

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
CENTRAL BUCKS BRANCH O D G**

WINGRAVE SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2008

45 Members present, as per signed list.

Apologies received from Lynne Pughe. Anne Aylet, Bill Thatcher. Louise Wetherall, Jane Shrimpton, Jo Poole, Marie-Jose Fowler.

The Chairman opened the meeting by asking for a minutes silence in memory of departed ringers; Richard Barton of Linslade and our President Dick Lee of Quainton.

The meeting offered thanks to Revd Siv Tunnicliffe for conducting our Service and to the Wingrave team for an excellent tea spread.

Minutes of last meeting; Acceptance proposed by Terry Wagstaff, seconded by Jane Vowles; carried nem-con

Matters Arising. none were raised

Reports.

Chair combined his report with that of his other function of Ringing Master. He thanked officers and members for continued support during the year. Linslade's move to St Albans Diocese took place on 1st February 2008. Orchard Cup won by Little Missenden; the Striking Competition by Linslade. There seems to have been an increase in Branch and tower activity with some towers achieving increases in membership.

Secretary has concentrated in recent months in updating membership records and reconciling with treasurer's advice of subs paid. There has been a welcome increase in the number of towers accepting ODG and Branch communication by e-mail...so much easier and cheaper for all concerned.

Secretary explained that consequent upon the move of Linslade, he could no longer hold office and was not seeking re-election.

Treasurer. Secretary explained that the previous Treasurer had resigned late into the financial year and that Terry Wagstaff had volunteered to fulfil the role of Independent Examiner in order to rectify the deficiencies noted in the 2006 accounts and produce a set of accounts for 2007. These tasks had been accomplished and the two sets of revised accounts are offered to the AGM.

Both sets were accepted nem-con by the meeting.

Branch Representative. Reported that for the first time there had been insufficient number of members to justify coach hire for the Annual Ringing Outing. However it went ahead as car-based and an enjoyable outing resulted.

Membership

(a) Election of new members:

- Quainton* - Cathy Blanchard, Julie Marshall, Daniel Vowles...
proposed by Phil Dunn, Seconded by Mary Lee.
- Stewkley* - David Tucker, Mark Truby, Samantha Price...
proposed by David Body, seconded by Edwina Carpenter.
- East Claydon* - Chloe Fowler, Jeremy Gilliard...
proposed by Kate Edgar, seconded by Phil Dunn.
- Whitchurch* - Mike Fielding...
Proposed Terry Wagstaff, seconded by Hon Secy.
- Chearsley* - Jeremy Pratt, Ann Pratt...
proposed by Jenny Scholefield, seconded by Hon Secy.
- Cuddington* - Joe Stonham, William Stonham...
proposed by tower captain, seconded by Phil Dunn.
- Bierton* - Gregory Smith...
proposed by Pete Fay, seconded by Geoff Cross

All above elected to membership nem-con.

(b) Election of Honorary Members:

- East Claydon* - Richard Samways...
proposed by Kate Edgar, seconded by Phil Dunn.
- Padbury* - Bill Thatcher...
proposed by Anne Perry, seconded by Richard Stanworth.
- Cuddington* - Ted Ferris, Ron Hooper...
proposed by Carolyn Stonham, seconded by Phil Dunn.

All above elected unanimously by the meeting in recognition of their very considerable services to Ringing.

Election of Officers:

Chairman - Phil Dunn (Linslade) now ineligible.
Andrzej Puchalski (Wing)...
proposed by Phil Dunn, seconded by David Body.

Elected nem-con. Andrzej took the chair for remainder of meeting.

Secretary - no nominations

Treasurer - no nominations

Ringling Master - Ed Houghton...
proposed by Phil Dunn, seconded by David Body.

Elected nem-con.

Deputy Ringling Master - Jane Vowles...
proposed by Phil Dunn, seconded by Kate Edgar.

Elected nem-con.

Vice Chair and Newsletter Editor - Janice Robinson...
proposed by Pete Fay, seconded by David Body.

Elected nem-con.

Branch Representatives - David Body and Terry Wagstaff...
proposed by David Darvill,
seconded by Edwina Carpenter.

Elected nem-con.

Independent Examiner - Kate Edgar...
proposed by Jane Vowles, seconded by Phil Roberts.

Elected nem-con.

Branch Stewards - David Body and Hal Drysdale...
proposed by Heather Darvill, seconded by Phil Dunn.

Elected nem-con.

Branch Programme, 2008

Venue for 2009 AGM, Wing
Branch Outing...Stewards to organise
Striking Competition...Drayton Parsloe, 14 June
Orchard Cup TBA by Chiltern Branch.

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Branch Website - Hal Drysdale has volunteered to work with Ann Pedley to update and act as webmaster.

Terry Wagstaff; agreed to take on role of “acting as” Treasurer for recording and banking roles only. Signatures need updating. Agreed by meeting that only one signature required for sums under £300.

Winslow Bells hopefully functional from early May.

Meeting reminded that 2008 is the 80th year of the founding of the Branch.

Proposed by Kate Edgar that the Officer posts should not extend beyond a two-year tenure. Agreed nem-con.

Ann Pedley proposed a vote of thanks to officers and to Wingrave Ringers for hosting the AGM.

As no Secretary or Treasurer were appointed the Chairman adjourned the AGM at 18.15 hrs.