

DISTRICT MEETING AT HARPENDEN ON SATURDAY 19th DECEMBER 1987

Afternoon ringing took place at Harpenden on the 8 bells. This was followed by a Service of Lessons and Carols. The Harpenden ringers then served their now traditional magnificent Christmas tea, including hot sausage rolls and mince pies, which both the rector of Harpenden and the organist attended. The ensuing Business Meeting was chaired by A. Patterson.

Apologies for absence were received from D and Mrs J Badger, Mrs S. Spreadbury, and J. Beardwell.

The Minutes were read and signed as correct.

Matters Arising

Mrs S. Edmondson thanked the District for her get well card. She added that she had been able to hear the $\frac{1}{4}$ peal at the Abbey at the last meeting from her hospital bed.

Mrs A. Saunders told the meeting that she had received a letter from the Association Treasurer, T. Groom, thanking the District for the £200 raised at the Barn Dance.

H. V. Frost had handed over some chapters of Church Bells of Hertfordshire to S. Saunders who would be drawing up a circular to send to towers requesting them to update the information on their bells.

S. Saunders reported that there were currently 61 members of the 1988 100 Club. Mrs E. Drummond-Tyler urged people to fill in their application forms and give them either to her or to S. Saunders before the end of the year if they wished to join the 100 Club.

No new members were elected.

Nomination of Officers for 1988

The following members were nominated for positions of officers for 1988.

Ringing Master - Mrs S. Patterson nominated by Miss T. Crowder.

Secretary - Mrs F. Drummond-Tyler nominated by Miss A Saunders
County Committee Rep - Miss A. Saunders nominated by Miss T Crowder
Committee Member
S. Saunders nominated by Mrs S Patterson
P. Cox nominated by S. Saunders

No other nominations for committee members were forthcoming. A. Patterson urged the meeting to consider other members who might be willing to stand for proposal at the AGM, as the committee would be short of members.

Report on Practice for Learners' Striking Contest.

P. Cox was unavailable to give a report on the practice. However, tutors at individual houses said that their bands had been very enthusiastic and wanted further practice of the same nature. A. Patterson proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs E Lucas for stepping in at the last minute as tutor at Welwyn.

Report on Ringing Masters' and Instructor's Seminar

This had been extremely successful and further seminars had been requested. It had been useful having learners present and it had been suggested that the seminars be extended to learners as it was thought that they could benefit from them.

Date and Place of next meetings

The Annual District Meeting would be on Saturday 16th January at St Peters with ringing from 3-30 pm.

The next learners practice would be at Kimpton on Saturday 2nd January from 10 till noon.

Any Other Business.

A. Patterson proposed a vote of thanks to the rector and organist for taking the service to the Haspenden organ for tea and to the rector and organist for the use of the bells. There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed. Ringing continued until 8-30 pm.

The Voluntary Bell Fund collection raised £5-10.

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