



# THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Founded 26 June 1879 as the Winchester Diocesan Guild

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CHRISTCHURCH & SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT SECRETARY

## Christchurch and Southampton District ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Minutes of the Annual District Meeting held at SS Peter and Paul, Ringwood  
after ringing, followed by a Service and evening ringing

- 1. Chairman's Welcome:** Andy Ingram thanked ringers for attending the meeting good to see the increased in numbers over the last couple of years. He thanked the vicar for Rev. Dr. David Miell conducting an enjoyable service and the organist Susan Harmer for a rousing accompaniment to the hymns. Also, many thanks to the team at the Ringwood for the delicious tea. He welcomed Guild Vice-Master Christine Hill.

Guild Vice-Master Christine Hill thanked for the warm welcome. She proceeded to talk about guild activities including about how people can become more active in the guild and get involved in various committees

- 2. Loss of Members:** None
- 3. Apologies for Absence** were received from Steve Castle, Alan Ellesmore, Graham Hounslow, Kim Matthews, Penelope Samuel, Richard Samuel, Phil Clarke, Brenda Knight, William Holmes, Josh Othen, David Forder Margaret Forder, Colin Butler, and Tim Martin.
- 4. Minutes of the Meetings held Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at St Nicholas, Brockenhurst:** Chairman Andy Ingram signed the Minutes of the meeting. Proposed Polly and seconded Liz
- 5. Matters Arising from these Minutes:**

Steve Hough had asked in September that we should try and avoid clashing Guild and District Events on the same day. The Committee has tried to take this into account. Derek had asked in September about district finance through Steeplege this will be covered later in the meeting.

Rosalind Martin – District Quarter Peals – Ringers for March Grandsire Triples
- 6. Secretary's Report:** The report was accepted by the meeting. Rosalind Martin gave Vote of thanks for the ringing masters and Sallie Ingram who runs the Youth practice for their hard work and making all practices fun. Derek Jackson asked that the secretary keep a note of Youths ringing their first peal so that it can be passed to the national initiative.

**7. Treasurer's Report:** Rob Bury passed on thanks to Rosemary Rogers in making sure things added up! Bell ringing fund not adjusted properly £76.70. Rob Bury proposing Seconded John Davey. The report was accepted by the meeting.

**8. Ringing Masters' Reports:** The report was accepted by the meeting.

**9. Guild Executive Committee Report:** The report was accepted by the meeting.

**10. Webmaster's Report:** We are in the lead for district posting the most news. We are getting about 1000 hits to the website. The report was accepted by the meeting.

### 11. Election of New Members

New Members				
Sacred Heart, Bournemouth	Ben Jennings Frank Scott Teresa Draper	Kim Matthews	Christopher Smithies	Probationer Probationer Probationer
Hinton	Romy Coldman Fiona Beale	Robin Wilson	Gill Wilson	Prob > Full Probationer
Southampton City Centre	Joe Wilkinson Ben Pearce	Colin Butler	Steve Castle	Probationer Probationer
Christchurch	Helen Penny	Rosalind Martin	Rosemary Rogers	Prob > Student

### 12. 2016 District Programme of Events:

Programme was circulated to all tower secretaries

**13. Election of Officers:** Chairman Andy Ingram invited Guild Vice-Master Christine Hill to take the Chair for the Election of District Chairman. Andy re-took the Chair after he was re-elected. It was noted that Rob Bury wanted to step down as Treasurer. Andy Ingram thanked him for his work for the district over the last 4 years. Liz Davey brought forward a vote of Thanks for Rosalind Martin for all her hard work and enthusiasm in her role as Web Master

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Andy Ingram	Polly Osbourne	Liz Davey
Vice-Chairman	Polly Osborne	John Davey	Liz Davey
Secretary	Sallie Ingram	John Davey	Polly Osbourne
Treasurer	Liz Davey	David Lay	John Davey
Ringing Masters	Colin Butler Liz Davey	Tony Webster	John Davey
Executive Committee Representative	Steve Castle	John Davey	Polly Osbourne
Webmaster	Graham Hounslow	Rosalind Martin	Chris Wright
Independent Examiner	Rosemary Rogers	Liz Davey	Rob Bury

#### **14. Charges for Tea:**

Keep at £2.50 proposed by John Davey seconded by Polly Osbourne. Tony Webster clarified historical reason for set charges

Proposal for under 18's tea for free by Rosalind Martin seconded by David Lay. Can people specify when booking teas how many people under 18's there are.

#### **15. Any Other Business:**

- £25 Donation to Brockenhurst for use of the bells for Youth Practices for the whole year. Andy Ingram proposed John Davey Seconded
- Doubles practice for February will be cancelled at Lymington
- Tony Webster informed us of Volunteers Fair at Lyndhurst this year in January. Maybe look to having a stall next year.

The Meeting was concluded so that evening ringing could take place.