

Minutes ADM Town Church, Guernsey Sept 19th 2020

Chairman Jane Le Conte welcomed everyone – but especially the new faces ☺- to the meeting.

Ringing Master –Duncan Loweth explained that the Hawkear programme was going to be used to judge the competition. The programme had been designed for use in the National 12 bell competition but was now generally available. It works out the difference between where a bell should strike and where it actually struck & counts it in milliseconds. To place the scores in context a good peal band would be looking for a score approx 30

Throughout the competition Janice Firth had been sitting up in the bells (wearing ear defenders) & operating the computer & now read the results:

All teams rang the front 6. Team 1 rang 22 rounds at the start. 120 changes of doubles in 4 mins 14 secs, making a peal time of 2hrs 58mins. The best ringing was in the middle of the piece. They started quickly, were very steady in the middle then slowed at the end

Team 2 rang 30 rounds to start then 120 changes of doubles. Their touch took 4mins 10secs giving a peal speed of 2hrs 55 mins. Improved quickly after their start, then faded a little towards the end but then ended well. Team 3 rang 32 rounds to start then 131 changes of

doubles, in 4mins 37secs making a peal time of 2hrs 57 mins. A good start then wobbled but then a very good patch in the middle, This team rang steadily in the first half, then slowed before returning to their initial speed at the end. Team 4 Rang 14 rounds to start, 120 changes of doubles in 4mins 44secs – peal time of 3hrs 19 mins. A very steady performance, the best bits were in the middle & not so good at the end when they had speeded up. Team 5 rang 26

rounds to start. Their test piece was 120 changes, taking 4mins and 9 secs to complete. A peal speed of 2hrs 55mins. Ringing improved after their start but faded a little at the end. They started quickly then slowed down. Team 6 rang 26 rounds before the test piece. They rang 150 changes in 6mins 3 secs – a peal time of 3hrs 24mins. This team started well, then wobbled

picked up & ended well, tenor set a very steady beat. Team 7 rang 18 rounds then 141 changes of doubles in 5mins & 7 secs – a peal time of 3hrs 3mins. Started OK and improved then became a bit shaky.

In reverse order the scores were:

In 7th place with 147 = Ay Blonde Hedgehogs. 6th were Elizabeth College with 114pts. 5th place was Town Church B with 84. 4th place went to St Peter's with 79 faults. 3rd were Forest at 51, 2nd were Town A with 50 points. First place was awarded to Ay Puffins with 43 points. The trophy was still in Jersey so unable to be awarded today.

Janice was thanked for all her hard work all day

Apologies for absence - Jersey (quarantine rules preclude their attendance) & Barrie Linnecor

The meeting was asked for notifications of any items for AOB – there were none

Minutes of last meeting – viewable at:

<https://cibells.com/meetings/minutes-of-autumn-adm-sept-22nd-2019/>

There were no matters arising. Acceptance of the minutes were proposed by Duncan Loweth & seconded of Jane Le Conte

New members:

Alderney - Pam Sargent & Lynne Sydes = 2 x seniors. Toby Matimong, Gail Norwood, Miles Norwood =3 probationary members.

Town Church - Jennifer Hill –probationary member. Jerome Davies TC full member

EC – 17 probationary

Vale – Steve De Carteret & Joe De Carteret both full members

St Peter's – Karen & Paul Ford – both full members. John Squires also full & Melina Bourge a probationary member

All new members were accepted unanimously

Treasurer's report

<https://cibells.com/meetings/ci-district-signed-annual-report-accounts-30-06-20/>

Proposed by Duncan Loweth & seconded by Jane Le Conte

Ringling Masters report:

It was nice to hear how bands were practicing St Simon's on various numbers of bells in preparation for the April District Meeting and Striking Competition. Unfortunately this year has been extraordinary and not in a good way. Guernsey and Alderney are very fortunate to have been able to return to ringing as normal for a long time now whilst our friends in Jersey and the UK face tight restrictions on how long and how often they can ring.

Our focus has to be first and foremost on keeping our bands together. Whilst we come together to ring we also come together as a community that has to look out for each other. Moving forwards we are preparing to join the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers and whilst we can't get stuck in with them socially and in the tower straight away I hope we can make a conserved effort as a branch (as we will soon be re-titled) to attend Guild events and forge new bonds of friendship. Saying that, we leave the W&P on good terms and whilst we are moving to Salisbury we need not say goodbye to the W&P nor the long standing friendships and connections we have made over the past 35ish years.

Despite the disruption of lockdown we have had a productive year with over 100 quarter peals rung in the district and over 50 containing some sort of first including first quarter and first as conductor as well as many many first in method / variations. Sunday service ringing continues at all towers as well as extra service ringing and other events on top of weddings and funerals. All this shows we are an active, dynamic, learning and progress focused district and it is a credit to all of us, those who are learning, those who are supporting, those who are organising and those who are turning out week by week to ring for all these various reasons. All I ask is please don't stop, keep pushing yourselves, keep supporting each other and above all keep enjoying your ringing.

Election of officers

Chairman – Jane Le Conte

Secretary Helen McGregor

Ringling master Duncan Loweth

All 3 standing for re-election. Proposed by Judith Laine & seconded by Paul Lawrence

Treasurer Mike Halsey standing down, Peter Routier nominated by Mike, seconded by Stephen Rossiter. Mike was thanked for all his hard work over previous 6 years – he had been an excellent Treasurer☺

All elected unanimously

Message from Pete Jordan, Master of W&P:

Dear Channel Island District Members. I would love to have been with you today for your annual district meeting but with the covid-19 situation that is unfortunately impossible - or at

least not advisable. Having spoken with Jane I understand that your meeting, for the same reasons, will be somewhat restricted however I hope that you can manage to conduct your business in some sort of reasonable way. It has been a strange and frustrating year for us all, with lockdown and then the gradual opening up of the things that we need, rely on and enjoy, Ringing I am sure being high on our priorities. I understand and see that ringing has perhaps advanced further in the Channel Islands than on the mainland. Sometimes isolation can have its benefits!

I am sure that I don't need to explain the future proposed changes with the Channel Islands moving to the Salisbury Diocese to you - I am sure you have all heard enough about that, however I would like to thank you all for taking part in the poll and expressing your wishes regarding the future of the Channel Islands District. It is important to us that you had a say in the matter and I fully respect your decision. There is still some way to go before the transfer can take place however Jane and I, along with the necessary officers, will be fully involved with the decisions of the Salisbury Guild of Bell Ringers in that process. We have all made many friends in the W&P over the years between the Channel Island and Mainland membership which I am sure will remain for many years to come. I wish you all health and happiness for the future. Best wishes and stay safe,

AOB

Duncan thanked everyone for accepting the online discussion and voting platform necessitated by Covid-19. In the end 40 members voted , deciding to move to SDG. Moving from W&P to SDG – update from Jane – W&P have a virtual meeting on 26th Sept & SDG on 31st Oct – both Guilds have ‘housekeeping’ to do to let us leave/join.. Message received from Robert Wellen – Master SDG: " Please convey the good wishes of the Salisbury Guild to ALL your members, however they voted (and to those who abstained) as prospective new members of our Guild. It will be a 'getting to know you' exercise for us both, but I am looking forward to it and to having the full involvement of your members in the life of our Guild."

John David suggested that the committee might like to look into contacting all churches with single bells so whenever we get a ‘all bells to ring’ message we let them know too

Date of next meeting – April 24th 2021, St Pierre du Bois.

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34 members signed the book as attending the day. No raffle but the lunch was run at a profit - ££ tbc approx £30 which will be donated to the District

Jane thanked the Rector for the use of church & bells, the vicar for taking the service & thanked Janice again for all her hard work with Hawkear