

ADM Minutes of the SE District of the Suffolk Guild on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 held at Debenham

Welcome – Tom Scase (acting Chairman) welcomed the ringers. He thanked the organist for playing, and the churchwarden for taking the service, and all who provided the tea.

Apologies - Owen Claxton, Mr and Mrs Wakefield, Paul Sharples, Roger Coley, Kate Eagle, Ralph Earey and Jonathan Williamson.

Remembrances – Bridget Sayers of Earl Soham, Margaret Egglestone from Henley, Winifred Lockwood from Hintlesham and Shirley Bignall, wife of Clive, a supporter of Debenham.

New Members - None

Minutes of 2015 ADM – These were read.

Matters Arising from the minutes :- None. The minutes were proposed by Peter Harper and seconded by Shirley Girt.

Reports – Chairman :- A good morning of raising and lowering at Grundisburgh. Congratulations go to the Youth Band who rang in the National Youth Contest in London last July. Our thanks go to George Pipe who has served the Guild at the Ipswich Historic Churches Trust for many years and is now standing down. 2016 has seen a change in the running of the Guild.

Ringling Master :-A successful year, starting with Raising and lowering at Grundisburgh, an enjoyable afternoon at Wickham Market with the Striking Competition. Quarter peal evening and meal at The Mill House, Saxtead. Off piste ringing at Bury St Edmunds opened a lot of ringer's eyes. This was followed by the annual outing to St Albans in December.

Treasurer - Eric said that he was happy with the received membership fees. At this moment the District Fund stood at £153.27

Recruitment and Training – Tom said there had been two meetings this year. He had only been able to get to one. John Girt said the ART scheme was excellent. The things that let it down were poor publication and information about funding.

Belfry Advisory Committee - Chris said it had met three times. Grants were going to St. Margaret's, St. Matthew's, Framlingham, Iken, Wickham Market and Cretingham. Towers to be made aware of new grant criteria in the new year.

GMC – Mary noted the Guild 'Walk' last October which had been enjoyed by several members of the district. Please note that Winston is no longer holding any spare rope. Stowmarket is getting two more bells! Rowan is now in charge of the R & T meetings. Philip Gorrod thanked members who had supported the mini ring at Gt Glemham's Folk East. New members to be asked about Gift Aiding their subs.

Young Ringers - Leader required. George Pipe reminded members that there is funding held by the Guild for supporting new ringers on courses.

Creation of new Representative for Ipswich Historic Church Trust - Katherine Salter has been nominated by the committee to act in this capacity.

Election of Officers. Chairman - Ralph Earey. Proposed Chris Garner, Seconded Mike Whitby.

Secretary – Jane Harper. Proposed Tom Scase. Seconded Tracy Scase.

Ringing Master – Jonathan Williamson. Proposed Chris Garner. Seconded Mary Garner.

Treasurer – Eric Brown. Proposed. Mike Whitby. Seconded Mary Garner.

Technical Advisor – Chris McArthur. Proposed Tom Scase. Seconded Jenny Scase.

Area Reps – Bosmere Jenny Scase (temporary)

Colneys Jane Harper

Ipswich Diana Pipe

Loes East Adrian Craddock

Loes West Robert Scase

Samford Janet Looser

Woodbridge Mark Ogden

Magazine Rep Elaine Townsend

R and T Mark Ogden. Proposed Tom Scase. Seconded John Girt. Jonathan Williamson will be asked to stand.

GMC - Alan and Sally Munnings, Ralph Earey and Mary Garner. 1 vacancy..

Young Ringers - The committee will elect a leader.

Representative for Ipswich Historic Churches Trust – Katharine Salter. Proposed Tom Scase. Seconded Margaret Cherry.

District Events for 2017 – Hollesley 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30 – 12midday

Sproughton 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.00 – 3.30pm

District Striking Comp at Bredfield (6) 6<sup>th</sup> May

Guild Striking Comp at Woolpit (6) and Horringer (8)

Guild Social 2017 – hosted by SE District – Barn dance at Sproughton – 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

Christmas ringing in Ipswich – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11.45 – 12.15.

Any Other Business - Jenny Scase welcomed any ringer wishing to attend veterans Day.

George Pipe gave a brief input into the happenings at York Minster. Felt that they should be left to sort it out.

Whitechapel Foundry – closing down. George has written to them.

St Michaels, Cornhill – another church is closing. Due to lack of funds but a new peal of 12!

Meeting closed at 7.30pm. Ringing could proceed until 8pm.