Minutes For Half-Yearly Meeting
Held at St Peters Church, Wolvercote
On Saturday May 14th 2005.

1. The Members stood in silence for Nora Nichols (nee Honey).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
Apologies were received from Nicholas Hartley, Sarah Franklin, Simon Edwards, David Lane, Katie Lane, Basil Townsend and D. Newman.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE A.G.M HELD AT MARSTON.
These minutes were approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING.
There were no matters arising.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.
Jonathan Cresshull reported that the O.U.S has acknowledged the fact that a complaint has been made that the steps of St Mary Magdalenes are unsafe.

6. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.
There were no new members.

7. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES.
Certificates were presented to;
Judith Kirby - Marston
Miranda Oliver - Headington
Donna Murphy - Marston.

8. REPORTS ON FUND RAISING EFFORTS.
A Garden Party is to be arranged for this summer and Hugh Deam is to organise a raffle, the proceeds of which are to go to Bell Fund. The location of this event is yet to be decided as the planned Horspath Garden Party is cancelled.

9. APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES FOR EDUCATIONAL COURSES. Methodist Ministerial Course
The two candidates for the ~~Northampstead Course~~ Tony Steward Kidlington) and Peter Lloyd (Marston) have been approved.

10. NON - RINGING SOCIAL EVENTS.

A Garden Party at Old Marston has been suggested for June 25th. Roy Jones confirmed that the lawn and the church will be available between 4.30 and 8.0, and suggested that the starting time should be 5.30. It was stated that volunteers to provide and arrange games are needed. Caters and a portable barbecue are also required.
Jonathan Beale said that this date clashes with Wolvercote Fair and, therefore, may have to be cancelled.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

A Ringing Roadshow in Newbury is to be arranged.
Jonathan Beale saw this as a good chance to advertise to other parts of the country.
It was agreed this was a good idea.
Peter Franklin suggested putting on a coach for this event.

The A.G.M is to be held at Kidlington on 12th November.
Peter Franklin is to contact Graham Nichols regarding booking the hall.

The December Branch Practice is yet to be decided.
It was agreed that the tower needs to be one which people are prepared to turn up to.

Hugh Deam observed that many tower notice boards are cluttered.

The Rev Anthony Ellis thanked Hugh Deam through the chair for for his work on the commitee.

Roy Jones suggested that Quarter Peals should be rung weekly or fortnightly.

Jonathan Cresshull said that it is always the SAME people turning up to all these events.

Joy Fitzpatrick said that she needs more experienced ringers for Wheatley Friday Night practices.

It was agreed that people should always phone in advance before visiting towers.

Jonathan Cresshull announced that on April 2nd, Leon Thompson won the John Butler Young Persons Award.

13th May 2006