

DISTRICT MEETING AT MONKTON HADLEY ON SATURDAY 20th FEBRUARY 1988

Ringing took place on the 8 bells at Monkton Hadley with many people present at 3-30 pm. The Special Method, Double Norwich, was rung once before and twice after tea. Picnic teas were eaten in the church and cups of tea were provided. S. Saunders chaired the Business Meeting in the ringing chamber.

Apologies for absence were received from R. Helger.

The Minutes of the last District Meeting were read and signed as correct. There were no matters arising.

No new members were sought.

Report on County Committee Meeting.

Mrs A. Saunders gave a report on the County Committee Meeting held at the end of January. The main points were

- i) The AGM would be held at Little Gaddesdon in the Western District on 23rd April, with ringing on the day.
- ii) The Bell Contest would be held on 21st May at Braughing.
- iii) The Kington Cup would be held in the St Albans District on 24th September.
- iv) In an attempt to update Church Bells of Hertfordshire, the Committee were sending out a questionnaire, initially to Churches with ringable peals, asking for details of their bells. Responses were requested by the AGM in April.

Leaveson Shifting Contest

P. Cox said that this was organised for 5th March at N. Myman starting at 10 am. R. Lucas would be judging it. At least 4 bands would be entering.

District Events for 1988

Mrs F. Drummond-Tyler stated that the committee were organising the following for 1988

- a) Special Methods at District Meetings, although Ken would not dominate the ringing
- b) District Peals would be organised by S Saunders for those wishing to ring. They would be targeted for June, but tower and major availability may dictate they be rung throughout the year
- c) Surprise Major Practices on the 2nd Friday of the month would be organised, starting late spring
- d) The next Instruction Seminar would be on 15th April
- e) The Woolford Cup would be held at Sandridge on 14th May with a 6pm start
- f) An outing to Whitechapel Bell Foundry and including ringing at some London towers would take place in the second half of the year
- g) The District was hosting the Kempton Cup at St Pauls Walden on 24th September with Ken at Kempton. Volunteers to help prepare Ken would be required
- h) A 1/4 peal weekend would be held on 11-13th November
- i) A Barn Dance would be held at Essendon on 12th November

Date and Place of Next Meeting

The Next District Meeting would be on Saturday 19th March at St Michaels with ringing from 3-30pm.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed. Evening ringing continued at Monkton Hadley.

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