**Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers**

**Reading Branch Annual General Meeting**

**Chantry House, Henley on Thames**

**Saturday 9th February 2019 10.00 – 11.00**

*Coffee and biscuits will be served from 9.30. Suggested parking by the station or in the town car park (nb latter charged by the hour).*

1) Chairman’s Welcome

2) Apologies for Absence

3) Obituaries

4) Guild Representative to give an update on key focus areas for the Guild in 2019

5) Minutes of 2018 AGM – Matters arising

6) New Members

a. Election of New Members

b. Ratification of Members elected at Branch Practices

 7) Reports

a. Treasurer’s Report and Accounts

b. Secretary’s Report

c. Ringing Masters’ Report

d. Branch Representatives’ Report

e. Newsletter Editor’s Report

8) Elections of Officers

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| **Post** | **Current Postholder(s)** | **Willing to restand** |
| Chairman | Giles Winter | Yes |
| Secretary | Pam Williams-Jones | Standing down due to extended absences overseas in 2019 |
| Treasurer  | Keith Vernon | Yes |
|  Ringing Masters  | Colin Newman / Robert Partridge | Yes for both |
|  Branch Representatives  | James Champion / Keith Vernon | Yes for both |
| Newsletter Editor | Diana McClure | Yes |
|  Webmaster  | Tim Haywood | Yes |
|  Youth Officer  | Daniel Page | Yes |
| Independent Examiners  | Joan Bennett / Helen Bennett | Yes for both |

9) Striking Competition

Following the low participation in the 6 bell striking competition, Giles will lead a discussion looking at how we can make this more inclusive and fun

10) Break out group discussions on branch practices

11) Other Events

MENSA is holding their AGM in Reading in September next year and are interested to learn more about ringing. Local towers to host and volunteers will be required.

12) AOB (please send in advance to Pam Williams-Jones)