

25th February 2009 AGM EUCRS, St. David's church

Present:

Mr James Bennett, Geoff Crockett, Hazel Davies, Robert Dietz, Martin Gentile, Maff Glover, Tom Hinks, Richard Johnson, Amy Jones, Jimi Kerslake, Kathryn Lowe, Clare Padfield, Alex Rowan.

Apologies:

Naomi Jolliffe, Kathryn Ward, James Whittaker, Andy Withers

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Matters arising from last year's minutes: Mr Bennett failed to note down his own presence. Jimi's surname is Kerslake, not 'K'.

Minutes ratified.

President's summary of last year's activities:

- Bristol trip
- Pancake party
- LAN party (to be repeated)
- Competitions: novice competition at Drewsteigton. Two teams entered, and we didn't come last!
- Gnome was broken
- Exeter Cardiff trip – successful, would be a good idea to repeat it. Is suggested that the location be moved closer to Exeter. Jimi suggests it could be a weekend trip, though the necessity for showers (for the women and Maff) to be available is stressed!
- Poor intake of freshers this year – but we're very pleased to have Clare with us, who joined a bit later on in the term.
- Dinner – very well organised and successful (no-one got food poisoning). Daffodils praised, as didn't taste too bad. Graduates keen for same supplier to be used next year. The outing during the day and pub lunch were both very good.
- Royal Clarence – not enough room for dancing? Good food, but dinner served rather late so there wasn't enough time for dancing. Speeches went on too long, perhaps. Next year, an earlier start to the dinner would be better.

Treasurer's report:

To follow, as treasurer not present! BUT – surplus made at dinner.

Summary of dinner expenditure:

Item	Income	Expenditure
Dinner ticket sales	£2170	
Deposit		£300
Balance payment to RCH		£1268
Guest speaker's accommodation		£115
Tower donations		£40
Letter postage & envelopes		£62.70
Band		£350

Daffodils		£12.50
SURPLUS:	£21.80	

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Election of committee members for 2009/2010

Committee members proposed and seconded. Votes counted by Geoff Crockett.
All candidates elected unanimously with no abstentions.

President: Tom Hinks

- Proposed: Kat Lowe
- Seconded: Hazel

Vice-President: Clare Padfield

- Proposed: Kat L
- Seconded: Martin

Treasurer: Rob Dietz

- Proposed: Hazel
- Seconded: Tom

Secretary: Kat Lowe

- Proposed: Tom
- Seconded: Hazel

Publicity: Naomi Jolliffe

- Proposed: Rob
- Seconded: Kat

Stock and Quarter Peal Officer: Martin

- Proposed: Clare
- Seconded: Rob

Tom proposed a vote of thanks to Rob for his work during his two years as President. Seconded by all!

Any other business:

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- Jimi brought up the novice competition on 14th March, and says that transport is required to get everyone there. Ringers will get priority over spectators.
- Possible practice in Exminster on Monday 16th March for the 8 bell striking competition.
- Jimi mentioned that he had received a letter from the Devon Association about the 'ringing ladder' competition. 1 fixture per month for the next 3 months. Neutral tower. Opportunity for Devon teams to socialise.
- People will be needed to judge as well as ring. Richard expresses an interest in learning to judge.

- Jimi will be calling for people to take part soon.
- A possible re-vamp of website was raised by Hazel – agreed by all that it is very functional and kept up-to-date, and that the content is very good, but that the 'look' is outdated. However, people feel that a rebuild would take time, even if nothing very fancy is needed.
- Rob, Clare and Alex would potentially be able to take over maintenance of site from Matt Hilling, but feel there is a lack of time.
- Tom suggested that the update could be postponed until summer holidays, when Rob would have time to carry it out.
- 'Dreamweaver' was suggested for web design. Mr Bennett and Rich expressed their confusion at the notion of 'computer'.
- New content was needed on website – Tom to do write-up of pancake evening.
- Jimi asked if David Maynard's dinner write-up has been done yet. He is apparently 'on it'.
- The matter of Extunes rep was raised – at the moment, the society does not have one. Feeling we should send someone along, as Extunes did pay for the restoration of the handbells. Kat proposed a rota be set up – accepted as a good idea. The new committee will arrange a rota.
- Subs were discussed: £7.50 at this year's squash. Most societies cost £5-£6.50. People wonder whether it should be lowered to £7 or £6.50. It was noted that although lots of people wrote their email address down at the squash, most did not pay any money. Did the cost put them off? Hazel and Rich think that those people who are truly interested in ringing would not be put off by the cost.
- Tom proposed a 50p lower to the subscription fee. Rob seconded.
- Geoff – anyone who is no longer a member of the Guild and wants to be affiliated with the tower has to pay their £5 affiliation fee.
- The Cariff trip was raised again – people keen to try it again, to see if it should become a permanent social fixture. Martin said that feedback from the Cardiff ringers was positive. It was felt that it would be better if it happened later on in the year after the dinner. Martin won't be here to organise it next year though, as he is taking a year abroad. Again, possibility of it being made into a weekend trip was suggested.
- Kat proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee.

20:16 – Close of AGM