

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

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held Saturday 10 May 2008 at Broughton

The District Striking competition was held and results were given before the service.

The judges were Colin Butler and Steve Castle

The results were as follows

Call Changes:

1st Romsey (JH's band) 27 faults

2nd King Somborne 47 faults

3rd Romsey (MD's band) 50 faults

Change Ringing:

1st Hursley men 17 faults

2nd Bishopstoke 23 faults

3rd Hursley ladies 41 faults

4th New Alresford 46 faults

5th Lockerley 63 faults

Welcome to members and visitors

Peter Hill welcomed the 28 members to the meeting. He thanked Sally Josling for organising the lovely tea provided before the meeting and thanked everyone who had helped provide the food. Peter thanked the vicar the Rev. Ron Corne and lay reader Gina Livermore for taking the service and also thanked the organist Gillian Cole.

Apologies for absences

Charlotte Meader had received no apologies prior to the meeting. John Croft (Unattached) sent his apologies to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were previously circulated and were also available at the meeting. They were proposed by Jonathan C Hetherington, seconded by Christine Hill and agreed unanimously.

Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

None

Election of New Members

Confirmation of Probationary Members

Candover Valley

13 February 2008

Katie Wheelwright

Proposed by Jean Kelly and Seconded by Jill Parr

Candover Valley

3 March 2008

Philip Geddes, Denise Fraser-Urquhart, Terry Frost and Shaun Howcroft

Proposed by Jean Kelly and Seconded by John Howes

Romsey Abbey

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Rhiannon Begg, Peter Thompson, Owen Collick, Catherine Stokes, Benjamin Stokes, Abigail Williams and Andrew Welch

Proposed by Elizabeth J Hetherington and Seconded by Jonathan C Hetherington

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Compounding Members

17 March 2008

Michael J Pomeroy of St Mary's, Limerick

Proposed by Roy LeMarechal and Seconded by John P Colliss

Prior to a peal at Christchurch, Dublin

27 March 2008

Elaine M Hansen and Cally D Perry of Boston, Massachusetts

Proposed by Thomas J Hinks and Seconded by James Croft

Prior to a peal at Marblehead, Massachusetts

New Ringing Members

Romsey Abbey

10 May 2008

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Proposed by Elizabeth J Hetherington and Seconded by Jonathan C Hetherington

All were elected unanimously.

Certificates for those elected at the ADM were presented.

Best Kept Tower Competition

Towers would be invited to enter, a set of criteria will be published and then an "inspector" will do a surprise visit (or a plain one if not up to Cambridge (tee hee). Contributions to the inspection criteria welcome.

Results at District ADM and small prize to the winners.

Bookstall

A selection of the more popular ringing books to be purchased as display copies - possible one or two books to be bought in larger numbers (Diagrams/one-per-learner?) to sell at the time. Others could be ordered and paid for then collected at the next meeting. Suggest the books go to each district event.

John Palk to run the bookstall with an initial float of £50 to start it off.

Any Other Business

Edmund had seen a few mistakes in the minutes of the AGM. These were discussed and corrected after the meeting had finished.

There being no other business, Peter closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.