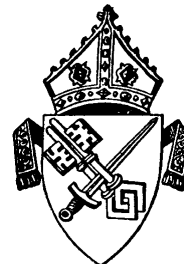


# WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

## PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT



## Minutes of the Quarterly District Meeting Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at Bishop's Waltham

- 1. Chairman's welcome.**  
Ian Hunt welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Rev Norman Chatfield for conducting the service, and Ivan Watling the organist.
- 2. Apologies for absence.** Andrew Case, treasurer, and Lizzie Hough, publicity, were unable to attend.
- 3. Loss of members through death.** Nan Colley, widow of Ted Colley, former Tower Captain of Bishop's Waltham, died in August. Also recorded was the death of Rose Lee, sadly missed at Curdridge. A moment of silence was held in their memory.
- 4. Collection.** The collection raised £18.60, to be given to the BRF p. Rachel Byford, s. Tom Bishop.
- 5. Minutes of the QDM at Soberton 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010.** These were circulated and signed as a true record, p. Jan Allnutt, s. Blanche Hunt.
- 6. Matters arising.** None.
- 7. Election of new members.**  
*At Titchfield* – David Adams and Gerald Brown, p. Lyndon Hatfield, s. Brian Baverstock. *At Purbrook*, Pearl Gatfield and Elizabeth Benjamin, p. Roy Grayson, s. Jan Allnutt. *At Hambledon* – Heather Coutts. *At Portsmouth Cathedral* – Andrew Taylor, and Mike Duncan as probationer, p. Ian Carey, s. Sarah Carey. *At Bishop's Waltham* – Christopher Burgess, p. Norman Chatfield, s. David Goss. *At Upham* – Natasha Clements, probationer. *At Netley* – Alex Akhurst (junior), p. Francis Mitchell, s. Carolyn Wright. The members were also asked to ratify the election prior to a peal at Congresbury on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010 of John Cornock, of Stone, Gloucs., p. Edd Colliss, s. John Colliss.
- 8. Accounts.** Andrew Case was absent, but his report was read out. The finances had recovered slightly, but membership numbers are down a little, a disappointment given the recruitment and training efforts put in by the committee. It was also pointed out that there is a trend towards sending in subs for people who haven't been elected, which might result in people not being covered by Guild insurance.
- 9. District Training Days.** Ian Hunt reviewed the recent sessions; the Beginners' one at Purbrook had worked well with the new format of splitting the 3 hours into

3 separate areas of handling, Plain Hunt and Doubles. At Botley last Saturday 3 students had gained much insight and improvement in Cambridge Minor, including a theory session, tower practice, bobs and Cambridge on higher numbers.

10. **Ringing Master's Report.** Tom Bishop reviewed the District Practices at Portsea and Curdridge. He also drew attention to printed reports on recent events for those without internet, available at the meeting.
11. **Future Events.** Ian Hunt outlined the next 2 District Practices in November and December and the next 3 District Training Days, as yet no dates fixed, which will focus on Beginners, Stedman Doubles and Cambridge.
12. **Website.** Andrew Byford began by requesting members to submit email addresses, then asked for a show of hands about website use. There were a few, but not as many as hoped. He outlined the new-look website, to be available next February, which should be much easier to use, plus an events list as a Google calendar. Tower news and articles can go on the new pages. Allan Yalden suggested a prompt via email to alert members to new items on the web pages. Brian Baverstock enquired what proportion of the membership had submitted emails – it's about two-thirds.
13. **Calendar 2011/12.** Diana Bishop said that the only fixtures so far are the ADM plus 2 District 12-bell Practices at the Cathedral, plus the Winchester one in August, and asked towers to offer to hold District Practices
14. **A.O.B.**  
Diana Bishop asked that tower secs examine the current Guild report for errors or amendments.  
Brian Baverstock made a plea for more familiar hymns at the QDM services.

Ian Hunt closed the meeting, which lasted 35 minutes.

**Date of Annual District Meeting:  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at Portsmouth Cathedral**

*Towers not represented at Bishop's Waltham QDM:*

Portsea

Fareham

Upham

Havant