

**SUGCR AGM 2007  
27/04/2008**

**Location: Peaks Meeting Room Sheffield Union**

**Meeting Commenced: 1508**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

John Prebble, Katy Idle, Sue Burchell, Deborah Blumfield

**2. Minutes from the last AGM**

These were agreed and passed as an accurate record of last years AGM.

**3. Matters Arising**

**Former Guild Members**

A big effort has been made over the past year to try and keep in touch with former guild members. Chris Bennett and Gill Codd have combined their contact lists. There have also been adverts in the Ringing World and Campanophile, and the guild website has been updated regularly.

**Insurance**

All but two members of the guild are attached to an association. The two which are not are shortly to become members of the Yorkshire Association.

**4. Chair's Report. (Jenny Crabtree)**

We have had a good intake of new ringers this year. The Annual Dinner in February was successful although there were fewer attendees than usual. This is likely to be due to the fact that it was the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and people were 'saving up' for the 50<sup>th</sup> next year. A number of the guild spent an enjoyable weekend in Nottingham during November at the annual NUA event. Several Give it a Go sessions have been run throughout the year. Whilst these have not given the guild any new members, they have been good for guild funds.

**5. Master's Report (Claire Monk)**

Practices and service ringing have been well supported throughout the year. There has been a welcomed increase in

support for Sunday service ringing. Monthly advanced practices continue to take place. It would be nice to have a bit more support for these. Learners are continuing to do well. Thanks to all those who have assisted with teaching throughout the year. Regrettably the Easter Tour to East Yorkshire had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers. There is a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour to Moseley (whose Steel Bells were originally in St Marie's) on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## **6. Treasurer's Report (Emily Armitage)**

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| Activities Grant      | £136.00                             |
| Subs                  | £52.00                              |
| Ringing World Subs    | -£52.00                             |
| Ringing World Adverts | -£50.00 (still £33.20 credit at RW) |
| Tours                 | -£127.22                            |
| Give It a Go          | £31.50                              |
| Annual Dinner         | -£400.00                            |
| <br>                  |                                     |
| Total Change          | -£409.72                            |
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| Final Balance         | £333.62                             |

## **7. Steeple Keeper's Report (Tom Scase)**

During the year a number of routine checks have been made and various jobs carried out. Old temporary ropes have been fitted to the 7th and tenor. Apparently the rope-makers have found the two ropes that went to them ages ago! Last May the ringing chamber was re-decorated. Thanks to Claire for organising much of this. At the same time the final coat of wood preservative was applied to the repaired 6th wheel. November saw the muffles put on for remembrance Sunday, the tenor muffle held in place with a cable tie, some of the other muffles, which didn't have cable ties holding them in place slipped round during ringing. More recently the 7th clapper was sticking and not striking at all when rung up. The clapper was taken out, cleaned up, turned around and replaced and now seems to be fine. The new slider for the 4th, has been fitted. I'd been told that the plan was for the 4th slider to then go on to the 3rd, but the 4th slider is too long to fit the 3rd. This is currently being rectified. Thanks to all those that have assisted during the year.

## **8. Election of Officers**

Chair Claire Monk  
Proposed by Jenny Crabtree  
Seconded by Emily Armitage

Master John Prebble  
Proposed by Jenny Crabtree  
Seconded by Tim Jarvis

Vice Master Jenny Crabtree  
Proposed by Emily Armitage  
Seconded by Peter Mansbridge

Treasurer Sarah Green  
Proposed by Jenny Crabtree  
Seconded by Claire Monk

Secretary Tim Jarvis  
Proposed by Emily Armitage  
Seconded by Peter Mansbridge

A secret ballot was carried out and the new committee were voted in unanimously.

It is presumed that tower correspondent and webmaster wish to continue with their roles as nothing has been heard from them to suggest otherwise.

## **9. AOB**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour** - Other University Ringing Societies have been invited to come on this tour. So far Birmingham and Bristol have shown interest and we are awaiting replies from Warwick, Leeds and Manchester. It is a possibility to consider when organising tours in the future.

**50<sup>th</sup> Dinner 21/02/09** - This will hopefully be well supported as the date has been advertised for the best part of a year. There are plans for a half year newsletter to be published over the summer to inform people about this special event. There will also be an advert in the Ringing World now as well as nearer the time. It is hoped a logo will be designed for the 50<sup>th</sup> to go on t-shirts, mugs etc. There is the possibility of

acquiring extra funding from the Student's Union through the Extra Opportunities Fund.

**Finances** – There is a need to cut guild expenditure. Recently, transport cost to/from tours have been paid for by the guild. It was agreed most people would be quite happy to pay for such costs themselves.

**The Yorkshire Association Striking Competition** is to be held this year on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**Steeple Keeper** - There remains a need to find a Steeple Keeper who is permanently in Sheffield. Jenny Crabtree agreed to be steeple-keeper with assistance for the next year.

**Emergency Lighting** – These have still not been fitted to the tower at St Marie's. This is a major health and safety hazard and it is vital that this is sorted out soon.

**Subs** – It was agreed to raise the subs for the 2008/9 academic year to £5.

**Meeting Closed: 1542**