

DISTRICT MEETING AT ST PAULS WALDEN ON SATURDAY 20th JUNE 1987

Ringings took place on the 6 bells at St Pauls Walden from 4 pm to 5-30 with a large crowd present. The ringings was followed ^{fully} by a splendid tea in the Church Hall and then by the business meeting which was chaired by S. Saunders.

Apologies for Absence were received from WRET Goss, Mrs S. Edmondson and E. Edmondson.

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

Election of New Members

The following new members were elected

Margaret Irvine Full member from Barnet proposed Miss T. Crowder seconded Mrs J. Badger
Ann Smith Probationary member from Barnet proposed Miss T. Crowder seconded Mrs J. Badger
Doreen Maisey Probationary to full member from South Mymms proposed Miss T. Crowder seconded Mrs J. Badger
Ron Hellier Probationary member from Hatfield proposed Mrs M. Goss seconded G. Humphreys.
Emma Hellier Probationary member from Hatfield proposed Mrs M. Goss seconded G. Humphreys

Results of 1/4 Peal weekend

Mrs E. J. Drummond-Tyler reported that she had organised seven quarter peals for the District 1/4 peal weekend. There had been a 100% success rate with twelve 'firsts' Kington, South Mymms and Radlett had also organised and successfully rung 1/4 peals. Mrs E. J. Drummond-Tyler thanked all those who had taken part. S. Saunders proposed a vote of thanks to her for organising the weekend.

Results of the 8 Bell contest

Mrs S. Patten announced that the St Albans A Team had come first and the B Team third in this contest, with 8 teams competing overall. She congratulated the teams on their fine performance.

District Pub Walk.

Mrs S. Patterson gave the list of pubs that were to be visited for this event on Friday 3rd July, starting at 6-45 pm. Bread, cheese and copious amounts of black coffee would be served at the Newmans' home afterwards.

County Bell Restoration Fund.

Mrs F. J. Drummond-Tyler said that following the grants that had been given out the A.M. from this fund, there was now little money left for further applications. Districts had been urged to replenish the fund and the District Committee had considered ways of raising money at their last meeting. These had included giving the profit from the District Social, each tower giving one or more wedding fees, holding an event especially for this activity, a barbecue next summer at the Pattersons' home. There were few comments from the meeting, although Mrs M. A. Coburn suggested that a grant be made from the District Bell Fund. It was decided that members should consider this matter and discuss it more fully at the next meeting. C. Pocock added that any decision which involved individual towers couldn't be imposed on them, rather the District Secretary should communicate the District's views to each tower.

Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next District meeting would be at Monkton Hadley on Saturday July 18th with rmgj from 4-30 to 5-30 followed by a picnic tea and meeting and additional rmgj from 6-30 to 8-30 pm.

The next Learners' Practice would be at Kempford on Saturday 4th July. A. Patterson would give an hour's theory on Plain Hunting and Plain Bob from 10 to 11 am followed by practical tuition in the tower until noon.

Any Other Business

S. Saunders proposed a vote of thanks to St Pauls Walden ringers for providing tea and to the clergy of St Pauls Walden and Kempston for the use of the bells.

Mrs F. J. Drummond-Tyler said that the county had been invited to enter a team for the Essex Trophy. J. Warboys had been asked to arrange a team and would be pleased to hear from people willing to participate.

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

The collection for the Voluntary Bell Fund raised £11-24

Evening singing was at Kilmington from 7-30 to 9pm where methods
were sung from plain Bob & London and Spliced Surplice

