

## DISTRICT MEETING AT ST PAULS WALDEN ON SATURDAY JUNE 21st 1986.

Afternoon ringing took place on the six bells at St Pauls Walden with about 10 ringers present. This was followed by tea.

The Association President, P. Harper chaired the Business Meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss T. Crowder.

The minutes were read and signed as correct.

Matters arising

Mrs S. Patterson reported that the District had won the Association 8-bell striking contest. She thanked all those who had taken part and especially Mrs A. Saunders who had been asked to ring at the last moment and had rung extremely well. Mrs S. Patterson also reported that L. Coburn would be making a box for the shield, which was on show during the meeting.

Election of new members

The <sup>bell</sup> election of Colin M. Tupner of Abington as a NRLM, proposed by R. J. Cocher and seconded by K. Newman prior to a poll attempt was ratified.

Results of the June Quarter Peal weekend.

J. Saunders reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> peal weekend had gone fairly well. 53 District members and 3 non-District members had taken 80 ropes at 15 towers. 8 Yees had been rung ranging from plain bob <sup>minor</sup> to Yorkshire Surprise Major with about 20 "fish". Three quarters had been lost these being London Royal, Glasgow Major and Skedman cakes which suggested that at the bottom end of the scale our ringers were much stronger than they thought they were but at the top end the District would be well advised to ring together more. J. Saunders thanked all those who took part, and Mrs S. Patterson proposed a vote of thanks to him for his organisation.

## Discussion on the County Subcommittee's report on proposed rule changes

Mrs R. Drummond-Tyler advised the meeting that the purpose of this discussion was to ascertain the District's view on the contents of this report prior to it being discussed by District representatives at the next County Committee meeting in August.

A. Patterson queried the use to which the peal fee was put. He would not like to think of it as a tax on ringing. S. Saunders replied that there was no definition of what it is spent on but by custom it went towards writing up the peal books. On probationary membership it was generally agreed that it was a good idea to have this class of membership. It promoted a sense of belonging to the Association when somebody first started learning to ring but also gave them something to aim at <sup>as well as maintaining ringing standards</sup> in terms of full membership. However it was thought that they should not have to pay the full subscription.

It was also agreed that it would be a good idea to limit the committee's right of expenditure. The Association had a right to know what was happening before their money was spent.

## District Walk/ Pub Crawl.

Mrs S. Patterson stated that K. Newman had agreed to organise this event in the Wheathampstead area on Saturday August 9th. Everybody was welcome but Mrs S. Patterson asked members to inform her at the next meeting as to whether they intended going so that Mrs S. Newman would know how many she would be attending the buffet supper she was preparing.

## Date and Place of next meeting.

The next District meeting would be on Saturday July 19th at the Abbey. There would be a 1/2 peal in the afternoon and general ringing in the evening.

The next District learners' practice would be on Saturday July 5th at Radlett. The meeting ~~also~~ decided that there should be a learners' practice in August.

## Any Other Business

P. Montgomery thanked Mrs S. Patterson for coming over to Welwyn. Ms

S. Patterson replied that it was good to see the improvement in the band's rings.

Mr R. Drummond-Tyler proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs V. Hills for providing tea and to the clergy of St Pauls Widdow and Kington for the use of their bells.

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

£4.00 was raised in the collection for the Voluntary Bell Fund.

Evening ringing took place at Kington.

Henry Bottom  
19th July 1986