

Guild of Devonshire Ringers - Mid Devon Branch

Annual General Meeting held on Sat 22nd November 2014

at Dawlish.

Ringling took place at Dawlish followed by the Guild service, tea and the Annual General Meeting which were all held at St Gregory the Great's church, Dawlish.

There were 25 branch members present and visitors included Anne Bailey (Guild Master). All were welcomed to the meeting by Dr Rodney Horder who also proposed votes of thanks to Rev'd Simon Croft for leading the service, to Janet Ritterman for playing the organ and to the Dawlish ringers for their hospitality and the refreshments provided.

Rodney also recorded the thanks of the Branch and a farewell to Russell Chamberlain as he and Caroline prepare to retire and move to Wiltshire.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** were received from: Lester Yeo, Clare Griffiths, David Robertson, Caroline Chamberlain, Pam Anthony, Robert Brown, Nigel Birt, Mike Tompsett, Peter Brown, Josephine Brown, Gerry Lowe, Carol French, Jenny Clark, Jean Pluck, Kathy Davis, Tim King, Sharon Lawrence, Richard Wills and Martin Dodd.
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** held at Stokeinteignhead on 23rd November 2013 were presented for approval. It was noted that Josh Tratt had also sent his apologies to the meeting. With this amendment the minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by Rodney Horder. Proposed: Rowena Mansley, Seconded: Janet Ritterman.
- 3. Matters Arising:** John Martin advised the members that a post-meeting note had been added to the minutes regarding the suggestion of holding Branch handbell change ringing events.
- 4. Report on Election of New Members.**

John Martin reported that the following had been elected to membership since the last meeting :

11-Jan-14	Mike Tompsett	St Marychurch
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17-Feb-14	Sid Ashford	Abbotskerswell
17-Feb-14	Sheila Horder	Stokeinteignhead
17-Feb-14	Gerry Lowe	Stokeinteignhead
20-Mar-14	Liz Wood	Dawlish
20-Mar-14	Jean Pluck	Dawlish
20-Mar-14	Kathy Davis	Dawlish
20-Mar-14	Verity Brett	Teignmouth
20-Mar-14	Nigel Robson	Dawlish
16-Jun-14	Susanna Robson	Dawlish

Additionally the following new member was proposed at the meeting :

Madeline Reeder, (St Marychurch). Proposed : Martin Mansley, Seconded : Russell Chamberlain.
Elected with no votes against.

Presentation of Guild Certificates : No Guild certificates to present on this occasion.

5. **Edden Clapper Trophy.** Martin Mansley provided the background for the Edden Clapper trophy (attached as a printed copy to these minutes) which is given as an annual award for the tower felt to have made the most progress in the past year. Martin explained that the trophy was this year awarded to Teignmouth along with £10 towards the cost of engraving and invited Verity Brett to accept the trophy.
6. **Ringing Master's Report.** Martin Mansley presented his report (circulated separately but attached as a printed copy to these minutes) and asked for any comments or questions. Dr Rodney Horder proposed a vote of thanks to Martin for his work through the year.
7. **Treasurers' Report.** Fiona Rock-Evans presented her Treasurer's Report for the past financial year (copies of which were distributed prior to the meeting and have been attached to the printed minutes of this Annual General Meeting).

Alan Furse proposed the acceptance of the package of Branch accounts and Janet Ritterman seconded the proposal. The proposal was agreed with no votes against.

Dr Rodney Horder proposed a vote of thanks to Fiona for her work through the year.

8. **Librarians' Report.** Janet Ritterman presented this report (attached as a printed copy to these minutes). Philip Stevens proposed acceptance of the report and this was seconded by Russell Chamberlain. Agreed with no votes against.

Dr Rodney Horder proposed a vote of thanks to Janet and Sharon for their work through the year.

9. **Update from Guild Education Committee meeting**

Martin Mansley reported that Guild courses on offer next year would include Stedman Triples and Surprise Major. Martin also noted that no Guild educational grants had been awarded during the course of the year.

Dr Rodney Horder noted that we had previously made up to £200 available from Branch funds to help support members who wished to attend some training.

Janet Ritterman proposed that £200 should again be made available from Branch funds and this was seconded by Rowena Mansley. Agreed with no votes against.

10. **Election of Officers:**

- A.) **Chairman:** Anne Bailey took the chair for the election of the Branch Chairman and thanked Rodney for all his efforts and also the rest of the Branch Committee for theirs. Dr Rodney Horder was proposed by Martin Mansley and seconded by Fiona Rock-Evans.

There being no other candidates the meeting unanimously agreed to Rodney's appointment.

- B.) Ringing Master:** Dr Rodney Horder thanked Martin Mansley for his leadership and invited nominations for the office of Ringing Master. Martin Mansley was proposed by Russell Chamberlain and seconded by Alan Furse. There being no other candidates the meeting unanimously agreed to Martin's re-appointment.
- C.) Assistant Ringing Master:** Madeleine Brett was proposed by Martin Mansley and seconded by Alan Furse. There being no other candidates the meeting unanimously agreed to Maddy's re-appointment.
- D.) Secretary:** John Martin was proposed by Philip Stevens and seconded by Mo Stevens. There being no other candidates the meeting unanimously agreed to John's re-appointment.
- E.) Treasurer:** Fiona Rock-Evans was proposed by Martin Mansley and seconded by Jeanette Thompson. There being no other candidates the meeting unanimously agreed to Fiona's re-appointment.
- F.) Guild General Committee Member:** Alan Furse was not seeking re-election and Janet Ritterman was proposed by Philip Stevens and seconded by Martin Mansley. There being no other candidates the meeting unanimously agreed to Janet's appointment. Dr Rodney Horder thanked Alan for his work for the Branch on the Guild Committee.
- G.) Librarian:** Sharon Lawrence were proposed by Mo Stevens and seconded by Fiona Rock-Evans. There being no other candidates the meeting unanimously agreed to Sharon's re-appointment.
- H.) Branch Committee Member:** Julia Brett was proposed by Alan Furse and seconded by Fiona Rock-Evans. There being no other candidates the meeting unanimously agreed to Julia's appointment.

11. Draft Programme for 2015. John Martin advised that the proposed programme of events had been circulated as a separate document in advance of the meeting and asked for comments and suggestions. The meeting unanimously agreed to accept the programme as drafted.

12. Any Other Business.

Martin Mansley suggested deadline dates of the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month for circulation of the email newsletter (Tower Talk). There were no adverse comments and so Martin was asked to adopt this practice.

13. There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.51pm.