

**Minutes: NW Annual District Meeting - Stowmarket**  
**Saturday 12 October 2019**

Present: David Steed (Chairman), Rowan Wilson (Ringing Master), Ruth Young (Treasurer), Lesley Steed (Secretary), David Everett, Jed Flatters, Clare Veal, Sally Veal, Jill Rood, Doug Rood, Mary Dunbavin, Tom Scase, Maureen Gardiner, Julian Colman, Anita Rose, Maurice Rose, Carol Girling, Winston Girling, Catherine Colman, Andrew Burnham, Georgina Inglis, Lynda Rochester, Brian Whiting.

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

David Steed welcomed everybody to the meeting, and thanked the Revd Ray Gilbert for taking the service; the organist, Margaret Salmon; Winston Girling for the meeting arrangements; Lynda Rochester for the delicious tea along with her team: Mark Steggles, Serena Steggles and Maureen Gardiner.

**2. Obituaries**

Over the last year, three ringers associated with the NW District had passed away. Maurice Rose spoke about Janet Croughton and Alan Feaver, and David Steed remembered Hubert Mitson. Those present stood in silence.

**3. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Neal Dodge, Peter Godden, Joan Garrett, Chris Davies, Bryony Davies, Sharon Burman, Ian Holland, Steve Munford and Nathan Colman.

**4. Minutes of previous meeting; approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated. Julian Colman proposed that they be signed as a true record, Catherine Colman seconded the proposal and they were duly signed.

**5. Matters arising**

There were none.

**6. Reports from officers**

**Ringing Master:** Rowan Wilson gave a summary of her report: the full report will be circulated by email with the Minutes. She thanked all officers and members of the District as she stands down as Ringing Master this year, and passed on her best wishes to her successor. David Steed thanked Rowan for her hard work over her term of office, and there was loud applause from the members.

**Treasurer:** Ruth Young gave a reminder that the Guild subscriptions were going up on 1 January 2020 – full details were available on the website and will be circulated with the Minutes with a request for each tower to print them. She advised checking carefully as the age categories are also changing. There was also a reminder that subs are due on 1 January and must be paid before the AGM.

**7. Consideration of transfer of Hoxne tower to NW District**

Hoxne tower have requested that they be transferred from the NE District to the NW in line with Rule C5, which says that "Towers may move from one district to another with the agreement of both districts and subject to approval by the GMC." Winston Girling proposed

that agreement be given, David Steed seconded the proposal and all were in favour. We understand that the NE district are also minded to agree, although their ADM is yet to be held (November).

**8. Election of new members**

The following were proposed as members by Winston Girling, seconded by Lynda Rochester and unanimously supported:

Colin

Georgina

Andrew

Clare

**9. Election of officers**

See attached sheet for results. David Steed thanked all those who were holding, or had held, office.

**10. Any Other Business**

David Steed reminded the members of the date of next practices – 9 November at Brandon, open ringing from 10.00am – 12.00pm. The Christmas Social will be at Pakenham on 14 December from 10.00am.

The date of the next meeting is 11 January 2020 at the Norman Tower from 10.00am – 12.00pm. Ringing then meeting in the Norman Tower followed by meal at the Bunbury Arms (Great Barton).

**11. Collection for Belfry Repair Fund**

The collection raised £24.50.