

## Minutes of the A.G.M. held on Wednesday 16 March 1966 at 5pm in Committee Room 2 of the Union

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Miss R. Tailby, there being thirteen members present. Apologies for absence were received from S.W. Barton. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. There were no matters arising.

### Chairman's Report

Miss R. Tailby said that she had been pleased to observe an improvement in the standard of ringing during the three years for which she had been a member, especially during the last year because of an intake of freshers which had been rather larger than usual. She also mentioned a successful tour in Yorkshire at Easter 1965 and the informal dinner which was held at Christmas. Tower bell ringing had improved greatly since we had been able to hold regular practices at Edgbaston, and, due to expert guidance, hand-bell ringing in the Society had also flourished.

### Treasurer's Report

Miss R. Gay reported that the Society was financially in quite a favourable position.

### Ringling Master's Report

Rupert Clarke said that considerable progress had been made both in the tower and on handbells, and he was grateful to members for their support at these practices. He also hoped that these practices would enable us to maintain a good standard of ringing throughout the forthcoming tour. Sunday service ringing at Edgbaston had been maintained, and several quarter-peals had been rung. The Society had also rung seven peals so far during the academic year and he wished to thank Miss Ruth Gay for her help in arranging towers.

### Changes to Rules

It was proposed by Miss R. Gay, and seconded by G.C. Paul, that the offices of Chairman and Ringling Master should be combined. After much discussion, this motion was carried.

It was proposed by R.A. Clarke, seconded by R.J. Parker, that the A.G.M. should be held in the first term of the academic year, in order that freshers could vote in the election of officers for their first year. However the motion was defeated, after much discussion, by seven votes to five.

### Election of Officers

On the proposition of Miss R. Tailby, seconded by Miss R. Gay, it was resolved that, subject to his approval, the vicar of Edgbaston, Revd. Canon Greville Norburn, should be appointed as President of the Society for the ensuing year.

Other appointments for the ensuing year were as follows:

#### Master

R.A. Clarke, proposed by Miss R. Gay, seconded by Miss C. Johnson.

#### Secretary

J.R. White, proposed by Miss L. Hencher, seconded by P.M. Evans.

#### Treasurer

Miss C. Johnson, proposed by A.J. Jobson, seconded by Miss R. Tailby.

#### Annual Dinner

After much discussion on this subject, it was found that members were in favour of holding a dinner on similar lines to those already held by other University Societies, rather than the strictly informal dinner which had been held in previous years. It was therefore agreed to hold such a dinner in the Union during the ensuing year. It was suggested that it should be held early in November, and this was agreed upon, providing the necessary facilities could be obtained in the Union on the required date.

#### Annual Tour

P.M. Evans reported that arrangements for the tour in Devon at Easter were running smoothly. Most of the towers asked for had been obtained, and accommodation was available. There had been some difficulty concerning the transport, but he thought that alternative arrangements could be made.

#### Any Other Business

##### Handbells

The Society's handbells were being repaired by a firm in Worcester, the work being done being essentially on the clappers, while a few worn straps were also replaced. The Secretary reported that when he took the bells to Worcester the firm seemed rather vague about the cost of the repairs, and asked the meeting for some indication of the price it was willing to pay.

The matter was discussed at great length, and several sums were mentioned, although no unanimous agreement could be reached, and the final decision was left with the Secretary.

As there was no other business, the meeting was closed at 5.45 p.m.

Signed  
James R. White (Hon. Sec.)  
Rupert A. Clarke 8-3-67  
(Master)

Typed up by James Mundy, July 2023.