

## **Half Yearly Meeting of the Oxford City branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers**

**Held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 2.30pm at St Thomas the Martyr, Oxford**

1. Apologies for Absence:

Hannah Perkin, Mike Leilkes, Wendy Austin, Mary Bayliss, Margaret Craig, Bernard Masterman, Matthew Hall, Robin Hall, Emma Stanford, Katie Lane

2. Minutes of the AGM November 2016:

These were accepted.

3. Ringing Master's Update – Andrew Freer:

Andrew reported that so far there had been good attendance at branch practices. He encouraged more members to attend and said he was planning to organise a ringing up and down training session at St Nicholas, Marston. He said the monthly St Giles advanced practices would benefit from a few more attendees. He also encouraged members to contact him if there were any particular things members would like to practice, or if they were interested in peals or quarter peals.

4. Presentation of Certificates:

Certificates were presented to all new members who were elected at the previous meeting.

5. Election of new members:

Jane Hedges – Marston, proposed Anthony Hughes, Seconded Hugh Deam  
Sophie Kovarik, Philippa Adrych, Paulina Fishman, Ella Bentin – St Giles, proposed  
John Pusey, Seconded Andrew Freer  
Luke Diesel – Headington, proposed Paul Lucas, Seconded Clare Fairbairn  
All were duly elected to the branch.

6. Central Council Review Update – Tony Crabtree, Guild Representative to the branch

It was agreed that as Tony was still busy tallying the scores from the earlier striking competition, he would provide a written update which would be forwarded to all members.

7. Any Other Business:

Paul Lucas asked if everyone was happy with the newsletter, or if there were any suggestions for change. Nobody made any suggestions, and Paul was thanked for his hard work.

Hugh Deam reported that he is still collecting aluminium cans as a fundraising effort, and also said that with the price of lead rising, any lead would be gratefully received.

Hugh Deam also reported that there is a forthcoming celebration of Douglas Wilkes 70 years as a member. On 9<sup>th</sup> July there will be a celebratory quarter peal and drinks at North Hinksey. Please contact Hugh if you would like more details. Details will also be on the website events page.

The meeting closed at 3.15pm