



SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS
Annual General Meeting
Saturday 9th May 2026 at 3.30 pm
in St Mary's Church, Calne SN11 0HU

3.15 pm Results of the 8 Bell Striking Competition

Presentation of the Guild Ringer of the Year Awards

Adult Ringer of the Year 2025	Sarah Dow	Keovil/Trowbridge, Devizes Branch
Highly Commended	Andrew Oatts	Semley, Mere Branch
Nominated	David Mooney	Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury Branch
Young Ringer of the Year 2025	Joss Knight	Swanage, East Dorset Branch
Highly Commended	Daniel Best	Holt, Devizes Branch
Nominated	Alastair Bridge	Nadder Valley, Salisbury Branch
	Edric Fry	Nadder Valley, Salisbury Branch

MINUTES

1. Master's Welcome

The Master welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Calne Branch for hosting it; particularly the Branch Chairman, Patrick Holder-Mallet, and Secretary, Jane Ridgwell, and their team, including Andrew Woolley for running the ringing at Calne. She thanked the Rector, the Rev. Casper Bush, for taking the service, the Rev. Tim Hawkings for his address and the organist Gareth Bennett.

2. Apologies for absence

John Rose, Martin Inglis, Doreen Russell, Martin Ostler, Nigel Dickinson, Amanda Burch, Richard Bushnell, Anthony Bainbridge, Alan & Alison Butler, Harry Murley, Margaret Romano, Nicki Harrison, Richard Poole, Charles May, John Cairns, Christine Tebbot, Tilly Cooper, Michael Cornwell, John David, Colin Wilkins, Jennifer Hill, Barbara & Jonathan King, David Mooney, Tina Parvin, Ian Wyld, John Roberts, Veronica Newman, Louise Read, Jeremy Turner, Elizabeth Ferguson, Ian Davidson, Julia Williams, Pauline & Graham Reynolds, Sue Carter, Rosemary Duke, Susan Smith, Richard Heath, Julian Hemper, John Stott, Hayley Newman, Kim Matthews, Katie Smith, David Haysom, Bob & Lynne Crighton

3. Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting held at Canford Magna

These were accepted.

Proposed: Jenny Hancock

Seconded: Andy Waring

4. Matters arising not covered by remainder of the agenda

There were none.

5. Financial

(a) Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Independently Examined Accounts and Examiner's Report.

These were adopted.

Proposed: Ken Webb

Seconded: Anne Wardell

(b) Ratification of Proposed Annual Subscriptions for **2027**

Ringling Member Adult Rate:	£10.00	(Branch 20%)
Ringling Member Youth Rate (12-17) :	£5.00	(Branch 20%)
Associate Member:	£5.00	(Branch 20%)
Peal Fee Per Ringer:	£0.00	
Non Resident Life Member:	£10.00	

These were ratified.

Proposed: Executive Cttee.

Seconded: David Hacker

(c) Donation to the LEBRF from each Annual Subscription 50p

This was agreed.

Proposed: Executive Cttee.

Seconded: Andrew Howes

It was agreed that no contribution to the LEBRF should be taken from the Channel Islands membership since they will be unable to benefit from grants.

Proposed: Julian Newman Seconded: Anthony Lovell-Wood

(d) Training Funding £2000 (including, if Members wish, up to 10 grants of up to £100 to be made for Residential Courses - no Member to receive more than one Residential course grant in any 5 year period commencing 2025) Proposed: Executive Cttee.

This was approved after an amendment was agreed by majority vote to raise the total fund available to £3000.

Proposed: Julian Newman Seconded: Len Roberts

6. Membership

(a) Ian Mozley's nomination as Vice President was ratified and a certificate presented.

Proposed: Andy Waring Seconded: Executive Cttee.

(b) Julian Ferrar's nomination as Honorary Life Member was ratified and a certificate presented.

Proposed: Devizes Branch Seconded: Executive Cttee.

(c) Life Membership certificates for achieving 50 years' membership were presented to

Mike Bolwell, William Clarke, Marian Moyes	Devizes Branch
Mike Miners	Dorchester Branch
Jenny Elmes, David Haysom	East Dorset Branch
Jo Barnes	Salisbury Branch
Ken Lessey	West Dorset Branch

(d) Long Service certificates were presented to

50 years Margaret Romano HLM, Anthony Lovell-Wood VP
 60 years Robin Mears HLM
 70 years Dennis Powney HLM, Audrey Wannell HLM, Phil Gaisford HLM, Ross Robertson VP
 80 years Valerie Goddard HLM

(e) Non Resident Life Ringing Members elected during 2025 were ratified

Luke Groom (Daventry), Stephen Rossiter (Reading), June Saint (Reading), Paul Wells (Ludlow), Jack Page (Reading), Katherine Fulcher (Exeter), Andrew Digby (Exeter), Ewan Grant-Richardson (Chichester)

Proposed: David Warwick

Seconded: Ben Duke

7. Young Ringers' activities

Hilary Child presented a report on the activities of the Young Ringers. The Master recorded thanks to Hilary, Rob Child and Michael Dillistone.

8. Reports for 2025

These had been circulated in advance and published in the 2025 Annual Report. They were accepted.

Proposed: Nick Baker

Seconded: Sarah Dow

9. LEBRF

(a) Reports: Anne Wardell presented the Independently Examined Accounts for 2025 as published in the 2025 Guild Report. She explained that the LEBRF accounts were in a more complex format than in previous years because of the large legacy from the late Ann Abrahams, received in 2025. She thanked Ken Webb & Richard Picker for assistance in preparing these detailed accounts.

LEBRF has been very active so far in Q1 2026:

- Income from donations & events in Q1 of 2026 = £6,515
- 5 grants paid totalling £12,670
- Total funds committed for already-approved grants = £72,477
- 5 new grant applications to be discussed by the LEBRF Trustees on 17th May 2026

She encouraged Branches / towers planning bells projects to apply to LEBRF for grants. They can contact her or their local Branch LEBRF Trustee for guidance.

The 2025 LEBRF Open Day in West Dorset was very successful and raised almost £2,000. Once again in 2026 discounted early-bird tickets for the Open Day in the Devizes Branch can be ordered via the SDGR website (£20 in advance - please pay via BACS & put name as reference). Alternatively, tickets are £25 if paid on the day.

The accounts were accepted.

Proposed: Anne Wardell

Seconded: Chris Bush

(b) Proposal to change the LEBRF Rules.

Andy Waring explained that, as the Channel Islands are not part of the UK, some investment opportunities would not be available to the Trust if any of the Trustees were not resident in the UK. The Channel Islands Branch have their own bell fund, the Trustee has resigned and they have agreed not to apply for grants or expect contribute to the LEBRF. The change in the Rules is to regularise the arrangement.

1.2 Objectives

The Fund shall assist both active and redundant Churches within the Diocese of Salisbury in England.

2.1 (2) Administration

Overall direction of the Fund will be provided by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers ("the Guild") who shall make arrangements for the appointment of Trustees, one from each Branch of the Guild in England ...

This was approved.

Proposed: Andy Waring

Seconded: David Hacker

10. Peals

Proposal from the Peal Secretary, David Warwick Seconded: Andrew Howes

The Guild should continue to record peals rung on four or more tower bells or handbells. Peals rung on fewer bells, and those rung using simulated sound or other technological assistance should be noted and recorded separately.

11. (a) Election of Officers The following were elected.

Office	Period	Nominated	Proposed	Seconded
President	)	Pat Davidson VP	Judith Williamson	Andrew Howes
Master	)	Vicki Rowse	Anne Wardell	Julia Russell
Guild Secretary	)	Julian Newman VP	David Hacker	Nick Baker
Assistant Secretary	)	David Hacker VP	Len Roberts	Julian Newman
Training Officer	)	Julia Russell	Sue Bateman	Chris Purnell
Treasurer	2026/7	Ken Webb VP	)	)
Peal Secretary	)	David Warwick	)	)
Handbook/Report Editor	)	Vacancy	Ben Duke	Julia Russell
Communication Officer	)	Andy Waring	)	)
Webmaster	)	Ian Mozley VP	)	)
Guild LEBRF Trustee	)	Anthony Lovell-Wood VP	)	)
CCCBR Representatives x 4	2026/9	Bob Crighton	)	)
		Anthony Lovell-Wood VP	)	)
		Julian Newman VP	)	)
		Vacancy	)	)

(b) Ratification of Executive Appointments The following appointments were ratified.

Office	Period	Appointed	Proposed	Seconded
Safeguarding Officer	)	Frank Marshall	)	)
Health & Safety Officer	)	Nick Baker	)	)
Data Control Officer	)	Nick Baker	Executive Cttee.	Andrew Howes
Membership Secretary	)	Tim Phillips	)	)
	2026/7			
Guild Independent Examiner	)	Alison Clayton	)	)
LEBRF Independent Examiner	)	Richard Picker	Executive Cttee.	Len Roberts
LEBRF Administrator	)	Anne Wardell	)	)

Presentations were made to Ben Duke and Kathryn Tyson who were standing down from office.

The meeting closed at 4.25pm.

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