

Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers



Eastern District

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at St Martin's Church Liskeard, Saturday 29th March 2025

Present:

Sue McClaughry, Alex Southcott, Sarah Hatton (Calstock); Kevan Borlase, Owen Borlase (St Dominic); Arland Burn, Kevin Edwards, Dave Pitcher, Charlie Maddox (St Stephen by Saltash); Rosy Renfree, David Shawcross, Richard Warwick, Maire Warwick (Pillaton); John Evans, Anita Chambers, Seren Hall (Maker); Jenny Stott, Bryan Martin, Joe Butcher, Rob Wadge, Malcolm Day (Liskeard); Viv Tregellas, Tom Hope (Talland); Steve Leonard Williams, Lynda Harvey (Stoke Climsland); Hayley Young (Truro); Neil Clements, Sean Shaw (Altarnun); Bryony Dorrington (Bodmin); Ian Self (Redruth); Marc Dunkley (Lanhydrock); Doreen Sullivan, Roger Sullivan (Carbis Bay).

1. Call to order

The Chairman, Kevin Edwards called the meeting to order at 15.30.

2. In memory of absent friends

Those present were asked to remember Members deceased since March 2024, in particular John Body, Peter Paterson and Andrew Lyne.

3. Apologies for absence

Dave Hussey, Andy Mackonochie, Rachel Mackonochie, Jerry Burnham, Jane Grimwood, George Roberts, Chris Beckett, Caroline Beckett, Francesca Woodman, Rachel Cousins, Tim Cusack, Janet Morgan, Ann Body, Ian Braid, Ollie Tomlinson, Jo Tomlinson, Peter Gibson, John Watson, Paula Evans, ETTY Morton.

4. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from the 2024 AGM held at St Stephen's by Saltash on 2nd March had been previously circulated. There were no matters arising. The minutes were unanimously voted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Reports

Secretary – Sue McClaughry presented her report.

Treasurer – The Treasurer's report had been previously circulated, there were no questions. Kevan Borlase proposed that the accounts be accepted, seconded by Sue McClaughry, there was unanimous agreement.

Ringling Master – Owen Borlase presented his report on the year's activities.

6. Election of New Members

The following new members were elected to the Guild: Rachel Cousins, Tim Cusack (proposed by Kevan Borlase, St Dominic); Alex Southcott, Ben Pratchett (proposed by Sue McClaughry, Calstock); Jane Smith, Julian Smith, John Watkins, Seren Hall (proposed by John Evans, Maker); Charlie Maddox, Olly Tomlinson (St Stephens by Saltash); Peter Bulmer (proposed by Owen Borlase, Antony).

7. Deputy Ringing Master

It was suggested by Owen Borlase that a new role of Deputy Ringing Master be created, and the role should be held at this time by Chris Beckett, proposed by Sue McClaghry, seconded by Owen Borlase. No other names were suggested and the appointment was unanimously agreed.

8. Election of Officers

Kevin Edwards agreed to remain as Chairman, no other names were put forward. The remaining officers were elected en-mass, by a single unanimous vote, as follows:

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	Kevin Edwards	David Shawcross	Dave Pitcher
Deputy Chairman	Kevan Borlase	Dave Pitcher	Maire Warwick
Secretary	Sue McClaghry		
Treasurer	Rachael Mackonochie		
Ringing Master	Owen Borlase		
S C Rep 1	Rachel Mackonochie		
S C Rep 2	Owen Borlase		
Auditor	Dave Hussey		

9. Date of 2026 District AGM

Provisionally booked for Saturday 7th March 2026 at St Dominic.

10. Any other business

Dave Pitcher mentioned that he hoped to have the bells of St Nicholas and St Faith ringing during the Saltash May festival on Saturday 3rd May. Both individuals and full teams would be welcome at the tower and Dave asked that anyone interested should speak to him.

Owen Borlase awarded Long Service Certificates for Paul Pengelly, Dave Hussey, Rachel Cottam, George Drew, and Ella Drew (15 years); Jenny Stott, Bryan Martin, Mandy Jones, and John Blatchford (25 Years); and Steve Leonard Williams (50 years). Recognition was also made of Simon Brewer from Lostwithiel who began ringing in 1951 and has been Tower Captain of Lostwithiel tower for 50 years.

11. Adjournment

The Chairman, Kevin Edwards adjourned the meeting at 16.00, thanking Liskeard for hosting the event.

Minutes submitted by: Sue McClaghry

Minutes approved by:

Kevin Edwards