

# **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Boys Smith Room, St. John's College, on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

## **Members Present**

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

O P Bardsley	S D Johnson
W J Benfold	F H King
J R A Dann	R Shipp
I R Diver	F R W M Manners
C P M Johnson	D C W Richards

The President was in the chair and the meeting opened at 1416.

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

P L H Brooke	J D Shanklin
T N Clements	L T W Smith
S A Croxall	D S Vasak
M L D Drinkwater	

## **2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2012**

The minutes had been available on the Guild website for a while. With no objections raised, they were signed by the President.

## **3. Matters Arising**

With nobody having stepped up to organise Guild Week 2013, Trevor Kirkman volunteered himself at the Guild Week 2012 meeting. He has organised accommodation at the Oadby Campus, Leicestershire and is now booking towers.

The Guild had been asked to ring a peal at East Teignmouth for the centenary of the first peal on the bells, which was September 1912, of Superlative surprise major, rung by the Guild. Chris Rogers organised a successful and enjoyable centenary peal, which was much appreciated by the locals.

## **4. Matters arising from the Lent term Business Meeting 2013**

There were no matters which needed to be drawn to the attention of the meeting.

## **5. Election of New Members**

No new members were elected.

## **6. Cambridge Towers**

Very little work has been needed at StAG, apart from splicing the rope on the 6th below the sally after it started to fray.

There has been no new news regarding the St John's since the Lent Business Meeting.

The plan by Barry Johnson to put a light ring of six in Michaelhouse is moving along slowly, due largely to the diplomacy and trying to keep as many people happy as possible.

## **7. Presentation of Accounts**

Copies of the accounts had been circulated at the beginning of the meeting and the secretary gave a general explanation of how to read them. O P Bardsley enquired about the payment to the Ringing World and how he had not seen much of it this year due to the failure of the Librarian to take it to Guild, although this should not have prevented him viewing it due to the proximity of his room to the Librarian's.

It was agreed that focus should be placed on the importance of the Librarian to bring along the Ringing World this coming year (once the address has been changed).

It was also noted that emphasis should be placed on getting people to pay for the dinner more promptly. Several people brought cheques to the dinner itself for practicality purposes. The proximity to the vacation meant chasing up payments was often left to when term had begun again.

The accounts were proposed by R Shipp and seconded by E C Frye. The meeting accepted them.

## **8. Master's Report**

The Master's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The master read out a summary of the report and it was noted that we had beaten Oxford in both the 6 bell and 8 bell at the SUA in Bristol, again.

## **9. Steeplekeeper's Report**

It has been a successful year for the Steeplekeeper in terms of maintenance. The excess wire for the spider had been cut. The rope on the 6<sup>th</sup> had become frayed after a group of visiting ringers. The rope had been taken off with an old one temporarily put on the wheel. The steeplekeeper has spliced the rope and it has been put back on successfully. No stays have been broken this year.

## 10. Election of Officers

The Master took the chair to elect the senior officers. She read out the following nominations.

### **President**

C Y Barlow	Prop. E C Frye	Sec. R K Flockton
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### **Senior Treasurer**

P L H Brooke	Prop. R A Smith	Sec. L T W Smith
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### **Accounts Examiner**

F H King	Prop. J E Galloway	Sec. F R W M Manners
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With no other nominations, all were duly elected unopposed.

The President resumed the chair and announced that due to the resignation of Leigh Simpson, one of the CC reps, someone was needed to be elected for the last year of the current triennium. If agreed, they would continue for the next triennium as well.

For the representative to start this year, the following nomination had been received:

D C W Richards	Prop. C Y Barlow	Sec. E C Frye
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He was elected by the meeting as one of the Guild representatives for the current year, and also to serve for the next triennium.

For starting the new triennium in 2014, the following nomination had been received:

R K Flockton	Prop. R Shipp	Sec. C Y Barlow
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He was elected unanimously.

The President thanked Robin Shipp for his work on the Central Council on behalf of the Guild.

The President then resumed the chair to read out the following junior officers nominations:

### **Master**

J R A Dann	Prop. E C Frye	Sec. W J Benfold
R K Flockton	Prop. F R W M Manners	Sec. E C Frye

### **Secretary**

I R Diver	Prop. E C Frye	Sec. W J Benfold
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### **Assistant Master**

S D Johnson	Prop. J R A Dann	Sec. E C Frye
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### **Librarian**

R C Harwin	Prop. W J Benfold	Sec. F R W M Manners
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### **Steeplekeeper**

O P Bardsley	Prop. J R A Dann	Sec. D S Vasak
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**Webmaster**

D C W Richards

Prop. E C Frye

Sec. F R W M Manners

J R A Dann was elected by the majority vote. Everyone else was elected unopposed.

The President thanked all the outgoing junior officers for their work throughout the year.

**11. Diary Dates**

The last practice at StAG before exams has already taken place.

09/05/13 – Ringing for Ascension Day

10/05/13 – Last practice at Bene't's before exams.

19/05/13 – Ringing for university sermon

13/06/13 – Practice at StAG

14/06/13 – Practices at Bene't's resume

15/06/13 – Ridgman competition in Surfleet, Lincs.

16/06/13 – Rounders vs. SCY

20/06/13 – Alternative Dinner (Location TBC)

17-24/08/13 – Guild Week at University of Leicester, Oadby campus

The date for the Guild photo has not yet been fixed.

**12. Any Other Business**

It was commented that the library has been underused. There have been some deposits and also some email requests for books though.

It was noted that one of the benefits of the Guild having its own tower would be that this would be the obvious home for a working library. However, this is an aspiration for the future.

It would be investigated if some of the more valuable books should be moved to the UL from the library.

FRWM Manners commented that he was not sure of the benefits of selling any of the library to the highest bidder but it was agreed that the Guild shouldn't buy any new books.

With no other business, the meeting was closed at 1507.

R K Flockton  
7/5/13