

Standing Committee Minutes Sunday 16th November 2025

Meeting held via Zoom

Present

- Eleanor Linford – Guild Master
- Malcolm Paulson- Treasurer
- Mark Eccleston – Archivist and Webmaster
- Sand Cooper – Secretary
- Trish Everett - Safeguarding Officer

Visitors

- Simon Linford - HJ Dinner

Apologies

- Kirsty Gifford – Public Relations Officer
- Rachel Mitchell – Ringing Master

Item	Issue	Owner
1.	Welcome and apologies accepted.	
2.	<p>Henry Johnson Dinners ACTION 29/25 Update Emma and summarise approach agreed at September meeting. Complete</p> <p>Simon shared the budget for 2026. We sold 88 full price tickets and 8 concessions last year. The meal now costs £43 (up £2). This year the contract is for a minimum number, 100. Based on £50 per ticket, 90 tickets with a similar number of concessions and 2 guests gives an estimated profit of £334.25. Breakeven is at 83 and 8 students.</p> <p>Adverts proposed before Christmas and early in the new year. Simon will get a price for this from the Ringing World.</p> <p>The Ringing World Board is being mobilised to come but yet to be discussed by them. We will look at inviting Robert Lewis (former RW editor). We are also considering inviting Cambridge ringers.</p> <p>We will need to consider a speaker but this is not yet urgent. Mark to propose the toast to the chair. We discussed who might toast guest visitors and the toast to the Guild.</p> <p>Note Simon is interested in a Chair for 2027, which we discussed. ACTION 34/25 All to consider possible chair for 2027</p>	All

3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ART MI Course Bursaries ACTION 31/25 Progress payments to those awarded bursaries. Malcolm has just one further payment and will chase for account details. ● ART Inspiring Leadership Award 2021 ACTION 32/25 Ask Bradfield to provide an invoice/confirmation of the above attendees and then progress the claim with Malcolm. Complete ● Yearbooks - Central Council Library ACTION 33/25 Check with Andrew Aspland which of our Yearbooks is missing from the Central Council records and then arrange to send as required. Closed, awaiting further contact from Andrew. 	Malcolm
4.	<p>Updates and Other upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual General Meeting Saturday 10th January ACTION 28/25 Approach Boldmere and/or Erdington Parish For January 2026 AGM. Closed after several approaches, Sutton Coldfield have now agreed to host us. Officer and Officials General Fund Trustee ACTION 35/25 Approach agreed SMG member. Newsletter Editor ACTION 36/25 Approach agreed member of the Moseley Band As yet no nominations received from Guild Members - deadline 29th November. Life Members ACTION 37/25 Ask if agreed individual would accept our offer of life membership ● Autumn Guild Outing 19th September 2026 ACTION 29/25 Include in Monthly update. Complete ● May Event 2026 Saturday 16th May - key towers do not have outings or other events that day. Will consider a Guild Challenge Day but we may have a more traditional Striking competition with different categories. ACTION 38/25 Include in the next monthly update and ask what members would like/suggestions for next year. ACTION 39/25 Make an enquiry for both towers in Moseley and the church at St Mary's. ● Higher Number Practices These will continue into 2026. ● Surprise Major Practices Eleanor is reviewing 2026 dates. In view of the clash with Easter and the May bank holiday, she may suggest a date between the two. July will clash with the Youth contest albeit we are not hosting. October will clash with a College Youths event but we believe we can mobilise attendees. ● Walking Tour Possible date is Saturday 27th June. 	Sand Eleanor/Trish Sand Sand Sand Trish Sand Trish

	<p>ACTION 40/25 Confirm with James Ramsbottom</p> <p>ACTION 41/25 Draft a 2026 calendar.</p>	Eleanor Eleanor
5.	<p>Treasurer's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BRF £33,955.28 ● BRF requests Update Coleshill - Rope Guides for 1 & 2 - being progressed St Paul's - Clapper refurbishment and swing time alteration - being progressed Edgbaston Lighting project - possible start date April 2026 ● Annual Charities Commission Return ACTION 30/25 Malcolm will ask them to resend links to Eleanor so as to have her added and Clare McArdle removed. This is now complete. Clare will now be removed. ● BRF bank account to Metro ACTION 26/25 Progress bank transfer to Metro 	Malcolm
6.	<p>Membership</p> <p>Full member applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Edmund Roberts (BUSCR) ● Jen Harris (Knowle) ● Ben Harris (Knowle) ● Ian Slater (Moseley) ● Robert Carr (BUSCR) ● Benjamin Wigley (BUSCR) ● Nikolai Komar (BUSCR) ● Benjamin Williams (BUSCR) <p>All were agreed.</p> <p>It was also agreed that subscriptions would not be charged so near to the AGM when the new years subscriptions will be due again. (proposed increase to £12 and £6).</p> <p>Associate Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thomas Howard, (In full time education) ● Molly Mullaney (student) <p>Both were agreed.</p>	
7.	<p>Safeguarding Update</p> <p>ACTION 21/25 Find out what Leadership courses there will now be.</p> <p>Eleanor is now booked on a Leadership course and Trish has now attended.</p> <p>The Guild Leadership course needs will then be complete. Leadership courses are bookable via the portal.</p> <p>Brumdingers are now moving between towers. Vicky has a DBS but Susan Healey does not.</p> <p>ACTION 42/25 Confirm DBS requirements for Brumdingers</p> <p>Malcolm confirmed that as a Guild activity they are covered by our insurance.</p> <p>Trish is establishing a working relationship with the new Diocesan team.</p> <p>Training requirements remain unchanged</p>	Trish
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ART Awards We discussed the ART awards, nominations close 31 December 2025. ● Tower Keeper Course BUSCR are interested in a course. <p>ACTION 43/25 Approach Alison Hodge to ask if she would run a course for us and establish any requirements. St Anne's Moseley may be a suitable venue.</p>	Sand

	Bursary funds would be used to pay for this.	
8.	Upcoming StandCo meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date of next StandCo - 18th January 2026 7:30	