

Minutes of the ADM held at Carisbrooke, Feb 17, 2018

1 Welcome and thanks

The Chairman Jill Taylor thanked the Rev Marcus Bagg for taking the Service, Mr Nigel Downer for playing the organ, David Weir and the Carisbrooke ringers for the use of the bells and Richard Knight and his team for the excellent tea.

2 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes were proposed by Barry Downer and seconded by Alan Beaton and agreed by a show of hands.

3 Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

4 Election of new members. The following were elected: Penny Lindsay, Whitwell (Probationer); Sandy Thornton, Whitwell (Probationer); Charlotte West, Whitwell (Full, junior); Angela Evans, Ryde (Probationer); Andrew Asher, Newchurch (Full, senior); Sue Chorley, Brighstone (Full, senior); Christine Biggs, Brighstone (Full); Roberta Boreham, Ryde (Probationer); Phoebe Allen, Swanmore (Full, junior); Jake Saddington, Swanmore (Full, junior); Derek Pittard, Shanklin (Full); Maddison Reeves, Shanklin (Probationer); Dylan Reeves, Shanklin (Probationer); Olivia Bell, Shanklin (Probationer); Chaima Harrison, Shanklin (probationer); Cody-Mai Harrison, Shanklin (Probationer).

5 Presentation of badges and certificates. There were none to be presented.

6 Reports

i) Notes from The Guild Master

Mike Winterbourne, The Guild Master, was concerned to remember all the people involved with ringing bells who do the regular tasks of unlocking towers, cleaning, mending, steeplekeeping, booking, maintaining practices and keeping teams together – important but perhaps sometimes overlooked, Mike wanted to formally thank them for their contribution. He went on to mention the request from the Central Council or Royal British Legion to ring at 7.05pm on the 11th of November to remember the 100th anniversary of the WWI Armistice. He said that more information would be available about the requirement and the timings.

ii) **Ringling Master**: Jenny said her knee has not yet been operated on but she hoped that the new date for the outing on June 9th would still work out, when she was more mobile.

iii) **Secretary's report** (for inclusion in the Annual Report): In 2017 we held our ADM at St Saviour's Shanklin. The deaths of three former members were honoured: John Smith from Ryde and Shanklin, Phil Davies from Shanklin and Godshill and Nigel Miller from Ryde and Niton. We elected 27 new members, both full and probationary, which shows tremendous enthusiasm and dedication to recruitment in some towers. All the officers were re-elected.

We have had our three striking competitions. The Don Exell 8-bell was held in April at Carisbrooke and the Judge was Steve Castle. Six teams entered and the winners were the Shanklin/Swanmore team. The Lester Bailey 6-bell for call changes was held at Chale and the judge was Jenny Brudenell. Six teams entered and it was won by a mixed team who all practice at Chale. The Fred Green 6-bell Change Ringing was held at Freshwater and the judge was Julian Hemper. Six teams entered and it was won by Brading.

Our outing in March was to the Southampton area and was a great success. We visited Southampton, St Mary; Eling, St Mary Virgin; Lyndhurst, St Michael and All Angels; Minstead, All Saints and Southampton, St Barnabas.

The Christmas party was hosted by the Swanmore ringers and was a very jolly evening. A very tricky quiz was followed by silly games and everyone enjoyed themselves.

News from the towers: Brading have been fundraising for their bell restoration project, including a popular Teddy Bear Parachute jump. They have rung half muffled quarters for the next nine men on their War Memorial who died in 1917. Brighstone has two new bells, their casting being the last major change ringing project from Whitechapel. They were dedicated in July by the Bishop of Portsmouth and the first quarter after augmentation was rung by a local band. Shanklin have had an Open Day to publicise ringing in the town and Scouts and Beavers have been coming to find out about ringing. They have a new priest in charge, Fr David Lawrence-March. St Saviour's was one of the leading towers for quarters as the Church now has a mass every other day. At St Michael's Swanmore all the ringers are children. Lexi the Tower captain organised a tower outing which was enjoyed by all. Their first ever quarter peal on 3 bells was rung, half muffled, for Good Friday. Carisbrooke is looking forward to their augmentation to 12 bells as structural approval has been given. The band rang a special quarter peal to include three members of the same family, Kevin (first quarter), Kiera (first quarter) and Max (second quarter) Downer. Ryde were without their wheels for six months but on their return, hastened by the efforts of Canon Graham Morris and Kieran Downer, they had a successful Open Day when their Wartime Bell system (Seague's Apparatus) was on show and early peal boards were displayed. In July they dedicated a new Peal Board in memory of David Dark.

This year three peals were rung: At Brighstone a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, the first on the new bells; a peal was rung by the College Youths at Brighstone of spliced Surprise Major and a peal was rung at Whitwell of three Minor Methods in which Tristan Allan rang his first peal. Our congratulations to him!

iv) **Peal and quarter peal recorder:** John Stock said that the IOW rang 53 quarter peals this year (64 last), and three peals. He said the most prolific towers were Brading and Shanklin. The peal records are now up to date and available to be seen, currently held at Ryde. Recording quarter peals have reached the 1990s and when completed will be sent to the Guild Archivist. He is expecting a busy year with Royal Weddings and Armistice Sunday. He thanked the people who alerted him to records old and new. John said he was prepared to continue in the job but would welcome other interest in taking it on.

v) **Executive committee representative:** Margaret Downer said she had reported fully to the Tower Captains' meeting and hoped the towers had heard information from the meeting.

vi) **Treasurer, Judith Goodhind:** The total money collected this year was £1254.80 consisting of subscriptions, Raffle takings and Donations. (*Please ask for a copy of the Accounts if needed*). From this payments to the value of £968.47 were taken, leaving a closing balance of £1350.22, consisting of £1328.92 in the main account and £21.30 in the interest account.

Last year's Guild payments of £611.10 and £264.00 to the Bell Restoration Fund, were made in January and have now cleared at the bank meaning that actual value of the fund for the beginning of this year was £475.12 (See page 2).

The information on page 3 gives you the breakdown of membership payments last year and the way the monies to the Guild are calculated.

The date for the balance from the latest bank statement for the interest account, given on page 4,

goes back to 12 May 2016 because there has been no movement on the figures since that date.

The last couple of pages are just for your interest to give you some comparison with previous years. These pages do not form part of the accounts that are submitted to the Guild.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Noyes for checking over these accounts. It's always good to have a second pair of eyes checking for any errors!.

Steve said that the bank had made an error which resulted in the 50p credit to our account. Alan proposed that we accept this 'donation' and Steve Noyes seconded it.

7 **Election of Officers:**

Mike Winterbourne briefly took the Chair. Jill Taylor, being the only and sitting candidate for Chairman, was proposed by John Stock and seconded by Mary Tester. She was elected by a show of hands. The Master then suggested that we follow the usual procedure if there was no competition for a post, that we elect them 'nem com' ie without a vote. Thus the following were elected: Ringing Master: Jenny Brudenell, Deputy Ringing Master: Margaret Downer, Secretary: Mary Tester, Treasurer: Judith Goodhind, Executive Committee member: Margaret Downer, Peal and Quarter Peal Recorder: John Stock, Independent Examiner: Steve Noyes. There being a vacancy for Publicity Officer, Jane Johnson not wanting to stand again, Lexi Skeldon said she would take this on. She was proposed by Margaret Downer and seconded by Mary Tester and elected by a show of hands. She remarked that it was very important to enable her to do her job that towers should send her items for the newspapers or radio.

8 **RW Youth competition:** Kieran Downer reported that there were not enough for a team this year but next year was more hopeful.

9 **WWI Guild project**

This is called Armistice 100 – Ringing for Peace. Jill reported on Viv's behalf. Viv would like every tower to be represented at Ryde on Sunday March 25 in the afternoon to talk about the project, and decide how best to honour those who died. She also proposed that the District should purchase and present a wreath on Sunday Nov 11th for the Armistice service at the Minster. This would cost £20 in total. This was seconded by Alan Beaton and agreed by a show of hands. Margaret Downer asked if the wreath could have an insert acknowledging the donation by the Isle of Wight District bellringers. Rachael Anderson was congratulated for all her hard work on recording ringing to honour the dead. Viv also proposed having a 'Ringing, Riding and Raising Funds' Day which would be a bike ride from Newport to Newchurch to Brading, where there could be refreshments!. This could be a sponsored ride with ringing at the towers. After some discussion it was decided that it would be a good event and that we should try to make it work. There were some conflicting ideas about when to ring on Armistice day and whether to ring open or half muffled and whether to link with the beacons being lit. Mike Winterbourne said that more information would be available nearer the time, but that each tower should do the best they could.

The Archdeacon had written to Barry Downer about a request from the British Legion to ring. Again, the Island would do the best it could.

10 **Dates for the year**

A query about the note tbc beside some dates. This means the venue is to be confirmed. The dates will stay the same. Jenny suggested that IOW day Sept 22 which is marked as a possible Quarter peal day might be more successful as a District ringing afternoon with a nice tea and friendly ringing. She said she would work on this idea.

The date for the Christmas party was discussed. It had been suggested that a party after Christmas might be more acceptable to more people (only 5 towers were represented at the last one at Swanmore) and Shanklin, who have volunteered to host, said they would look into dates and email with information.

11 **AOB**

i) **Arreton**. The Tower Captain, Paul Wise, after 10 years in post, has decided to step down as TC. The meeting was asked if anyone was available to take on the responsibility. Joyce Wise has volunteered to open up for Monday practice once a month and Gerry Faulkner will hold a key. Mike Marlow said he would be willing to take a practice once a month and Barry Downer also said he would do once a month. It was further suggested that Arreton could be used more often for District practices and Jenny agreed to consider this. The problem of opening up for visitors was brought up and Mike said he would be willing to do so. It remains to be seen whether extra keys will be made available. Mary said she would take calls for visitor bookings as Paul always went straight to the Vicar and didn't hold a calendar himself. Some coordination would be required but there was help available.

ii) **Lexi Skeldon (Swanmore)** said they had learners who needed to progress and they needed more helpers at their practices to get their ringers on. She asked warmly for more support on their practice days.

iii) **June Mitchell (Brading)** said why was the timing of the ADM day as it was when there seemed to be a waste of time waiting for the meeting to happen. It was noted that people were used to the meeting being at 6pm, but that there was no reason why it shouldn't be changed. The next meeting will go: Ringing, Service, Meeting, Tea, timings to be decided nearer the time.

12 **Raffle Money**

The Raffle made £35. At the ADM we decided what the Raffle money should be used for, although last year no decision was made so that money is still in hand. It was proposed that the Raffle money from 2017 and 2018 should be our contribution to paying for the WWI Centenary commemoration record books which were going to cost about £2000. Mike Winterbourne said the money should be sent to the Guild Treasurer.

The meeting ended at 7.06pm.

Dates for the year

April 14	Don Exell 8-bell striking competition	Brighstone
May 19	Guild Inter-tower competition	mainland
May 26	Lester Bailey Call change competition	Whitwell (tbc)
June 16	Guild AGM and inter-district 8-bell	Basingstoke area
July 7	Ringling World Youth competition	London area
July 21	Half-yearly meeting	Niton
August 4/5	Chale Show	Chale
Sept 15	Guild 10-bell competition	mainland
Sept 22	IOW Day (quarter peal day?) and Heritage	Open Day and Ride and Stride
Oct 6	Fred Green change ringing competition	Shorwell
Nov 11	Remembrance Sunday	Ringling for Peace
Dec 8	Christmas party? Tbc	
Feb 16, 2019	ADM	

Minutes from the half yearly meeting at Niton on July 21, 2018 at 6pm.

1 Jill Taylor, Chairman, welcomed the ringers and thanked The Rev Nigel Porter for taking the service and the use of the bells and David Court for playing the organ. She also thanked Catherine and Mary, the Niton ringers, for organising the tea which had been a 'bring and share' event.

2 The Minutes of the last meeting, which had been distributed earlier, were proposed by Mary Tester. Viv Nobbs, (Ryde), had two points to raise, one of which required an amendment to the Minutes. In 11 i), it should read "Paul Wise, after 8 years in post...". The Minutes were then seconded by Peter Taylor and accepted by a show of hands.

3 Matters arising.

Viv Nobbs felt some clarification was necessary with reference to 9, WWI Guild project. This note should be passed on to the towers to add to the Minutes.

The Guild WWI Centenary Commemoration Project (ongoing still) is specifically the harvesting of existing records of special ringing performances and collating the information (aiming at digital records plus two printed and bound volumes). These printed archive volumes would be presented to the two Cathedrals, Winchester and Portsmouth, at the two special services in May 2019.

The meeting that took place on 25 March at All Saints, Ryde, was in two parts:

- 1 Guild – the first part briefly to highlight the Guild's Project ...with my Guild PRO hat on, offering some encouragement to the 15 towers here. In other words Guild 'Outreach'.
- 2 District – the second session for local folk (District and towers) to consider Armistice activities across the Island, giving consideration to 'Ringing for Peace'.

Jill ran that session.

4 Election of new members:

Jane Day	Brighstone	Full
Heather Mabbett	Brighstone	Full (Senior)
Vaughan Mabbett	Brighstone	Full (Senior)
Sandy Thornton	Whitwell	Full
Alanna Coombes	Shorwell	Probationary
Claudia Goodbourne	Shorwell	Probationary
Steve Tanner	Shorwell	Probationary
Chris Boyce	Unattached	Full
Richard Fenton	Freshwater	Full (Senior)
Ann Lamb	Ryde	Probationary
Jonathan Lamb	Ryde	Probationary
Michael Wadey	Newchurch	Probationary
Jackie Wadey	Newchurch	Probationary

These were proposed by Steve Noyes and seconded by Barry Downer.

5 The following were presented (in their absence) with their certificates and badges: Charlotte West, Whitwell; Andrew Asher, Newchurch; Sue Chorley, Brighstone; Christine Biggs, Brighstone; Phoebe Allen, Swanmore; Jake Saddington, Swanmore; Derek Pittard, Shanklin.

6 Acting Ringing Master's report:

Margaret Downer said: "In April, Jenny asked me to step in for her while she wasn't very well. During this month we held our 8-bell contest at Brighstone where six teams, including a youth team, entered.

Our judge was Paul Miller. Ryde tower won.

The district entered the Guild Inter-district contest held in June at Basingstoke and came 4th. Thank you to everyone who made up the team.

Also in June a Raising and Lowering in peal course was held at Arreton which Steve Noyes ran with the help of some experienced ringers. This has been most beneficial and it is hoped another course will be arranged soon at Chale.

Unfortunately there hasn't been a District outing this year, but now that Jenny is on the mend there may be one soon. Likewise the District was unable to get a team for the RWNYC (youth) held on 7th July in London, but hopefully a team will be able to enter next year in Liverpool. Lots of fundraising needs to be done, please. “

The secretary was asked to send a 'get well soon' card to Jenny, and Steve Noyes said that Jenny had just begun to ring again at Brighstone.

7 Treasurer's notes

All subscriptions have now been paid apart from new members elected at this meeting.

As it stands: Treasurer's Account - £1351.83

Business Bank Instant Account - £21.30

In the last Minutes it was noted that 27 new members were elected, showing tremendous enthusiasm and dedication to recruitment in some towers.

However it should also be noted that as it stands overall numbers have dropped from 155 last year to 143 this. However with today's new members the total has now risen to 156.

As decided at the ADM raffle money from 2017 and 2018 was to be sent to the Guild towards WWI Centenary Commemoration record books. £114.00 has been sent so far (£79 in 2017 and £35 ADM 2018)

8 Viv Nobbs (reporting on the 70th Anniversary of the NHS celebrations and the WWI

project) thanked the District for supporting the NHS 70th Commemoration and for ringing in memory of the war dead in their parishes. She thanked John Stock for his support of her bicycle ride which raised £326 and included three towers. She said that Rachel Anderson was still involved in the WWI project although she was no longer on the Island. There would be services to receive the Books of Commemoration in May next year in Winchester and Portsmouth cathedrals.

The NHS day had been well supported and it was noted that the NHS had approached the bellringers to mark the 70th anniversary. There were certificates for all who had rung on the day.

With reference to the WWI ringing, Barry Downer asked if all information about ringing would be recorded. Viv said that all information would be picked up on Bellboard and sent to the Guild.

9 (i) Ringing for IOW day, Sept 22 and for Ride and Stride, Sept 8th. No plans were made for any special ringing but towers might wish to commemorate any of these events in their own way.

9 (ii) The Christmas party is planned for January 5th 2019 and Shanklin has very kindly offered to host it.

9 (iii) Arreton: Margaret Downer said that the local ringers were very enthusiastic and the 'Raising and Lowering in Peal' afternoon had been very successful. There was a rota for leading the practice which was working well. Gerry Falconer, Mike Marlow, Kieran Downer and Barry and Margaret Downer were thanked for their efforts.

9 (iv) Chale Show: Margaret Downer said that her list for people on the gate at the Show was complete.

9 (v) 11 November, Ringing for Peace. A wreath is to be ordered from the Ringers of the Island and there was some discussion about who would present it on Nov 11 at the Minster in Newport. Ringing on the day will be circularised in due course. Towers will have their own services but 1230 would be for open ringing everywhere. 19.05 on the day is significant and beacons will be lit and there was some mention of pipers... More details to follow. We should sign up any new ringers to the 'Ringing Remembers' project.

9 (vi) ADM, Feb 16, 2019. No decision was taken about the venue for the ADM. The Officers were asked to decide and a warm location was requested.

9 (vii) Guild AGM and Inter-district 8 bell Striking competition, June 15, 2019 to be held on the IOW. Brighstone has agreed to host the Striking competition as it was thought people would be interested to ring on the newly augmented bells. Freshwater was agreed for the tea and meeting but lots of help from other IOW towers would be required to provide food etc. Jill suggested that other towers might be open for ringing in the morning, eg. Chale, Freshwater, Niton, Shorwell and Whitwell. IOW ringers may need to help with car-taxi services from Yarmouth on the day because of the traffic for the IOW festival.

10 AOB

(I) On August 18 there is a Crematorium Open Day and the bells have a table for display and general interest.

(ii) Viv said that there was some interest in having a 'teach the teachers' day on the Island. Viv said she would find out what was available.

(iii) 'There but not there': John Stock had sent a note about the possible purchase of a 'silhouette-for-pews' to represent the fallen ringers in WWI. They cost £42, are made of perspex, and are movable. John is approaching the PCC at Ryde to consider funding for three of them. It was decided to leave the purchase to individual churches.

11 Raffle Money: the raffle made £20.