

## 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Association will be held on May Day Bank Holiday, Monday 7th May 2012, and will be preceded by a service at 10.30 am in Chelmsford Cathedral.

The meeting will be held in the Cathedral to conclude not later than 1.00 pm. The Cathedral bells will be available from 9.15 to 10.15 am. when an invited band will ring a Service Touch. Afternoon and evening ringing will take place in the South-Western District. Tickets for tea and details of further ringing arrangements to be obtained from the Secretary by 28 April.

### AGENDA

1. **To welcome visitors**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Please sign the Roll**
4. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2011**
  - a) to confirm
  - b) matters arising.
5. **Statement of Accounts 2011:** To receive and adopt.
6. **Annual Report 2011:** To receive and if thought fit to approve and adopt.
7. **Election of Honorary Officers:** The following nominations have been received:-

Master	B G Meads
Secretary	Mrs V Chapman
Treasurer	A P Brewster
Education Officer	Mrs E Rayner
Public Relations Officer	Mrs T Southgate
Technical Adviser	
Property Trustees (3)	Mrs M Bone, C F Chapman, A C Taylor
Independent Examiners (2)	R Dunhill, M Green
8. **Association Annual Dinner**
9. **To name Appointed Officers and to announce changes in District Officers**
10. **Any Other Business** - time permitting.
11. **Vote of thanks.**

## 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Association was held on Monday 2nd May 2011 at Chelmsford Cathedral with the Master in the chair. Prior to the meeting a service was held in the Cathedral at which the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Revd Canon Richard More, gave the address. Afternoon and evening ringing was in the North Western District with tea at Sawbridgeworth.

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. **To adopt Standing Orders:** F Bone proposed, P Sloman seconded, that Standing Orders be adopted. Carried unanimously.
2. **To welcome visitors:** There were no visitors at the meeting.
3. **Apologies for absence:** the names of those submitting apologies for absence have been recorded in an Appendix to the Minutes placed in the Minute Book.
4. **The Roll:** was signed by 106 members representing 47 towers. The names have been recorded in an Appendix to the Minutes placed in the Minute Book.
5. The Master, with agreement from the meeting, took an item of Any Other Business at this point, as those it affected would need to leave the meeting early to ring for a wedding.

The Master congratulated a group of eight young ringers who had taken part in the Ringing World's National Youth Striking Competition at Pimlico on 26 March 2011. The youngsters, Rebecca Steed (Chelmsford), Emer Wilson, Becky Pasmore, Ellanor Collop, Neil Pasmore, David Meah, Adam Sloman (all from Writtle), and Andrew Smiley (Lt Baddow) were all presented with gift certificates in recognition of being placed sixth overall. Mrs C Brewster was also presented with a gift as the organiser of the team. (Applause).

### 6. Minutes of the 2010 AGM:

The Master advised that there had been some typographical errors in the version as printed in the Annual Report however, these had been corrected in the version in the Minute Book

a) To confirm: Mrs E Rayner proposed, D Hengeli seconded, that the Minutes be adopted as a true record. Carried nem con.

b) Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

7. **Statement of Accounts:** The Treasurer presented his report and the accounts for 2010. There were no further comments or questions.

Mrs M Bone proposed, D Learmonth seconded, that the meeting receive and adopt the 2010 Accounts. Carried unanimously. The Master thanked A Brewster for presenting the accounts (applause).

8. **Annual Report:** The Master invited C Chapman, Report Editor, to introduce the Report. C Chapman noted that the report was larger due to the inclusion of the lengthy Minutes and the proposed new Rules. The report had taken two weeks to print and advertisement income amounted to £180. Printing per report was £1.01, the same as paid in 1991. There were some known errors, and he reminded members that tower correspondent amendments should be notified to the EACR Notices and the Webmaster. M Downs noted that the correspondent address for Rayne had changed but the telephone number remained the same.

The Master thanked C Chapman and all those involved with the production of the Report for their work (applause).

S Nash proposed, seconded D Sparling, that the 2010 Annual Report be received and adopted. Carried unanimously.

9. **Motions received:** The Master invited C Chapman to speak to the three Motions that were being proposed. With the agreement of the meeting, the Master proposed that there would be one opportunity for the proposer and seconder to speak, as all three Motions were linked, with one debate, then each Motion would be voted on separately.

C Chapman summarised that the proposed new Rules had been written after a period of consultation and after referring to the Charity Commission, who had requested some changes in order to comply with Charity status, and that these amendments had been reflected in what was reproduced in the Annual Report. The proposed Rules were endorsed at the February 2011 Executive Committee Meeting. There had also been one administrative change to the Standing Orders, and clarification on entering joint teams to the Striking Competition Finals.

C Chapman proposed, A Brewster seconded that the following Motions be adopted:

#### Motion 1

That the existing EACR Rules are replaced with those as written in pages 75-80 of the 2010 Annual Report.

## Motion 2

That Standing Order 2 is amended by the deletion of 'printed and', as written on page 82 of the 2010 Annual Report.

## Motion 3

That the existing Striking Competition Rules be replaced with those written on pages 81-82 of the 2010 Annual Report.

F Bone requested that Rule 14.1 should be changed to read 'All Members of the Management Committee shall be Charity Trustees (the Trustees). The Trustees shall ensure...'

D Rothera suggested that this sentence be amended to read 'All Members of the Management Committee shall be Charity Trustees (the Trustees) who shall ensure...'. This was seconded by D Sparling. This amendment was supported with 1 abstention.

R Godden proposed that Rule 23.3 (b) should read 'by distribution for the purpose of bell maintenance and restoration equally among those Churches which at the time of dissolution were in union with the Association'. This was seconded by F Bone and approved nem con.

The Master moved to a vote on each Motion:

Motion 1 carried nem con;

Motion 2 carried nem con;

Motion 3 carried nem con.

The Master thanked the members of the sub-committee for their hard work over the last 18 months, and declared that the sub-committee could now be absolved of their duty, and that the new Rules take immediate effect. (Applause).

C Chapman noted that during the transition period the election of Public Relations Officer, Education Officer, and Technical Adviser, would not take place until the AGM of 2012. District officers would need to be careful how they introduced the requirement for those over 65 years to pay subscriptions. Any queries regarding the implementation of these new Rules should be addressed to the Master and Secretary for clarification.

A copy of the new Rules are appended to these Minutes (printed on pages 73-80 of the 2011 Annual Report).

- 10. Election of Honorary Officers:** The Master advised that there being no other candidates for these positions, the following were elected:

Master	B G Meads
Secretary	Mrs V Chapman
Treasurer	A P Brewster
Property Trustees	Mrs M Bone, C F Chapman, A C Taylor
Independent Examiners	M Green, R Dunhill
Central Council Representatives	S J Nash

- 11. Election of Life Members:** the following nominations had been received and approved by the Executive Committee:

Mrs W Godden (Lt Baddow)	Proposed	Mrs Y Towler	Seconded	M Button
J Tipping (unattached)	Proposed	P Sloman	Seconded	Mrs C Corns

Having asked the candidates to leave the meeting, the Master invited Mrs Godden's proposer and seconder to speak to this nomination. Carried unanimously. Mrs Godden was duly elected as a Life Member.

The proposer and in lieu of the seconder, J Harpole, spoke to the nomination of J Tipping. Carried by majority with 2 against. J Tipping was duly elected as a Life Member.

On returning to the meeting Mrs Godden and J Tipping were congratulated by the Master. (Applause).

- 12. Association social events / Annual Dinner:** The Master invited A Brewster to speak on behalf of the recently formed Social Committee. A Brewster confirmed that the Annual Dinner would take place on 1st October 2011 at the County Hotel, Chelmsford. The committee were offering an early bird booking discount and tickets, if purchased or pledged today, would be charged a discounted price of £30 however, after the AGM the ticket price would increase to £32. The guest speakers were confirmed as Kate Flavell, soon to become President of the Central Council, and the new Bishop of Chelmsford and President of the Association.

- 13. To name the Peals Secretary and other Appointed Officers and to announce changes in District Officers:** The Master named the appointed officers and then referred to the list of the district officers in the back of the 2010 Annual Report. The Master thanked all those District Officers past and present, for their work in ensuring that ringing continues throughout the Association.

**14. Any other business:**

- i) The Master read out a letter received by the Secretary from the Chair of the Ringing World, thanking members of the Association for supporting their Centenary Day in March and those towers that opened for visiting ringers throughout the day.
- ii) The Master thanked D Learmonth who had recently stepped down from running the Association's Bookstall after five years. (Applause).
- iii) The Master had received information regarding an open day at Willingale on 4 June 2011; the last opportunity to ring on the 4 before they are removed for major refurbishment and augmentation.
- iv) The Striking Competition finals would be held on 2 July at Rayne and Gt Bardfield.
- v) The test piece for the 8 bell inter district competition would be 266 Plain Bob Triples; copies were available for collection by District Masters.
- vi) Mrs T Southgate, Public Relations Officer, reminded members to send her details of any ringing that had taken place in celebration of the Royal Wedding so that it could be included in a booklet to be sent to Clarence House.
- vii) Mrs T Southgate also reminded members about the London 2012 Weekend Challenge on 23-24 July and that assistance can be given in the use of PR materials.
- viii) Mrs T Southgate advised that under the new Rules the post of PRO would be due for election at the next AGM, however she would not be seeking re-election due to the forthcoming bell restoration project at her home tower of Harwich.

**15. Vote of thanks:** The Master thanked the Cathedral authorities for allowing us the use of the Cathedral; the Diocesan Director of Ordinands Revd Canon Richard More; Revd Ian Jorysz; the Very Revd Peter Judd, Dean; the choir of St Andrew's Boreham with Owain Jones (conductor); Simon Harvey (organist); members of the North Eastern district for taking the collection; members of the North Western District for arranging the afternoon towers and preparing tea; C Chapman for running the ringing before the service; D Rothera for calling the service touch; and the Cathedral ringers for serving refreshments before and after the service.

The Master declared the meeting closed at 12:46pm.