

District Meeting at St Pauls Walden on Saturday 18th June 1988

A large number of rings turned up for the rings at St Pauls Walden in the afternoon. A short service, taken by the lay reader, followed and a good tea was partaken of in the Church Hall. G. Dodds chaired the ensuing Business Meeting -

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J. Cox, M. Cox, R. Cox, Mr A. Saunders and S. Saunders.

The minutes were read and signed as correct.

Matters arising

A. Patterson commented that the attendance at the Surpris practice is still disappointing. Only 8 District Members appeared at the last practice and many attendees arrive after 8pm when there is little time left for rings. Mrs S. Patterson stated that the Radlett learners' practice had been well attended and a lot had been achieved.

Election of new members.

The following new members were elected.

Julie Cottingham and Dunstan Gotham both from Radlett, proposed as full members by J. Beardwell seconded Mrs S. Patterson. Ratification of the selfing election of Graham and Wendy Bloom prior to a peal of Wimborne Surpris Royal at St Pauls Belford on 14th May 1988 proposed by J. R. Hague seconded by Miss D. M. Robotham.

Transfer to NRLM of Miss S. Scott and R. J. Seymour, both of Kington, following their departure from the County.

Report on Foundry Outing.

Miss M. Pownall had written a letter giving details of the outing which would appear in the next news letter. The tour of the Foundry had been very interesting and was well attended. However, many rings departed at lunch time leaving a band that was able to ring at Spitalfields and Aldgate only with the

assistance of non District ringers. The visit to Cornhill had to be cancelled. £25 was raised for the District Bell Fund.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Miss N. Pownall for organising the society and to Mrs E and K. Lucas for enabling the District to visit the Foundry at ~~and~~ with such at a much earlier date than had been anticipated.

Date and Place of next meetings

The next District Meeting would be at Welwyn on 16th July with ringing from 3-30 to 5 pm followed by service, tea and meeting and evening ringing from 6-30 to 8 pm. The special methods would be Belfast and Double Norwich.

The next learners' practice would be at Lemsford on July 2nd from 10 AM onwards.

The next Surprise practice would be at Kimpton on Wednesday 6th July from 7-30 till 9 pm, the special method being Belfast.

Any Other Business

The meeting was reminded of the District Bazaar at Essendon on Saturday 12th November.

Mrs A. Coburn proposed a vote of thanks to the St Pauls Walden ^{and clergy} ringers for the use of their bells and for providing tea, to the lay reader for taking the service and to the Kimpton ringers ^{and clergy} for the use of their bells.

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

Evening ringing continued at Kimpton from 7-30 to 9 pm.

The Voluntary Bell Fund collection raised £5-50.

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