

Minutes of Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers  
Annual General Meeting  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2002

Meeting opened by Rev Coombes at 7.02pm.

**1. Apologies**

None Received

**2. Members Present**

Rev Coombes  
Edwin Carter  
Samantha Jones  
Julie Winterbourne  
Simon Webb  
Richard Pendlebury  
Claire Hoyland  
Simon Felton  
Alban Forster  
Guy Darvill

7.13 pm Jo Harper  
Tim Palmer

**3. Treasurers Report.**

The full set of accounts audited by the Guild of Students was presented by Julie, showing both Grant accounts and Current accounts. They were accepted as correct and signed by Rev Coombes.

The Treasurer's report was read first as Julie needed to leave early.

**4. Minutes of the last meeting**

Edwin Carter read out the minutes of the last meeting. They were then accepted and signed by Rev Coombes as an accurate record of the meeting.

**5. Master's Report (Edwin Carter)**

I shall try to keep this brief, since I think they've become long and dull sometimes! I think that BUSCR is in good health; practices are well attended in general, and a strong fresher intake has boosted our numbers and ringing possibilities. Regular handbell

practices have led to the start of a competent handbell band; quarter peals shouldn't be far off. Sunday service ringing attendance has often been low, unfortunately, but recently it has been picking up; and we've been able to ring a good number of times for the evening service (including 6 quarters).

The year has had the usual variety of socials; cinema, pancakes, bowling, ice skating, and almost a barbecue. We've also mixed with local ringers at the Henry Johnson dinner and visiting local practices. There have been three ringing tours; the May Day tour (thanks to Tim Palmer for organising this in London), a Summer Camping trip in Gloucestershire (thanks to Simon Webb), and a Freshers' tour near Coventry joint with Warwick ringers.

The NUA weekend was enjoyed by all, and we won the striking competition quite convincingly; and the Birmingham "relatives" scratch band came a creditable third. Thanks to everyone on the committee, and of course Reverend Coombes. My best wishes to the next master.

## 6. Election of Officers

Post	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
President	Reverend Coombes	Edwin Carter	Samantha Jones
Master	Tim Palmer	Claire Hoyland	Jo Harper
Deputy Master	Alban Forster	Claire Hoyland	Jo Harper
Secretary	Simon Felton	Claire Hoyland	Edwin Carter
Treasurer	Julie Winterbourne	Claire Hoyland	Jo Harper
Steeple Keeper	Simon Webb	Claire Hoyland	Jo Harper
Social Secretary	Jo Harper	Claire Hoyland	Simon Felton
Life Members' Secretary	Richard Pendlebury	Edwin Carter	Samantha Jones

All elected to positions, unopposed.

The life-member's secretary post will run for 2 years, i.e. until Jan 2004.

Also some unofficial posts this year:

Unofficial NUA Co-ordinator	Guy Darvill	Claire Hoyland	Simon Felton
Unofficial Queen of BUSCR	Claire Hoyland	Simon Webb	Alban Forster

Both elected to positions unopposed.

The newly elected unofficial Queen of BUSCR stated that she felt that it was the job of the Queen to nominate persons for office.

## **7. Annual Dinner Arrangements**

This year's dinner is to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, starting at 7-7.30pm, in the Westbury Suite, Centennial Centre. There will be a Barn Dance to follow.

## **8. Summer Camping Trip**

The provisional dates have been set as 4-7 July 2002.

## **9. Any Other Business**

- \* The minutes of the 2000 AGM were re-signed by Reverend Coombes, after it was noticed that the elected Life-Member Secretary was minuted as Richard Wilson, although it was Richard Pendlebury who was elected and has been doing the job.
- \* A previous associate member, Richard Grimmett has contacted BUSCR, saying that he was made an Honorary Life Member when he rang with the society. Although there is no evidence in past minutes, he is named in the peal book, and members at the time agree that he was thought to be a life member. Reverend Coombes ratified this.
- \* Reverend Coombes asked if we could please make sure that the church floodlights were switched off on leaving the church after practice.
- \* Richard Pendlebury proposed that we purchase a web address, costing £10 for the society that would redirect anyone to the society Website. This would ensure that if the Guild of Students change the already complicated address, people would still be able to get to it. It was agreed that this should be done, and Richard said that he would do it as soon as possible. The new address will be ours for two years and will read  
[www.buscr.org.uk](http://www.buscr.org.uk)
- \* Check the accounts before signing them for our own protection.
- \* 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the society is in 2005, although there seems to be confusion as to when the dinner will be held.
- \* Since there are some members of the new committee that do not belong to the university, we need to have signatories for the guild who are members of the university. These were agreed to be:

Simon Felton

Jo Harper  
Julie Winterbourne

The meeting was closed by Reverend Coombes at 7.33pm