

## DISTRICT MEETING AT LEMSFORD ON SATURDAY 20th JULY 1985

Ringings took place on the six bells of Lemsford from 3-30 to 5-30 pm with 10 ringers present. Tea followed in the church hall and R. Baldwin, the county president, chaired the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from G. Dodds, Mrs M. A. Coburn, L. Coburn and A. Patterson.

The Minutes were read and signed as correct.

### Matters arising

R. Baldwin thanked the St Albans District for the £45 that the Watford District had received as their part of the Open Day proceeds.

Miss S. Johnson said that the 5 cars which had turned up for the car rally had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There had been a bottle of champagne as the prize. However, because of the low turnout, a loss had been made.

The secretary reported that she had received a letter of thanks from N. Myrnes for our donation from the Voluntary Bell Fund. T. Lock endorsed these thanks adding that it was a very generous gift. The bells were now back and a 1/4 peal had been rung on them. Miss S. Johnson added that they were much better than they used to be. T. Lock said that once he had found out what was covered by Taylor's maintenance agreement they hoped to take one up at a cost of £50/yr.

### Election of New Members

Geoffrey Preece, from Welwyn, was proposed by Mrs S. Patterson and seconded by S. S. Ford as a probationer and duly elected.

### Ten Bell Quarters

Mrs S. Patterson reported that the 10 bell quarters at Hertford had in fact turned out to be a quarter of 8-splined surprise major with only five of the ringers being from the St Albans District. She thought that Tuesdays were probably not a good day for quarters. However, she was organising a

quarter of Stedman Cakes at Hertford for next Tuesday, 23rd July and hoped to get St Peter for another attempt at Rutland.

### London Outing

Mrs F. Drummond-Tyler gave the details for the outing to the Twickenham to Fulham area of London on Saturday August 3rd. As there were three 10 bell towers during the day she needed to be sure of at least a dozen people attending or otherwise she would have to cancel the outing. Printed details and maps were available and she would be sending these to towers which had no representation at today's meeting.

### Date and place of next meeting

The next District meeting would be at the Abbey on Saturday August 17th. Afternoon ringing would be from 2-30 to 4pm followed by tea and business meeting in the crypt. Evening ringing was from 6 to 8-30pm.

### Any Other Business

The secretary reported that Fred Jackson's wife had just died. Although she had not been a singer she had done much to help the district in past years. It was agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Fred. The secretary announced that Mrs M.A. Coburn had reported that her rose had bloomed.

J.S. Ford said that a special service was being held on Sunday July 20th at 11-15am at Essendon in honour of the 70th anniversary of Canon Lovell's ordination. All district members would be welcome and there would be ringing both before and after the service.

Mrs F. Drummond-Tyler said that she would be writing to the television companies asking them for seats at a recording of a TV show if there were enough people interested. <sup>hoped for</sup> The date was Friday September 13th. It was agreed that twelve tickets should be requested. The laying on of a coach would be dependent on the number of people attending and the location of the show.

P. Montgomery invited people to participate in the sponsored walking and ringing outing that the Welwyn ringers were organising in aid of

their sound proofing. It was on September 21st from Rushden to Welwyn and would cover 15 miles and include 7 towers.

S. Saunders proposed a vote of thanks to the Hempsford ringers for providing tea and to the incumbents of Hempsford and Escendon for the use of their bells. There was a round of applause for the tea.

R. Baldwin proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary for organising the meeting and to the ringing master for running the evening.

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

Ringing continued at Escendon until 8-30 pm with 18 ringers present.

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Chas. W. Foster