

# CITY BRANCH HALF YEARLY MEETING

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012

St Giles, Horspath

## MINUTES

The meeting took place after the branch striking competition.

1. **Apologies for absence:** James Haseldine, Alex Marshall, Keith Godfrey, Catherine Godfrey, Clare Maloney-Lee, Clare Morgan, Robert Bruce, Katie Lane, Claire Fairbairn
2. **Approval of minutes:** The Minutes of the AGM held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011 had been circulated and were approved, after one amendment. They were signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters arising:** none
4. **Election of new members:**  
James MacDonald, Rachel MacDonald, Michelle Martin - Wheatley  
Charlotte Ritchie - Marston  
Christine Rumble - Cowley

These ringers were proposed, seconded and unanimously elected to the Guild. Subscriptions were paid to the Treasurer

5. **Presentation of Certificates:** certificates were presented to those members present who were elected at the AGM in November.
6. **Reports from officers:**
  - a) *Ringing Master*  
The ringing master, Hugh Deam, said that the combined practices with the Witney and Woodstock branch had been working well and that Branch practices generally has been well attended and are ongoing.  
Both the outing to London in October and the Spring outing have also been well attended.  
Hugh is organising some special 5&6 bell practices and mini outings. If anyone is interested they are to contact Hugh via email.
  - b) *Hon. Treasurer*  
The treasurer reported that the collection of subs for the Guild had been completed, and that the funds were in good order. There are 139 members of the branch of which 130 are fully paid.  
There have been incomings of £948 in regards subs and donations and outgoings of £1020 including subs and a donation to St Giles.
7. **Any other business:**  
R Jones expressed a wish to set the format of the half yearly meeting and striking competition. It was proposed by J Cresshull that the format going forward should be Striking Competition followed by tea and then Meeting. This was unanimously accepted.

A Hughes informed that branch that there was a crack in one of the bells at Marston and that work may need to be undertaken in the future, as recommended by Whites of Appleton. This was a point of information.

*The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to the Horspath ringers for hosting the meeting and for providing the excellent tea.*