

Minutes of the Exeter University Change-Ringing Society (Exeter Colleges Guild) Annual General Meeting 18th February 2004

Meeting commenced at 9.05pm

Those present:

David Maynard, James Whittaker, Vicky Wills, Tim King, Andrew Digby, Richard Pratt, Dominic Meredith, Alex Rowan, Geoff Crockett, Rosie Green, Rebecca Hartley, Heather Nelson, James Kerslake, Kathryn Ward, Pip Rossiter, Wendy Campbell and Matthew Hilling.

Ringing Master's (President's) Report

David started by commenting on what a good year it had been for the society. He then went on to talk about the last year, including many noticeable achievements; the following is a summary of his account.

The last academic year was marked by events such as Kathryn's first quarter peal, and beating the Bristol ringers at skittles (even if the latter was marred by the destruction of the gnome).

The new academic year saw a number of new recruits to the society, and a quarter of plain bob triples was rung to celebrate the start of term. This was especially noticeable as it was the first quarter peal on eight bells for Alex, Kathryn and Pip. Some well respected ringers from York Minster also joined us that weekend. During the Trinity term a total of around 25 quarter peals were rung, both on handbells and tower bells. This is about as many as the society had rung in the last 10 years put together, so is a good sign for the health of the guild. There was also an all undergraduate peal rung which was the first in a very long time, and was the first peal for Alex, Dominic, Pip and James. The term was rounded off by the well attended Christmas dinner held at the Artful Dodger.

So far during the Lent term there has already be a few events worth noting. On the 7th February it was the annual dinner and outing. This was very successful, and a good time was had by all; especial thanks go to Kathryn who organised the dinner and put in a lot of hard work to make it a success.

All in all it has been a good year. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make it so, especially the local ringers of St David's who give us so much support.

Election of Officers

Committee Position:	New Candidate:	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Ringing Master (President)	Dominic Meredith	James Kerslake	Alex Rowan
Secretary	Philippa Rossiter	David Maynard	James Kerslake
Treasurer	Kathryn Ward	Alex Rowan	Heather Nelson
Deputy Master	Alex Rowan	Dominic Meredith	James Kerslake

Election of Officers (Cont.)

Committee Position:	New Candidate:	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
¼ Peal secretary & Stock officer	James Whittaker	Alex Rowan	James Kerlake
Publicity Officer	Vicky Wills	Philippa Rossiter	David Maynard
Cleaning Lady	Rosie Green	David Maynard	Dominic Meredith

As there was only one nomination for each of the posts no vote was necessary.

Any Other Business

Heather made a proposal that in future the dinner was organised by a committee, as the current system does put a lot of pressure on one person, and has no backup if the organiser happens to fall ill at an inconvenient moment.

It was agreed that this was a sensible suggestion and the following committee was decided upon:

Secretary (Chairperson)

Treasurer

Ringling Master

Deputy Master

Publicity Officer

+ Another member who does not have too many responsibilities already.

The meeting was ended at 9.35pm with a vote of thanks to David for everything he has done for the society, and a lovely cake courtesy of Mrs Boobier.