

Minutes of Guild Week Meeting held at the Blacksmith's Arms St Albans on Monday 7th of August 2017

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Dickon Love, Chris Rogers, Dave Richards, James Ellison & Christine Hill.

2. Minutes of the 2016 Guild Week Meeting

No changes to the minutes were proposed. They were proposed as a true account by J Wakeling and seconded by B Meads. They were accepted unopposed.

3. Matters arising

In response to 2016 Minutes, R Smith said that a memorial peal was set to be rung in November.

4. Future Guild Weeks

R Smith announced that J Shanklin has suggested Lenham, Kent as a venue for Guild Week 2018, and that his plans have changed from getting cheaper accommodation in a boarding school, and he is now looking for a hall floor. He has investigated a community hall and pub/hotel in town, the hall being £100/night + £25/night for use of the kitchen. The hotel charges £75/night for a single, and £120/night for family room. It is the only hotel in the village and has only 12 rooms, but another hotel in Ashford could be used. A Johnson commented he found hotel in Lenham inflexible with bookings in previous stay there, but a previous Guild Week there had had plenty of towers. J Wakeling commented that price of hall would dissuade students. V Nutton suggested Maidstone as an alternative Kentish venue. R Smith stated that getting reasonable accommodation for student members usually requires 5 or 6 phone calls, and asked if anyone would be willing to assist organising Guild Week 2018 should J Shanklin not wish to rearrange. B Meads said he would be willing.

In response to A Johnson's question about distance to Guild Week affecting attendance, R Smith replied that west of the Ex or north of the Tees would be too far. B Le Gallez asked for full confirmation of Guild Week earlier than this year, on which B Meads commented that a reminder email would suffice for this. P Hill asked for Guild Week to be settled as being the 17th to the 22nd of August, to which the meeting agreed. B Le Gallez proposed a vote of thanks for the organisers of this Guild Week, with which the meeting concurred.

5. Diary Dates

R Smith said there may be another Peal Weekend in late February, and commented that the London Outing has not yet been arranged.

Although the date of Guild Dinner has not yet been set, it was noted it should be the first Saturday after Lent Full Term, being this year the 17th of March 2018

6. AOB

There was no other business

J J Wakeling