

Minutes of the Lent Term Business Meeting held in St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge on Friday 23rd January 2015

Members Present

President: R A Smith
Master: R K Flockton
Secretary: I R Diver

O P Bardsley	P L H Brooke	A Carlotti
J R A Dann	J D Shanklin	D S Vasak

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

C Y Barlow	M L D Drinkwater	S D Johnson
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2. Minutes of the Michaelmas Business Meeting 2014

The minutes had been available online for several months and with no objections they were signed by the President. The minutes were proposed by R K Flockton and P L H Brooke seconded.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Election of new members

There were no new members to be elected.

5. Cambridge Towers

I R Diver told the meeting that S D Johnson reported there was a new stay on the seventh at St. Andrew the Great. The stay is fibreglass, and R K Flockton noted that it is yellow.

D S Vasak queried whether there was any progress with the John's project. R A Smith answered there had been no developments for several years.

The new timing of the Great St. Mary's evensong was discussed. It was noted that the same people were still turning up. R K Flockton told the meeting there had been a quarter peal at the end of last term, however this was not compensating for the loss of the quarter slot at St. Bene't's. O P Bardsley suggested ringing quarter peals at GSM on a regular basis as an alternative.

P L H Brooke told the meeting the new time was an experiment to see whether people preferred it as it was likely better for the regular congregation. The earlier time is a general trend in cathedral evensongs at the moment.

J D Shanklin informed the meeting that there the two thin sallies at St. Bene't's have been replaced. He has purchased two new ropes which should arrive in four to eight weeks. R A Smith pointed out this is more likely to be sixty to seventy weeks.

6. Diary Dates

The following dates for the diary were provided by the Master:

University Sermon: 01/02/15

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OUS Dinner – 07/02/15

No StAG practice – 05/02/15

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Joint outing with OUS – 21/02/15

Guild Dinner: 14/03/15

It was noted that the date of the Guild Dinner on the agenda should be 2015, rather than 2014.

The joint outing is to be organised by the OUS and the location is to be confirmed.

7. Any other business

R A Smith re-iterated his thanks to P L H Brooke for his time as Senior Treasurer to the Guild. P L H Brooke told the meeting that unfortunately it was no longer possible for him to attend regular ringing with the Guild due to other commitments, and he does not therefore wish to continue as Senior Treasurer.

R A Smith reported that there has been no significant updates on Guild Week. A few towers have been booked in Worcester and part of a day in Worcester is planned. There is the option of the cathedral, but this will depend on which ringers are available since the bells are difficult to ring. Another day has been planned towards the Malverns and there is the possibility of a day towards the North. R A Smith has a few ideas for accommodation for the students, which he will discuss with them in a more informal setting (i.e. the pub).

With no other business, the President closed the meeting at 21:15.

I R Diver
27/01/15