

# British Top Band DF Association

## Annual General Meeting

### 08 February 2026

This meeting was held on-line.

Present: Doreen Pechey, Bill Pechey, Colin Merry, Rosie Merry, Geoffrey Foster, Dick Brocks, Roy Emeny, Graham Phillips, Tim Parker, Paul Clark, Phil Arnold, Chris Plummer (part time).

### Apologies for absence

Justin Snow, Justin Oldham, Peter Lisle.

### Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were approved.

### Matters Arising

Newbury Rally was cancelled last year so we couldn't take part.

### Election of Officers

The following were appointed *nem con*.

Chairman – Colin Merry  
Secretary – Bill Pechey  
Treasurer – Rosie Merry  
Contest Manager – Geoffrey Foster

### Chairman's Report

Last year we held four qualifiers plus the final; it is hoped that we can do better this year. The website needs updating and further improvement; Bill will get it done. The Newbury rally was cancelled because of road closures last year so we were unable to run a stand.

### Treasurer's Report

The accounts were accepted *nem con*.

### Subscriptions

It was agreed to set the subscription at £10 after some years of not charging. It was agreed to send £60 to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Ian Butson.

### Events Calendar

Essex 22 March. Others TBD. Chris Plummer offered to run an event in June. The final will be held on 27 September – no offers yet. Torbay offered to run the last Qualifier. It was suggested that the final could perhaps be a joint effort between Mid-Thames and Torbay. [Secretary's note: Mid-Thames has since agreed to run the final (Alan) and a qualifier (Bill).]

### AOB

It seems appropriate to celebrate 100 years of DF. Perhaps an article in Practical Wireless could be arranged? It was agreed not to run a stall at the Newbury Rally. Bill has found the missing laptop in his study. He was very apologetic.

### Date of next year's AGM

TBA.

### Outline Programme for 2026

| Event                                | Date         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Essex (also the Snowman event)       | 22 March     |
| Stratford (Geoffrey Foster)          | April/May    |
| Mid-Thames                           | June/July    |
| Kent                                 | 26 July      |
| Stoke                                | June         |
| Torbay                               | 23 August    |
| National Final (Mid Thames/ Torbay?) | 27 September |