

DISTRICT MEETING AT ESSENDON ON SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST 1986

Ringings took place on the 6 bells of Essendon during the afternoon and was followed by tea and the business meeting in the Church. A.R. Patterson took the chair.

Apologies for Absence were received from E. Brown, Mrs M.A. Coburn, L. Coburn, M. Cox, C. Peacock, G. Humphreys and Mrs V. Humphreys.

The Minutes were read and signed as correct.

Matters Arising

Mrs S. Patterson reported that the Pub walk had been very successful, visiting 11 pubs over 7½ miles and ending at Mr Newmans' home for supper.

Mrs R. Drummond-Tyler said that there had been a fair number of learners at the M. Hymns practice and all had benefited. However, more people were required to help the learners.

Election of new members

The following helpful election of a Non Resident Life Member was ratified
C. David Matthews of Reading, proposed S.A. Saunders, seconded by Mrs A. Saunders.

The following members were elected

Susan Gee, probationary member of S. Hymns proposed Miss T. Crowder seconded Mrs J. Badger

Richard Cox, probationary member of Welwyn proposed P. Cox seconded Mrs J. Cox

Brian Gilbert, probationary member of Welwyn proposed P. Cox seconded Mrs J. Cox.

District Social

Mrs S. Edmondson said that the District Social would be held on Saturday October 25th at Essendon from 7pm. It would follow the same lines as last year with Supper and a Barn Dance. Tickets were now available, price £3 but people were asked to bring their own glass and drinks. Posters were available for all Towers.

Quarter Peal Weekend

Mr R. Drummond-Tyler announced that the District Quarter Peal weekend would be from October 24th to 26th. The aim was to get each tower in the District to ring a 'ke peal'. G. Humphreys would be circulating each tower to see whether they required any assistance.

Date and Place of next Meetings

The next District Meeting would be at Welwyn on Saturday ^{September} ~~October~~ 20th and the next learners Practice at Kington on Saturday ~~October~~ September 6th.

Any Other Business

G. Dodds announced that he had learners' Books for sale. P. Montgomery said that they had been very successful at Welwyn.

R. Guss proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Bessendon Major for tea.

Mr R. Drummond-Tyler proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy at Bessendon and Hempsford for the use of the bells.

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

£4-50 was collected for the Voluntary Bell Fund.

Evening ringing continued at Hempsford.

A.R. Patterson 20/9/56