

DISTRICT MEETING AT ST STEPHENS ST GEBANS ON SATURDAY 20th AUGUST 1988

Ringings took place on the 6 bells of St Stephens from 3-30 to 5pm followed by a service. The vicar and his wife joined us for a splendid tea. The County President, G. Fielding, chaired the Business Meeting.

Apologies for Absence were received from P. Cox, Mrs J Cox, M. Cox and R. Cox.

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

Election of New Members.

The following new members were elected

Emma Carter and Tania Picton both proposed as Full members from St Stephens by R Picton and seconded by A. Picton

Mandy Gilbert proposed as a full member from Welwyn by P. Montgomery seconded Mrs S Patterson

Brian Gilbert proposed as a full from probationary member from Welwyn by P. Montgomery seconded Mrs S Patterson.

Natalie Godfrey proposed as a probationary member from South Hymers by Miss T Crowder seconded G. Dodds.

Kimpton Cup

The secretary reminded the meeting that the District was hosting the Kimpton Cup this year and provided 17 cakes and helpes on the day were needed for their preparation. The event was on September 24th with ringings at St Pauls Wotton and Ken at Kimpton.

District Social

The secretary stated that tickets would be distributed to houses in early September for this year's Bon Dance on Saturday November 12th. There would be a live band and tickets would cost £6. It would be held at Essenden again.

1/2 Peal weekend

Mrs A Saunders informed the meeting that she had distributed forms to each tower asking whether individuals would like quakers arranged. The weekend was the same as for the social, namely November 11th to 13th.

Date and Place of next meetings

The next District meeting would be at St Peters on Saturday September 17th with singing from 3-30 to 5pm, followed by service, tea, meeting and evening singing.

The next Learners' Practice would be at S Myrnes on 3rd September from 10 till noon.

The next Surprise Practice would be at Kempton on Wednesday 7th September from 7-30 to 9pm.

Any other Business

Mrs S Patterson thanked JI Ford and S Saunders for running the last District Practice and JI Ford for the last Surprise Practice in her absence.

Mrs E S Drummond - Ty Co reminded the meeting that the County Ringing Course was on October 22nd. In the absence of any further information since April, she undertook to contact A Allcock to establish what was happening. S Saunders stated that he believed that helpers were required.

A Patterson said that he was very impressed by the new style District Newsletter produced by Mrs E Lucas.

Miss T Crowder proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar, ringers and organist for their respective services in providing bells, tea and service. These being no other business, the meeting was declared closed.

Evening singing continued at St Stephens, interrupted for a short while by a broken rope.

A Patterson