

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

St. Albans District.

Annual District Meeting - Hatfield - Jan. 20th. 1968.

AGENDA.

1. Loss of members by death.
2. Apologies of Absence.
3. Minutes of last Annual District Meeting.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes.
5. Election of New Members.
6. Secretary's Report.
7. Statement of Accounts - a) District, b) Voluntary Bell Fund.
c) District Fund, incorporating Central Council Fund.
8. Election of Officers - Retiring.
a) District Secretary R.E.Hardy
b) District Ringing Master G.Pennay
c) Ringing World Representative Miss J.Fellows
d) District Committee Messrs. C.Dodds, J.Ewer,
R.Brown, E.Edmondson,
Miss J.Fellows, Mrs.M.A.Coburn
Messrs.G.Dodds, G.Penney
e) General Committee
9. District Peal Book - nomination for writer.
10. Special Methods - Committee Recommendation.
11. District Meetings - Committee Recommendation.
12. Social Activities - a) District Dinner, b) Barbecue/Social.
13. Practice Meetings - Surprise and Special Practices.
14. Place and Date of next Annual District Meeting.
15. Any other business.

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due - Tower Secretaries please note.

The rates are: under £6 2s6d. Other members 5/- F.R.L. members 7/6d.

— Hatfield ; 20th January 1968 —

Ringing commenced at 3.00 pm & continued until the service at 4.30 pm. A course of the special method, London Royal, was successfully brought round. The Rector of Hatfield, Rev. J. Stowe, in his sermon spoke of unity in the church. Tea followed in the New Church Hall, & was followed by the business meeting. Before this the Acting Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, who regretted being unable to stay for business. Mr E. T. Newham, President of the Association was then welcomed to the meeting, & took the chair.

No members had been lost ^{by death} in the year, but the President asked the meeting to stand and remember Eddie Buck, of Baldock.

Apologies for Absence were received from Messrs A. W. Wilby, G. W. Debenham & A. R. Agg, and Mrs J. Doods.

The minutes of the last A.D.M. were read, agreed, & signed as a correct record.

Matter arising — G. Penney stated that he would very much like to see more people taking an active part in proposing & seconding items in the meeting. The Acting Secretary regretted that circumstances had necessitated this A.D.M. being at Hatfield & not the Abbey as had been proposed originally.

Place & Date of next A.D.M. The date will be 18th
January 1969. St. Albans, St Peter was proposed by
B.C. Johnson, & seconded by F.W. Ellis. St. Albans Abbey
as the tower for the evening was proposed as an
amendment by J. Ewer, second by F.W. Ellis. This
was carried.

Election of new members.

(a) As Full ringing members.

R. Darry, R. Adcock, E. Paternoster, Mrs E.
Paternoster, J. Paternoster, ^{Miss} E. Aubrey, Miss P. Cramer,
N. Bullert and Miss J. Stewart all of Barnet,
proposed G. Sillis, seconded G. Dodds
Miss J. M. Indge of Nth. Myms, proposed
T.J. Lock, seconded ^{Miss} ~~Michael~~ by G.H. Austin.
H. J. Rooney of St. ~~Albans~~, proposed R. J. Davill,
seconded R.W. Davill
V. Urban, R. Urban and J. Hat of St. Stephens,
proposed P. Dalo, seconded R.W. Davill.

(b) As Probationers

Miss C. Hestie of the Abbey, proposed A. Penny,
seconded A. Carter.

Miss A. Malyan of St. Stephens, proposed P. Dalo,
seconded R.W. Davill

(c) As Transfer from NRL to Ringing Member,

B Woodruffe, Unattached, proposed R. Hardy,
seconded G. Penny.

All these elections were carried. The helpful election
of R. ~~W.~~ R Wood, of Enfield, was also ratified (NRL).

Secretary's Report. This was read, and adopted on
the proposition of B.C. Johnson, seconded T.J. Lock.

Statements of Accounts. These were read and all adopted on the proposition of J. Ewer, seconded R. Brown. The Acting Secretary also outlined the purposes of the District Fund & Voluntary Bell Fund. Mrs Coburn stated that the £39— shown as C. C. Fund money was very encouraging.

Election of Officers

Secretary - R. E. Hardy: proposed G. Penney, seconded A. Maljan. This was carried. G. Penney thanked R. Hardy for standing in at such short notice when K. Walpole resigned.

District Ringing Master - G. Penney proposed T. J. Lock, seconded P. Dale. T. Lock thanked G. Penney for the time put into the job. G. Penney said that he would not be seeking reelection in 1969.

Ringing World Representative - Min J. Fellows, proposed R. Brown, who also thanked her for being so prompt in submitting reports; seconded P. Dale.

Committee - The retiring committee of Min Fellows, Mrs Coburn, Messrs G. Dodds, J. Ewer, G. Penney, E. Edmondson & R. Brown was re-elected en bloc on the proposition of B. C. Johnson, seconded A. Maljan.

General Committee Representatives - G. Penney & G. Dodds were re-elected on the proposition of J. Ewer, seconded R. Brown.

District Real Book

Min Fellows was thanked for doing the job, & proposed for reelection by G. Penney, seconded

K. Davril. Carried.

Special Methods

The Secretary drew attention to the list of Committee recommended methods. G. Kenney stated that if this list were to fulfil a useful function, methods must be looked up beforehand. R. Hardy stated that the Double methods, mainly using in 1967 should be attempted & rung more often. The recommended list was adopted on the proposition of T.J. Lock, seconded R.W. Clouston.

District Meetings

The Secretary drew attention to the list of Committee recommended meetings. As St. Peter's were now booked for the 1969 ADY. R. Hardy proposed & A. Carter seconded that Hatfield be visited in Dec. 1968 & as arranged on the list. P. Dale pointed out that this would mean two meetings at Hatfield in 1968. An amendment, proposed by G. Kenney, seconded by K. Davril that St. Stephen's should remain as the only December (1968) tower was carried. ~~The list was adopted on the proposition of B. Johnson, seconded and that this revised list should be adopted was carried.~~

Practice Meetings

Surprise Practices; G. Kenney stated that the 1967 practices had been well supported, & circulated a list showing the proposed practices for the first 6 months of 1968. This was adopted on proposal of B. Johnson, seconded P. Dale. P. Dale asked about the possibility of Saturday evening practices, but this was generally agreed as being unsuitable. G. Dodds stated that some new faces would be welcome at these practices.

Special Practices; The Secretary stated that it appeared a better way to arrange these would be on an ad hoc basis, with Treves needing help asking for practices to be held. ~~March~~ The date if possible is to be kept to the first practice night in the month. ~~Practices were~~ This procedure was agreed suitable & adopted on proposition of Miss J. Fellows, seconded G. Penney. Practices were then arranged for February & April at the invitations of Wheathampstead & South Myms. Banet also requested a practice at a later date.

Social Activities 1968

(a) District Dinner - it was agreed to hold this function & leave arrangements to the committee - proposed G. Penney & seconded Miss J. Fellows. Tickets & advertisement are to be ready well in ^{advance}.

(b) Barbecue/Social - A summer event of this type was agreed as being desirable - proposed J. Ewer, seconded Miss J. Fellows. Details to be left to the Committee.

(c) ATV visit - following the success of the first ATV visit, it was proposed by A.R. Carter & seconded Mrs Coburn that the possibility of another similar visit be investigated.

A.O.B.

G. Penney gave a report on the 1967 District Deals, which although fewer than in 1966 showed many encouraging features.

Miss Fellows stated that the District Deal Book was available for inspection.

F. Ellis stated that Wheathampstead were going ahead with their plan to install ten trebles, & hoped the District would be able to support their money-raising efforts.

J.S. Dear of the Northern District offered apologies

for any offence which may have been caused by remarks made in jest about District Surprise Practice. He also spoke of Mr Buck's appreciation of letters & the representation of by the St. Albans District at Eddie's funeral. The Secretary said that he had sent a letter to Mrs Buck on behalf of the district offering our sympathy, & had had a letter in reply.

H.J. Davie proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, Rev. J. Stone, for the use of the bells, to the organist & to the local singers for the services & arrangements.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

~~Resolution taken during tea~~

A profit of £10.9 was received from the tea, & put to the Voluntary Bell Fund.

Prizing continued in the tower until 8.30 pm, & included a well-struck half course of Cambridge Royal.

A Rex Agg
CHAIRMAN 18.1.69.