

**Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild  
Winchester District**

**Minutes of the QDM held on 8 November 2008 at Lockerley Village Hall**

**1. Chairman's Welcome**

Peter Hill welcomed everybody after a successful Education afternoon of Grandsire Triples or Doubles held at Lockerley and Tytherley churches. He thanked Lockerley and Tytherley ringers for the use of their bells and also for providing us with a lovely tea.

Peter also welcomed our visitors Charlotte Colliss, and John & Ena Owen from the USA. He also welcomed David Strong, the Guild Master, who is a new member to the district.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Mike Hayward, Andrew Craddock and Andrew Johnson

**3. Election of New Members**

*Confirmation of Probationary Members*

5 August – Hursley

Andy Morgan, Martha Morgan, Julie Jordan

Proposed by Peter Hill

Seconded by Christine Hill

30 September – Hursley

Charlotte Stansbury

Proposed by Peter Hill

Seconded by Christine Hill

4 November – Twyford

Christopher Pope

Proposed by Andrew Johnson

Seconded by Jennie Richardson

*Compounding Members*

25 October 2008

Jessie H MacLeod or Broughton in Furness

Matthew J Edwards of Glasgow Cathedral

William J Dawson of Southwark Cathedral

All Proposed by Jonathan C Hetherington

All seconded by Peter W J Sheppard

Prior to a peal at Inveraray

**4. Minutes of Last Quarterly Meeting**

Proposed by Roy LeMarechal

Seconded by Elizabeth Johnson

These were approved by the meeting and signed by Peter Hill as a true account.

**5. Matters Arising from the previous minutes**

Elizabeth Johnson gave an update on the collection for Harare. There was a letter in the Ringing World thanking everyone who had donated. The total collected was £3485.

## **6. Presentation of Certificates**

None presented at the meeting.

## **7. Events since the last meeting**

Jen Churchill– On the 29 August lots of young ringers went on an outing to three churches in the district. They started at Northington where they were allowed to look at the bells in motion. Then they went onto Brown Candover. They had a picnic lunch and a game of rounders. For the last church they went to Old Alresford. A full report is available on the District website.

Peter Hill thanked Christine Hill and Jen Churchill for organising the very successful outing.

Christine Hill– The quarter peal was very successful for the district with a total of 21 quarters taking place.

Peter Hill– Unfortunately the District outing was unable to take place due to a lack of people being able to attend. Peter thanked Ken Warner for all his effort and suggested that we ask Ken to arrange an outing for the new year. This was agreed by the meeting.

The 12 bell practice at Winchester went well.

## **8. Future Events**

District Carol Service – 6 December. We hope to have a choir. David Strong has offered to play the organ. There is a selection of nice hymns. Mince pies and Mulled wine will be available. There will be no need to book tea.

6 February 2009 – There will be a 12 bell practice at Hursley from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. All are welcome.

7 January 2009 – District Practice at Cheriton. All are welcome.

## **9. Any Other Business**

Rosemary talked about the District website. All events and posters are advertised on it. They are put up in different formats so that it is easily accessible for all. Roy LeMarechal commented that it was very useful. Elizabeth Johnson asked if Old Alresford's practice on Monday could be put on the website.

Best Kept Tower – This will be sent out with the minutes and poster for Carol Service. Elizabeth Johnson spoke about how Avington had to put together a faculty to input the extra 2 bells to make the tower a ring of 5. 7 people objected to it. She is still unsure as to what has happened.

Clare Griffiths– The BRF raised £24.00

There being no other business, Peter Hill thanked everyone for attending, and closed the meeting at 17.35