

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

**Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held on Saturday 13th November 2010
at Hursley**

The meeting started at 16.17 hrs.

1. John Palk (District Chairman) welcomed 26 members representing ten towers to the meeting. He thanked the Hursley ringers for the use of the bells (which would be available again after the meeting until 18.00 hrs) and Christine Hill and her team for the delicious tea.
2. Apologies for absence had been received from: John and Joyce Croft, Mike Hayward, Gary Davies and Amanda Barford.
3. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were reviewed page by page. No amendments were requested (a secretarial addition had been made to the draft at the request of Roy LeMarechal, noting that, under item 4, Election of New Members: the disquiet expressed over the election of compounding members from the USA before a peal attempt was normal practice, 100% membership of the Guild being required of the band for the peal to be credited to the Guild). The Minutes were accepted as a true record on the proposition of Elizabeth Johnson, seconded by Caroline Fairley.
4. Matters Arising
5. Election of new members:

Probationary Member: Melissa Harland (Lockerley) proposed by David Strong, seconded by Jen Churchill

Full Members: Caroline Blatchford (Winchester Cathedral) proposed by Roy LeMarechal, seconded by Graham Wright. Elizabeth Hill and Mary Adderley (Sparsholt), proposed by John Cleverly, seconded by Jenny Watson

Compounding Members: Colin Aked (Southwell, Notts) proposed by Roy LeMarechal, seconded by Janet Morris.

Rosemary Oakeshott proposed and Bruce Purvis seconded a motion to elect them en-bloc, duly carried unanimously.

6. Presentation of Certificates: A membership certificate was taken on behalf of Gary Davies and First Quarter Peal certificates were presented to Joe Arthur and Chloe Breen.

7. Best Kept Tower

Lucy Walpole and Mike Till had judged the recent Best Kept Tower competition. Mike commented briefly on the judging, stating that the total points awarded for each tower had been expressed as a percentage of the maximum possible and then he announced the results:

First	Lockerley	97%
Second	Romsey	94%
Third	New Alresford	89%
Fourth	Easton	84%
Fifth	Kings Somborne	76%

8. Future Events:

23rd November 2010 Tower Representatives' Meeting.

24th November 2010 Beyond Bob Doubles.

4th December 2010 Carol Service at Mottisfont.

12th February 2011 Annual District Meeting at New Alresford.

9. Any Other Business

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund had raised £20-73 plus 10 centimes.

The meeting closed at 16.38 hrs.