

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AT ST PETERS, ST ALBANS ON SATURDAY JAN 18th 1986

Ringings took place at St Michaels from 3-30 to 5pm with 37 ringers present. Methods ranged from rounds to spliced surprise. Tea and the Annual meeting were held at St Peters. The County Secretary S. Saunders chaired the meeting.

Apologies for Absence were received from J. Beardswell, E. Brown, F. Jackling, K. Lewis,

Loss of Members by death

The meeting stood in memory of R. Newson.

The minutes of the last Annual District Meeting were read and signed as correct.

Matters Arising

T. Lock asked whether there had been any alterations ^{made} to the accounts when they were audited. The secretary replied that the audited accounts had been identical to those submitted to last year's annual meeting.

Election of New Members

The following new members were elected:-

Ronald Graves, full member from Sandridge proposed G. Dodds seconded G. Panney

Stephen C. Graves, full member from Sandridge proposed G. Dodds seconded G. Panney

Miss Anne L. Lewkellyn full member from Sandridge proposed G. Dodds seconded G. Panney

Miss Ruth Lewkellyn full member from Sandridge proposed G. Dodds seconded G. Panney

Shane Sankay full member from Sandridge proposed G. Dodds seconded G. Panney

Miss Alison Smith full member from Sandridge proposed G. Dodds seconded G. Panney

Andrew Darby probationary member from Harpenden proposed Mrs H. A. Coburn seconded Miss M. D. Castle

Doreen Maizy probationary member from South Mimms proposed Miss T. Crowder seconded G. Dodds

Andrew Bridger full member from Welwyn proposed D. Marshall seconded D. Dalton

Peter Cox, probationary to full member from Welwyn proposed D. Marshall seconded D. Dalton

Janet Cox, probationary member from Welwyn proposed D. Marshall seconded D. Dalton

Michael Cox, probationary member from Welwyn proposed D. Marshall seconded D. Dalton

P. Maddox was transferred from resident to Non Resident Life Member

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report was read and Mrs H. A. Coburn proposed and Miss T. Crowder seconded that it be approved. This was carried.

Statement of Accounts.

The accounts were presented to the meeting.

J. J. Ford proposed and S. Pocock seconded that the Association Account be accepted and this was carried.

Mrs R. Pocock proposed and G. Dadds seconded that the Voluntary Bell Fund ^{District} account be accepted and this was carried.

Mrs M. A. Coburn proposed and Miss T. Crowder seconded that the District Bell Fund account be accepted and this was carried.

It was proposed by Miss T. Crowder and seconded by K. Newman that £50 be transferred from the District Fund to the Voluntary Bell Fund and this was carried.

Election of Officers and Committee.

Ringling Master. Mrs S. Patterson was proposed by Miss T. Crowder, seconded by H. V. Frost. There being no other nominations she was duly elected. Miss T. Crowder thanked Mrs S. Patterson for her excellent work over the last year.

District Secretary. Mrs R. J. Drummond-Tyler was proposed by Mrs S. Patterson and seconded by Mrs R. Pocock. There being no other nominations she was duly elected.

Association Committee Representative. Mrs A. Saunders was proposed by G. Dadds and seconded by G. Penney. There being no other nomination she was duly elected.

Committee Members. S. Saunders and Mrs S. Edmondson were proposed by Mrs S. Newman seconded by Mrs J. Parker. G. Humphreys was proposed by S. Saunders and seconded by Mrs R. J. Drummond-Tyler. All three were elected.

Deputy Association Committee Representative. Mrs S. Patterson was proposed by G. Penney and seconded by D. Marshall. There being no other nomination she was duly elected.

Voluntary Bell Fund Trustees. T. Loeb proposed and G. Dadds seconded that the current trustees, Mrs M. A. Coburn and C. Pocock, be re-elected. There being no other propositions this was duly carried.

Peal Book Writer. Miss T. Crowder proposed D. Drummond-Tyler and this was seconded by

C. Pocock. There being no other nomination, he was duly elected.

Hon Auditor Mrs S. Edmondson was proposed by Mrs M. A. Coburn and seconded by G. Humphreys. There being no other nomination she was duly elected.

Programme for 1986

The secretary read out the list of towns for the year's District meetings, stressing that at the moment they were provisional. She asked the meeting whether they would like to suggest a venue for the Woolford Cup. G. Dodds proposed and Mrs S. Newman seconded that the Woolford Cup be held at Sandridge and this was agreed. S. Saunders confirmed that the change in the Kimpton Cup rules regarding the ringing of call changes during the practice period would be reflected in the Woolford Cup rules.

Social events that would be considered by the committee included the Games Evening on Maundy Thursday, a car rally and a visit to a television studio. The hall at Essendon had already been booked for another social on Saturday October 25th.

Date and Place of next Annual District meeting

The next Annual District Meeting would be at Hatfield on Saturday January 17th 1987.

Date and Place of next District Meeting

The next District meeting would be on Saturday February 15th. Afternoon ringing would be at St Stephens from 3-30 to 5pm. Tea and Business meeting would be at Hadley followed by evening ringing from 6-30 to 8pm.

Any other business

D. Carter suggested that arising from the previous year's minutes the format of District Meetings be reviewed. The secretary reported that the average attendance at afternoon and evening ringing throughout the year had been 18 and 21 respectively. G. Penney wondered why our attendances were so low, the Western District averaged 50 at their meetings but Mrs

M. J. Coburn reported that the other side of the County had far fewer than St Albans District attending their meetings. After some discussion it was agreed that the committee be tasked to encourage the District to attend meetings by visiting towns and organising more singing activities including talks and practices. Mrs M. A. Coburn suggested that new members be sent a letter welcoming them to the District and D. Carter thought that all new members should be encouraged to attend both the meeting they were elected at and subsequent ones.

D. Dalton stated that Lemsford would be practicing on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month only owing to a shortage of singers.

Mrs M. A. Coburn said that Cleving Rents, Harpenden would be practicing on Mondays instead of Wednesdays.


S. Saunders reported that the 100 club was still not fully subscribed and anybody interested in participating could see him afterwards. The first show would take place at the County Committee meeting next week.

Miss T. Crowder proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar of St Michael's for the use of the bells and to the ringers of St Peter's for providing tea.

C. Pocock proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs E. Drummond-Tyler for her hard work as secretary during the past year.

The venue for evening drinking was given as the Beacons.

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


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