

**BATH & WELLS DACR - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT ST CUTHBERT, WELLS**  
**EASTER MONDAY 5th APRIL 2010 at 2.45 pm**

**AGENDA**

(Page numbers refer to the 2009 Annual Report)

1. Prayer and Chairman's Introduction.
2. Presentation on the Central Council of Church Bellringers by Kate Flavell, Vice President of CCCBR (15 minutes maximum– Kate will be available at tea to answer questions)
3. Losses through death
4. Apologies for absence
5. Notification of items under Any Other Business
6. Presentation of the Young Ringer of the Year Award  
First place: Matthew Martin, South Petherton (Ilchester Branch)  
Second place: Kris Martin, South Petherton (Ilchester Branch)  
Third place: James Stosiek, Yeovil (Ilchester Branch)
7. Minutes of 2009 AGM at Chilcompton (p15)
8. Matters arising and not agenda items
9. Presentation of Officers' Reports for the year 2008-09  
Master (p.6) Tower Adviser (p13)  
General Secretary (p7) Bell Funds Officer (p 13) Quarter Peal Secretary (p66)  
Treasurer (pp.8-11) Librarian (p 13). Peal Secretary (p70)
10. Election of Officers for 2010-11 - *General Committee recommendations in brackets*  
Master (Rev T Hawkings) Tower Adviser (J Hallett)  
Deputy Master (Mrs S Jenkins) Asst Tower Adviser (R Backhurst,  
General Secretary (Miss JM Bunyan) B North)  
Asst. Sec. (Membership) (Mrs JMA Astridge) Librarian (D Bromwich  
Asst Sec (Report) (D Floyd) Bell Funds Officer (Mrs J Wyatt)  
Treasurer (C Pipe Wolferstan)) Education Officer (D Purnell)  
Peal Secretary (Ms JMA Astridge) Deputy Education Officer (Mrs J Wyatt)  
Quarter Peal Secretary (C Nicholls) Independent Examiner (P Treby)  
Web Maintainer (D Floyd)
11. Election of Central Council Representatives:
  - a. For current year (vacancy caused by death of Carol Hardwick) (Mike Hansford)
  - b. For next triennium (2011/13) (Roland Backhurst, Jay Bunyan, Mike Hansford, Matthew Higby, Richard Newman)
12. General Committee Decisions:
  - a. Standing Committee Appointment: Richard Newman was appointed
  - b. Bell Fund grants – see overleaf
  - c. Jay Bunyan was elected an Honorary Life Member
  - d. It was agreed that Bell Fund grants should be available to all towers affiliated to the Association
13. Financial
  - a. Subscriptions & Fees from 1 November 2010 - *GC Recommendation:* No change.
  - b. Central Council Representatives' Expenses 2010 - *GC Recommendation:* That these remain at £120 per Representative (meeting is in Derby)
14. Proposed Rule Changes – to Rule4 – see overleaf
15. Ratification of election of non resident life members
16. Training and development – report by David Purnell on seminar of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010.
17. A bell for Zambia
18. Association Inter-Branch Striking Competitions
  - a. Agreed dates for 2010  
6 bell - 19<sup>th</sup> June in Bath Branch  
8 bell - 25<sup>th</sup> September in Dunster Branch – Old Cleeve
  - b. Proposed dates for 2011  
6 bell - 18<sup>th</sup> June in Bridgwater Branch  
8 bell - 24<sup>th</sup> September in Frome Branch
19. 2011 AGM - Easter Monday in Ilchester Branch.

20. Any other business  
21. Vote of thanks.

### **Bell Fund Grants – 2010**

**Chedzoy Reason for work:** Poor state of bells/fittings

**Description of Proposed Work:** Remove canons from bells 1 & 3. Remove crown staples. Rehang all bells on new metal headstocks, new modern bearings, new clappers, stays and sliders. Adapt second hand wheels to suit the new headstocks. Swap bells 1 & 2 in their pits to improve rope circle.

**Cost:** £14,695 Grant £2,000

**Congresbury Reason for work:** TAS recommendation

**Description of Proposed Work:** Refurbish clappers and headstocks of bells 4, 5 & 6 and rehang on ball bearings. Rebrush clappers. Fit clapper adjusting screws. Adjust tenor clapper

**Cost:** £7628 Grant - £628 as required to complete funding

**Long Ashton Reason for work:** TAS recommendation

**Description of Proposed Work:** Overhaul clappers and rope pulleys. Refurbish wheels, remove headstocks and fit new gudgeons and ball bearings. Remove cast in crown staples from bells 1-7. Treat corrosion beneath frame. Clean down and repaint frame

**Cost:** £18,960 Grant - £2,500

**Pitcombe Reason for work:** Existing 3 are difficult to ring and unharmonious (1-3 of a 4)

**Description of Proposed Work:** Augment to 6, hanging new bells 1,2 and 6 in a new lower frame (which will provide secure and safe access). Rehang the 3 original bells in new fittings within the existing 1901 frame

**Cost:** £62,058 Grant - £9,000. *Should augmentation be to only 5, a reduced percentage will be applied to a maximum of £7,000*

**Woockey Reason for work:** Poor state of bells, oddstruck

**Description of Proposed Work:** Fit new headstocks to 2,3,4 & 6. Drill out remains of cast-in crown staples. New bearings for 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. New bedplates and wheel brackets. Refurbish wheels (new wheel for 5) New stays, sliders, clappers and rollers.

**Cost:** £23,391 Grant - £2,500 to be confirmed when faculty is granted.

### **Association Rules: Proposed Rule Change to Rule 4**

Rule 4 with the proposed amendment would read: All annual subscriptions fall due on 1<sup>st</sup> November, **and should be paid to the designated Branch Officer within five months.** Re-election is necessary after two or more years lapse in subscriptions unless arrears are paid. Membership may be suspended or withdrawn at the discretion of the General Committee, in which case there shall be a right of appeal to that body.

Reasons for proposed changes:

The change would make subscriptions payable by 31<sup>st</sup> March rather than 30<sup>th</sup> April as at present. This change would allow Branch Secretaries one month's leeway to collate Branch Return figures and would still leave 5 months from the 1<sup>st</sup> November when subscriptions become due until they have to be with the Branch Secretary/Treasurer, allowing time to check any discrepancies before sending subs. on to the Association Treasurer. The change would also remind member of their responsibility to pay over their subscriptions rather than wait to be contacted.

### **Evening towers:**

5.30 – 6.15	Dinder (6)	Meare (6)
6.00 – 6.45	Croscombe (6)	Glastonbury St John (8)
6.30 – 7.15	Shepton Mallet (8)	Butleigh (8) – practice night, available to 8.30