

DISTRICT MEETING AT KIMPTON ON SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER 1988

Afternoon ringing took place on the 8 bells at Kimpton, followed by a service of Evensong, Tea and the Business Meeting. The Association President, G. Fielding, took the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from J Beardwell and Mrs J Cox.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed as correct. Matters arising. Mrs S. Patterson stated that the minutes of the meeting prior to that had not been read at the previous meeting. These minutes were then read and signed as correct.

Election of new members.

R. G. Begnum of Leneford was proposed as a full member by P J Cox, seconded by G. Dadds and duly elected.

The belated election of Robin F M Wooley prior to a year attempt was ratified. He was proposed by R. J. Gocher and seconded R. J. Tibbells.

Melanie Titmus of South Hymms transferred from probationary to full membership, proposed Miss Tidowder, seconded Mrs J Budge & duly elected.

Report on General Committee Meeting

Mrs A Saunders gave details of the recent General Committee Meeting.

These included dates for and venues for the Coburn Cup, 20th May at North Church, Kimpton Cup 30th September at Kimpton and the AGM in the Bishop's Stortford District on 29th April at Much Hadham. A booklet was to be produced as a result of the bell tower survey. The Ringing Course in October had been cancelled due to a party.

Mrs M A Coburn commented that it was very sad that the course had had to be cancelled. A number of people must have put a lot of work into preparing for it and they must feel quite disheartened. G. Fielding stated that the postal strike had not helped.

Report on District Social

P J Cox stated that there had been 58 paying ~~people~~ attendees who had had a very enjoyable time. There had been a very good live band of 6 people, including caller, and this had made a change from records. Thanks to peoples generosity in donating some of the food and to the proceeds from the raffle we had managed to just break even with a profit of £6. He warned that if we were to continue with a live band and a small number of dances, then the ticket price would have to go up next year.

Mrs F J Drummond-Tyler thanked P J Cox for coordinating the event.

Report on 1/2 Peal weekend.

Mrs A Saunders reported that three of the four quarter peals she had arranged had been successful. These were Cambridge minor at Sandridge where Mrs J Watts had sung the treble, P B minor at Kimpton with a post for Mrs D Scott and P B minor at South Hymms with firsts for Mrs J Budget and Mrs J Cox. The 1/2 of Grandiose Cakes for Miss T Crowder, at Hatfield had failed. At least four other towers had arranged Yess for themselves, including Radlett where Mrs V Humphries had sung the first as conductor.

Date and Place of next Meeting

The next District Meeting would be the nomination meeting at Harpenden on 17th December with ringing from 3-30 to 5pm followed by a Carol Service. Evening ringing would be from 6-30 to 8pm. The meeting was reminded that Mr S Patten would not be seeking re-election as ringing master.

The next Leamers Practice would be at Essendon on 3rd December and the next Swynal practice on 7th December at Kimpton.

Any Other Business

Mrs F Drummond-Tyler proposed a vote of thanks to the major of Kimpton for providing tea and for the use of the bells, to Miss T Crowder for playing the organ and to the Vicar for taking the service.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed. Evening ringing continued at Kimpton.

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