

Minutes of Belfry Advisory Committee: 4th February 2013 at Kersey

Present - J Stevens (Chair) , C McArthur (Secretary) , C Davies , A Moulton and N Whittle.

Apologies – M Rolph, J Taylor , M Croucher , C Nunn , C Girling and W Girling. It should be noted that John Pereira had moved to Hampshire this Jan. and we thank him for all his work with BAC.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 27th September 2012 agreed and signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising from those minutes: **Inspection of Copdock bells still outstanding, agreed action for progress before next meeting.**
3. Correspondence – None.
4. Technical Advisors Report : Jonathan reported that the bell maintenance course had been well attended at Rougham. Basic instruction on all the elements of the operation and maintenance of bell fittings was given. Pettistree hemp ropes had been spliced on several occasions. Brampton bells have been oiled and inspected and as a consequence are now ringable to a limited extent, although flapper boards in due course would improve the go of these bells. A meeting has been held with the new Archdeacon on Suffolk to discuss guild issues, around rebuilds and augmentations. Wilby had some maintenance work including rope splicing. Jonathan attended a meeting in London with the Church Building Council. Huntingfield had an inspection with the locals assisting, although no significant issues were found.
5. District Reports :
6. North East - No activity
7. North West - The clapper at Thornum Magna has been successfully rehung. Redgrave rehang and augmentation is progressing well, although final permissions are still awaited. The new steel roof is being started as the work has been given listed works approval. Tostock bells have had adjustments to striking and some maintenance work.

8. South East - No activity

9. South West – Little Cornard has had an inspection. Long Melford has had considerable work on the tenor by Neville and locals, after very poor “go”. Headstock bolts were loose and it has since been lifted, bearings stripped and cleaned. Bearings were satisfactory still, although the 1924 grease residue was somewhat thicker than normal.

10. Grant Applications: A Moulton explained that the tenor at Woolpit was badly cracked and two quotes had been obtained for welding. A quote from Soundweld has been accepted. Locals will have to dismantle part of the frame to remove the bell in the spring. Transport costs will be a considerable part of the project. Total cost before VAT is £7667. **After some discussion it was agreed that the recommendation of £1000 be awarded to Woolpit.**

11. AOB – None

Next meeting: Agreed Tuesday 14th May at Bredfield , Nr Woodbridge.

Agenda for Belfry Advisory Committee 14th May 2013

Venue Bredfield Church: 7.00 for ringing. Meeting 7.30.

1. Apologies and remembrances
2. Agree previous minutes
3. Matters arising and completion of actions
4. Correspondence
5. Technical Advisers report
6. District Reports :
7. North East
8. North West
9. South East
10. South West.
11. Grant applications
12. Any other business
13. Date and venue of next meeting