

**Minutes: NW Annual District Meeting
At St Peter & St Mary's Church, Stowmarket
Saturday 4th November 2023**

Present: David Steed (Chairman), Maureen Gardiner (Ringing Master), David Everett (Secretary) plus 22 other members

1. Chairman's opening remarks and votes of thanks; notification of Any Other Business

David Steed welcomed everybody to the meeting and he thanked them for their attendance today and at the District Meetings throughout the year. He also thanked the local ringers who had provided the tea and to Rev'd Michael Eden for leading the service and to John Ramsbottom for playing the organ.

2. Obituaries

There had been 3 members deaths in the last 12 months, those of Eliabeth Teverson and Lionel & Margaret Grooms. Brief remembrances of these people were given by Maurice Rose and Winston Girling and a moments silence was observed so the those attending could remember any who were on their minds.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Chris Davies, Joan Garrett, Clare Gebel, Denise Moffat, Carole Jones, Robert Rolph, Angela Packer, Sylvie Fawcett, Ruth Young, Sharon Burman, Ruth Suggett, Martin Kirk & Louise Whitehead

4. Minutes of previous meeting; approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated. No amendments were made and Serena Steggles proposed and Lesley Steed seconded that they be approved. This was agreed nem. con. and they were signed by the District Chairman.

5. Matters arising

There were none.

6. Reports from officers

Ringing Master: Maureen Gardiner presented her Report which had been circulated before the Meeting. There were no comments or questions about it.

She went on to inform the meeting that the Guild in its Centenary Year was wanting to recognise Members achievements. This could be service to the Guild over a long time or indeed notable firsts, for instance 1st QP, 1st as conductor, 1st named new method or other significant 1sts. She asked members to let her have any suggestions for nominations.

She finished by thanking Lesley Steed for all that she has done as Deputy Ringing Master over the year.

Our District Chairman then thanked Maureen for all that done over the last year.

7. Election of new members

The following people were proposed, seconded at our District Meetings during the year and were unanimously ratified as Guild members at this Meeting.

Mary Oliver-Barratt
Alison Colchester
Jennifer Webster
Susan Hollis
Graham Oven
David Mitchell
Susan Mitchell
Emily Cory
Timothy Parsley
Carole Jones
Ian Jackson
Emily Byam

There were also 4 new members proposed and seconded at this meeting.

Name	Proposed	Seconded
Carol Paterson	Josephine Beever	Clare Gebel
Ricky Paterson	Josephine Beever	Clare Gebel
Wayne Thomson	Ruth Suggett	Deborah Blumfield
Max Thomson	Deborah Blumfield	Ruth Suggett

All were elected nem. con.

8. Election of officers

See Table below for results. All were unanimously approved.

The Chairman thanked all the Officers for their service over the last year. David Steed was also thanked for the 10 years he has been the District Chairman.

9. Programme of Events

The Secretary informed the meeting that the Programme of Events for 2024 had not been finalised but that he would distribute it before the next District Meeting.

10. Any Other Business

The Guild Chairman, Mark Ogden, informed the meeting that the Guild was planning a Young Ringers Outing. He asked if any young people were interested to let him know so they have some idea of numbers.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Election of Officers 2023/24

Position	Current Holder	Elected 2023/24	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	David Steed	Neal Dodge	David Steed	Maurice Rose
Secretary	David Everett	David Everett	Lesley Steed	Jo Beever
Treasurer	Ruth Young	Ruth Young	Maurice Rose	Claire Free
Ringing Master	Maureen Gardiner	Joshua Watkins	Maureen Gardiner	Lesley Steed
R&T Reps	Maureen Gardiner Cath Colman	Maureen Gardiner Joshua Watkins	Lesley Steed	Mary Dunbavin
Deanery Reps				
Hartismere	Chris Davies	Chris Davies	<i>En bloc:</i> Proposed by Sally Veal and seconded by Maureen Gardiner	
Ixworth	Ruth Young	Ruth Young		
Mildenhall	David Everett	David Everett		
Stowmarket	Lesley Steed	Lesley Steed		
Thingoe	Joan Garrett	Rowan Wilson		
GMC District Reps				
	Jed Flatters	Mark Steggles	<i>En bloc:</i> Proposed by Lesley Steed and seconded by Jo Beever (with 1 vacancy)	
	Neal Dodge	Neal Dodge		
	Cath Colman	David Everett		
	Maureen Gardiner	Vacancy		
	David Steed	David Steed		