

**Minutes: NW Annual District Meeting  
at St Mary's Church, Buxhall  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Present: David Steed (Chairman), Maureen Gardiner (Ringing Master), David Everett (Secretary) plus 18 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 their attendance today and to the District Meetings throughout the year. He also thanked the local ringers who had provided the tea and to Rev'd Sarah Jenkins for leading the service and to Mark Armstrong for playing the organ.

**2. Obituaries**

There had been 3 members deaths in the last 12 months, those of David Brand, Brian Hale & Tim Cavell. 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 Martin Kirk, Cath Colman, Angela Packer, Julia Dunicliffe, Sylvie Fawcett, Sange Wilson, Jacky Savage, Ruth Young, Zoe Wright, Jo Beever, Susie Beever, Anslie Gilbert, Emily Vallow & Dawn Gillett

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

The Minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated. No amendments were made and Lesley Steed proposed and Neal Dodge 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 said that many ringers had come back after COVID and that a lot of new ringers had joined too. We have had good numbers at the District Practices which is very encouraging both for the District but also for ringing across our churches. She also reported that the 2 teams which entered the Guild

-----8-bell Striking Competition came 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Maureen also thanked those who went on the District Outing which very enjoyable.

She finished by thanking Lesley Steed for all that she has done as Deputy Ringing Master over the year.

Our District Chaiman then thanked Maureen for all that done over the last year.

**7. Election of new members**

The following people were proposed, seconded at our District Meetings and were unanimously ratified as Guild members at this Meeting.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
February	Kim Rutter-Moye	Neal Dodge	Claire Free

March	Harriet Aves	Peter Godden	Lesley Steed
	Alan Brown	David Andrews	S Price
	Hilary Castleden	Chris Davies	Andrew Castleden
	Amanda Jean Coleman	Chris Davies	Andrew Castleden
	Penelope Conway	Chris Davies	Andrew Castleden
	Annamarie Gillespie	David Andrews	S Price
	Mark Ingledew	Julian Colman	Cath Colman
	Iain Macphee	David Andrews	S Price
	Patricia Ann Raymond	David Andrews	S Price
	Isla Sutton	Peter Godden	Lesley Steed
April	Martin J Kirk	Jed Flatters	Rowan Wilson
June	Elizabeth A Orme	Joan Garrett	Julian Colman
	Phillip M Orme	Joan Garrett	Julian Colman
July	Judith Anne Broughton	Andrew Castleden	A Banham

**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 2022/3 was distributed to all those present. It will also be put on the District section of the Guild website. It was suggested that there should be a Meeting in May as well as the 6-bell Striking Competition. It was agreed this should be a Troston, too.

**10. Any Other Business**

Rowan Wilson, the Guild Chairman, informed the meeting of the Guild Centenary Dinner which is to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023. She encouraged people to come and make this part of a great celebration year. The are early-bird rates available.

She also informed the meeting that special Centenary Membership Certificates and Achievement Certificates are being produced for the coming year.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

## Election of Officers 2022/23

Position	Current Holder	Elected 2022/23	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	David Steed	David Steed	Chris Davies	Maurice Rose
Secretary	David Everett	David Everett	<i>En bloc</i> Proposed by Maurice Rose and seconded by Chris Davies	
Treasurer	Ruth Young	Ruth Young		
Ringing Master	Maureen Gardiner	Maureen Gardiner		
R&T Reps	Rowan Wilson Lesley Steed	Maureen Gardiner Cath Colman	Lesley Steed	Chris Davies
Deanery Reps				
Hartismere	Chris Davies	Chris Davies	<i>En bloc:</i> Proposed by Maureen Gardiner and seconded by Sally Veal	
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 Claire Free and seconded by Chris Davies	
	Neal Dodge	Neal Dodge		
	Cath Colman	Cath Colman		
	Maureen Gardiner	Maureen Gardiner		
	David Steed	David Steed		