

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AT ST PETERS STALBANS ON SATURDAY 16th JANUARY 1982.

Ringing took place at St Peters from 3-30 to 5pm with about 30 rings present. This was followed by a service of Evensong. H.V. Frost then gave an interesting short talk about the rehanging of the Abbey bells in 1935 illustrated by a video taken from a film of the event. The Business meeting was held in the Church Hall and was preceded by a scrumptious hot tea laid on by the St Peters' organ.

Election of Chairman There were two nominations for chairman and after a toss of a coin, C. Pocock took the chair.

Apologies for Absence were received from Miss C. Lloyd and Mrs J. Harding.

There had been no loss of Members by death during the year.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last Annual District Meeting and these were signed as correct. There were no matters arising.

Election of New Members.

The following new members were elected: -

From South Mymms the following probationary member was proposed by Miss T. Crowder and seconded by Mrs J. Badger

Miss Melanie Titmus

From the Abbey the following members were proposed by G. Penney seconded Mrs E. Lucas: -
as Probationary members

Colin Hassell

Hugh Fawcett

Ian Fraser

David Yates

Darren Young

as a Full member

Simon Roome

From St Peter's Miss Megan R. King's transfer from probationary to full member was proposed by HV Frost and seconded by Miss R. Scott

From Hatfield the following members were proposed by Mrs A. Saunders seconded S Saunders: -

transfer from probationary to full membership

Miss Clara Lloyd

As a full member

John Nicholson

As probationary member

Miss Clara Nicholson

Ralph Ashbrook

Daniel Carter, was proposed as an unattached probationary member by Mrs C. Carter seconded by A. Carter.

The Belfry election of R.K. Bickerton prior to a meal at Leneford in December was ratified. He had been proposed by G. Dodds and seconded by Miss N. Pownall.

The transfer of Ronald Clouston to Non Resident Life Membership, on retirement to Suffolk, was proposed by Mrs F. Drummond-Tyler and seconded by C. Pocock.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary's report was read and Mrs M.A. Coburn proposed and G. Dodds seconded that it be accepted. This was carried.

Statement of Accounts.

The accounts were presented to the meeting. The secretary reported that they had been audited by the District Auditor.

J.J. Ford proposed and Mrs R. Pocock seconded that the Subscription account be accepted and this was carried.

Mrs M.A. Coburn proposed and S. Saunders seconded that the Bell Fund account be accepted and this was carried.

K. Newman proposed and G. Penney seconded that the District Fund account be accepted and this was carried.

Election of Officers

Ringling Master. Mrs S. Patterson was proposed by Miss T. Crowder and seconded by Mrs E. Pocock. Miss T. Crowder thanked Mrs S. Patterson for the excellent way in which she had carried out her duties during the last year.

District Secretary Mrs F. Drummond-Tyler was proposed by Mrs A. Saunders and seconded by S. Saunders. C. Pocock thanked her for her efforts during the last year.

Association Committee Rep. Mrs A. Saunders was proposed by Miss T. Crowder and seconded by D. Drummond-Tyler.

There being no other nominations for the above posts, they were duly elected.

Committee Members.

S. Saunders proposed by Mrs S. Patterson seconded by Miss T. Crowder.

P. Cox proposed by S. Saunders seconded by Mrs S. Newman.

Mrs E. Lucas proposed by Mrs S. Patterson seconded by G. Dodds.

Miss N. Pownall proposed by Miss T. Crowder seconded by Miss R. Scott.

Mrs S. Newman proposed that the size of the committee be increased by one from 6 to 7 members. This was seconded by Miss T. Crowder and carried. There being no other nominations for committee members, the above were duly elected.

Deputy Association Committee Rep. P

P. Cox was proposed by J. J. Ford, seconded by G. Penney. There were no other nominations and so he was duly elected.

Voluntary Bell Fund Trustees

Mrs M. A. Coburn was proposed by Mrs E. Pocock seconded by H. V. Frost.

C. Pocock was proposed by G. Dodds seconded by S. Saunders.

There being no other nominations they were duly elected.

Peal Book Writer

D. N. Drummond-Tyler was proposed by P. Cox seconded by Mrs S. Patterson.

There being no other nominations he was duly elected.

D. Dummond-Tyler indicated that the Peal book was available for the meeting to inspect. He pointed out that it was complete to the end of 1986, the date of the last Annual Report which is taken as the authority for Peal peals.

Hon Auditors

Mrs S. Edmondson was proposed by Mr. M.A. Coburn seconded by Mrs F. Pouch.

There being no other nominations she was duly elected.

Programme for 1988

The Secretary read out the venues for the District Meetings and learned Practices for the coming year stressing that at this stage it was only provisional.

She then went on to ask the meeting for suggestions for other activities during the year, having first put forward the committee's proposals.

After some discussion the following ideas were put forward:-

G. Penney suggested that the District should have targets to aim for during the year.

K. Lucas asked for a Peal programme.

S. Saunders proposed and A. Patterson seconded that as the usual date for the Woolford Cup clashed with the County 8-Bell contest, that it be held on a non-District Meeting day starting about tea time and this was agreed.

Mrs S. Newman felt that as the June 1/2 peal weekend last year had been successful it should be repeated.

G. Penney proposed that another Barn Dance be held.

Proposed County Ring Course

The organiser for this course, A. Alworth, stated that it would be held on 22nd October at Richmond. Further details would be announced soon.

Date of next ADM

The District was invited to Hatfield on 21st January 1989

Date and Place of next District Meeting

The next District meeting would be on Saturday 20th February. The venue was likely to be Monken Hadley, but this had still to be confirmed. Details would appear in the Ringing World.

Any other Business


G. Dodds gave details of a Central Council. Their computer meeting at St. Albans on Saturday 26th March.

The meeting was asked their views on the Secretary's Cup and it was decided to discontinue it.

S. Saunders announced that the 100 Club was fully subscribed. The first draw of the year was then carried out by C. Pocock. The winner was W. Shepherd from the Western District.

Miss T. Crowder proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar, organist and parish worker for taking the service to the organ of St Peter's for the use of the bells and for providing tea and to H. V. Frost for the film show. There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed.

The Voluntary Bell Fund Collection raised £13-00.


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