

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD - TRAINING SCHEME BADGES

Guildford Diocesan Guild

TRAINING SCHEME LAUNCHED

An ambitious training scheme was launched by the Guildford Diocesan Guild at its A.G.M. at Surrey University on March 10th. The scheme is the outcome of many discussions between officers of the Guild and Districts.

The Master (Mr. D. E. Parsons), who presided, explained the scheme. He said they proposed to issue certificates and badges to five different standards of ringing after examination, i.e.:—

(1) Bell Handling Proficiency (badge white).—How to silence a bell; handling backstroke; knots and how to tie them; making coils correctly; raising and lowering; handling; raise and lower bell alone; speed changing; hold a balance 40 consecutive times both ways.

(2) Ringers (badge yellow).—Ring rounds, including treble; ring call changes; raise and lower bell in peal (at least 3 bells); good standard of striking in tests; know the standard changes, i.e., Queens, Whittingtons, Tittums, Back change; know how to ring whole pull and stand; achieve a minimum of 60 per cent. attendance.

(3) Change Ringer (light blue badge).—Plain hunt preferably to quarter peal; ring a touch inside and know theory of Plain Bob and Grandsire; able to treble bob hunt and have a knowledge of Treble Bob Method or Double Court (theory only accepted); a good standard of striking, minimum 60 per cent. attendance.

(4) Senior Change Ringer (dark blue).—Hold a change ringer's certificate; able to ring Stedman, Kent and Oxford T.B.; Double Norwich (or Court); Cambridge Surprise. Ring a quarter peal inside to one of the above methods. A good standard of striking and attendance.

(5) Tower Captain (badge red).—Able to teach and competent to pass a pupil in the tower bell handling certificate; hold a change ringer or ringer's certificate; able to call either Plain Bob or Grandsire; to lead up and down in peal; splice and maintain bell ropes; carry out routine maintenance on tower bells, frames, fittings, etc.; have a knowledge of how a successful band can be organised; of safety in the tower and liaison with the incumbent and P.C.C.

The Master said the Guild would have to appoint special instructors for some areas. They proposed to hold four afternoon meetings during May. On October 13th there would be a special training day when they could pass people at various stages in the scheme.

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At the business meeting 13 new members were elected. Certificates and badges for progress in the Guild Training Scheme were presented by the Guild Master to 16 members. While senior members rang during

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At the A.G.M. of the Chertsey District the committee were able to give an encouraging report on 1975. Twenty new members were welcomed and 39 progress badges on the training scheme had been presented. A successful training day had

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