

Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers
Annual General Meeting
25th November 1995

Meeting opened at 5.35 pm.

Members present

Rev. Coombes
Timothy Waller
Jonathan Bint
Jerry Burnham
Elenor Palmer
Clair
Ruth Meadows
Ben Farnsworth
Ruth Bint

Apologies for absence

Kelly Wilson
Richard Wilson
Richard Pendlebury
Russell Jackson
Ali White
Judith
Steve
Jenny Sparling

2. Minutes of the last AGM

Minutes of the last AGM were read by Ruth Bint and accepted by those present.

3. Matters arising

Dinner date still to be inserted into the ringing world
Steeplage It has been decided not to ask for steeplage
Constitution - Draft in masters box but currently the society runs under December 1990 and Guild constitutions.

4. Treasurer's Report

Subscription for year 1995-1996 raised to £5.00

Current	£135.90
Recurrent	£136.00
Travel	£75.00
Capital Grant	£0.00

Despite a careful grant application the Guild allocation to BUSCR was disappointing and again resulted in no capital grant. This is a reflection of the decreasing amounts of money available to the grant and the situation looks like it will only get worse.

Outstanding payments - £50.00 final installment of loan for HandBell restorations taken out in 1991, and £36.00 Ringing World subscription.

Treasurers report was accepted.

5. Master's Report

The master reported:

Year ended on a high note, congratulations to BUSCR.

Won Guild 8 bell at Rowley Regis ringing Devon Style call changes.

Won NUA at Sheffield and for the second year in a row the tenor ringer (Jon Bint) got a special mention.

Entered St Martins 6 Bell, came second to Harbourne.

Thanks go to Rev. Coombes especially with his help in resolving the rope saga.

Grateful thanks to Tim Waller for organising practices, 1/4 peals and conducting the NUA band.

Thanks to Ruth Meadows for her help over the year.

Thanks to Jerry Burnham for organising ringing tours and the annual dinner and for his general support.

Thanks to Ben Farnham for 'sometime' Steeple Keeper (and for letting us invade his home in Sheffield during the NUA weekend).

Thanks to all current, new, life, and non-student members for their continuing support.

Camping Trip 1995

A great success, general consensus that we would like something similar next summer.

Kelly and Richards wedding

Congratulations, a god night had by all.

NUA

Manchester University worst navigators than Richard Wilson.

Freshers Fair

Dissappointing intake, only two freshers and one post-graduate. However good numbers at practices and Sunday services.

Summer Peal

Lost due to a polo.

Rope Saga

Successful outcome thanks to Richard Wilson and The Reverend Coombes. Now in possession of all the ropes owed to BUSCR.

Closing comment

A very eventful and enjoyable year. Master hopes that everyone has benefited from Devon Style ringing. Thanks for all the support and hope that this support continues and that we get the start and finish of the rise right.

Rev. Coombes added his thanks to all the officers and particular thanks to Jon for keeping Sunday ringing going. He reminded us that it is much appreciated by the congregation.

6. Election of Officers

Position	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded
President	Rev. Coombes	J.Bint	R.Bint
Master	Ben Farnsworth	P.Triplow	J. Burnham
Assistant Master	To be arranged		
Secretary	Ruth Meadows	J.Bint	B.Farnsworth
Treasurer	Richard Pendlebury	J.Bint	R.Bint
Steeple Keeper	To be arranged		

7. Annual Dinner Details

Dinner to be on 3rd February at Horton Grange. Provisional cost £21.50. Actual meal costs £19.50.

Tour to be around Pershore area.

Need Life and Guest speakers - ideas appreciated.

There is to be no dance, Tim suggested the possibility of a band at a small cost. Rev. Coombes suggested the new ball room and caterers for next year. Jerry is to organize the tour, Tim to try and find guest speaker.

8. 1996 Camping Weekend

Last years trip was very successful and we want to repeat it next year. Summer term finishes 21.6.98 and need to arrange a date very early on. Possible area suggested as Suffolk, East Anglia.

9. Membership

Dissappointing the number of people who didn't turn up at practices after signing up at

Fresher's fair. In future probably best to take money at Fresher's fair.

More advertising required in BUGS and mailshoot next term. Try and recruit from other Birmingham Universities eg. Aston, U.C.E and Birmingham.

10. AOB

Possibility of a pot in the ringing chamber for loose change. The possibility was raised of BUSCR becoming an independent society in the future, especially if Guild grant levels continue to fall. Hand Bells no insured. They should be used more or sold.

Meeting Closed 6.30 pm