

**Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers  
Winchester District**

**Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013 in the Parish Church of SS Peter and Paul, King's Somborne.**

The meeting started at 1.00 p.m., with 18 members of the District (representing nine towers with two members unattached) present.

The Chairman, John Palk, opened the meeting with a welcome to those present and with thanks to the tower captains and the incumbents, the Revds Watkins and Corne for the use of the bells at King's Somborne and Broughton.

**Apologies for absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Glover and David Strong.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** Subject to a correction in the method rang by Team A (Lockerley) in the Striking Competition – Plain Bob, not Grandsire, Doubles, the minutes of the previous Quarterly District Meeting held on 11 May in the Coffee Room, Ropley, were accepted as a true record on a show of hands.

**Matters Arising.** Aside from items on the agenda, there were no matters arising.

**Loss of Members through Death:** George Eastwood (Sherfield English), Prisca Tremeer (LM) (New Alresford and St John, Jersey):

**Confirmation of belfry elections.**

*Compounding members:*

George M Salter of Ipswich prior to a peal at St Lawrence, Ipswich on 26 July 2013; Julian Colman and Nathan B Colman, both of Stowmarket, Suffolk, and Paul J Norris of Brooke, Norfolk, prior to a peal at Wilby on 28 July 2013; all proposed by Roy LeMarechal, seconded by Graham Wright.

**Election of new member.**

*Ringling member:*

Caroline Y Gannon of Sherfield English proposed by Caroline Daniels, seconded John Palk.

All confirmed on a show of hands.

Certificates were taken for Ann Logan and Delyse Rowley of Barton Stacey.

**Ringling Masters.** Following the recent resignation of Mike and Lucy Hopkins Till as joint ringling masters to the District, the chairman appealed for volunteers to fill the vacancies. Jenny Watson enquired what was involved and Tony Smith explained that the role did not necessarily require great skill in ringling and teaching, but more organizational skills in delivering the District's educational programme and initiatives. He mentioned previous successful ringling masters, Carrie Eisenhauer and Jen Churchill. Bruce Purvis summed up the role as that of an Education Officer.

**District Web Master.** Rosemary Oakeshott reminded the meeting, once more, that she wished to stand down from the post of District Web Master and appealed for a volunteer to succeed her.

### **Future Events.**

The following events were planned:- 30 August: Young Ringers' Outing; 1-30: the chairman asked for anyone attending or prepared to offer help to contact Jen Churchill; September: Best-kept Tower Review Period; 4 September: District Practice at Winchester Cathedral: the treasurer offered to contact Peter Hill to see if he would be prepared to lead the ringing; 7 September: Inter-District 10-bell Striking Competition, East Meon: the treasurer volunteered to raise a District team; 21 September: District Outing, North-West Wiltshire: the chairman outlined the day's itinerary. The question of whether and where to have tea remained unresolved: Jenny Watson suggested people might like to bring their own so that there could be an impromptu picnic; 12 October: Training session: Beyond Bob Minor, at Broughton: the treasurer deprecated the clash of date between the District and Guild events, and Mike Hayward was asked whether the session might be held some time in November; 12 October: Guild Education Day: Maintenance and Stedman Doubles, at Kingsclere; 19 October-3 November: Quarter-Peal and Peal Fortnight; 2 November: Guild Education Day: Listening Skills, at Lockerley; 9 November: Quarterly Meeting and Education Day at Bishopstoke; 7 December: Carol Service at Easton; 21 January 2014: District Practice at Twyford (subject to confirmation); 8 February 2014: Annual District Meeting at North Stoneham.

### **Any other business.**

A first quarter-peal certificate was taken for Bradley Lewis.

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund raised £16.35.

The meeting closed at 1.20 p.m.