

SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS – SOUTH WEST DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD AT BILDESTON, St MARY MAGDALENE

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2019

Present

Pauline Brown—Chairman, Pam Ebsworth-Secretary, Tony Read-Treasurer, Paul Ebsworth- Ringing Master, Rowan Wilson-Guild Chairman, Neal Dodge-Guild Public Relations Officer and Ringing Members from: Cavendish, Clare, Drinkstone, Glemsford, Hadleigh, Kersey, Little Cornard, Monks Eleigh, Nayland, Poslingford, Sudbury St Gregory, . Total attendance 34.

Thanks

The Chairman welcomed Rowan and Neal and thanked Neil Attwell, Mandy Coll and Neville Whittle for organising the bells and tea at short notice, and Christopher Moore for playing the organ.

Silence for Departed Members

A minutes silence was observed in memory of Rolie Whiting (Nayland), Charlie Ablitt (Stratford St Mary), Graham Morrey (Lavenham), and David Smith (Stoke by Clare). David Jessop (previously of Boxford) was also included in the silence at the request of Christine Knight.

Apologies

These were received from: Alan Baker, Alan Mayle, Martin Weaver, David Wedgewood, Sue Freeman, Nick de Vries and Evelyn Reeve.

Minutes

After a name correction, the minutes of the last meeting (Hadleigh 28th November 2019) were accepted and signed. p. Lynda Lee s. Vicky de Vries.

Matters Arising

Neal reported that 200 Suffolk towers rang out for Ringing For Peace Armistice 100, the highest coverage by any Ringing Guild or Association in the country.

Election of New Members (8)

David Rickett - Hadleigh - p. Neville Whittell - s. Christine Knight

John Holbey - Glemsford - p. Stephen Perkins - s. Pam Ebsworth

Eleanor Waller - Cavendish - p. Derek Rose - s. M Pizzey

Raymond Burdett - Cavendish - p. D Rose - s. M Pizzey

Peter Walton - Cavendish - p. Pauline Brown - s. Derek Rose

Robyn Slater - Lt. Cornard - p. Pauline Brown - s. Gerald Bird

Cheryl Bird - Lt. Cornard - p. Lynda Lee - s. Vicky de Vries

Rosemary Bullen - Lt. Cornard - p. Pauline Brown - s. David Lee

Ratification of Belfry Elections (6)

Karren Squirell – Woolpit, Andrew Morton – Elmsett, Allison Kenny – Cavendish, Molly Cutmore - Sudbury St. Gregs, Gerald Bird - Little Cornard, Jill Apter - Little Cornard.
p. Tony Read s. Pam Ebsworth

District Officers Reports

Secretary

Pam reported that in the last 12 months we have held our ADM, 7 practices, a training visit to St Peter Mancroft in Norwich, a striking competition, David Lee's outing with meal and a quarter peal month.

We shared a visit, with the NW District, to the Discovery Centre in Norwich where they have a ringing room with 8 training bells connected to simulators. The ropes hang in a proper circle and each 'bell' has its own set of headphones and a laptop. Students had some individual time with their teacher/mentor and also ringing-together-time doing some ART foundation activities. Thank you to Rowan for organising this experience for us.

In the Striking Competition at Little Cornard 7 teams entered, with Kersey coming first in the Method section and Haverhill coming first in the Call-change section. Congratulations, and thank you to all who helped with refreshments, our judges and to Vicky-de-Vries for her excellent account.

Once again we thank David Lee for doing a grand job of organising our afternoon outing and evening meal. Next year we hope to have a November outing complete with 'festive' meal.

6 quarter peals were rung in August; Paul Mitchell rang his First Quarter Peal; John Game rang his First of Doubles Inside; Ben Keating rang his First of St Simon's and St Martin's Doubles and Tim Forsey rang his First of Minor inside. Congratulations to all of you and many thanks to those who organised and rang in support of these ringers.

I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last three years especially Pauline, Tony and Paul.

Treasurer

Tony presented a full and comprehensive account which is attached with these minutes. We have 145 paid-up members (6 new, 2 deceased and 3 not renewed). Our total paid to the Guild Treasurer included £45 in donations. Tony asked members who pay by standing order to please update them to the new subscription rates for 2020: Student £10, Full Member £20, age 70-79 £15, age 80+ Free.

Election of District Officers

		<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Chairman	Pauline Brown	Tim Forsey	Margaret Roberts
Secretary	Tim Forsey	Richard Knight	Christine Knight
Treasurer	Nigel Gale	Neville Whittle	Kate Banks
Ringing Master	David Lee	Derek Rose	Richard Finch

District Reps on the Guild Management Committee

Continuing: Bryan Mills and Richard Knight.

New: Tim Forsey, Pauline Brown and Tony Read p.Christine Knight s.Richard Knight

Recruitment and Training Committee representatives

Pauline Brown p.Pam Ebsworth s.Tony Read

Deanery Contacts

Clare—Christine Knight, Hadleigh—Richard Gates, Lavenham—Martin Weaver, Sudbury—Lynda Lee
p. Paul Ebsworth s. David Lee

District Ringing Programme for 2020 (included with these minutes)

Kate Banks was thanked for preliminarily agreeing to host the Guild AGM at Kersey on 18th April 2020— however it was thought that parking could be an issue. The meeting therefore decided to try for the Guild AGM service at Woolpit and the tea and meeting at Drinkstone Village Hall. Nigel and Pam agreed to check availability.

Members also voted to: ask whether we could change to Kedington for the district striking competition; have an August outing and a November outing with festive meal.

Derek Rose announced 3 dates for ringing at Sudbury St Peter next autumn which will be added to the calendar.

Any Other Business

Neal announced that for 2020 the May Bank Holiday has been changed to the 8th May for the 75th anniversary of VE Day commemorations. He thanked Pam, Paul and Tony for their contributions to the running of the district.

Rowan suggested that we put together a task list for the Guild AGM.

It was also announced that Joshua Grey has rung his first Rounds and Call changes at Loughborough University.

Pam told the meeting that all old district paperwork has now been stored in the Norman Tower.

There will be no ringing at Polstead until 18th November.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Signed

Patricia Brown

Date

26.10.19

Date	Event	Time	Contact
23	Practice at Sudbury St Peter	7.30-9	Derek Rose 012840 830436
25	Practice at Elmsett	7.30-9	5.2
24	Annual District Meeting at Boxford Service, bring and share tea, meeting	24.30	8.21 Tim Forsey
31	Practice at Sudbury St Peter	7.30-9	Derek Rose 012840 830436
30	Practice at Sudbury St Peter	7-9.30	Derek Rose 012840 830436
28	Festive Outing and Meal		David Lee

March 29 Clocks spring forward

April 12 Easter Sunday

October 25 Clocks fall back

2021

23	District Practice at Sudbury St Gregs	7-9.30	8.15
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Towers subject to confirmation please check at: www.suffolkbells.org.uk/whats-on.php