

**BATH & WELLS DACR - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT MARTOCK
EASTER MONDAY 25th APRIL 2011 at 3.00 pm**

AGENDA

(Page numbers refer to the 2010 Annual Report)

1. Prayer and Chairman's Introduction.
2. Losses through death
3. Apologies for absence
4. Notification of items under Any Other Business
5. Presentation of the Young Ringer of the Year Award
Joint First place: Matthew Martin, South Petherton (Ilchester Branch) and Krystyna Masny (Axbridge Branch)
Third place: Kris Martin, South Petherton (Ilchester Branch)
6. Minutes of 2010 AGM at Wells (p17)
7. Matters arising and not agenda items
8. Presentation of Officers' Reports for the year 2009-10
Master (p.6) Tower Adviser (p11)
General Secretary (p6) Bell Funds Officer (p 11) Quarter Peal Secretary (p69)
Treasurer (pp.7-10) Librarian (p 12). Peal Secretary (p71)
9. Election of Officers for 2010-11 - *General Committee recommendations in brackets*

Master	(Rev T Hawkings)	Tower Adviser	(J Hallett)
Deputy Master	(R Fox)	Asst Tower Advisers	(R Backhurst, B North)
General Secretary	(Miss JM Bunyan)	Librarian	(D Bromwich
Membership Secretary	(Miss JM Bunyan)	Bell Funds Officer	(leave vacant)
Report Editor	(D Floyd)	Education Officer	(Mrs J Hansford)
Treasurer	(C Pipe Wolferstan))	Deputy Education Officer	(Mrs J Wyatt)
Peal Secretary	(Ms JMA Astridge)	Independent Examiner	(P Treby)
Quarter Peal Secretary	(C Nicholls)	Web Maintainer	(D Floyd)
10. General Committee Decisions:
 - a. Standing Committee Appointment: Richard Newman was appointed
 - b. Bell Fund grants – see overleaf
 - c. James Taylor and Eddie Hancock were elected Honorary Life Members
11. Financial
 - a. Subscriptions & Fees from 1 November 2011 - *GC Recommendation:* No change.
 - b. Central Council Representatives' Expenses 2011 - *GC Recommendation:* That these remain at £120 per Representative (meeting is in Hereford).
12. Proposed Rule Change – to Rules 3(i) and 4 – see overleaf
13. Ratification of election of non resident life members
14. Feedback from Recruitment Week
15. Association Inter-Branch Striking Competitions
 - a. Agreed dates for 2011
6 bell - 18th June in Bridgwater Branch
8 bell - 24th September in Frome Branch – Shepton Mallett
 - b. Proposed dates for 2012
6 bell - 16th June in Cary Branch
8 bell - 29th September in Glaston Branch
16. 2012 AGM - Easter Monday, 9th April, in Taunton Branch.
17. Any other business
18. Vote of thanks.

Grant applications 2011

Tower	Project	Contractor	Cost	Recommendation
Nailsea	Rehang on metal headstocks, retune, paint frame Replace access platform	Matthew Higby	£28,495.00	£3,560.00
Bathwick	Rebush clappers and ancillary work	Matthew Higby	£2,371.00	£300.00
Wrington	New pulley sheaves, sealed bearings, rope rollers for treble, flapboard for 2nd, replace main bearings on 5 & 6, reduce odd-struckness, remove all chiming apparatus, paint frame. Service Sanctus bell, install upper walkway	Taylor's (was previously Whitechapel)	£18,445.00	£2,300 pending receipt of amended application/new Faculty (change of Contractor)
Bishops Lydeard	Replace bearings, remake wheels, replace pulley boxes, modify insulation packs	Nicholson	£15,867.00	£2,000.00
Norton St Philip	Complete overhaul, retune bells, maintenance of wooden frame, rehang	Matthew Higby	£25,850.00	£3,250.00
Wookey	Additional work required - might have to have new frame (DAC preferred option)	Matthew Higby	£9,800.00	12.5% to a maximum of £1,225

Proposed change to Association Rule 3 (i) and Rule 4. New wording underlined
Proposed by Michael Horseman and seconded by David James

Rule 3 (i) lines 7/8 to read "Resident members shall subscribe annually and may transfer to non-resident status if they notify the Branch Secretary of their departure and are fully paid up on leaving the Diocese after at least three years of subscriptions have been paid. The Branch Secretary will, in turn, notify the Membership Secretary"

Rule 4 to read "All annual subscriptions shall fall due on 1st November. Re-election will be necessary if a lapse in payments exceeds one year. Membership may be suspended....."
The section "*unless arrears are paid*" would be deleted, thus preventing the practice of buying back missing years.

In proposing these changes, Michael Horseman states:

These two small rule changes would clarify the situation when

- a. someone with at least three years service moves away and would like to transfer to Non Resident Life membership status – there being no automatic system to facilitate this at the moment.
- b. a member who has missed two or more years subscriptions asks to "buy back" the missing period when they re-join.

The Association cannot know if someone lapsing membership has just given up or moved away. In the latter case, the onus must be on them (or their branch) to ask the Membership Secretary for NRLM (ex resident) status if they would like this to happen.

In the second instance, it seems to me wrong and to cheapen the privilege of membership when someone doesn't bother to pay for two or more years, then comes back and wants to enhance long service by making a lump sum payment.

These problems have occasionally arisen since I started to assist with maintaining the Association membership records some 24 years ago and I feel that the slight rule changes suggested would help clarify the situation.