



## **APPROVED Minutes of the North East Quarterly District Meeting held at Yoxford Saturday 12 May 2018**

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The Chairman, Mike Cowling, (MC), welcomed 24 members to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Graham Downing, Chrissie Pickup, Hugh Spink and John Tesh.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting held on 10 February 2018**

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

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes of 10 February 2018**

MC reported that there had been no further progress on ART training.

#### *Post Meeting Note:*

Subsequently District members have been invited by the Norwich Diocesan Association to join a course at Blofield in June.

### **4. Election of new Members**

A membership form was received from Rosie Rolph, proposed by Ed Rolph and seconded by Philip Gorrod. Rosie's election was unanimously approved by Members, followed by a round of applause. The subscription was paid.

### **5. Ringing for Peace plans – November 2018**

MC reminded the meeting of the District's ambition to ring at every ringable tower over the weekend of Saturday 10 November and Sunday 11 November, as part of the national commemoration of 100 years since the end of World War One.

Kate Gill (KG) outlined a proposal to have a system of 'linked towers', whereby ringers within a natural constituency of towers attempt to ensure there is ringing at all of the towers linked with them at some point over the weekend. Many towers will probably already have been asked to ring for the Remembrance Service on Sunday 11 November, or alongside the nationwide lighting of beacons at 7 pm that evening.

This proposal was discussed and felt to be a good approach. KG will circulate it to Members and asked Members to let her know plans for towers as they are decided, and which ringers will be available to help during the weekend of 10 and 11 November.

The condition of bells which are seldom rung may need to be checked. Jonathan Stevens suggested visits in advance may be required.

## 6. Safeguarding

MC asked Members to look regularly at the Guild website for updates on safeguarding requirements and to keep abreast of their local Church's requirements. PCCs have signed up to 'Safer Church' and the requirements within this need to be adhered to.

All Members should undertake the basic C0 safeguarding course.

Certificates for courses which were previously run are still valid, providing they are still within date.

## 7. Any other business

Hal Humphries asked for information on how to obtain the national 'Ringing for Peace' poster. KG will let him have details.

MC thanked Hal and the Yoxford team for hosting us today.

## 8. Date of next meeting

District ADM at Southwold on Saturday 17 November.

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

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| <b>Method:</b>       | Halesworth A          | 21 faults |
|                      | Rendham and Sweffling | 60 faults |
| <b>Call Changes:</b> | Halesworth B          | 34 faults |
|                      | Yoxford               | 42 faults |

The Patricia M Bailey Shield was presented to Halesworth A as the winning team in the method competition and the Call Change Trophy to Halesworth B.

The Harry Archer Trophy, for the most improved band, was presented to Yoxford. The team members were congratulated on their achievement, having only started the band within the last couple of years.

PJG thanked the judges Ian Holland and Nigel Gale and KG presented them with a small gift.