

CITY BRANCH HALF YEARLY MEETING

Saturday 11th May 2013

St Lawrence, North Hinksey

MINUTES

The meeting took place after the branch striking competition.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Simon Edwards, Matthew Malek, James Champion, Robert Newton, Brian Lowe, Lesley Smith, Tim Hillsdon, Christopher Brown, Claire Fairbairn, Anthony Hughes, Peter Lloyd
2. **Approval of minutes:** The Minutes of the AGM held on 17th November 2012 had been circulated and were approved. They were signed by the Vice Chairman.
3. **Matters arising:** none
4. **Election of new members:**
Virginia Andrews – North Hinksey
Tiggy Jones, Oliver Webb, Niall Sheekey – Old Marston
Rosalind Roberts – St Aldates
Jane Burgess – Kidlington (associated member)
Alena Ptak-Danchak – St Giles
Sheila Frankum, Joanne Horne, Louise Yendole - Horspath

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

5. **Presentation of Certificates:** certificates were presented to those members present who were elected at the AGM in November.
6. **Reports from officers:**
 - a) *Joint Ringing Master*
The joint ringing master, Jonathan Cresshull, said that it was encouraging to be able to hold branch practices throughout the branch, particularly at Stanton-St-John in April. He encourages all members of the branch to come along as there is no minimum standard. It was good to have the OUS taking part in the striking competition as a scratch band for fun and hopefully there can be more joint events with the ringing societies in Oxford, possibly St Mary the Virgin in the near future. Jonathan attended a Guild Training Course in Thame in February and found it very informative. When the next opportunity arises he would encourage any potential teachers to go along.
 - b) *Hon. Treasurer*
In the absence of the treasurer Matthew Malek, the secretary, Katherine Stonham, read his report: 'There is total branch membership of 149, slightly up on 2012. £1,276 income from subs has been split £715 to the Guild, £134 between the Bell Fund and the Restoration Fund and £427 being the income for the year to date. If anyone has any questions for Matthew, please get in touch with him.'
 - c) *Hon. Secretary*

Katherine Stonham stated that next Saturday, 18th May was the Guild AGM and as Matthew Malek, the Guild Representative for the branch, cannot make it, she would encourage members to attend. Of note there were two matters which should be considered, firstly the vacancy for the Guild PR Committee, details previously circulated, and secondly, the proposal to make a grant to the Ringing Foundation towards admin support for ITTS. If you have views or would like to stand for the position, consider attending the Guild AGM.

7. Any other business:

It was noted that two members have expenses to claim for courses they have attended. The branch will reimburse these if the members are eligible. The monies will be sought from the treasurer.

Jonathan Cresshull gave a vote of thanks to North Hinksey for hosting the meeting. Further he thanked John and Cathy Hughes D'Aeth for judging the striking competition.