

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 1973 at 5pm in Committee Room 3 of the Students' Union

The meeting was opened at 5.00 pm by the secretary, Miss L.G. Powell, acting as master. There were twelve present, including two non-members. Apologies for absence were received from the President, Canon Greville Norburn, and from Mr J.F. Mulvey. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss Powell, and signed by her after being accepted by the three others present who had been at the previous meeting.

Miss J. Blake arrived at 5.05 pm.

Matters arising

Mr D.J. Attley asked Mr J.S. Hopwood about the record of peals rung by the society, which he was compiling. Mr Hopwood said that the society was formed in 1952 not 1948. He had looked through all copies of the Ringing World from 1948 to 1960, and discovered three peals. The work was continuing.

Mr Attley volunteered to provide a bag for the handbells, to replace the present one, which had been given by Miss L.G. Powell.

Master's report

Miss Powell began her report by saying that it was unfortunate that Miss J.S. Stoy had been unable to complete her year of office as master, and recalling how much she had done for the society, especially during the summer term. She also mentioned Mr. B. Dye, a former secretary of the society, who had been killed in a road accident almost a year previously. A peal and quarter peal had been rung in his memory by the society early in the summer term.

There had been a pleasing influx of new ringers at the beginning of the year, as well as a large number of learners, whose numbers had dwindled to three. The Annual Dinner, attended by a record number of seventy-four, including ringers from other universities and the city, was a great success socially. It was to be hoped that members of the society would maintain the good relations existing with the other Birmingham ringers, and continue to take an interest in other university's societies, by supporting their dinners and Northern Universities Association meetings.

Fourteen quarter peals had been rung during the year, all but one on Sunday evenings. The exception, grandsire caters at Willenhall, first on ten for three ringers, was a pleasing achievement. The society had rung four peals, and had also been concerned with a peal at Harborne, (the first for the Birmingham Society) and a handbell peal for the Universities Association. Miss L.E. Owen, Miss L.M. Wild and Mr C.A. Greatrex had rung their first peals, and Miss M. Roach had called her first. A sponsored peal attempt for Carnival, although unsuccessful, had been worthwhile.

Miss Powell concluded her report by thanking the treasurer, Mr C.A. Greatrex, for all his help and support during the year. She had already expressed her thanks to Mr D.J. Attley and Mr J.S. Hopwood for their work in teaching learners, but wished to mention especially Mr Hopwood. This was his last of six years at the University, during which time he had been a valuable member of the society and contributed a great deal.

Treasurer's report

Mr C.A. Greatrex reported that the society had twenty fully paid-up members, an increase of seven over the previous year.

The dinner had unfortunately made a loss of about £12, and thanks were expressed to Canon Greville Norburn who had made a donation of £1 towards the dinner. £14 had been spent on outings during the year, and at the time of the meeting £19 was held up, having been spent on a minibus for the coming outing. (This sum included a deposit of £10)

At the end of the year there was £19-42p in the bank. No money had been transferred from the deposit account, which stood at £11-89. 44p interest had accumulated during the year.

The treasurer concluded by asking the secretary to ask the bank to send statements more frequently.

#### Election of officers

Canon Norburn was re-elected as president on the proposition of Miss L.G. Powell, seconded by Mr. C.A. Greatrex.

Mr D.J. Attley was proposed as Master by Miss L.G. Powell. As his original seconder, Mr J.F. Mulvey, had not, at that time, paid his subscription, Mr Attley was seconded by Miss F. Dodds. He was elected unopposed and took over the chair from Miss Powell.

Miss G.M. Barter was nominated as secretary by Miss L.G. Powell, and seconded by Mr. C.A. Greatrex. Mr N.W. Carter was nominated as treasurer by Miss Powell and seconded by Mr D.J. Attley. Both were elected unopposed.

#### Any other business

Mr C.A. Greatrex said that at the recent N.U.A. meeting in Leeds, it had been suggested that the spring meeting in 1974 be held in Birmingham. The date was fixed for Sat. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, and it was agreed that arrangements should be made in good time.

The meeting was reminded that the 1973 dinner would be held on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, and it was agreed that the following years dinner would take place on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. It would continue to be held in the Students' Union, where the catering was of a very high standard. The matter of a speaker for the dinner was raised. Miss L.E. Owen suggested Mr R. Folder of Aston, master of the University of Wales society. Miss L.G. Powell remarked that Miss Owen seemed very keen on Mr Folder! Miss J. Blake suggested Mr P.R. Butler (who was that day elected master of Leeds University society.) It was agreed that he should be asked, despite protest from Miss Powell!

Arrangements were in hand for a day outing the following Saturday, towards which the society was to contribute £4-50, and for a weeks canal tour during the Easter vacation. The society was prepared to pay £1 in order to ring at Atherstone during the week, but not £4 to ring a peal.

The secretary was asked to send a note to Miss J.S. Stoy, thanking her for all she had done for the society during her time at the University, and the secretary agreed to do this.

Mr J.S. Hopwood proposed that the new Master buy the traditional round of drinks, and this was seconded by Mr C.A. Greatrex.

The meeting was closed by Miss L.G. Powell at 5.45 pm.

Signed  
Gillian Barter (secretary)  
DJ Attley 20/3/74

Typed up by James Mundy, July 2023.