

**APPROVED Minutes of the North East Quarterly District Meeting held at Metfield
Saturday 13 May 2017**

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman, Mike Cowling, (MC), welcomed 21 members to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Julia Brown, Julie Hughes, Julia Johnson, Julie Rapor, Richard Rapor and Sheila Tesh.

2. Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held on 11 February 2017

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Dave Pettett and seconded by Trevor Hughes. Members unanimously agreed them as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 11 February 2017

There were no matters arising.

4. Election of new Members

Membership forms and subscriptions were received from the following ringers, all from Laxfield:

Susan Gleave	Proposed by Fiona Shuttle	Seconded by Philip Gorrod
Robin Woolward	Proposed by Fiona Shuttle	Seconded by Philip Gorrod
Malcolm Hunt	Proposed by Fiona Shuttle	Seconded by Philip Gorrod
William Webb	Proposed by Fiona Shuttle	Seconded by Peter Lock
Paul Murphy	Proposed by Fiona Shuttle	Seconded by Philip Gorrod
Francoise Roadley-Battin	Proposed by Fiona Shuttle	Seconded by Philip Gorrod

Trevor Hughes proposed, and Dave Pettett seconded, that Members approve their election en bloc to the Suffolk Guild as members. Members unanimously approved the election to the Suffolk Guild of the ringers listed above. Their membership forms and subscriptions will be passed to the Treasurer.

The sterling efforts of Fiona Shuttle at Laxfield in attracting new ringers and Members was much appreciated.

5. Reflections on District and Guild events

MC asked for any reflections on the Ringing Programme, which had been approved at the last District meeting in Reydon. Suzanne Stevens commented that the handbells session had been very enjoyable and enabled progress to be made.

MC said that the District's hosting of the Guild AGM in Beccles had been received very positively by other Districts. He passed on thanks to Kate Gill and the team who had organised an excellent tea.

PJG is pleased with attendance at Ringing Programme sessions so far. For example, there had been 28 people at Huntingfield, which is gratifying.

6. Quarter Peal Day Saturday 26 August 2017

This will be centred around Wenhaston. PJG encouraged Members to say if they are interested in quarter peal attempts and in which method– last year only a few people came forward. He would also like tower captains to nominate ringers to take part.

The challenge for this year will be to arrange for people who rang their first quarter peal last year to ring their second.

7. Any Other Business

PJG drew Members' attention to the Council Review Action Group (CRAG) Report, which was commissioned by the Central Council for Bell Ringing (CCBR). The report makes proposals to 'return ringing to ordinary ringers' and considers that the role of the CCBR may have lost relevance. PJG urged Members to read the CRAG report and let our GMC representatives know any views. We need to establish a consensus before the GMC meeting on 29 May.

MC warmly thanked Martin Fowler and the band at Metfield for making the bells available and for the use of the Village Hall, which is an excellent facility.

8. Date of next meeting

Annual District Meeting on Saturday 11 November 2017, in the Church Hall at Halesworth.

The meeting was followed by the results of the District Striking Competition held earlier in the afternoon:

Method:	Halesworth	28 faults
	Rendham and Sweffling	31 faults
Call Changes:	Southwold	40 faults
	Rendham and Sweffling	42 faults
	Metfield	54 faults
	Rendham and Sweffling Youth	64 faults

The ?? was presented to Halesworth as the winning team in the method competition

The Harry Archer Trophy was presented to Rendham and Sweffling method team, as the second best team overall.

PJG thanked the judges Mark Ogden and Gill Waterson and presented them with a small gift.