

**The Parish Church of St. Mary, Barnes, Bell ringers
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting held in Melvill Room on 12th February 2011

MINUTES

Present

**Eddie Hartley
Charles Turnbull
Trisha Hawkins
Andrew Howard-Smith
Emma King
Lee Smith
Mike Wigney
Michael Murison
Giles Dimock
Lee Smith (from item 3)
Eddie Heath (from item 3)**

Apologies

**Jill Wigney
Monica Trow
Katherine Malvern
Michael de Freitas
Colin Yandle
Susan Chadwick**

1. Minutes of the last meeting on 20th February 2010

An inaccuracy was noted - Eddie Hartley had not taken the matter of housing the simulators to the standing committee in the previous year, but had been advised of the standing committee's decision by the Church Wardens.

The minutes were proposed by Charles Turnbull and seconded by Giles Dimock. Therefore they were agreed as an accurate record of the 2010 AGM meeting.

2. Outstanding Matters arising from 2010 AGM Minutes not on the Agenda

- Item 3D – Jill Wigney (JW) had prepared a summary report of the expenditure the Tower had made for repairs during 2009. Following discussion it was agreed that - while the Church remained in financial difficulty - the Tower would continue to pay for small items of expenditure during 2010 - 2011. This was a principle agreement which would be reviewed each year.

Action – Andrew Howard Smith (AHS) and Jill Wigney (JW) would review expenditure that was likely to be incurred during 2011.

- Item 5A - AHS and Eddie Hartley (EH) were still to deal with the odd struck bells. This was not a high priority.

It was noted that new strip lights had been fitted in the bell tower and thanks were given to EH and AHS for there work with this.

AHS reported that due to his continued absence Colin Swinton had not been approached to help with bell maintenance.

- Item 5C - Charles updated that the Independent Safeguarding system had been shelved by the Government mid way through the year and the respective body had since been disbanded. AHS advised the meeting that all necessary volunteers working with children were CRB checked.

3. Notice of matters to be raised under AOB

Communication and use of web site.

4. Reports

a. Annual Report

All at the meeting agreed that the Annual Report reflected the active year that had passed. The report was proposed by Eddie Hartley and seconded by Trisha Hawkins. The Annual Report was therefore accepted and AHS was thanked for all of the work he had done on it.

b. Quarter Peal Reports

The report had been distributed prior to the meeting.

c. Peal Report

One peal had been rung by a visiting band in December and had yet to be added to the peal records.

Action – Jill Wigney will add to the Peal records.

d. Treasurer's Report

Petty cash had built up and the Treasurer intended putting £1,000 into the Post Office account subject to anything which arose at this meeting.

Action – Eddie Hartley will advise Jill how much would be spent on the housing box for the simulators.

It was noted that AHS still needs to be made a bank account signatory.

Action – Jill Wigney

A report of expenditure on ropes and other maintenance for 2009 would be sent to the PCC shortly after the AGM, together with a note of the funds raised from dedicated ringing.

Action – Jill Wigney

It was noted that several hundred pounds had been raised over the course of the year through the dedicated ringing.

It was noted that Colin Yandle had a significant anniversary coming up in August 2011 and dedicated ringing might be appropriate to mark this occasion.

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts were proposed by Charles Turnbull and seconded by Eddie Hartley and duly accepted.

Rev Richard Sewell, Rector, took the Chair for next item

5. Elections

The Rector thanked those who had served as officers of the tower during the past year. The following were elected for the coming year, unopposed.

Tower Captain

Andrew Howard Smith (proposed by Giles Dimock and seconded by Michael Murison).

Deputy Tower Captain

Trisha Hawkins (proposed by Giles Dimock and seconded by Michael Murison).

Secretary / Treasurer

Jill Wigney (proposed by Giles Dimock and seconded by Michael Murison).

The Rector was thanked for Chairing and left the meeting.

6. Confirmation of other Organisational Responsibilities

The following arrangements were confirmed:

- a. Bell maintenance – Andrew Howard-Smith
- b. Contact for Surrey Association - 1.Jill Wigney 2.Trisha Hawkins
- c. Contact for St Mary management/FC/PCC etc – 1.Trisha Hawkins 2.Michael Murison
- d. Contact for visitors – Andrew Howard-Smith
- e. Contact for Weddings and Special Occasion ringing requests - Andrew Howard-Smith

7. Sunday Service Ringing:

- a. 10.00 service
- b. 11.30 service
- c. 6.00 service
- d. Dedicated ringing

After much discussion the meeting agreed that the band would ring for the 11.30am service every third Sunday of the month.

Some ringing had been done for the choral evensong and would continue.

Action – Giles would continue to organise the ringing for the choral evening song.

Action – Trisha Hawkins would review the publicising of the dedicated ringing with the Rector.

8. Recruitment

Due to the success of the previous year's recruitment drive and the need to consolidate this work, there would be no special recruitment activities this year.

9. Training & Practices

Friday practices

These have continued to be well attended and are covered in the Tower Report.

Saturday morning training

The structure of the morning to be reviewed and established ringers to be asked to commit to attending.

Action: AHS would ensure a review of the training in order to maximise development for young ringers.

Other

Overall the structure of training would be reviewed to free up more time for the development of new learners (action as above).

10. Peal Boards (replacing those lost in the fire)

Nothing to action at this stage.

11. Tower Developments / Requests for expenditure on capital items

Action: Eddie Hartley is going to make a box for housing the ringing simulators and this has been agreed by the Church.

12. Barnes Weekend 2011 (Wednesday 13th to Sunday 17th July)

The trip will be based in Market Harborough. Mike is organising the towers, Trisha the accommodation and Jill the ringing. Invitations have gone out and the deadline for replies is 18th February.

13. Barnes Weekend 2012

This will take place over the third Saturday in July – possibly back to Market Harborough as there appears to be plenty of towers to warrant a second visit.

Wednesday 18th to Sunday 23rd July were agreed unless due to a significant event the date was forced to change.

14. Forthcoming Association events 2011

Northern District Training Day	5 th March
Ringing World Centenary Day	26 th March
Leading up and down	16 th April
Surrey AGM	14 th May
Plain Bob minor training	11 th June
Grandsire Triples training	16 th July
Train the trainers	6 th August
Towards better striking	17 th September
Listening skills morning at Barnes	15 th October
Southern District Training Day	12 th November
Christmas meeting	17 th December - at Barnes with mulled wine and mince

pies.

13. Future Tower Ringing Activities

a. Outings

It was agreed that the Winter outing will always be on the last Saturday in January and AHS will ensure this is adequately publicised. Eddie Heath was thanked for arranging the outing in January 2011.

b. Surrey QP Week (14th -22nd May 2010)

Best endeavours will be made but availability of members present at the meeting would be limited.

c. Peals

These would be considered later in the year as appropriate occasions and opportunities arise.

d. Other

Eddie Hartley talked about an idea for a ringing trip to the Scilly Isles. The meeting felt positive about this idea and potential months for the outing were discussed, including May and October 2012.

Action: Eddie Hartley will email a more detailed proposal to members and ringers who usually attend the summer trip.

15. Future Non-Ringing Activities

a. Coffee morning (18th October 2011)

Action: Trisha Hawkins will aim to secure the running of the Cafe in aid of the Tower on this day.

b. Tower opening for Barnes Fair (9th July 2011)

Action: Charles Turnbull will organise the rota and AHS will co-ordinate activity on the day from the beginning till circa 2pm when Charles will be available.

c. Tower cleaning (stairs, clock room and bell chamber)
Action: AHS and Giles will organise, including a clear out of the clock room.

d. Frame tightening and general maintenance
Action: AHS would continue to do this.

16. Review of recommended ringing fees and payments

After much discussion, it was agreed that wedding fees should remain at £275 for the year beginning January 2012 with the fees paid to ringers increased to £25 and the arrangement fee increased to £15.

17. AOB (Items notified under 2)

a. Communication and use of web site

Action: more use would be made of the website.

Action: in order to improve communication of tower events emails would include a link to the tower website and headline emails would be sent out about forthcoming events.

18. Date of next meeting

This was agreed as Saturday 11th February 2012.

Meeting ended 4.50pm.