



**Minutes of the North East District Quarterly Meeting held at
St Mary's Church, Chediston, Suffolk at 17.20 hours on Saturday, 10th August 2024**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Dave Goldstone (**DG**), Chair of the North East District, welcomed 14 other members from the NE District to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from 5 members whose names were recorded in the Attendance Book.

2. Approval of the minutes of the North East District Quarterly Meeting held on 11 May 2024 at Theberton

The minutes of the last North East District Quarterly Meeting held on 11 May 2024 at Theberton (a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda) were approved with no amendments or additions proposed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the North East District Quarterly Meeting held on 11 May 2024.

4. In memoriam

DG delivered a brief testament to the life of Valerie Eagle-Bott who had passed away on 29 July 2024. DG recounted how Valerie had been a well-liked member of the Guild and past tower captain at Wissett. She was also a renowned contributor to ringers' teas. She had been inspirational in the restoration of the bells at Wissett where her funeral would be held on 22 August 2024.

5. Election of new members to the Suffolk Guild

DG reported that an application to be elected as a new member of the Guild had been received from Rosemary (Rose) Brambley. He explained how Rose had first come along to a Beccles tower event in March 2023 and had progressed really well from that point and was now ringing call changes. Chrissie Pickup (**CPP**) proposed Rose's election and this was seconded by Kate Gill (**KG**). Rose was duly elected as a member by the meeting and was presented with a copy of the latest Guild Annual Report and membership badge by KG.

6. Review of North East District Quarter Peal week+

The District Ringing Master, Philip Gorrod (**PJG**) reported that the Quarter Peal week+ event had been quite productive with 14 out of 16 QP attempts successful. Everyone who had participated had enjoyed the event. He commented that CPP, Richard Rapior and Erika Clarke had rung in a good many

of the QPs and that there had been a difficulty in finding bands with only a quarter of the District members taking part. Consequently, there was a need to consider how best to get more ringers involved in future QP events.

Veronica (Ronnie) Downing thanked PJG for organising the QP week+, a comment endorsed by all those present.

7. Ideas for events in 2025

DG explained that the District Committee is keen to understand what type of events the membership would like to see on the programme for 2025. Suggestions were invited to be put forward either at the meeting or by contacting DG through the Guild email address or any other member of the Committee. Immediate comments included how the day's two-tower event with a walk was much appreciated and whether there was a possibility of a visit to a seaside resort (possibly combined with a non-ringing related visit or tour, such as of Adnams Brewery).

8. Any other business

PJG announced that the next District activity (on Saturday, 14 September) would be an opportunity to ring on the mini ring. This would be installed in Halesworth church in readiness for the Halesworth Heritage Open Day on 7 September and would remain there (and would be available for members to use by prior arrangement with PJG) until the end of the District event.

DG ended the meeting by thanking those at Wissett and Chediston, respectively, who had welcomed the District to their towers, Andy and Marie and KG and Robert Gill for organising the catering and setting up Chediston Church Room, and all those who had contributed the cakes.

No other business was raised by those in attendance.

DG declared the meeting closed at 17:55 hours.

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Chair