



**Minutes of the North East District Quarterly Meeting held at
Wissett Village Hall, Wissett, Suffolk at 6.55pm on Saturday, 9th May 2026
following the conclusion of the North East District Striking Competition held earlier that day**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Richard Rapor, Chair of the North East District (**RTL**R), welcomed thirty-eight members to the meeting. He also welcomed the two judges of the day's striking competition, Mike Hodgkinson (**MHH**), Tower Captain at Dickleburgh, Norfolk and a former Norwich Diocesan Association Southern Branch Ringing Master and Josephine Beever (**JMB**) who rings at Stowmarket and is a former District Ringing Master.

Apologies for absence were received from four members whose names and absences were noted in the Attendance Book.

2. Approval of the minutes of the North East District Quarterly Meeting held on 14th February 2026 at Southwold

The minutes of the last North East District Quarterly Meeting held on 14th February 2026 at Southwold (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 previous District Quarterly Meeting.

4. Election of new members to the Suffolk Guild

Proposals for the election of seven new members to the Suffolk Guild were presented to the meeting, the details of which are as follows:

Name and Tower	Proposer	Seconder
Alexander Nisbett (Rumburgh)	Philip Gorrod (PJG)	Erika Clarke
Natalie Burrows (Chediston)	Veronica Downing (VAMD)	Graham Downing (GD)
Edward Elford (Chediston)	VAMD	GD
Noah Fisher (Chediston)	VAMD	GD

John Massey (Sweffling)	Jonathan Stevens (JJS)	Suzanne Stevens (SMJS)
Andrew Massey (Sweffling)	JJS	SMJS
Theo Massey (Rendham)	JJS	SMJS

It was reported that all seven applicants had paid their subscriptions.

All seven applicants were duly elected as members of the Guild by those present at the meeting and RTLR warmly congratulated them all on their election.

5. Forthcoming events

RTLR reminded members of forthcoming events in the District calendar including ringing at Blythburgh on 13 June, a joint District practice with members of the SE District at Aldeburgh on 11 July and a District outing on 8 August. Chrissie Pickup (organiser of the District outing) announced that the towers to be visited would be Ditchingham, Alburgh, Dickleburgh and Pulham Market and ringing would be followed by an evening meal in a local pub.

6. Any other business

PJG reminded the meeting of the Guild 6-bell and 8-bell striking competitions to be held on the following Saturday at Wickham Skeith and Gislingham, respectively.

No other business was raised by those in attendance and so the formal business of the meeting was concluded at 7.05pm. RTLR thanked the day's judges, MHH and JMB. RTLR also thanked the District Secretary, Marie Owen (**MO**), and others for their organising and helping, respectively, with the catering and all those who had contributed to the ringers' tea.

RTLR then invited the judges to announce the results of the day's striking competition.

Results of the North East District Striking Competition held on 9th May 2026

MHH began by complimenting the ringers taking part in today's competition, commenting that the ringing was generally good throughout the day.

MHH and JMB then announced the scores as follows, providing feedback on each band's performance:

Position	Team Name	Faults	Rang
1st	Halesworth	15	6th (Method)
2nd	Aldeburgh A	24	10th (Method)
3rd	Beccles A	31	8th (Method)
4th	Aldeburgh B	37	11th (Call Changes)
5th	Rendham & Sweffling	38	5th (Call Changes)

6th	Beccles B	42	2nd (Call Changes)
7th	Reydon & Southwold	45	7th (Method)
8th	Wenhaston	48	1st (Method)
9th	Yoxford	54	9th (Method)
10th	Southwold & Reydon	54	4th (Call Changes)
11th	Chediston	60	3rd (Call Changes)

PJG thanked the judges and asked that they present the trophies to the winning bands.

Helen Mower was presented with the Call Change Trophy for Aldeburgh and the band were congratulated on their win.

PJG was presented with the Trevor Hughes Trophy for Halesworth and the band were congratulated on their win.

PJG announced the winners of the Harry Archer Memorial Trophy for the “most improved band” were Rendham and Sweffling. He presented the trophy to JJS and the band were duly congratulated.

RTLRL thanked MHH and JMB for their hard work in judging the competition and they were each presented with a token of appreciation by MO on behalf of the District.

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Chair