

DISTRICT MEETING AT ST PETERS, ST ALBANS ON SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY 1987

Affluence ringing took place on the 10 bells at St Peters and was followed by a service. Tea and the Business Meeting, which was chaired by the Association President Peter Harper, was held in the Church Hall.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss T. Crowder, Miss N. Parnall, J. J. Ford, Mrs S. Cox, H. Cox, R. Cox and P. Montgomery.

The Minutes were read and signed as correct. There were no matters arising.

Election of new members

The following elections prior to polls attempts were ratified:-

Shirley Mc Gill of London as NRCM, Proposed Mrs S. Patterson seconded A. Patterson

Richard Tibbells unattached District member, proposed Mrs S. Patterson seconded C. Pocock

Stanley Jenner of Tonbridge Kent as NRCM, proposed J. Maguire

Stewart F. Kimber of Badlington Surrey, proposed J. Maguire

The following new members were elected

Bernard Taylor Pull member from Harpenden proposed C. Pocock seconded Mrs H. A. Coburn

Maura Spink probationary member from St Peters proposed H. V Frost seconded Miss R. Scott

Report on County Committee Meeting

Mrs A. Saunders reported on the recent County Committee meeting, the main points being

- i) A New pearl book has been purchased
- ii) Two country wide ringing courses had been advertised, details from SA Saunders
- iii) Officers for 1987 had been nominated
- iv) Details of the County AGM, to be held in the Northern District, had been given. There would be 3 ringing routes.
- v) The County 8 Bell Contest would be on May 30th hosted by the St Albans District and the Kington Cup on September 26th, hosted by the Eastern District
- vi) The County was considering holding another Ringing Course and a committee had been set up to work out the details.
- vii) A proposed guidelines for meetings had been approved.

viii) Notice would be given at the AGM of the proposed rule changes and these would be discussed at a Special General Meeting after the Kingston Cup.

Update on Ringing Meetings for the year

The Secretary read out an updated list of District meetings and learners' practices for the year. This would be circulated to all towers when most of the meetings had been confirmed.

District and County events for the year

The Secretary read out a list of events, both District and County arranged that would be held during the year, along with the organisers responsible for the event.

Date and Place of next meetings

The next District Meeting would be at North Myman on Saturday 26th March with ringing from 3.30 to 5pm followed by Service, Tea, meeting and evening ringing.

The next Learners' Practice would be at Radlett on Saturday March 7th from 10am till noon.

Any Other Business

H.V. Frost asked whether the District would sponsor one of the St Peter's rings to go on the Restoration Fund Raising seminar at Northants. It was decided that individual towers should sponsor attendees if they were attending for the benefit of their own Tower's ^{Fund} raising efforts.

Mrs M.A. Coburn reported that the Trustees of the Voluntary Bell Fund had received a Grant Request from Welwyn towards their sound control and were recommending a grant of £100 be given subject to the work being satisfactorily completed. S.A. Saunders proposed and Mrs S. Patterson seconded that £100 be given and this was carried by the meeting. P. Cox from Welwyn expressed the thanks of the Welwyn Ringers for this generous donation.

S. A. Saunders stated that he had distributed information concerning the Mainly Thursday Games evening and the Woodford Cup, to be held in May, to representatives of towns that were present and asked for volunteers to distribute the remaining sheets.

Mrs M. A. Coburn said that the letters sent by the secretary welcoming the new members from Harpenden had been very much appreciated by them.

S. A. Saunders proposed a vote of thanks to the St Peter's Ringers for an excellent tea and to the vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service.

The meeting was then declared closed.

The County Assistant Secretary, M. Thurling, then produced the bag of 100 club numbers for the monthly draw to take place. The District Secretary drew number 55 which belonged to R. Baldwin of the Watford District.

Evening singing continued at St Peter's.

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21st March 1987