

**Exeter Colleges Guild AGM, Wednesday 12th February 2003
St David's Church, Exeter**

Meeting commenced at 2050

Present: Owen Dobson, Kathryn Ward, Heather Nelson, Fiona Knott, James Kerslake, Alex Rowan, David Maynard, Matthew Durling, Pete Boobier, Geoff Crockett, Wendy Campbell (Guild Secretary), Ian Campbell, Matthew Hilling,

Apologies: Richard Bastable, Mrs Boobier, Giles Dee-Shepland

AGM Minutes, 2002, read and accepted by Matthew Hilling and David Maynard.

Matters Arising:

Wendy kindly said she would provide the ECG with details of GDR pins/badges.

Ringling Masters Report:

David gave an overview of the relative successes and highlights achieved over the last academic year. Including the Beach Barbecue held at Exmouth and the joint outing with Bristol which both occurred in the Trinity term of 2002. He reminded us that it was the ECG's turn to organise the outing with Bristol this year. We also managed to ring a quarter peal to celebrate the Queens Jubilee and Heather's 21st birthday, also last summer. This new academic year got off to a good start with a successful intake of Freshers at the Squash in October, significantly raising membership levels.

The Michaelmas term saw the Society enter the 6-bell competition at Holcombe Burnell and achieve a respectable 5th place, as well as the Peal rung in celebration of Mrs Boobier's 90th birthday. The term ended with a very good Christmas dinner at the Hogshead.

More recently, we had a successful Annual Dinner weekend, with a change of venue being well received by guests. A good days ringing in Plymouth and even a touch of handbells. David also mentioned the achievement of gaining a quarter on the handbells.

Secretary's Report:

Reiterated the Masters' report, with specific attention to the increase in resident ringers. Although many of those who did sign up are not regular ringers, we consistently have a band of 8 to ring on a Sunday morning, which is excellent. The social events have all been well attended and enjoyable – look out for more to come.

Treasurer's Report:

Absence of a Treasurer this year hasn't helped in effective management of the Societies finances. Current balances were unavailable, however aware that funds in the Number 2 account were at, or very close to, nothing, with monies still being owed to members. The Number 1 account is in a similar situation with minibus hire costs, tower fees etc draining resources. Matt Hilling described how the annual subscription to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers is to be paid.

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Elections of Officers:

President:	David G Maynard	Proposed by Heather Nelson Seconded by Owen Dobson
Deputy President:	Heather Nelson	Proposed by David Maynard Seconded by Matthew Durling
Secretary:	Matthew M Durling	Proposed by James Kerlake Seconded by David Maynard
Treasurer:	Kathryn Ward	Proposed by Matthew Durling Seconded by Heather Nelson
Publicity:	Alex Rowan	Proposed by Matthew Hilling Seconded by James Kerlake
Quarter Peal Secretary:	Fiona Knott	Proposed by Matthew Durling Seconded by Owen Dobson

Any other business:

Heather raised the possibility of doing some fundraising to boost the Societies funds. Particularly in view of the forthcoming outing with Bristol University. Suggestions ranged from sponsored peals to a cake sale.

Matthew commented on the possibility of arranging a regular time to sweep the tower steps and keep the ringing chamber tidy. This needs to be done at least once a term, either before a Wednesday practice or on a Saturday morning. Geoff reminded us that the bell chamber itself needs a clean.

David questioned the feasibility of acquiring some new ropes, and suggested we approach the University Guild for some money to do so.

Matt Hilling spoke about the website and requested that any photographs or information be forwarded to him by email to ensure it is kept as up to date as possible. He also reminded us that society t-shirts were still for sale, with details to be found on the website. Suggestion that we have co-ordinated t-shirts for the Freshers Squash in September.

With reference to practice nights, it was asked whether it would be possible to attract visiting ringers to our Wednesday practices to enable us to ring some different methods. Reminded that St. Marks were visiting on Wednesday 19th February and that we were welcome to attend other practices across the city.

Meeting closed 2120