

**Minutes: NW Annual District Meeting
at St Andrew's Church Wickham Skeith
Saturday 9th October 2021**

Present: David Steed (Chairman), Maureen Gardiner (Ringing Master), David Everett (Secretary) plus 26 other members

1. Chairman's opening remarks and votes of thank; notification of Any Other Business

David Steed welcomed everybody to the meeting and he thanked them for attending. He also thanked those who had provided the tea and to Rev'd Carl Melville for leading the service

2. Obituaries

There had been 2 members deaths in the last 12 months, those of Dick Stannard and John Brown. Brief remembrances of these people were given and a moments silence was observed so the those attending could remember any who were on their minds.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Judith Broughton, Mandy Coll, Winston Girling, Cilla Ingles, Angela Parker, Ruth Suggett, Rowan Wilson & Ruth Young

4. Minutes of previous meeting; approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated. No amendments were made and Mary Dunbavin proposed and Julian Coleman seconded that they be approved. This was agreed nem. con. and they were signed by the District Chairman.

5. Matters arising

There were none.

6. Reports from officers

Ringing Master: Maureen Gardiner reported on "one of the strangest and most challenging years in the District's history". The normal pattern of District Meetings, peals and quarter peals had been largely absent. However, ringing using Ringing Room and Zoom had continued throughout the COVID restrictions developing the skills of new ringers and the more experienced. Practices did re-start in September on a small scale basis. She finished by thanking Lesley Steed for all that she has done as Deputy Ringing Master over the year.

7. Election of new members

The following were proposed, seconded and unanimously ratified as Guild members

	Proposed	Seconded
Craig Gradidge	Julian Coleman	Cath Coleman

Clare Free also re-joined the Guild during the year having moved back to Suffolk.

8. Election of officers

See Table below for results. All were unanimously approved.

The Chairman thanked all the Officers for their service over the last year.

9. Programme of Events

The Programme of District events for 2021/2 was distributed to all those present. It will also be put on the District section of the Guild website.

10. Any Other Business

A question was asked about the Guild Peal Week. Katharine Salter, the Guild Ringing Master, said that a date had not been set yet but it was likely to be later next year.

The meeting was also informed that there would be a Guild event on 24th October next year at Laxfield and the details of that would be publicised as soon as possible.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Election of Officers 2021/22

Position	Current Holder	Elected 2021/22	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	David Steed	David Steed	Lesley Steed	Josephine Beaver
Secretary	David Everett	David Everett	<i>En bloc</i> Proposed by Mary Dunbavin and seconded by Julian Colman	
Treasurer	Ruth Young	Ruth Young		
Ringing Master	Maureen Gardiner	Maureen Gardiner		
R&T Reps	Rowan Wilson Lesley Steed	Maureen Gardiner Rowan Wilson	<i>Ex officio</i>	
Deanery Reps				
Hartismere	Chris Davies	Chris Davies	<i>En bloc:</i> Proposed by Deborah Blumfield and seconded by Cath Colman	
Ixworth	Ruth Young	Ruth Young		
Mildenhall	David Everett	David Everett		
Stowmarket	Lesley Steed	Lesley Steed		
Thingoe	Joan Garrett	Joan Garrett		
GMC District Reps				
	Jed Flatters	Jed Flatters	<i>En bloc:</i> Proposed by Mary Dunbavin and seconded by Josephine Beaver	
	Neal Dodge	Neal Dodge		
	Cath Colman	Cath Colman		
	Maureen Gardiner	Maureen Gardiner		
	David Steed	David Steed		