



**Minutes of the North East District Quarterly Meeting held at  
Wisett Village Hall, Wisett, Suffolk at 17.40 hours on Saturday, 3 September 2022  
following the conclusion of the North East District Striking Competition held earlier that day**

**Preamble - Results of the North East District Striking Competition held on 3 September 2022  
commencing at 3pm**

The Judge (Adrian Edwards from the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers) announced the results of the North East District Striking Competition to be as follows:

Team No.	Team Name	Faults	Position
1	Southwold A	82	7th
2	Yoxford	69	4th
3	Rumburgh	89	8th
4	Aldeburgh	16	1st
5	Beccles	82	6th
6	Chediston	71	5th
7	Southwold B	68	3rd (Winner of Call Change Competition)
8	Halesworth	24	2nd

The Judge presented the band from Aldeburgh with The Patricia Bailey Shield as winners of the competition and the band "Southwold B" with the Call Change Trophy. Philip Gorrod (North East District Ringing Master) announced Southwold overall to be the "most improved band" and presented them with the Harry Archer Trophy.

**Formal business of the North East District Quarterly Meeting**

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

Sal Jenkinson (Chair of the North East District), welcomed thirty-four members to the meeting and commented on how good it was to see so many North East District members attending. She also welcomed Rowan Wilson (Chair of the Suffolk Guild) and Katharine Salter (Suffolk Guild Ringing Master). Sal thanked those who took part in the striking competition held earlier and everyone who had made the whole event so enjoyable and such a success.

Sal asked that apologies for absence should be submitted to Erika Clarke who had been asked to take the minutes of the meeting in the absence of the North East District Secretary, Kate Gill. No apologies were submitted at the meeting or received subsequently.

## **2. Approval of the minutes of the North East District Quarterly Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

The minutes of the last North East District Quarterly Meeting held on 19th March 2022 at Aldeburgh 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 19th March 2022 at Aldeburgh.

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

No proposals for the election of new members to the Suffolk Guild were received at the meeting.

Sal reported that Sue Child (Southwold) had been elected as a new member of the Guild at a previous North East District meeting and Katharine Salter (Guild Ringing Master) presented Sue with her Certificate of Membership.

## **5. North East District activities**

Sal directed those present to the list of forthcoming events set out at item 8 on the agenda.

## **6. Planning for next year**

Sal explained that the North East District Committee meets on a regular basis to discuss and agree on activities to take place in the District. She invited members to put forward ideas for future events or activities to members of the Committee.

## **7. New striking competition trophy**

Sal explained that a decision needed to be taken on the purchase of a new trophy for future striking competitions. Philip Gorrod explained the possible options, including making the current Patricia Bailey Shield larger (to allow room for names of future winners to be inscribed) or acquiring a new trophy. The meeting decided that a new trophy should be acquired and authorised the North East District Committee to decide upon the form the trophy should take.

## **8. Forthcoming events**

Sal gave further details of forthcoming events as follows:

- a) The North East District Annual Meeting will take place in Fressingfield on Saturday, 12 November 2022 preceded by an opportunity to ring the bells at the church of St Peter & St Paul, Fressingfield. The time of the start of the ringing and the District Annual Meeting had yet to be determined but she asked members present to keep the date clear in their diaries.

- b) The next North East District Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday, 11th March 2023 at Laxfield preceded by an opportunity to ring the recently rehung bells at All Saints' church, Laxfield.
- c) Sal invited Rowan Wilson to address the meeting on the Suffolk Guild Centenary Dinner to be held on Saturday, 25th March 2023 in Bury St Edmunds to mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Guild. Rowan explained that planning for the event was progressing, Ashlar House in Bury St Edmunds had been chosen as the venue and three after dinner speakers had been secured. She explained that those wishing to wear black tie would very be welcome to do so, but a smart dress code would also apply (smart suits etc.). The price of a ticket would be in the region of £50 to £60. Further details of the event would be issued to members by email. Rowan ended by encouraging members to consider whether they might spare a few hours to support the Guild and/or their District, whether by standing for election to serve as one of its officers or committee members or in other ways.
- d) Sal reminded the meeting that the next Suffolk Guild Annual General Meeting will be hosted by the North East District in Beccles on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (in the Guild's centenary year).

## **9. Any other business**

No other business was raised by those members in attendance. Sal concluded by thanking David Goldstone (Beccles), Gillian Solway and Erika Clarke (Mendham) for all their work in connection with the day's ringing tea.

The meeting closed at 18:15 hours.