

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AT HATFIELD ON 20TH JANUARY 1973

The bells were rung from 3.00pm until 4.30 when a service was held which was conducted by the Rector of Hatfield, the Rev. W.C.D. Todd. This was followed by tea and meeting.

Mr. H. Collings, Association Treasurer, was elected to the Chair for the meeting.

Mr. Collings thanked the Rector for allowing us to ring and for taking the Service, and explained that Mr. Todd was unable to stay for the whole of the meeting and so would not be able to Chair the meeting.

There was no loss of members by death during the past year.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. D.A. Carpenter, President, and Mr. J. Mayne.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary and signed as being a correct record, after a small correction was made.

MATTERS ARISING

Mr. G. Dodds reported that a bell from the redundant church at Shenleybury has gone to the new Parish Church at Marshalswick.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

		Proposed by.	Seconded by
Ringling Member -	MR. R. BAINES - St. Albans Cathedral	G. Penney	A. R. Carter.
Probationers -	MR. J. RAINFORTH - " "	"	"
"	MR. G. RAINFORTH - " "	"	"
"	MR. S. TROTT - " "	"	"
"	MR. A. KEY - " "	"	"
"	MISS. M. RICHARDSON - South Mymms	Mrs. J. Dodds	Miss S. Rouse
"	MISS. C. COLLINGS - " "	"	"
"	MR. B. WELLAND - " "	"	"
- From Probationery to Full Member	MISS. S. SHIELD - Harpenden	Mrs. M.A. Coburn	Mr. F. Jacklin
"	MRS. M. BROOM NÉE MACGINNIS	"	"
Ringling Members -	MISS. E. S. SAUNDERS Hatfield	Mr. S. Huckle	Mr. R. Brown
"	MRS. E. W. TIPPING	"	"
"	MISS P. S. TIPPING	"	"
"	MR. N. D. HUGHES	"	"
"	MR. R. N. WARNER	"	"
From Probationery to Associate Member	MR. T. J. HUCKLE	"	"
Proposing Member -	MR. G. WIND St. Michaels St. Albans	Mr. P. Mackley	Mr. R. Williams

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This was read by the Secretary and Mr. G. Dodds proposed that the report be accepted. Mr. T. Lock seconded this motion, which was put to the meeting and passed.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Association Fund

Mr. R. Hardy proposed that this account be accepted. Mr. P.M. Overfield seconded this and the motion was carried.

District Fund

The Secretary stated that Expenditure from this fund had been £7.50 for the year, whilst Income had ~~been~~ ^{totalled} £4.61½. There is now a total of £15.61½ in this account. Mr. Carter proposed and Mr. Edmondson seconded that this account be accepted and this motion was carried.

Voluntary Bell Fund

The Secretary reported that we had an Income of £4.15 during 1972 and that the total amount in this account is now £142.83½. She also explained that the grant to Wheathampstead had not yet been paid.

Mrs Coburn proposed that these accounts be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. C. Forster and was put to the meeting and the motion was carried.

In answer to a question, it was confirmed that the accounts had been audited.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

	Proposed by	Seconded by
<u>District Secretary</u>	MR. S. CHANDLER G. Penney	Mrs. R. Mackley
<u>District Ringing Master</u>	MR. A. R. CARTER R. Hardy	Miss E. Forster
<u>DISTRICT COMMITTEE</u>	The Secretary and Ringing Master together with:	
	MR. C. FORSTER	E. Edmondson B. C. Johnson
	MR. G. PENNEY	R. Hardy Mrs. M. Coburn
	MR. P. MACKLEY	R. Hardy Mrs. S. Newman
	MR. G. DODDS	E. Edmondson Miss. S. Rouse
	MRS. S. NEWMAN	A. R. Carter Miss J. Meredith
	MISS S. ROUSE	Mrs. J. Dodds MR. R. BROWN
not elected	- MR. R. WILLIAMS	MR. C. FORSTER MR. P. MACKLEY

GENERAL COMMITTEE The Secretary together with:

<u>District Representative</u>	MR. G. PENNEY	MRS. M. A. COBURN	MR. R. COCHRANE
" Rep's Deputy	MR. C. FORSTER	MR. R. E. HARDY	MR. G. DODDS

(~~He~~ Who should attend whenever the Official District Representative is unable to.)

Voluntary Bell Fund Trustees:

Mr. A. R. Carter proposed and Mr. B. C. Johnson seconded that: Mrs. M. A. Coburn, Mr. H. V. Frost ~~and~~ ~~Mr. S. Chandler~~ be trustees of the Voluntary Bell Fund. This motion was put to the meeting and was carried.

Ringing World Representative

Mr. A. Carter proposed that we drop the office of Ringing World Representative, since this position was proving unrewarding. This was seconded by Mr. C. Forster. Mrs. M. A. Coburn proposed an amendment to this proposal, that we have a Press Officer, and this was seconded by Mrs. S. Newman. This amendment was voted on by the meeting and was passed.

The meeting then voted on the ~~am~~ amended proposal that we should drop the office of Ringing World Representative, and have a Press Officer instead.

This motion was carried.

Mr. R. E. Hardy nominated Mr. P. Mackley for the office of Press Officer.

Mrs. M. A. Coburn seconded this and Mr. Mackley was subsequently elected.

District Peal Book Writer

Mr. R. E. Hardy was proposed by Mr. A. R. Carter and seconded by Mr. G. Penney, and was elected to this post.

DISTRICT MEETINGS PROPOSAL

It was announced that the next District Meeting would be at Radlett on 17th February. The Secretary was asked to try and obtain Elstree as a second tower, so that learners could ring at a separate tower.

With regard to the rest of the year, it was decided that we should leave it up to the District Committee to arrange the towers.

IDEAS

Mr. G. Penney asked for people who had any ideas about what activities they would like during the year to come forward.

Mr. Penney also announced that there will be a Parts Match on Thursday, 19th March vs. the Eastern District at the R.A.F.A. Club, St. Albans.

Mrs. Mackley commented on the practice of placing every single person in the band, instead of, say, placing one or two people and then asking people to "catch hold" for, say, rounds. Mrs. Mackley thought that the placing of every single member of a band was a slow process which wasted a lot of time when people could be ringing, and ^{she} said that many learners were dis~~s~~contented.

with the amount of ringing they got at District Meetings.

Mr. Carter replied that if anybody had not had a ring, or wanted to ring something special, or were dissatisfied, they should let him know.

There was a great deal of discussion on this subject and it was found that many people agreed with Mrs. Mackley.

Mr. Collings pointed out that it is up to each experienced ringer to encourage the others, since learners are frequently too shy to stand forward.

Mr. Hardy said that once upon a time the District held Special Practices for this type of learner - enquiry revealed that weekday practices tended to clash with homework and that Saturdays were best (with a separate tower for learners).

Mr. Carter asked that if he was five minutes late at a tower would people please wait before they ring & until he gets there because his lateness might be caused by a problem associated with the safety or ringability of the bells.

With regard to the experiment, carried out last year, of having bi monthly business meetings, Mr. Carter proposed that this be continued indefinitely from now on, and this was seconded by Mr. Hardy. This was put to the vote and was agreed by the meeting.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. C. Forster invited the District to St. Peters on 19th January 1974. This was seconded by Mr. G. Parney and the rest of the meeting agreed with this.

A.O.B.

The secretary read a letter which she had received from Mr. H. Collings with regard to the new charitable bell fund which had been set up. After this Mr. H. Collings reported that there was £9 in the account ~~of~~ of the fund at the time. (A collection was taken for this fund, which raised a further £4.50.)

Mr. R. Cochrane asked about the new rules regarding qualification for life Membership.

Mr. Hardy explained that any member who had given exceptional service to the Association could be nominated for Life Membership.

The Secretary reminded the meeting that subscriptions were now 50p and that if people, receiving full time education, wanted to pay a reduced fee, they must claim first.

Mr. G. Dodds proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing us to ring and for taking the Service, to all the people connected with arranging the tea and to the organist.

AR Patterson 19-1-74.

CHAIRMAN