
Minutes of the Northern District of the TDGR AGM held at Week St Mary Church on March 11th 2023

Present

Ruth Reeves, Robert Corney, Bill Willis, Liz Gliddon, Robert & Helen Perry, Esther Jones, Hayley Young, Ian Self, Michael Whycherly, Robert Wadge, Malcolm Day, Lesley Booker, Mervyn Collins, Derek Orchard, Chris Humphreys, Neil Humpage, Kay Parry, Sandy Not, Judith Taylor, Wendy Couch & Sue Shadrick

The minutes from the meeting held on Saturday March 12th 2022 had been circulated beforehand and were approved by Ruth Reeves and seconded by Hayley Young. There were no matters arising.

- 1. Officers reports A) Chairman Bill Willis report.** Another year has passed so quickly, it certainly does not seem 12 months since we were meeting at our last AGM. As you know, I did state at that meeting my intention to stand down as Chairman on the district, so this will be my last report to you in this role. The year has been somewhat disrupted for me at least, with two bouts of COVID and flu and from speaking to others I was not alone. So maybe this is the new normal and we just have to accept this is how things will be now. I am sure Robert will speak about ringing for the Queen and King last year, so I will leave this to him, however it was very pleasing to see and hear the wonderful response by so many of us.

The Guild website (tdgr.org.uk) has a wealth of material relating to ringing I would also like to draw your attention to 'An Clogh' which is published online with a link from the website. Ian does a lot of work collating this and it now appears without you having to log in to the site using your passwords.

As we look to 2023, we have before us an exciting year of ringing including an almost unique event as the coronation. Few of us would have had the opportunity to ring for such an event and I am sure we all have plans. It is also a good opportunity to train new ringers and use it as an ambition to get a starter to a goal. As monthly improvers continue, I recommend you attend and bring along new learners as it is a safe, supportive environment with considerable experience available to support you.

Best wishes for 2023, thank you for letting me be your chairman for these last few years and look forward to seeing you at future District events.

B) Ringing Master Robert Corney report. There are reasons to be cautiously optimistic about ringing in our branch of the Guild. Towers have publicised on social media the times they have rung for annual events (New Year's Eve, Remembrance Sunday) as well as the national events that took place last year. Locals have thanked ringers for the way in which they have marked these occasions.

The Improvers Practises have continued to be popular and participants have been grateful to have the opportunity to hone their skill or to move onto a higher level of ringing. Last year's hosts included St Tudy (of cake fame), Poughill, Week St Mary and Marhamchurch, but Liz Gliddon is always open to suggestions/ requests for any other towers.

One of the highlights of 2022 was the ART course held at Lanteglos-by-Camelford. Les Boyce led the day-long session and it was good to see how many of our branch took the opportunity either to revise their teaching approach or even consider teaching for the first time. Several towers have learners in the pipeline and this year's headline "Ring for the King" might well result in more recruits.

C) Treasurer Liz Gliddon thanked Melanie Dymond for auditing the accounts. District polo shirts are available at £5.50.

The accounts were explained and a reminder that for Improvers Practices there are funds allocated to support the churches that host these. They are on the second Saturday of each month and we still need churches across the district to offer.

2. Election of officers.

- (a) Chairman- Vacancy
- (b) Ringing Master - Robert Corney -Proposed by Bill Willis and seconded by Lesley Booker.
- (c) Treasurer - Liz Gliddon - Proposed by Ruth Reeves and seconded by Rob Corney.
- (d) Secretary - Sue Shadrick - Proposed by Rob Corney and seconded by Ruth Reeves
- (e) Auditor - Melanie Dymond
- (f) Standing Committee representatives. (2) Sue Shadrick and Vacancy Proposed by Robert Corney and seconded by Liz Gliddon

Update from Hayley Young The Guild has lots of positions available including on the standing committee; let her know if you are interested.

An Clogh won't be behind the log in on the website from now on, so more readily available.

The Guild is yours, for your use - please remember this!

Safeguarding reminder The current expectation from the Diocese is that all Bell ringers should complete the Basic Awareness course and Tower Captains and those teaching children need to complete Basic Awareness, Foundation and Leadership in that order. Basic Awareness and Foundation can be accessed through the Church of England training portal:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

Then, once they are completed you can book onto the Leadership course which is run over two sessions by the Diocesan Safeguarding team:

<https://trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/safeguarding/training-safeguarding/leadership-training/>

This may all seem to be excessive but given that many of us are now teaching it's sensible to be appropriately trained.

4. Northern District AGM 2024 will be held on March 25th, venue tb.

5. Election of New Members Arthur Lydon-Pracownik was proposed by Ruth Reeves and seconded by Julian Trick. He was welcomed and is probably our youngest member at present.

6. AOB Improvers towers offered so far are St Tudy, Week St Mary and North Peterwin, more needed please.