

Annual General Meeting Minutes 2001

**Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers
Annual General Meeting
26th January 2001**

Meeting opened at 7 pm

1. Apologies for Absence

Francis Cleaver, Luke Daniel, Clare Edwards, Ann England, Richard Pendlebury, Julie Winterbourne

2. Members present

Rev. Edward Coombes, Edwin Carter, Wayne Ingamells, Sam Jones, Lata Koshy, Tamsin Lane, Simon Lansberry, Eleanor Palmer, Tim Palmer, Gaurang Patel, Clare Robinson, Jayne Shipley, Simon Webb

3. Minutes of [last AGM](#)

Rev. Coombes (REC) read these out. Following this they were accepted and signed by REC as an accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes of the two EGMs of the 16th February 2000 and 18th October 2000 were also checked and signed by REC as accurate records.

The accounts for 1999 were also signed by REC. This should have occurred at the previous AGM but the accounts were unavailable at this time due to outstanding payment for the dinner.

4. Treasurer's Report

Gaur presented a full set of accounts audited by the Guild of Students, in the absence of Clare E. They were accepted as correct and signed by REC.

5. Master's Report

Gaur read out the following reports by Richard Pendlebury and Julie Winterbourne as they were unable to attend the meeting.

Richard: Firstly my apologies for my absence but right now I'm driving up to Birmingham from my new job in Sussex.

We started the year on a high note, successfully ringing peals and quarters during the dinner weekend to mark the centenary of the university. We also had over 70 people attend the annual dinner at Villa Park.

In March, we made our presentation at the Unilever Student Group Awards, this included ringing our hand bells to an audience of over 100. Our efforts paid off, as we were sponsored £50 to insure the handbells. Thanks to Eleanor Palmer and Gaurang Patel for their help.

On Mayday, Warwick university ringers joined us for a tour to the Black Country. We visited 5 towers and returned to their campus afterwards. Thanks to Simon Webb for organising this.

In the spring we also entered the St Martins Guild 6 bell striking competition. Thanks to those who rang.

Thanks also to Luke Daniel for his help replacing broken stays and floorboards, as well as spending most of a day spring-cleaning the tower.

Between February and September we rang several quarters, thanks to all who rang them for Sunday evening service.

BUSCR has also enjoyed a more active social life than last year, going to the Henry Johnson dinner, the Mongolian bar, pancakes at St Monica's and several bowling trips.

In addition we rang for Sunday service every week in term time - thanks especially to those who travel a long way to get here. Some of our ringers also ring regularly at other local towers as well as at the monthly guild practice.

In October my Master's course finished and an EGM was held. Gaurang Patel and Julie Winterbourne were elected as joint Master and secretary, so now they continue this report.

I'd like to thank my committee for their help, and everyone else for their continued support of BUSCR.

Julie: The Freshers fayre was a great success and attracted many new members for us. Our thanks to George Dawson and Wayne Ingamells for acquiring the mobile ring and helping out on the day.

There was a Freshers' tour in October to North Warwickshire, on which one fresher went. We thank Warwick uni ringers for organising the tour.

In November there was the NUA 6 bell striking competition in Leicester. We travelled up on Friday night and stayed at the local church hall. On Saturday there was a tour of some local towers and in the afternoon the striking competition was held. After a method mistake near the beginning of our piece, our ringing became more consistent, earning us 2nd place with 21½ faults, only 3 faults behind Nottingham, the winners. That evening there was a barn dance and a good time was had by all. We would like to thank everyone who went to the NUA for making it a good weekend and especially Richard for driving us there and back.

Finally after going for repair our handbells are back with us and we have been practising regularly. We take this opportunity to thank Wayne who lent us his house to practise in.

6. Election of Officers

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

Position	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded
President	Rev. Coombes	Gaurang Patel	Jayne Shipley
Ringing Master	Edwin Carter	Julie Winterbourne	Gaurang Patel
Deputy Master / Social Secretary	Tim Palmer	Simon Webb	Edwin Carter
Treasurer / Social Secretary	Julie Winterbourne	Tamsin Lane	Clare Robinson
Secretary	Sam Jones	Jayne Shipley	Simon Webb
Steeple Keeper	Simon Webb	Gaurang Patel	Julie Winterbourne

Richard Pendlebury will continue as Life Members' Secretary from last year as this post is held for two years.

7. Annual Dinner and Tour

The dinner is tomorrow, 7 for 7.45 pm at the Burlington Hotel near New St. station. A barn dance has been organised by Jayne.

During the day, there is a tour by train to Erdington Parish (10.30 - 11.30), Selly Oak (14.00 - 15.00) and Northfield (15.35 - 16.35).

8. Any Other Business

Wayne raised the following points:

Could people on the committee please do what their duties say. Having been elected they have a responsibility to the society and should carry their responsibilities through.

Proof read letters before they are sent out.

Ringing quarter peals on practice nights is unacceptable unless it has been agreed beforehand by all members of the society.

Please could REC let us know if there are services on a Wednesday evening so that we can cancel ringing and make other arrangements.

Check the accounts before signing them as it is for your own protection.

The noticeboard needs a notice on it to say who we are and when we ring to attract ringers from around campus.

Rev Coombes agreed with this and said that it should be kept tidy and up to date so it looks as though the society is functioning well.

Query that addresses are not available through the website. It was agreed that this was the case and any that were published were with the people concerned permission.

Meeting closed at 7:35pm