

Minutes of the South East District Meeting held at Coddenham 1st June 2013

Welcome: The chairman welcomed more than thirty people to the meeting. She thanked the vicar and churchwardens for making the church available, everyone who had provided food for the “bring and share” tea and Kate Eagle for organising the drinks etc.

Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Alan and Micky McBurnie, Peter and Jane Harper, Sally and Alan Munnings, Marian Saker, Ray Lewis, Ralph and Ellie Earey

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting at Debenham: There were no matters arising from the minutes, and were proposed by John Girt and seconded by Chris Garner. The minutes were accepted by the meeting

Election of New Members: There were 8 new members proposed for election;

Lynette Tucker for Wickham Market proposed by Ray Lewis and seconded by Anne Buswell

Jacqueline Attwood for Tunstall proposed by Richard Wilson and seconded by Christine Murdoch

Sam Fortmann for Campsea Ashe proposed by Glenys Fear and seconded by David Clough

Emma Driver for Parham proposed by Jos Slade and seconded by David Clough

Claire Allsop and Alfie Allsop for Hacheston proposed by David Clough and seconded by Jos Slade

James Brady for Hacheston proposed by David Clough and seconded by Glenys Fear

Hazel Woodard for Hacheston proposed by David Clough and seconded by Helen Brookes

The new members were duly elected by the meeting, and the Chairman said how good it was to have 3 of the new members present at the meeting.

Reports:

- i) Ringing Master:** The Ringing Master reviewed the ringing done since the previous meeting. Firstly that the clapper had fallen out during the ringing at Helmingham after the meeting at Debenham. There was no ringing in April because of the Guild AGM, and that the district and guild striking competitions were well supported this year. He congratulated the winning teams, and commented that it was lovely to have so many people taking part and of such a good standard. The chairman thanked the ringing master for his report.
- ii) Treasurer:** The treasurer reported on the accounts for the last quarter and the number of subscriptions collected, together with the number outstanding.
- iii) Recruitment and Training:** There were ITTS events held at Helmingham and Mildenhall. All reports back from these have been positive. Catch up sessions need to be carefully considered to ensure the right focus and aims are achieved by

teachers, mentors and students. The R & T notes devised by David Salter are to be reviewed and updated, and the R & T committee will put together a leaflet.

iv) Belfry Advisory Committee: Once again, there was not anything of relevance to the district to report. The frame at Clopton will be back soon, and the bells should be back in July.

Committee Structure following the AGM rule change: The Chairman read the rule change to the meeting. The Guild Chairman had explained at the guild AGM that 5 representatives from each district was sufficient, and that these representatives should want to make a difference in the running of the guild. The district committee has discussed that the committee structure needed clarification, and may perhaps consist of the Ringing Master, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 R & T representatives, Magazine Correspondent and the 5 'tower group' representatives. It was also suggested that at least 1 GMC representative should be the Ringing Master, Chairman or Secretary.

Shirley Girt suggested that if the committee consisted of lots of people, this would make for longer committee meetings. John Girt agreed that GMC representatives should want to be at meetings, and that better two-way communication would be achieved through committee members serving on the GMC. There were no other comments from the floor. The Chairman suggested any further comments be sent through to the secretary for discussion at the next committee meeting.

Any Other Business: The Chairman spoke of recent correspondence from George Pipe to Chris Garner. A message of thanks for support and best wishes from Diana and George was circulated via the email system.

Jenny Scase asked the meeting for any volunteers free on 15th June to assist in setting up and manning the simulator at Helmingham for an open day.

The Chairman wished all those taking part in the Ridgman Trophy well.

The meeting was closed, and ringing at Coddenham began shortly after this.

It was good to see that Alan Smith was able to come along to the church to hear the evening ringing and catch up with friends.