

Minutes of Horfield Bell Ringers AGM

Monday 18th January 2010

Present: Jeanne (Chair), Joan, Bernie, Philip, Ella, David, Katy, Alice, Meg and Cary
Minutes taken by Katy.

Previous AGM minutes were reviewed and agreed as a true account. There were no matters arising.

Membership

Jeanne welcomed everyone to the AGM, especially Meg our new learner. Unfortunately Mark, Roger and Alice are no longer active ringers. Alice has returned to mascot status!

Bell Maintenance

Philip checked the bells in November and generally all the bells are in good order. The third bell's wheel is still touching the wall, we will need to review this. The new ropes initially worn badly but currently there is no obvious problem. If in the future the ropes do need replacing it was felt that we ought to go directly to the rope makers; Jeanne said that funds are available. We have spare stays and could be easy to cut to size.

Philip felt that the screws on the clappers should be reviewed every three months. Usually in the autumn the branch offer a maintenance course, it was felt that maybe one or two ringers should go; Cary expressed an interest.

Weddings

We rang for ten weddings last year. We were especially grateful for the 'Tomlinson's support' last year and Jeanne offered to buy a thank-you card and small present for them.

We currently have twelve weddings arranged for this year. Katy will prepare an availability list.

Quarter Peal

Ella asked if we should aim to ring a quarter peal this year (2010 - new decade).

Branch Practice

The new ringing branch master wants to alter these sessions. Essentially they would be held on the last Friday every month at different towers (not on the host towers normal ringing night). These practice nights would be more specific e.g. a night of Bob Doubles and Cambridge as this would 'bring on' average ability ringers. Our group had mixed views about this; it was felt we should see how it goes.

Horfield Tower Open Day

Katy felt that the current format didn't work very well. It was felt that we should have a more general 'open door' approach to increase our membership and publicity. David would e-mail UWE students, who maybe new to Bristol. Also Ella and Katy would produce some small posters/leaflets to place on local notice boards.

Tewkesbury training

Last year our tower sent a group of helpers and students; this was a very enjoyable experience. Also Alice and Katy both wrote two short articles for the Bristol newsletter. We hope to send a small group this year on 13th March; this would be useful for our new learners Cary and Chloe.

Striking Competition

Last summer a few of our ringers supported this event. Fortunately a combined team of Horfield and Westbury ringers won the call changes cup. It was arranged that each tower would hold the cup for six months each. Therefore Katy will 'hand over' the cup next month.

Xmas Meal (in February)

David has arranged our Xmas outing for the 6th February. We plan to ring at Staunton in the morning and Littledean after lunch. Bernie would look into the possibility of hiring the new scout's minibus.

New Carpet

Bernie would investigate the cost of a new carpet, especially as the sales are on at the moment.

Finance

Currently the balance is £316.69. Our account is to be transferred to Lloyds TSB, Gloucester road. Katy will be the second signature for this account.

Officers (2010)

Tower captain	Philip
Deputy tower captain	David
Secretary/Treasurer/Trainer	Jeanne
Wedding co-ordinator	Katy
Webmaster	Roger

(Katy will be CRB checked, to assist with training).

Practice night

Our current structure to practice nights will continue this year, 6:30 to 7:30 pm learners, 7:30 to 8:30 pm simple method and 8:30 to 9pm complex methods.

AOB

A reminder was placed regarding branch subs, which were due £10 (£5 concessions).