



OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS NORTH BUCKS BRANCH

AUTUMN MEETING

Saturday 16 September 2017 at 18:00

Emberton

Chairman's Welcome

The chairman, Graham Bartholomew, welcomed Hilarie Rogers (the Guild Master), John White, and 20 branch members to the meeting.

In Memoriam

The chairman was not aware of any members who had died since the last AGM.

Apologies for Absence

The secretary, Gary Reading, had received the following apologies for absence:

- Tine Marchbank
- Janet Wilson
- Ted and Becky Fawcett
- Hilary and Claire Reading
- Terry Page
- Sarah Elliott
- Lesley Belcher
- Anne McIntyre

There were no other apologies for absence.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

The minutes of the AGM held at Weston Underwood on the 4th March 2017 had been published on the branch website and were available at today's meeting. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Simon Head, seconded by Tricia Rosewell, and agreed by all present.

The minutes of the Business Meeting held at Calverton on the 19th August 2017 had been published on the branch website and were available at today's meeting. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Martin Petchey, seconded by Simon Head, and agreed by all present.



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Election of New Members

One nomination was received for the following new member:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Tower</u> | <u>Proposer</u> | <u>Seconder</u> |
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| Mr David Tarry | Emberton | Phil Haslam | Sheila Watts |

The nomination was approved by all members present.

Any Other Business

The chairman thanked Karen Payne and Liz Sheaf for organising this year's branch outing to Northampton.

The chairman noted that only 11 people from the branch had gone on the outing - there was a discussion about how to try and ensure that more people attend the next outing.

The chairman noted that the branch was hosting the guild ten bell striking competition and general committee meeting on Saturday 25th November. Volunteers/stewards were still needed and the chairman asked anyone who was interested to let him know.

Alan Marchbank noted that he thought that at each 'quarterly' branch meetings (the AGM, Summer Social and Striking Competition, Autumn Meeting and Branch Practice & Christmas Social) it would be useful to go through the upcoming events for the next quarter, and also to produce a paper list of upcoming events in the next quarter for members to take back for display in their towers.

The chairman thanked the members at Emberton for the use of their bells and for providing tea.