

**Date** 15 March 1999  
**Location** St Marie's Ringing Chamber  
**Meeting commenced** 9:10pm

1. **Apologies** Clare Rogers

2. **Minutes of last meeting**  
1998 AGM minutes have been lost and so we couldn't discuss them.

3. **Matters arising from these minutes**  
Main matter that needed addressing was the proposed changes to the constitution. These were successfully done in May 1998.

4. **Chairperson's report**  
This year was dominated by the 40th Anniversary celebrations which seem to have been very successful. We have received a number of cards and letters from past members thanking us for the dinner day activities.  
Everything seems to have been well attended this year - probably due to everyone being 'nice and friendly'. Hope this continues next year.  
Thank you to Heather and Chris for all their help with the 40th Anniversary celebrations and also many thanks to the rest of the committee.

5. **Master's report**  
The ringing this year has been 'quite good' and Sunday service attendance has improved. Ringing Master expressed her thanks to the Church for the maintenance work carried out and the new bell ropes.

6. **Treasurer's report**  
The dinner day account is attached. Gill Codd has some £80 held back for further postage expenses. *Gill looks gutted to have been found out.* There were no questions.

7. **Steeplekeeper's report**  
There was a clapper crisis but Fred Pembleton saved the day. A light bulb has gone. Steeplekeeper suggests regular maintenance checks are made.

Chair says that an annual check will be made.  
Adrian Grant notes that there is a hole on the roof. Father Charles will examine the leak.

Chris Bennett recalls that Fred has inspected this previously (a few months ago) and at that point a contract was agreed. Philip Medlock suggests that we are dealing with an impostor 'Fred Pembleton'.

8. **Position of Steeplekeeper**  
Proposed to rewrite the Vice Master part of the constitution to include steeplekeeper. More formally:  
**Vice Master:** Shall be a member of the Guild and a full member either of the University of Sheffield Union of Students or Sheffield Hallam University Union of Students. The Vice Master shall assist the Master in his/her responsibilities and take charge of ringing in the event of the Master's absence. He/she shall also take on the role of Steeplekeeper with responsibility for the maintenance of the bells and fittings at the Cathedral Church of St Marie (RC), Sheffield.

Note: This makes Steeplekeeper part of committee which will hopefully forge a stronger link between the committee (and Guild finances) and the cathedral and Fred Pembleton. However, the committee remains the same size. The Vice Master will also keep records of all repairs done to the bells in the minute book. Photocopies of the work invoices shall also

be placed in the minute book.

A 2/3 majority of full Guild members is required to pass this proposed change.

Questions:

Les Taylor: Why restrict membership to only the 2 universities and not include the other Sheffield Higher Education establishments?

Issue 1: Merging. Jane Boyle points out that the two positions require different skills.

Issue 2: The restriction to non-HE members can be left to an EGM in the future.

Proposed change is passed.

#### 9. **Committee Elections**

Only full Guild members can vote.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Chairperson	Emily Horler	Gill Codd	Fleur Kellett
Secretary	Stuart Wrigley	Deborah Wells	Gill Codd
Treasurer	Sarah Dawson	Fleur Kellett	Emily Horler
Master	Jon Collett	Sarah Dawson	Emily Horler
Vice Master	Paul Ward	Emily Horler	Sarah Dawson

All positions carried unanimously. Gill wishes good luck to all the new committee members.

#### 10. **Election of non committee officers**

All members can vote.

Tower Correspondent

Fleur Kellett - Proposed by Gill Codd, Seconded by Emily Horler

Carried unanimously.

Steeplekeeper

Not applicable.

#### 11. **Easter Tour 1999**

Emily updated us on arrangements for the trip to Somerset on 16, 17 and 18 April 1999.

The cost as yet is unknown. Accommodation will be provided at Emily's Palace but HRH

Emily's Mother says they can only take 15. There will also be a trip into Bath. There are 2 places left.

#### 12. **Annual Dinner 2000**

This will be held at Kenwood Hall, Swallow Hotel. 7pm Saturday 26 February 2000.

#### 13. **Any Other Business**

Gave out NUA striking competition certificates to the team.

The present Guild 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary photo is on the wall.

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner photos given out (to those who had paid).

Associates representative (unofficial).

Brewery Tour: Wednesday 17 March at 6:30pm. Meet in Ward's car park on Ecclesall Road. Followed by St Patrick's day celebrations.