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Jay,

Is the following information sufficient for proposing Mark to the position of Master ?

Rev. Mark Jackson R.N.

Mark lives at South Petherton with his wife Elizabeth. They have two grown-up daughters, Lydia and Leah.

Mark learned to ring at the age of nine, when he immediately became passionate about bells and ringing; a condition which has stayed with him ever since.

As a curate, he found life was a little inhibited and on attending a tri-service demonstration one day in 1983, decided to join the Royal Navy. He came into this area in nineteen eighty five when he was stationed at RNAS Heron at Yeovilton. He immediately became involved in the work that had been going on in rehanging the bells and by the time he was posted in nineteen eighty eight, had put in the doorway to the ringing floor from the turret staircase. He trumped English Heritage by playing his Health and Safety card. The loft ladder coming up through the polished Ash floor of the ringing balcony was indeed a health hazard; so he had the doorway made and asked permission afterwards. He was congratulated by the bishop who said that such action had saved a lot of time and paper work. Other improvements and embellishments are down to him, but he was posted before he could do more. He spent twenty eight years in the navy until 2011, and was then in 2012 called back for three years, which have been spent looking after the Naval Base in Gibraltar where sadly they only have one bell between them. Now that he has retired he means to become more involved with his passion as and when his other clerical duties allow.

His wide experience of organisation and dealing with people makes him an ideal person to follow the illustrious line of Masters of our Association. His humour and ability to get things done is a bonus that will benefit us all.

Proposing Rcv. Mark Jackson R.N. for the position of Master of the Association.

Proposer:- Gordon W. Rendell

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Seconder:- Peter Martin.

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