

Brief summary of Association AGM 2016, held at Templecombe on Easter Monday, 28th March 2016

We have a new Master, Rev Mark Jackson from South Petherton.



And a new Deputy Master, Anna Joyce from Horsington.

Anna Hallett is the new Independent Examiner and Aaron Moulder will replace Richard Newman as a Central Council representative next year. All other officers were re-elected but Charles Pipe-Wolferstan gave notice that he intended standing down as Treasurer next year.

Matthew Salthouse from North Cadbury is the Young Ringer of the Year.

The proposal to reduce the peal fee was defeated. Other fees and subscriptions remain unchanged. The Education Officer's budget request of £1,000 was agreed – there is a carryover of funds from last year hence the low figure.

A subcommittee has been set up to review the Association Striking Competition rules and it was agreed that the following changes would be made to this year's 6 bell competition:

Bands entered should be from specified towers, with at least 4 ringers who normally ring for Sunday services at that tower. Up to 2 ringers may be co-opted to complete the band, but they should have a genuine and regular association with the tower.

The rounds before and after, and any bell failing to set, may be marked at the judge's discretion. (This would apply to both 6 and 8 bell competitions.)

Note that this does not apply to Branch competitions as their own rules apply. As a result of the above, the proposal to change the rules of the 6 bell competition was withdrawn, as was the AOB item on the 8 bell competition.

There was a clear majority against taking out Professional Indemnity insurance for Bell Maintenance contacts. Personal Accident insurance is already in place.

The full minutes will be posted on the website in due course.

Jay Bunyan, General Secretary

29th March 2016