

**BATH & WELLS DACR - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT FRESHFORD
EASTER MONDAY 21st APRIL 2014 at 3.00 pm**

AGENDA

(Page numbers refer to the 2013 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 for inclusion under Any Other Business
6. Minutes of 2013 AGM at Axbridge (p16)
7. Matters arising and not agenda items
8. Presentation of Officers' Reports for the year 2012 - 2013

Master (p.6)	Tower Adviser (p11)	Quarter Peal Secretary (p61)
General Secretary (p6)	Librarian (p 12).	Peal Secretary (p63)
Treasurer (pp.7-10)	Education Officer (p12-14)	Membership Secretary (p7)
Bell Funds Officer (p12)		
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>D Kelly</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	(<i>Ms JMA Astridge</i>)	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 Cullwick</i>)
Quarter Peal Secretary	(<i>C Nicholls</i>)	Web Maintainer	(<i>D Floyd</i>)
10. General Committee Decisions:
 - a. Standing Committee Appointment: Richard Newman was appointed
 - b. Bell Fund grants made – see overleaf
 - c. Denis Whatmore of Pitminster was elected Honorary Life Member
11. Proposed changes to Association Rules 5, 7 & 8 and 14 – see overleaf
12. Financial
 - a. Subscriptions & Fees from 1 November 2014 –General Committee recommend no change to subscriptions.
 - b. Education budget. £6,000 requested by Education Officer and recommended by General Committee
 - c. Central Council Representatives' Expenses 2013 - GC Recommendation: That these remain at a maximum of £150 per Representative (meeting is in Maidstone).
 - d. Central Council subscriptions – proposed change of assessment method
13. Appointment of Branch Bell Maintenance Contacts – see Tower Advisory Service report, para 3 – p11
14. Association 125th anniversary in 2015
15. Recent work of the Keltek Trust in Somerset – David Kelly
16. Ratification of election of non resident life members elected prior to peals – see p2
17. Association Inter-Branch Striking Competitions
 - a. Agreed dates for 2014
 - 6 bell – 21st June in Crewkerne Branch (final at Chaffcombe)
 - 8 bell - 27th September in Taunton Branch (at Lydeard St Lawrence)
 - b. Proposed dates for 2015
 - 6 bell – 20th June in Dunster Branch, 8 bell – 26th September in Axbridge Branch
 - c. Young Ringers Inter Branch competition
 - d. Ringing World National Youth Contest 2014
18. 2015 AGM - Easter Monday, 6th April, in Bridgwater Branch.
19. Any other business
20. Vote of thanks.

Grants from the Bell Fund:

Tower	Details	Cost	Grant approved
Barton St David, St David	Replace wooden headstocks on bells 2-6 with metal ones. Renew bearings as required, fit new/refurbished stays, sliders and running boards. Contractor R Parker	£8,204	£820
Bath, Christ Church	Replace the existing bell frames, bell fittings and eight bells with a ring of 6 in an 8 bell new frame with new fittings. 3 bells from Keltek Trust, 3 newly cast. Install sound control system (not included in total). Contractor - Nicholson	£75,200	£7,500
Kilmersdon, SS Peter & Paul	Rehang on new metal headstocks with modern bearings. Refurbish/replace wheels. Fit new clapper assemblies, stays, sliders and running boards. Repair bell frame and paint, fit horizontal X braces to the bottom of each bell pit. Retune bells. £6,919 is work to 5 th and 6 th not covered by insurance. Contractor M Higby It may not be possible to undertake all this work hence percentage	£38,350 + £6,916 = £45,266	10% of eligible work, up to a maximum of £4,526
Pitcombe, St Leonard	Rehang existing 3 bells (tuned 1,2,3 of 4) with new fittings. Add a new tenor, obtained from Keltek Trust and 2 newly cast trebles in a new frame below the existing one. Contractor Whitechapel	£66,323	£6,632
Puckington, St Andrew	Rehang, replacing all main bearings, and gudgeons, Fit new pulleys, tune treble. Contractor Whitechapel	£19,390	£1,939
Taunton, St Mary Magdalene	Recast all bells except treble (retained as WW1 memorial), plus metal from 3 bells currently hung dead, to create a new ring of 13 ringable bells. Tenor weight 25-28cwt. Hang bells in a new frame on one level lower in the tower. Contractor TBC pending new sway test results	£210,000	£12,000
Wells, St Cuthbert	Fit clappers with new bushes. Contractor Taylors	£1,932	£192
Backwell, St Andrew	Augment to 10. Refurbish fittings and rehang all bells on new ball bearings in new frame. £16,000 for sound control not included in total. This figure is a worst case scenario hence percentage. It may be possible to reduce the figure depending on what is found when the bells are removed. Contractor Taylors	£85,467	10% of eligible work up to a maximum of £8,546
Wedmore	New ring of 10, tenor approx 15 cwt. Carried over from 2013 meeting. Contractor Nicholson	£112,393	£10,000
Totals			£52,155

Rule change proposals.

1. Proposed by Andrew Howard, seconded by Chris Cox and Helen Beaufoy

a) that Rule 5 should include the Webmaster

b) that Rule 7 should include the Webmaster

c) that Rule 8 should include the Webmaster and the Education Officer. The phrase “and one other member etc.” be deleted.

2. Proposed by Ray Haines, seconded by Susan Haines

a) Rule 14: Delete “Booking fees shall be 10% of the Membership Fee per ringer.” If this is carried, then:

b) Amend rule 3 (iii) as follows (adding the words in red): “Subscription rates for Ringing and Associate members **and Peal Booking fees** shall be decided annually at a General Meeting of the Association, to take effect from the beginning of the next financial year.”

If the Rule Change (a) is not carried then rule change (b) would not be taken.