

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

**Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held on Saturday 14th November 2009 at Cheriton.**

**Chairman's Welcome.**

The Chairman, Peter Hill, opened the meeting at 5.00pm. He thanked everyone who had made the education afternoon a success; Jen Churchill for the organisation, Edmund for the conducting, and all the learners and helpers.

He welcomed 2 visitors (Ben Carey and Charlotte Colliss) and some 29 members.

He reported the sad loss of Tim Wyeth of Ropley. The meeting stood for a minute's silence.

**Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Ian Redway.

**Minutes of the Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 2009 QDM.**

After the minutes had been amended to correct a spelling mistake and to make it clear that the ringing at Avington had been a first by a visiting band, Jen Churchill proposed their acceptance; seconded by Elizabeth Johnson and agreed unanimously.

**Matters arising from the Minutes.**

10 bell striking competition.

Winchester won. Thanks to Chris Hill for calling and to all who attended.

Young Ringers' Outing.

A very good outing with 3 towers and a cricket match.

Quarter Peal Week.

9 quarters scored, all in different towers.

The ringing masters are always willing to provide extra ringers and conductors.

District Outing.

Was successful and quite well supported; but more ringers would have been welcome for the heavy 8 in Milborne Port.

Next year there will be a walking outing in Oxford on September 11th.

Best Kept Tower Competition.

The winners were Easton (the only tower to enter). At the ADM members will be asked if they want a competition.

**Election of New Members.**

Confirmation of Probationary Members.

Cheriton, 5th August 2009.

Isobel Wolf, proposed Caroline Fairley, seconded Edmund Wratten.

Lockerley & East Tytherley, 4th Sept 2009.

Susie Case, proposed Joy Scanlan, seconded Brenda Palk.

New Alresford, 25th Sept 2009.

Marilyn Weston, Matthew James & Patrick Barber, proposed Andrew Johnson, seconded Ian Redway.

Broughton, 9th Nov 2009.

Dr Desmond Graves, proposed Mike Hayward, seconded Sally Josling.

Candover Valley.

Lewis Howcroft & Joselin Turner, proposed Jill Parr, seconded by Carol Herring.

The members were confirmed en bloc.

**Presentation of Certificates.**

Membership certificates were taken for:.

Philip Clarkson of Cheriton

Charlotte Breen, Nicola Breen and Robert Orlebar, all of Crawley.

First Quarter Peal Certificates were presented to:.

Andy Green of Hursley.

Hannah Cooper of Sparsholt.

**Future Events.**

Dec 5th Carol Service (Old Alresford).

Elizabeth Johnson has organised this with ringing before the service (at 4.00pm) and mince pies and mulled wine afterwards. Posters have been circulated.

It is hoped that it will be well supported this year.

Dec 8th Jan 12th Feb 9th Surprise Major Practice (Hursley).

These are going well with the ringing ranging from single methods to 8 spliced, and Cambridge to Glasgow. All ringers are welcome.

Jan 18th District Practice (Sparsholt).

Feb 13th ADM (Bishopstoke).

**Any Other Business.**

District Officers.

Clare Griffiths is standing down as treasurer, and Jen Churchill as ringing master, after several years of valuable service.

Quarterly Meetings.

Peter Hill suggested that we should consider whether quarterly business meetings were needed. The issue will be discussed at the ADM.

BRF collection raised £17 (later supplemented with £50 from the raffle at the Beetle Drive).

The meeting closed at 5.18pm.

Following the meeting there was open ringing at Cheriton and a very successful Beetle Drive. Special thanks are due to Caroline Fairley, Chris Hill and Jen Churchill for the organisation of the Beetling.