

DISTRICT MEETING AT MONKEN HADLEY ON SATURDAY MARCH 15th 1986.

Afternoon ringing took place on the ten bells at Hatfield from 3 to 4-30 pm.
This was followed by tea in the Church Hall at Monken Hadley. The County President R. Baldwin chaired the Business Meeting.

Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs M. A. Coburn, L. Coburn and D. M. Drummond-Tyler.

The Minutes of the last District meeting were read and signed as correct.

Matters arising

S. Saunders said that the circular concerning the June 1/2 peal weekend had been distributed to all towers. Replies were required by the April meeting.

Election of new members

The following members were elected

Cathy Totman full member from Essendon proposed J. J. Ford seconded R. A. Brown

Patrick Moreland full member from Essendon proposed J. J. Ford seconded R. A. Brown

Jonathan Spreadbury probationary to Full member from Monken Hadley proposed A. Spreadbury seconded C. Pocock

Veronica Plumb probationary member from S. Hymms proposed Miss T. Gowler seconded Mrs J. Badger

Ratification of H. Lawrenson of Newbury as NRLM proposed prior to a peal attempt by R. J. Crocker seconded K. Newman

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Learners' Practice

Mrs S. Patterson reported on the first learners' practice which had been held at Sandridge on March 1st. It had been extremely successful with about 23 learners present and 8 instructors. The ringing had ranged from rounds and call changes to grandiose doubles inside. Mrs S. Newman had brought along some handbells which had provided further instruction for the learners. Mrs R. Drummond-Tyler announced that the next learners' practice would be at Essendon on Saturday April 5th from 10 till 12.

Games Evening

Mrs A. Saunders reminded the meeting of the Games Evening to be held on March 27th. The RAFA club would be open from 7-15 pm with the games starting at 8 pm. Any other teams still wishing to enter should let her know as soon as possible.

Woolford Cup

Mrs S. Patterson stated that all towers should have entry forms by now. Entries for the contest should be returned by the April meeting. The contest was on May 17th at Sandridge but the judges still had to be selected.

Date and Place of next meeting

The next District meeting would be on Saturday April 19th with ringing from 3-30 to 5 pm followed by a service, tea and meeting. Evening ringing would be at Barnet from 6-30 to 8 pm.

Any other Business

It was mentioned that a report from a subcommittee of the County Committee on the Association Rules was attached to the new Newsletter. This would be discussed at the June meeting.

G. Dodd mentioned that he had books for leaves on sale.

Miss T. Crowder stated that there would be no ringing at S. Hyams that week. They were going to ridge to Barn to swing chime then for wedding following the declaration that Ridge bells are unusable.

It was announced that the evening pub would be the King William IV.

C. Pocock proposed a vote of thanks to the ringers of Monken Hadley for providing tea, to the clergy of Hatfield and Monken Hadley for the use of their bells, and to R. Baldwin for his talk on conducting to follow.

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

R. Baldwin then gave an interesting lecture on the basis of conducting. Evening ringing followed on the 8 bells at Monken Hadley from 7 to 8-30 pm.

G. Dodd

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