



DUSCR Michaelmas Term AGM 2018 Minutes 02/12/18

Start time: 20:23

0. All stand for the obituary of Robin Worsdall

Passed away 19th Oct aged 85.

Cofounder of Durham College society (1954) and instrumental in setting up DUSCR in 1959, he rang in “peal zero” c.1955 on the 5th. He was also a rambling ringer in the 1950s. He rang 10 peals over his life.

1. Registration of attendance

Rachel Sanderson	Jeff Ladd	Kate Nye
Izzy Seale (taking minutes)	Roy Meads	Katherine Stonham
William Wood (chairing meeting)	Robert Chadburn	Fred Bone
Oliver Rice	Mark D Tarrant	Philip Rogers
Alice Blackwell	Robert Criddle	Gwen Rogers
Joseph Walker	Michael Williams	Alex Pym
Matthew Pearson	Josephine Criddle	Alex Riley
Rachel Wells	Richard Bimson	Mary Bone (visitor)
Stephen Lloyd	Izabelle Bimson	

2. Apologies for absence

3. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (AGM, held on 03/12/17)

Taken as read and approved on a general aye.

4. Main business

a. Reports of Officers

i. Master (Rachael Sanderson)

Busy year this year! Many quarter peals, with a peal for some members upon graduation. Regular weekly ringing was well attended, often doing rounds and calls, Bob Doubles, Surprise Minor and occasionally some Surprise Major.

About 8 learners this year, overall society membership (according to DSU) is 15 members, though this is probably higher. Recruited through a bright Freshers Fair stall (with biscuits!) and miniring outside the Students Union on the Saturday. Learners have been supported by beginner's sessions- thank you especially to Oliver for your help with teaching.

We have had two tours this year: Treasurers tour to Newcastle area and Summer tour to Leeds, both well attended. Dinner day tour yesterday to Hartlepool was a great way to finish the year.

Maintained ringing outside of DUSCR/ Brancepeth- members regularly attend practice at St Oswalds and the Cathedral, as well as having DUSCR focused sessions at the Cathedral to develop that opportunity.

Did Ringing Remembers campaign; not used for recruitment due to timings within the academic year, but it gave many a first opportunity at Sunday service ringing. Thanks to all who helped.

Overall: bells were rung, fun was had by all. Huge thank you to the exec.

ii. Life members secretaries (Kate Nye & Katherine Stonham)

This year's Life tour was to Ipswich in September. It was attended by 11 people – thank you to Abby Antrobus for organising the tour, it was fun. There were a couple of peals yesterday and in March. Congratulations to the new DUSCR babies that were born this year. This year's life tour has been suggested for 31st August to 1st September to Hampshire.

iii. Peal recorder (Fred Bone)

Unfortunately I am in the process of transferring files between laptops and it seems that the peal records are still on the old one. So in brief we have had 2 society peals this year and the leaders are unchanged with both Matthew Durham and Robert Chadburn as top peal ringers. The society's total peals are at 242 and it would be nice to reach 250 for the 60th, so please do 8 more society peals within this year!

iv. Central Council Representative (Jeff Ladd)

I don't have a written report, however there is the central council report from the May meeting: don't bother reading it since I will sum it up now.

The Central Council is undergoing massive reform, this has just been voted on. Central council is very relevant as it gives support if people get into trouble, they also organise things such as Ringing Remembers. They may not be the best ringers, but they are all people willing to be involved. Amongst the changes that have been voted on are to make it easier for people to become involved in the Central Council, the 20 committees are to be replaced by 5 work groups with leaders, you do not need to be on a committee to offer your skills to any of these groups. This is the biggest reform after 100 years!

I've really enjoyed serving on as our Central council rep and would recommend it for anybody wanting to get involved. If you would like to see the reports from the meetings, please ask the life secretaries to send you a copy.

b. Questions of Officers

Philip Rogers: I believe that we can continue to elect the Central Council representative triennially if the society wants to, is this the case?

Mary Boyne (*secretary of Central Council*): The representative can be elected annually or every three years if you want to. If the elected representative can not attend a meeting, a temporary representative can be elected to attend that particular meeting in their place.

Gwen Rogers proposes that *we elect the Central Council Representative triennially*, therefore not this year but next year. Seconded by Fred Bone
Approved on a general aye.

Fred Bone: Where was the quarter peal for Ringing Remembers?

Rachael Sanderson: Brancepeth.

c. Election of Officers

i. Life Secretaries

Michael Williams proposes that **Kate Nye & Katherine Stonham** continue
Seconded by Robert Criddle, *approved* on a general aye.

ii. Peal Recorder

Michael Williams proposes that **Fred Bone** continues
Seconded by Kate Nye, *approved* on a general aye

iii. Central Council Representative

Will be elected next year as agreed.

5. Any other business

Jeff Ladd: Four years ago, the DUSCR bell at Vernet was suggested, so here is an update. The bells are expected in the tower by Easter, with the first Sunday service ringing happening on Easter Sunday (my birthday). It will be a ring of 10 bells with the projected tenor weight of 6cwt, the 3rd peal of bells in Europe and the only 10 bell ring in Europe. Brandon (the DUSCR bell) will be cast on 10th January in Loughborough, Alice Blackwell, Oliver Rice, Izzy Seale and Rachael Sanderson are going to go and watch. Four other bells have been given by society individuals. The bells will be dedicated on 29th September, Catherine's birthday. There is also the runner's bell for Catherine's running club which I will be doing a triathlon as a fundraiser: a 5k run, handbell peal and tower quarter peal. Thank you for your support.

Rachael Sanderson: We had the first meeting for the 60th- developed initial plans to take them forward. We plan to try and book Brancepeth Castle Friday night for a pub quiz, open Brancepeth ringing, with separate costings to the main dinner. If life members could collect copies of photos for archives to display on the evening and then to go in Palace Green Library afterwards. Saturday dinner to be held at the Masonic Hall with an additional cheese course and the usual ceilidh. The hall is already booked.

Jeff Ladd: With regard to speakers at the dinner, at the LUSCR 60th dinner they did not have formal speakers, but people from each decade spoke instead for 5 minutes each.

Rachel Wells: Are you rigging the sweepstake?

Michael Williams: It would be good to have a speech from Michael Hample, he would be happy to do so if asked in advance due to his other commitments in advent.

Philip Rogers: You would have to be strict on timings as it could go awfully wrong.

Robert Criddle: You could do the speeches on the Friday night instead?

Rachael Sanderson: That sounds like a good idea.

Gwen Rogers: A cathedral peal has been applied for on Dinner Day

Philip Rogers: It was suggested that we have peals on all Durham towers, but this is not likely.

Rachael Sanderson: Please send any suggestions about the dinner to Joseph Walker, hope to see you all there next year!

Michael Williams: There are some photos in the archives, the minute books and peal books are still held at my house and Robert Criddle has some scanned photos from the 50th.

Rachael Sanderson: We should definitely take advantage of the archives, please hunt through to bring any DUSCR items along next year.

6. Close 12.22