

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS
CENTRAL BUCKS BRANCH**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at East Claydon on Saturday 12 February 2022

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Sherri Woodland opened the meeting at 16.01- introduced herself as the new Chairman and the rest of the committee.

- We remembered our fellow ringers who passed away in 2021 by standing up and reflecting for a few moments in silence.

Geoffrey Runnicles from Long Crendon who died April 2021 - had 50 years membership and was a branch auditor in 1970/80's and Anne Samuel - former Stewkley ringer who died aged 100.

- Acknowledged the presence of Katie Lane the ODG Master, who kindly attended the meeting

- Thanks to East Claydon Ringer for hosting the AGM

- Mentioning the short /last minute meeting with Anne and Jeremy to bid our farewell and thank them in person for their time dedicated to our Branch.

Apologies received

Bunt Scott, Simon Head, (Stewkley) Janet Pentony (Winslow), Tony Hoskinson (Hardwick) Terry and Carole Wagstaff, Peter Betts, David Body, Sally Nettleton, Bruce Owen (Whitchurch) Alan Frost, Jen Hutchinson (Wingrave) Richard Goldson (Wing), Karen Pile (Ickford)

Minutes of the previous AGM held at Quainton on 11th Sep 2021 with the addition of a further meeting held at the Carpenters Arms Pub in Stewkley on 17 October 2021 where the new committee has been decided/finalised and elected.

As no issues were raised they have been agreed, proposed by Kate Edgar seconded by John Lomas.

Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

None

Reports

Treasurer including adoption of accounts which have been made available prior to the meeting.

Due to ongoing Covid situation Ailsa has explained the financial situation.

The only transaction that have occurred during the year were the payment of Subs to ODG and interest received of 48 pence.

Ringling Master - Ailsa explained the situation we were left in once Jeremy and Anne had moved away and reaffirmed her offer of focused sessions Plain Hunt/ Plain Bob Double etc

Branch practices to be reviewed in May

Training officer - position offered - no takers at the meeting remaining with the Ringling Masters

Secretary's report - The state of the towers in terms of ringers varies across the branch - some retained a good number and managed to recruit, some have been reduced through various reasons (uni, ill health, old age).

Due to Covid restrictions still around a Mini outing was trialled to be offered to the rest of the branch should ringers feel confident enough however care should be taken when choosing towers to protect the vulnerable - more details can be requested from the secretary.

Safeguarding in the towers was discussed with various interpretations as to who and at what level should be undertaken, whether it is compulsory and whose responsibility is it in the tower/PCC.

Election of New Members

New Members	Tower	Proposer	Secunder
Amanda Ingham	Long Crendon	Julie Haseldine	Andrew Haseldine
Sophie Ingham	Long Crendon	Julie Haseldine	Andrew Haseldine
Eve Berrell	Long Crendon	Julie Haseldine	Andrew Haseldine
Bruce Owen	Whitchurch	Chris Jackson	Terry Wagstaff
Alison Good	Bierton	John Chantler	Ruth Grant
David Coulcher	Bierton	John Chantler	Ruth Grant
John Fisher	Wingrave	Alan Frost	Jen Hutchinson
Billy Fisher	Wingrave	Alan Frost	Jen Hutchinson
Adrian Poole	Wing	Ed Houghton	Richard Goldson
David Grainge	Little Horwood	Amanda Digne-Malcolm	Nicola Ellison

All elected and warmly welcome.

Nominations for distinguished members - none received - however there was a request for honorary membership - unfortunately these have ceased to be awarded as of 2009 AGM - thank you to Katie Lane who advised and pointed us to the right paragraphs in the OGD rules.

Election of Officers - the current officers have agreed to stand for another year therefore they have been elected en-bloc, proposed by John Lomas, seconded by Julie Haseldine.

Chairman	Sherri Woodland (Stewkley)
Vice Chairman	Oliver Rhodes (Winslow)
Secretary	Cristina Galatanu (Quainton)
Deputy Secretary	Karen Pile (Ickford)
Treasurer	Ailsa Knightley (Stewkley)
Ringling Masters	Ailsa Knightley (Stewkley)
Dep Ringing Master	Andrew Haseldine (Long Crendon)
Branch Rep	Kate Edgar (East Claydon)
Web Master	Ted Robinson (Assoc.)
Independent Examiner	John Lomas (Wing)

Committee members - other than officers: Janet Pentony, Rachel Sheppard, Jan Robinson, David Body, Graham Gulliver, John Chantler, Maebh Fox.

Branch Matters None other than what has been discussed elsewhere.

George Edmans Bell Fund - Ailsa explained what it is for and how much is available. Should anyone needing support a request should be forwarded to the Treasurer with some backing arguments.

Recruitment & Training John Lomas (Wing) had a good experience with an article printed in a local publication which attracted some interest and presented it to the members. Graham Gulliver (Marsh Gibbon) had a similar situation with the Young Farmers group and the Scouts being mentioned with a lot of positives to take from both.

Oliver Rhodes has mentioned the support Winslow ringers have received from Ailsa and a few Stewkley ringers helping them to be more confident ringers specially with Bob Doubles.

“At Winslow on our Monday practice nights, Ailsa has been visiting our tower along with Sherri throughout January to support us to ring Plain Hunt and Bob Doubles. This will continue until the end of February. With their fantastic support, our band has gained enough confidence so that when we are left to carry on in March, we will be able to competently ring Bob Doubles for our Sunday services. If anyone thinks that they would benefit from this kind of support from a neighbouring tower, then please ask. Ailsa will be able to help anyone find the support they need.” Oliver Rhodes

Communications - Reminder that Tower representatives should share all emails coming from the ODG or branch with the rest of their members however a mail list was offered to members wanting to receive emails directly - please email the secretary (secretary@cbucks.odg.org.uk) with an opt in/request to be added to it.

Branch programme, Practices, Striking Competition, Branch Outing, Orchard Cup, Annual Dinner, Guild Events - to be reviewed in May due to Covid still around.

Special events 2022 - Ringing for the Platinum Jubilee and the Oxford Botanical Garden Anniversary to be explored/discussed further once more details are being published.

Any Other Business - The website is regularly maintained and updated; the emails listed for the officers are forwarding to the right people. Please report any issues via the Webmaster and forward any items of interest/articles to be posted on the website to the Secretary.

Katie Lane had asked if the 3 New members from the Previous AGM have received their certificates - Yes they have.

Kate Edgar (East Claydon) - has offered to host a ringing day followed by a barbeque in the summer at the Mushroom Club. She also has said there are some Odd Bobs left should anyone want any.

Date of Next Annual General Meeting To be held on Saturday 11 February 2023, at Little Horwood (Thank you to Nicola Ellison for the invitation.)

Meeting concluded at 16.35