



Bath & Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers

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Annual General Meeting 3:15 pm Saturday 14th May 2022 at Chilcompton Church (following the AGM Service at Midsomer Norton)

AGENDA

1. Welcome - Master
2. Remembering Friends
3. Attendance and Apologies
4. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held by Zoom on 8th May 2021
5. Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)
6. Officers Reports
7. Election of Officers (Attachment 1)
8. New Honorary Life Members Awards
 - No nominations have been received since the last AGM
9. Ringing Support Fund Grants awarded (Attachment 2)
10. Financial Report
11. Ratification of election of non-resident life members elected prior to peals
12. Association Striking Competitions (Attachment 3)
13. 'Festival of Ringing' – Spring 2023
14. Any Other Business
 - 2024 12 Bell Competition Final at Chilcompton – Matthew Higby
15. 2023 AGM – Glaston Branch, Saturday 13th May 2023
16. Vote of Thanks
17. Closing Remarks & Grace

Association Officers

Role	Current	Proposed
Master	Mark Jackson	Mark Jackson
Deputy Master	Terry Nicholls	Terry Nicholls to AGM 23 Marilyn Backhurst to AGM 24
General Secretary	David Parfrey	David Parfrey
Treasurer	Liz Lane	
Tower Adviser	John Hallett	John Hallett
Assistant Tower Adviser	Bernard North	Bernard North
Education Officer	Jill Hansford	Jill Hansford
Deputy Education Officer	Janet Wyatt	Janet Wyatt
Membership Secretary	Debbie Parfrey	Debbie Parfrey
Peal Secretary	Tony Cox	Tony Cox
Quarter Peal Secretary	Clifford Nicholls	Clifford Nicholls
Report Editor	Ken Hallett	Ken Hallett
Safeguarding Officer	Steffi Penny	Steffi Penny
Librarian	David Bromwich	David Bromwich
Ringling Support Fund Officer	Margaret Lee	Margaret Lee
Association Bookstall	Janet Wyatt	Janet Wyatt
Webmaster	Julian Back	Paul Taylor
Independent Examiner	Anna Hallett	Anna Hallett
Central Council Representative	Paul Feast	Paul Feast
Central Council Representative	Michael Hansford	Michael Hansford
Central Council Representative	Matthew Higby	Matthew Higby
Central Council Representative	Charles Pipe-Wolferstan	Charles Pipe-Wolferstan
Central Council Representative	David Parfrey	David Parfrey

Ringling Support Fund Grants

1. Grants Awarded prior to 2021 and still live

- Monksilver - £5,540
- Nunney - £5,745
- Sutton Montis £5,052

2. Grants awarded in 2021 Financial Year and previously reported at 2021 AGM

- Chew Magna - £4,800 (reported at 2021 AGM)
- East Harptree - £6,400 (reported at 2021 AGM)
- Staplegrave - £8,900 (reported at 2021 AGM)

3. New grants awarded in 2021 Financial Year after 2021 AGM

- Compton Dando - £1,200 awarded December 2021

4. New grants awarded to date in 2022 Financial Year

- Keynsham - £1,100 awarded January 2022 (nb work complete & grant closed)

2022 Striking Competition

The General Committee of the Association at its meeting on 5th March 2022 agreed a format for the 2022 Association Striking Competition. This is for the year 2022 only in order to provide a viable competition during this year of rebuilding post lock-down. A working group is being established to consult, consider & recommend formats for future years in readiness for implementation in 2023.

The content below remains liable to adjustment as details are finalised. A final version will be issued nearer the time, and will draw attention to any change from this version. However it is very much hoped that all Branches will participate, and that this provides enough information at this stage to enable Branches to begin preparing their entries.

The Competition

The 2022 competition will consist of two classes:

- Class 1. 6-bell
- Class 2. 8-bell

Date

Saturday 24th September 2022

Competition Venues & Times

6-Bell Class Newton-St-Loe, commencing 2pm

8-Bell Class Corston, commencing 1pm

Tea & results, Corston Village Hall, from 4pm

The draw for ringing order will be made in advance and Branches notified of their ringing times. The draw will be use a small number of pools based on geography to allow for travelling distances.

Morning towers will be arranged for general ringing if enough ringers would like them

Parking advice will be provided nearer the time

The Globe Inn is a conveniently placed lunch venue, and although sizeable it would not cope with everyone. There is a good farmshop café in Newton St Loe, but it is popular and lunchtime tables will require booking well in advance. There are other pubs with a mile or two of the venue easily found via google.

Teams

Each Branch is invited to enter a single team in each class. The competition is being arranged with as much flexibility as possible to enable all Branches to enter. We hope that this day will be a part of our post lockdown rebuilding, and as such we hope all Branches will enter.

Teams, however selected, will be entered and competed as 'Branch' teams, i.e. if a team were from a single tower, the team name would be that of the Branch, not the Tower. Only a single team in each class will be entered by each Branch.

Team Selection

The team selection will rest with the Branch, for example a Branch holding its own local competition it may choose to enter the winning Band as its Branch Entry. Alternatively the Branch may choose to enter bands comprising ringers from across their Branch.

It should be noted that individual ringers may only ring for one Branch, and may only ring in one class, i.e. a single 6-bell team or a single 8-bell team, but not both.

All entrant ringers must be regular ringers within the Branch they are representing.

Practice

Each team will be permitted a practice ring before the test piece as follows:

- 6 bell class 2 minutes
- 8 bell class 3 minutes

This will be timed by an independent time keeper who will leave the ringing chamber for the test piece itself.

If stand has not already been called the timekeeper will call stand at the end of the practice time allowance.

Following the practice the treble shall be rung for 2 whole pulls to indicate to the judge that the test piece is about to start.

Failure to set the treble after the 2 whole pulls will not be penalised.

Test Piece

Rounds

There are no constraints as to how many rows of rounds may be rung, either at the beginning or the end of the test piece. However all rounds will be marked.

Changes

6-bell class - 120 changes of either doubles or minor, in a method of the band's choosing.

8-bell class – 224 changes of Grandsire Triples, the specific composition will be supplied.

No team will be disqualified for non-compliance with the length of the test piece or for firing out, in these cases rules 5-8 below refer.

Rules & Scoring

The scoring mechanism will be determined by the judges, save for the specific rules below.

1. All participants must be regular ringers within the Branch they are representing.
2. If a Band fires out or fails to complete the test piece:
 - a. A single restart will be permitted and all faults already incurred will be added to the total.
 - b. The restart must include the whole test piece, i.e. the restart must contain the full 120/224 rows.
 - c. Whether a restart is made or not, each missing row will be penalised as if it had accrued the maximum possible fault score within the judge's scheme.
3. Failure to stand at the end of the test piece will not be penalised.
4. The Judge's decision will be final.