

Minutes of the Michaelmas Term Business Meeting held in St Bene't's Church, Cambridge on Friday 15th October, 2010

Members Present

President: C Y Barlow
Master: C C Shearer
Secretary: G R Harris

J A Agg	M L D Drinkwater
J R Ansell	E C Frye*
W J Benfold*	F R W M Manners
P L H Brooke	H C Smith*
J L M Cranfield*	L T W Smith
S A Croxall*	

* Elected during the meeting

The president was in the chair and opened the meeting at 21.10

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from:

P J Earis
B R M Johnson
C M P Johnson
J D Shanklin

2. Minutes of the Lent Term Business Meeting

The minutes had been available online for several months and it was agreed by the meeting that the President would sign the minutes at the earliest available opportunity. This was proposed by P L H Brooke and seconded by L T W Smith.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Election of new members

The following people were elected to membership of the Guild, proposed by C C Shearer and seconded by M L D Drinkwater:

W J Benfold (Downing)
J L M Cranfield (Homerton)
S A Croxall (Darwin)
M E Debusman (St Edmund's)

E C Frye (Trinity)
A Meredith (St John's)
H C Smith (Newnham)

All were elected unopposed.

Also elected (proposed by D Bishop, seconded by R Youdale) was:

Wendy Bishop (Homerton 1976)

C Y Barlow noted that Linda Pelc is automatically a member for life now that the status of Homerton undergraduates who came up before the college became a fully affiliated member of the University (so therefore did not matriculate) has changed. She was elected as an annual member at the 2008 Guild Week. (Rule 3(3) provides that no election was needed for L Pelc to proceed to life membership.)

5. Cambridge towers

C C Shearer reported that the 7th at St Andrew's the Great currently lacks a slider after the enthusiastic turnout of learner ringers at a taster day on 09/10/10. M L D Drinkwater also reported that the 6th now has a new stay, due to the same occasion. L T W Smith and J A Agg carried out some steeple-keeping work on 02/10/10 to try to correct the odd-struck bells. It is not clear yet whether or not this has been successful, the Guild having only rung at St Andrew's once since the start of term.

There was nothing to report from other Cambridge towers.

6. Diary Dates

The Master mentioned the following dates for the diary:

Freshers' Cycle Outing – 16/10/10
University Sermons – 17/10/10 & 07/11/10
Learner Sessions at St Andrews' – 21/10/10, 06/11/10 and 27/11/10
SUA Weekend – 12/11/10-14/11/10
London Outing – 20/11/10
Lent Term Business Meeting – 28/01/11 (Friday of week 2)
CUG Dinner – 19/03/11 at Jesus College

C C Shearer commented that, after such a successful start to the year in terms of recruiting new ringers, it would be good to have a strong turnout of members to help at the learner sessions at St Andrews'. She also requested that as many people as possible come to the SUA weekend so as to avoid having to borrow OUS members for the striking competition band.

There was also encouragement from C C Shearer and J A Agg for people to come to the London outing, even if it is the week after the SUA weekend.

It was noted by P L H Brooke that the joint meeting with the Ely District Association seems not to be happening this year.

7. Any other business

L T W Smith reported that there have been no further developments with the CUGCR twitter account.

With no other business, the President closed the meeting at 21.20.

G R Harris
16/10/10