

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

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held on Saturday 8th August 2009 at King's Worthy

The quarterly meeting was held at King's Worthy half way through a circular walk which started at Avington, where the group was the first visiting band to ring the new 5. After the meeting the walk resumed on a route back to Avington, via Easton.

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, Peter Hill, welcomed some 21 members and one visitor to the meeting, which opened at 2.15pm.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Clare Griffiths, Caroline Fairley, John and Bren Palk, and Theo and Andrew Johnson.

Minutes of the May 9th QDM

Christine Hill proposed the acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Andrew Craddock, and agreed unanimously.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Odd struckness measuring device – Peter Hill reported that David Bagley's device costs £255 + VAT which he did not consider a worthwhile investment for the district.

Guild Striking Competitions

The chairman congratulated the district band on winning inter district striking competition at Highclere in July, and Bishopstoke on their success in the 8 bell district inter tower competition in May, in which Romsey Abbey came second and Hursley third..

Election of New Members

Compounding Members

24th May 2009 Lenard J Mitchell of Liverpool Cathedral

Proposed by Roy LeMarechal and seconded by Clare J Griffiths prior to a peal at Bitterne Park

Confirmation of Probationary Members

Cheriton 5th August 2009 Isobel Wolf Prop Caroline Fairley, sec. Edmund Wratten

Hursley 27th May 2009 Andy Green Prop C. Hill, sec. K Hill

New Ringing Members

Cheriton Philip Clarkson Prop. Caroline Fairley, sec. Edmund Wratten

These were all confirmed/elected unanimously.

Presentation of Certificates

Membership certificates were taken for:

Chloe Breen (Crawley)

Daisy Brown (Cheriton)

Charlotte Stansbury (Hursley)

Paul Fitzgerald (Wonston).

Future Events

Aug 11 Surprise Major Practice (Hursley)

Aug 12 District Practice (Winchester Cathedral)

Sept 1 Young Ringers Outing (The Clatfords and Abbots Ann)
Organised by Jen Churchill

Sept 8 Surprise Major Practice (Hursley)

Sept 19 Quarter Peal Week 19th-27th

The ringing masters are willing to help find extra ringers or conductors at any time.

Oct 3 District Outing

Wincanton, Charlton Horethorne, Sandford Orcas, Nether Compton, Milborne Port, Henstridge

- Oct 13 Surprise Major Practice (Hursley)
Oct 16 District Practice (New Alresford)
Nov 10 Surprise Major Practice (Hursley)
Nov 14 QDM & and Education Event & Beetle Drive (Cheriton & Tichborne)
The ringing masters would welcome suggestions for education.

Any Other Business

Best kept tower competition – entries to Peter Hill by the end of September.

Judy Bishop thought the walk had been a lovely idea. Christine Hill was thanked for the organisation.

Chris Hill reported that there had been a good response to the questionnaire about wedding fees. The results will be posted on the web and circulated to towers.

BRF collection raised £10.

Elizabeth Johnson reported that the Harare bells and tower are now Ok but the ringers are not yet back..

Edmund Wratten thanked the ringers for the donation at Avington. There is Sunday ringing at Avington about once a month and help from ringers would be very welcome. Anyone willing to help should contact Sara. Janssen. The need for ringers will be advertised on the district website and winport yahoo group. David Strong suggested that Dave Kelly of the Keltek Trust should be invited to ring.

The meeting closed at 2.50pm