

## **EAR AGM – 19/03/11**

### **Website Management Report**

Since the last AGM there have been no significant changes made to the website, which is still hosted on the HRGB Webserver.

During the year the News Page has generally been kept up to date with Regional Events information and your committee has tried to ensure that copies of application forms for all our events are made available “on-line” to back-up those directly mailed to team leaders.

Last month all EAR members should have had the opportunity to answer a questionnaire about the sort of activities both teams and individuals wish the committee to organize. A “link” was placed on the website to allow the form to be completed “on-line” and directly submitted.

In the past I have regularly received good quality copies of photographs taken at local, regional, national and international event. For some reason that hasn't happened this year which is a pity because it means the Past Events Page has not been updated as often. It would be nice to think that during the coming year most teams across the region would try to let me have photographs of events and activities they take part in. I will always pass onto Kathy ones which I think would look good in the EAR Magazine but beware she may well then chase someone for a short write-up on the event.

The Team Page has been updated to include new teams formed in the region and sadly to remove at least one name where a team is no longer active.

Last year we suggested that teams in the region might like to advertise items of handbell equipment which they no longer needed on the website but so far no one has taken up that option. There is currently one potential advert for spare Malmark bell cases which I know of. If anyone thinks they might be interested please speak to me later.

Everyone must be aware that technology changes very rapidly in the world of computing and I strongly believe that any website should if at all possible be completely re-designed every so often. I have been responsible for the EAR website for several years and, whilst I am happy to carry on for this year, I feel it would be beneficial for the region to identify someone with the knowledge to redesign the whole site, perhaps making it more interactive, and then to take over the task of its regularly updating content.

**Keith Hammond**