

Minutes of the Michaelmas Term Business Meeting held in St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Members Present**

President: R A Smith  
Master: R L Anderson  
Secretary: I R Diver

O P Bardsley	A Carlotti	C M Cowper*	J R A Dann
J D Shanklin	L T W Smith	J J Wakeling*	

\*Elected during the meeting

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

M L D Drinkwater  
D C W Richards  
R Andrewes

**2. Minutes of the Lent Business Meeting 2015**

The minutes had been available online for several months and with no objections they were signed by the President.

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Relevant matters from the AGM**

No matters were reported.

**5. Relevant matters from the Guild Week Meeting**

R A Smith reported that the focus of the Guild Week Meeting mostly focused on the format of future Guild weeks, particularly with regard to the length and the option of the church hall as accommodation. These changes were almost universally popular.

JRA Dann enquired as to whether there is anyone to organise the Guild Week next year, and R A Smith reported that there are currently two options, but there has not been a decision yet. The first option is Bath, organised by Robin Shipp and another person, though no other person has yet come forward. R L Anderson expressed that this would be "lush". The second option would be East Yorkshire, organised by Alan Winter. R A Smith noted that this would be a close repeat of 2007, however, although most at the meeting would not remember this. R L Anderson noted that she was 12 at the time. J D Shanklin enquired as to whether the students had a preference. I R Diver stated that East Yorkshire was quite far away, but it was pointed out that this very much depends on where you start. R L Anderson thought both options sounded "lush" and I R Diver stated that they would be if she were in attendance.

## **6. Election of new members**

The following people were elected to membership of the Guild. They were proposed by I R Diver and seconded by J D Shanklin:

C M Cowper (Peterhouse)	J E Dobson (Sidney Sussex)
J H J Ellison (Peterhouse)	M P Sheasby (Selwyn)
C J Spoerer (Gonville and Caius)	J J Wakeling (Corpus Christi)

All were elected unopposed.

M A Corless was elected unopposed as an associate member of the Guild, also proposed by I R Diver and seconded by J D Shanklin.

## **7. Cambridge Towers**

The Steeplekeeper was not in attendance, but O P Bardsley reported that S D Johnson had been “messing around” with the clapper on the seventh at StAG as it was loose. J D Shanklin had also suggested that S D Johnson look at the fifth because it appears odd stuck.

J D Shanklin told the meeting that the work on St. Benet’s’ is to begin next week, meaning the bells will not be ringable for five weeks. Therefore they may or may not be Christmas ringing. There will be new cupboards put in, of which the Guild will have one, along with new doors on the old cupboards, a new oak gate, improved flooring and new lights. During this time there will be simulator practices at GSM to replace the usual Bene’t’s practices.

RA Smith reported that work is planned to re-bush the clappers. There may therefore be one evensong where there is no ringing. However, he hopes that at least six bells will be back for the evensong so ringing does not have to be cancelled.

R A Smith also informed the meeting that the seventh at OLEM is currently almost unringable because the headstock is rubbing on the frame.

## **8. Diary Dates**

The following dates for the diary were provided:

London Outing: 28/11/15

Guild Dinner: 12/03/16

The London outing is to be organised by S P Burr. R L Anderson has been told the names of all the towers, but her London geography was too poor to be able to tell the meeting where they are.

R L Anderson also reported that there will be no StAG on 26/11/15 and this will be replaced by a Pembroke formal, organised by O P Bardsley.

I R Diver added that Guild New Year this year will be from the 29/12/15 to 02/01/16 in the Flitwick area. She encouraged freshers to attend. O P Bardsley helpfully named Flitwick the murder capital of the UK.

**10. Any other business**

O P Bardsley told the meeting he is to propose a change to the Guild rules at the Lent Term Business Meeting. He will draft these changes and they will be discussed then.

With no other business, the President closed the meeting at 21:26.

I R Diver  
15/11/14