



HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN SCOTTISH REGIONAL ASSOCIATION



NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the
Annual General Meeting
of the
HRGB Scottish Regional Association
will be held in the Assembly Halls, Wick
on Saturday 16 March 2024
at 11.30am.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of meeting held on 27 March 2023
3. Matters arising
4. Reports
 - 4.1 Chair
 - 4.2 Secretary
 - 4.3 Treasurer
 - 4.4 NEC
 - 4.5 Sales
5. Elections of office bearers to the Scottish Regional Committee
6. Past Events
 - 6.1 National Rally – 14-16 April 2023, Stirling
 - 6.2 Autumn Rally – 7 October 2023, Dunblane
7. Future Events
 - 7.1 National rally 5-7 April 2024, Swanwick, Derbyshire
 - 7.2 Autumn Rally
 - 7.3 International Symposium 2026

8. AOCB

Item(s) should be sent to Ruth Cantlay ruthcantlay@gmail.com by **Saturday 9 March 2024**

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MINUTES OF 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Conducted via Zoom on Monday 27 March 2023

Chairman, John Elcock welcomed everyone who had joined this the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Regional Association of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. Apologies had been received from Lynda Barclay and Elaine Duffus.

The Committee Members were present along with others who had joined this meeting. All paperwork had been sent out via email with the minutes the 2022 Annual General Meeting held on 22 March 2022 shared on screen. These Minutes were adopted as a true record and proposed by Laura Buist and seconded by Ruth Cantlay. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report: John congratulated Lysbeth Wilson on her BEM Award for Services to Handbell Ringing in the New Year Honours List. John went on to thank the Committee for their work throughout the year and for their continued commitment and dedication. There were no questions to the Chair.

Secretary's Report: I have enjoyed the time I have been with you as Secretary, learning about the work that goes on throughout Scotland, and indeed throughout the world with handbells, it is now time to hand over this role. Thank you for your patience with me.

Treasurer's Report: Laura noted that the Balance was at present was £2,125.03. Grateful thanks given to Laura for looking after our accounts.

NEC Representatives: John and Laura were the NEC Representatives. Nothing further to add at this time. NEC minutes are all available on HRGB website.

Sales Manager: Mary MacGregor noted that nothing much has happened over the last year and this was the time to stand down from the Committee. John thanked Mary for her time on the Committee.

Elections to the Regional Committee: Nominations had been received as follows:

Chairperson	John Elcock	prop. Emily Walker	sec. Rosemary Brannan
Secretary	Ruth Cantlay	prop. Susan Macfarlane	sec. Catherine Vost
Treasurer	Laura Buist	prop. Lynda Barclay	sec. Ruth Cantlay
NEC Rep.	Laura Buist	prop. Marge Paterson	sec. Claire Griffiths
NEC Rep	John Elcock	prop. Rosemary Brannan	sec. Emily Walker
Sales Manager			
Magazine Editor	Katrina Gordon	prop. Susan Watson	sec. Susie Dingle
Safeguarding Officer	Claire Griffiths	prop. Christine Reid	sec. Catherine Vost
Distribution Manager	Marge Paterson	prop. Christine Wilson	sec. Margaret Muir

All were elected unopposed. Thank you to all who have agreed to continue following the elections.

Past events:

21 May 2022 Read and Ring, Bankfoot

8 October 2022 Autumn Rally, Bankfoot. It was good to be back ringing with people and not virtually.

Future Events:

Spring Rally – would not be held this year as we were preparing for the National Rally.

National Rally – 14-16 April 2023 at Stirling.

Autumn Rally – 7 October 2023 Dunblane.

Spring Rally and AGM 2024 – To be held in Wick 16 March 2024.

2024 National Rally – 5-7 April 2024 in Swanwick, Derbyshire.

2026 22nd International Symposium, Gateshead.

AOCB:

As there was no other business the meeting was closed with thanks to those in attendance.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023-24

"I for one had a great time". "I thoroughly enjoyed the whole event". "The venue, facilities and food were excellent, and the workshops most enjoyable". "One of the very best National Rallies I have attended".

Just a few of the comments I received following the hugely successful National Rally held at the Stirling Court Hotel, Stirling from 14-16 April. I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who helped before, during and after the event but particularly to Laura Buist, Lynda Barclay, Ruth Cantlay and Judith Frye.

I would like to extend my thanks to Joyce Beattie who stood down as Secretary of the Scottish Regional Association at the 2023 Annual General Meeting. We miss her cheery smile! We are immensely grateful to Ruth Cantlay for taking over.

Mary Macgregor has handed over the job of Sales Manager to Lynda Barclay. May I take this opportunity to thank Mary and her team for looking after the sales table so ably over the years and to Lynda for taking it on.

Laura is standing down as Treasurer and National Executive Committee Representative at the Spring Rally. I thank Laura for her dedication to these posts which she has undertaken with diligence and enthusiasm.

John Elcock

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2023-24

Since our last AGM, our Region hosted the National Rally last April in the Stirling Court Hotel, Stirling. This was a very successful event and the committee received many emails saying how much they had enjoyed the event. The committee were very grateful for all the offers of help given. The committee have been glad of a quieter year!

Sadly, the Parish of Dunkeld Ringers had to fold. In their constitution, it stated that should this happen, one of their sets of bells - The Birnam Bells - were to be gifted to the Scottish Region. This involved quite a bit of work and the committee is extremely grateful to Alan Hartley who drew up the Deeds of Transfer for us. We are pleased to say that straight away the bells are going to be used by a new group in Duddingston.

We had an excellent rally in October hosted by Dunblane Cathedral Handbell Ringers and held in the Victoria Halls. Despite the very severe weather conditions most people managed to attend. The music being used had all been arranged by Lysbeth Wilson in recognition of her BEM award. Unfortunately, Lysbeth was unwell and couldn't attend but with the joys of technology Malcolm was able to connect her with FaceTime so we all could congratulate her and let her hear one of the massed ringing pieces.

Ruth Cantlay

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2023

Copies of the Income and Expenditure Account for 2023 will be available at the AGM.

Since the National Rally was held in Scotland in the spring of 2023, as a regional association we only held one regional rally in the year. This event in Dunblane in October was very well attended and made a profit of £128. The raffle on that day raised £280 which allowed us to donate £150 to the Dunblane Centre Youth Club, the remainder being allocated for young ringers. The sales figures for the year show a deficit £65 but we are well stocked for the spring rally. The rebate from HRGB is similar to last year's at £459, however this includes several new members meaning that we have lost some previous members. Most committee meetings were held on Zoom but one was in person and incurred costs of about £65. Fees to maintain the regional web site were £94. Printing and posting copies of the newsletter to members who have not provided an email address cost £74 and sending the rally information and the AGM details and papers to them cost £38.

The association ends the year in a healthy financial state with £2768 in the current account and although there were no transactions in the deposit account the association was credited with about £200 in interest.

Laura Buist

NEC REPORT 2023-24

The NEC meetings are held on Zoom four times a year and the Scottish representation in 2023 remained John Elcock and Laura Buist. Laura will be standing down from this at the Scottish Region AGM 2024.

Keith Rowlands took over the Chair from Tim Willets at the HRGB AGM in April and after a period when the secretarial duties were performed by a group of members the position at the end of the year is that Judy Gee is performing most of the duties with Jacky Cooper dealing with international matters and Sandra Winter dealing with correspondence. When Judy retires from her employment in the spring she will take over the correspondence too.

Although John Willis is temporarily editing Reverberations there is still a vacancy for the permanent post of editor of Reverberations. Rona Gager has taken on the editorship of Young Vibrations.

There was a move to recruit to officer posts in education, marketing, etc but these proposed posts remain unfilled. With the change in Chair there seems less of a drive to proceed with these posts.

During the year the decision was taken to publish the minutes of the NEC meetings on the HRGB web site (members area) and the minutes are available there to read after approval at the subsequent NEC meeting.

Membership cards will only be issued if specifically requested up until the present stock runs out.

The on-line webinars continue with a variety of topics having been presented and discussed during the year.

Preparations are underway for the UK to host the International Symposium in 2026 at Gateshead.

Laura Buist

SALES REPORT 2023-24

There were 2 events this past year in which the sales team was involved.

At the National Rally hosted by HRGB Scotland held in Stirling we assisted the National sales team by using our stock to augment what could be brought with them, and providing sales staff to help the members who had travelled the long distance from Devon. The second event was the regional rally hosted by DCHR in Dunblane. There were many new faces in attendance and we had a bumper sales day.

On behalf of the regional committee I should like to acknowledge the excellent job carried out by Mary McGregor and Blair Bells for organising and staffing the sales table at all regional events for many years. Now you can attend, relax and enjoy the rallies. Many, many thanks .

They have now passed on the responsibility to Lynda Barclay and Jordanhill HR.

Lynda Barclay

**Nomination of Officers and Committee Members
for HRGB Scottish Region AGM 2024**

In accordance with our Region’s Constitution, “The Regional Committee is to be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Regional Association each year and is to hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting”.

We therefore need to elect a Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer, two NEC Representatives, a Sales Manager, a Magazine Distribution Manager and Committee Members.

Nomination Forms should be sent to Ruth Cantlay, 25, Craighdu Road, Milngavie, Glasgow, G62 7TN ruthcantlay@gmail.com by **Saturday 9 March 2024**.

Proposers and Seconders, as well as Nominees, must be current members of HRGB.

I wish to propose.....

of (team name).....

for the position of

Proposed by (*please PRINT*).....

Date.....

Seconded by (*please PRINT*).....

Date.....

Nominee to complete:

I confirm that I am willing to serve in the above position if elected at the 2024 AGM.

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