

Proposal for Guild A.G.M. Saturday 11th June 2022

Request for contribution towards the costs to install a Simulator & Dumb Bell at Hawkley (A&P District)

As part of the restoration plans for Hawkley (June-Sept 2022), permission and full support from the Church has been obtained to install a Simulator and “Matthew Higby” Dumb Bell.

The Aim for the installation of these two items, would allow Hawkley to be used as a Training Centre, both within the A&P District and also for use by the Guild (for example, on Guild Training Days). The Church authorities have agreed to ensure that access to the Tower (an upstairs ringing chamber) is readily available, including the kitchen/toilet facilities within the church.

Hawkley is already acting as a Training Centre, with over 20 new recruits being taught there over the last nine months, feeding into at least seven District Towers.....some of these Towers now have enough ringers to resume regular ringing! Hawkley regularly hosts a series of “Silent” District Practices during Holy Week, where District Members can come to receive 1:1 training for handling skills such as raising & lowering. These are always over-subscribed. Until now, the teaching sessions have all been carried out using silenced bells, but the simulator would provide an obvious opportunity to expand the bell handling and ropesight teaching to include listening and striking skills. In addition, the Simulator would allow a readily available ring of 8 bells for more frequent District Practices for focussed method ringing, than is currently possible. The membership of the A&P District is very active, and the Simulator and Dumb Bell would be regularly used and of great benefit to ringing in the area.

Costs:

- Matthew Higby Dumb Bell: £1850
- David Bagley Simulator: £750 (approx..)
- Laptop: no cost (kindly donated by Simon Poyser, value circa £325)

Overall Total Cost expected to be: £2925

It has already been agreed by the Alton & Petersfield District at its ADM in January, to support the project by contributing towards this from District Funds.

To cover the remaining costs, we would like to request a contribution from the W&P Guild, to support the installation of the Simulator and Dumb Bell at Hawkley, as detailed above, the value of which to be determined by Guild Members at the Meeting.

Proposed by: Roger Barber (on behalf of Hawkley and the A&P District)

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