

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers **DRAFT**

East Berks & South Bucks Branch

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 12th June 2021 via Zoom

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions it was not possible to hold an in-person meeting so the AGM was held using the Zoom virtual platform. The meeting was attended by the Guild Master - Katie Lane, and 16 Branch members representing 10 towers (Alison Bayley, Michael Bayley, Charles Botting, David Cornwall, John Davidge, Angela Darvill, Ken Darvill, Marcia Dieppe, Jan Galloway, Ros Garrett-Bowes, Matthew Johnson, Patricia Newton, Robert Newton, Helen Riddoch, Peter Sippitt and James White).

Apologies had been received from Ralph Bagge, Sheila Bruce, Margaret Carlyle, Jill Glennerster, Peter Jasper, John Payne, Chris Potter, Mandy Salter and Andrew Simpson.

The meeting started at 5.06 pm.

1. Welcome and introduction:

The Chairman welcomed the Guild Master, Katie Lane and all attending the meeting.

2. Minutes of the AGM held via zoom on 31st October 2020:

These had been circulated prior to the meeting and were accepted (100% in favour) with no amendments.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Obituaries

A written obituary for Ken Lees (Chalfont St Giles) had been circulated prior to the meeting. A minute's silence was kept as we remembered Ken and also Evelyn Neal (West Wycombe)

5. Treasurer's report and 2020 accounts:

The accounts and Treasurer's report had been circulated in advance. The accounts were proposed by Michael Bayley and seconded by Patricia Newton. They were accepted (100% in favour).

6. Election of members

The following had been nominated for membership of the Guild by members of their towers.

Marlow

Nathaniel Christopher

Turville

Justine Humphrey

Anne Turnbull

Amersham

Chris Potter (for election to EBSB Branch)

All new members were elected (en bloc) unopposed.

7. Election of Officers for 2020-21

The following officers had been nominated and seconded in advance of the meeting and details had been circulated:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chairman	John Davidge	Michael Bayley	Alison Bayley
Ringing Master	Matthew Johnson	Jan Galloway	Angela Darvill
Secretary	Patricia Newton	Angela Darvill	Alison Bayley
Newsletter Editor	Patricia Newton	John Davidge	Alison Bayley
Young Ringers Organiser	Peter Jasper	Charles Botting	Alison Bayley
Branch Representative (1)	Ros Garrett-Bowes	John Davidge	Robert Newton
Branch Representative (2)	Jan Galloway	Ros Garrett-Bowes	Robert Newton
Branch Representative (3)	John Davidge	Michael Bayley	Robert Newton

There were no further nominations and the above officers were elected unanimously.

Angela Darvill and Michael Bayley had indicated their desire to stand down as Deputy Ringing Master and Treasurer/Membership Secretary respectively. No replacements had been found prior to the meeting and in the absence of other nominations they both agreed to continue until the Half Yearly Meeting.

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
Deputy Ringing Master	Angela Darvill	Jan Galloway	Patricia Newton
Treasurer/Membership Sec.	Michael Bayley	Patricia Newton	John Davidge

Both were elected unanimously.

8. Appointment of other Managers

The following had been nominated and seconded in advance of the meeting and details had been circulated:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
IT Manager	Ken Darvill	Patricia Newton	Alison Bayley
Webmaster	Ken Darvill	Patricia Newton	Alison Bayley
Independent Assessor	Peter Blower	Patricia Newton	Alison Bayley
100 Club Manager	Margaret Carlyle	Ros Garrett-Bowes	Alison Bayley

There being no further nominations, these people were elected unanimously.

Marcia Dieppe offered a vote of thanks to everyone who takes on these positions, seconded by Robert Newton.

9. Report and Accounts of Fundraising Committee

The report and accounts of the Fundraising committee had been circulated in advance. The secretary (Patricia Newton) commented that it had not been possible to run the 100 Club in recent months.

Ros Garrett-Bowes questioned why there had been a positive stock revaluation. The secretary responded saying that at this year's stock taking it was found that some items had been missed the previous year.

10. A.O.B.

i) Peter Jasper had sent a report on the activities of the young ringers. The report was read to the meeting by Robert Newton:

"The Bucks and Berks Young Ringers have obviously had a break from ringing since the last AGM although some ringing on handbells did take place when restrictions allowed. In April, the rules were again changed allowing "normal" tower bell practices to resume and therefore we held a weekly Young Ringers' practice at Clewer which proved popular with ringers coming from all over the branch to attend as well as some from neighbouring branches and associations meaning that ringing was able to range from bell handling to surprise. With the further reopening of tower practices the B&BYR have returned to their normal monthly practices on the first Sunday in the month and are looking forward to competing again in the Ringing World National Youth Contest in Worcester in September. As team leader, I would like to thank the branch for their support by funding the practices and would encourage any young ringers in the branch to get in touch and come along to join one of our practices."

The Treasurer (Michael Bayley) noted that he had received an email from Peter Jasper requesting funds for five practices between 18th April and 6th June.

ii) The Guild Master (Katie Lane) thanked the EBSB Branch for all their hard work. It is such an active branch. She always gets a lot of news, and it has been a great pleasure to be kept in touch with everyone over the past few months. She was particularly grateful for our fund raising efforts.

John Davidge was thanked for hosting the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.32 pm,