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Sheffield Universities' Guild of Change Ringers

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NOTES FROM A PRESIDENT..... Sue Burchell

This year seems to have gone really quickly – I have been fairly busy getting ordained and learning to be a curate – and I cannot believe that it is almost a year since I became President. Because I live about 2½ hours' drive from Sheffield, I have not managed to take part in many Guild activities, although I did make it to the AGM on a sunny Sunday in April (the best weather we had all year) and I joined the summer tour for one day, as it was held just down the road from me in South Oxfordshire. It was a very enjoyable day and I learnt a new card game (even though I cannot remember now what it is called!) as well as doing a bit of ringing.

The one thing that strikes (sorry, no pun intended) me about the Guild is its continuity. Year on year, new members are joining whilst others are moving on, and ringing continues at St Marie's. Annual dinners, with many past members attending, continue and are often held where they have been before. This year's dinner is to be at the Kenwood Hall, formerly the Marriott Hotel, Kenwood Road. This brings back memories of dinners held there in the past, when it was formerly known as the Kenwood.

Presidents have come and gone – each one building on the work of the previous one – and here we are on the verge of the Guild's 50th anniversary. Did the founder members realise what they were starting in 1958 and envisage that it would thrive for decades? When I joined the Guild in 1971, I did not realise that it was then only in its infancy (oh, well, adolescence, I suppose)!

It is a great tribute to all past and present members that the work of the Guild continues and so I would like to thank you all for supporting the Guild, with particular thanks to all past committee members and to all past presidents, especially to Paul Cubitt for his work over the last five years. They are all a hard act to follow!

I wish you all a peaceful and happy New Year and I hope to see you at the dinner in February.

Sue Burchell

PEOPLE NEWS!!

Who are we? - "The Committee" 07-08

Chair – Jenny Crabtree; in the third year of her Chemical Engineering and Chemistry degree

Master – Claire Monk; in the second year of her Molecular Biology degree

Vice Master – Tom Scase; fourth year Town Planning student

Secretary – Pete Mansbridge; also a fourth year Town Planning student

Treasurer – Emily Armitage; third year Civil Engineering Student

New members

We have been lucky to gain several new members this year, both current ringers and learners.

Sarah Green has been ringing for 4 years. She comes from Bingham in Nottingham, and is in her first year at Sheffield studying Geography.

Dan Richardson is in his first year at Sheffield studying Medicine. He learnt to ring at Darton, Barnsley and has been ringing for 4 years.

Hannah Weston is also a first year Geography student from Potters Bar, and is currently getting on very well leaning to ring.

We are also very pleased to have **Katy Idle** back after her year in Atlanta.

Becky Hirst has been made an associate member of SUGCR. She rings at Ranmoor and comes along to the practices at St Marie's to support the student band.

The Leavers

Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to **Catherine Oram** (past Chair) in January. She has graduated with an MA in International Relations and is moving to London.

An SUGCR Wedding – Ruth Wilson & Philip Medlock

On Saturday 19th May Guild alumni Ruth Wilson and Philip Medlock were married on a beautiful day in South Wales. The wedding was attended by a number of alumni members, including Stuart Wrigley who acted as Philips (much needed!) Best Man. The church ceremony was accompanied by a local choir, and of course some SUGCR hand bell ringing.

The reception was held in a magnificent marquee, at the home of Ruth's family, overlooking the incoming tide on the South Wales coastline. Entertainment was enjoyed in the form of a Ceilidh, DJ, and plentiful supplies of champagne, wine and beer.

Everyone had a fantastic day and we all wish Ruth and Philip the very best for their new life together.

“My favourite thing about 2007 was...”

“...our skiing holiday in the alps during February Half Term” Deborah Blumfield

“... we had a baby daughter, Esther Clara Beaney – born 2nd May 2007. This is our second child, our first daughter, Martha, is now 2 years and 6 months old!” Julian Beaney

“... returning to student ringing after a year abroad!” Katy Idle

“... Ruth.... Or Ewan Wriglet – hes quite cute, or Not-The-NUA tour, which is ringing related... and I rang a quarter of plain bob” Philip Medlock

“.... getting married!!” Ruth Medlock

“... meeting all the new babies, especially my godson” Emily Merko

“... getting on the property ladder!” Natalie Williams

“... Matt and I were married on July 15th this year and now live in Conisborough” Charlotte Scholes

“... travelling to 5 different countries in one year!” Gill Codd

This year’s tours

In an attempt to save some of the rainforest, brilliantly detailed reports of the SUGCR Easter, Summer, Intro and NUA tours can be found on our website (<http://www.sugcr.union.shef.ac.uk/tours/>)

Here are a few snippets to tempt you.... (I am pleased to hear things never change!)

Easter: “That evening's entertainment was held in the 'happening' bar on the campsite, aided by a box of jaffa cakes and a pack of cards. After a little alcohol had been consumed, Peter Elliot decided to introduce a card game which is popular with the Oxford ringers.....”

Summer: “...we began the task of pitching tents in Jenny's back garden, avoiding many obstacles such as guinea pigs, trampolines, and a half-felled tree!”



(ummmm Adrian – is that two puddings I can see you holding??)

Intro: “After a short train journey, we arrived into Worksop, only to be told that our connecting train was cancelled. We decided to check out the alternatives, so we walked into Worksop to find the bus station, only to be disappointed by the prospect of a lengthy journey. So back to the station for bacon sarnies and cups of tea”



NUA: “...we had a serious case of Lumpnapping! So we piled into our 2 cars and set off in hot pursuit” (I am not sure Birmingham have ever forgiven the Dylon the rabbit incident)

NOT-THE-NUA TOUR for the old folk – Report by Philip & Ruth Medlock

When the Northern Universities Association meet for its annual weekend away in November, it has become a tradition for past (read older, and therefore more averse to sleep deprivation, and hard cold floors), members of SUGCR to hold a Not-The-NUA weekend.

This year Fiona Addie offered to host the event in Wellingbrough. There was ringing at Great Dodington, Earls Barton, Mears Ashby, and Pytchley. No tour would be complete without a lockout, but fortunately it was only at the final tower of the day so the evening’s schedule for eating and drinking was simply moved forward.

The ringing was a good standard; we rang Cambridge Major, as well as Steadman Triples, and Grandsire Triples.

On Saturday night we all went out for a curry and a few drinks. Fiona had chosen a good pub, possible the only one in Wellingbrough, which had from hazy memories, more than 6 beers on tap, bar billiards, and a bizarre version of skittles. The weekly meat raffle (!) was only experienced by the early arriving Friday nighters. Ask Fiona for more details!

A good time was had by all who went and we are hoping to get even more of you along next year. Thanks to Fiona for sharing her local knowledge and Peter Elliot for his relentless organising and coercing!

GUILD EVENTS COMING UP SOON.....

*****THE 49TH ANNUAL DINNER – FEBRUARY 23RD 2008*****

Date: 23rd February 2008

Time: 7.00 for 7.30pm

Venue: Kenwood Hall (previously called the Marriott) S7 1NQ

Price: £34 - students, £36 - everyone else!

Entertainment: Sheffield University Ceilidh Band

Guest Speaker: Mark Humphreys. Student in Sheffield in the 1990's, now Master of the College Youths

Avocado Mousse studded with crumbled Stilton served with a Walnut and Orange vinaigrette

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Spring Vegetable Broth

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Roast Sirloin of Beef served with a traditional Yorkshire Pudding

Or

A collection of Nuts, Vegetables and Quorn, bound together and roasted, served on a Red Bean sauce

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Brandy Snap Baskets filled with Strawberries and Cream

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Fresh Tea and Coffee with After Dinner Mints

10 rooms have been provisionally booked, at £90 per room per night (incl. breakfast). Anyone booking a room after these 10 have been taken, will still be charged the discount rate of £90, subject to availability. Please call 0114 2583 811 to reserve a room.

An order form for tickets is attached at the end of this letter.



SUGCR WILL BE 50 NEXT YEAR!! HOW WILL WE CELEBRATE??

Contact us at sugcr@shef.ac.uk

The 50th Anniversary of SUGCR is next year (2009), and there are many ideas of events to celebrate that are circulating. Here are some that the Committee are aware of; if you have any other ideas that you would like to organise, or that you would like us to organise, please let us know. There is a section on the Dinner tickets booking form for ideas, or alternatively, please email your suggestions to sugcr@shef.ac.uk

The 2009 Annual Dinner will be held on 21st February at the Royal Victoria (Holiday Inn). There will be the usual dinner and ceilidh. The dinner will also be preceded as usual by the Dinner Day Tour. It is not yet decided where the tour will be.

Current ideas for the 50th:

- Inter-generational striking competition
- Reaching 100 guild peals (we are currently on 91 at the time of writing)
- Quarter peals throughout the country
- A logo for SUGCR to be launched at the dinner
- SUGCR sweatshirts or tshirts to mark the event
- To have 5 guest speakers at the dinner – one from each decade of SUGCR (any volunteers or nominations welcome)

Missing Members!!!

Do you know any members who do not receive the newsletter? Or keep up to date with SUGCR? Please send an email or postal addresses to GillCodd@yahoo.co.uk so I can add them to the distribution list.

SPECIAL REPORT: The Ordination of our President. By Heather Limbach.

On the last Sunday in September, Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford was the venue for the last ordination in the diocese in 2007. It was a gloriously warm and sunny day so unlike the rest of the summer. It was such a nice day that Dave and Mary Kelly decided to walk into the city from the park and ride rather than relying on a bus arriving in time but they perhaps had not realized that it would be route march. By contrast, we thought that we would find a car park in shade nearby. Having followed signs to car parks only to find ourselves going around in circles, and noticing that street parking was only for 1.5 hours (not enough) we abandoned the car and walked in too. We were looking for a grand cathedral and walked passed the entrance to Christ Church thinking it to be a College Chapel!

Nonetheless we all made it in time. The Cathedral is very small, very old and very special and it was very full. We had excellent seats to watch the ordination itself. Sue looked radiant in her cassock as she took her place with the other ordinands in the Crossing. The Bishop of Oxford was very fatherly with us all and Mrs. Sentamu, the wife of the Archbishop of York gave the address stressing the changes about to occur in the lives of those to be ordained as well as the continuities. Sue was so excited by the proceedings that she and some of the other newly ordained rushed around greeting family and friends. Her commitment to her new status and her faith just bubbled over. We were fortunate to receive the Chalice from Sue at the communion

which was a very special moment for John and I.

The Bishop wanted to speak with all the congregation asking them to go on supporting those newly ordained. It was certainly very memorable to stand outside the Cathedral on the grassy Quad and feel the huge amounts of joy which was surrounding us all. Sue had arranged lunch in Tew, where she lives, and we were able to talk to some of the local people who spoke so highly of all the things Sue has done in the community and how they wanted to be there to wish her well. We realized later that some had nothing to do with the church at all. It was good too to meet her new vicar and to talk with her new congregation about her new parish in Banbury. I am sure that she will settle in quickly and be very happy there. Lunch also provided the opportunity to catch up properly with Dave and Mary and to renew our acquaintance with Sue's mum, Philip her brother and his wife, and Joe and her now grown up children.

Sue is going to be very busy with her new curates job, a new job in cartography, and being a wife and mother, AND new SUGCR president. However I am sure that the Guild will wish her every success in these various new careers.

Heather Limbach

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR Gill Codd

2007 has been a busy year for my department at work. Lots of projects started... and most of them finished. Some people moving on, and new people joining. New challenges to deal with, new skills to master and new management to answer to. Its easy to feel like a very small cog in an overwhelmingly large machine.

2008 will be a big year in the life of SUGCR. Its the start of the 50th anniversary celebrations. And we can all have a part to play. There will be many events throughout the year. Jenny has included some ideas the current guild have in this newsletter, and hopefully you will have some ideas too.

Communication is vital. We need valid email addresses, or postal addresses for past members, and we need to make use of our website to advertise key events throughout the year. If there is sufficient material I am happy to collate a mid-year Newsletter to help communicate these events.

These will be better advertised at the dinner in February. In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us.

Hope to see you at the dinner!

Gill x

SUGCR Annual Dinner 2008 Ticket Booking Form

Ticket prices:

Non-students: £36

Students: £34

Number of tickets required:

Meat _____

Vegetarian _____

Names for each ticket:

1. Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr / Other (_____) _____

2. Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr / Other (_____) _____

3. Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr / Other (_____) _____

4. Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr / Other (_____) _____

5. Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr / Other (_____) _____

6. Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr / Other (_____) _____

Address to which (all) tickets to be sent:

Contact telephone number: _____

Names of people with whom you would like to sit **if possible**

(Tables are for 10 people. Please let us know if you would like to reserve an entire table)

Dietary requirements: _____

Once completed, please return this form with a cheque payable to "**University of Sheffield Union of Students**" with your **name and address written on the back** to:

**Jenny Crabtree, 158 Crookesmoor Road, Sheffield, S6 3FS
Tel: 07707 423 234**

Please include a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** with this form.
The closing date for booking forms is **Monday, 18th February 2008**.

Ideas for the 50th:

Please let us know what you think about our ideas for the 50th, proposed in the newsletter, and any other ideas that you might have, either with this form, or in an email to sugcr@shef.ac.uk