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Annual General meeting - Monday 27th February 1995 in
the Ringing Room, Great St Mary's

The meeting opened at 8.10pm with the President (elect)
in the chair.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Clare O'Callaghan,
Christopher Johnson, Linda Gorton, Malcolm Edwards,
Liz Orme, Jonathan Shanklin and Hannah Worr.

2. The minutes of the 1994 AGM were read and approved
(Prop. Lesley Bayle Seconded Andrew Darns).

3. Matters Arising: R.M. Brown said she had been unable to donate
a carpet (it was now in her new house). She also said she had
not proposed the rule changed discussed one year before, as the
general feeling of the meeting had been against. F.H. King
raised the question of the church budget. The secretary stated
that no ringers' budget had been requested. The President said
that the church treasurer had changed and the lack of request
was probably an omission. M.H.D. O'Callaghan highlighted that
as the bells belong to the church fabric Great St Mary's
should continue to contribute. It was noted that an
extraordinary general meeting had taken place and agreed
that a report of the meeting should be appended to the AGM
minutes for approval at the next meeting (prepared by the officers).

4. The following were elected as members of the Society -

Hazel M Rothera Prop B.M. Johnson Sec. P. Orme

Hannah M Worr Prop B.M. Johnson Sec. L.H.M. Bayle

Claire Wright Prop B.M. Johnson Sec. P. Orme

The elections of Mark C. Lieberhood and Adam W. Kiger

following peer attempts were ratified (Prop. B.M. Johnson Sec. P. Orme)

5. ^{Treasurer's report.} F.H. King stated that he had not audited the accounts
fully, but would be willing to sign them. It was agreed
that T.M. Kiger, B.M. Johnson, M.H.D. O'Callaghan & F.H. King should
review both the 1993/4 and 1994/5 accounts and ~~put~~
display ^{a notice} on the tower noticeboard. A proposal to receive
the accounts, to be adopted in 'matters arising' at the next

agreed to donate £175 to the Ely DA Central Ben Fund - proposed PHBrooke Sec. CESKugar (An amendment to donate £150 was defeated).

6. Master's report. The Society's archives were discussed. The master said he had arranged for the Society to view the archives on 15th May 1995. PHBrooke asked whether the County Record Office had found the money to buy the missing account book. The master said it had not yet been decided. It was suggested that the Society should own the book, and JPhewless asked who the current owner was. FHKing suggested the Society should be told if it wasn't possible to bring the book back to Cambridge. The volume covers the period when two or three were recast and is therefore important in Cambridge Makers history. Action: The President is to write to the County Archivist.

- The meeting thanked the master for his work over the year.
7. Belfry Maintenance Officer's Report. Solutions to the oddstruckness on the 9th were discussed. P.S. Seaman had contacted Whitechapel re: handbell quota, and proposed the same arrangement as last year (seconded FHKing). Namely: If the cost is less than £300 the work should go ahead. If the cost is £300-600 an executive decision should be made by the officers. The motion was carried. FHKing asked about the relative costs of repairing/replacing ropes. CESKugar asked to be authorised to buy some ropes at ~£110 each. PHBrooke proposed, seconded P.M. Ome that 6 ropes should be purchased or repaired as appropriate. Carried. The treasurer will liaise with the church treasurer re: claiming * 50% of the cost from the church. M.D.O. Coughran emphasised that the ropes are a church responsibility to which the Society contributes. The meeting authorised the Belfry Maintenance Officer to spend up to £50 to repair the recording equipment. Prop. PHBrooke Sec. R.M. Brawn. R.M. Brawn also suggested the church should be

thanked CESKugar for his work over the year.

8. Election of Officers. The following officers were elected.

President J.D. Bains Prop. BRMJohnson Sec. T.M. Kugar.

Master BRMJohnson Prop. CCLSeaman Sec. P.S. Seaman

Secretary/Treasurer T.M. Kugar Prop. FHKing Sec. CCLSeaman
Belfry Maintenance

Officer CESKugar Prop. FHKing Sec. ALBrooke.

Auditor M.D.O. Coughran Prop. BRMJohnson Sec. FHKing

Treasurer FHKing Prop. BRMJohnson Sec. J.D. Sherwood.

9. Real Attempt Allocation. Requests were received from CUG, Mark Regan, Nicky Cranton, Peter Sawyer and Ken Hesketh (although he had specified a date in July 1996). ALBrooke requested more notice of local pears and suggested more local pears annually. As the general feeling of the meeting was in favour, only 3 votes attempts was allocated to CUG, Mark Regan and Nicky Cranton. Prop. ALBrooke Sec. LHM Bayle. The secretary is to write to Ken Hesketh and explain the allocation procedure. Peter Sawyer is to be encouraged to apply next year. The list of pear dates will be circulated to the Senate House, King's College and the President. The President said he would consider allowing us more than 5 pears a year if required.

10. It was proposed by BRMJohnson, seconded FHKing that Rule 7 should be amended to read:

"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."

The motion was passed.

11. Any Other Business.

T.M. Kugar proposed, seconded PHBrooke that the wedding fee should be increased to £75. Carried.

BRMJohnson raised the question of an annual donation to the church. The meeting believed the tower repairs had been fully funded and the £1000 donation should not be made.

Those present: CY Baran, Paul J Burns, HM Boyle, AL Brooke,
PLH Brooke, R.M. Brown, BRM Johnson,
ADDams, AW Kilgour, C.E. Kilgour,
TM Kilgour, FH King, MC Lieberood, J.P. Lovells, CH Norrhead,
MHDO'Callaghan, P.M. Orme, MA Purday, HM Rothera, AP Shepherd,
JDSherwood, CCL Seaman, PS Seaman, C. Wright. (24)

Wm Burns 26.2.96.

(1994)

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING to discuss the repair or replacement of the cracked 9th bell. Wednesday 30th March 1994 in the Ringing Room, St. St. Mary's at 8pm. The Master, Mr. Barry RM Johnson in the Chair.

Mr. Frank H King described a proposal to construct a trap door in the roof which would enable ~~scissors~~ ~~(a crane)~~ to use a crane to remove the existing bell for repair. Some members were concerned that welding might not be a long-term solution and that the Society should investigate replacing the 9th with a new bell. There was some anxiety that a new bell might not fit in with the existing bellring. It was further suggested that as the majority of the bells were cast at the same time as the 9th, it was possible that other bells might crack and need to be replaced in the foreseeable future. There was some discussion as to whether the Society should consider establishing a fund with a long-term view to replacing the entire ring, but members were generally in favour of preserving the present character of the bells.

Mr. King was hopeful that the church would be re-imbursed by the University for the cost of the repair (est. £4,100) but it was felt that, even if the cost had to be borne by the Society, we should proceed as soon as possible. A proposal to proceed with the repair of the bell by welding was passed by a large majority of those present.

[Minutes re-constructed by the Master on 22.1.96]

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Twelve-bell Striking Competition Final held on Saturday 24th June 1995 at Coventry Cathedral. The Society won! The band stood as follows:

1. AL Brooke 2. G Brown 3. CCL Seaman 4. EA Orme
5. MC Lieberood 6. CHM Boyle 7. JP Lovells (c) 8. PS Seaman
9. DC Brown 10. PM Orme 11. BRM Johnson 12. PLH Brooke.

[Judges: GM Compiling, A. Regier, JLC Linford]

Wm Burns 26.2.96.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING on Monday 31st July 1995

at 9pm in the Ringing Room at St. St. Mary's. The Ringing Master, Mr. Barry RM Johnson explained that Miss Tamsin M Kilgour had resigned as secretary/treasurer because of ill-health and that Mrs. George Brown (aka Rowena) had offered to take over until the next AGM. The Master thanked Miss Kilgour for all her hard work and Mrs. Brown was elected non con.

The Master further proposed that an extra peal be allowed on January 6 1996 for Mr David C Brown's 3,000th peal attempt. This was agreed by the meeting.

Mr. Frank H King announced that he had re-constructed the 1993/4 accounts which had been audited by Mr. Michael HD O'Callaghan and these were accepted by the meeting. (Proposed by Mr Patrick L.H. Brooke and seconded by Mr. Philip M Orme)

Mr. King also announced that the 1995 Ringing Demonstrations had produced the largest net profit to date and that he was investigating the possibility of air-conditioning for the ringing chamber.

Those present: AL Brooke, PLH Brooke, G Brown, A Dams, CCL Seaman, L.M. Garton, BRM Johnson, TM Kilgour, FH King, JP Lovells, MHDO'Callaghan, HM Rothera, CCL Seaman, P.S. Seaman. (14)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Monday 26th February 1996 in the Ringing Room, Great St. Mary's, starting at 8.10pm with the President in the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence were received from JD Sherwood, EA Orme, MS Edwards, HM Woor, CO'Callaghan.
2. Minutes of the meetings on 30th March 1994, 27th February 1995 and 31st July 1995 were distributed, read, amended, agreed and signed. The ^{part} sentence 'Soundwell of Code to use' was deleted from the minutes of the March 1994 meeting. (Prop. PLH Brooke, Sec. PM Orme.)
3. Matters Arising
 - The Society's handbells have now been repaired by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.
 - The missing account book has been bought and is now owned by the County Record Office.
 - The recording equipment is now in reasonable working order, but may need more attention.
 - After some confusion, it was agreed that the 1993/4 Accounts were 'transcribed' by FH King (not 'reconstructed') and that the 1994/5 Accounts should be adopted by the meeting following FH King's audit. (Prop. PS Seaman, Sec. LHM Boyle.)
4. New Members. There were no new members for election or ratification.
5. Treasurer's Report G Brown said that although the 1995/6 accounts showed a worse financial position than the 1994/5 accounts, she had just received a substantial cheque from the Church Treasurer covering 50% of the previous year's expenditure on bellropes. This was greatly appreciated. After lengthy discussion, during which MHD O'Callaghan wished to make it clear that bell maintenance costs were the church's responsibility (to which the ringers contributed), it was agreed that S Brown as Chairman of the Property Committee should ask the Church Treasurer to write to FH King before November each year formally requesting a budget from the ringers. Mr King would also be invited to the next Property Committee Meeting. G Brown said that in future the Belfry Repair Fund and the General Account would be combined. It was noted that

adopted by the Society. (Prop. PLH Brooke, Sec. PM Orme.)

6. Master's Report BRM Johnson highlighted the Society's victory in the National 12-bell, Cambridge District and Ely D.A. Striking Competitions; the summer interregnum trips to other towers; our failure to score any peals; David C Brown's notable 3,006th peal rung in the tower in January 1996. Mr. Johnson also thanked Mrs. Brown for agreeing to become secretary/treasurer at short notice and reported that the Society had been invited to ring at Westminster Abbey on January 1 1997.
7. Belfry Maintenance Officer's Report. CJS Kilgour reported that there were no major problems with the bells; that the frame and paintwork are still in good order; that he anticipated having to replace 2-3 ropes in the next year. Mr. Kilgour was given the go-ahead for these essential purchases.
8. Election of Officers. The following officers were re-elected nom con.
 President: Revd. J Binns (Prop. BRM Johnson, Sec. G Brown)
 Master: BRM Johnson (Prop. G Brown, Sec. JP Lovelless)
 Secretary/Treasurer: G Brown (Prop. AL Brooke, Sec. PM Orme.)
 Belfry Maintenance Officer: CJS Kilgour (Prop. PM Orme, Sec. G Brown)
 Auditor: MHD O'Callaghan. (Prop. AL Brooke, Sec. PS Seaman)
9. Peal Attempt Allocation. The President reported that he had not received any complaints about excessive ringing so it was agreed to allow one extra peal in order to allocate the following attempts: four local band; Three visitors (K. Hesketh, P Sawyer, JNHD Aeth); one Cambridge University Guild; one special attempt for JP Lovelless's 2,000th peal attempt. G Brown also said she was experimenting with slightly earlier starting times during the winter months.
10. Any Other Business.
 - PLH Brooke was concerned that a recent practice had been stopped because of another event in the church. G Brown said that all practices were now entered into the church's diary which she hoped would solve the problem.
 - The president said he hoped to initiate an Easter Day dawn service. The ringers said they would try to raise a band at daybreak.
 - G Davies suggested that the Society's records should be properly conserved. The meeting agreed and asked Mr. Davies to look into the cost

hoped to update the Society's membership list before the turn of the century.

- The Society agreed to donate £175 to the Fly DA Bell Restoration Fund. (Prop. G Brown, Sec. PLH Brooke)

The meeting closed, with a glass of wine, at 9.30pm

Those present: LHM Boyle, AL Brooke, PLH Brooke, G Brown, G Davies, A Downs, CLJ Downs, LM Gorton, BRM Johnson, AW Kilgour, CET Kilgour, FH King, MC Liebenrood, JP Loveless, MHD O'Callaghan, PM Orme, CCL Seaman, PS Seaman, JD Shanklin. Also present: Revd J Binn, S. Broom, AE Holroyd,

Wm Binn 24.2.97

TOWER OUTING to the Peak District, arranged over the weekend 8-9 June 1996 with members staying in the Rutland Arms Hotel in Bakewell. We were joined by several members who have now left Cambridge & the total party comprised: Patrick & Ali Brooke, David Brown; George Brown; Graham & Wendy Bloom; Chris & Andrea Engr; Bill & Andrea Haynes; Barry Johnson; Kit Kilgour; Adam Kilgour; John Loveless & Linda Gorton; Ray & Frances Meads; Michael O'Callaghan; Phil & Liz Orme; Hazel Pether; Paul & Chris Seaman. (+ 10 children)

Twelve-Bell Swinging Competition. The Society entered a Team into the finals at Sheffield Cathedral on 29th June 1996. We came last!

The band stood as follows: AL Brooke; G Brown; CCL Seaman; EA Orme; CET Kilgour; MHD O'Callaghan; JP Loveless; PS Seaman; DC Brown; PM Orme; BRM Johnson; PLH Brooke.

Visit to Westminster Abbey. Twenty Six members of the Society were invited to ring at Westminster Abbey on January 1st 1997. Three long touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedron Caters and London Royal were rung & the day concluded with a short visit to

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Monday, 24th February 1997 in the Ringing Room, Great St. Mary's, starting at 8.05pm with the President in the chair.

1. Apologies for Absence were received from AL Brooke, EA Orme and ecc Seaman.
2. Minutes of the meeting on 26th February 1996 were distributed, agreed and signed. (prop. PLH Brooke, sec. PM Orme.)
3. Matters Arising
 - FH King reported that he had not been invited to the Property Committee and the absence of a church Treasurer meant that ringers had not been invited to submit a budget.
 - The President apologised for the two occasions on which ringing had had to be abandoned during the year because of clashes in the church's diary, despite practice times being entered on each occasion. The new verges and secretary had been alerted to the importance of keeping Tuesday evenings free.
 - G Davies reported that the Society's records had been assessed by the Paper Conservator at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Mr. Bob Procter. An estimate of £350 had been given to make the repairs, but Mr. Davies felt that the sum should be increased to include an allowance so that a copy of the records could be kept in the belltower. The meeting agreed that the Officers were empowered to spend up to £500 on this work in total. (prop. G Brown, sec. PM Orme.)
 - The President said he would like to repeat the Easter Dawn service in 1997.
4. New Members. Barbara L Caffyn, Emma Reikle and John CG Sturdy were elected as new members of the Society. (prop. BRM Johnson, sec. DC Brown.) Alexander E Holroyd, Christopher N Sheehy and Katy A Whittaker were elected following a belfry election during the year.
5. Treasurer's Report G Brown said that she had had oral confirmation from the Auditor that the 1996 Accounts were in order. The Society's funds looked much healthier as expenditure had been minimal during the year. Appreciation of the amount raised by FH King's ringing demonstrations was voiced. The Accounts were adopted by the Society subject to the Auditor's final signature. (prop. PS Seaman, sec. PLH Brooke.)

attendances, but a very welcome influx of undergraduate ringers. The 'standard six' surprise maxims and Avon Delight had been regular features over the past year at practices. Quarter-Peals ranging from Grandshire to Barford, on outings to the Peak District and a visit to Westminster Abbey had compensated somewhat for the Society's 8th place in the 12-bell striking competition; the first time in ten years that the band had failed to finish in the top 5. The Master wished to minute his thanks to his fellow officers, most particularly CES Kilgour who had given many years of service as Belfry Maintenance Officer.

7. Belfry Maintenance Officer's Report After much discussion, the Society agreed to increase the order for ropes in 1997 from 4 to 12 and, on receipt of those, to place a further order for 12 more at the discretion of CES Kilgour. It was agreed that the Church should be asked for the customary 50% of costs, and G Brown undertook to confirm this in writing to J. Broom immediately (prop. FH King, sec. PM Orme.) FH King raised the subject of air-conditioning for the Ringing Room. After two years' work, the principal concern was the inadequate supply of electricity to the West End of the tower. FH King was asked to supply documentation to the next Property Committee.

8. Election of Officers. The following officers were elected non con:
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| President | Rev. J Binns (prop. BRM Johnson, sec. G. Brown) |
| Master | P.S. Seaman (prop. PLH Brodke, sec. PM Orme) |
| Sec/Treasurer | G Brown (prop. DC Brown, sec. PM Orme) |
| Belfry Maint. Off. | CES Kilgour (prop. PM Orme, sec. G Brown) |
| Auditor | MHD O'Callaghan (prop. BRM Johnson, sec. PS Seaman) |
| Trustee | FH King (prop. G Brown, sec. BRM Johnson) |
- PS Seaman proposed a vote of thanks to BRM Johnson for this, his second period as Master of the Society.

9. Peal Attempt Allocation G Brown reported that there had not been an adverse reaction to earlier starting times in winter months. The Society agreed to offer the 1997 August Bank Holiday attempt to the City D.A in celebration of its 100th anniversary. It was also agreed that in future, visiting peals would be allocated for the calendar year following the AGM.

visitors (B Dennis, J Boden, D Hind); one Cambridge University Guild.

10. Any Other Business

- G Brown exhorted the members to support the quarterly rota for manning the tower. PLH Brodke expressed his concern that some members felt unsure about agreeing to a single-handed shift on the tower for security reasons.
- The Society wished to recognize and warmly thank FH King for his astonishing achievement in organising 21 years of ringing demonstrations, during which time nearly £8,000 of tickets had been sold. To mark the occasion, G Davies had written an 'ode to Frank' which he recited to the assembled company. A copy was hung in the Ringing Room.

The meeting closed, with a glass of wine, at 9.15pm.

Those present: LHM Boyle, PLH Brodke, DC Brown, G Brown, G Davies, AD Dawn, CLJ Dawn, AE Holroyd, FH King, BRM Johnson, J.P. Lovelens, E Meikle, PM Orme, PS Seaman, CN Sheasby, JCG Skidby, KA Whitaker, Also present: Rev. J. Binns, J. Broom, M.J. Bright, G. Davies (Jnr.)

Patent LH Brodke 23-ii-97

Twelve-Bell Competition.

The Society entered the 12-bell eliminator at Aston on Saturday 22nd March, but came fourth and therefore did not qualify for the final.

Central Council in Cambridge

The Central Council met in Cambridge and held their service at GSM on Monday 26th May. Unfortunately only the front 8 bells were available for ringing, the back 4 being out of action at the time.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING held on Monday 16th June 1997 at 8.45pm in the Ringing Room, Great St. Mary's.

The recent breaking of the tenor bell's gudgeon had brought to light serious problems and had resulted in a recent visit and report from White's of Appleton. The EGM had been called to inform the members of

gouging large hole on the windward side of bell which will need to be turned; possible re-bushing of all clappers; badly fitting and therefore loose clappers. The total cost, including possible deductions, would be £6,575 + VAT. Work could commence very soon.

The meeting agreed that a comparative quote should be sought from 'Whitechapel' who were due to visit the next day, and that FH King should approach the University for funds and check on the necessity of applying for a faculty for the work. The meeting also asked PS Seaton to write to Fayre & Smith who supplied the clapper some ten years previously.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm. Those present: AL Brodie, G Brown, CLJ Davis, BRM Johnson, AE Holroyd, CEF Kilgour, FH King, JP Lovell, PH Orme, PS Seaton, JD Shanklin, JGG Sturdy and 4 non-members.

Patrick LH Brooke 23.11.99

SUMMER ACTIVITIES included Practices at Bury St. Edmunds, OLEM, handbells at Hertford Street, and 10-pin bowling in Newmarket.

TOWER OUTING. Twenty or so members and friends visited Norfolk, including ringing at Wymondham, Great Yarmouth, St. Peter Mancroft and Aylham over the weekend 2/3 August 1997. Staying in the Oakland hotel on the Yarmouth Road, we were also invited to David Brown's new house in Aylham for Sunday lunch.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING held on Monday 6th October 1997 in the Ringing Room at Great St. Mary's, at 8.50 pm.

G Brown reported that the Master, PS Seaton, had resigned and that PLH Brodie had offered to stand for election in his place. The members wished to thank PS Seaton for his short time in office and voted unanimously in favour of PLH Brodie. The meeting ended at 8.55 pm.

Patrick LH Brooke 23.11.98

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Monday 23rd February 1998 in the Ringing Room, Great St. Mary's, starting at 8.05 pm with the Master in the chair. The meeting opened with a prayer said by Robert Avery.

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Revd. J Binns, LM Galton, BRM Johnson and EA Orme.
2. Minutes of the meetings on 24.2.97, 16.6.97 and 6.10.97 were distributed. The word 'short' was deleted from the minutes of 6.10.97. All three sets of Minutes were agreed and signed. (Prop. AW Kilgour, sec. PH Orme.)
3. Matters Arising
 - No budget had been requested by the Church, but the Secretary said she had written to the Treasurer to submit likely costs for the coming year.
 - The Society's records should be completely renovated by the summer of 1998.
 - The Belfry Maintenance Officer confirmed that twelve new ropes had been received during the year which had all been fitted. The further set of twelve new tail ends had been ordered and had just been received.
 - FH King said that although he had been invited to a Property Committee meeting, the subject of air-conditioning and supply of electricity was not resolved.
 - The Secretary reported that she had written to the church to say that the ringers were no longer able to run the tower as there had been a poor response to her last request for volunteers.
 - FH King said that PS Seaton had written to Fayre & Smith but the reply had been inconclusive and not worth pursuing.
 - Robert Avery said the Easter Dawn service would take place again.
 - FH King confirmed that the University had contributed approximately £6,500 towards the work on the bells during the previous year.
4. New Members. Martin J Bright, James H Foster, Kit TB Helps, Jo K Hobbs, Stephen M Jones and Rungo B Stacy were elected as new members of the Society (prop PLH Brooke, sec. G Brown). J Robert Johnson was ratified following a belfry election during the year.
5. Treasurer's Report. It was agreed that funds belonging to the Society should be listed under Assets in future and that the Treasurer & Auditor should investigate moving the Society's funds to a higher interest account. The Accounts were

6. Master's Report. PLH Brooke expressed his regret in taking over from PS Seaton but thanked everyone for their support. He had tabled a written report, but asked for general comments on the past year. FH King said he had found the 'tick lists' used in BHM Johnson's term of office very helpful, and the Master said he would consider using these again, even if the job was delegated. Monday evening practices were now being recorded on tape and it was agreed the judicious use of the playback facility might be worth an experiment.
7. Belfry Maintenance Officer's Report. This had been tabled as a written report. JD Shanklin asked when the first inspection from White of Appleton would occur. CET Kilgour said PS Seaton had dealt with this so he was not aware of any such inspection. JD Shanklin said he had a copy of Whites' original report which he would send to CET Kilgour. The Society agreed that two more boxes were needed now that young learners were being taught. The Master requested having spare strops for bells 1-5 and CET Kilgour said he was working on producing templates for all 12 bells. FH King asked about the Society's set of ruffles. It was agreed that CET Kilgour should deal with the repair of the existing set and that these should be kept in the tower. Subject to the above, the report was adopted by the Society. (prop PLH Brooke, sec JAC Sturdy)
8. Election of Officers. The Secretary explained that the post of Trustee had become unnecessary in recent years. She ~~gave~~ proposed that the words 'and a Trustee' be deleted from clause 3 of the Society's rules. This will be voted on at the next meeting. Meanwhile, FH King suggested that the role be incorporated into the Secretary/Treasurer's role for the forthcoming year. This being agreed, the following officers were elected:

President	Revd. J. Binns (prop. G Brown, sec. PM Orme)
Master	PLH Brooke (prop. PM Orme, sec. JD Shanklin)
Sec/Treas/Treas	G Brown (prop. BHM Johnson, sec. PM Orme)
Belfry M. Officer	CET Kilgour (prop. PLH Brooke, sec. PM Orme)
Auditor	MHDO'Callaghan (prop. G Brown, sec. PM Orme)

PLH Brooke thanked G Brown and FH King for their help during the year and JD Shanklin expressed the members' thanks to the Master for stepping in at short notice during 1997.

9. Peal Attempt Allocation. The Master proposed that there should be 5 local bon 1 cur and 2 visitors' peals in 1999 and this was agreed. (sec PM Orme). It was agreed that these should go to David Hird and Ian Fielding and that, in the event of a last-minute cancellation, Tim Griffiths should be automatically offered a replacement date as he had waited for so long. (prop. PM Orme, sec JAC Sturdy)
10. Any Other Business
- The Members were asked to put 20th June 1998 (Church Open Day) and 4th July 1998 (50th anniversary of the awarding of degrees to women) in their diaries.
 - The Secretary asked if there was interest in celebrating the Society's 275th anniversary in 1999 with a formal dinner. This was agreed.
 - It was agreed that £200 be sent to the Ely Diocesan Association Bell Restoration Fund. (prop CMP Johnson, sec. AL Brooke.)
 - A quote of approximately £600 had been obtained for the laying of carpet tiles to the Ringing Room floor, but no decision was reached.
 - A New Ring of Bells. FH King had prepared a preliminary document entitled 'A New Ring of 13 Bells for Great St. Mary's' following the previous year's work on the bells. Several members (including CMP Johnson and JD Shanklin) expressed the opinion that there could be many more years of life left in the current ring and that, given the constraints imposed by the location of the University organ, it was unlikely that either the 'go' or the clarity of the bells would be improved. PM Orme said he was all for it as a general idea, but agreed with JP Caveler that a great deal of work would need to be done regarding founder, acoustics etc. PLH Brooke felt there was no need for urgent action, but that investigations could begin to form a contingency plan. G Brown felt that the band had fluctuated in its strength over the past 30 years and that, as it was currently very active, it was sensible to consider a new ring at a time when there was a group of people able to carry such a project forward. JD Shanklin was concerned that the tower might not last as long as a new set of bells. CET Kilgour warned that the Church was considering an application to English Heritage to fund work highlighted by a recent quinquennial report. Various stories had circulated about problems associated with this Department and CET Kilgour undertook to find out

the PCC. After much discussion, it was agreed that FH King should approach the Church, The Diocesan Bells Advisor and then, if there were no obstacles at that point, apply for a provisional faculty. It was also agreed that a separate meeting should be called in the autumn to allow for greater discussion.

The meeting closed, with wine and beer, at 10.05pm during which it was recalled that the issue of the carpet tiles had not been resolved! A brief discussion and vote of the fifteen or so members still present decided that this should be pursued.

Those present: NJ Bright, AL Brooke, PLH Brooke, G Brown, AD Downs, CJS Downs, JH Foster, JK Hobson, AE Holroyd, CRP Johnson, JR Johnson, SH Jones, AW Kilgour, CEJ Kilgour, FH King, JP Loveless, MH O'Callaghan, PM Orme, JD Shanklin, CN Sheasby, CJ Sturdy. Also present: R. Avery, P Bennett, P. Davison, CRT Eldridge, GM Louth.

Summer Activities

Our first 'summer' activity, was failing to qualify for the 12-bell competition! As some of us can still remember the dizzy heights of winning the competition outright four times in ten years, this is something of a blow, but quite a few members of an otherwise stable band have moved on or out for various reasons. The good news is that this was our first attempt at a joint CY/CUG band and the coming together of the two has meant a much better feeling in the belfry - less than 4 us.

Our activities during the exam term encompassed practices at Peterborough Cathedral, Bury St. Edmund's (or, would have done, had someone shown up with the key!), Handbells at Hertford Street, punting, and a CY v CUG pub quiz night arranged & devised by Cecilia Eldridge.

Much work & planning went into an Open Day at GSM on June 20th.

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in the church. We had a stand which displayed the text of Gareth Davies's history of the bells, photos etc, and we also ran the tower throughout the day, giving demonstrations and 'hands-on' opportunities.

July 18th saw the start of Frank King's fortnight of demonstrations.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Cambridge Youth's held on Monday 15th March 1999 in the Ringing Room, Great St. Mary's, starting at 8.05pm with the President in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from CH Northeast and EA Orme.

2. MINUTES of the meeting on 23rd February 1998 were distributed.

References to JOK Hobbs were amended to JOK Hobson, then agreed and signed (prop. PLH Brooke, sec. JD Shanklin)

3. MATTERS ARISING

G Brown said that the re-carpeting had not been pursued as it seemed sensible to wait until a decision over new bells was taken.

4. RULE CHANGE

The appropriate notice having been given, the words 'and a Trustee' were deleted from clause 3 of the Society's rules. (prop. PLH Brooke, sec. JCG Stord)

5. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- Rosemary H K Brooke (school student)
- Graham M Louth (telecommunications consultant)
- Simon C Farrar (software engineer)

The above were elected to the Society (prop. PM Orme, sec. C.N. Sheasby)

6. TREASURER'S REPORT G. Brown said that, again, the Church Treasurer had not asked for a budget. A discussion took place regarding the charity commissioners' new statement of Recommended Practice and the tax implications thereof. It was left to the Officers to decide whether to set up an independent charity or not. The Treasurer's report was adopted. (prop. JCG Sturdy, sec. CET Kilgour)

7. MASTER'S REPORT The Master reported a slightly increased attendance for services. Orion Surprise Maximus has been re-introduced and there are six beginners at specially-arranged practices. Two peals for the Society were rung: Cambridge at GSM and Erin at Leighton Buzzard. Monthly quarter peals on Sunday lunchtimes have been organised by AE Holroyd. A 12-bell outing to London was arranged by G Brown, but we were unsuccessful in qualifying for the 12-bell final again. The President thanked the Master for his continued work.

8. BELFRY MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT The bells and fittings are in good order with the only major event being the breaking of the 3rd clapper in the year. Two new boxes have been made to help younger learners. No major expenditure is envisaged for the new year. MHD O'Callaghan asked whether the templates for stays had been produced but this hasn't happened yet. PLH Brooke, said that he was particularly in need of spare stays for bells 2, 3, 4 and 5. CET Kilgour reported that there is now a complete set of ruffles in the bellchamber. JCG Sturdy said that there was a broken chair matching the Ringing Room set in the vestry. It was proposed that the Officers get an estimate for repair so that it can be returned. JD Shanklin asked CET Kilgour to chase up White's regarding an inspection of the bells.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Rowd J Binns
Master: PLH Brooke

THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

Established 1724

Rules adopted at the Annual General Meeting in 1999

1. The Society's objectives shall be to promote the art of change ringing and to ring the bells of Great S. 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 S. 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 S. 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/Treasurer. 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 S. 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 he is present. In his absence 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.
10. The Secretary/Treasurer shall record all General Meetings. He shall present a report and audited accounts at the Annual General Meeting. He shall keep a record of attendance at Service Ringing for the Society's use.
11. 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/Treasurer.
12. 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.

Belfry Maintenance Officer: C.E.J. Kilgour

Auditor: MHD O'Callaghan.

All the above were duly re-elected. (prop. PM Orme, sec. MHD O'Callaghan)
MHD O'Callaghan offered to collect Ely DA subscriptions for the tower in the future.

10. PEAL ATTEMPT ALLOCATION Requests from Tim Griffiths, Barry Gore and Linda Goffon were confirmed. As Guild week would take place in Cambridge, C.E.J. Kilgour asked whether an additional peal could be granted on 19th August 2000. 4 free in the diary, the President gave his permission. G Brown was asked to organise this.

11. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS G Brown reported that:

- The archives are now fully restored
- Instead of a picture archive, a biography archive is planned
- a peal will be attempted at GSH on the 275th anniversary itself: 3rd August 1999, and it is hoped to erect a peal board to mark the occasion
- a membership list was circulated and various corrections made.

This will be hung on the wall of the Ringing Room. FH King volunteered to produce a list of occupations in time for publication. G Brown said that although every effort had been made to make the list accurate, absolute accuracy was not possible. The meeting agreed to ratify the list, nevertheless. (prop. BPH Johnson, sec. PM Orme)

- an anniversary dinner will be held on 23rd October 1999 at Jesus College. To date, 60 members have paid deposits.

The meeting proposed a vote of thanks to G Brown for her work on the anniversary celebrations.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- JCG Skordy reported that a Cambridge Yacht Club e-mail list is now in operation.
- The meeting agreed to send £200 to the Ely DA Bell Restoration Fund. (prop. JD Shaulin, sec. A L Brooke)

Great St. Mary's due to be published later in the year, with a section on bells and bellringers by G. Davies.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm with a chorus of Happy (40th) Birthday to the Secretary!

Those Present: CY Barlow, J Binns, AL Brooke, PLH Brooke, RHK Brooke, G Brown, MJ Bright, AD Downs, CJT Downs, SC Farrow, LH Garton, AE Holroyd, BRH Johnson, CHP Johnson, JR Johnson, CET Kilgour, PH King, JP Loveless, MHOO'Callaghan, PM Orme, CN Sheasby, JO Shanklin, JCG Sturdy. Also present: EC Carter, CRT Eldridge, JS Garner, A Pearson, H West

John Binns

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The close-down period was shortened, as an experiment, this summer. Two activities only were organised: a practice at St. Neot's and, the traditional evening's punting.

Another activity with a difference took place on Saturday 8th May when St. Michael's church Hall was taken over to celebrate the ^{40th} birthdays of 5 GSW ringers: Ali & Patrick Brooke, George Brown, Lesley Boyle & Graham Bloom. Having celebrated together 10 years ago, it was good to reconvene once again!

Monday 14th June saw a visit from Anglia TV who shot a short fun 'documentary' in the tower, teaching the presenter to ring in 2 hours! Some clever editing meant that the finished product looked rather better than it might have done. This was the same crew that, in August 1997, filmed George Brown & Lesley Boyle being filmed for a 'takeover' in the tower - to the great amusement of all their colleagues & friends!

Frank King's ringing demonstrations were curtailed this summer due to the sad death of his father. This, coupled with drastically reduced

receipts are much depleted this year.

Tuesday 3rd August saw the successful completion of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maxims by a band of past & present officers on the 25th anniversary of the Society. The peal was nearly stopped at the eleventh hour by the noise of stone-cutting from the re-laying of the pavement outside. Fortunately, the fact that the event was being covered on local radio, TV & The Times served to persuade them to stop in time! The band stood as follows: Ali Brooke; George Brown; Gareth Davies; Lesley Boyle; Paul Seaman; Frank King; Alan Winter; Kit Kilgour; Graham Bloom; Patrick Brooke (c); Barry Johnson; John Loveless.

The Society of Cambridge Youths - A Review

As we approach the end of the twentieth century, one of the frustrating things about reviewing the archives has been the lack of personal information contained in them as it would have been great to be able to read about the sort of things the ringers at Great St. Mary's did, both in the tower and out of it. This, then, is an attempt to provide a 'snapshot' of ringing activity at the end of 1999.

Our Typical Year.

Our regular ringing comprises two sessions on Sundays (8.45-9.30am for the Family Service and 5.30-6.30pm for Evensong) and our Monday night practice (6.30-7pm for learners and 7-9pm for everyone else). During term time the Cambridge Youths are responsible for morning ringing and Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers (The Guild) ring for Evensong. Out of term, the Youths undertake ringing for both services. Generally speaking, we are able to ring all twelve bells, except for Evensong out of term where we sometimes struggle even to ring six!

This pattern continues throughout the year and is only interrupted

stop practicing. In the past, we have ceased ringing from the end of April until mid-June, though this has reduced down a little in recent years without complaint.

We ring approximately eight peals each year, though three of these are reserved for visiting rings bands and one for the Guild. They all take place out of town and the start times are generally in the late afternoon to avoid antagonising the traders in the Market square. We currently charge £5 per rope for visiting bands. We try to schedule Sunday lunchtime quarterpeals after matins once a month during the winter, though it is becoming increasingly difficult to persuade those that live out of town to travel in more than once on a Sunday, particularly now that parking restrictions are so severe in the town.

There is a continuing schedule of University dates to be rung for which are arranged by the University Bellsinger, Frank King. These include ringing for University sermons, for the Honorary Degree Congregations and various royal anniversaries such as the Accession of H.M. Queen. We receive a payment of approximately £70 per annum from the University for this. Technically, ringers are entitled to 50p per session, though in reality, this mostly gets returned to 'the box' as a donation.

In common with other churches, we do not ring during Holy Week, but we have recently introduced handbell and churchbell ringing for the Easter Dawn Service. Fortunately, there are currently approximately ten ringers who also worship at the church so we have been able to keep this up, despite the anti-social 5.30am start!

There are not many weddings in the church, though we are usually called upon for three or four each year for which we charge £75 - paying £5 per rope to the ringers. What with other special events, such as ringing for special services, this means that the bells are rung on about four or five occasions each week; no small commitment for the Ringers,

The year ends, of course, with ringing at midnight on New Year's Eve. At the time of writing, we have not made final plans for the millennium eve, but a party is certainly in the offing.

The Methods We Ring.

Because of the regular influx of University students, we are able to maintain quite a high standard of ringing which regularly includes Stedman Cinqus, Bristol Maxims and, from time to time, Orion Jurpin Maxims. The latter isn't always possible on a Sunday, but it is unusual for us not to ring twelve fairly competently. The band was at its strongest for method, churchbell and handbell ringing during the late-eighties to mid-nineties when the combination of talent and enthusiasm led to a series of four victories in the Taylor Twelve Bell National Competition. The band throughout this period rang together very regularly indeed and changed little over the years. Recently this has changed, with many moving away or taking on family commitments. Our achievements may not therefore be quite so starry, but it has led to much more of a welcome being extended to Guild members which has resulted in much less of a 'them and us' atmosphere in the tower. Our method capabilities have not diminished, but our shrinking is not quite what it was!

Customs and Practices.

- We ring the clock bells up and down before and after each session (3, 4, 5, 8 and 12) and make sure the sound control is on for non-sacred ringing.
- We regularly have about four or five visiting bands during the summer months (out of town only) charging £15 per band for the privilege.
- Frank King is now in his 22nd year of organising Ringing Demonstrations. By advertising in the church (and previously in the Cambridge Festival Diary) Frank contributes up to £1,000 each year by inviting guests (mostly tourists) to watch a demonstration in the tower at 5.30pm each day for a fortnight. Traditionally, these ringers

The highest-scoring ringers are invited to a free curry when the demonstrations are over! Frank's remarkable achievement is set down in an ode, penned by Gareth Davies, hanging on the ringing room wall. After so many years, the script for the demonstrations can be recited by most of the ringers taking part.

- The Cambridge Youths' AGM is usually held on the final Monday in February with the President in the Chair. The conditions of membership of the Youths have varied over the years, but currently it requires a commitment to regular Sunday service attendance, where 'regular' means at least twelve times in any year. Those who continue at this rate are listed in the Attendance Book by name, (kept up-to-date by the Secretary/Treasurer). Those who cannot be so committed are referred to by their initials only.

- Until quite recently, teaching in the tower was a distinctly ad hoc affair. Now, however, there are upwards of half-a-dozen people learning from scratch (aged nine to... well, let's just say, retired) under the tutelage of Patrick Brooke, Jonathan Hanklin and Martin Bright.

- The Box - has been a feature of Cambridge Youths' ringing for many a year. A padlocked, metal transitivity which sits in the middle of the ringing room on the table, it is there to receive cash donations from Monday nights, visitors etc, and is the responsibility of the Secretary/Treasurer. Fines for misdemeanours are no longer made, though alas, payment to a cleaner is also not made, this task being sporadically taken on by the University bellringer and Secretary/Treasurer when the build up of dirt becomes too great.

- A recent addition is the Cambridge Youths' Website; so now it can hardly be called a custom nor a practice. However, along with the facility to email almost every ringer, it has made an enormous difference to the officers in their ability to communicate quickly and easily with the ringers. The website is maintained by John Sturdy.

- The noticeboard, generally goes unnoticed! It does serve, however, for details of Gly DA ringing, copies of the rules etc, but otherwise is hardly consulted at all.

we maintain a good, but occasionally tense relationship, most particularly when they wish to record in the Chapel and the sound of our bells intrudes. Notice of all peals is sent to them and the Senior Assistant Registrar in Senate House once peals are booked into the Church's diary and we receive regular updates of their schedule to avoid clashes.

- Sunday morning prayers have become a regular feature under our current President, Rev. John Binn. He mounts the staircase before ringing begins on most Sundays and his support in this and in many other ways is much appreciated.

Social Occasions

- During the exam term, various activities are organized by the Master to fill in the Monday night gaps when ringing at Great St. Mary's is suspended. Visits to surrounding towers such as St. Neots, Bury St. Edmunds, Ipswich, Mancroft etc are regular, as is an evening spent punting. In recent years, a competition between the Youth and the Guild has taken place, varying from cricket to a pub quiz and even laserquest on one occasion!

- It has been common practice to have a tower outing each year and these have varied from one-day tower grabs (e.g. in Suffolk arranged by John Lovelace or recently to London) to longer weekends, staying overnight (e.g. in Exeter, Bakewell and Norwich).

- An informal dinner has often been held each year though this has often simply meant a get-together in a local Indian or Chinese establishment. More elaborate plans have involved an evening at Anglesey Abbey or a fund-raising 'house-to-house' supper.

- Of the greatest importance is, of course, the pub after each practice. Currently, we are patronising The County Arms opposite Shire Hall. Although it involves a hike from the tower it has the twin advantages of offering seating and food after 9pm - quite a rarity in Cambridge. In previous years we have used the Sir Isaac Newton and The Ancient Druids near the Croydon Centre.

Together after Sunday morning ringing. This used to take place in various ringers' houses, but with so many people unable to afford a central Cambridge location, this has now gravitated to The Copper Kettle on King's Parade where tea, coffee and egg & bacon rolls are consumed with great gusto.

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On Thursday 30th September, a handbell peal consisting of present + past Masters of the Society was rung to mark the 275th anniversary of the Society. Taking place at 6 Bradnash Fields (the home of Barry Johnson) the band sat as follows: John Caveler (1-2/1992-1994), Lesley Bayle (3-4/1986-1987), David Brown (5-6/1982-1985), Gareth Davies (7-8/1990-1992), Patrick Broche (9-10/1987-1990 & 1997-now), Barry Johnson (11-12 1977-1982 & 1994-1997).

Extraordinary General Meeting. On Monday, 18th October 1999

The meeting was called to ratify two helpful elections prior to a peal:

Lucy A Weston prop. John Skirby, sec. Kit Kilgour

Joanne S Gerner prop. Andy Damer, sec. Fungo Stacy

also

Sophia H Farrar prop. Barry Johnson, sec. Kit Kilgour.

All were elected, ~~retire~~.

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275th Anniversary Weekend.

On Friday 22nd October 1999, there was a small gathering of ringers at The County Arms for a pre warm-up drink in the evening. This set the scene for a weekend of conviviality & the meeting of old friends. The next day started well with two peals scored:

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major at Trumpington - Michael MO O'Callaghan,

Kit ES Kilgour, Allen Turpin, Robert BS Bakerhott, Frances E Haynes,

Paul J Seaton (c), Andrew D Downs, Graham Bloom. This peal was to mark

the anniversary, but also to celebrate the life of Kenneth Heeketh, a member of the Society & former ringer at Trumpington.

The second peal, 5016 Stedman Caters, was rung in the ringing room at GSM. Those taking part were: Adam P Shepherd (1-2), Philip A B Saddleton (3-4), William R Haynes (5-6), Martin J Bright (7-8), J Robert Johnson (9-10), Alan T White (11-12)

From 3.30 until 5, the tower was open for general ringing and approximately 50 members came along during the afternoon. For those waiting to ring, tea & coffee accompanied viewings of the new pealboard, membership list, copy archive, and scrapbooks and photographs. Biographies had been prepared by many & these were added to the scrapbooks for future reference. During the afternoon, touches were arranged for different decades of ringing at Great St. Mary's & there was a group photo in the church at the end.

After a sherry reception in the Prior's room in Jesus College, 77 people sat down to dinner in the upper hall at 7.30 pm. PCH Broche welcomed everyone most informally & thanked George Brown on behalf of the company for her work, presenting her with a card & bunch of flowers. The Revd. John Binnr said Grace and there followed a very long & enjoyable meal.

This was punctuated by a handbell touch of 96 changes of Orion Surprise Maximus: Martin J Bright (c)(1-2), John Hobson (3-4), J Robert Johnson (5-6), Patrick CH Broche (7-8), David C Brown (9-10), Barry RM Johnson (11-12). Only one very small hiccup marred an otherwise immaculate performance! The other feature of the dinner was the interjection of snippets from the archives read out by Gareth Davies, Clare Radcliffe, Liz Orme, Hazel Rotherham & Lucy Weston. This went down extremely well & lent a nice context to the evening, which continued well up to midnight.

Tired but happy, the tower was very full the next morning, & the talking continued afterwards for many at 12 Halford Street.

Wednesday 8th December 1999: A visit from the Society of Royal Cunderd Yawls from 7.30-9pm. The SRCY hold their practice out of town a couple of times each year and chose Cambridge to close the millennium. Approx 35 members came in total & a good evening was rounded off by a visit to The Hoghead on Parkers Piece. The master, Ian Fielding, ran the practice.

Friday 31st December 1999: a group of past & present GSN ringers gathered at Ali & Patrick Brooke's house at 9pm to begin the celebrations marking the passing of the old year and (according to some, but not all!) the old century, & old millennium! Just before midnight we walked to the tower, rang the tenor 12 times at the appropriate time & then rang rounds, call changes, firing a 12 and some Cambridge for approximately half an hour before returning to the party.

1st January 2000: Largely the same set of ringers met again on New Year's Day to join hundreds of other churches across the country in ringing for a service at midday.

20/21 May 2000: 26 GSN ringers went to Yorkshire for the weekend, ringing at Pudsey, Calverley, Otley (only just - the Otley show nearly prevented the visit!), Ilkley, Burnall, Skipton, Guiseley & Leeds Parish Churches. We stayed at the Hanover International Hotel in Skipton & had an evening meal there on the Saturday night. We rang methods ringing from rounds through Glasgow, Belfast, Double Dublin & spiced & generally had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES:

We decided to reduce the number of 'off' practices to two this year, to test the water to see if anyone complained. No one did! This year, we went punting & visited St. Peter Mancroft in Norwich.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Cambridge Yawls held on Tuesday 28th February 2000 in the Ringing Room, Great St. Mary's, starting at 8.05pm with the President in the chair.

The meeting began with an opening prayer and thanks from the President for all the work of the Society during the year.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from: CY Barlow; JK Hobson; JR Johnson; GM Louth; CH Northeast; JD Shanklin; CN Sheesby; MB Stacey.
2. MINUTES of the meetings on 15th March & 18th October 1999 were distributed. The words 'nen can' were deleted from the latter, then both were agreed & signed. (prop: PLH Brooke; sec: CMP Johnson)
3. MATTERS ARISING
 - MHD O'Callaghan confirmed that he will be collecting Ely DA robes in future.
 - G Brown said that an independent charity would not be set up.
 - The President said he hoped the GSN history would be printed soon.
4. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS No new members were proposed.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT A drop in profit from the ringing demonstrations had fortunately co-incided with an unexpected profit from the Anniversary Dinner. The report was adopted unanimously (prop: CMP Johnson; sec: PM Orme)
6. MASTER'S REPORT The Master reported on particularly busy practice nights with a mixture of 6, 8, 10 & 12-bell ringing, ringing from rounds to Orion. Although unsuccessful in the 12-bell qualifying competition, 6 peals had been rung, including one rung for the 275th anniversary of the Society's formation. Several 'firsts' had been achieved and a very successful anniversary celebration weekend. The meeting voted a big thank you to the Master & the Secretary for their hard work.

7. BELFRY MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT No major work had been necessary during the year, apart from damage caused to the clock harness by visitors. G Brown said she had not been able to address the issue of the damaged chair. It was agreed that JCG Skurdy would obtain a quote which, if under £100 and acceptable to the officers, should be carried out. CET Kilgour confirmed that neither the templates, nor the report from White's had been pursued. A vote of thanks was proposed to CET Kilgour for his years of service to the Society.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President:	Reud J Binns		
Master:	PLH Brooke	prop: PM Orne	sec: MHDO'Callaghan
Sec/Treasurer:	G Brown	prop: PM Orne	sec: PLH Brooke
Belfry M. Officer:	CTB Helpe	prop: PLH Brooke	sec: G Brown
Auditor:	MHDO'Callaghan	prop: AL Brooke	sec: PLH Brooke

9. PEAL ATTEMPT ALLOCATION As no outside peal attempts were outstanding, it was agreed that the visitors' peals should be offered Norwich, Ipswich & G Brown. (for her 500th peal). It was agreed that PLH Brooke, G Brown & JS Garner should discuss the issue of the March peal for the future.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The meeting agreed to donate £200 to the Ely DA Bell Restoration Fund. (prop: MHDO'Callaghan; sec: PLH Brooke)
- Reud Binns said he would investigate the recent issue of doors being shut at the choir vestry level by the Assistant Choir Master as this had become a dangerous problem.
- JCG Skurdy proposed that a 'coin in the box' lighting system be installed in the bellchamber but it was agreed that this was a matter for the church.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with a glass of wine,

Members Present: G Bloom, MJ Bright, AL Brooke, PLH Brooke, RHK Brooke, G Brown, AD Downs, CLJ Downs, JC Farrar, JS Garner, BRM Johnson, CMP Johnson, SM Jones, CET Kilgour, FH King, RBS Oakeshott, MHDO'Callaghan, EA Orne, PM Orne, JCG Skurdy, LA Weston


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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Cambridge Yachts held on Monday 26th February 2001 in the ringing room, Great St. Mary's, starting at 7.45pm with the President in the chair.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from: AL Brooke, MJ Bright, SM Jones, CH Northeast, C O'Callaghan, EA Orne, CN Sheasby.

2. MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting on 28th February 2000 were agreed and signed. (prop. PM Orne, sec. RHK Brooke)

3. MATTERS ARISING

- MHDO'Callaghan offered to collect the Ely DA subscriptions for the next year.
- The President reported that the GSM History had been printed.
- JCG Skurdy said he would attend to the issue of the damaged chair soon.
- The Master reported that the locked vestry chair door problem seemed to have been resolved.

4. DEATH OF MEMBERS The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Walter Hunt and Peter Border, both of whom had died in 2000.

5. ELECTION OF MEMBERS JD Shanklin sought guidance from the meeting on the issue of electing learners to the Society. He suggested that a form of probationary membership be introduced as a supplement to the current membership rules. BRT Johnson said he felt that membership was a mark of achievement and something for learners to aim for. FH King felt that the usual rule of thumb (qualifying as a voting member by attending twelve Sunday services in a calendar year) helped to de-personalize what could otherwise be a difficult situation. RHK Brooke made the point that she (and others) had had to wait for membership in the past and that it had not deterred her. JD Shanklin then proposed that the learners be added to the Sunday service register in full, but JK Hobson pointed out that this could disenfranchise Cambridge University Guild members who might be upset by this. After a long debate, it was agreed that some form of ritual be established by the new officers of the Society to ensure that the learners felt themselves to be even more a part of the band than they do now.

The following ~~members~~ were ratified as members of the Society prior to peal attempts during the year:

Timothy J Poole (Undergraduate)
Carilla LF Haggott (Surveyor)
Alice Pearson (Civil Engineer)

The following were elected to the Society:

Margaret M Howlett Jones (Music Teacher)
Rachel C Davies (Research Scientist)
Richard A Smith (Software Engineer)
Emily R Hirst (Graduate Engineer)
Laura J Hill (Administrator)
Cecilia RT Eldridge (Student
(prop. PLH Brooke, sec. G Brown)

All the new members were welcomed to the Society by the President

6. Treasurer's Report The Treasurer reported a good financial year, with income over expenditure of £1,500 a large percentage of which was due, as always, to the Summer Ringing demonstrations. The Ringing World was now being bought by the Society but, in general, very little expenditure had been incurred during the year. The following donations were discussed and agreed (prop. JD Shanklin, sec. BRT Johnson)

- £250 to the Ely DA Bell Restoration Fund
- £1,000 to the Church's Michaelhouse Appeal Fund

PLH Brooke sought assurance from the President that the Society would still be able to use St. Michael's hall for its functions in the future following the redevelopment and that assurance was given. The President suggested that the secretary writes to him with a list of the sort of events that might be required

The Treasurer suggested that wedding fees be raised from £75 to £120 with immediate effect bringing the payment per ringer into line with Our Lady of the English Martyrs at £10 each. (prop. G Brown, sec. RHK Brooke)

The Report and all the recommendations made were adopted unanimously. (prop. PH Otte, sec. CTR Helps)

7. MASTER'S REPORT

The Master reported that he had been particularly happy about the high attendance rate on Sundays across a wide range of services; the further integration of the Cambridge University Guild and the Cambridge Yachts; the number of learners under tuition. He thanked those to whom he had delegated tasks, naming G Brown (peals) and MJ Bright (quarter peals) in particular. G. Brown passed on the thanks

meeting) for all the Master's time and encouragement ~~being~~ in recent years.

BRM Johnson and MHDO'Callaghan wished to express their thanks to both the Master and the Secretary/Treasurer for all their hard work. The President expressed his and the congregation's appreciation of the work of the Society as a whole.

8. BELFRY MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT CTB Helps reported a relatively trouble-free year, with the exception of the problems with the tenor clapper. He confirmed that this had been replaced free of charge. MHDO'Callaghan reminded the meeting that the church pays for the bellropes, whilst the Society makes a contribution (currently 50%) to the cost. FH King reported the recent arrival of a letter from the University authorising expenditure of £2,590 on all the work Smith's intend to do on the clock chimes. He anticipated that this work would not disrupt ringing & that it could be completed within four months.

CTB Helps asked for help at Easter to clean up the belfry and asked if anyone wished to buy some of the old ropes.

JCG Skurdy and PLH Brooke offered to buy one each for £10. JCG Skurdy asked if the coathooks could be replaced as they are broken. G Brown said that she had proposed a coatrail, but that this had been felt not to be suitable. The new officers were asked to look into the possibility of buying new coat-iron coathooks in due course.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Master	JR Johnson
Sec/Treas	JK Hobson
Belfry Maint	CTB Helps

prop. PLH Brooke, sec. PM Orme
prop. G Brown, sec. JCG Skurdy
prop. PLH Brooke, sec. JK Hobson

CTB Helps was thanked for his work during the course of the year.

10. PEAL ATTEMPT ALLOCATION The Society agreed to offer peal attempts to Derek Sibson and John Loveless during 2002. G Brown proposed offering the third visitors peal to the Ely DA who had been unable to complete a peal during their anniversary year. The Society agreed to leave this decision to the new officers.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- G Brown said that, despite prompting, the Society's website was 18 months out of date. It was agreed that, in future, the Secretary would inform JCG Skurdy of the events the officers wished to advertise.

- PLH Brooke advised the Society that the 50th anniversary of the granting of city status to Cambridge would fall on 24th March.

- FH King said he would like to see, and was happy to arrange, quarter peals on every Sunday, particularly now there were so many learners who would benefit from such an arrangement. PLH Brooke said he was happy to see an increase in quarters, but asked that care was taken to avoid a drop in general service ringing as a result.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.08 pm

Members Present: PLH Brooke, PLH Brooke, G Brown, RC Davies, MS Edwards, CRT Eldridge, JS Garner, CLF Haggott, CTB Helps, LT Hill, ER Hirst, JK Hobson, MH Hawlett Jones, BRM Johnson, CNP Johnson, JR Johnson, CET Kilgour, FH King, GM Louth, RBS Oakeshott, MHDO'Callaghan, PM Orme, A Pearson, JD Shanklin, RA Smith, MJB Stacy, JCG Skurdy, LA Weston.

Peal

Great St Mary's, Cambridge Sat 29 Sep 2001

5007 Stedman caters (A. S. Hudson)

3 hours 10 minutes

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 A J W Tibbels (c) | 6 R A Smith |
| 2 J E Galloway | 7 P S Seaman |
| 3 G Brown | 8 S M Jones |
| 4 L A Weston | 9 R B S Oakeshott |
| 5 P J Eavis | 10 P M Orme |

Rung as a wedding compliment to Emily Hirst and Mungo Stacy, married 22nd September 2001. Also as a birthday compliment to Phil and Liz Orme.

First on 10 (2) and first as conductor on 10.

Peal

Great St Mary's, Cambridge Sat 1 Dec 2001

5040 Cambridge Surprise Maximus (D. G. Hull)

3 hours 15 minutes

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| 1 A L Brooke | 7 RBS Oakeshott |
| 2 E A Orme | 8 MHD O'Callaghan |
| 3 J K Hobson | 9 B R M Johnson |
| 4 G Brown | 10 M J Bright |
| 5 I J Anderson | 11 M B Stacy |
| 6 J R Johnson (c) | 12 P M Orme |

Rung as a birthday compliment to Rosemary Brooke.

Peal

St Benets, Cambridge Sat 15 Dec 2001

5040 Minor (2160 Cambridge S.,

4 extents Plain Bob)

2 hours 55 minutes

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| 1 A L Brooke | 4 R A Smith |
| 2 R H K Brooke | 5 P L H Brooke |
| 3 F H King | 6 J D Shanklin (c) |

First peal: 2.

Impromptu meeting: Mon 14th Jan 2002

A meeting of the Society took place to discuss the repairing of the two damaged shools that match the ones in the ringing room. J C G Sturdy reported that the cost would be in the order of £370. F H King proposed that the Society should pay half and he would offer to pay the other half. The Society voted in favour of this proposal.

2002

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Cambridge Youths held on Monday 25th February 2002 in the ringing room, Great St Mary's, starting at 8.02 pm with the President in the chair.

1. Apologies for Absence were received from: ER Hirst, MHD O'Callaghan, CE Orme, EA Orme, MB Stacy.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 26th February 2001 were distributed. G Brown requested that in section 5, Election of Members the ratification sentence be changed. It was agreed that it would now read "The

the Society following peal attempts during the year". Following this amendment the minutes were agreed and signed. (prop. PM Orme, sec. JCG Sturdy)

3. Matters Arising

- JCG Sturdy confirmed that the damaged chairs were currently being restored. It was noted that a minute was required to say that it was decided to spend in the order of £175, FH King having offered to pay the other half since this had been agreed in a meeting earlier in the year which had not been minuted. It is duly noted in these minutes that the decision had been made. BRM Johnson proposed that the meeting should thank FH King for his kind offer, which the President did on the meeting's behalf.
- G Brown asked about the ritual mentioned in section 5 regarding making learners feel more a part of the band. JR Johnson responded by commenting that it had been decided to leave the register system as it stood.
- FH King informed the meeting that the matter regarding the clock chimes had all been sorted.

4. Election of Members

The following were elected to the Society:

Imogen GK Brooke (Schoolgirl)

Jonathan C Hetherington (Undergraduate)

Geoffrey A Khan (University Reader)

Edward AT Louth (Schoolboy)

(prop. JR Johnson, sec. JK Hobson)

The following were ratified as members of the Society at the meeting following peal attempts earlier in

Iain J Anderson (Consultant)

Jill E Galloway (Undergraduate)

Andrew SW Tibbetts (Undergraduate)

(prop. JR Johnson, sec. LA Weston)

A discussion was held over the ratification of PJ Earis as a Cambridge Youth since it raised a number of issues surrounding guidelines for membership election, such as Sunday Service ringing, peal attempts, learners being elected and so on. Following a vote on the matter the election was ratified (prop. BRM Johnson, sec. JD Shanklin). JD Shanklin asked that the officers looked again at the election of members, particularly learners, and bring a proposal to next year's meeting. This was carried unanimously (prop. JD Shanklin, sec. AL Brooke). As a final word the President made it clear that anyone organising peals for the Cambridge Youth in the future should only ask those who were members or those who "qualified" for membership. PLH Brooke pointed out that peals could always be rung for the Ely DA.

5. Treasurer's Report

The general account was explained to be the total of the current and high interest accounts. JK Hobson explained that the peal income was lower than in previous years due to the cancellation of the two visiting bands. She also explained that with the new payment for weddings, often no money went in to the account since all the income was paid to the ringers. Following no more questions the report was adopted unanimously. (prop. CTB Help

preparing them and MHD O'Callaghan for auditing them.

6. Master's Report

JR Johnson distributed his report, and in addition commented that we had rung twice as many quarter peals as last year. We had rung fewer peals but he felt this not to be significant. FH King asked which association the Superlative Maximus had been rung for, JR Johnson responded that it had been Non-association. PM Orme pointed out that everyone who had attended the learner's outings should be thanked along with EA Orme. The President thanked the Master on behalf of the meeting for the report and for his year as Master.

7. Belfry Maintenance Officer's Report

CTB Helps outlined the following items

- Regular maintenance had been carried out before each peal, no stays had been broken;
- He had received a copy of the Quinquennial report yesterday, there was a need to inspect rust on the underside of the frame;
- A new set of ropes had been ordered from Ellis and Co;
- Cleaning had not taken place this year; and
- He commented that the Accelerometer test results had seemed high.

JD Shanklin sought clarification of the process for ordering ropes. CTB Helps explained that we order them, they tell us the cost and we confirm or reject the offer. G Brown has the results of the Accelerometer tests, the tower is moving but not

"the orbit was contained in a circle less than 1mm in radius". Surprise was expressed.

The President confirmed that the last Quinquennial report was less than 5 years ago. JD Shanklin said that when he held the post of Belfry Maintenance Officer it had been suggested that the frames were derusted and painted, this had possibly never been done. The President asked that CTB Helps investigate this. A discussion followed regarding the feasibility of such work as well as a possible time scale. The President promised to provide CTB Helps with a full copy of the report so that the time scale could be checked. PM Orme asked that the meeting thank CTB Helps for his work, the President duly did so.

8. Election of Officers

President Revd. J Binns.

Master JR Johnson (prop. JK Hobson, sec. G Brown)
Secretary EA Orme (prop. G Brown, sec. JK Hobson)
Belfry Off. CTB Helps (prop. PLH Brooke, sec. JK Hobson)
Auditor MHD O'Callaghan (prop. PLH Brooke, sec. JD Shanklin)

In a message from EA Orme she confirmed her willingness to stand as secretary but also stated she felt unable to take on the treasurer's role. PM Orme stated that he was prepared to take on the role of Treasurer, he didn't feel this needed a separate post. The meeting requested that PM Orme should be a signatory along with EA Orme. The proposal that PM Orme should take on the role of Treasurer while EA Orme officially Secretary/Treasurer was carried unanimously (prop. JCG Sturdy, sec. PLH Brooke).

9. Peal Attempt Allocation

It was agreed that a peal be offered to the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths. G Brown asked about a peal for the Ely DA. JK Hobson and JR Johnson confirmed that a quarter peal for the Ely DA had been successfully arranged and supported by some Society members. PM Orme proposed that following this success the Master and Secretary approach the Ely DA about a joint peal, this was agreed by the meeting. PLH Brooke pointed out that a Guild peal should also be offered, and JR Johnson confirmed that the officers did so annually anyway. The question of reoffering a peal to Ipswich was brought up by JK Hobson, it was decided not to offer them a peal again. FH King requested that no peals be rung in the last three weeks of July as this interfered with the ringing demonstrations.

10. Donation to Ely D.A.

JD Shanklin proposed that noting the smaller income over expenditure in the minutes we should donate £200 to the Ely DA. This was carried unanimously (prop. JD Shanklin, sec. JCG Sturdy).

11. Any Other Business

- BRM Johnson asked for an update on Michaelhouse. The President explained that work was on track, and although various problems had been encountered they were expecting to open on 30th September this year. There was still a

taking place.

- The President offered an enormous thank you to the Society for all their work during the year, in particular at their family wedding, but also for Sunday service ringing and for what we contribute to the life of Great St Mary's.
- FH King expressed concern about the Ely DA subscriptions; none had been collected this year. It was agreed that the current arrangement for collecting subscriptions was unsatisfactory and it was suggested that the delegated treasurer look into the matter further.
- PLH Brooke brought up the subject of the pressure of time on practice night, and talked about the idea of a ringing simulator that would provide scope for extra use of the bells for practice. He felt that with the number of current learners and with many to come such a system would be useful. The possible cost would exceed £1000 but PLH Brooke believed that a budget of £2000 would be sufficient. PLH Brooke did not want to vote on the matter now since installing such a system would require a large time commitment from many people. A discussion followed on how the system could work and AL Brooke suggested that interested parties visit Balsham where such a system was in place. In general the meeting were in favour, and PM Orme offered to put something on paper to circulate following discussions with David Bagley. It was decided that an EGM would

appropriate way forward. PLH Brooke suggested a Statement of Intent on the part of the meeting to approve, in principle, the installation of a simulator and to request that PM Orme and PLH Brooke investigate further. The meeting would further encourage an EGM in the course of the year to agree the expenditure. This was carried unanimously (prop. JD Shanklin, sec. GM Louth).

- LA Weston mentioned that 2 peal boards had been found belonging to the Society in the void of Great St Andrew's. G Brown requested that she have the details for the archive and LA Weston agreed to pass them to her following the meeting. A Pearson and JD Shanklin clarified that they had not been put up in Great St Andrew's due to lack of space when the Cambridge University Guild were rehanging their peal boards. No decision was made about what should happen to the peal boards in the future.

- JR Johnson proposed the thanks of the meeting to the President for presiding over a lengthy meeting, and for his support of the Society during the year.

- The President pointed out that the problem with the clash of the choir and the bells on Monday night appeared to have been resolved.

There being no other business the meeting closed with a glass of wine at 9.40 pm.

Members present: IJ Anderson, NJ Bright, AL Brooke, IGK Brooke, PLH Brooke, RHK Brooke, G Brown, SC Farrar, JE Galloway, JS Garner, CTB Haps, JK Hobson,

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GM Louth, PM Orme, A Pearson, JD Shanklin, RA Smith, JCG Sturdy, ASW Tibbatts, LA Weston.

Wm Birnms

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING held on Monday, 22 April

2002 at 9pm in the Ringing Room at St. Mary's.

The Ringing Master, Mr. Robert Johnson, was in the chair.

The Master explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the purchase of a ringing simulator apparatus as detailed in the document "Ringleader Simulator for GSM" previously issued by Mr. P.M. Orme.

P.M. Orme and P.L.H. Brooke explained how such a device operated and how it would be installed. They also explained how they envisaged it would be employed at GSM to not only help with training but also for other occasions when ringing the bells "open" might not be possible. The cost to purchase and install the device would be expected to not exceed £1,250.

PM Orme proposed that the Society purchase a ringing simulator. PLH Brooke seconded. Carried unanimously.

PM Orme agreed to organise the purchase and installation of the ringing simulator. Several members offered their services to assist. The Ringing Master then closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Members present: PM Orme, PLH Brooke, FH King, JR Johnson plus most ringers at the practice.

Wm Birnms

2003

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Cambridge Youths held on Monday 24th

February 2003 in the ringing room of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge, starting at 8.06 pm with the President in the Chair.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Iain Anderson, Jo Hobson, Graham Louth, Jonathan Shanklin, Andrew Tibbetts and Alan Winter.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 25th February 2002 and of the EGM held on Monday 22nd April 2002 to discuss the purchase of a ringing simulator were distributed. The minutes were agreed and signed (proposed: John Sturdy, seconded: Kit Helps).

3. Matters Arising

- It was noted by the meeting that draft Guidelines on Cambridge Youths membership election had been prepared and distributed, in response to the request from last year's AGM "... that the officers looked again at the election of members, particularly learners, and bring a proposal to next year's meeting".
- Investigations into derusting and painting of the bell frame were requested at the last AGM. Investigations show that the majority of the frame has been done but the bottom of the frame that is in the rope chamber has not. This needs doing and Kit Helps agreed to progress this action.
- It was confirmed that the peal boards found in the void of Great St Andrew's church do not

the matter further, perhaps if they belong to ~~GSA~~ no one the Cambridge Youths should take possession of them.

- Frank King commented that he has not yet paid his contribution towards the cost of mending the coffin stools (having kindly offered to pay half the total). The church needs to furnish Frank King with a gift aid form so that this matter can be closed.

4. Election of Members

Dale Winter was elected to the Society (proposed Robert Johnson, seconded: Patrick Brooke).

5. Treasurer's Report

Phil Orme explained the main points of the Treasurer's report.

The report was adopted unanimously (proposed Patrick Brooke, seconded: George Brown). The President thanked Phil Orme for preparing the accounts and Mike O'Callaghan for auditing them.

6. Master's Report

Robert Johnson covered the main points of the Master's report. Patrick Brooke noted that the ringing simulator, which was installed last July has been a great success. We have made excellent use of it, resulting in a significant lengthening of the time available for learners ($\frac{1}{2}$ hour on Mondays and an hour on Fridays during University term time). This was one of the main reasons for its purchase.

7. Belfry Maintenance Officer's Report

Kit Helps outlined the main belfry maintenance activities during the past year.

The actions arising from this report were to: derust and paint exposed parts of the bell frame; clean and clear the ringing and bell chambers and void in the spring; and fit new bell ropes as soon as they arrive.

8. Election of Officers

Office: Nominee:

President - Revd. John Binns (prop. Liz Orme, sec. Ali Brooke)

Master - Phil Orme (prop. George Brown, sec. Jonathan Shanklin)

Secretary / Treasurer - Liz Orme (prop. George Brown, sec. Jonathan Shanklin)

Belfry Maintenance - Kit Helps (prop. Patrick Brooke, sec. Phil Orme)

Auditor - Mike O'Callaghan (prop. Liz Orme, sec. Ali Brooke)

The President proposed a vote of Thanks to Robert Johnson for his contribution as Ringing Master for the past two years.

9. Peal Attempt Allocations

For 2003

A request had been received from the ASCY for a peal attempt at GSM on the evening of Thursday 31 July to coincide with their weekend in Cambridge. To agree to the peal attempt would mean one more attempt than the usual eight per annum. It was agreed by the meeting to offer the ASCY's a peal attempt on this date.

10. For 2004

Two requests for peals had been received, one from Linda Garton and one from Andrew Keech.

also requested an attempt for The University. It was agreed by the meeting to offer peal attempts to all three applicants.

10. Donation to Ely DA of £250 was carried unanimously (proposed: Mike O'Callaghan, seconded George Brown).

11. Events for 2003

Events proposed for the coming year were:

- Springtime - learners' local to Cambridge tower outing. This had proved very successful in previous years. Ali Brooke kindly agreed to help organise.
- Saturday 26 July - The Ringing World Roadshow at Lincoln Showground. Simon Farrar said that the Chesterton ringers are keen to go and perhaps we could join forces with them to share travel arrangements. George has investigated hiring a coach for the day.
- October - Outing to Guilford area. Iain Anderson and Jo Hobson have kindly offered to organise an outing to the area now that Iain works in Crawley and they will both be relocating there in the near future.
- Summer - SCT vs. CVG cricket challenge. Phil Orme challenged the Guild to a return cricket match. Perhaps this year the Youths will win.

It was commented at the meeting that this was a good set of events for 2003.

their main annual events in Cambridge this year, and each includes a formal dinner, it was agreed that the Cambridge Youths should not attempt to organise their own dinner this year.

12. Any Other Business

- Bookshelves

Jonathan Shanklin requested that the meeting consider installing a set of bookshelves in the ringing chamber. It was noted that this is not a good place to store anything because of the damp, therefore this idea was not progressed.

- "Tower and Bells" booklet

Frank King brought it to the meeting's attention that our supply of this booklet, which we sell when ringing demonstrations are held, is enough to last about a year.

It was agreed at the meeting that we would like to maintain a supply of booklets. Patrick Brooke commented that on a number of occasions the church had inquired about whether a book about the tower and bells is available to sell on the church bookstall, suggesting that we could sell a lot of books by this route.

Frank King and Laura Hill agreed to investigate options for acquiring original text and reprinting.

- The president thanked the Society for their support with the fundraising campaign for the Michaelhouse Centre. He also mentioned that it should be possible for the café company to organise catering for events held there.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:10pm.

Present: Ali Brooke, Imogen Brooke, Patrick Brooke, Rosemary Brooke, George Brown, Matthew Clark, Phil Earis, Simon Farrar, Julie Gneratne, Kit Helps, Jonathan Hetherington, Laura Hill, Frank King, Barry Johnson, Chris Johnson, Jo Johnson, Robert Johnson, Steve Jones, Robert Oakeshott, Mike O'Callaghan, Liz Orme, Phil Orme, Richard Smith, John Sturdy, Lucy Weston

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2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Cambridge Youths held on Monday 23rd February 2004 in the ringing room of St Mary the Great, Cambridge, starting at 8.08pm with the President in the Chair.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mike O'Callaghan, Chris Johnson, Jonathan Shanklin, Barry Johnson, Laura Hill, Kit Helps, Chris Seaman, Jo Johnson and Andrew Tibbetts.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 24th February 2003 were distributed. The minutes were agreed and signed (proposed: Frank King, seconded: Richard Smith).

3. Matters Arising

(a) Progress on derusting and painting of the bell frame, spring cleaning the ringing room and fitting the new bell ropes is covered in the Belfry Maintenance Officer's report (see agenda item 7).

"Tower and Bells" booklet is in hand. Ideally, the text will be available on the web as well as in booklet form. It was suggested that the booklet be made available for sale in the church as well as up the tower.

4. Election of Members

The election of Nik Baxter was ratified and Stephanie Orme, Thomas Brooke and Julie Guneratne were elected to the society (proposed: Phil Orme, seconded: Patrick Brooke).

5. Treasurer's Report

Phil Orme explained the main points of the Treasurer's report (see separate report).

The report was adopted unanimously (proposed: Patrick Brooke, seconded: Graham Louth). The President thanked Phil Orme for preparing the accounts and Mike O'Callaghan for auditing them.

6. Master's Report

Phil Orme covered the main points of the Master's report (see separate report).

7. Belfry Maintenance Officers Report

In Kit Help's absence the Belfry Maintenance Officer's report was circulated for comment (see separate report). A request was made for helpers on the Monday of Holy Week (when we do not ring anyway) to clean the ringing chamber and clear debris from the void.

Patrick Brooke asked whether we have spare stays for those bells used for teaching (i.e. 2 to 5). We do not

has been placed jointly by CSM, St Benet's and St Andrew's to rectify the situation.

8. Election of Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
President	Rev'd John Birns	Ali Brooke	Liz Orme
Master	Phil Orme	Patrick Brooke	Kit Helps
Secretary / Treasurer	Liz Orme	Patrick Brooke	Kit Helps
Belfry Maintenance	Kit Helps	Liz Orme	Patrick Brooke
Auditor	Mike O'Callaghan	Phil Orme	Liz Orme

There being no other nominations all officers were elected without a vote.

9. Peal Attempt Allocations

For 2005 one request for a peal has been received from Michael Clements. At the meeting, Nik Baxter, the Guild Master, requested an attempt for the University. It was agreed by the meeting to offer peal attempts to both applicants.

10. Donation to Ely DA of £250 was carried unanimously (proposed: Liz Orme, seconded: Patrick Brooke).

11. Events for 2004

Following discussion, events proposed and agreed for the coming year were:

(a) SCY vs. CUG rounders challenge Following the success of the first last year summer Phil challenged the

build to another rounders match.

(b) Outing to London area. Of the options discussed it was agreed that an outing to London offered the right combination of travel distance, towers and entertainment. Liz Orme to organise.

(c) Society dinner. It was agreed that this year the Society should hold a dinner. Liz Orme agreed to canvas members about options (style and venue) and to organise.

12. Any Other Business

(a) Child Protection Policy and its impact on ringing at GSM.

The question was raised about the impact on bellringing at GSM of the Child Protection Policy. This was in response to concerns expressed by the Cambridge Youths following recent articles in the Ringing World, which suggest that compliance could prove burdensome. John Binns explained GSM's policy on this important matter, which is founded on a "common sense approach". In summary:

1. If parents are present they are responsible for their own children.
2. If parents are not present a nominated responsible adult must be there, who needs to be Criminal Records Bureau checked.
3. For youth training sessions there should always be a minimum of 2 adults present, both need to be CRB checked.
4. Any adult who has direct contact with children

checked.

Patrick Brooke offered to act as the liaison point between the bellringers and the Church on this matter. This offer was accepted.

Patrick Brooke pointed out that the guidelines followed by bellringers are driven primarily by the need to comply with requirements under the Health and Safety at Work Act. John Binns mentioned that GSM has recently carried out a safety risk assessment; he will ensure we are provided with the relevant guidelines on managing safety risk.

(b) Structural survey of the existing installation for the bells

Frank King confirmed that Harry Windsor will be visiting GSM during April to carry out a structural survey of the existing installation for the bells. We will receive a short report presenting his views on the condition of the installation and possible future options for the bells and its frame, this report will be circulated to all interested parties including the Church. Frank King stressed that the survey is purely investigative; the findings do not have to be acted upon.

The cost of the survey will be in the region of £250. It was agreed to make up to £300 available to Frank King to cover all costs associated with carrying out the survey (proposed: Patrick Brooke, seconded: Phil Orme).

(c) Ridgman Trophy draw.

Nik Baxter asked whether it would be possible to hold the draw for this competition at the first Monday practice after Easter, the competition rules stipulating that the draw is witnessed. It was agreed that this will be fine.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Present: Nik Baxter, Sue Binns, Ali Brooke, Imogen Brooke, Patrick Brooke, Rosemary Brooke, Thomas Brooke, Phil Earls, Jill Calloway, Julie Guneratne, Frank King, Graham Louth, Robert Johnson, Robert Oakeshott, Catherine Orme, Liz Orme, Phil Orme, Stephanie Orme, John Pratt, Richard Smith, Alan Winter.

Wm Binns
21.02.05.

2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Cambridge Youths held on Monday 21st February 2005 in the ringing room of St Mary the Great, Cambridge, starting at 8.09pm with the President in the Chair.

1. Apologies for absense were recieved from Mike O'Caughnagh, Laura Hill, Julie Guneratne and Alan Winter.
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 23rd February 2004 were distributed. The minutes were agreed and

3. Matters Arising

- (a) The outing to London was cancelled (see Master's report for details).
- (b) It was noted that a Society Dinner was not organised in 2004.
- (c) An update was requested on Child Protection Policy, with Patrick Brooke being the bell ringers' liaison point with the church. It was stated that we have a policy, provided by the church, which is on the society notice board.
- (d) Frank King updated the meeting on the forthcoming structural survey of the existing installation by Harry Windsor. Harry Windsor now has all the equipment he requires to conduct this survey and should visit GSM in April or May. Jonathan Shanklin asked when vertical accelerations will be measured. Frank King said this should be possible.

4. Election of Members

The election of Edwin Carter was ratified (proposed: Phillip Orme, seconded: Barry Johnson) and John Binns, Sue Binns, John Pratt, Leigh Simpson and William Winter were elected to the Society (proposed Patrick Brooke, seconded: Jonathan Shanklin).

5. Treasurer's Report

Phillip Orme explained the main points of the Treasurer's Report (see separate report). Income was down on last year and contributory factors included fewer weddings, reduced donations in the box and a last minute pear cancellation. Expenditure on non-routine maintenance continues to be high (as was the case last year) and Frank King noted that average attendance

2003 to 18.7 in 2004; if this drop reflects a corresponding fall in Monday practice night attendances this would explain the reduced donations in the box.

This report was adopted unanimously (proposed: Barry Johnson, seconded: Kit Helps)

6. Master's Report

Phil Orme covered the main points of the Master's report (see separate report) and thanked everyone for their continued help and support.

Patrick Brooke added his thanks to all those who help out at the simulator practices, providing a valuable opportunity for 6 and 8 bell ringing practice.

7. Bellry Maintenance Officer's Report

Kit Helps covered the main points in the Bellry Maintenance Officer's Report (see separate report).

A request was made for helpers during the May easter period, where there is no ringing, to clean the bell chamber, rope chamber and ringing room.

Kit Helps reported that he had ^{accepted} ~~received~~ a quote of £1,700 from Elliot for new ropes, though no commitment to delivery times. Phillip Orme said that he had spoken to the church officers (i.e. Stella Weeds) about this anticipated expenditure, of which the church normally covers half.

Frank King raises concerns about proposals for a spire to be erected on the tower, which if it

bell frame and inhibit access to the bells or the ability to get the bells in and out of the tower. Such constraints would not be acceptable to the bell ringers. John Binns explained that there are ongoing discussions about the feasibility of having a spire and concerns such as those raised at this meeting will need to be taken on board.

Jonathan Shanklin noted that routine inspections prior to peal attempts, as happens today, may not be adequate given the current performance and maintenance needs of the bells, frame, fittings and fixtures. He suggested that routine inspections are held monthly in future. Kit Helps agreed with this suggestion.

Phillip Orme said that more GSM ringers ought to get involved in maintenance activities and he requested that others take an interest in the maintenance and upkeep of our bells.

The President thanked all the officers for their hard work and commitment over the past year.

8. Election of Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
President	Rev. John Binns	Jonathan Shanklin	Alan Winter
Master	Phillip Orme	Alan Winter	Patrick Brooke
Sec./treas.	Liz Orme	Frank King	Alan Winter
Bellry	Kit Helps	Phillip Orme	Jonathan Shanklin
Maintenance			
Auditor	Mike	Phillip Orme	Alison

There being no other nominations all officers were elected without a vote.

a. Peal Attempt Allocations

Phillip Orme offered up the 19th March 2005 peal date to anyone who felt they could get a decent band together to ring. With the National 12 bell eliminators on this date and both the Society and Guild entering bands it was agreed at this meeting that there will be no peal attempt.

Phil Earls requested an additional peal attempt in 2005 on the evening of Thursday 1st September to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Guild's first 12-bell tower peal. Subject to usual checks the meeting agreed at the meeting that this attempt should go ahead.

For 2006 three peal attempts requested were reviewed:

1. Simon Farrar (non-Guild)
2. Derek Simpson
3. George Brown

Following a show of hands it was agreed by the meeting that we will offer our two visitors' peal attempts to Simon Farrar and George Brown.

It was also agreed at the meeting that we ought to request part-payment of the peal

cancellations as happened in 2004.

10. Donation to Ely DA of £250 was carried unanimously (proposed: Jonathan Shanklin, second: Kit Helps).

11. GSM bells questionnaire

The results of the questionnaire were circulated in advance of the meeting (see separate sheet). The main comments from the job are given below:

Phillip Orme thanked Barry Johnson for producing the questionnaire, which has proved popular. He started discussions by outlining his views on the purpose of this exercise. He said that being an active band today gives us the opportunity to investigate and consider options for the future of the bells. Broadly speaking, these options range from continuing what we do today, doing some more substantive maintenance, or doing some major work.

Barry Johnson thanked Liz Orme for putting the analysis together in a very readable form. Barry expressed his keenness to put forward some further investigations of our options (e.g. simulation of different arrangements of bells in the tower).

Jonathan Shanklin said that it is essential to get a point of view that new bells/frame we make things better. Patrick Brooke pointed out that the reason for 1/16th turning the tenor

that the tenor is serviceable for some considerable time. Frank King pointed out that the 6^m is also badly worn and the 9^m has been welded. However, it was noted that it ought to be possible to match both these bells with new ones in the event this is required, it is the tenor that would be hardest to match.

George Brown noted that:

(a) the church has recently had a major fund-raising activity (i.e. Michael House)

(b) Frank King has extensive links across the university that will be lost once he retires. These are important factors to bear in mind when considering if and when to undertake major work on the bells.

Chris Johnson noted that the results of the questionnaire responses indicate that we should consider doing something major.

Our President, John Binns, asked whether there is general support to investigate further our options. A proposal was put to the meeting that a sub-group is set up to investigate options and report back on findings.

(proposed: Phillip Orme, seconded: Barry Johnson)

The proposal was carried unanimously, the sub-group to be convened by Phillip Orme.

It was confirmed that further investigations will consider a range of options, not just those that require major work.

12. Any Other Business

(a) Welcome pack for volunteers working with children.

Copies of welcome packs from the church office are with Liz Orme.

Frank King asked about the interviews the welcome pack states will need to be held from volunteers. It was agreed that we should get back in touch with the church office about an appropriate way forward.

(b) Key holders

A list of bell ringing key holders has been produced along with the procedures for delegating responsibility for these keys to GSM ringers.

Frank King noted that each year at the Guild's AGM there is a handover to the Society of one set of keys to be used by them. Although this may seem trivial it serves an important purpose, reaffirming that it is the society that is ultimately accountable for that set of keys.

(c) Tower Procedures

Tower procedures have been prepared that provide details for getting in and out of the ringing room and bell chamber, preparing for ringing and leaving the bells once ringing has concluded. These procedures are especially

running the ringing and visiting pearl bands.

(d) Safety procedures

As a follow up to the safety procedures prepared by the church some ringing specific "common sense" safety procedures have been drafted. These are still in preparation.

(e) Alumni weekend

John Binns mentioned that a University alumni weekend is being organized for the weekend of 24th September. They would like there to be some ringing at this event.

(f) PCC Representation

Patrick Brooke asked GSM ringers to consider whether they might be interested in becoming a PCC member. He noted that it has been very helpful having a ringer on the PCC (e.g. when discussions about the spire, mobile communications, child protection, etc. arise). Patrick will be standing down after 3 years on the PCC.

(g) Outing linked to fund raising for Christian Aid.

Jonathan Shanklin said that he would be willing to organise an outing linked to the fund raising event for Christian Aid on the first May Bank Holiday where you go to the highest point in each county. The highest points in Cambridge-

There was plenty of interest in this idea.

To close the meeting The Revd John Binns said a short prayer in memory of Susan Aggs, who was well known to many GSM ringers.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.38pm.

Present: John Binns, Sue Binns, Alison Brooke, Imogen Brooke, Patrick Brooke, Thomas Brooke, Rosemary Brooke, George Brown, Jennie Butler, Edwin Carter, Matthew Dawson, Phil Earis, Kit Helps, Frank King, Barry Johnson, Chris Johnson, Jo Johnson, Robert Johnson, Catherine Orme, Elizabeth Orme, Phillip Orme, Stephanie Orme, John Pratt, Jonathan Shanklin, Leigh Simpson, Richard Smith, Richard Smith, Steve Ward, Dale Winter, William Winter.

W. Binns
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