

**SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS – SOUTH WEST DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD AT LITTLE CORNARD**  
**27 November 2021**

**Present:** Guild Ringing Master; District Officers and Representatives; and members from Bures, Cavendish, Clare, Drinkstone, Hadleigh, Kersey, Little Cornard, Poslingford and Sudbury. Total attendance 23.

**Thanks:** The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked Katherine Salter for attending on behalf of the Guild. It was especially gratifying that so many members had turned out in such bad weather.

**Apologies:** These were received from Alan Baker, Stephen Cheek, Neal Dodge, Rodney Downer, John Game, Richard Gates, Tony Read, Evelyn Reeve, Duncan Riches, Derek Rose, Chris Ward, Martyn Weaver, David Wedgwood and Rowan Wilson.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** The omission of Poslingford in the list of towers represented at the last meeting was noted and corrected and the minutes accepted for signature.

**Matters Arising:** Comment was made concerning the refurbishment of St Peter's, Sudbury and discussion followed around the funding of changes to the bells and bell chamber. The meeting proposed asking the Guild Chairman to write to the Churches Conservation Trust for information on what was planned. It was suggested that such correspondence be copied to the Friends of St Peter's as a courtesy.

**Election of New Members:**

Susan Howland Jackson (Little Cornard) – p. David Lee, s. Tim Forsey  
Jennifer Filby (Little Cornard) – p. David Lee, s. Tim Forsey  
Raymond Filby (Little Cornard) – p. David Lee, s. Tim Forsey  
Paul Haskell (Monks Eleigh) – p. Pauline Brown, s. Tim Forsey

**Ratification of Belfry Elections:**

None

**District Officer Reports:**

**Ringling Master / Chairman**

Thank you all for attending the ADM. It is good to be ringing again, even though not all towers are yet open. It's good to meet up with people face to face, even when many of us are wearing masks. We have only had one district meeting this year, at Kedington, which unfortunately neither the Ringing Master nor the Secretary could attend. This was a well attended event, with a lot of ringing. We were thrilled to be joined by most of the successful Suffolk team who won the Ridgman Trophy at Braintree, and brought it with them to show us. They also rang a course of Cambridge Surprise, to which we were all thrilled to listen, and we hope all the newer ringers were

inspired to emulate, eventually.

We are looking forward to a busy year to come when we hope to all be able to meet and ring together.

David Lee, SW Ringing Master

November 2021

Pauline Brown, SW Chairman

## Treasurer

### **Suffolk Guild of Ringers** **SW District Treasurer's Report for 2021 ADM**

v2 report for ADM as at 21/11/21

#### **Current Membership Summary** (2020 figures in brackets)

<i>(Deanery)</i>	Clare	Hadleigh	Lavenham	Sudbury	Unattached	TOTAL
<b>Adult</b>	16 (20)	10 (14)	11 (14)	19 (13)	2 (3)	58 (64)
<b>&gt;70 years</b>	10 (5)	7 (6)	6 (4)	11 (15)	1 (0)	35 (30)
<b>&gt;80 years</b>	3 (4)	10 (10)	3 (3)	1 (0)	2 (2)	19 (19)
<b>FTE</b>				2 (1)		2 (1)
<b>Life</b>					1 (1)	1 (1)
<b>Associate</b>		4 (3)	1 (0)			5 (3)
<b>TOTAL</b>	29 (29)	31 (33)	21 (21)	33 (29)	6 (6)	120 (118)
<b>Year End</b>	(34)	(38)	(27)	(38)	(7)	(144)

- Note: 1. New members who joined in Q4 2020 do not pay any additional subs for 2021.  
2. £1690 subscriptions has been paid into the Guild bank account this year.

#### **SG Subscriptions 2021**

Rates and age bands as agreed at the Guild AGM in April 2020 as follows:

Ringling Member	£20
Ringling Member > 70 years	£15
Ringling Member > 80 years	Free
Ringling Member in full time education	£10
Non-resident Life Member	£10
Associate Member	£10

#### **SW District Petty Cash 2021**

DATE	ITEM	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	BALANCE
	Brought forward from 2020			£95.34
30-Oct	Kedington meeting donation	£8.00		£103.34

Nigel Gale (SW District Treasurer 21/11/2021).

### **Election of District Officers:**

The current post holders of Chairman, Ringing Master and Treasurer agreed to continue in their roles and were re-elected *en bloc*, proposed by Christine Knight and seconded by Richard Knight:

Chairman – *Pauline Brown*

Ringing Master – *David Lee*

Treasurer – *Nigel Gale*

The current Secretary has decided to stand down and, since no nominations were received, this post remains vacant.

Pauline Brown agreed to continue as the District representative on the Guild General Management Committee and Recruitment and Training Committee. Katherine Salter outlined the work of the Recruitment and Training Committee in the hope that other SW members might be persuaded to attend.

The Deanery Contacts of Christine Knight, Lynda Lee, Martin Weaver and Richard Gates have agreed to continue in their roles and were thanked for their past efforts.

### **Ringling Programme for 2022:**

David Lee outlined the proposed programme listed below. No formal approach to the towers has yet been made.

22nd January - Kersey (8 bells)

26th February - Cowlinge (5 bells)

26th March - Edwardstone (6 bells)

23rd April - Guild AGM

28th May - Long Melford (8 bells)

25th June - Stoke By Clare (6 bells)

23rd July - Nayland (6 bells)

August - District Outing -TBC

24th September - Hitcham (8 bells) provisional

22nd October - Polstead (6 bells)

26th November - ADM - TBC

### **Any Other Business:**

The chairman thanked the Rev. Mary Cantacuzene for the Bell-Ringers' service; the organist at the service Stuart Mathieson; and Little Cornard members for hosting this meeting.

**Date of next year's ADM:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November – date and venue to be confirmed.

Signed:

Date:

Pauline Brown  
SW Chairman