

THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

Established 1724

Rules adopted at the Annual General Meeting in 2009

1. The Society's objectives shall be to promote the art of change ringing and to ring the bells of Great St. Mary's on Sundays and on days of Civic, University or National importance.
2. The Society's headquarters shall be the ringing room of Great St. Mary's. All Society property shall be kept there, except as agreed at a meeting.
3. The following Officers shall be elected: President, Master, Secretary, Treasurer and Belfry Maintenance Officer. The President shall normally be the Vicar of Great St. Mary's. An Auditor for the Society accounts shall also be elected.
4. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a Monday in February or March, the date being at the discretion of the Secretary. The Officers shall be elected at this meeting.
5. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called either by the President acting alone or on the written requisition of at least three Members who are entitled to vote. In each case a minimum of fourteen days' notice shall be given.
6. A person may be elected a Member at any Meeting of the Society, if proposed and seconded by Members, with a majority of Members present in favour; at least five votes in favour are needed. Any elections other than at a General Meeting must be ratified at the next General Meeting.
7. Members shall be entitled to make proposals and to vote at meetings only if they have rung at Great St. Mary's for at least twelve Sunday Services, for which ringing has been organised by the Society, in the previous calendar year.
8. The President shall preside at meetings when present. If absent the Master shall, if present, act as Chairman. If both are absent a Member shall be elected to the chair. The Chairman shall have a casting vote.
9. The Master shall be responsible for the Society's ringing and property. The Master shall present a report at the Annual General Meeting.
10. The Secretary is responsible for recording all General Meetings. The Secretary is responsible for keeping a record of attendance at Service Ringing for the Society's use.
11. The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the financial accounts of the Society and shall present audited accounts at the Annual General Meeting.
12. The Belfry Maintenance Officer shall be responsible for the carrying out of routine maintenance of the bells and fittings. The Belfry Maintenance Officer shall present a report at the Annual General meeting.
13. On occasions of paid ringing any part of the fee which is not divided among the ringers shall be added to Society funds. The distribution shall be determined on each occasion by the Secretary.
14. No rule shall be altered, added or deleted except at an Annual General Meeting. Fourteen days' notice of any proposed amendment must have been given. Two thirds of the Members present and entitled to vote must be in favour.