



# DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

## Epiphany Term – TGM

20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – St. Brandon's Church, Brancepeth

### Minutes

*Meeting opened at 20:17.*

#### **Present:**

Michael Crilly (*chair*)

Emily Banks

Matthew Pearson (*taking minutes*)

Alex Riley

Sam White

Izzy Gale

Oliver Rice

Tom Higton (visitor)

Helen Wickins (visitor)

Hester Higton (visitor)

Izzy Seale

Keith Hayton (visitor)

Sarah Smith

Michael Anderson

Ben Pearce

Natasha Kozlowski

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Rachael Sanderson and Joseph Walker.

The meeting noted that the Chairperson had not apologised for his absence.

## **2. Approval of the minutes from the Michaelmas term TGM**

Taken as read and approved on a general aye.

## **3. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were none.

## **4. Officers' reports:**

### **a) Master**

Izzy S: On average, a fair few bells have been rung. Practices have been well attended, and learners' practices have continued this term. In general, eight bells have been rung at practices. There has been ringing every Sunday morning, with usually four or five ringers plus James Morgan. It would be great to have more people at Sunday ringing so that we can consistently ring at least six bells (*at this point, the Vice-Master pointed accusingly at some persistent slackers*). We do not charge for Sunday morning transport, so it is a great chance to ring more often. Two tower-bell quarter-peals were rung this term, of Plain Bob Doubles (Izzy Seale's first QP) and of Stedman Doubles, and a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung in hand. DUSCR hoodies have arrived. Many thanks to James, Jean and Keith for their ongoing support. Finally, I have run out of puns, so I guess that's all.

### **b) Treasurer**

Alex: We have some money – I've forgotten how much. We obtained a grant of £300 from the SU, which is nice, and this will go towards Summer Tour. Please come to the Treasurer's Tour, please. It will be on 9 March and will involve some ringing at some towers around Stockton-ish.

### **c) Webmaster**

In his absence, the Webmaster had informed the Secretary that the website was mostly up-to-date, although the meeting noted that the minutes of the Michaelmas TGM were not yet on the website.

## **5. Election of Webmaster**

Sam White - proposed by Oliver Rice, seconded by Izzy Seale, and duly elected on a general aye.

## **6. Motion to appoint a Handbell Master as a non-executive officer**

*Motion proposed by Oliver Rice.*

Oliver said that there was much enthusiasm for handbell ringing, which had never happened before. Someone keen was needed to teach people to ring handbells in advance of the DUSCR 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.

Alex Riley - proposed by Oliver Rice, seconded by Matthew Pearson.

Motions to create the position of Handbell Master, and to appoint Alex, were duly passed on a general aye.

## **7. Any other business**

Matthew had been made aware that certain landlords/-ladies might be unhappy about individuals who chose not to buy anything in the pub. It was felt that, whilst it is not obligatory to drink, and whilst it is not DUSCR's place to force people to buy anything, this should be brought to people's attention.

The Master and Vice-Master encouraged more people to turn up on Sunday mornings unless they had a good excuse – this did not include sleeping. The Secretary also reminded the meeting that, from personal experience, hangovers were not a valid excuse.

Hester asked where the Brancepeth handbells were, as she had been unable to find them in the church. The meeting believed they were still there, but that Joe Walker might have them. It was agreed to check afterwards (*N.B. the handbells were found in the church after the meeting had closed*). Alex expressed sarcastic consternation that his newly-formed role might be made redundant.

*Meeting closed at 20:30.*