

DISTRICT MEETING AT ST MICHAELS ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16th 1985

Angling took place on the 8balls of St Michaels from 3 to 4-30 pm. There were 22 anglers present, 17 being members and the other 5 visitors. The vicar of St Michaels took the service and this was followed by tea and the business meeting in the Church Hall. D. N. Drummond-Tyler proposed that Mrs S. Patterson took the chair.

Apologies for Absence were received from J. Beardwell, A. Spreadbury, Mrs S. Spreadbury, J. T. Ford and Miss N. Pownall.

The Minutes were read and signed as correct.

Matter Arising Miss F. ^{Sumner} ~~Granston~~ asked whether the District newsletter was to be continued. It was reported that it was, but that the new editor still had to be informed of his role.

Election of New Members

The following new full members were elected :-

Miss Allison J. Thomson of St Albans Abbey, proposed G. Dadds, seconded Miss J. Johnson.

Miss Teresa M. Standen of Sandridge, proposed G. Dadds, seconded Miss J. Johnson.

District outing to Loughborough.

Mrs S. Patterson reported that this was going ahead on March 30th. The trip round the Foundry was limited to 25 in order that everybody could see what was going on. Those people who were not going round the Foundry would be able to ring at another tower and would join the main party in time to ring at the Foundry. ^{Other} Towers had been arranged for the afternoon. A coach would take the party there, and would have pick up points at Hatfield, St Albans and Harpenden. It would be leaving about 7-30 am and return about 9 pm.

Proposed District Events for 1985.

The secretary reported that at the ~~last~~ recent District Committee meeting, the following list of events had been agreed upon, with the proviso that at this stage the dates were only tentative although it was hoped that they

would be confirmed soon:-

April 9th

A games evening would be held on Maundy Thursday at the RTHA Club.

An Open Day with towers from this District and one other on May 6th.

The Woolford Cup at Radlett on May 18th.

A car treasure hunt on June 29th.

An Outing in South London on 3rd August.

Outing to a TV show on Fri 13th Sept.

District Social at Essendon on Oct 26th.

County organised events included

AGM in the Watford District on April 27th.

8 bell Contest at Knebworth on June 22nd.

Kimpton Cup on Sept 20th in the Bishop Stortford District.

G. Dodds remarked that it was a very good range of activities.

Report on General Committee Meeting

The Secretary reported on the main points from the recent County Committee meeting. These included:-

The County's acquisition of a word processing system for about £550.

The County has renewed its lottery licence, even though it will not be holding the usual Bell Fund draw, so that towers organising Association raffles could take advantage of it.

Hilley, in the Northern District, have resumed ringing on their three bells.

Leisure T-shirts and sweat shirts could still be ordered.

Date and Place of next meeting

The next District meeting would be on Saturday March 16th. Afternoon ringing would be at St. Hyms from 3.30 to 5pm followed by a service, tea and meeting. Evening ringing was at Radlett from 7 to 8.30pm.

The secretary announced that there would be no more 10 bell practices. Instead, 10 bell quarters would be arranged. It was hoped to form a nucleus of about 20 people, who would form the basis of new 1/4 peal bands, and about two quarters each month would be organised. The District Ringing Master would coordinate this activity and everybody interested in taking part should contact her.

Any Other Business

The secretary reported that the accounts had been satisfactorily audited.

Miss T. Crowder proposed a vote of thanks to the organists of St Michael for providing ten, to the vicar for the use of the bells and for taking the service and to Bob Hardy for playing the organ.

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

Evening singing continued at St Michael's until 7-45 pm with sixteen District members participating.

Jusem Laura Patterson
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