

Minutes of the Lent Term Business Meeting held in St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge on Friday 25th January 2013

Members Present

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

W J Benfold	F R W M Manners
N T Clements	J D Shanklin
J R A Dann	D S Vasak
S D Johnson	

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

O P Bardsley
P L H Brooke
L T W Smith

2. Minutes of the Michaelmas Business Meeting 2012

The minutes were circulated at the meeting and with no objections they were signed by the President.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Election of New Members

The following person was elected to membership of the Guild. She was proposed by C Y Barlow and seconded by E C Frye:

Felicity Webster (Selwyn 1994)

She was elected unopposed. The President welcomed her to the Guild.

5. Cambridge Towers

After a band of visiting ringers at StAG, it was noticed that the sixth rope had a frayed tail end. The steeplekeeper and the secretary temporarily replaced the rope with an older one last term so that a new splice could be made in the rope. This original rope has since been put back on and seems to be holding up. The church are still agreeable to Saturday peals and quarters with all but one request being granted. However, there are three practices cancelled this term which is unfortunate due to the nature of the short terms. There has been poor attendance at StAG practices lately and the Master reminded people to try and turn up. C Y Barlow suggested that, as a show of thanks for the church allowing the Guild to use their bells, a representative for StAG, possibly the vicar, could be invited to attend the Guild Dinner. This would help us to show them the activity and people in the Guild, including quite a few clergy.

There has been little progress with John's since the last business meeting. There had been planned a meeting to discuss the matter further with the college but unfortunately the college representatives had cancelled and had not yet rearranged another date.

Barry Johnson has recently been developing ideas to establish a ringing centre at Michaelhouse. This would be a light ring of six and its primary focus would be on recruiting young ringers and teaching them how to handle a bell. The teaching would aim to exploit the potential of youngsters in a more friendly and visible environment than that at GSM. J D Shanklin stated that whilst there were a few stumbling blocks such as the location of a new gallery for the ringing room and possible opposition from Caius, there would be many benefits. Soundproofing would be a major issue, given its location, and any plans should be backed up by evidence. F R W M Manners enquired about availability of teachers and it was said that the position might be salaried.

6. Diary Dates

The following dates were mentioned:

OUS Dinner – 02/02/13
University Sermons – 03/02/12, 03/03/12
OLEM – 06/02/13
No StAG – 07/02/13, 14/02/13
Joint Outing with the OUS – 23/02/13
Annual Dinner at Christ's – 16/3/13
AGM – 05/05/13

7. Any Other Business

With no other business, the President closed the meeting at 21.22.

R K Flockton
28/1/13