

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AT SPETERS, ST ALBANS ON 19 JANUARY 1974

Ringling took place from 3.30 until 5.0 pm when a service was held followed by tea and the business meeting at St Peters Institute.

The meeting was chaired by Mr A. Patterson.

Evening ringling was from 7.50 until 9.0 pm

The secretary reported one loss of a member by death, Mr W. Tame of Wheathampstead. Mr F. Ellis spoke of Mr Tames long service to his band and the meeting then stood to his memory.

Apologies for absence were recieved from the Association President Mr S.E. James, Mrs S. Newman and Mrs S. Brown.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

These were read by the secretary and signed as a correct record after two alterations.

There were no matters arising.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

N. R. L. M	Ratification.	Mr M. Regan of Bedford	after a peal at	Knebworth.	A.R. Carter
Ringling Member.	MRS O. HUNG.	St Peters.	Mr C. Forster	Mr I. Miller	
" "	MR J. CRITCHLOW	" "	"	"	
" "	Miss M. MEES.	Harpenden	Mrs M.A. Coburn.	Mr F. Jacklin	
" "	Miss J. BISHOP	St Michaels	Mrs R. Mackley	Miss D. Jackson	
From Prob → Full.	MR. G. RAINFORTH.	St Albans Abbey	Mr Penney	Mrs C. Carter	
" " "	MR S. TROTT	" "	"	"	
Probationary	Miss H. GIMSON	" "	"	Mr A. Carter	
"	MR. R. GODMAN	" "	"	"	

These members were all elected.

NRLM MISS J. CLARKE. Miss Rouse Mr G. Dodds also elected.

SECRETARYS REPORT

This was read by the secretary and Mr Ellis pointed that as well as Barnet, Wheathampstead had also not been visited. Mr Forster proposed and Mr Frost seconded that the report be accepted and this was passed by the meeting.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The details of the V.B.F. and District Fund were read by the secretary and adopted. These had been audited by Mr B.C. Johnson who was thanked by Mrs Coburn and the Secretary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

		Proposed	Seconded.
<u>District Secretary</u>	Mr S. CHANDLER	G. Penney	G. Dodds
<u>District Ringing Master</u>	Mr A.R. CARTER	Mrs J. Penney	B.C. Johnson
	MR P.M. MACKLEY	Mrs J. Dodds	F. Ellis

Both nominees for R.M. told the meeting of their intentions if elected. Mr Newman proposed a ^{secret} ballot be held & two tellers appointed. Mr RES Sheppard ^{Prop} R.E. Hardy ^{Sec} Mrs R. Mackley
Miss C.V. Mills G. Penney I. Miller.

Both were carried and in the ballot Mr Mackley was elected, by 23 votes to 20.

District Committee The secretary and ringing master together with:

	MR A.R. CARTER	K. Newman	C. Forster
	MR C. FORSTER	I. Miller	Miss S. Rouse
	MR G. PENNEY	Mrs C.A. Carter	C. Forster
	MRS S. NEWMAN	Miss J. Meredith	Mrs J. Penney
	MR. J. FORD	A.R. Carter	Mrs R. Mackley
	MISS R. HOWARD	C. Forster	Miss D. Jackson
not elected	MISS S. APTER	R.E. Hardy	Miss S. Faulkner
" "	MR I. MILLER	Miss R. Howard	Miss D. Jackson
" "	MR R. BROWN	Miss S. Apter	Miss R. Howard
Withdraw	MISS D. JACKSON	P. Mackley	—

General Comm. Hee The secretary together with:

<u>District Representative</u>	MR G. PENNEY	G. Dodds	Mrs R. Mackley
<u>Reps Deputy</u>	MRS S. NEWMAN	G. Penney	Mrs A. Coburn.

Voluntary Bell Fund Trustees

Mr H.V. FROST

MRS M.A. COBURN

} R.E Hardy

S.D. Chandler.

This was carried.

Press Officer

MRS J. PENNEY

AR Carter

Mr R. Ewer

This was carried.

District Peal Book Writer

MR. R.E. HARDY

K. Newman

Mrs C.M. Carter

Mr Hardy was elected.

FEBRUARY DISTRICT MEETING.

The Secretary told the meeting that we would be going to Sandridge on 16 February, ringing etc. to be at the normal times.

SUGGESTIONS FOR 1974 COMMITTEE

Mr Penney said that he felt there should be more ringing activities this year. He did suggest however that for a social event we might go to another T.V. show as these had previously been found to be enjoyable.

Mrs Coburn thought it might be a good idea to go and see the Carter ringing machine at the Science Museum, perhaps combining this with a visit to Whitechapel Bellfoundry.

Mr Frost asked what arrangements were being made about the dinner. The secretary replied that he had not been able to book Batchwood Hall but the committee would be organizing this function.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Mr RE Hardy proposed 18 Jan 1975 seconded by Mr AR Carter. Mr Austin said it might not be possible to visit Hatfield for this due to complaints.

It was agreed the committee should fix this.

A.O.B.

Mr Ellis said that he would be grateful for instructors on Friday nights to help teach a band at Wheathampstead. [The Secretary reminded the meeting that a collection would be made for W. Ayre.] Mr Hardy thanked the Vicar, the and the girls who prepared the tea.

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