

Minutes of the Michaelmas Term Business Meeting held in St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge on Friday 14th October 2011

Members Present

President: C Y Barlow

Master: M L D Drinkwater

Secretary: N T Clements

J A Agg	J Daniels*	F R W M Manners
J Ansell	J Dann*	S Pike*
O Bardsley*	P J Earis	D Richards
W J Benfold	R Flockton	L Simpson
P L H Brooke	T Hinks*	H Smith
J Butler	M Hughes*	L Smith
J Cranfield		

* Elected at meeting

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies had been received from:

E Abbey	T Irving	R Shipp
P Abbey	A Johnson	R Smith
N Butler	C M P Johnson	
S Croxall	J D Shanklin	

2. Minutes of the Lent Business Meeting 2011

The minutes had been available on the Guild website for several months. With no queries about the minutes they were signed by the President.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Relevant matters from the AGM

The saga of the missing photo album continues. Guild members are continuing to supply photographs to fill the gaps. The President suggested that a list of years which are still needed should be posted on the Website.

5. Relevant matters from the Guild Week Meeting

No matters were reported.

6. Election of new members

The following people were all elected to membership of the Guild. They were proposed by M L D Drinkwater and seconded by W J Benfold:

O Bardsley (Pembroke)	James Dann (Corpus)	M Hughes (Robinson)
Nick Butler (Jesus)	R Flockton (Queens')	S Pike (Pembroke)
J Daniels (Downing)	T Hinks (Homerton)	

All were elected unopposed.

7. Revision of rules

The President informed the meeting she was currently in the process of redrafting the Guild rules. She suggested that anyone who wished to input into the process give her their email address. J A Agg suggested it could be easier to send an email to everyone. F W R Manners commented that this would result in the entirety of the Guild's email inboxes being spammed as people gave their opinion. P J Earis suggested sending it to the global list to avoid this. It was felt that a simpler option was simply to give the President the email addresses and a list was sent round to allow people to submit their email.

8. Cambridge towers

The Master reported that no maintenance had been carried out, though it would be good to check the tower at StAG before the peal on the 22nd. The Master also reported that relations with StAG were better than in the past and that the Guild are able to ring at the church whenever they request to, so long as no other event was happening at the church. The meeting was informed as to the situation at Bene't's where a minor crack had been noticed in the church tower. The church had hired a consultant and no further action is to be taken. There has been minor work at Bene't's the rope on the tenor has been replaced and the Master remarked that the rope on the third will likely need replacing soon as well, saying it would be useful to get some more stays as well.

The President recapped the progress of the St John's Project, informing the meeting that the project had been under consultation with Senior Members of the College and so was now in the public domain. The matter had been discussed by the Governing Body, though no vote had been taken. It is clear that St John's are unwilling to fund the project, so if the College does approve the project in principle it is likely that the Guild will need to launch a major fundraising effort. The President will keep the Guild informed on progress.

9. Dates Announced

The master mentioned the following diary dates:

Cycle Outing: 15/10/11

University Sermon: 16/10/11 & 06/11/11

Teaching session at GSM: 29/10/11

SUA weekend in Cambridge: 11/11/11 - 13/11/11

London outing: 26/11/11

Lent Term Business Meeting: 27/01/12

Dinner at Selwyn: 17/03/12

P J Earis enquired as to any plans for the SUA, the master replied that whilst the Guild could arrange a ceilidh it was unlikely that this would prove more popular than a pub. We can book out the top floor of the Tivoli at no cost.

MLD Drinkwater encouraged people to join the London outing pointing out that the University of London Society dinner was to be held that night, and encouraging people to consider attending. The Master also reminded those present of the Christmas Dinner held at the end of Michaelmas term.

10. Any other business

M L D Drinkwater remarked that the Guild still has a healthy supply of guild mugs which members were more than welcome to purchase and that any other items of merchandise would be bought according to request.

With no other business, the meeting was closed by the president at 21.25.

N T Clements
17/10/11