

# GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*held at Crediton on Saturday 18th June 2022*

- A22/1 Alison Waterson (President) opened the meeting by inviting Nigel Birt to lead the members in an opening prayer. Alison welcomed the 57 members present and it was confirmed the meeting was quorate. Alison thanked all in the Exeter Branch who had made the arrangements to allow us to meet in person for the first time since 2019 and to the team who provided our refreshments.
- A22/2 Apologies for absence were received from: Phil Dunn, Jane Dunn, Richard Shere, John Hill, Mark Heritage, Tom Mitchell, Hugh Lodder, Lily Neal, Susan Illing, Jo Brown, Peter Brown, Michael Brady, Wendy Gill, Gareth Gill, Amy Hurlock, Rob Corney, Sue Sawyer, Anne Bailey, Ian Rees, Jane Flaxington, Lesley Tucker, Stuart McDonald, Matthew Hilling, Roger Avery, John McKee, Roger Algate, Rob Franklin, Lisa Clarke, Peter Bill, Judith Reynolds, Don Roberts, Yvonne Porter, Sheila Jefferies, Oliver Coldrick, Roger Compton, Geoff Hill, Mary Ayres, Jinny Jeffreys, Gabrielle Stook, Felicity Stook, Jenny Jones, Elaine Smerdon, Steph Hills, Richard Johnson, Alice Holden, Celia Dunsford.
- A22/3 Losses by death since the last AGM: Heather Appleby, John Adams, Geoff Williamson, Neville Wright, Gwen Farmer, John Lidstone, Mike Winter, Alan Furse, George Boucher. A short period of silence was observed to remember them.
- A22/4 Minutes of the 2021 meeting and the June 2021 Committee meeting were agreed as a correct record with no votes against. (p: Lynne Hughes, s: Michael Cannon).
- A22/5 Matters arising from the minutes: None noted.
- A22/6 Election of new members: Chris Wakefield (Woodbury), proposed by Janet Deem, seconded by Neil Deem. Elected with no votes against.
- A22/7 Presentation of first peal certificates: Neil Deem presented Elena Brake with her first peal certificate.
- A22/8 Officers' Reports: These were received as printed in the annual report; no comments or questions had been received.
- A22/9 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 Tim Bayton, seconded by Martin Mansley and carried unanimously.  
Charlotte Boyce (Treasurer) proposed that a budget of £500 maximum should be set to provide support for Young Ringers activities and that the Education Fund be topped up by £90; these were seconded by Tim Bayton and carried unanimously.  
Charlotte Boyce (Treasurer) then proposed that £2,035.00 be transferred to the DCBRF; this was seconded by Tim Bayton and carried unanimously.
- A22/10 Subscription Review (rule 3.1): Charlotte Boyce (Treasurer) recommended that the Guild subscription rate for 2023 should remain unchanged. Proposed by Janet Deem; seconded by Les Boyce, and carried unanimously.
- A22/11 Election of Officers: Alison Waterson thanked all the Guild Officers for their hard work over the past year and invited nominations for Guild Master.
- a) Master 2022/23: Michael Cannon (p: Lester Yeo, s: Sheila Scofield). Neil Deem then presented Michael Cannon with the Master's insignia. Michael took the chair and asked for nominations for President.
- b) President: Tim Bayton (p: Mike Mears, s: Wendy Campbell).
- c) Master Elect: David Hird (p: Mike Mears, s: Michael Cannon).

- d) Vice-Presidents: At the January General Committee Meeting the following proposal for the election of a new Vice President had been received:  
John Mitchelmore (p: Alena Wardle, s: Mike Mears)  
The proposal was carried unanimously.
  - e) Secretary: John Martin (p: Lynne Hughes, s: Andrew Digby).
  - f) Treasurer: Charlotte Boyce (p: Sue Sawyer, s: Kevin Skillings).
  - g) Peal Secretary: Michael Mears (p: Charlotte Boyce, s: Richard Harrison).
  - h) Quarter Peal Secretary: James Kirkcaldy (p: Kevin Skillings, s: Richard Harrison).
  - i) Education Officer: Christine Harris (p: Alena Wardle, s: Nigel Birt).
  - j) Librarian: Leslie Boyce (p: Ian Smith, s: Phil Dunn).
  - k) Report Secretary: John Foster (p: Ian Campbell, s: Richard Harrison).
  - l) Bells and Belfries Advisors: Nominations had been received as follows:  
Ian Campbell (p: James Kirkcaldy, s: Phil Dunn).  
Ian Smith (p: James Kirkcaldy, s: Phil Dunn).
  - m) Publicity Officer: No nominations received.
  - n) Ringling Round Devon Editor: Ian Campbell (p: Lynne Hughes, s: Nicola Jones).
  - o) Safeguarding Officer: Wena Mansley (p: Ian Smith, s: Nigel Birt).
  - p) DenMisch Management Committee: Nominations were received as follows:  
Oliver Coldrick (p: Richard Johnston, s: Catherine Saunders).  
Ian Campbell (p: Richard Johnston, s: Catherine Saunders).
  - q) Young Ringers Coordinator: Elena Brake (p: Alena Wardle, s: Sheila Scofield)
- A22/12 Election of DCBRF Trustees (3): Nominations had been received as follows:  
Ian Smith (p: Oliver Coldrick, s: Mike Mears).  
Janet Deem (p: Oliver Coldrick, s: Mary Mears).  
Mary Mears (p: Les Boyce, s: Sheila Scofield).
- A22/13 Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts: Tim Payne (p: Alison Waterson).
- A22/14 Ringling Recovery workgroup: Nicola Jones encouraged members to review the report circulated on the work of the Guild Recruitment and Retention and to feed back comments and observations either to her or to Phil Dunn.
- A22/15 Fund raising: Ringling Festival: Janet Deem and John Martin encouraged members to take part during the Ringling Festival between 22nd October and 6th November. Some examples of the sort of performances which members might consider were presented and Janet advised that more promotional material would be made available for this year's Festival.
- A22/16 Guild 6 and 8-Bell Striking Competitions: Rodney Horder provided an update from the Mid Devon branch on preliminary planning for this year's striking competitions, scheduled for 15th October.
- A22/17 2022 Ringling World National Youth Contest: Elena Brake, Charlotte Boyce and John Martin outlined arrangements for the National Youth Contest taking place in Exeter on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.
- A22/18 Guild 150th anniversary workgroup: Les Boyce provided an update from the Guild 150th anniversary workgroup. Plans involve an anniversary weekend with the programme including a service and dinner around the exact anniversary date of Saturday 23rd March 2024. The 2024 Ringling World calendar will

feature Devon towers and a Devon focussed edition of the Ringing World is planned to follow the anniversary weekend.

A22/19 Any Other Business:

- a) Nigel Birt asked whether anyone was aware of a mini-marquee which could be used when the Mid Devon branch take the Frank Mack mini-ring to the Brixham steam fair.
- b) Les Boyce advised that the book sale had raised approximately £100 towards the costs of running the Guild library and that the sale was still going on, with further books available for anyone who might want them.
- c) Lester Yeo thanked Alison Waterson for her service as Guild President.

There being no further business, Alison Waterson declared the meeting closed at 4:37pm.

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Tim Bayton (President)

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(Date)

## **GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Held at Crediton on Saturday 18th June 2022*

Alison Waterson (President) opened the meeting that followed the Annual General Meeting of the Guild. It was agreed all business should be deferred to the next meeting of the General Committee on Saturday 21st January 2023. (p: Alison Waterson, s: Tim Bayton). The meeting closed at 3:39pm.

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Tim Bayton (President)

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(Date)