

DISTRICT MEETING AT HARPENDEN ON 15 December 1973

Ringling commenced at 3 pm ~~at~~ continuing until the service at 5 pm. This was followed by a tea and meeting in the church hall with the Rev. M.C.C. Mellville in the chair. The evening ringling started at 7.15 pm and continued for 1 hour, the standard ranging from plain bob to 8-spliced and the sticking from poor to not bad.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Mr R & Miss E Forster.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and signed by the chairman as being a correct record, after an ~~alteration~~ addition. (ii)

Mrs Coburn asked the secretary to ensure that non-business meetings were briefly written up.

The secretary told the meeting that Mr Ayre of Leverstock Green would definitely be moving and that it was intended to make a collection at the ADM and to send a circular to all district towers.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ratification - Messrs Mark Marshall - Ashford
Timothy Wylie - Snodland
Melvyn Hiller - Maidstone } After peal at St Peters.
Proposed by AR Carter.

MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

The Secretary said that the ADM would be at St Peters, St Albans on 19 Jan 1974 with ringling from 3.30 until 5 and until 9 pm in the evening. He asked if anyone could offer ~~the~~ tower to us for the February meeting. Mrs Dodds said she would find out if we could come to Sandridge and as this is close to the centre of the district and fairly warm this offer was accepted.

The Ringling Master told the meeting that the assisted practices at Radlett had been completed and that he hoped to have a special practice at Hatfield, if the tenor is repaired in time. The secretary read a letter from the Radlett ringers thanking the district for the assisted practices.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

(i) Dinner Mr Mackley spoke on this saying that we had broken even on the finances & 84 people had attended. Mr Penney thanked

Mr Mackley & Mrs Newman for organising this event so well.

The secretary then spoke about the idea discussed at the recent committee meeting that the dinner for next year should be arranged as soon as possible. He proposed & Mr Penney seconded that Batchwood Hall be booked for the 1st Sat in December on the understanding that the next district committee could cancel this without losing any deposit. An amendment, proposed by Mr Hardy & seconded by Mr Penney, that the organizer should be allowed to book up on the Saturdays before & after the above date if necessary was carried.

The Secretary agreed to arrange the booking as soon as possible.

(ii) Wine & Cheese party Mr Dodds informed the meeting that Lemsford Village Hall would not be heated when we had this function on 5 Jan due to the government restrictions & nor would any other halls. In view of this he proposed that we postpone the party indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Mr Patterson and carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1974 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The meeting was told by the Secretary that only Mr Mackley who did not wish to stand for re-election as P.O. but was still willing to serve on the committee. Nominations for officers were received as follows:-

Secretary: Mr Chandler prop. by Mr Penney, Ringing Master: Mr Carter, prop by Mrs Penney and Mr Mackley prop by Mrs Dodds.

Mr Dodds did not wish to stand for re-election to the committee.

Nominations were: C. Forster prop. by I. Miller, Miss Apter, proposed by R. Hardy Mr Miller proposed by R. Howard, Mrs Newman proposed by J. Meredith, Mr Ford proposed by Mr Carter, Miss Jackson proposed by Mr Mackley Miss Howard proposed by C. Forster, and Mr Brown proposed by Miss Apter

PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Possibly Sandridge on 16th Feb. 1974.

A.O.B.

The Sec. passed on W. Ayres thanks for election as Life Member of the C.C. Mr Penney explained an idea for assisted shiking discussed at the ACM after receiving a garbled explanation attempted by the Secretary. The Sec. then asked for details for Annual Report by Jan 12th. Mr Hardy said that the ~~Sat~~ Albans music society were willing to give us the handbell shield for an association competition.

but the donor's permission had still to be obtained.

The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Harpenden for receiving us, to the vicar for the service and to the ladies for preparing the usual very high standard tea. With regard to tea's Mrs Coburn said that she regarded names for tea as very important and had not received a true number on this occasion.


CHAIRMAN