

MINUTES of the District Meeting held at Finchingfield on

Saturday 6th May 2017

Present:	Roy Threadgold (RT)	Master
	John Elliott (JE)	Deputy Master
	Vicki Elliott (VE)	Treasurer
	Linda Ranby (LR)	Secretary

Members Present: 21

The Master welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from T Earle, W Earle, N Holland, S Holland, P Holness, P Smith and C Threadgold.

2(a) Minutes

The minutes of the Annual District Meeting held on 7th January 2017 were accepted as an accurate record.

Proposed: J Elliott

Seconded: J Wilkinson

The minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd April 2017 were accepted as an accurate record.

Proposed: P Wood

Seconded: J Elliott

2(b) Matters Arising

Peter Wood confirmed that the work at Great Bardfield was now complete and the grant had been paid.

3 Membership

There was a ratification of 5 members proposed at Ridgewell on 22nd April 2017.

Ringling Members:

Paul Holness, Colne Engaine

Richard D Bowen, Great Bardfield

Ellie Gray, Braintree

Ellis Whitehouse, Braintree

NRLM:

Christopher McArthur, Unattached

They were all unanimously elected.

4 Striking Competition Finals

RT told members the method for the 8-bell striking competition to be held on 8th July, was St Martin's Bob Triples. Also adding that he was hoping to get some regular practise leading up to the event. JE asked who would be prepared to volunteer. Maurice Downs said it was important to have someone on standby for both ringing and conducting in the event of illness on the day.

5 Association Dinner

Price for the Early Bird Tickets for the Association Dinner of £28 had been extended to 21st May. After that would be £32. The venue this year was to be Little Channels and the date would be 28th October.

6 Heritage Open Days

RT encouraged more towers to get involved in the Heritage Days from 7th-10th September this year. Brian Meads said it was good to register as they send you everything you need for the publicity and it's free. If required you can also take out their insurance. Registration is by 1st August.

7 District Calendar

The 6-bell striking competition finals were to be held at Colne Engaine and 8-bell competition at Earls Colne on 8th July.

22nd July evening practice – venue still to be confirmed.

A ramble was to be organised for 5th August. Starting at Danbury, other towers tbc.

5 Achievements

There were 2 peals rung with district members Brian Meads and John Elliott.

Other achievements were: 1st as conductor – Simon Ward; 1st in method – Andrew Dickinson, Ian Hamilton, Bradley Hill, Andrew Taylor and Simon Ward; 1st on 8 – Jon Wallis; 1st TB – Vicki Elliott; 1st away from cover – David French; 1st Minimus by entire band – Kelvedon.

6 Any Other Business

The work on Stisted tower is complete and they are ringing again.

Vicki Elliott has EACR badges for sale at £1.50 each.

Brian Meads raised the point that following the AGM from our representatives for Central Council meeting at the end of May. He said all the information was on the website, and depending on how the voting changes things, we may have to look at our affiliation with the Central Council.

RT thanked Sarah Pilgrim for taking the service and the local ringers for serving the teas.

The meeting was then declared closed at 6.30pm and evening ringing took place.

LR 28.08.2017

Signed *R. Shroves*

Dated *2nd September 2017*