



**Minutes of the North East District Quarterly Meeting held at  
Most Holy Trinity Church, Barsham, Suffolk at 16.20 hours on Saturday, 12th August 2023**

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

Dave Goldstone (**DG**), Chair of the North East District, welcomed 10 other members from the NE District to the meeting, 5 members from the NW District and a further 4 ringers whose election to the Suffolk Guild was to be considered by the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Richard and Julie Rapor, Veronica and Graham Downing, Hilary Stearn, Kevin Mossop, Sange Wilson and Peggy Meredith.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the North East District Quarterly Meeting held on 10th June 2023 at Metfield**

The minutes of the last North East District Quarterly Meeting held on 10th June 2023 at Metfield (a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda) were approved with no amendments or additions proposed.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the North East District Quarterly Meeting held on 10th June 2023.

**4. Election of new members to the Suffolk Guild**

DG announced the names and respective home towers of the following 8 ringers who had been proposed for election as members of the Suffolk Guild (together with details of those current Guild members who had proposed and seconded their election in each case):

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tower</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
Brandon Warman	Beccles	Chrissie Pickup	Kate Gill
Jeremy Munns	Beccles	Chrissie Pickup	Kate Gill
Tom Grady	Beccles	Chrissie Pickup	Kate Gill
Agnes Taylor	Beccles	Chrissie Pickup	Kate Gill

Alexandra Brockhurst	Fressingfield	Adam Hay	Philip Gorrod
Karen (Kari) Seabright	Halesworth	Philip Gorrod	Peter Lock
Judith Raven	Blythburgh	Philip Gorrod	Peter Lock
Lizzie Wood	Metfield	Martin Fowler	Kate Gill

Kate Gill (**KG**) reported that each of the 8 ringers being proposed for membership had paid their subscription. The meeting proceeded to approve the election of each of the above 8 ringers to the Suffolk Guild by a unanimous vote on a show of hands and DG, accordingly, countersigned the required membership application forms. KG reported that, having been elected as members of the Guild, each new member would receive a copy of the latest Guild Annual Report and a Suffolk Guild badge.

## 5. Recruitment and Training - Sole Bay Ringing Hub

DG invited Sue Child (**SC**) to address the meeting on the progress of the Sole Bay Ringing Hub initiative. SC began by explaining that the Hub was closed for the Summer and would re-open on 30 September. She reported that, so far, the Hub had been visited by 13 learners, 9 of whom were complete novices and the rest wished to improve their ringing skills. She announced that 12 out of the initial 13 were still ringing. SC paid tribute to the time spent by Philip Gorrod (**PJG**), Chrissie Pickup, Peter Lock and KG in tutoring which had provided each learner with intense training on a 1:1 ratio in addition to the training they were receiving at their respective home towers. SC said she now wished to extend the search for new recruits and, while ideally this would be through recommendation, she was also considering doing so through social media. SC reported that she had applied for the Hub to become affiliated with ART which, if granted, would put North East Suffolk on the map as a teaching/learning centre as well as helping the Hub with insurances and resources.

PJG paid tribute to SC's organisational skills in setting up and managing the Hub and DG thanked SC and all those other members involved who had contributed to the project's success.

## 6. Any other business

No other business was raised by those in attendance.

DG declared the meeting closed at 16:40 hours.

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Chair