

DISTRICT MEETING AT ST PETERS STALBANS - 20 OCT. 1973

Ringling took place in the afternoon from 3.30 until 5 pm. This was followed by a service and tea. The meeting was held in St Peters Institute with Mr A.R. Patterson in the chair.

Evening ringling was from 7.15 until 8.30 pm, London Royal being rung. Attendance in the afternoon & at the service and tea was rather poor.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Mr & Mrs Penney and Mrs & Mrs Hardy. Two losses by death were reported to the meeting. The first was Mr Bill Tame of Wheathampstead, who died on 7 October. Mr Dodds & Mr Carter both spoke of his support for his own tower & the district & his enthusiasm & friendliness. The second was Mr Fred Bamford of Essendon who died at Cromer in Norfolk. Mr Frost & Mr Dodds told the meeting how popular this gentleman was with his fellow ringers. The meeting stood to the memory of these departed friends.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and signed as a correct record after a small alteration had been agreed upon.

The Secretary was thanked by the meeting for organizing a successful outing. He was also requested to pursue the matter of obtaining the Handbell Shield.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ratification - Mr Nigel Thompson (Wallington) After a peal at Winchester on Sept 1. Proposed by A.R. Carter.

MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

The Secretary explained to the meeting why the last month's meeting had had to be changed at short notice, due to Barnet declining to have us only a week before. He said that he was grateful that due to the co-operation of S. Mymms we were able to go there instead.

The R.M. said that the advanced practice at the

Hobby had been poorly supported & requested more support at further meetings/practices.

Mr J. Brush from Radlett spoke to the meeting requesting some help from the District at their practices. He said several of ~~the~~^{their} leading members had just left for college & they had no one who could conduct. Their practice is at 7.30 on Wednesdays. The R.M. agreed to provide a series of six assisted practices ~~started on~~ starting on 31 Oct. Mr Frost said he would like to see more information circulated about special practices.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- (i) Dinner - Mr Mackley said he still had some tickets for people who thought they might sell them.
- (ii) Games evening - Mr Carter confirmed that this is to be at the RAFA club on 1 Nov at 8 pm. Three games would be played, darts, dominoes & crib. Six people from each tower were needed - two for each game. There is to be a 10p admission charge.
- (iii) Wine & Cheese party. Mr Dodds told the meeting this would be on Sat. Jan 5 at Lemsford Village Hall. Admission charges would be of the order of 15p for those bringing drink & 50p for those without.

PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17 November at St Michaels. Mr Penney will be giving a talk on place notation.

A.O.B.

The Secretary said he had spoken to the Gen. Sec. & had decided to start a district collection at this meeting for Walter Ayre. In view of the small attendance it ~~is~~ would also be necessary to circulate an invitation to contribute to other towers in the district.

Mr Forster said in view of this he would like the tea profit & church collection at this meeting to go to the collection. A proposal came from Mr Carter & was seconded by Mr Dodds that it should go to the Dist. Fund & make up the Walter Ayre collection later if necessary. An amendment that it ought to go to the U.B.F. if not the W.A. collection was proposed by Mrs Mackley & seconded by Mr Brush. & passed by 1 vote.

Mr Carter proposed a vote of thanks to St Petersingers
for having us, to the ladies for the tea & the vicar for the service.

M. Melville
CHAIRMAN.

The Walter Ayre fund realized 70p.