

Minutes of the South East District QDM on Saturday 30th August 2014 at Winston

Welcome; Mary Garner (Acting Chairman) welcomed the meeting to Winston, and thanked the ringers at Debenham for the wonderful tea, to Revd Patrick Cotton for taking the service and to Alan Page for playing the organ. The Acting Chairman also wished to thank the District Chairman, Ralph Earey, for nominating her to take his place for the meeting today!

Apologies; Apologies were received from Kate Eagle, Ray Lewis, Ralph Earey, Peter and Jane Harper and Revd Brian Redgers.

Remembrances; There were no remembrances from the District.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting in June; The minutes were accepted and signed by the Acting Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes; Christmas ringing in Ipswich will be organised by Jane Harper. However, there will not be parking available at St Margaret's School for the event. The Acting Chairman wished to record thanks to Jane Harper for taking on the organisation of this event.

Election of New Members; David Goldin of Orford was proposed by Richard Moody and seconded by Christine Murdoch. The meeting duly elected him to the Guild, and the Acting Chairman congratulated him on his election.

Reports;

Ringing Master; The Ringing Master spoke about the practices since the previous meeting. The practice at Offton in July was well attended, with good ringing from call changes to Surprise Major. The quarter peals in August were, once again, successful with three out of four quarters scored. Congratulations to Tess Styles and Matt Newson on ringing their first quarter and first quarter inside respectively. The Vestey Ring was at Rendlesham Village Fete manned by ringers from the District. Thanks to all those who gave up their time to ring. Quarter peal fortnight will run for two weeks from 18th October 2014 - 2nd November 2014.

Recruitment and Training; The Ringing Master reported that there had been a meeting, where R & T notes had been updated and were ready to publish. John Girt asked how these notes compare and link up with the ITTS scheme. The Ringing Master said that it did link up and reinforce what was taught in the ITTS scheme, and would help not just new ringers, but would also help those teaching too.

GMC; The Ringing Master gave a brief account of the previous GMC meeting. There would be a discussion at the next GMC meeting with regards to make funds available for ringing training e.g. simulators. The Guild team came fourth in the Ridgman Trophy in June. There has been a small committee set up to discuss arrangements for the Guild Striking Competitions, and at present nothing has been set in stone. Philip Gorrod will assist the Report Editor in proof reading the next Annual Report. The Guild AGM will be at Felixstowe, with an exhibition of George Pipe's ringing memorabilia as part of the day. The Guild Technical Advisor is looking at appointing District Advisors, so please think about

someone to take on this role. The Guild Secretary and Treasurer will finish their five years in office, so have a think about who will fill these posts.

John Girt enquired if the GMC had spoken about St Nicholas, Ipswich. The Ringing Master stated that there had been communication between Stephen Pettman and the Chairman (Ralph Earey), and that at present the Guild Technical Advisor thought it would not be advisable to make suggestions to the Church without a formal invitation from them first to inspect the bells.

John Girt also commented that the Guild eight bell competition used to only include one team from each district, and if this was still the case then there would not have been problems of the competition overrunning. Chris Garner said that if the changeover of teams had been smoother then there would not have been these problems.

John Girt enquired whether there would be a calendar in the Guild Report, as it had been omitted from the previous report. Chris Garner stated that much of the information has changed by half way through the year, and is all available on the What's On and the Guild Website.

BAC; John Taylor reported that there had not been a meeting since the previous District Quarterly meeting in June. Jonathan Stevens addressed the BAC regarding the new striking meter, and Winston Girling is proposing to ring a sponsored peal to raise funds to purchase another striking meter. John Taylor suggested that Jonathan Stevens might perhaps come to Earl Stonham to look at a slow turning bell. John Girt enquired whether it was necessary to ring a sponsored peal to raise money for a new striking meter, as £260 was not an unreasonable amount to ask from the Guild. This will be readdressed at the BAC. Chris Garner asked why another striking meter was needed. There are currently two striking meters, one is Jonathan Stevens', and the other is Alan Moult's. John Taylor suggested that it was to maintain communication with towers and districts.

Young Ringers; George Salter had previously submitted a report to be read by the Acting Chairman. The report stated that the young ringers had done well at the Ringing World National Youth Competition, coming third in the method competition and fourth overall. There had been several quarter peals to celebrate GCSE and A Level results over the summer. Preparation is now under way for practices and events towards the end of the year. The young ringers are grateful of support from the District and Guild, and hope to continue this and encourage more young ringers to come forward and attend practices.

District Outing; The Ringing Master urged members to take away the itinerary for the outing planned for Saturday 1st November. Some towers were still to be confirmed, and the Ringing Master reminded members to let him know if they would be coming, and to check the What's On and website for updates.

AOB; Sally Munnings wished to congratulate Lillian Caudle for her Hundredth Birthday on Friday 5th September, and that there would be ringing at Debenham from 3pm - 4.30pm on this day.

There will be an exhibition around Debenham, Winston and Pettaugh to celebrate the centenary of the Diocese, so please help to support this event.

John Girt addressed the meeting requesting three more ringers to ring for a wedding at St Margaret's, Ipswich. Please let him know if you can help.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm, followed by evening ringing at Debenham until 8.30pm.

