

Standing Committee Minutes
Sunday 18th January 2026

Meeting to be held via Zoom

Attendees

- Eleanor Linford – Guild Master
- Kirsty Gifford – Public Relations Officer
- Malcolm Paulson- Treasurer
- Mark Eccleston – Archivist and Webmaster
- Rachel Mitchell – Ringing Master
- Sand Cooper – Secretary
- Trish Everett - Safeguarding Officer

Visitors

- Simon Linford - HJ Dinner Secretary

Item	Issue	Owner
1.	Welcome	
2.	<p>Henry Johnson Dinner ACTION 34/25 Consider a Chair for 2027. Three candidates were considered and Simon will sound out our preferred suggestion.</p> <p>We discussed menu choices for 2026 which Simon will progress. We will need someone to propose the toast to guests and visitors ACTION 01/26 speak to the person discussed for this toast</p>	Eleanor
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ART MI Course Bursaries ACTION 31/25 Progress payments to those awarded bursaries in 2025 - closed We have one new applicant for the February ART course. • Tower Keeper Course ACTION 43/25 Approach Alison Hodge to ask if she would run a course for us and establish any requirements - complete. Course booked at Solihull 21st March 2026 Sand did however advise that Alison Hodge has broken her arm and the course may have to be delayed. 	

4.	<p>Updates and Other upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2026 AGM <p>Officer and Officials</p> <p>ACTION 35/25 General Fund Trustee - approach agreed SMG member - complete.</p> <p>ACTION 36/25 Newsletter Editor -approach agreed member of the Moseley Band.</p> <p>Sadly the individual had to decline and no one came forward from the advert placed by Kirtsy.</p> <p>ACTION 02/26 Approach the further suggested individuals</p> <p>ACTION 03/26 Consider other candidates</p> <p>ACTION 37/25 Life Members - ask if agreed individual would accept our offer of life membership - complete</p> <p>● May Event 2026</p> <p>ACTION 38/25 Include in the next monthly update and ask what members would like/suggestions for next year - complete</p> <p>Malcolm updated that as part of compiling the Inventory of Guild Assets he has trophies being returned by Harborne and Edgbaston</p> <p>ACTION 04/26 Approach Gill Posthill for return of the trophies held at The Cathedral</p> <p>ACTION 39/25 Make an enquiry for both towers in Moseley and the church at St Mary's. Complete</p> <p>Moseley ringers will be providing a ringers tea.</p> <p>We have an undertaking from St Martins, St Pauls JQ and St Phillip's to enter 8 bell non over lapping teams.</p> <p>We will encourage as many teams as possible.</p> <p>There will be 3 competitions; a novice 6 bell at St Mary's, 6 bell method at St Anne's and an 8 bell method at St Mary's.</p> <p>Eleanor is preparing 'light touch' rules and guidelines on overlapping bands which she will share with Rachel to progress.</p> <p>Judges are required which Eleanor is considering.</p> <p>The time of competition will follow the Ringing school.</p> <p>ACTION 05/26 Remove the current striking competition rules off the website.</p> <p>● Walking Tour</p> <p>Possible date is Saturday 27th June.</p> <p>ACTION 40/25 Confirm with James Ramsbottom - closed, James has agreed.</p> <p>ACTION 41/25 Draft a 2026 calendar - complete and presented to the AGM.</p>	Sand All
5.	<p>Treasurer's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BRF <p>£34,899.34</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BRF requests Update <p>Coleshill - Rope Guides for 1 & 2</p> <p>St Paul's - Clapper refurbishment and swing time alteration</p> <p>Edgbaston Lighting project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BRF bank account to Metro <p>ACTION 26/25 Progress bank transfer to Metro</p> <p>St Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers Bell Restoration Fund (Know as BRF for short) is a registered Charity number 508571.</p>	Malcolm

	<p>The BRF currently has a current account and a savings account with Lloyds Bank. It was proposed that these accounts be moved to Metro Bank so that the Guild's other accounts and the BRF accounts are held with the same bank.</p> <p>As the BRF holds a balance in excess of £30,000 it is proposed that Malcolm explore with Metro Bank whether there are any other accounts where we can get a better rate of interest on the money even if this means not having instant access to the funds.</p> <p>The proposal is to have a current account, a savings account and if possible an account that can earn higher interest without having instant access.</p> <p>The authorised signatories on all the accounts to be as follows:</p> <p>St Martin's Guild Treasurer - Malcolm Paulson</p> <p>St Martin's Guild Secretary - Sandra Cooper</p> <p>St Martin's Guild General Fund Trustee - Stephen Shipley</p> <p>We do not require dual signatory, so any one of the three named officers above can access the accounts and make transactions.</p> <p>We do not require a cheque book or bankers card, as all transactions should be done electronically.</p> <p>These proposal were unanimously agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guild Bank Account <p>It was noted that following the AGM the signatories to this account will change as Arthur Reeves has stood down as a General Fund Trustee and been replaced by Stephen Shipley.</p> <p>ACTION 06/26 Progress with Metro</p>	Malcolm
6.	<p>Safeguarding Update</p> <p>ACTION 42/25 Confirm DBS requirements for Brumdingers.</p> <p>Trish confirmed that Vicky will be completing training as Tower Captain for St Pauls JQ, Leadership Training.</p> <p>Both will need DBS - Susan's being through St Martin's where she is treasurer. Susan will require Foundation Training.</p> <p>Now that the Diocese has reorganised its safeguarding team Trish will be asking for a meeting with the new team.</p> <p>Trish is also planning to review our safeguarding policy to ensure it is up to date.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2026 AGM minutes <p>The draft minutes were confirmed and Mark has confirmed since the meeting that they have been made available on the website for Sand to issue with the February update.</p>	

8.	Upcoming StandCo meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date of next StandCo ACTION 07/26 Use a WhatsApp poll to agree a meeting date in 2 months time.	Eleanor
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Eleanor Linford, Guild Master

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