

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AT HATFIELD ON 18 JANUARY 1975

Ringing took place on the 10th from 3 - 4.30 at a fairly basic level - $\frac{1}{2}$ a course of Cambridge Royal was rung. There was no evening ringing by request of the Rector.

After a short service conducted by the curate and a delicious and inexpensive tea prepared by the local ringers the business meeting was held - chaired by Mr Bertram Johnson.

One loss by death was reported - Mr Arthur Day of Harpenden. Mr Patterson spoke briefly on Arthur's contribution to the band and then the meeting stood to his memory.

Apologies for absence were received from the President, Mrs Coburn, Miss Healing, Mrs Dodds, Miss Rouse, Mr Cuckson, Mr Mayne and Mr & Mrs Carter.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

These were read and signed as correct. There were no matters arising.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

| | | <u>Proposed</u> | <u>Seconded</u> |
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| Full member | A. Jeffs Sandridge | G. Dodds | Miss J. Reeves |
| " " | C. Boyce Hatfield | R. Brown | N. Hughes |
| Probationer | Miss E. Bederman St Michaels | P. Mackley | Mrs R. Mackley |
| Full member | Miss M. Hodges | " " | " |
| " " | A. Sully | " " | " |

These elections were carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This was read to the meeting and adopted on a proposal by Mr Mackley seconded by Mr Penney.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The secretary read the details of the Association Fund, V.B.F and District Fund. The two latter accounts had been audited by Mr B.C. Johnson and who was thanked by the secretary. The proposal that these be adopted came from Mr Hardy & was seconded by Mr Dodds and was passed by the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

| | | <u>Proposer</u> | <u>Seconder</u> |
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| District Secretary | Mr S. CHANDLER | R. Hardy | I. Miller |
| Ringing Master | MR P. MACKLEY | A.R. Carter | A. Patterson |
| Bottle offire | were aborted | | |

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| <u>District Committee</u> | Secretary and Ringing Master together with | | |
| Elected | MISS S. APTER | Miss E. Forster. | C. Forster |
| " | MR R. BROWN | G. Dodds | R. Forster |
| " | MR J. FORD | Mrs R. Mackley | Mrs S. Newman |
| " | MR C. FORSTER | J. Ford | Miss S. Apter |
| " | MR A.R. PATTERSON | C. Pocock | Mrs R. Mackley |
| " | MR G. PENNEY | Mrs S. Newman | B. C. Johnson |
| Not elected | MRS R. MACKLEY | Miss S. Newman | Mrs J. Patterson |
| " | MR I. MILLER | P. Mackley | Miss S. Hawkins |

General Committee

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| <u>District Representative</u> | MR A.R. PATTERSON | G. Penney | G. Dodds |
| Reps Deputy | Mr J. FORD | Mrs R. Mackley | C. Pocock |

Voluntary Bell Fund Trustees

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| Mr H.V. FROST | } | S. Chandler. | I. Miller |
| MRS M.A. COBURN | | | |

Press Officer

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| MISS S. APTER | C. Forster | I. Miller |
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District Peal book writer

Mr Hardy the retiring writer gave the meeting a short report on the peals rung for the district over the last ~~two~~ years. The new writer is Miss S. APTER R. Hardy Miss E. Forster

These members were all elected and then the secretary read part of a letter from Mr Carter explaining why he was not seeking re-election, proposing Mr Mackley as R.M and saying that he thought this post should be filled by the same person for several years. Mr Mackley said he disagreed & thought it best to change all officers regularly.

FEBRUARY DISTRICT MEETING

The secretary told the meeting he had had no reply from Radlett but would try to obtain this tower at Aldenham for 15 Feb.

SUGGESTIONS FOR 1975 COMMITTEE

These were as follows, tenpin bowling from Miss Forster, barn dance from Mr Pocock, more talks at meetings from Mr Dodds. Mrs Newman thought that we ought to continue the Saturday practices. Mr Renney told the meeting of the games evening at the R.A.F.A. on 27th March & the secretary reminded everyone of the outing to the bellfoundry booked for 31st May. Mr Renney also thought that as the cheese & wine party had been so successful, we might try another.

PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT ADM.

Mr Forster invited us to St Peters on 17 Jan 1976 and the meeting accepted.

A.O.B.

Mr Ford told the meeting that this years dinner is on 6th December, probably at this hall with outside caterers at a cost of about £2.

Mr Dodds said that Barnet bells should be ringing again by the end of February or beginning of March.

The secretary thanked the curate for the service, and the ringers for the tea and the meeting closed.

Robert E. Mordecai
17.1.76. CHAIRMAN.