

Minutes of the Lent Term Business Meeting on Friday 11th February 2022

Meeting Held at St Bene't's

Members Present

President: J A Agg

Master: G Chu

Secretary: S C Johnson

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| Jadd Virji | Alex Hackett | Sam Johnson |
| Chris Winkless-Clark | Lena van Dongen | James Ellison |
| Oliver Winkless-Clark | Ben Gladwyn | Kate Jennings |
| Thomas Haslam | Abby Timmel | Catriona Agg |
| Jemima Morris | Melissa Nash | Jonny Nash |
| Dima Szamozvancev | Kirsten Hawkins | Andrew Roberts |

The President opened the meeting at 21:16.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Jonathan Shanklin, Elizabeth Hopper, Claire Barlow, Simon Cumming, Dave Richards and Skye Purchase.

2. Minutes of Michaelmas Term Business Meeting 2021

With the minor corrections raised by Jadd Virji (correcting "Meeting held St Bene't's" to "Meeting held at St Bene't's" and correcting the spelling of St Catharine's), the minutes were proposed by Kate Jennings and seconded by Chris Winkless-Clark and passed unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

a. Peal fees

The Secretary explained that peal fees remain at 50p per person per Guild peal. There's some information about this on the website, and people should contact the Secretary for the bank details or with any questions. It was clarified that for quarters, a donation can be sent to the Ringing World if wanted.

4. Election of New Members

The following were proposed for membership by Jadd Virji, seconded by Sam Johnson and elected unanimously.

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| Pippin Barrett (Queens') | Faustyna Krawiec (Newnham) |
| Benjamin Cliff (Corpus Christi) | Lena Lan (Hughes Hall) |
| Simon Cumming (Jesus) | |

5. Cambridge Towers

St Bene't's: Sam Johnson reported that not much has changed since the last meeting, other than one rope has been changed. A new tie has been made so teaching can happen on 4 bells.

St Andrew the Great: The Steeplekeeper, Chris Winkless-Clark, reported that there has been no real change since the last meeting: the ropes are loosening but some are still quite stiff. The lights in the void and the belfry are broken but the church have been contacted. It might take a while to fix because that sort of light isn't made any more. We can check with the church if the window in the ringing room can be opened, to help with ventilation.

Great St Mary's: Jonathan Agg reported that the quarters are out of action (and were actually not fixed at the last meeting as incorrectly reported), and the 8 isn't working on the simulator. This will be raised at the next SCY meeting.

OLEM: Jadd Virji commented that he had rung there recently, but the only update was that he still couldn't ring them very well.

St Clement's: Sam Johnson reported that there has been a delay getting the bells from Italy, which means that the bells won't be finished by mid-March as previously expected but they should be ringable in 2-3 months.

6. Diary Dates

a. Cambridge District Meeting: Saturday 12th February 2022

Ringling is 10am-11am at StAG and then 11:30am-12:30pm at OLEM. Catriona Agg also pointed out that anyone who isn't a member of a territorial association is eligible to join the EDA, and this covers insurance. It is thought membership is £10 per year. Anyone is welcome to join EDA ringling if they wish to.

b. Practice at OLEM: Wednesday 16th February 2022

Ringling is 6:30pm-8pm, and we have to ring up and down. Ben Gladwyn commented that ringling up at OLEM was why we needed the EDA insurance.

c. Joint Outing with OUS: Saturday 19th February 2022

The OUS are organising this, with Melissa Nash coordinating the Cambridge side of it.

d. Outing to Norwich: Saturday 5th March 2022

The outing is being delayed due to the term being too busy, but Jadd Virji was thanked for provisionally organising it. A May Week outing was suggested, but not agreed on.

e. Annual Dinner (Newnham College): Saturday 19th March 2022

The official deadline is today, but will be extended.

f. Boat Race Ringling: Sunday 3rd April 2022

The Master has been in touch with Fulham and Putney (Fulham are happy to have us, but Putney haven't yet replied). The ringling is currently planned for 1:15pm-3:30pm. The plan is to ring before both the women's race and the men's race if there are enough people and time to move between towers if required.

g. Guild Week (East Yorkshire): Saturday 20th – Wednesday 24th August 2022

Some twin rooms at the pub have been booked for students. Melissa Nash has some more information about this, or get in touch with Alan Winter.

A few other dates which weren't included in the agenda were mentioned:

There are more 10/12 bell practices planned at GSM on 22nd February and 8th March.

There will be ringing for the Blessing of the Bells of St Clement's on 12th June.

The Ridgman Contest is planned for 18th June, held at King's Lynn, with the provisional method being Erin Caters.

Catriona Agg mentioned that the Cambridge District Striking Competition (6 bells) will be held in June and the Guild are welcome to enter, but there's not a confirmed tower yet.

7. Any other business

Dave Richards asked in advance of the meeting for any feedback about the 10/12 bell practice and reminded us that we won't be able to have any next term until after exams. The Master thanked Jonathan Agg for running the practice and commented that it went well. The aim for the next practice is to do some more method ringing, probably on 10.

Melissa Nash commented that there are Guild GSM quarter peal slots on 6th and 13th March.

The President thanked everyone for all the ringing that has been happened recently, and especially thanked those who have organised ringing.

The President closed the meeting at 21:33.

S C Johnson