

Minutes Northern District Meeting Wethersfield Saturday 3rd September

The Master welcomed everyone to the meeting particularly Laurence Beale who often attends the meetings although he comes from outside the district.

Apologies were received from Janice Watkins, Pip Darkins, Kate Champness, Richard and Lyn Ould, Maurice and Kath Downs, Wendy and Vic Turner, Brian Meads, Ian and Viv Hamilton, David Learmonth.

The minutes of the previous meeting which had been circulated were accepted as a true record.

Proposed by John Elliott

Seconded by Allen Cansdale

There were no nominations for new members.

It was reported that a most successful barbecue had been held at the home of Vic and Wendy Turner. There had been a good crowd who enjoyed a convivial afternoon and evening. The figure raised for the Bell Restoration Fund was £133. It was hoped that the event could be held at Vic and Wendy's in the future as the setting was wonderful.

Achievements

The Achievements taken from the Ringing World up to 27th August were circulated. The Master highlighted a few notable achievements.

Future Events

The Ringing School commences on Saturday 17th September, 10 till 12 noon, with the first one being held at Felsted and subsequent sessions at Coggeshall for this term. The Master stated that David would be very pleased to have offers of help. He also suggested that members might like to advise those who would benefit from these sessions to attend them.

The Advanced practice still takes place at Braintree on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

The Beyond Bob Minor practice still takes place on the 4th Saturday of the month. Ian Hamilton organises these sessions and he would be pleased to receive any requests for methods that members wish

to learn. He is also happy to help arrange a strong band for those people who wish to ring a quarter.

Saturday 1st October EACR Dinner at the County Hotel Chelmsford. Tickets are still available, members to contact Vicki Chapman direct or Janet Edwards the district rep.

Saturday 8th October District Practice at Gt Yeldham.

Saturday 22nd October 10 bell Practice at Bocking 7:30 to 9:00 pm everyone is welcome whatever their ability!

November is Quarter Peal Month. Ian Hamilton is happy to arrange support for those who need it, so members can contact him or indeed any committee member.

Saturday 12th November District Quiz Felsted.

Saturday 10th December District Carol Service Braintree ringing from 3:15 pm service at 4:30 pm. Mince pies after the service.

Annual District Meeting Saturday 7th January at Coggeshall.

A.O.B.

Roy Threadgold stated that he is interested in having a go at some 17th Century ringing and asked if members would be interested in giving this a go. This was the birth of change ringing and before the advent of the Blue line! As members appeared keen a date was set for Sunday 16th October 7:30 pm at Wethersfield.

Nominations for: Master, Deputy Master, Treasurer and Secretary were required by 1st December. The Master stated that due to work commitments the current secretary felt unable to continue.

A nomination for Vicky Lefevre to remain as treasurer, was proposed by Di Carpenter and seconded by Debbie Hill.

Votes of Thanks

Colin Wilson was thanked for conducting the service and for allowing the ringers to use the bells at both Wethersfield and Finchingfield. Our resident organist Peter Wood was thanked for stepping in at the last minute to play the organ. The Wethersfield ringers and helpers were thanked for organising the day's events and for providing the tea.