

## **Minutes of the Guild Week meeting held at Newton Rigg, Cumbria on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2004.**

The president opened the meeting at 8.19pm.

### **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from JD Shanklin  
LDG Simpson  
B Le Gallez  
SC Farrar  
JC Hetherington

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 20/8/03**

These were taken as read, accepted by the meeting and signed by the president.

### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **Election of new members**

No new members were elected.

### **2004 Guild Week**

CMPJ announced that the Corporate Communion would be celebrated by John Renbury in Newton Reigney Church at 7.30am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August. People wishing to go were asked to meet in the main car park at 7.15.

(HF Pettifer arrived)

HF Pettifer said that he would be handing out peoples' bills tomorrow (Friday).

CMPJ proposed a vote of thanks to Hugh for his excellent organisation and all the effort that he had put into making it possible for the Guild to be able to ring at all of the ringable towers in Cumbria. The meeting agreed that the week had gone extremely well and Hugh thanked Chris and the meeting for their kind words.

### **2005 Guild Week - Hayden and Rosemary Charles in Norfolk**

H Charles said that we will be staying in Hethersett near Norwich. There are two pubs and a hotel within a short distance of the base. Requests for towers have already gone out.

### **2006 Guild Week - BG Meads in Essex**

The Felstead school has recently changed its policy which means that we can not stay there so close to the start of the new school term. Enquiries are being made about the New Hall School outside Chelmsford.

### **2007 Guild Week - CH Rogers in Yorkshire**

We will be staying at the Lawn Centre, Contingham which is part of the University of Hull near Beverley and Hull. Accommodation will cost around £27 per night for single rooms with a bath and shower per landing. There is a spacious dining area. Chris asked for the agreement of the meeting to go ahead and organise the week. The meeting agreed.

## **2008 Guild Week - JD Shanklin in North Wales**

Accommodation is likely to be an agricultural college near Mold. The meeting agreed to encourage him to continue with the organisation.

CMP Johnson asked for any thoughts for the future. BG Meads said that four years was enough thought for now.

CMP Johnson noted that the trend is for the numbers on Guild Week to increase and asked for thoughts on the format on the Guild Week. A Johnson asked whether more people are coming for part of the week. HF Pettifer said that there were also a lot of people who had only come for some of the week.

JC Sturdy noted that there does seem to be a tension between those 'learning' and those who want a better standard of ringing and striking. CMP Johnson said that Guild week is a good opportunity for people to learn from more experienced ringers and that he had had no complaints. He also said that the less experienced ringers had made a lot of progress during the week.

JR Lebon suggested having a space on the Guild Week form for people to say what things they would like to ring during the week. This information could be passed onto the masters. CMP Johnson said that the QPs organised were useful for consolidation.

CH Rogers noted that the increasing numbers of people may cause problems fitting everyone in within the hour at a tower. CMP Johnson said that having two routes this year had helped and CY Barlow added that having more quarter peals would also help.

Hugh suggested that organisers ask for a QP at each tower initially as this gives more flexibility later.

### **Dinner ticket prices**

AL Smith said that dinner ticket prices are increasing and that some of our less regular student ringers are not coming to the dinner because they think it is too expensive. He wanted to know the thoughts of the meeting about introducing a student price of about £5 cheaper than the normal price. He said a student price would also be appreciated by the students who do come to the dinner.

A Johnson asked for the definition of a student. AL Smith said that it would be any Cambridge graduate or undergraduate student.

R Charles was concerned that this would mean adding £5 to the non student tickets. KL Langley explained that the ratio of students to non students was about one to five so there would be an increase of only £1 or so on normal tickets.

BG Meads suggested that the price should be brought in on a trial basis for two or three years to see if the attendance changes. A Griffin asked whether £5 would be enough and AL Smith said that a discount would make people feel that the whole Guild wanted them to come to the dinner. JR Lebon suggested an extra discount for freshers or those coming for the first time.

CMPJ asked whether the meeting was happy to leave it to the residents to decide on the final arrangements. The meeting said it was.

A Johnson asked whether the prices are likely to go up anyway. KL Langley said yes, the prices of food have gone up by at least £5 over the past five years. CMP Johnson added that colleges are in financial difficulties and prices are likely to increase.

### **Dairy dates**

Michaelmas meeting – 15 Oct 2004 (to be held in the side room in Bene't's)

London Outing – 27 November 2004

Dinner – 19 March 2005

Guild Week 2005 – 20 – 27 August 2005

### **Any Other Business**

Hugh gave some more apologies for absence.

Charles Price – sends his best wishes

Hazel Rothera – dropped in during the week but could not make the meeting

Christine and Peter Hill

Patrick Brooke

Louise Rothera

HT Verity – is still a full time GP

Noel Watie

John Gipson

CJ P Price – in Bahrain

Alan Scholfield – in Abu Dhabi

Vivian Nutton – returning from the USA today or tomorrow

Dickon Love – hopes we all have a good week

Stephen Ward – couldn't come because of factors out of his control

Ian Wells – in Tokyo

Thomas Kirkman – Playing rugby in South Africa

Trevor Kirkman

Anita Kirkman

Clarke Walters

AS Watt asked whether the number of people attending Guild events was enough to warrant our two CC reps. BG Meads noted that this year is a 'counting' year. KL Langley said that there were 150 (including guests) at the dinner and along with Guild Week and the peals this should give enough people.

BG Meads asked whether the central council had had anything worth saying over the past year. CMP Johnson said that neither of the reps was present but that they have made a point of coming up to the meetings in Cambridge and we are well served.

AL Smith drew peoples' attention to the new email lists and asked people to get in touch with him if they would like to be added or removed from any of the lists.

CMP Johnson thanked the officers for their hard work; especially AL Smith who was representing the master and the secretary and her predecessors who have been giving helpful advice. He also commented that the work done by CH Northeast on the address is very useful. He said that all this hard work needs to be recognised and the rest of the Guild is very grateful.

The President closed the meeting at 9pm.