

# Essex Association of Change Ringers NORTHERN DISTRICT

## MINUTES of ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING STEBBING SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010

### 1. WELCOME

The Master Marian Wood welcomed all to the meeting in such inclement weather. A special welcome to Peter Eves, Association Life Vice-President, Andrew Brewster, Association Treasurer and Christina Brewster, South East District.

### 2. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

There were 22 apologies of absence with 26 members present.

### 3. MINUTES of the LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held at Black Notley on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were distributed and accepted as a true record on a proposition from Valerie Darkins and seconded by Pip Darkins.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

On a suggestion from Alistair Donaldson it was agreed to include apologies for absence in the Roll book with the numbers for those present in the minutes.

### 5. NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP RINGING

#### Senior

[Annemarie Adams](#), proposed by Peter Wood seconded by Marion Wood,  
[Paul Adams](#), proposed by Peter Wood seconded by Marion Wood,  
both from Gt Bardfield.

[Denis Heard](#), proposed by Peter Wood and seconded by Marian Wood.

[Ray Papworth](#), proposed by Peter Wood and seconded Marian Wood

[Chris Papworth](#), proposed by Peter Wood and seconded Marian Wood,  
all from Toppesfield.

#### Junior

[Lewis Williams](#), proposed by Maurice Downs seconded by Pat Healy, Rayne.

### 6. REPORTS FOR 2009

Reports from the Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Ringing School, Beyond Plain bob, Advanced Practice and Quarter Peal Month were presented and lodged with the minutes.

## **7. ELECTION of DISTRICT OFFICERS for 2010**

### **Master**

There was only one nomination:-

Peter Smith, Braintree proposed by Alistair Donaldson seconded by Kate Champness.

[Peter Smith](#) was duly elected Master.

### **Deputy Master**

There were two nominations:-

Laurence Carter, Gosfield proposed by Allen Cansdale seconded by Linda May.

John Elliot, Kelvedon proposed by Michael Goodchild and seconded by Vicki Bennett.

A ballot was held with Andrew and Christina Brewster kindly acting as tellers.

[Laurence Carter](#) was duly elected deputy master.

### **Secretary**

There was only one nomination:- Valerie Darkins, Gestingthorpe proposed by Alistair Donaldson and seconded by Jean Lewis.

[Valerie Darkins](#) was elected secretary.

### **Treasurer**

Pat Healy, proposed by Peter Smith and seconded by Marian Wood.

[Pat Healy](#) was elected treasurer.

## **8. DRAFT PROGRAMME for 2010/2011**

A draft programme of events was presented and generally accepted.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Debbie Hill, Braintree agreed to take on running the Advanced Practice.

A possible half day conducting course should be considered.

Alistair Donaldson has arranged a meeting on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January to be led by Jean Halliday with Child Protection Policy as its subject.

The Northern District's Education contact is Alistair Donaldson,

Child Protection contact is Valerie Darkins

with Vicki Lefevre on the Grants Committee.

We could not find a Public Relations contact.

## **10. VOTES of THANKS**

Marian Wood thanked Colin Taylor for the service and the bells.

Peter Wood for playing the organ.

All those who contributed to the excellent tea.

Peter Smith thanked the retiring Master, Marian Wood and the retiring Deputy

Master, Maurice Downs for all their efforts on behalf of the District and presented

them with a token of appreciation.

