

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

Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held on Saturday 9th May 2009 at Wonston

Following the Striking Competitions a service was held in Wonston Church, and everyone then migrated to the village hall for tea.

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman, Peter Hill, welcomed some 27 members to the meeting which opened at 5.45pm. He thanked the vicar of Barton Stacey, Rev Mark Bayley for holding the service and the Wonston ringers for their hospitality and excellent tea. He also thanked the vicar of Wonston, the Rev Sue Foster and the ringers for the use of the bells.

Striking Competition

The Chairman introduced the striking competition judge, Dennis Chapman, who announced the following results:

Call Changes:

Team 1	Wonston	17 faults.
Team 2	Romsey Abbey	32 faults.
Team 3	Sparsholt & Crawley	13 faults.

Method Competition:

Team 1	Romsey Abbey	33 faults.
Team 2	Hursley Boys	12 faults.
Team 3	Bishopstoke	22 faults.
Team 4	Hursley Girls	31 faults.

The trophies were presented to Hursley Boys, and Sparsholt & Crawley. The judge was thanked and presented with a bottle of wine.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Jen Churchill and Elizabeth Johnson.

Minutes of the 2009 ADM

Christine Hill proposed the acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Janice Higgins, and agreed unanimously.

Matters arising from the Minutes

District outing will be on Oct 3rd. Organised by Jen Churchill and the Hill family, probably to Dorset. Odd struckness measuring device – Peter Hill will discuss this with Ian McCallion.

Election of New Members

Confirmation of Probationary Members

Romsey Abbey 22 Feb 2009 Rachel Norris Prop A Glover, sec J Hetherington

Compounding Members

7th March 2009 Paul A Cammiade

Proposed R LeMarechal, seconded Anthony P Smith prior to a peal at St.Michael's, Southampton.

14th March 2009 Timothy C Hine of Stafford, David I Stanford of Burgh, Suffolk

Proposed by Graham J Wright and seconded by Roy LeMarechal prior to a peal at Stradbroke, Suffolk

14th March 2009 Louis P H Suggett of Bardwell, Suffolk, Richard J Munnings of St.Mary-Le-Tower, Ipswich

Proposed by Clare J Griffiths and seconded by John P Colliss prior to a peal at Beccles, Suffolk

These were all confirmed unanimously.

New Ringing Members

Crawley Chloe Breen

Proposed by Edmund J Wratten and seconded by Amanda Bayford

Sparsholt John Wesley

Proposed by Edmund J Wratten and seconded by John Cleverley

Cheriton Daisy Brown

Proposed by Gary Brown and seconded by Edmund J Wratten

Hursley Charlotte Stansbury

Proposed by Janice Higgins and seconded by Ken Warner

Wonston Paul Fitzgerald

Proposed by Gerry Cornick and seconded by Peter Barrett

These were all elected unanimously.

Presentation of Certificates

A Best Kept Tower certificate was presented to Lockerley.

First Peal certificates were presented to Charlotte Meader, and taken for Jonathan Daniels, both of Romsey.

A First Quarter Peal certificate was presented to Charlotte Stansbury (Hursley).

Membership certificates were taken for Carol Higgins & Kate Clarke (Lockerley), John Stammers (King's Somborne), Hannah Cooper (Sparsholt), Margaret Eltham (Compton), Johanna and James Duquenoy (North Stoneham), Jennifer Baxter, Celia Ali, Lynne Woodward (Winchester Cathedral).

Future Events

The Chairman drew particular attention to:

The Guild inter Tower striking Competition on May 16th,

The QDM on August 8th. A picnic and meeting at King's Worthy will be preceded by a walking tour in the Itchen Valley.

The District Practice at Winchester Cathedral on 12th August.

A Social Event is planned following the Education Afternoon and QDM at Cheriton on November 14th. Food with either a quiz or a Beetle Drive is suggested.

A Young Ringers Outing is planned for late August or early September.

Any Other Business

Envelopes for certificates were suggested by Edmund Wratten, but this was not thought practical.

BRF collection raised £25.

Wonston ringers generously donated the money from the church collection to the BRF (£45).

The meeting closed at 6.18pm.