

DISTRICT MEETING AT WELWYN ON SATURDAY 16th MAY 1927

The Woodford Cup contest was held at Hemstead with six teams entering. The contest started at 4pm due to a wedding earlier at Hemstead. The contest was judged by S. J. Crowley and J. Gambley from the Western District. Tea and the Business Meeting were held at Welwyn. J. J. Ford took the chair having been proposed by P. Cox, seconded C. Pocock.

Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs E. J. and D. N. Drummond - Tyler and Mrs J. Cox.

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

#### Election of New Members

Mrs A. Beylet was proposed as a probationary member from Welwyn by P. Cox, seconded P. Montgomery and duly elected.

#### Results of the Woodford Cup Contest

J. J. Ford introduced the judges who commented on the striking and quality of the six teams' ringing and declared the results as follows:

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| Welwyn      | Ponderous doubles with erratic leading. 3hr 1min peal speed.<br>121 faults coming 6th.                         |
| Harpden     | Nice, brisk and in control. Enjoyable ringing. 2hrs 40min peal speed.<br>30 faults coming 1st.                 |
| Abbey       | Very fast - in fact too fast for their ability. Treble left behind - Improved 2hr 25.<br>50 faults coming 3rd. |
| Kimpton     | Fastish ringing at a steady pace. Competent band.<br>32 faults coming 2nd.                                     |
| St Michaels | Doubles. Fairly slow. Settled & got better. Good tenor ringing.<br>79 faults coming 5th.                       |
| Hatfield    | Minor - Patchy. Tried to go too fast.<br>67 faults coming 4th.   |

JJ Ford thanked the judges and awarded the certificates to the first three teams and the Cup to Harpenden.

### Report on Games Evening

S. Saunders reported that this had been an enjoyable evening. It was a pity that only four teams entered with Hatfield coming first and fourth <sup>respectively</sup>, Welwyn second and St Michael's third.

### County Annual General Meeting

Mrs A. Saunders informed the meeting of the new officers, details of the 100 club and that Harpenden had been awarded a grant from the Bell Restoration Fund.

### Quarter Peal weekend - June 12th to 14th

Only five towers had so far replied and of these only Hatfield had requested any quarter.

### County & Bell contest

Mrs S. Patterson said that 2 teams would be entered for this contest on 30th May at Kington.

### Date and Place of next meetings

Next District Meeting on 20th June at St Pauls Walsden. Ringing 4pm to 5-30 followed by tea and meeting. Evening Ringing at Kington from 7-30 to 9pm.

Next Leagues practice at Essendon on Sat June 6th from 10am to noon.

### Any Other Business

The secretary kept receiving a letter of thanks from the Harpenden PCC for the donation from the Voluntary Bell Fund.

C. Pocock complimented the chairman on his handling of the meeting, and proposed a vote of thanks to the rings at Welwyn and Lemsford. Mrs S. Newman announced that all rings would be welcome to the Deanery Service at Kington on Ascension Day.

The collection for the Voluntary Bell Fund raised £7-50

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

Evening singing was at Wesley.

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