

## DISTRICT MEETING AT S. HYMMS ON SATURDAY 16th MARCH 1985

Ringings took place on the 6 bells of S. Hymms from 3.30 to 5pm with 24 ringers present. The vicar then conducted a service of Evensong, accompanying the hymns himself on the organ. The tea and business meeting were held at the home of Miss T. Crowder. Before the business meeting began, a vote of thanks was proposed to the S. Hymms ringers for an excellent tea. Mrs S. Patterson took the chair.

Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs S. Spreadbury, Miss A. Mitchell, Mrs B. Workman, Mrs M A Coburn & L. Coburn.

The Minutes were read and signed as correct.

Matters arising.

The secretary announced that the <sup>County</sup> bell striking contest would not be held at Knobworth because of a prior booking for a Pop Festival. Further details would be announced later.

Mrs S. Patterson stated that a 10 bell quarter had been rung at Hatfield. She asked that District Members who were interested in taking an active role in the 10 bell 1/4 peal programme should give her their names and any methods that they would be interested in ringing.

### Election of New Members

The following new members were elected

Miss B. Saville a full member from Hemsworth, proposed C. Wager seconded J. Dalton

Mrs J. Titmuss a full member from Hemsworth, proposed C. Wager seconded J. Dalton

C. Roden a probationary member from Hemsworth, proposed C. Wager seconded J. Dalton

J. Spreadbury a probationary member from Monkentadley, proposed A. Spreadbury seconded Miss T. Crowder

The following bellringing elections were ratified.

Miss S. Reedman as a NRLM, proposed by J. J. Ford, seconded K. Edmondson

K. Lucas as a NRLM, proposed by R. Crocker, seconded by K. Newman

### Loughborough Outing

Mrs S. Patterson confirmed the towers that would be rung at on this coach outing on Saturday March 30th, stating that those not able to test the

Foundry would be able to ring on the Foundry bells and would have an extra tower to ring at whilst the trip round the foundry was taking place. Three coach pick up points had been selected, namely Hatfield, St Albans and Harpenden and the coach would return by 9 pm.

### Games Evening

D. Carter said that all towers should have received details of this year's Games Evening, to be held on April 14th at the RAFA Club. He added that he would like to know how many teams would be entering by March 22nd. Miss J. Johnson mentioned that there may be difficulty in approaching the RAFA Club owing to building works in the neighbourhood.

### Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next District Meeting would be on Saturday April 20th with ringing at Barnet from 3-30 to 5 pm. The ven and business meeting would be at the home of the Spreadbury's. Evening ringing would be at Monken Hadley from 6-30 to 8 pm.

### Any Other Business

The secretary said that she had received a letter from the trustees of the Bell Fund stating that they had had an application for a grant from N. Myrums and that they proposed discussing this at the Woolford Camp Meeting.

J. Beardwell asked whether the Middlesex Association would also be present at Monken Hadley at our next meeting. A. Spreadbury said that there seemed to be some confusion as to whether they had arranged to meet there or not. A member of the Middlesex Association volunteered to establish what was happening. G. Dodds asked whether VE Day was to be a National Holiday and if so whether any special ringing would be organised.

Miss T. Crowder thanked those present for the sum of £17-60 which had been collected for the S. Myrums Church Restoration fund in lieu of a charge for tea. Miss T. Crowder then went on to say that C. Davies, a ringer at S. Myrums, was to be ordained during the next year. He would be the second ringer.

from S. Mymms to receive this honour.

S. Saunders said that the Woodford Cup would be held on Saturday 18th May at Radlett. Entry forms were being distributed. He hoped that most towers would enter, and they should remember that the important thing was to enter and enjoy the contest rather than winning it.

Miss J. Johnson said that she was organising a District Open Day on 6th May. Those towers involved should have received a request for their bells and she asked that those who hadn't replied yet be swift in their response. Day tickets would be available at the first few towers, otherwise there would be a charge for each tower that was rung at.

Mrs E. J. Drummond-Tyler proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar of S. Mymms for conducting the service and playing the organ and to the vicars of S. Mymms and Radlett for the use of their bells. Mrs J. Carter proposed a vote of thanks to Miss T. Crowder for her hospitality.

D. Snowwell said that a half muffled  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Grandiose Triples had been rung at St Peter in memory of Ken Stilwell.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed. Evening ringing continued until 8-30pm at Radlett with 26 ringers present.

Henry Bohun  
20th April 1984.