

## Minutes of the Essex Association of Change Ringers Northern District Meeting

### Belchamp St Paul Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

**Present:** Simon Ward (District Master), Tim Peckham (District Secretary), Vicki Elliott (District Treasurer), Peter and Marian Wood, Peter Smith, Roy and Cherry Threadgold, Jim Green, Kelly and Jon Thompson, Maureen Rigg, Tim Forsey, Susan Sherrington, Val Fullman, David Newton, Emily Thompson, John Elliott, Nicholas Elliott, Charlotte Mackle, Stephen Norris, Maurice and Kath Downs

The District Master chaired the meeting which started at 6.15pm

1. **Welcome.** The District Master welcomed the attendees.
2. **Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Bradley Hill (Deputy District Master), Andrew and Carol Taylor, Debbie Hill, Ian and Pat Cresshull, Janet Edwards, Vicky Le Fèvre, Trevor Beadle, David Learmonth, and Andrew Brewster.
3. **Minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the District Meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 had been circulated in advance and were available at the meeting. There were no comments or corrections to the minutes. They were accepted as an accurate record of the meetings, the former proposed: Peter Smith, seconded: Roy Threadgold and the latter proposed: Jim Green, seconded Roy Threadgold.
4. **Election of Members**

Jonathan Thompson (Pebmarsh) proposed: Susan Sherrington, seconded: Simon Ward  
Kelly Thompson (Pebmarsh) proposed: Susan Sherrington, seconded: Simon Ward.
5. **Nominations for district officers**

The following volunteered for re-election: Master: Simon Ward, Deputy Master: Bradley Hill, Secretary: Tim Peckham, and Treasurer: Vicki Elliott. There were no other volunteers.
6. **Online Membership System**

Vicki Elliott mentioned that the system was on trial and that roll out to the whole membership was on course for the New Year.
7. **District Calendar 2022**

The following events for the remaining 2022 were mentioned:

  - a. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022, District Training Morning, St Clements 10am-12noon (Action: send reminder email to district)
  - b. November is Quarter Peal month
  - c. Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022, District Social Evening (to be confirmed)
  - d. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, District Carol Service, Felsted, Ringing 3.15pm, Service 4.30pm
  - e. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January, Annual District Meeting, Coggeshall, Ringing 3.30pm, Service 4.30pm, Business Meeting 6.00pm

## 8. News and Achievements

It was explained that the Meeting held at Finchingfield on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July was in retrospect not quorate so any business carried out at that time was not valid. So, in addition News and Achievements mentioned at that time were also read out.

- a. Matthew Little rang his 1<sup>st</sup> quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Wethersfield on 27/3/22 and a 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Finchingfield on 23/7/22.
- b. Alfie Holland rang his 1<sup>st</sup> quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Great Bardfield on 6/6/22
- c. Hazel Surprise Major was rung at Wethersfield on 28/5/22 in loving memory of Hazel Threadgold who died on 30<sup>th</sup> April aged 40. Bells were also rung at Witham, Kelvedon, Inworth, Beeston and Ridgewell.
- d. Trevor Beadle had reported by email that Earls Colne had raised £9,000 from local events with the aim of raising £70,000 for bell restoration. Grant applications were planned.
- e. Ashen had raised funds for bell restoration.

## 7. Any Other Business

- a. Bradley Hill had emailed that he planned to complete his northern district quarter peal challenge having recovered from injury. He has 3 towers to go to complete a total of 31 ringable towers in the northern district.
- b. Simon Ward reported that Mandy French would like to buy new ropes for Shalford tower in memory of her husband David.
- c. Peter Wood reported that the bells at Great Easton were inspected on 25/1/20 and by Nicholson Engineering
- d. Tim Peckham informed the meeting that he had uncollected copies of "Rounds and About" and the Annual Report available. He encouraged attendees to make tower donations.

The District Master thanked everyone for attending the meeting,

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

Signed .....

Dated ... 01/A.P.R./2023 .