

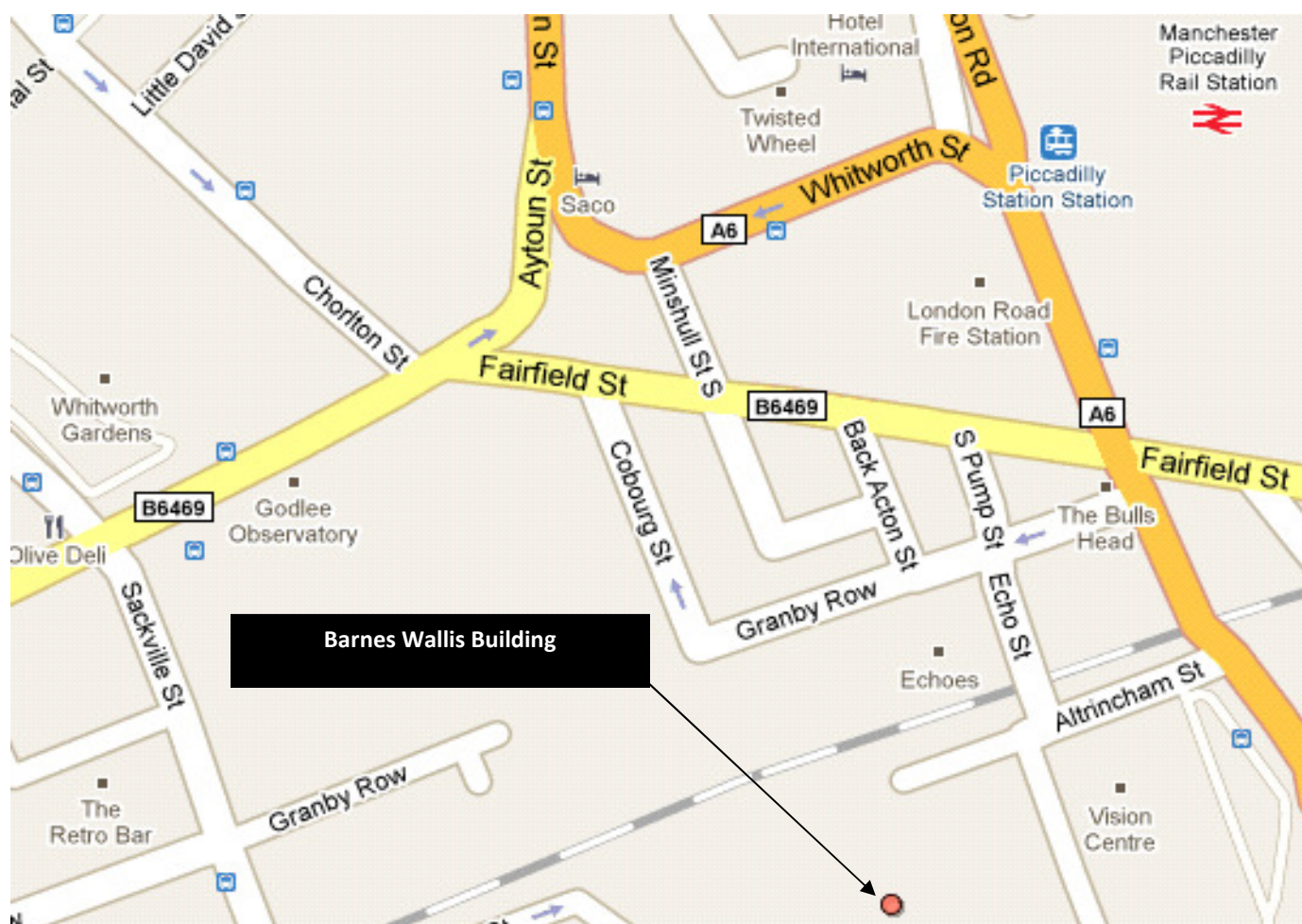


Manchester Universities Guild of Change Ringers

62nd Anniversary Dinner Weekend

There are a number of things we could do with mentioning about this year's Dinner Weekend - starting with an apology. Circumstances have meant that we have needed to move the Dinner from its usual weekend, and with Easter being so early that has meant a move towards the end of April to ensure that we can get the current students there. We can assure you that - except in the direst circumstances - the Dinner will be back to its usual '2nd Saturday in March' from next year!

The Dinner will be held in the Harwood Suite at the Barnes Willis Building. This is on the original UMIST Campus Site. The approximate site is marked on the map below to give you an idea of where the venue is.



We have agreed with the Venue Events Coordinator that we will hold the AGM in the Harwood Suite and so think it is best for everyone to congregate in the Students Union Bar in the Basement of the building. Once the AGM is concluded we will send someone down to 'collect' the rest of the guests.

The menu for the Dinner is as follows, with Vegan/Vegetarian option available for both the Starter and Main Course - you just need to let us know beforehand. The menu is as follows:

Starter

Smoked salmon salad with lemon & horseradish

Main Course

Rump of lamb in cabernet sauvignon sauce

Dessert

Chocolate truffle torte with almond cream

To Finish

Coffee and petit fours

Tickets are £30.00 and are available from Malcolm Murphy. Please contact him on malcolm.murphy@alphastreet.plus.com or at 13 Alpha Street, Salford, Lancashire. M6 5JY. Please make cheques payable to Malcolm Murphy, and direct banking information can be provided on request.

You will appreciate that the prices for venues and events menus have increased significantly in the past year, and this has been one of the problems we have faced during the organisation. This year we have not included wine in the price of the ticket. This is to ensure that the non-drinkers are not paying over the odds for something they are not having. A bottle of house wine is approximately £10 which we thought was very reasonable, and there will be a bar available. We are hoping to have some Real Ale as with last year, but we are awaiting confirmation of this from the Venue Events Coordinator.

Finally, something you will note is that we have started to refer to it as the 'Dinner Weekend'. Over recent years, Dinner Day has crept forward a day to the Friday, with the inclusion of Ringing followed by a curry for the more local MUGs - and those who have travelled on the Friday! And as Malc has said in his 'Presidents Prattle' it has been suggested by the clergy at Sacred Trinity that the service which was held last year becomes an annual event - which we all though was a fantastic idea! Consequently, we are now looking at the fullest bill of events over the weekend that anyone can remember - though we will be happy to be put right! Some of the details are as yet to be finalised, but a general outline for the weekend is as follows:

Friday 23rd April

7:30 - 8:30 :: Ringing at Sacred Trinity

8:30 onwards :: Curry

Saturday 24th April

During the day :: Ringing Tour

19:00 - 19:45 :: 63rd Annual General Meeting

20:00 - 23:30 :: 62nd Anniversary Dinner

Sunday 25th April

10:30 - 11:15 :: Pre-Service Ringing at Sacred Trinity

11:15 - 12:30 :: 2nd Annual Ringers Service at Sacred Trinity

12:30 onwards :: Coffee/Lunch/Saying 'Till Next Year'

We hope that this will be the 1st (unless we receive any other information) of many 'Dinner Weekends' and that you will come along and join us for as much - or as little - of the weekend as you can.

As you can see the details for Saturday Tour are yet to be finalised. When you are confirming your tickets with Malcolm, please let him know that you are thinking of coming on the Tour then we'll let you know the details as soon as we can.