

DISTRICT MEETING AT HARPENDEN ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 15th 1984

Ringings took place on the 8 bells of Harpenden from 3-30 to 5pm, followed by a service and tea. The business meeting was chaired by Mrs M.A. Coburn, the Association President.

Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs F. J. Drummond-Tyler and D. N. Drummond-Tyler.

The Minutes were read and signed as correct. There were no matters arising.

Election of New Members

The following new members were elected.

Jill Maskerton^{man} as a probationary member from N. Mynns, proposed D. Carter.
Jack Blumson as a full member from N. Mynns, proposed by D. Carter.
Angela Mitchell, probationary to full member from S. Mynns, proposed by Miss T. Crowder.

Nomination of Officers

The following members were nominated as District Officers for 1985.

District Secretary :- Mrs F. J. Drummond-Tyler, proposed Miss T. Crowder.

Ringings Master :- Mrs S. Patterson, proposed Mrs J. Carter.

J. J. Ford indicated that he was not willing to stand for the District Committee or as County Representative.

County Representative :- Miss J. Johnson, proposed J. J. Ford.

Committee :- S. Saunders, Mrs S. Edmondson and D. Carter, all proposed by Miss T. Crowder.

G. Penney indicated that he was unwilling to stand for the Committee.

1985 District Social

It was announced that Fessenden Hall had been provisionally booked for Saturday October 26th, 1985. The cost of the hall was £5-50 per hour or £45 for the day. As the booking had to be confirmed the next day, the meeting had to decide whether or not to commit themselves to

an event on that day. The exact format of the social, i.e. whether it should be self catering meal or to employ caterers, or whether dancing was required, could be left until later. After some discussion it was decided that a self catering dinner, followed by a barn dance, would be the most acceptable format. Various offers of catering help were volunteered. Mrs F. Pocock proposed and Mrs S. Patterson seconded, that the hall be booked for the whole day, and this was carried.

Date and Place of Next meeting.

The Annual District Meeting would be held on Saturday January 19th, 1985, with ringing from 3-30 to 5pm, followed by a service, tea and the business meeting. The rector of Hatfield had agreed to conduct the service after being informed that members would like a service, and everybody was used to attend. Evening ringing would be at Essendon if anybody wished to ring after the meeting.

The next 10-bell practice would be at St Peter's on Monday December 17th, from 7-30 to 9pm.

Any Other Business.

Miss J. Johnson announced that December's newsletter was the last one that she would be producing. G. Penney thanked her for her efforts over the last two years which had been much appreciated.

G. Penney announced that the Abbey bells were to appear on the radio programme of Christmas bells. They would be ringing *Fin Cingues*.

C. Pocock said that the Harpenden bells would be featured on Bells on Sunday, ringing St Nicholas Major.

R. Hardy informed the meeting that they St. Michael's had some used bell ropes that they would be happy to donate to another tower.

D. Carter proposed a vote of Thanks to the Harpenden ringers for the use of their bells and for providing tea, to the rector of Harpenden for conducting the service and to R. Hardy for playing the organ.

L. Coburn announced that his wooden bells were on sale.

G. Dodds said that Sandridge bells were out of action, probably until the end of January, because of work being carried out on the tower.

T. Lock informed the meeting that the bells of N. Myrton were to be rehung.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed.

Ringling continued at Harpenden.

Susan L. Patterson
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