

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

East Berks & South Bucks Branch

Minutes of the Half Yearly Meeting held at Lane End on Saturday 8th October 2022

The meeting was attended by 25 members representing 9 towers.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Katie Lane (Guild Master), Angela Darvill, Ken Darvill, Marcia Dieppe, Fred Reynolds, Sian Robinson, James White.

2. Minutes of the AGM held at Chalfont St Giles on Saturday 23rd April 2022

These had been circulated via the User Group. They were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Election of New Members

The following were nominated for membership of the Guild:

Mick Francis, Marlow – proposed by Tina Ruff
Nickie Tuckwell, Iver – proposed by David Rowlands
Theo Boughton, Hambleden – proposed by Helen Riddoch
Leo Bone, Hambleden – proposed by Helen Riddoch
Phillip Whittaker, Hitcham – proposed by Roger Webb

These nominations were seconded by Robert Newton and all were elected unopposed.

Alison Miles, Turville was proposed for membership of EBSB by Rachel Wallace, seconded by Vikki Bulbeck and elected unopposed.

5. Branch Programme 2023

The secretary (Patricia Newton) apologised that, as a recent Officers' meeting had to be postponed, not much has been done yet about the 2023 programme. The AGM will be on Saturday 22nd April at Maidenhead. The Branch 6-bell contest will be on Saturday 10th June at Chesham.

Volunteers were invited for hosting the Lorna Newton Contest and Half Yearly Meeting and also the Christmas Practice and Social next year but none were forthcoming.

A programme of practices will be put together and circulated when available. The secretary requested that when Tower Correspondents receive requests for hosting practices they should respond as soon as possible.

6. Guild Events

Patricia Newton (as Guild Steward) reminded members of the forthcoming Steeple Aston Course (which is probably already full) and Rope Splicing Course on the same day (29th October).

The Guild has put together the usual programme of events which will be circulated with the next newsletter, but one additional event to highlight is the Guild Festival in Oxford on Saturday 8th July. There will be a service at the Cathedral and the opportunity to ring at towers in the city centre.

7. Any Other Business

Patricia Newton informed the meeting that the new bells at High Wycombe are now 10 years old and that there would be a service of re-dedication at the Patronal Festival Choral Evensong at 5pm on Sunday 30th October. All are invited to ring before and to attend the service.

The Chairman, John Davidge, presented new members certificates to Theo Boughton and Mick Francis, and also presented a first quarter peal certificate to Sam Boughton.

The Chairman thanked the Lane End ringers for their hospitality and for the plentiful refreshments.

Lorna Newton Competition Results

John Davidge thanked Matthew Johnson and Ros Garrett-Bowes for judging the contest. The competing bands were congratulated on getting to the final, and results were as follows:

1 st	High Wycombe "B"	16 faults
2 nd	Bray	34 faults
3 rd	Marlow	40 faults

Robert Newton presented the trophy to the winners and runners up and a suitably engraved wooden spoon to Marlow.

Patricia Newton
October 2022