

ARMY GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

MINUTES OF THE AGM ON SATURDAY 6th APRIL 2019

The 2019 AGM was held at St Mary's, Ardleigh, Essex

Item 1 Welcome by the Chairman (Ian Culham)

Item 2 Members and friends present:

Ian Culham (Chairman), John Verity (Secretary & Treasurer), Paul Bray, Anne Bray, Helen Bridgman, Mike Cattell, Mark Consadine, David Culham, Elaine Farrow, Rhoda McEune, Stephen Pocock, Bridget White, Michael White, Ian Wiltshire.

Item 3 **Apologies received from:**

Steve Beard, John Davey, David & Val Fox, Andrew Frost, Mark Heritage, Derek Knowles, Peter Leigh, Kevin Price, Nicola Roberts (Ringing Master), Maggie Vince.

Item 4: The Minutes of the 2018 AGM held on 7th April 2018 were circulated and passed as a true copy.

Item 5: Matters arising for last year's AGM: Nil.

Item 6: **Reports:**

Chairman:

There is nothing major to report during this last year. I am not always able to be present, as I am serving in the Army, and have periods away from home. I have some ideas for future meetings, which will be discussed under Item 11 (Future Meetings).

Secretary:

This year has been a quiet one for the Secretary, but there are always addresses to be changed and e-mails to be kept up to date.

If any member changes their abode or e-mail address, the Secretary earnestly requests notification. Members should ideally pay their annual membership fee of £3 by standing order, and this is due on April 1st every year.

Our thanks go to Andrew Frost, who maintains our web site, sends out correspondence and co-ordinates our annual fee to the web site provider (Speednames).

Treasurer:

It was agreed informally at a previous AGM, that the funds of the Guild should not ideally go below £500.

As you can see from the Summary of Accounts for 2018/9, ending 28th February 2019, expenditure was £117.8 more than our income, and our bank balance today is £466.15. Therefore members were asked today to contribute £5 each towards the tower expenses.

Copies of the Accounts for the year were circulated. There were no queries, and the members unanimously accepted them.

Ringling Master:

Nicola Roberts was absent due to an advanced state of pregnancy with twins!

Item 7: Paid up members number: 30
Retirement of members: Rod Pagin
New Members: Elaine Farrow from Rusper, Sussex was proposed by Ian Wiltshire. Elaine has a son in the Army.
Death of members: None reported.

Item 8: Election of Guild Officers:

The Chairman (Ian Culham); the Ringling Master (Nicola Roberts) and Secretary/Treasurer (John Verity) are all prepared to serve for another year. Unanimously approved by members.

Item 10: Diary 2019/2020

RN Trafalgar Meeting	October 18th - 20th 2019
AGB Meeting	October 26th 2019 (Mike Cattell)
RAF BOB Meeting	September 12th - 14th 2019
AGB Meeting & AGM	April 4th 2020 (Rhoda McEune)
AGB Meeting	October 31st, 2020 <i>(Michael White, RAF Guild, has kindly agreed to organise this)</i>

Item 11: The Chairman suggested that the Guild might like to ring at St George's Memorial Church, Ypres; and this was tentively agreed by members present.

If feasible, and well supported, a good time might be the Spring meeting and AGM in 2020.

The Chairman will look into this and keep members informed.

Item 12: AOB: nil

Item 13: David Culham organised today's meeting, and was thanked by all present for an excellent day, and also for providing tea, coffee and drinks, to go with food that members brought along.

Ian Culham (Chairman)