# North Bucks Branch Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Business Meeting at Loughton

15th December 2018

## Welcome

The meeting was opened at 17:45 by Graham Bartholomew who welcomed everyone and thanked all for coming.

The members present were asked to complete the attendance register.

## Apologies for Absence.

Received from Roger and Judy Gay

#### Election of new members

Christine Ashby - Bletchley Evette Johnson - Olney Leonard Hunt - Olney

Proposed: Mark Vale, seconded David Beckley

## **Election of Officers**

- a. Branch Secretary Patricia Rosewell. Proposed Graham Bartholomew and carried.
- b. Guild Representative Alan Marchbank, carried.

#### Diary of Events.

Events calendars should have been posted to towers but need to check who they were addressed to as there is some doubt about who should receive them. The Branch AGM will be held 2nd March 2019.

The Guild 8 bell striking competition and the Open Day ringing are both being hosted by North Bucks on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Three 8 bell towers need to be reserved for the striking competition and possibly heats will need to be arranged. Alan will write to Tower Captains to see if this can be done. It should be a money raising event for the bell fund. Towers will be busy. Volunteers will be needed.

Alan thanked Nick Read for organising the monthly midweek ringing group.

#### <u>AOB</u>

- a) Barry thanked members for the support they have given him and endorsed Alan's thanks for Nick.
- b) Note: North Bucks did not enter a team for the 10 bell competition in 2018 but would like to reinstate this next year and would also like to encourage more younger ringers.

## Close

The Chairman thanked Hilary Reading for organising the tea and Gary Reading for the use of the bells and wished all a Happy Christmas.

Meeting closed at 17:55