

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.  
WESTERN DIVISION**

**ANNUAL DIVISIONAL MEETING**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at Storrington.**

**MINUTES OF MEETING.**

Paragraph numbers refer to the item numbers on the meeting agenda. The meeting was chaired by the Association Ringing Master, David Kirkcaldy,

1. Apologies for absence were received from Geoff & Sonia Rix, Ian & Angie Hastilow, Ian Russell, Andrew Barnsdale, Alan Martin, Stella Knight, Brian Underwood, Edward Underwood & Chyne Kerby.
2. The minutes of the last ADM (11<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at Westbourne) had been distributed to members by e-mail, with the agenda and some reports, prior to the meeting. Additional hard copies were available at the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the chairman.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last ADM.
4. The minutes of the last business meeting (8<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at Funtington) were also reviewed for actions. There were none.
5. The Chairman announced that the Michael Palmer Award had been awarded by the Committee this year to Emma Gadd of Steyning. Graham Hills read the submission, which had resulted in her selection by the committee. (A copy is held on file for future reference). The award was then presented by the Divisional Ringing Master.
6. Reports of Officers.
  - a. In his report, the Divisional Ringing Master first thanked the many members who had turned out for the meeting. He went on to explain that he had hoped to visit all the towers in the Division but there were still a few he had not managed to reach. He then explained how the evening class ringing course had arisen and thanked all those who had helped to make it possible. After outlining the programme of meetings during the past year he went on to say how the ringing for the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics had all been a success. He also listed the many regular training meetings that had taken place throughout the Division. He finished his report by thanking the members of the committee for their support and also for the instructors who turn out on regular basis to teach ringing in the Division. A proposal to accept the Master's report was made by Roger Watts and seconded by Christine Butterfield. (A full copy of the Master's report is on file for future reference).
  - b. The Secretary's report had been circulated before the meeting. It again outlined the activities over the past year and covered much of the same ground as the Master's report. The Secretary explained that this was necessary as once adopted it was this report that would eventually appear for the Western Division in the Report book for the year. The secretary's report was accepted after it had been proposed by John Taylor and seconded by Liz Potter. (A full copy of this report is held on file for reference and will appear as the formal Secretary's Report in the next Annual Report).
  - c. The Treasurer, Moya Hills, reported what monies she had received and passed on to the Association Treasurer. They were as follows:-

Subscriptions	£3217.00
Bell Restoration Fund	£461.80
Reg Johnson Fund	£40.00
Sale of Ringing Books	£42.04
  - d. Due to an oversight by the secretary, the report for Publicity was not tabled at the meeting but a copy is held on file for future reference.

e. The Education Officer in her report told of the great assistance she had received from other towers during the period when Washington bells had been out of action. The 'First Saturday' workshops have been very well attended indeed both with students and helpers. There was an increasing need for training within the Division even though there were many teaching opportunities. The 8 bell practices run by Colin Spencer were all well supported but attendance at the 6 bell surprise practices had fallen off. These have now moved to Walberton and are on a Saturday morning and seem to be improving in numbers. The Education Officer's report was proposed for adoption by Moya Hills and seconded by John Taylor. (A copy of the full report is held on file for future reference).

f. There was no formal Bell Restoration Officer's report although the Divisional Master listed the work that had taken place during the year. This included the return of the Milland bells after refit, the situation of ringing at Arundel and the Pulborough cracked bell.

## 7. Programme

The Divisional Master outlined the programme for the coming months as follows:-

9 March	Washington	Call Change Competition
13 April	Thakeham	Meeting with a service
11 May	Billingshurst	SCACR AGM.
29 June	Midhurst	Meeting with service
13 July	'Walk and Ring'	Details to follow
10 August	Lyminster tbc	Evening ring and picnic
14 September	Upper Beeding	Method Striking Competition
12 October	Aldwick	Practice, service and Business Meeting
9 November	Easebourne	Meeting and service (half muffled)
14 December	tbd	Carol Service

## 8. New Members.

The Secretary read through the list of new members, their proposers and seconders and the towers from which they came. On completion, the chairman asked the meeting for the list of new members as a whole to be accepted. They were elected by acclamation. They were as follows:-

Angmering	Shirley Hamilton	Caroline Jones	George Coulson
	Jennifer Moodie	Caroline Jones	George Coulson
Arundel	Ellie Summers	Teresa Kendell	Helen Farrer
Bosham	Susan Hastings	Jane West	Mandy Rodgers
	Karen Wallace	Jane West	Mandy Rodgers
Fittleworth	Stephen Casebow	Rupert Burne	Vivien Benham
	Catherine Burne	Rupert Burne	Vivien Benham
Goring-by-Sea	Jane Winter	Graham Hills	Moya Hills
Graffham	Caroline Evans	Carole Kirke	Hilary Major
Lyminster	Anna Hall	David Hall	Teresa Kendall
Milland	Neil Pirie	Sarah Windibank	Eric Headleand
Pagham	Melissa Peirce	Mike Wake	Margaret Sherwood
	Brian Vickers	Mike Wake	Margaret Sherwood
Pulborough	Charlotte Goodman	Ian Cockburn	Mike Ethrington
Rogate & Trotton	Charlie Barrett	Penny Croucher	Beryl Savill
	James Stevenson	Penny Croucher	Beryl Savill
Shipley	Gina Radford	Sue Meyer	Simon Meyer
Stedham	Mary Bowra	Tony Douglas	Barry Cooper
Westbourne	Jason Crouch	Peter Wilkinson	Jack Burton
Yapton	Shirley Driscoll	Gillian Crowley	Christine Butterfield
	Pauline Lovell	Gillian Crowley	Christine Butterfield
	David Stubbings	Gillian Crowley	Christine Butterfield
	Maria Thomas	Gillian Crowley	Christine Butterfield

Unattached                      David Bowerman                      George Coulson                      Caroline Jones  
Zara Bampton                      Kathy Howard                      Tim Wright

9. Election of Officers.

- a. The Ringing Master, Graham Hills was re-elected unopposed.
- b. The Secretary, Jack Burton was re-elected unopposed.
- c. The Treasurer, Moya Hills was re-elected unopposed.
- d. The Publicity Officers, Margaret Grundy and Liz Beadle was re-elected unopposed.
- e. The Education Officer, Christine Butterfield was re-elected unopposed.
- f. The BRF Representative, Geoff Rix was re-elected unopposed.
- g. The Central Council Rep, Andrew Barnsdale was re-elected unopposed. Jane Wilkinson stated that Andrew had done an excellent job for our Division at the CCCBR meeting.
- h. Three members were proposed and seconded to be committee members. They were as follows:-

Sue Gadd	Proposed by Kathy Howard	Seconded by Simon King
John Taylor	“ Christine Butterfield	“ Moya Hills
Roger Watts	“ John Taylor	“ Christine Butterfield

These three members were elected by acclamation.

10. Nominations for the General Committee.

The following nominations were made for General Officers of the Association.

- a. Master: Christine Baldock.
- b. General Secretary: Marisa Hayes.
- c. Treasurer: Valerie Burgess.
- d. BRF Secretary: Graham Hills.
- e. General Publicity Officer: Kathy Howard.
- f. Education Officer: No nomination.
- g. Peal Secretary: No nomination.
- h. Librarian: Stella Bianco.
- i. Trustees: Mike Wake
- j. Safeguarding Officer: Sue Elrick.

11. a. Under “A.O.B.”, the Secretary reported that he had received a request to advertise the Handbell Gathering on 30<sup>th</sup> March at Roedean.

b. Jane Wilkinson raised a point that she felt that it was difficult for members to nominate new officers for the General Committee if the current holders were present at the meeting. She suggested that they should not attend ADMs. This matter was not taken forward due to a general lack of ready support.

12. Before closing the meeting the Association Ringing Master stated that this was his last meeting in the Division as Master and thanked everyone for their support over the past three years. Ken Knight then thanked David Kirkcaldy for his work as Master on behalf of all of the meeting.

Date of next meeting (8<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at Felpham tbc)

Jack Burton  
Secretary.

These minutes are accepted as a true record.

Chairman.  
8<sup>th</sup> February 2014.