

SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS – SOUTH WEST DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD AT ST GREGORY'S
SUDBURY
26th November, 2022

Present: Guild Chairman; Guild PRO; District Officers and Representatives; members from Bures, Drinkstone, Hadleigh, Hitcham, Kersey, Little Cornard, Nayland, Poslingford, Sudbury, Troston, Woolpit, and Wormingford. 22 in attendance.

Thanks: The Chairman welcomed everyone, and thanked Rowan Wilson and Neal Dodge for attending.

Apologies: Were received from Alan Baker, Gerald and Cheryl Bird, Martin Carr, Rodney Downer, Ray and Jenny Filby, Sue Freeman, Tim Forsey, Richard Gates, Alison Kenny, Margaret Roberts, Derek Rose, Steve and Sue Tye, Eleanor Waller, Chris Ward and David Wedgwood.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Ringing at St Peter's was again discussed. Neal Dodge said that it would remain possible to ring all ten bells upstairs in the Ringing Chamber and might also be possible to ring 6 bells on the mezzanine floor. There will be no ringing in St Peter's next year. Towards the end of next year there would be a quote for work on the ceiling in the Ringing Chamber.

Election of New Members: Nicola Currie (Hitcham) p. Alan Moulton s. Dave Ward

Ratification of Belfry Elections:

Virginia Tuck (Bildeston) Lynne Edwards (Bildeston)
James and Jenny Croft

District Officer Reports:

Ringing Master/Chairman

Thank you all for attending this meeting. We have had a full year of ringing at District meetings, mostly well attended with plenty of ringing to suit all members. The most significant event of the year was the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and many towers succeeded in ringing something to mark the occasion and the funeral. We have the coronation of King Charles III to look forward to on 5th May and many towers will be seeking new ringers to enable them to ring all their bells for this.

The District still needs a Secretary and representatives for Guild Management Committee and for the Recruitment and Training Committee. Please consider if you could fill any of these posts.

We have a full calendar of ringing for the District and because it is the centenary of the Guild there are many other events planned which you may be interested to take part in.

David Lee, SW Ringing Master
Pauline Brown, SW Chairman

Treasurer:

Suffolk Guild of Ringers
SW District Treasurer's Report for 2022 ADM

Current Membership Summary
(2021 year end figures in brackets)

<i>(Deanery)</i>	Clare	Hadleigh	Lavenham	Sudbury	Unattached	TOTAL
Ringable Towers	13	9	7	11		40
Unringable Towers	6	2	5	5		18
Towers with Members	6	9	6	8		29
Adult	14 (19)	11 (12)	17 (15)	16 (20)	4 (2)	62 (68)
>70 years	8 (11)	11 (11)	5 (7)	15 (12)	1 (1)	40 (42)
>80 years	3 (3)	7 (9)	3 (3)	2 (2)	2 (2)	17 (19)
FTE				1 (2)		1 (2)
Life					1 (1)	1 (1)
Associate		3 (3)				3 (4)
TOTAL	25 (33)	32 (35)	25 (26)	34 (36)	8 (6)	124 (136)

- Note: 1. New members who joined in Q4 2021 do not pay any additional subs for 2023.
2. £1780 subscriptions has been paid into the Guild bank account this year.

SG Subscriptions 2022

Rates and age bands as agreed at the Guild AGM in April 2021 are 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
Life	Free
Associate Member	£10

Annual subs are due each year on Jan 1st. It is most helpful to both myself and the Guild Treasurer if members can pay annually into the Guild account by bank transfer or standing order.

Account name: Suffolk Guild of Ringers
Account sort code: 20-98-07
Account number: 00845760
Reference: Your name and tower (e.g. Gale Drinkstone)

Petty Cash 2022

DATE	ITEM	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	BALANCE
01-Jan	Bought Forward from 2021			78.34
22-Jan	Kersey meeting donations	12.00		90.34
26-Feb	Cowlinge meeting donations	5.00		95.34
23-Apr	SG AGM teas	8.00		103.34
22-Oct	Great Thurlow meeting donations	10.00		113.34
	Totals	35.00		113.34

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 Chris Huntington and seconded by Christine Knight.

Pauline Brown agreed to continue as the District Representative on the GMC and R&TC. Alan Moulton agreed to become a GMC Representative proposed by Nigel Gale and seconded by David Lee.

The Deanery Contacts, Christine Knight and Lynda Lee agreed to continue in their roles and Pauline Brown said she would contact Martin Weaver and Richard Gates to check that they were happy to continue in their deaneries. Christine Knight was thanked for all her efforts to remind members when subs were due.

Ringing Programme for 2023:

David Lee outlined his proposed programme. After a short discussion this was the suggested list, only one tower has so far been approached and agreed.

January 28th - Bures 3.00 – 4.30

February 25th – Haverhill 3.00 – 4.30

No District Practice in March – Guild Centenary Dinner March 25th

April 15th – Guild AGM

April 22nd – Boxford 7.30 – 9.00

May 27th – Cavendish 7.30 – 9.00

June 24th Striking Competition and Bring and Share Tes Polstead – from 3.00

July 22nd – Elmsett 7.30 – 9.00

No District Practice in August

September 23rd District Outing TBA

October 28th – Hitcham 3.00 – 4.30

November 25th Annual District Meeting and Bring and Share Tea – Hadleigh from 3.00

Any Other Business:

Chris Moore was thanked for playing the organ during the service.

Christine Knight thanked David Lee for suggesting a team for the 8 bell competition and thought that they had done very well as there is so little time for practice.

Rowan Wilson spoke about some ideas for celebrating the centenary next year. She urged everyone to check on the Guild website for information about activities and about the celebration dinner on March 25th.

Date of next year's ADM: Saturday 25th November

The meeting closed at 5.55

Signed:

Dated:

Pauline Brown
SW Chairman

