

# Annual General Meeting Minutes 1998

**Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers.**

**Annual General Meeting**

**23rd January 1998**

**Meeting opened at 7:35pm**

## **1. Members present**

Rev. Coombes, Richard Pendlebury, Laura MacMahon, Tamsin Lane, Alison Greenhalgh, Nichola Keeley, Alison Waller, David Brewin, Eleanor Ashton, Nick Butler, Richard Wilson, Ruth Bint, Kelly Wilson, John Bint  
Apologies for Absence - Russell Jackson, Alison Briggs

## **2. Minutes of last AGM**

These were read by Alison Waller and accepted by those present.

Kelly Wilson asked if the minute and treasurer books have been bought as stated in the minutes. Secretary will buy a ring-binder for printed minutes. Treasurer's files are in order.

It was queried whether or not last year's Treasurer's accounts were provided. Eleanor confirmed that they were, but that the 1995/1996 accounts are missing. Rev. Coombes stressed the importance of keeping all records safe.

The issue of the missing £400 is brought up once more. It is considered that this money was left over after the bells were renovated, as extra money came from the Guild or St. Martins Guild. This money was to be kept in reserve for emergencies. However, Lloyds Bank considers this account closed. The Master will check her box for a bank statement and the Treasurer will look into historical accounts.

## **3. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report is included with minutes. Our current account has a total of £210.17. The Grant account has £147.84. We received £38 Recurrent Grant, £50 Travel Grant, £120 Capital Grant.

It is wondered whether or not the Guild worries about membership numbers. Eleanor explains that our membership has not been queried. Kelly asks if Associate Members are included in official numbers, but they are not.

## **4. Master's Report**

Since Laura has been Master (from March last year) the Sunday ringing has been consistent during term-time. She thanks Richard and Kelly for ringing the Carillon at Christmas. Last term we struggled in numbers and standards due to losing many excellent ringers, but since Christmas the numbers for Sunday ringing have risen.

We were pleased to have 6 regular Freshers ringers. Three of these are learners and are progressing very well.

Ringing events have included Remembrance Sunday when we had many regular and life members. The Freshers' Tour involved travelling on the train which was exciting, even if there were only three towers. We went to the NUA without the masterful bands of the past and we did not expect to win. We came sixth and feel very proud of this.

Social events have included lazer quest against Warwick, pub crawls, meals out and much more.

The Camping Trip was held in Hay-on-Wye and was excellent, although no one brought any torches for some reason. Many grabs were made available, and thanks are due to the organisers.

Laura thanked Richard Pendlebury for sorting out the broken stays (stays that he didn't

break). We now have seven in store. Alison Greenhalgh has also been a great help to the Master, especially in opening up the Church to ringers when Laura cannot be there. Laura concludes that the year has been good, even if ringing standards are not quite as good as they have been in the past. Thanks are due to Reverend Coombes for his support as President.

#### 5. Election of Officers

The following [officers](#) are proposed and elected.

Position	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded	Elected
President	Rev. Coombes	Richard Wilson	Kelly Wilson	Rev. Coombes
Chairperson	Tamsin Lane	Laura MacMahon	Nichola Keeley	Tamsin Lane
Ringing Master	David Brewin	Gaurang Patel	Richard Pendlebury	David Brewin
Treasurer	Eleanor Ashton			Eleanor Ashton
	Nick Butler			
Secretary	Nichola Keeley	Lata Koshy	Tamsin Lane	stood down
	Alison Waller	Eleanor Ashton		Alison Waller
General Secretary	Richard Wilson			Richard Wilson
Steeple Keeper	Richard Pendlebury	Tamsin Lane	Lata Koshy	Richard Pendlebury
Social Secretary	Russell Jackson	Laura MacMahon	Gaurang Patel	Russell Jackson

Richard Wilson wanted it known that although he was willing to stand again as General Secretary, he would prefer to stand down if anyone else felt they could do the job.

#### 6. Annual Dinner 1998

See next.

#### 7. Camping Trip 1998

As Peter was not present at the meeting, no further details were available for discussion. It was clarified that the Dinner would be held on Saturday 24th January 1998 in the MacGregor Suite, Aston Park: 8pm - 8:30pm

#### 8. Any Other Business

Laura proposed we thank Peter Schofield for the free stays. Secretary will send him a letter and £20 book token.

Kelly mentioned that seven bellringers were photographed for the Sunday Mercury this lunch-time for a article on the shortage of ringers. New recruits for the Millenium ringing are discussed. Alison Greenhalgh explains that she approached Redbrick for coverage but they refused. She will try again.

Reverend Coombes mentions the possiblity for funding if any major work needs to be done to the bells. This could come from the Heritage Fund, a local Ward fund or the Lottery.

Kelly asks what state the bells are in. Apparently they are fine, although no major survey has been undertaken recently.

Richard wonders if Freshers who signed up for BUSCR could be approached again.

Laura says she has already tried this. Alison points out that there is a ReFreshers Fair on 24th February, 11am-3pm.

Laura asks if we can have one fixed location for BUSCR addresses. Richard and Kelly

mention that they have an index-card system which could be updated.

Laura is thanked for her hard work as Master. All the committee members are thanked.

**Meeting closed at 8:30pm**