OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS CITY BRANCH

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HALF-YEARLY MEETING at St Peter, Wolvercote, Saturday 12th May 2001.

Apologies for absence were received from Hon. Gen. Sec. Barry Cowper, Deputy Ringing Master Ken Davenport, Mark Walker, Rev. Anthony Ellis, Jane Marlow, Andy Broadbent, ~~Anthony Ellis~~, Ailsa Reid, and Jonathan Beale.

The minutes of the AGM held at St. Andrew's, Headington, Oxford on 18th November 2000 had been circulated before the meeting. The minutes were approved, and signed by the Chairman N. David Lane. There were no matters arising.

New Members.
Additional new members were proposed and elected:

Richard Verall	Iffley
Amy Cowell	Marston
Amanda Madden	Marston
Gloria Dunn	Wolvercote
Kay Cooper	Wolvercote
Becky Hughes	Wolvercote
Gill Harper	Wolvercote
John Harper	Wolvercote
Leonora Richardson	Horspath
Margaret McHugh	Horspath
Wadham Franklin	Horspath
Edgar Litt	Horspath
Hazel Rothera	St. Aldate
Victoria Davey Wilson	~~Wolvercote~~ Kidlington

Proposed by Len Porter and seconded by David Lane.

Easthampstead: Wendy Austen and Clare Tucker were allocated £50 sponsorship each for the September Easthampstead Course. A maximum of £200 was agreed.

Notices were given out concerning the Guild AGM at Kidlington, the return of the Guild Bell Fund Draw tickets and the handbell ringing day at Launton.

The Ringing Master requested larger attendance at Branch Practices and hoped that the local ringers would endeavour to attend the Branch Practice when it was held in their tower. There was discussion about holding Branch Practices during the week at tower practices, but this did not meet with universal approval on the grounds that anyone could attend local practices whenever they wished although the Ringing Master would be willing to arrange a timetable for additional practices when

requested. The Ringing master also reminded members about the Branch Striking Competition at North Hinksey. He gave brief details of the planned Branch Outing to Northamptonshire on Saturday 13th October.

T. Peter Franklin asked when the Winners' Striking Competition Certificates would be available. Len Porter agreed that he needed to make them, and would do so.

It was suggested that a list of ringers available for mid-week ringing should be circulated. Simon Edwards said he would design a form.

A member queried if noon ringing on Sundays should stop as it appeared that most of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease had now ceased. It was confirmed that it could finish and that that towers not represented at the meeting should be informed.

The Chairman wished it to be recorded that the members of the Branch were delighted to see the return of Serge Zvegintzov after his break due to ill health.

The Wolvercote Ringers and their families were thanked for the sumptuous tea and a collection was made for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund.

17th Nov 2001