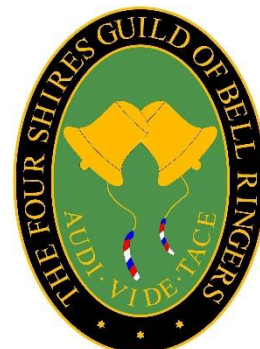


THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD OF BELL RINGERS

(Affiliated to the Central  Council of Church Bell Ringers)

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GUILD ANNUAL DINNER SATURDAY, 1st FEBRUARY 2020

To be held at The Northwick Hotel, Waterside, Evesham
At 7.00 for 7.30pm.

(The Hotel has an extensive car park at the rear)

MENU

Starters

Cream of carrot and parsnip soup with crisp croutons
Duck paté with a redcurrant and cranberry coulis with
Grand Marnier and Seville orange chutney served with Melba toast

Main Courses

Slow Roasted Silverside of Beef, Yorkshire pudding and roasted shallot and red wine sauce
Baked fillet of haddock, parsley and chive white wine sauce served
with a wholegrain mustard mash
Roasted vegetable and Halloumi tart with cherry tomato sauce
(All accompanied with baby Chantenay carrots
sliced runner beans, cauliflower cheese and potatoes)

Desserts

Chocolate torte and white chocolate ice cream with Maltesers
Apple and blackberry crumble with Crème Anglaise
Tea or coffee and mints to Follow

Cost per person £26.50

In cash or cheque please on the night

ORDERS TO THE FOLLOWING BY 15TH JAN 2020 AT THE LATEST.

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There will be a Speaker and the Striking Competition trophies will be presented

Please note that dinners can only be cancelled at least 72 hours before the event:
otherwise must be paid for in full

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The FSG website is: <http://www.fourshires.org.uk>

Subscription rates: £5 adult; £2 Junior

It also has a Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1548368912115550/>

NEW RULE CHANGE CONCERNING ACCOUNTS EXAMINERS

Following the change agreed at the 2018 AGM, that the Guild will have one Accounts Examiner instead of two, the relevant rule in the Guild Handbook (Ringers' Rules; Independent Examiners, p.3) will change to: There shall be **one** Independent Examiner, elected annually at the AGM on the recommendation of the Committee. **He or she** will examine all the accounts of the Guild and report on the same to the Committee. **He or she** need not be a member of the Guild. (*Changed wording shown in bold.*) Future editions of the Guild Handbook will be amended to include this wording.

NOTIFICATION OF THE STANDING PROCEDURE CONCERNING NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR PROPOSERS AS AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The following was reported in Committee Notes in the April 2019 Newsletter (160), which accurately reflected the wording in the formally-agreed Minute in the Minutes of that meeting. That:-

Members elected during the year be present at the AGM and introduced by their proposers. They are to be given a membership certificate.

This procedure will commence with the 2020 AGM, when membership certificates are ready for use. See back page of this issue for information about a competition for designing the membership certificate.

NOTICE OF 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND STRIKING COMPETITIONS

ON SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER 2019

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, GUITING POWER, GLOS
BELLS: 6-2-25 in B^b (GF)



(Photo: Chris Povey)

ORDER OF THE DAY

2.00pm	Brazier Cup Striking Competition
3.00pm	Newing Shield Striking Competition
5.15pm	Service in the Church
6.00pm	Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall (Chairman: the Guild President)

!THERE WILL BE NO EVENING RINGING!

The **AGENDA** for the AGM is:-

- 1 Results of the Striking Competitions.
 - 2 Apologies.
 - 3 Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting (*in January Newsletter 159*)
 - 4 Matters Arising.
 - 5 Guild Master's Report (*to be in the October News-sheet*)
 - 6 Treasurer's Report (*included in the April Newsletter and on website**)
 - 7 Election of President and Vice-Presidents (to serve for 3 years).
 - 8 Election of Officers (Guild Master, Ringing Master, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer)
 - 9 Election of Committee and Honorary Accounts Examiner.
 - 10 Election of two Central Council representatives (to serve for 3 years)
 - 11 Proposal from the Committee: *'the attribution of a peal to the Guild shall require at least half (50%) of those having rung the peal to be fully paid-up Guild members'*.
 - 11 Confirmation of new members during the year
 - 12 (a) notification of the amendment to the Guild Rules concerning the agreement to have one Independent Examiner instead of two, as agreed at the 2018 AGM. (*See p.2*)
(b) notification of the Standing Procedure agreed by the Committee concerning new members and their proposers (*see this Newsletter, p.2, for details of such*).
 - 13 Any Other Business (at the Chairman's discretion)
- (* available from the website for printing out if reqd: www.fourshires.org.uk; then select 'Newsletters')

Chris Povey, Honorary Secretary

Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall from about 4.00pm.

As usual, donations of food will be gratefully received.

Stuart Cummings or Jackie Hands can advise on what to bring.

Teams intending to take part in the Striking Competitions should contact the Ringing Master (Richard Lewis-Skeath) about their entry.

COMMENT

As nobody has come forward to undertake the job of editor, this is the cut-down version of the Newsletter that will have to suffice until a new editor is in post. Sorry, there's no news; just notices, adverts and other essential items. An Editor is required to return it to the norm!

I have been informed that Jill Roberts of Sutton-under-Brailes died on August 18th. She was a Guild member for many years, but gave up membership when she sadly concluded she had difficulty ringing. Many long-term members will remember her. I was unable to be at her funeral on September 17th at Sutton-under-Brailes, as I was in London. I hope some FSG members

managed to attend. Jill was a very enthusiastic 'tower-grabber' and I understand she rang at a great number before she had to stop.

Chris Povey. (No longer the Editor)

(The views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily the views of the Four Shires Guild or its Committee. The Guild endorses no products or manufacturers advertised within the Newsletter – but would not allow such advertisements where the goods or services are knowingly questionable.)

THE CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

There is now a great shortage of full-time clergy available to fill vacancies for a Rector or Vicar. Bishops have been ordaining the usual numbers of Deacons and Priests, but more than half have been for Non-Stipendary ministry and Self Supporting ministry. Maybe we should value the clergy we have, hoping that they will not retire or move elsewhere. Vacancies in the North of England and in rural Dioceses are taking two or three years to fill. Like clergy in multi-parish Benefices, ringers on a Sunday go to two, or more, Churches. As ringers we must ensure that the clergy know what we achieve, for we can be out of sight and out of mind by the congregation as well as the clergy.

When we hold a bellringers' meeting we should try to make sure that the Vicar or a Churchwarden is invited to attend. At a Bellringers' Supper or Dinner, we could invite the Vicar to attend.

Every band of ringers should try to get one of the ringers to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Church. This would help keep the ringers informed of any plans to re-order the interior of the Church. It would also save what has happened in parishes where the PCC has plans to put toilets and kitchens into ground-floor ringing rooms and thought that half of the bellropes could be pulled over by six or seven feet, thinking that the bells are chimed rather than rung full-circle. Fortunately, Diocesan Advisory Committees (DAC) are now better informed and any Faculty petition to do this is rejected.*

Our ringing can be thought of as missioned activity, for it can bring people into Church buildings that otherwise might not venture in. Bellringing has been described as a great noise for God, for it is worship in itself. There is evidence that in town and city churches the number of visitors who enter the buildings increases while a peal is being rung. More decide to look in to see what is happening than when the tower is silent.

Rev Dr Peter Newing

*(*Peter's point about ringers being more involved with proposed modifications in churches to give better facilities is well made. Yes, DAC involvement is very useful indeed and usually many problems regarding bells and ringing are avoided. Sadly this is not always so, as sometimes a faculty application slips through the net, even in well-organised DACs. I was asked to advise on proposals at a church to install a new access ladder assembly from the Ringing Room to the belfry, as the Ringing Master was concerned the details included plans to add pulleys to two 'straight-drop' ropes to provide a kink in the rope drop to allow greater clearance for the structure. Apparently a preliminary inspection of the plans was approved in principle by a DAC Advisor involved,, which I found puzzling. I investigated at DAC level and learnt that, through an error in the DAC office, the plans had been sent only to an Advisor concerned with building implications, not to the Bells Advisor. Happily, the plans for the structure were modified very successfully to fit in with the ropes, and ringing the easy-going bells continues. Sometimes, of course, modifications beyond 'List A' are made without reference to the DAC or to the Archdeacon, and this is where real problems occur. Such modifications can be ringer-led, or PCC-led. In such cases the PCC can be forced to return the modified items to their original state at their expense if found unacceptable to the Diocese. CMP)*

FOUR SHIRES GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER

To be held at Badsey Church immediately after the Saturday practice (which will run 7.00-8.15pm).

Bring food and something to drink, and a good voice to sing carols!

NEW FSG SAFEGUARDING POLICY, AS AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE ON 13TH AUGUST

Should any member require a copy of this very important document (see Committee Notes, p.6), it can be emailed to them. Please contact the Hon Sec., who will send it.

Chris Povey: contact details on p.2

GUILD MASTER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2018– 2019

I am pleased to report that yet again your Guild in the year 2018 to 2019 has been extremely active and your committee which was elected at the last Annual General Meeting has again been working very hard on your behalf, our Treasurer Michael Dane will make his report at this AGM. The accounts were published in the April Newsletter.

The weekly practices have again been very well attended, The Ringing Master has either run them or a deputy. Many of the towers we usually rung at during the year have welcomed us. Stuart Cummings has done sterling job in arranging all the towers.

Thanks go Richard Lewis Skeath for organising the Annual Ringing Tour again to the Buckinghamshire area. Everyone who joined the tour said it was an excellent day.

The Striking Competitions and AGM were held at Sherbourne, Warwickshire. It was a great success and our thanks go to John Wheeler for organising the day.

The Annual Dinner was held on Saturday 2nd February 2019 at a new venue, The Northwick Hotel in Evesham, and it didn't disappoint. Many attended and we had many compliments regarding the choice of menu and the service. The after-dinner Speaker was Martin Penny, who gave an interesting talk. He drew upon the way in which women were drawn into undertaking men's roles in particularly WW1 and again in WW2. He likened this to the way ringing has changed from effectively all-male until the present day. The prize giving followed the talk, with the trophies presented by the President John Nicholls, the Vice Presidents Peter Newing and Freda Cleaver, and the Ringing Master Richard Lewis-Skeath.

The website under Roland Meyrick is still projecting an active Guild to all web users and the Newsletter can be read online. It also displays an advert for Guild-badged clothing is also displayed on the website. Far smaller quantities than previously can be ordered, as we are now using a local firm company, even one garment. So, please place your orders with Kathy McCarthy, who has taken over this task from Matthew Kemble. An advert

for Guild clothing also appears in the Newsletter.

The Guild's Facebook group, which is administered by Richard Lewis Skeath, is very active. Let him know if you are interested in joining.

Chris Povey is still editor of the FSG Newsletter and our thanks must go to him again for producing each year an excellent product. However, he wishes to give up this job, and his last full Newsletter was the July issue. Unfortunately no-one has come forward to be the new editor, so we shall be having a very cut-down Newsletter from now until a new editor is in post. The printing is still completed "in house" on home printers by a few loyal members producing a good quality magazine this keeps our cost down significantly. The Newsletter has an abridged version of the minutes of the most-recent Guild Committee meeting, so that all members are notified of any important business. They can inform the Secretary of any items they want discussed at committee meetings or need clarification.

Our Bell Restoration Fund, which was set up in 2010, has made a number of grants during the year and these have been reported in the Newsletter. The Committee are empowered to offer grants towards any suitable projects concerning rings of bells within the Guild's area of operation. If you have a project where a grant from the Guild will help, please do not hesitate to enquire and obtain the necessary application forms.

To continue giving grants to worthy applications we must maintain our funding, otherwise our grants will be too small to make a useful contribution to a project. We operate a donation scheme to maintain funding, Thanks go to all members who have made donations to the Fund, as it has made a real difference

Finally thanks should go all officers and members of the committee for their commitment and hard work, and for the time they have given to attending the committee meetings held during the year, also to Isobel Murphy for the work she does in coordinating the FSG monthly tours and for the income that generates for the Bell Restoration Fund.

Peter Quinn – Guild Master

A COMPETITION FOR DESIGNING A MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE.

This has arisen from Nick Allsopp's proposal that new Guild members should be given a membership certificate when they join. It was debated at the last Committee meeting and it was agreed that there should be a competition for the design.

It was agreed that the design should be 'open', that is, with no restrictions on the what it should look like, but it must include room for:-

- 1 the new member's name,
- 2 their tower affiliation,
- 3 the date of admission and room for signatures of the President and, probably, the Ringing Master.

It was further agreed that the size should be a standard size, either A4 or A5, and in 'portrait' mode.

The closing date for entries will be 31st October, so that entries can be judged by the Committee at their November meeting. It was agreed that a prize of a Guild polo shirt should be awarded to the winner, which will be presented at the 2020 Annual Dinner in February. (Please note: the copyright of the winning design will pass to the Guild.)

This is a wonderful opportunity for the artists in the Guild. Please show us your talents!

Send entries in paper or digital form to the Hon Secretary (Chris Povey). Address/email details on p. 2.

FSG COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES, 13th AUGUST.

The Committee met on Tuesday 13th August at the Parish Centre, Wellesbourne.

1) Apologies for absence: John W, Christina, Richard, Nick, Jackie, John N.

2) Minutes of the last meeting: agreed as correct and signed as such.

3) Matters Arising:-

Handbell insurance: now purchased.

Dinner debt: now paid.

4) Reports: the following are highlights:-

Guild Master: Peter outlined the current conditions for the Dinner at The Northwick Hotel. Price would increase to £26.50pp, but the service we received all aspects was outstanding. It was agreed to go with The Northwick Hotel again. Peter to continue liaising. Chris reported that Prof Alison Hodge had agreed to be the Speaker

Hon Secretary: Chris had received proposals and secondings for the following:-

Clive Bater (Sherbourne): prop John Wheeler, sec Michael Dane
Bob Horsnell (Sherbourne): prop John Wheeler, sec Michael Dane

David Hancocks (Welford-on-Avon): prop Freda Cleaver, sec Michael Dane.
Membership was agreed, nem con.

Stuart reported the death of Angela Elliott (past member: previously of Brailes).

Treasurer: Michael had prior to the meeting provided an update on the finances, both ordinary and BRF accounts. He reported that membership was slightly down on 2018, but this was not a concern at present.

Safeguarding Officer: no incidents reported. See item 8 on the proposed FSG Safeguarding policy.

Newsletter Editor: Chris said nobody had approached him about doing this job, or indeed taking over as Hon Sec. On this basis he offered to continue as Hon Sec for one more year, and produce a very cut-down version of the Newsletter until a new editor comes forward.

Mid-week tours: Michael reported that this group had passed on £300 to the funds.

CCCB: Chris reported that Prof Alison Hodge had agreed to attend the November Committee meeting to answer questions about affiliation to the Central Council.

5) Bell Restoration Fund:

Michael confirmed there was £3776 of unallocated money available for grants

Grant applications for consideration:

The application from Great Hampton (rebush clappers) was considered. It was proposed by Michael, sec by Peter, that £200 be offered: agreed. That from Temple Guiting (rebushing clappers) was considered. Chris declared an interest in this and took no part in the subsequent vote. It was proposed by Michael, sec by Peter, that £100 be offered: agreed.

6) Items for discussion:-

Recent events:

Annual Ringing Tour in July: reported as being 'a good tour', with 20-25 people attending.

Future programme:

Walking & Ringing Tour, Sat 21st September: John C has this fully in hand. Details are in the (July) Newsletter.

AGM & Striking Comps, Sat 19th Oct. Guiting Power is available. The Village Hall has been booked. Revised times for the various parts will be in operation this year.

Inter-Shire Comp, Sat 16th Nov. Again, Guiting Power is available. The Village Hall is booked. Peter to speak to John N about contacting the 'Shire' teams.

Xmas Party: to be at Badsey again, on either Dec 7th or 14th. Stuart to liaise with Hilary.

7) Proposals for a competition for designing a membership certificate.

Chris said no-one had contacted him yet about this, but hope reigns supreme...

8) Proposed revision of the Guild's Safeguarding Policy

Everybody was in full agreement with Chris Mew's revision. It will go onto the FSG website. Chris P to thank Chris M and ask Roland Merrick to include the document on the site. (See notice re receiving a copy of this on p.4)

9) AOB:

Peter asked what had happened to the Guild converting to a charity. This had been postponed to a future, more convenient time. It was agreed that Peter and Michael would start investigations again.

10) Next meeting:

the next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th November at Church House, Evesham..

Future Committee meeting dates: Feb, May, Aug & Nov in 2020

(NB: these notes do not supplant the formally-agreed Minutes)

NOTICES

GUILD-BADGED CLOTHING

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE:-

Polo shirts:	£15.00	Full-zip ladies fleece	£25.00
Sweatshirts:	£17.50	Half-zip fleece:	£22.50
Full-zip fleece:	£25.00	Lambswool V-necked sweater:	£35.00

Contact Kathy McCarthy on:- email, khmccarthy@fastmail.fm; phone, 01608 661001

Payment still goes to Michael Dane, contact details on page 2 (cheques to be made payable to 'Four Shires Guild of Bellringers'. Payment via BACS may be possible: check with Michael first). There are no extra carriage charges on the prices above. All profits from the sale of clothing go to the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund.

Colours: The range of colours can be seen on the Guild's website, which is <http://www.fourshires.org.uk>.

Some idea of sizing can be gauged from the following:-

(Chest size in inches)	Small	medium	large	X-large	xx-large
Polo shirts	36-38	40	42	44	46-48
Sweat shirt	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49
Men's full zip fleece	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49
Half zip fleece	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49
Dress size:					
Ladies' full zip fleece	10	12	14	16	18

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FOUR SHIRES GUILD BELL RESTORATION FUND

The Guild has a Bell Restoration Fund, from which the Committee is empowered to offer grants towards suitable aspects concerning rings of bells within the Guild's area of operation. Such aspects may include a range of needs, from maintenance to augmentations.

Rules and Constitution of the Fund are in the Guild Rule Book, and application forms are available from me. (These forms are emailable.)

Chris Povey (Hon Sec)

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To be held at Badsey Church immediately after the Saturday practice (which will run 7.00-8.15pm).

Bring food and something to drink, and a good voice to sing carols!

GUILD LAPEL BADGES



Guild lapel badges are available. They are slightly different to the previous version, as it is now the same as the clothing badges (the 'standard' Guild badge). It is slightly '3D' too, as some features are raised.

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(The original badges cost £1 in 1976!)

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DIARY OF GUILD SATURDAY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

OCT 5 TH	CHURCHILL, Oxon	8, 10-3-9 in G	(* NOTE 7-00PM.TILL 8-30PM.*)
OCT 12 TH	WELFORD-ON-AVON, Warks	8, 9-3-1 in G#	
OCT 19 TH	A.G.M. & STRIKING COMPS AT GUITING POWER	Glos	(*SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS*)
OCT 26 TH	SHERBOURNE, Warks	6, 11-1-17 in F#	
NOV 2 ND	CHIPPING CAMPD		
EN, Glos	8, 22-1-18 in Eb		
NOV 9 TH	ADLESTROP, Glos	6, 4-2-21 in C	(*NOTE* 7-00PM. TILL8-30PM.*)
NOV 16 TH	*INTER SHIRES COMPETITION* AT GUITING POWER	Glos	(NO EVENING PRACTICE)
NOV 23 RD	WILLERSEY, Glos	6, 12 cwt in G	
NOV 30 TH	PEBORTH, Worcs	10, 11-3-09 in F#	
DEC 7 TH	FLADBURY, Worcs	8, 12-3-03 in G#	
DEC 14 TH	BADSEY, Worcs	8, 15-0-4 in F	*NOTE* 7-00PM. TILL8-15PM. FOLLOWED BY GUILD XMAS PARTY
DEC 21 ST	*NOTE* NO SATURDAY EVENING PRACTICE THIS WEEK		
DEC 28 TH	*NOTE* NO SATURDAY EVENING PRACTICE THIS WEEK		

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JAN 4 TH	SALFORD PRIORS, Warks	8, 15-0-22 in F# (GF)	
JAN 11 TH	TODENHAM, Glos	6, 12-2-10 in F (GF)	
JAN 18 TH	WELLESBOURNE, Warks	8, 10-0-24 in G (GF)	
JAN 25 TH	OFFENHAM, Worcs	6, 10-3-2 in F# (GF)	*NOTE* 7-00PM.TILL 8-30PM.
FEB 1 ST	ANNUAL DINNER AT THE NORTHWICK HOTEL EVESHAM NO EVENING PRACTICE		

For any alterations to this programme, check the FSG web-site (<http://www.fourshires.org.uk>), also BELLBOARD website bb.ringingworld.co.uk (diary section)

Meetings are from 7.30pm until 9.00pm unless otherwise stated. All are welcome. You do not have to be a FSG member and we are especially pleased if members of the local band wish to come along and ring.

The Guild carries Public Liability insurance through the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group for all its activities. Non-members attending these activities are also covered by this insurance, providing they abide fully by the Guild's Health & Safety and Safeguarding (previously 'Child Protection') policies. (Both policies now appear on the FSG web-site, so their contents are available to all, whether members or non-members.)

TAG-END:

!! SUBSCRIPTIONS !!

Yes, folks, subscription time approaches. FSG subs are due on 1st January 2020. This notice is an early reminder and will be repeated in the January Newsletter. The rates are £5 for members and £2 for Juniors (under 18). Please pay as soon after the due date as possible, as it benefits the Guild. (Please note: there is no Non-Resident Life Membership category. An annual subscription is required to retain membership.)

Payment may be made to Michael Dane, Hon Treasurer. It would assist greatly if, when paying by cash, you use the payment slip that will be attached to the January Newsletter.

YOU CAN PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION BY INTERNET BANK TRANSFER, which is a very convenient service if you are internet-connected and have internet banking. THE GUILD'S BANKING DETAILS ARE: Bank, HSBC; Acct No, 71118668; Account name, FOUR SHIRES GUILD; Sort Code, 40-41-26. For 'Reference', please insert your name and tower (or unattached), otherwise you and your payment will be untraceable!! You will not need a receipt, as the bank transfer process allows a copy of the transfer document to be printed off. (I use this system for FSG payments and it works extremely well. CMP)

Events for 2019 – book the dates now:-

AGM & Striking Comps	Sat 19 th Oct at Guiting Power. See Notice on page 3
Inter-Shire Striking Comp	Sat Nov 16 th at Guiting Power. Help and food/drink reqd with/for this event
Guild Xmas Party	Sat 14 th December at Badsey after the practice there: see Notice p.7
Guild Annual Dinner	Sat 1 st February 2020 at The Northwick Hotel, Evesham: see front page