

# **Minutes of the Lent Term Business Meeting held in St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

## **Members Present**

President: C Y Barlow

Master: M L D Drinkwater

Secretary: N T Clements

J A Agg	J Dann	T N Milner
O Bardsley	J E Earis	S Pike
W J Benfold	P J Earis	D C W Richards
P L H Brooke	R Flockton	H C Smith
N P W Butler	C Haggitt	L T W Smith
J P Daniels	F R W M Manners	

The President was in the chair and opened the meeting at 21.08

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from:

Luke Simpson

Will Scheilling

## **2. Minutes of the Michaelmas Term Business Meeting**

The minutes had been available online before the meeting and with no objections they were signed by the President.

## **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. Election of new Members**

The following were elected to membership of the Guild, being proposed by the Master and seconded by the Assistant Master:

M Boyd (Pembroke)	C Baditoru (Corpus)	J Green (Fitzwilliam)
G King (Corpus)	S Atkinson (Emmanuel)	H Yin Au (Churchill)
S Mullender (Magdalene)	R Sood (Clare)	

Will Scheilling (Clare Hall) was also elected having been proposed by C Haggitt and seconded by D Richards, as was T Dickens (Peterhouse) being proposed by T Milner and seconded by F R W M Manners.

#### **5. Revision of Rules**

The President reported on the ongoing process of updating the Guild rules. A number of people had provided useful comments, and a further draft would be produced later this term. This would be circulated to Officers and all who had expressed interest, before being put up on the web. The intention is that there will be discussion at the AGM in May, with the hope that agreement on the new rules can be reached at that meeting.

The President asked the meeting for their views on whether Full Membership should be offered to people who are not matriculated members of Cambridge University, such as members of Anglia Ruskin University. It was agreed that it would be preferable to maintain the current very tight definition of Full Membership, but to make use of the category of Associate Membership for others who ring frequently with the Guild. Associate membership should be for life, and such members would pay a subscription. They would be made very welcome to all Guild activities, but would not be eligible to hold office or to ring Guild peals. If Associate Members wished to ring peals with the Guild then creative solution might be possible, such as crediting such peals to a newly founded St Bene't Society.

#### **6. Cambridge Towers**

The Master reported that St Andrew the Great was in full working order and that relations with the church appeared to be improved. The church is now informing couples that the Guild can ring at weddings. Unfortunately attempts to get extra slots for ringing during the week have not been allowed, nor are any lunchtime slots forthcoming, but slots on Saturdays are allowed and the Master informed the meeting that the Guild still clings to its Thursday evening ringing.

There was nothing to report from either St Benet's or Great St Mary's.

With regards to the possible bells in St Johns College, the President informed the meeting that small movements had occurred. Tom Ridgman had agreed to project manage the installation and assist with fundraising. He and the President had held an encouraging meeting with the Master of

St John's. A small group of Guild members (the President, Chris Johnson, Tom Ridgman, Patrick Brooke, Dickon Love, Richard Smith, Max Drinkwater) had met to discuss how to take the project further. It was estimated that, if the project were to go ahead, it could be roughly two years until bells were installed.

WJB questioned the practicality of the project. Camilla Haggitt praised the excellent progress that had been made.

**7. The following dates for the diary were announced:**

04/02/12 – OUS Dinner

05/02/12 & 04/03/12 – University Sermon

11/02/12 – Joint practice with EDA

25/02/12 – Joint outing with OUS to St. Alban's

17/03/12 – Guild Dinner (not at Selwyn)\*

06/05/12 – Guild AGM

\*The Master reminded the meeting that the Guild Dinner was no longer being held at Selwyn and instead was being held at Robinson College, tickets being priced at £45.

FRWMM pointed out the typos on the Lent Term Business Meeting Agenda, specifically the mislabelling of the final two points and being titled Michaelmas Business Meeting.

**8. Any other business**

With no other business the President closed the meeting at 21.28.

N T Clements / C Y Barlow  
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