
Minutes of the Northern District of the TDGR AGM held at Launcells Church on March 12th 2022

Present

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

1. The minutes from the meeting held on Saturday March 20th 2021 via Zoom had been circulated beforehand and were approved by Ruth Reeves and seconded by Hayley Young. There were no matters arising.
2. **Officers reports A) Chairman Bill Willis report.** I intend to do my very best to avoid using the C word during my report this year, preferring to look forward rather than back at the challenges the pandemic has caused not just ringing, but the whole country. As we look to 2022, we have before us an exciting year of ringing events, such as the Queen's Jubilee in June and the TDGR anniversary in October, so much to look forward to. More details of these events will become clearer as we come closer to the dates. There is an ever-growing wealth of information and guidance on the TDGR website to keep us up to date and learn more for the future. The Guild website has stabilized in terms of reliability and content with new features such as Swapshop, where ringers can be requested for special events or ringers can offer their services to other towers. On the subject of ringing at different towers, you may be aware the refurbished bells at Lanteglos by Camelford has included a training 'dumb bell'. Additionally, we have secured some training to improve the number of trainers we have across the district, which in turn will enable us to further support our local ringers to improve and enable towers to support new ringers. Finally, Safeguarding training needs to be completed, it is best practice if all ringers do C1 and Tower Captains and anyone working with young people complete C2. Keep your certificates in your towers if possible as your PCCs will be wanting to see them. So a better 2022 than 2020 / 2021 and not a mention of.....you know what! Best wishes for 2022 and look forward to seeing you at future District events.

B) Ringing Master Robert Corney report. 2021 was another abnormal year for we ringers . Latterly service ringing returned as did our practices. The monthly meetings, for example Phil Tremain's Kernow Codgers did make a cautious comeback, the first meeting was at St Columb Major, only allowing 8 ringers in the ringing chamber at one time, lunch was a pre-ordered pasty to be eaten on site. Across the border the Tav, Tamar & Torridge ringers again took a carefully structured approach to meeting as a group. The difficulty with both social ringing monthly events was finding a lunch venue large enough to meet social distancing advice.

Quarter peal ringing was understandingly well down, Launcells and Marhamchurch rang one each. Our improvers' sessions restarted towards the end of the year, and we ought to build on these valuable monthly Saturday mornings.

Looking to this year, there are forthcoming events that might spark interest in learning to ring and I know some of us are intending to train or retrain as competent teachers of our art. Lanteglos- by-Camelford is serving as a base for a day-long seminar led by a noted

instructor coming up from Tiverton. Please do consider making a reservation for the course on the newly refurbished 6 at Lanteglos on Saturday 30th April.

C) Treasurer Liz Gliddon thanked Melanie Dymond for auditing the accounts. Due to data protection there has been a change to subscriptions and they now should be sent to Jo Wenborne. If anyone has difficulties please ask for support. District polo shirts are available at £5.50.

The accounts were explained and once Improvers Practices resume there will be funds allocated to support the churches that host these. They will be on the second Saturday of each month and we just need churches to offer.

3. Election of officers.

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

Update from Hayley Young The diocese is hoping to start an U19 Youth Band this year with the aim of taking part in a competition in Exeter in September.

There is a 50% subsidy available for anyone who wishes to complete the ART course.

Update from Sam Nankervis Please use as opportunities for recruitment the special ringing for the Queen's Jubilee and the celebration on 8th October of 125 years of the TDGR. Chat to people, explain why we ring etc and encourage people to try it out.

4. Northern District AGM 2023 will be held at Week St Mary, date tbc.

5. Election of New Members Jo Barnes proposed Geoff Day as a member of the Guild, seconded by Liz Gliddon.

6. AOB Improvers to begin on the second Saturday in May at Week St Mary and in June at Lanteglos-by-Camelford.

Ian Self thanked contributors to An Clogh and asked for more please! As Guild Librarian he is trying to put together a timeline of 150 years of ringing in Cornwall, so if you have anything you would like to be included, please take a photo and send it to Ian.