

DISTRICT MEETING AT ST PETERS, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16th 1985

Ringings took place in the afternoon on the 10 bells of St Peters, followed by a service taken by the vicar. A sumptuous buffet salad was partaken of in the Church Hall afterwards. The Association President, R. Baldwin, took the chair for the Business Meeting.

Apologies for Absence were received from Miss T. Crowder

The Minutes were read and signed as correct.

Matters Arising

G. Dodds and Mrs S. Newman proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers of the successful Social at Bixendon which had been enjoyed by everybody attending. Mrs S. Edmondson reported that 60 people had been present and a profit of £60 made.

No New Members were elected

A Report of the County Committee Meeting was read to the meeting. The main points arising were

- i) It was thought that more District news should appear in the Ringing World.
- ii) A nomination for a Central Council Rep was requested
- iii) A 100 club was going to be started to raise funds for the County Bell Restoration Fund. Application forms to join the Club were available from the District Secretary, along with a list of rules
- iv) If any towers held books on ringing the County Librarian, H.V. Frost, would be interested in having details of them so that if anybody were to ask to borrow a copy he could tell them where one might be available.

Date and Place of next meeting.

The next District Meeting would be at Harpenden on Saturday December 21st. Ringing would be from 3-30 to 5pm and 6-30 to 8pm. The service would take

The form of a Carol Service.

Any Other Business

The Secretary said that she had written to all towers asking them to consider events they would like to support next year. A discussion about these suggestions would be held at the next District Meeting to establish what support they were likely to receive. Some of the events held this year, notably the car rally and the outing to London, had not received much support and the committee were loath to organise unwanted events.

Mrs S. Patterson said that a District 1/4 of London Royal had been rung at St Peter on 23rd October. She also mentioned that two handbell teams, both from the St Albans District, had entered the St Albans Music Festival. The ladies band had won the Barber Shield. The last time the shield had been presented was in 1970 and the Festival organisers had been pleased to see renewed interest.

Mr F. Drummond-Tyler proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar for taking the service and allowing us the use of the bells and the rings of St Peter for the splendid year.

The Kington Cup's ~~new~~ new presentation box, which had been made by L. Coburn and D. Redfern, was displayed by R. Baldwin to the meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

Ringings continued at St Peter with about 30 ringers present. The ringing rose to the heights of two ^{separate} courses of London Royal.

AR Patterson 21/12/85.