

Draft Minutes of the South East District Meeting held at Orford
Saturday 1st September 2012

There was ringing at St Bartholomew's, Orford prior to the service conducted by the vicar, Rev David Murdoch, tea, meeting and evening ringing.

The chairman opened the meeting by thanking the vicar for his welcome to us and for allowing us to ring at Orford. He also thanked the organist, Richard Wilson and especially thanked those present for entering into the spirit of the Bring and Share tea by providing a really fine spread, and Jane Harper for bringing it all together with very welcome cups of tea.

Apologies were received from Ralph & Ellie Earey, Alan McBurnie, Diana Pipe, Hazel Judge, Ian Imrie, Ruth Eagle, Sue Bowerman, Peter Faircloth, Suzanne Eddis, and Melvin, Tracey, Oliver and Alex Scase.

Remembrances The meeting was asked to remember Phil Willis of Wickham Market, Leslie Carter of Marlesford and Alison Regan, a non-resident life member.

The Minutes of the District Meeting held at Dennington on 3rd March 2012 and of the Striking Competition held at Pettistree on 5th May 2012 were accepted with no amendment.

Matters arising from the Minutes None

The Treasurer informed the meeting that she had 36 annual subscriptions for 2012 outstanding, mostly from 2 towers.

The Ringing Master gave a brief resume of activities since the last meeting – a few more teams would have been welcome at the striking competition, but there was a surprisingly good turnout at Henley over the Jubilee weekend. Helmingham in July was rather disappointing, but three quarter peals were scored at the beginning of August followed by a meal.

New Members

There were no new members proposed.

The Chairman reported briefly on the **Guild Management Meeting** held on 17th June. Matters concerning the SE District were as follows:

- 1) Clopton, where extensive tower repairs have been carried out, had requested assistance with a £60,000 estimate for the restoration of the bells. The GMC had agreed a grant of £6,000.
- 2) The Guild Treasurer proposed no increase in subscriptions for 2013.
- 3) Banners have been obtained to stand with the Guild mini-ring, but they are available separately for small displays.
- 4) It is proposed to hold a Guild Dinner to mark the 90th anniversary of the Guild's foundation on Saturday 16th March 2013 at Woolpit.

District Outing

Tom Scase produced details of an outing he has arranged for the District on Saturday 3rd November. It is hoped that as many as possible will support it.

Quarter Peal Fortnight

The meeting was reminded that this year's dates for the quarter peal fortnight were between 20th October and 4th November

Guild Social and Barn Dance

Arrangements were well in hand for the Barn Dance on Saturday 15th September. About 60 tickets had been sold, but it would be good if more people could be persuaded to come.

Succession

The chairman reminded the meeting that the District will require to elect a new Chairman and Secretary at the ADM at Woodbridge in December.

Any Other Business

Members were asked to sign a card to Alan Rogers to let him know he was not being forgotten at this difficult time for him.

Ray Lewis advised there would be no ringing at Wickham Market during the re-ordering of the church. Instead they would peripatetic between, Campsea Ashe, Marlesford, Hacheston and Parham.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed with further ringing until 8.30pm.