

Oxford City Branch of the Oxford Diocesan guild of Church Bell Ringers

Minutes of the half yearly meeting held at Cowley St James on

Saturday 11th May 2019

The meeting was chaired by Paul Lucas, vice chair. Paul thanked the Cowley ringers for their hospitality and the tea, and Tony Crabtree for judging the competition and for bringing the Stallpits mini ring. He also congratulated the St Giles team who won the competition.

Apologies for Absence: Kidlington Ringers due to a wedding, Simon Edwards, Andrew Freer.

Minutes of the AGM: accepted

Presentation of Certificates to new members: These were given out by Tony Crabtree, Guild Deputy Master.

Election of New Members: St Giles – Andrew Spicer, Sara Jones and Geraint Jones. Proposed by John Pusey, seconded by Paul Lucas. St Aldates – Johnathan Mills, Rebecca Gingell, Chapman Knott – proposed by Dorothy Hall, seconded by Lindsay Powell.

Election of Officers: Both Andrew Freer (Ringing Master), and Lindsay Powell (secretary) stood down. There were no nominations for the Ringing Master post, so this will be discussed again at the AGM. It was suggested that until we have a new Ringing Master, the Committee will continue to organise Branch Practices and these will be run on a rota system by the Committee or other people the Committee ask. This was agreed. Lindsay Powell said she was prepared to stand for the second Branch Representative post, which has been vacant for a number of years. She was proposed by Paul Lucas and seconded by Clare Fairbairn and duly elected. Katy Routh had said she was prepared to stand as Branch Secretary, and there were no other nominations. She was proposed by Lindsay Powell and seconded by Paul Lucas and duly elected.

Any other business:

a. Anthony Hughes has requested some funding towards the chiming bells works at Elsfield church. Whites will be surveying these with a view to carrying out repair works while they are undertaking other works at the church. Elsfield church is not within the Oxford City branch, but it is within the Marston parish area. As Anthony Hughes was not present, no questions could be asked about likely costs or other funding sources, so it was agreed that an amount of £100 would be made available as an initial donation, and that Anthony would be welcome to bring it back to the AGM to discuss further.

b. Stanton St John works: Tony Crabtree provided an update as he has been closely involved with the project. The bells are expected to be back and the work complete by the end of May.

There was no other business.