

# OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD CITY BRANCH

## Minutes

### Annual General Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012 St Giles, Oxford City

The meeting began with two obituaries.

Roy Jones spoke about the life of Clive Holloway.  
John Pusey spoke about the life of Bob Benstead.

A moments silence was observed in memory of these two Branch members.

There were 55 members present.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Richard Jeffery, Alice Longden-Brown, Colin Taylor, Claire Fairbairn, Wendy Austen, Peter Lloyd, Ron Burgess
2. **Approval of the minutes of the Half Yearly Meeting held at St Giles, Horspath on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012:** Proposed: R Jones, Seconded: M Malek with no amendments. They were signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising:** None

#### 4. **Election of New Members:**

Alice Longden-Brown, Colin Taylor, Megan Taylor-West, Karey Taylor – Headington p. Paul Lucas 2nd. June Steele

Philip Armstrong, Toby Armstrong, Matthew Hall, Catrin Morgan, Michael O'Hagan, Patricia O'Neill, Constance Young – St Aldates p. Jonathan Cresshull 2nd. Robin Hall

Kirsty Monk, Robert Wallis – Unattached p. Jonathan Cresshull 2nd. Andrew Freer

Lindsey Powell, Jennifer Barson – Cowley p. Margaret Weller 2nd. Pamela Treadwell

Simon King – Iffley p. Stephen Davies 2nd. Keith Godfrey

Kathy Xu, Beatrice King – St Giles p. John Pusey 2nd. Roy Jones

Transferred – Mark Tarrant (from Chipping Norton Branch) - St Aldates

Reinstated – Leon Thompson, Nicholas Hartley – St Aldates

5. **Presentation of Certificates:** certificates were presented to those members who have previously been elected.
6. **Reports from Officers:**
  - a. **Hon. Treasurer** The accounts in majority remain unchanged. There are 130 paid members, 3 additional members from other branches and 6 non-paying. The current account has £1,123 and the deposit account has £763. Expenses should be presented to at the meeting. Matthew suggested that new members pay for 2013 when everyone else does at the beginning of the year, this will be discussed in AOB. John Pusey thanked the branch for the donation to St Giles.
  - b. **Ringing Master** The raffle raised £53.50. Branch Practices have not been well attended but outings have been - Cambridge, Wiltshire and London. Mini-outings doubles to minor on to 8 bell still ongoing – contact Hugh Deam.
  - c. **Vice-Chairman** Methods at practices etc. should be requested from the ringing master.

## 7. Election of Officers:

- a. **Chairman** Simon Edwards p. Jonathan Beale, 2<sup>nd</sup>. John Pusey - Elected
- b. **Deputy Chairman** Roy Jones not standing. Paul Lucas p. Leon Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roy Jones - Elected
- c. **Treasurer** Matthew Malek p. Jonathan Cresshull, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Paul Lucas - Elected
- d. **Secretary** Katherine Stonham p. Matthew Malek, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Andrew Freer - Elected
- e. **Ringing Master** Hugh Deam p. Roy Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bernard Masterman. Jonathan Cresshull p. John Pusey, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Katy Routh.

Hugh Deam expressed that nominations could not be accepted at the meeting as they had not been previously publicized. He referred to practice in contested elections previously. Simon Edwards stated that he thought that any nominations can be made for positions at the AGM. Robin Hall referred to the Guild Rule book which stated that the AGM was for all business matters set out on the agenda for which the election of officers was one.

A secret ballot was undertaken and the votes were 26 each. It was suggested that both members work together to hold the position. They were duly elected.

John Pusey suggested each ringing master should not be unilateral.

- f. **Branch Representatives (x2)** Clare Morgan not standing. Matthew Malek stated that he would rather not stand as he has many commitments making it hard for him to attend events. No one else came forward and Mathew said he would stand in this case. p. Roy Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jonathan Cresshull - Elected.

The committee is going to meet to discuss the up and coming year.

## 8. Any Other Business

The Chairman expressed thanks to Anthony Ellis and wished him all best for future. He also expressed thanks for the tea from St Giles.

Anthony Hughes stated he was currently the independent auditor but was resigning from the position.

Dorothy Hall p. Jonathan Cresshull, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Robin Hall - Elected

Paul Lucas asked for feedback on Hugh's News. Matthew Malek asked that the joint practices with the Witney and Woodstock branch are included. Robert Newton stated that it is useful from outside the branch. More contributions are required. Jonathan Beale expressed thanks for all Paul's work.

Thanks for Anthony Hughes' service were expressed

There was a query over subscriptions for 2013. Robert Newton stated that they were to be decided next weekend at Guild Committee meeting.

Matthew Malek suggested changing payment so that new members pay in January with everyone else. This was agreed as a good principle going forward.