

# Minutes of Guild Week Meeting held in The Colston Arms Bristol, on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016

## Members Present

President: R A Smith

Secretary: J H J Ellison

Joe Wakeling	Jonathan Shanklin	Barbara Le Gallez
Andrew Carlotti	Alan Winter	Nicholas Small
James Dann	David Richards	Christine Hill
Naomi Laredo	Richard Underwood	Peter Hill
John Thorpe	Chris Roger	Harriet Armitage (Reciprocal member)
Linda Pele	Brain Meads	Jon R (None member)
Marj Winter	John Harrison	

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Dickon Love, Ian Vincent, Robin Shipp and Oliver Bardsley (Master).

## 2. Minutes of the 2015 Guild Week Meeting

The minutes of the previous Guild Week were amended adding “were remembered” to “...Guild Week’s communion has been held where Guild members who have died in the past year [were remembered].”

With this amendment the minutes were proposed as a true account by D Richards seconded by Chris Rogers. They were accepted unopposed.

## 3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

## 4. New Members

There were no new members proposed.

## 5. Future Guild Weeks

The President raised the issue that the current proposed date of Guild Week clashes with a Guild trip to the Isle of Wight being undertaken by the student members. An alternative date of the 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of August was proposed, this was generally agreed upon, so long as the date change was confirmed by the Christmas business meeting. B Meads asked if this were to be a change for just one year. The President confirmed it would be a one off.

The President suggested Worcester, Hertfordshire and Sussex as the location of next Guild Week. St Albans (Hertfordshire) being the preferred location as it may be possible to offer cheaper accommodation in a scout hut, as opposed to a church hall, thus having the benefit of a shower.

B Meads said he may be able to organise some towers in the St Albans area. D Love said he could organise a few days of towers in London. There was concern that the towers may overlap with the London outing. This was dispelled by proposing that towers could be the more challenging towers and others not suitable for the London outing. This would create a two centred Guild Week.

J Shanklin proposed that a commute from Cambridge to London would be possible which would be tempting for resident members, also noting this may reduce cost. It was also suggested the underground system would greatly aid transport around the towers. It was added that the tube was far reaching and could enable going to towers outside the London area.

It was noted that there had been a reduced number of Guild peals this Guild Week. B Meads asked as to the interest in Guild peals and quarters during Guild Week. A majority of those in attendance said they would be happy to ring a quarter, around a third were interested in ringing a peal. It was generally felt peals added to Guild Weeks as they are good training and allowing more time to be spent ringing. The President proposed a peal weekend, for which further details would be distributed later.

B Le Gallez proposed the Channel Islands as the location of a future Guild Week. This was generally well received however cost, accommodation and few towers were issues with this possibility.

It was questioned how the new Guild format was being received. It was generally felt that the new format was working well. J Dann asked if camping could be possible on future Guild Weeks. Opinion of this was mixed. Whilst it may bring advantages of the Guild being together for low cost and provides reasonable accommodation, it was considered that camping would be decidedly unpleasant if it were poor weather. M Winter said tents could be sourced, and brought down in cars, for those who don't have them. D Richards said you could sleep in the car. It was noted that a key bonding element of Guild Week especially between the current student and graduated Guild was lacking in the new format. It was generally felt being accommodated more centrally would be better. However, it was felt important to continue with the new format to get a better feel and to further evolve it.

J Shanklin suggested he would investigate a 2018 with a more traditional format but could not confirm anything as yet. The President asked if there could be a number of towers with more than 5 bells.

## 6. Diary dates

26<sup>th</sup> November 2016 London outing organised by J Dann

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 West Midlands peal weekend

18<sup>th</sup> March 2017 Guild dinner

7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 AGM

4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August 2017 Guild Week

## 7. Any Other Business

C Roger asked if any ringing had been done to remember those fallen in WWI. It was confirmed a QP had been rung at St Bene't's. However, it was felt more ringing should be done. It was noted it does not have to be a QP, a dedicated touch could also be done. The President will talk to O Bardsley about this.

A resolution "To add D Richards and J Ellison as signatories to the Guild bank account at NatWest"

Proposed C Rogers seconded by James D

A second resolution "To remove L Smith and I Diver as signatories to the Guild bank account at NatWest"

Proposed J Shanklin seconded by B Meads.

Both passed unopposed.

It was questioned if two signatories were sufficient for the Guild account. D Richards affirmed that the account only needed a single signatory and thus two allowed for a reserve. This was generally accepted.

The President asked if anyone would write up Guild Week for the ringing world, this was met with silence. P Hill suggested the students were asleep. The President said he would find someone to write up Guild Week for the ringing world.

The President said the last two Guild Weeks had run at a profit of circa £80 each. Whilst he felt that a reserve of £105 would be useful as to the remaining £62 he proposed it be sent to "St Johns on the Water" bells to aid them repairing the bells. This was seconded by D Richards and was passed unopposed.

The President closed the meeting at 21:28

J H J Ellison