

DISTRICT MEETING AT ESSENDON AND HATFIELD - 18 AUG. 1973

At Essendon ringing took place in the afternoon from 3.0 - 4.30 pm. with methods up to London. There was no service as there was no tea so most people made their own arrangements in Hatfield. The meeting took place in Hatfield belfry with Mr Gerald Penney in the chair

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Mrs Mrs Hardy and Mr Forster

One loss by death was reported to the meeting - Mr Charles Paine, a member of the old six-bell band at St Michaels. ~~A~~^{Few} members present knew him.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and signed as being a correct record.

The secretary informed the meeting that he had asked Mr Hardy about the St Albans Music Society handbell shield and had been told that St Peters were the last holders. Miss Forster replied that they had returned it to Mr K. Gough, of the society. The meeting felt that the Music Society should be approached about the possibility of obtaining the shield for the ~~community~~^{district}.

The secretary congratulated the organizers of the Woolford Cup, the ringing, the tea and the social. He said it went off very smoothly and he was pleased to see that the best team won. The chairman said some of the youngsters had been drinking carelessly and we would have to be more careful in future.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Prob - Full. Mr George Wind (St Michaels) Mr ^{P.}Mackley Mrs ^{S.}Mackley

MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

The secretary said that it was unfortunate that no tea had been possible at this meeting but that he hoped we would have one next month.

The R.M. told the meeting of an advanced practice at the Abbey on Thurs, 13 Sept with methods up to Newgate and a learners practice at Hatfield on Thurs, 11 Oct. ~~1973~~

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- (i) Dinner - Mr Mackley told the meeting the cost was now £2.40. The time will be 7 for 7.30 and one of the entertainments will be Judith Scott from Kimpton playing & singing folk music. He asked for other ideas of this type. Mr Carter said peals would be organized for the day.
- (ii) Outing - The secretary said that this was in the process of organization in the Maidenhead area. The first ~~hour~~ would be at 9.45 am.
- (iii) Others - Mr Penney said the general games evening on the 1 Nov. would be at the R.A.F.A. club. The secretary said that at a recent committee meeting it had been suggested that lectures should be held at six bell special practices to relieve the strain on the R.M. Mr Penney is to give his lecture on place notation at the Nov. meeting.

PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Sept. 15th at Barnet and Monken Hadley

A.O.B

The meeting was told that Mr Walter Ayre of Leverstock Green will be leaving the county shortly and it was suggested that we have a collection for him. This was voted on and carried. Mr Hardy is to be asked about the possibility of a county collection.

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CHAIRMAN