Sheila well in her year as Master. Sheila took the chair and asked for nominations for President.
  - b) President: Alison Waterson (p: John Foster, s: Peter Bill).
  - c) Master Elect: Janet Ritterman (p: Martin Mansley, s: Nigel Birt).
  - d) Vice-Presidents: None to be considered.
  - e) Secretary: John Martin (p: James Kirkcaldy, s: Robert Franklin).
  - f) Treasurer: Charlotte Boyce (p: Janet Ritterman, s: Donald Carter).

- g) Peal Secretary: Michael Mears (p: Paul Pascoe, s: Richard Johnston).
- h) Quarter Peal Secretary: James Kirkcaldy (p: Robert Franklin, s: Delie Perry).
- i) Education Officer: Tim Bayton (p: Charlotte Boyce, s: Lisa Clarke).
- j) Librarian: Leslie Boyce (p: Peter Bill, s: Michael Mears).
- k) Report Secretary: John Foster (p: Michael Mears, s: Ian Avery).
- l) Bells and Belfries Advisors: Nominations had been received as follows:  
Ian Campbell (p: Paul Pascoe, s: David Hird).  
Ian Smith (p: Pauline McKenzie, s: Jenny Sparling).
- m) Publicity Officer: Lynne Hughes (p: Richard Johnston, s: Michael Mears).
- n) Ringing Round Devon Editor: Ian Campbell (p: Paul Pascoe, s: David Hird).
- o) Safeguarding Officer: Robert Brown (p: Paul Pascoe, s: Richard Johnston).
- p) DenMisch Management Committee: Nominations were received as follows:  
Oliver Coldrick (p: Paul Pascoe, s: Lynne Hughes)  
Ian Campbell (p: Paul Pascoe, s: David Maynard)  
David Hird (p: Paul Pascoe, s: James Kirkcaldy)  
Sheila Scofield (p: Lynne Hughes, s: Lynette Costello)  
Tim Bayton (p: James Kirkcaldy, s: Janet Deem)

A18/11 Election of DCBRF Trustees (3): Nominations had been received as follows:  
Ian Smith (p: David Hird, s: James Kirkcaldy).  
Janet Deem (p: James Kirkcaldy, s: Alena Wardle).  
Mary Mears (p: Ian Avery, s: Michael Mears).

Michael Mears invited those present to thank Ian Campbell for his work as a DCBRF over the years.

A18/12 Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts: Tim Payne (p: Alison Waterson).

A18/13 Data Privacy Notice: John Martin introduced the previously circulated draft Data Privacy Notice, advised it had been reviewed by the officers, and invited any comments. Lynette Costello asked what arrangements were proposed to deal with Subject Access Requests; Robert Brown (Safeguarding Officer) advised that such requests are considered unlikely.

After a short discussion about seeking consent from members for receiving emails Robert Brown confirmed the proposals outlined by John Martin would meet the necessary requirements.

A18/14 Report from Central Council Meeting at Lancaster: Lynne Hughes presented her report on the Central Council Meeting held in Lancaster, which was attended by two of the four Guild representatives.

A18/15 Benefit of continued Guild membership of Central Council: Robert Brown invited members to begin considering the purpose of the Central Council and whether Guild representation on the Council should be funded in a more appropriate way by the Guild.

After a discussion about the status of the Central Council reorganisation and what Guild representation would consist of John Martin was asked to write to Mary Bone (Central Council Secretary) to seek clarification of the Council's intention with regard to the invitation extended to the Council to visit Devon in 2024.

A proposal was received (p: Charlotte Boyce, s: Rodney Horder) that some documentation about what the Central Council does should be provided to members via Ringing Round Devon over the coming months. This proposal was supported.

- A18/16 Ringin Remembers: Lynne Hughes and Tim Bayton provided an update on the national “Ringin Remembers” campaign and the related recruitment event held in Devon in February.
- A18/17 Election of Central Council representative to replace Mark Heritage: Lynette Costello (p: Lynne Hughes, s: Charlotte Boyce).
- A18/18 Fund raising: Quarter Peal Festival: James Kirkcaldy reminded members of the dates for the quarter peal festival (19th October – 4th November) and suggested performances be linked to the event on the BellBoard website.
- A18/19 Guild 6 and 8-Bell Strikin Competitions: Trevor Vercoe confirmed the Guild Strikin competitions would be held on Saturday 20th October and hosted by the South West Branch. The 6-bell competition would be held at Stoke Damerel, the Novice competition at St Budeaux, and both the 8-bell competitions at Emmanuel. Refreshments would be available in the church at Emmanuel.
- A18/20 Guild Festival and Annual General Meeting 2019: Janet Deem invited members to attend the meeting the Aylesbeare Branch would be hosting on Saturday 15th June 2019. Arrangements were at an early stage of planning but it was expected the day would be based at Withycombe Raleigh. A short discussion took place about activities which could be included and members were asked to send Janet any further suggestions.
- A18/21 Any Other Business:
- a) Peter Bill drew members’ attention to the event at Buckfast Abbey on 11th August to celebrate the 1,000th anniversary of the Abbey’s foundation.
  - b) John Martin advised he was collecting orders for items of Guild embroidered clothing.

There being no further business, Alison Waterson declared the meeting closed at 3:56pm.

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 Alison Waterson (President)

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**GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Held at Newton Abbot on Saturday 16th June 2018*

Alison Waterson (President) opened the meeting that followed the Annual General Meeting of the Guild. It was agreed that all business should be deferred to the next meeting of the General Committee on Saturday 19th January 2019. (p: James Kirkcaldy, s: Michael Mears). The meeting closed at 3:58pm.

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Alison Waterson (President)

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