

## Suffolk Guild of Ringers

### Belfry Advisory Committee Meeting minutes:

#### Rattlesdon - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 ( as signed )

1. Attendees- W. Girling ( Chairman ) , C McArthur ( Secretary ) , A Moulton , C Nunn , J Taylor , C Davies , C Girling , Jonathan Stevens.

2. Apologies- None

3. Remembrances- The meeting remembered David Moyes laid to rest at Reydon in June and we fondly recalled all his good works with the BAC.

4. Winston introduced Mark Steggles from Tostock who has been helping him with various projects. It was agreed by all that he would be welcomed as member of this committee.

5. The previous minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> June at Wissett were agreed and signed with three minor corrections. There were no matters arising.

6. The future format of the BAC meetings was discussed and in future it is likely that speakers will be arranged for a separate occasion. Stowmarket ringing chamber will be used for winter meetings but a summer meeting will be at a recently rehung church as appropriate.

7. The District Technical Advisors Posts are now filled although for the time being and Neville and Winston will cover the SE district. **Other potential candidates are being sought.**

8. Only one grant application was submitted and this related to an additional grant for gudgeon pin repairs on the seventh at Stowmarket. Chris McArthur took the chair at this point and **after discussion it was recommended that an additional £200 be given.**

9. Training on the strike meter had been given by Jonathan in June to the committee, at Earl Stonham belfry. Jonathan had attended the CBC conference and the summary report by him is attached to these minutes.

10. District reports: North East- no matters to report. North West- A. Moulton has been helping restore a chiming facility at Hargrave on one of the three

disused bells. South East- G Pipe has been involved in discussions at Bedfield about a complete refurbishment, including lowering of the old frame. Two quotes have been obtained but much fund raising is yet to take place. Wickham Market fund raising for the new headstocks is going very well and it is hoped to lower the bells after Christmas with Taylor's assistance. South West- no matters to report.

11. Technical Advisors report: Wickham Skeith has had clappers rebushed by Taylors and striking corrected. Stowmarket have had new bearings on the back four bells and a gudgeon pin repair on the seventh. Rattlesdon inspected and grant to be paid; all had rung this evening on these fine rehung bells. Stowupland a single chiming bell has been restored. Cotton are unringable following an engineer's report regarding beams that are in a perilous condition. Horringer are to be recast with a new frame, but only one third of funds raised to date. **St Mary at Quay Ipswich are subject to ongoing discussions with MIND regarding a new steel frame and issues around the historic wooden one.** St Nicholas Ipswich has had attention in the past and Neville will assist with work in the future if requested to do so. Monks Eleigh has serious problems following a failed peal attempt and **Neville is due to do a full inspection within weeks.** Hartest have serious cracks on the fifth and Whites are scheduled to complete these welding repairs shortly, including turning.

12. AOB: **Jonathan requested a copy of an eight page maintenance leaflet by R.Clouston produced in 1973, and would be very grateful for a copy from within the county.** Winston has done some very good work helping arrange digitising the bell tower condition records that R.Clouston had carefully documented over many years. **These are to be available to the committee shortly for technical use, in the form of digital memory sticks.** Chris Davies wanted the meeting to note that he had found a very good supplier of old bearing sizes on the Horsham St Faith industrial estate. Do contact him for further details as needed.

13. **Next meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 in Stowmarket ringing chamber with ringing at 7.00pm and meeting at 7.30pm. Agenda items to the secretary by 26<sup>th</sup> January please.**

