

## ST ANDREWS CHURCH HISTON BELLRINGERS GUILD AGM

Minutes of the AGM held at 39 Harding Way Histon  
on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2003 at 7.30pm

Present: Chris Clare, Evelyn Kirby, Mike Davies (Chair), Tim English, Chris Northeast, Penny English, Will Scheilling, Hannah Reeve, Nicola Harding, Madeline Vials

### 1) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Des Phillips, Mavis Driver, Jonathan Western and Rob Walker.

### 2) Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

### 3) Matters arising

#### a) Impington Bell Account

Mike Davies reported that c£1,200 is held in this account. This money was raised some years ago with the aim of adding three bells to the Impington tower. At present the existing bells cannot be rung full circle but only chimed. It had been agreed in the past that this money should be left until needed for the Impington bells rather than being used for other purposes. It was agreed that the money should continue to be left in the account.

#### b) Memorial for Harry

It has been intended that a photo of Harry Foster should be put up in the tower opposite the one of Harold Muncey. This has been put on hold awaiting the location of the negative of the photo by Rob Walker.

It was suggested that it would be a good idea to label and date the photos in the tower. Although most are labelled on the back, it would be useful to have the date on the front of the group photographs.

**Action:** Tim English agreed to look at the photographs and make a note of the names where needed.

#### c) Hand bells

Chris Clare reported that the cupboard to store these has now been made

d) Locking Belfry door

This problem has not been resolved. It was agreed that a key pad system would be the best solution, though the cost may be prohibitive.

**Action:** Mike Davies agreed to speak to the churchwarden.

4) Tower Captain's Report (Mike Davies)

a) Deterioration of the bell ropes.

Two of the ropes were replaced before ringing a peal last month, but the replacement ropes were almost as old as those they replaced. There are now no sound spares. The point has been reached where all eight ropes need to be replaced. Ellis's have been recommended: the cost will be in the region of £800-£1000. It was agreed that we should go ahead and purchase the ropes.

**Action:** Mike Davies to investigate actual costs. Penny English to investigate applying for funding from Histon Feast.

b) The Flagpole

Raising the flag is a safety hazard. It involves climbing through the ropes and onto the sloping lead roof which can be treacherous. The question has been raised of moving the flagpole. If it nearer the end of the tower overlooking the north transept it would be possible to raise the flag from below. This would also have the benefit of stopping the leaking through the roof around the pole. It needs investigation into the practical feasibility as well as whether the church would pay for this.

**Action:** Mike Davies to raise the question with the vicar and churchwarden; Jonathan Western to investigate the practical feasibility

c) Shutters.

These are very heavy and it would be better if they could be closed from below. Any such system might be prohibitively expensive.

**Action:** Jonathan Western to investigate

d) State of the Belfry

This needs a general clean and the frame to be wire-brushed and red-leaded.

**Action:** Steeple-keeper to arrange working party to do this (early May)

e) Ringing Chamber

Chris Clare was thanked for organising the building of a cupboard for the handbells, and for painting and carpeting the ringing chamber.

5) Secretary/Treasurer's report (Chris Clare)

Accounts were circulated at the meeting. There is £1662 in the account, which is sufficient to pay for the new ropes. Members are continuing to contribute 50p per week.

6) Peal secretary's Report (Chris Clare)

Chris Northeast was thanked for organising the quarter-peal weekend.

Jonathan Western was thanked for organising the outing.

**36 quarters were rung in the year**

12 Plain Bob Doubles

4 Plain Bob Minor

3 Plain Bob Triples

1 Plain Bob Major

1 Stedman Doubles

5 Grandsire Doubles

4 Grandsire Triples

2 Plain Bob/Grandsire Doubles

2 Cambridge Surprise Minor

1 London Minor

1 Yorkshire Surprise Major

**Conductors:**

M.G. Purday 16

M.B. Davies 9

R.F. Walker 8

Evelyn Kirby 2

I.. Coleby 1

**Firsts:**

J.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Q inside doubles, 1<sup>st</sup> Q minor treble  
H.R. 1<sup>st</sup> Q treble doubles, 1<sup>st</sup> Q inside doubles  
W.S. 1<sup>st</sup> Q inside doubles  
P.E. 1<sup>st</sup> Q inside doubles

7) Election of Officers

Officers for the year 2003 are as follows:

Tower Captain	Proposed	Seconded
Mike Davies	Chris Clare	Hannah Reeve
Ringing Master		
This will continue to be on a rota basis		
Secretary	Proposed	Seconded
Penny English	Chris Clare	Evelyn Kirby
Treasurer	Proposed	Seconded
Chris Clare	Penny English	Evelyn Kirby
Steeple Keeper	Proposed	Seconded
Will Scheilling	Chris Clare	Mike Davies
Jonathan Western as deputy		
Peal/quarter peal record	Proposed	Seconded
Hannah Reeve	Will Scheilling	Chris Clare

8) AOB

Outing

It was agreed to hold this at the same time as before – i.e. end October/early November.

**Action:** Evelyn Kirby agreed to organise this

## Quarter Peal Weekend

It was agreed to hold this in spring (April/May)

**Action:** Chris Northeast agreed to organise this.

Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

<b>Action Points</b>	
1. Check names on photographs in tower	Tim English
2. Speak to churchwarden about keypad entry to vestry	Mike Davies
3. Investigate cost of new ropes and arrange ordering them	Mike Davies
4. Investigate applying for Histon Feast funds	Penny English
5. Discuss moving flagpole with vicar and churchwarden	Mike Davies
6. Investigate practical feasibility of moving flagpole	Jonathan Western
7. Investigate possibility of shutter-opening mechanism	Jonathan Western
8. Organise cleaning etc of bell chamber	Will Scheilling
9. Organise quarter peal weekend	Chris Northeast
10. Organise outing	Evelyn Kirby