

Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers
Peterborough Branch

Minutes for AGM 2019
held at St Mary's, Peterborough and at St John's Peterborough on 19th
January

The meeting commenced at 3pm with ringing at St Mary's and then moved at 4 pm to ringing at St John's where a service then took place at 4.30pm. After the service a meal was served and the AGM then took place at 6 pm. After the meeting closed ringing resumed at St John's.

Present: A Dyer, H Hardie, S Upex, D Jones, S Jones, J Cowcill, J Robinson, D Teall, P Teall, C RobertsLewis, C Edis, C Groome, D Banks, N Elks, A Whiteway, T Wright, G Simpson, J. Thorpe, H Thorpe, S Hodgkinson, R Rogers, J Rogers, J Burton, J Benner, A Gunstone, L Abbott, A Heaton, E Wilkinson, B Jones, C Mould, M Keck, A Russel, J Nicholson

1. Welcome

Alex Dyer welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked them for attending and also for their support at other Branch events throughout the year.

2. Vote of thanks

David Banks thanked the ringers of St Mary's and St John's for hosting the AGM, especially Nick Elks for all the organisation and cooking he had done. He also thanked Canon Ian Black for taking the service and Michael Keck for playing the organ. He then thanked the committee *in advance* for holding what he hoped would be a short meeting.

3.Apologies for absence; R Fraser, C Burgess, P Reed, L Foglietta, J Parker, A Parker, M Cochrane, A Christie, G Christie, J Riley, Y Halewood, B Clapp, P Pohling- Brown, B Quinn, J Quinn, A Terry, M Goodall, J Webb

4.Approval of minutes of 2018 AGM

Proposed: N Elks

Seconded: D Teall

The minutes were accepted with all in favour and were signed by the Chairman.

5.Matters arising from the previous minutes but not included in the agenda

There were no other matters arising

6. Officers' reports

Ringmaster
Steward

Please see attached reports.

7. Adoption of accounts for 2018

The accounts presented to the meeting had been signed by the examiner, Christopher Groome.

Please see attached accounts

Proposed: N Elks

Seconded: T Wright

The accounts were approved with all in favour.

Angela Whiteway thanked Andrew Parker for all the assistance he had given her during her first year as Treasurer and also thanked Christopher Groome for examining the accounts. This year showed a small surplus of money made but subscriptions were slightly less. This was because one tower (Easton) were now going to make 2 years of payments, their contribution having been delayed by the death of their Treasurer. Angela expressed her condolences to the family and friends of Tony Riley.

8. Report on Castor ringing school

Please see attached report

9. Election of new members.

The following were proposed for membership. * denotes members recruited as part of the **Ringmaster Remembers** campaign

Name	Tower	Proposed	Seconded
*Caroline Mould	Nassington	Hilary Hardie	T Wright
*Alex Heaton	Nassington	Hilary Hardie	T Wright
*Chris Barrett	Nassington	Hilary Hardie	T Wright
*Stephen Sargent	Ufford	Hilary Hardie	T Wright
*Sally Hudson	Ufford	Hilary Hardie	T Wright
*Julie Nicholson	Warmington	Angela Whiteway	T Wright
*Julie Pocock	unassigned	Hilary Hardie	T Wright
*Steven Lakeman	Glington	Jill Cowcill	T Wright
*Malcolm Palfrey	Glington	Jill Cowcill	T Wright
Edward Newton	Nassington	Hilary Hardie	T Wright
Andrew Gunstone	unassigned	Angela Whiteway	J Rogers
Neve Malcolm	Glington	Jill Cowcill	T Wright
Lewis Abbott	unassigned	G Simpson	T Wright

NB as so many new members were proposed the seconding of the proposals was done together and one committee member has been listed as seconder in most cases.

10 Presentation of certificates

First quarter peal certificate presented to: **Julian Burton**

First peal certificate presented to **Angela Whiteway**

11. Election of Branch officers for 2019

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Alex Dyer	H Hardie	N Elks
Ringing Master	Hilary Hardie	D Teall	T Wright
Assistant Ringing master	James Thorpe	J Rogers	J Benner
Secretary	Sylvia Upex	A Dyer	H Hardie
Treasurer	Angela Whiteway	E Wilkinson	N Elks
Steward	Nick Elks	T Wright	H Hardie
Press officer and newsletter editor	Terry Wright	J Rogers	D Teall
Committee member	C RobertsLewis	S Upex	G Simpson
Committee member	Jane Robinson	H Hardie	J Burton
Guild management representative	Nick Elks	D Teall	S Upex
100 club representative	Derek Jones (til June only)		
Examiner of accounts	Christopher Groome	S Jones	J Rogers

NB the branch has yet to appoint a 100 club representative. D Jones will be standing down but has agreed to continue temporarily.

A Dyer explained that the committee hoped to include a junior member (T Thorpe) and to arrange an event for junior ringers if possible, perhaps in liaison with King's School.

12. Nomination for Guild officers

Nominations for Guild positions and voting will take place at the June AGM. There is a need for a nomination for Guild Steward as the current steward is standing down and no one has yet come forward for this position. S Jones is standing down and two nominations have been received for the position of secretary (and James Thorpe added an endorsement for one of the candidates, Helen Alton). D Jones is standing down as Peal Secretary and Paul Mason has volunteered to do this. C Dixon has offered to take on the 100 club organisation. Other officers are prepared to stay on. Alex Dyer confirmed that he would attend the Guild AGM on behalf of the Branch.

13. Discussion of Branch events draft programme for 2019

A draft programme was circulated for discussion and comments invited. D Jones said that as the Guild festival was to be held in this Branch (at Cotterstock) he hoped that local bands would feel encouraged to enter and join in.

No other comments were made on proposed activities (apart from a request that the committee select dates that varied ie not always on a third Saturday) and subsequent to the meeting James Thorpe has circulated a request/ invitation via the Branch web site for members to **suggest events they would like to attend.**

14. Any other business

D Jones commented that the annual report tends to be “backwards looking” with not enough prominence given to forthcoming events and that people reading the annual report need to be aware of what is going to happen rather than what has happened. This is something that needs to be addressed at Guild level and N Elks offered to raise this at the management meeting.

Meeting closed at 6.40pm

Signed..... Date.....

Date

Attached reports:

Ringling Master’s Report 2018

I was appointed as Joint Ringling Master at the AGM in January 2018. I would like to thank all the members of the Branch for their support this year, as I’ve developed into the role.

Following the confirmation of support at the AGM, we’ve continued with the 8 bell practice on the first Friday of the month at Castor, holding it for 8 months in the year. We made the decision to cancel it on the other months, when notified that there would not be enough ringers to run it effectively.

The numbers attending have varied from 8 in September to 23 in October, when we had a significant number of visitors. I am most grateful for the support of the more experienced ringers who come and help, both those learning to ring on 8 bells, and those wanting to improve on major methods. It is important that we continue to welcome everyone to our practices, at whatever level they ring. Thank you to James and Alex, who have been so encouraging of everyone who has attended.

For a couple of months, I proposed that we ring Little Bob Major as a learning exercise. This seems to have been welcomed as a new way of developing the ringling of methods other than Bob Triples or Major, and I plan to continue it in 2019, if reappointed as Ringling Master.

We held a very successful Ringing Up and Down in Peal Workshop at St Mary's in Peterborough in April. There was excellent support and tuition for the 9 ringers who joined us, and I was pleased to see some considerable improvement over the afternoon.

The ever popular, Ring for your Supper, was held in May, with ringing at Woodston, St John's in Peterborough and finishing at St Mary's, Peterborough for a fish and chip supper, followed by desserts made by the Committee. As always it was an enjoyable event, although Woodston weren't expecting us, as they had a wedding that afternoon. Anyway the Vicar let us ring, and the guests waiting for the bride to arrive enjoyed 30 minutes of ringing they hadn't expected!

17 members of the branch joined us for the Branch Outing around Thrapston with lunch at the King's Head in Wadenhoe in August. Whilst the bells at Titchmarsh and Aldwinkle gave us some challenges, it was another enjoyable ringing and social event.

My biggest project this year has been the national Ringing Remembers campaign to recruit 1,400 new ringers, ring for the Armistice, and to ensure appropriate local publicity. Thanks to support from Terry Wright, as Press Correspondent, we managed to get at least 2 articles in local newsletters across the Branch, interviews on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, and some articles in the press.

From research on the Central Council's roll of honour we identified 7 ringers linked to churches in Peterborough and the surrounding area who died during the war. I know of at least 15 new ringers recruited this year, via our local campaigns, and there may be more, many of whom are learning to ring through the Castor Ringing School, and others through individual Towers. With at least 15 new ringers to my knowledge and perhaps others, we have therefore recruited more than those who died locally. I hope they will want to become members of the Branch in 2019.

For this year, in particular, the UK Government invited all bell ringers to join the nation in marking the end of the First World War by ringing together on Remembrance Sunday from 12.30pm on Sunday 11 November, in addition to any ringing for services being held in the morning.

I was keen that we rang on 11 November in as many Towers across the Branch as possible. Therefore over the summer, Terry and I were in contact with all Tower Captains and Correspondents to understand what ringing was planned, and to identify where there are any gaps or shortage of ringers. Thanks to plans by individual towers and bands, and the organisation of Committee members, we rang across the whole branch, including churches that rarely ring and those who don't have their own band, at various times of the day. So many of our new ringers rang for service wearing their Ringing Remembers badges with pride.

Another very successful Afternoon Tea Ringing was held in Spalding in December, so thank you to those who organised it.

The proposed ring at the Cathedral for Evensong in 2018 had to be cancelled as it clashed with a fund raising event in the Cathedral close, however, a new date of Sunday 27 January 2019 has been agreed, technically outside of this year's events, but just delayed.

A very big thank you to everyone who has supported Branch events in 2018.

Hilary Hardie Peterborough Branch Ringing Master

Steward's Report

Peterborough Branch Steward's Report 2018 - Nick Elks

I have not been as pro-active as I would have liked to have been this year - this due to work and other commitments leading to lack of time available. I do hope soon to be able to resume my program of checking the lesser-rung towers to keep an eye on the bells and for some preventative maintenance.

Bainton (4) - Not attended this year - listed as unringable

Barnack (6) - Not attended this year - rung occasionally

Benefield(6) - Not attended this year - rung occasionally

Bulwick (6) - Not attended this year though understand that local band are actively maintaining the bells

Castor (8) - Not attended this year. Local band are actively maintaining the bells

Cotterstock(6) - Fitted new stay on No 3. Understand that they now have a spare stay for all the bells!

Easton-on-the-Hill (6) - Not attended this year - active local band

Fotheringhay (6) - Have not attended there but understand that all scaffolding has now been removed and Taylors have inspected the bells and report all is ok. The frame is being repainted.

Glaphorn (3) - Not attended this year - rung occasionally

Glington (6) - Not attended this year though understand that local band are actively maintaining the bells

Helpston (3) - Not attended this year - hung for chiming only (contact may need updating)

Hemington (4) - Not attended this year - listed as unringable

Kings Cliffe (6) - Not attended this year - active local band

Lutton (4) - Church warden has requested help to adjust ropes. Intend to go and do so and give bells an inspection before year end.

Maxey (6) - Not attended this year - rung occasionally

Nassington (6) - Not attended this year though understand that local band are actively maintaining the bells

Oundle (8) - Attended whilst Taylors came to quote for remedial work. £4750 of work which Oundle will order once they have finished work on the clock. The clock weights are being removed but the clock itself is remaining in situ. Taylors did suggest it might be possible to move ringings downstairs to gallery but suspect the church will not want that. Bells are rung occasionally

Paston All Saints (3) - Inspected bells at request of Churchwarden. Recommended they call in Taylors to see to wheel rims coming off and at least one Baldrick Clapper which is disintegrating. Chimed for service

Peterborough Cathedral (12) - local band are actively maintaining the bells

Peterborough St Johns (8) - local band are actively maintaining the bells

Peterborough St Mary's (8) - local band are actively maintaining the bells

Polebrook (5) - Not attended this year - last attended 2017 - rung occasionally

Tansor (3) - Not attended this year - last attended 2017 - unringable (update website)

Thornhaugh (5) - Not attended this year - rung occasionally - WMB advises ropes may need attention

Ufford (4) - Not attended this year. Last attended 2017 - rung occasionally

Wansford (6) - Not attended this year - rung occasionally

Warmington (6) - not attended this year though understand that local band are actively maintaining the bells

Wittering (6) - Not attended this year. Note that ringing area has a lot of items stored there - would take 20 minutes to move - note this on the website? - rung occasionally - WMB advises there may be birds getting in around the bells

Yarwell (4) - not attended this year - last attended 2017 - rung occasionally

Notes:

Protectakote - Tin of 'rubberised' paint is still available if anyone wants to paint some on their clappers to help stop muffles from slipping.

PSP rope - still have no rope left. Possible requirement for Thornhaugh though?

Towers with 1, 2 or 3 bells not listed as part of the branch

Apethorpe (1)

Ashton (Oundle) (1)

Collyweston (2)

Eye (2)

Marholm (1)

Northborough (2)

Peakirk (3)

Peterborough All Saints (1)

Peterborough Christchurch (1)

Peterborough St Jude (4)

Peterborough St Paul (1)

Peterborough St Mark (1)

Southwick (2)

Sutton (1)

Woodnewton (2)

Treasurer's Report: -

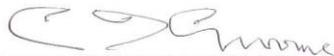
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Peterborough Branch Annual Accounts to 31 December 2018

2017		2018	2017		2018
	CASH B/F				
£0.00	In hand	£0.00			
£0.00	In cheque account	£0.00			
£1,150.82	In deposit account	£1,348.76			
	INCOME			EXPENDITURE	
£528.00	Members @ £6.00	£402	£0.00	Ringling World	£0.00
£9.00	Student Members @ £3.00	£3.00	£0.00	BRF collection	£0.00
£0.00	BRF collection	£0.00	£0.00	Purchase of rope	£0.00
£118.00	BRF donation	£58.00	£49.00	Quiz sheets	£62.00
£0.00	Sale of reports	£0.00	£402.75	75% subs to Guild	£303.75
£49.00	Sale of quiz sheets	£62.00	£46.57	Expenses	£55.07
£0.00	Branch donations	£0.00	£118.00	BRF Donation	£58.00
£1.26	Bank interest	£1.17	£0.00	Books & Reports	£0.00
£485.10	Branch Meetings	£345.30	£359.00	Branch meeting	£243.50
£9.00	Branch Outing	£4.00	£0.00	Guild draw prize	£0.00
£0.00	Sale of Raffle Tickets	£0.00	£0.00	Cycle ride sponsorship	£0.00
£0.00	Sale of Rope	£20.00	£0.00	Raffle Tickets	£0.00
£0.00	Cycle ride sponsorship	£0.00	£45.10	Donation to Castor tower	£101.50
£19.00	Afternoon Tea	£10.00	£0.00	Cost of web account	£0.00
				CASH C/F	
			£0.00	In hand	£3.33
			£0.00	In cheque account	£0.00
			£1,348.76	In deposit account	£1,427.08
£2,369.18		£2,254.23	£2,369.18		£2,254.23

Accounts Examined by Christopher Groome.

Signed:



Date:

10/01/2019

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BRANCH ACCOUNTS FOR 2018

1 Balance b/f 1/1/2018 £1,348.76

Income

2 Subscriptions
 a) Ringing members £405.00
 b) Associate members £0.00
 c) NRLM £0.00
 Sub total £405.00

3 Donations to Bell Fund £58.00
 4 Church collections for Bell Fund £0.00
 5 Branch Donations to Bell Fund £0.00
 6 Sale of reports £0.00
 7 Branch Events £34.00
 8 Cycle ride/ramble sponsorship £0.00
 9 Other sales: (Details Below) £62.00
 10 Other income
 Interest £1.17
 AGM Tea £223.80
 Sale of Rope £20.00
 Donation to Branch £0.00
 Castor monthly practices £101.50

Sub total £500.47

TOTAL 2018 INCOME £905.47

Expenditure

1 3/4 of total subscriptions as in (2) above £303.75
 2 Donations to Bell Fund as in (3) above £58.00
 3 Church collections for Bell Fund as in (4) above £0.00
 4 Branch Donations to Bell Fund as in (5) above £0.00
 5 Sale of reports as in (6) above £0.00
 6 Cycle ride/ramble sponsorship as in (8) above £0.00
 7 Other Guild purchases as in (9) above (Details Below) £62.00
 9 Other Bell Fund income: £0.00

10 Total to Guild and Guild Bell Fund from Branch Funds £423.75

11 Other Branch expenses:
 Castor Tower (donation for monthly practices) £101.50
 Branch Events £10.00
 Ringing World £0.00
 AGM tea £233.50
 Expenses £55.07
 Guild Draw prize £0.00

Sub total £400.07

TOTAL 2018 EXPENDITURE £823.82

CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2017 £81.65

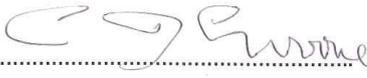
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD £1,430.41

Other Sales/Purchases Details

Draw Tickets £0.00
 Quiz sheets (2017) £32.00
 Quiz sheets (2018) £30.00

Total £62.00

Accounts Examined by Christopher Groome

Signed..... 

Date..... 10/01/2019

Castor Ringing School

Report for Branch AGM - January 2019

I am pleased to be able to report that 2018 was another busy year at Castor Ringing School with a steady stream of new pupils coming along to learn how to handle a bell and to learn the art of change ringing. During the Autumn the number of pupils attending on a Saturday morning crept into double figures on several occasions, a sure sign that we must be doing something right!

Our ability to offer top quality tuition to this number of people is only made possible by the dedication of our regular Tutors and Helpers who give up their time week after week to make up the band, and guide and encourage our learners as they acquire the physical and mental skills necessary to become change ringers.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them all, along with the Rector, PCC Members, Tower Captain and Steeple Keeper at St Kyneburgha's and the other experienced ringers from this Branch who willingly step in to help us when needed, particularly when our regulars are on holiday.

As I have reported to you before, our pupils 'graduate' when they have rung a quarter-peat of Plain Bob Doubles or Minor on an inside bell after which they are encouraged to continue to attend as Helpers. Over the last eighteen months three of our Helpers, Angela Whiteway, Hilary Hardie and Terry Wright, have attended both Module One (handling) and Module Two (change ringing) courses laid on by the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) and our own one-day course on the Principles of Teaching Change Ringing.

They each kept a log of their progress throughout their period of training which culminated in external assessments by an ART Assessor in their chosen fields. All three are now qualified Ringing Teachers bringing the number of ART Members at Castor up to five. I offered them my congratulations at the Ringing School AGM last November but I am very happy to do so again: very well done!

Another item discussed at our AGM was an invitation from Graham Nabb, the Chairman of ART, for Castor Ringing School to become an ART Hub. As it seemed most likely that, following their re-organisation, Central Council will no longer "recognise" Ringing Centres, members felt it was important to retain national recognition through ART. Following the A.G.M. the Committee took a formal decision to pursue the offer and, on the 26th November, ART announced our acceptance as an ART Hub.

In day-to-day terms this change has made no difference to the way in which the Ringing School is run as we have been using the teaching methods advocated by ART from long before they even came into existence. However, we are now able to offer accreditation for pupils using the ART *Learning the Ropes* scheme in parallel with our own internal system of progression.

With national recognition in place and a growing team of trained teachers, I look forward to the future of Castor Ringing School with confidence. I commend their work to you.

David Teall
Head Tutor
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