

DISTRICT MEETING AT RADLETT ON SATURDAY 18th MAY 1935

and C. Forster and Miss V. Mills judging the contest. The Woodford Cup took place from 2pm to 3-15pm with 5 teams entering. The unexpectedly sunny weather allowed participants to sunbathe while not ringing and the Radlett managers provided cups of tea. Because of the early completion of the contest the afternoon was rearranged with open ringing following the contest, proceeded by the business meeting, service and tea of freshly made scones, cream, home made jam and cakes. S. Saunders proposed that R. Shepherd take the chair for the business meeting and this was unanimously approved.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M.A. Coburn, J.N. Drummond-Tyle, Mrs A. Saunders and Miss N. Pownall.

The Minutes were read and signed as correct.

Matters arising. The secretary reported that evening ringing had in fact been at St Peter's at the last meeting owing to the unavailability of Aldenham. Mrs S. Patterson reported that she had received a letter of thanks from Mrs M.A. Coburn, for her rose, which she read to the meeting. The secretary then asked the meeting whether they wished the District Funds to bear the cost of the rose or whether a collection should be ~~made~~ taken from District members. Mrs S. Edmondson proposed and Miss T. Crowder seconded that the cost should come from District Funds and this was carried.

There were no new members elected.

Results of Woodford Cup.

C. Forster thanked S. Saunders for inviting him and Miss V. Mills to judge the striking contest. He then proceeded to comment on each team's performance and Miss V. Mills gave the scores. The results were as follows:

Team 1, Hatfield, were the fastest with a peal time of 2hrs 16mins. They rang minor but never achieved a good rhythm. They came 3rd with 71½ faults.

Team 2, Radlett, were the slowest with a peal time of 2hrs 34mins. They rang doubles and their tenor ring gave a good steady beat. However the middle bells were unhythmic with lots of clashes. They came 5th with 112 faults.

Team 3, Harpenden, rang with a peal time of 2hrs 21mins. They maintained a good

strong rhythm with lively ringing and came first with 35½ faults

Team 4, St Michaels, rang with a peak time of 2hrs 31 mins. The tenor major tended to be slow and they came fourth with 99 faults.

Team 5, St Stephens, rang with a peak time of 2hrs 25 mins. The ringing was good with a good rhythm but was a bit wooden. They came 2nd with 47½ faults.

R. Shepherd presented the winning team with the Woolford Cup and a certificate and he then ran up with their certificate. Mrs L.

Drummond-Tyler proposed a vote of thanks to the judges for their efforts and presented them with ^{gift vouchers} cheques. She also proposed a vote of thanks to S. Saunders for organising the event.

Grant for N. Hymms.

The secretary apologised for not realising that the Trustees of the Bell Fund would not be present. They had written giving her details of the amount they proposed donating to N. Hymms for their bell restoration work but because she had assumed that they would be present to put their ^{views} case before the District she had not come with these details. Without this information she did not think that the meeting could discuss the matter. It was agreed to raise it at the June meeting when the secretary would make sure that she came prepared.

Car Treasure Hunt

S. Saunders said that this event was being held on Saturday June 29th. The route would be towards the S.E. of side of the District. Miss J. Johnson would be letting towers have further details later.

Date and Place of Next Meeting.

The next District meeting would be on Saturday June 15th. Afternoon ringing would be at St Pauls Walden from 3-30 to 5pm followed by a service, tea and the business meeting. Evening ringing would be at Woburn from 7 to 8-30pm.

Any Other Business.

The secretary reported the deaths of R. Newson, a ringer for many years at Harpenden and of A. Harris a ringer from St Iveslyts in the Northern District.

and a Trustee of the County Bell Fund for many years. Mrs S. Edmondson said that the Harpenden ringers had donated £10 to the District Bell Fund in memory of R. Newsom.

S. Saunders said that he thought a profit of about £150 must have been made on the Open Day. About 50 Day tickets had been bought. The profit would be shared on a per tower basis between the participating districts.

Mrs S. Edmondson said that Harpenden had made about 80 cups of tea giving a profit of £15.

R. Hardy reported that one of the local papers had devoted a half page article to our last president, Mrs M. A. Coburn.

Mrs S. Patterson said that she had Hertford on the 11th June and 29th July and St Peter on 29th May for 10 bell Yes. Rutland Royal would be attempted at St Peter. ^{One of} Her ~~essential~~ aim was to ring a Ye of spliced Rutland, Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal.

Mrs R. Drummond-Tyler proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of Radlett and St Peter for the use of their bells, to the vicar of Radlett for taking the service and to the Radlett ringers for providing tea.

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

Evening ringing took place at St Peter with 13 ringers present.

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