

**BATH & WELLS DACR - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT AXBRIDGE**  
**EASTER MONDAY 1st APRIL 2013 at 3.00 pm**

**AGENDA**

(Page numbers refer to the 2012 Annual Report)

1. Prayer and Chairman's Introduction.
2. Losses through death – see p2
3. Apologies for absence
4. Presentation of the Young Ringer of the Year trophy, Young Ringer awards and ITTS certificates
5. Notification of items under Any Other Business
6. Minutes of 2012 AGM at Bishops Lydeard (p14)
7. Matters arising and not agenda items
8. Presentation of Officers' Reports for the year 2011 - 2012

Master (p.5)	Tower Adviser (p10)	Quarter Peal Secretary (p59)
General Secretary (p6)	Librarian (p 11).	Peal Secretary (p61)
Treasurer (pp.7-10)	Education Officer (p11)	Membership Secretary (p6)
Bell Funds Officer (p11)		
9. Election of Officers for 2013-14 *General Committee recommendations in brackets*

Master	( <i>Rev T Hawkings</i> )	Tower Adviser	( <i>J Hallett</i> )
Deputy Master	( <i>W Rice</i> )	Asst Tower Advisers	( <i>R Backhurst,</i> <i>B North</i> )
General Secretary	( <i>Miss JM Bunyan</i> )	Librarian	( <i>D Bromwich</i> )
Membership Secretary	( <i>Miss JM Bunyan</i> )	Bell Funds Officer	( <i>Mrs M Lee</i> )
Report Editor		Education Officer	( <i>Mrs J Hansford</i> )
Treasurer	( <i>C Pipe Wolferstan</i> )	Deputy Education Officer	( <i>Mrs J Wyatt</i> )
Peal Secretary	( <i>Ms JMA Astridge</i> )	Independent Examiner	( <i>O Cullen</i> )
Quarter Peal Secretary	( <i>C Nicholls</i> )	Web Maintainer	( <i>D Floyd</i> )
10. Election of Central Council representatives (5) for the period 2014-2016
11. General Committee Decisions:
  - a. Standing Committee Appointment: Richard Newman was appointed
  - b. Bell Fund grants – see overleaf
  - c. Mike and Jill Hansford were elected Honorary Life Members
12. Financial
  - a. Subscriptions & Fees from 1 November 2013 - A proposal to raise subscriptions to £8 (£4 for those in fulltime education) was made at the General Committee meeting
  - b. Central Council Representatives' Expenses 2013 - *GC Recommendation*: That these remain at a maximum of £150 per Representative (meeting is in Guildford).
13. Proposed changes to Association Rules 3 and 4 – see overleaf
14. Ratification of election of non resident life members elected prior to peals – see p2
15. Association Inter-Branch Striking Competitions
  - a. Agreed dates for 2013
    - 6 bell - 15<sup>th</sup> June in Chew Branch
    - 8 bell - 28<sup>th</sup> September in Ilchester Branch (at Hardington Mandeville)
  - b. Proposed dates for 2014
    - 6 bell – 21<sup>st</sup> June in Crewkerne Branch
    - 8 bell – 27<sup>th</sup> September in Taunton Branch
  - c. Proposed Young Ringers Inter Branch competition
16. Ringing World National Youth Contest 2013
17. Replacement, refurbishment, remodelling, augmentation – general discussion (time limited)
18. 2014 AGM - Easter Monday, 21st April, in Bath Branch.
19. Any other business
20. Vote of thanks.

### Bell Fund Grants allocated - 2013

Tower	Details	Cost	Grant	Faculty
Bicknoller	Add new treble (from Keltek Trust) to create a ring of 6. Contractor – Matthew Higby	£9,871	£1,250	Yes
Worle	Rehang bells in new fittings. Retune to listed fourth. Contractor - Nicholsonsons	£33,124	£4,150	Yes – work started
Winscombe	a) Provide safe access platform Contractor - Whitechapel	£3,916	£550 total	
	b) Rebush clappers (except 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Contractor – Mathew Higby	£595		
Yeovil	Rehang, augment to 12 plus 2 semitones Contractor - Whitechapel	£156,988 after deducting work to Sanctus bell and chiming hammers	£12,000	Yes

The proposal to install a new 15cwt ring of 10 at Wedmore was discussed and it was agreed that a decision should be deferred to next year when more information regarding the faculty, planning and practicalities would be available.

### PROPOSED RULE CHANGE: (changes are underlined) Membership and Subscriptions

3. The membership shall consist of Ringing, Associate and Honorary Life Members.
  - (i) Ringing Members may be elected if they have satisfied the Branch Ringing Master or Secretary that they can raise and lower a bell and ring rounds accurately. They shall be classed as Resident or Non-resident and may be elected at any Branch Meeting. Non members, who are standing in a peal attempt, may be elected in the belfry prior to the attempt provided that at least half the band are elected resident members of the Association. Belfry elections must be ratified at a subsequent Association meeting. 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 General Secretary or appointed deputy. Non-resident members shall make a single subscription and may ring peals for the Association but shall take no part in running its affairs. They shall be transferred to Resident status in the appropriate branch on taking up residence in the Diocese.
  - (ii) Associate Members shall subscribe annually and may be elected at any branch meeting.
  - (iii) Subscription rates for Ringing and Associate Members shall be decided annually at a General Meeting of the Association, to take effect from the beginning of the next financial year.
  - (iv) Honorary Life Members shall be elected by the General Committee for outstanding services to the Association and the Art of Ringing.
4. All annual subscriptions fall due on election and subsequently on 1st November each year, and should be paid to the designated Branch Officer within five months. However, the subscription of any member elected between 1st September and 31st October should be paid to the designated Branch Officer by the end of the financial year and such subscription shall run until 31st October of the following year. Re-election is necessary if a lapse in payments exceeds one year. 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.

Proposed by David Floyd, Seconded by Michael Horseman

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**The deletion of the clause "should be paid to the designated Branch Officer by the end of the financial year and such subscription" & hence the new rule would read: "However, the subscription of any member elected between 1st September and 31st October shall run until 31st October of the following year."

Proposed by C Pipe-Wolferstan, Seconded by John Dunstone

**Proposed Rule Change to Rule 4 of the Association Rules:** (the proposed amendments are shown in red). Note: This Rule Change proposal is only to be put to the Association AGM if the Rule Change proposal to Rule 4 being put by David Floyd (& seconded by Mike Horseman) is not carried (whether amended or not) or is withdrawn.

4. All annual subscriptions fall due **on election and subsequently** on 1st November each year, and should be paid to the designated Branch Officer within five months. **New members elected within two months before the end of the Association year will not have to pay a subscription for that part-period.** Re-election is necessary if a lapse in payments exceeds one year. 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.

Proposed by Charles Pipe-Wolferstan, Seconded by John Dunstone