

Minutes of the Michaelmas Term Business Meeting held in St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge on Friday 12th October 2012

Members Present

President: C Y Barlow
Master E C Frye
Secretary : R K Flockton

J Andreas	W L K Brooke*	R Harwin*
O P Bardsley	N P W Butler	S Johnson*
W J Benfold	J R A Dann	J D Shanklin
P L H Brooke	I Diver*	D Vasak*

* Elected during the meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

L T W Smith
R Andrews

2. Minutes of the Lent Business Meeting 2012

It was noted that the fictional Luke Simpson mentioned in the minutes was in fact Leigh Simpson. This error was corrected and the minutes were then signed by the President.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Relevant Matters from the AGM

The committee had met shortly after the AGM to discuss the position of Webmaster. It was agreed by all that N P W Butler would be appointed to the position. This decision was ratified at the meeting; Proposed by E C Frye and seconded by R K Flockton, the decision was accepted *nem con*.

5. Relevant Matters from the Guild Week Meeting

No matters were reported.

6. Election of New Members

Full Members:

The following people were all elected to membership of the Guild. They were proposed by E C Frye and seconded by J R A Dann:

Imogen Diver (Girton)	Samuel Johnson (St Catherine's)
Rebecca Harwin (Jesus)	David Vasak (Trinity)

All were elected unopposed. The President welcomed them to the Guild.

Associate Members:

The following people were all elected to associate membership of the Guild.

Philip Hensman	Proposed: C Y Barlow	Seconded: E C Frye
Alison Brooke	Proposed: C Y Barlow	Seconded: J D Shanklin
Billy Brooke	Proposed: E C Frye	Seconded: J D Shanklin

All were elected unopposed.

These are people who support the activities of the Guild and make significant contribution towards them. The President extended a particularly warm welcome to them.

7. Cambridge Towers

It was noted that all the towers were still there. O P Bardsley commented that he would cut off the excess wire on the spider and would also get round to replacing the stay on the 7th at StAG. Relations with the church have improved and they are amenable to requests. The locks for entry to the church were changed over the summer: we have not yet received a key for the new locks, but this is probably just an oversight.

Bene't's had had a rope changed prior to a peal during the summer, which was duly scored. J D Shanklin wished to thank F R W M Manners for organising new stays for the bells at Bene't's', if any happened to break, after having spent much of Easter term with a cracked stay on the 4th.

Regarding the John's project, it had been noted that Tom Ridgman was prepared to manage the project and there would be a meeting with the Development Director of St John's in a month.

Significant building work will be undertaken at GSM shortly, however, ringing should not be affected.

8. Diary Dates

The following dates were mentioned:

Cycle Outing: 13/10/12
University Sermon: 14/10/12
University Sermon: 4/11/12
SUA Weekend in Bristol: 9/11/12 – 11/11/12

London Outing: 24/11/12
Lent Term Business Meeting: 26/1/13
Annual Dinner at Christ's: 16/3/13

9. Any Other Business

The Cambridge District of the EDA holds an annual joint meeting with the Guild. The meeting will be in Cambridge, with ringing at Bene't's and GSM. This year, there was a communication failure and the Guild was not informed, but in any case their chosen date clashes with the cycle outing. The normal date for Cambridge District meetings, the second Saturday of the month, is often difficult for the Guild, particularly this term. J D Shanklin suggested that it might be best for the Guild to propose a date for next year to the District Secretary. This should be done over the next month or so. A fourth Saturday (Wisbech District) would probably not cause any conflict of interest. He agreed to speak to the District Secretary. The practices are beneficial to both sides, improving relations between Guild and EDA and giving people the chance to ring things they wouldn't otherwise be able to.

With no other business, the President closed the meeting at 21.25.

R K Flockton
17/10/12