

## DISTRICT MEETING AT HARPENDEN, SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER 1988.

Afternoon singing took place on the 8 bells at Harpenden followed by a seasonal service of Lessons and Carols. The Harpenden organ served their traditional excellent ken of sausage rolls and mince pies. The ensuing Business Meeting was chaired by J.F. Ford.

Apologies for Absence were received from Mr and Mrs Potterson.

The Minutes of the last District Meeting were read and signed as correct.

### Matters Arising.

Mrs F Drummond-Tyler apologised to those who had turned up at Rossenden for the Learner's Practice. There had been some mix up amongst the Rossenden band with the result that the tower had <sup>not</sup> been ~~was~~ unlocked. Mrs J Badger said she thoroughly enjoyed her practice, but there had been 2 lockouts this year. Fortunately in neither case had there been young children left without transport home, but the District should ensure that this does not happen.

### Election of new Members.

The belated elections of Brian D Price of Willesden and Jeremy W. Spiller of Kingston on Thames, prior to a peal at St Michaels, was ratified. They were proposed by P. Montgomery.

The following elections were agreed.

The re-election of P. Coles ~~off~~ as a full member.

The transfer from probationary to full membership of A Derby.

The Revd M Collins ~~off~~ as an Associate member.

All three were from Harpenden and were proposed by Mrs M A Cohen seconded C. Pocock.

## Nominations of Officers for 1989

There were no nominations for Ringing Master

Mrs F Drummond-Tyler was nominated as District Secretary by Mrs M A Coburn.

The following members were nominated as Committee members

Mrs F Lucas nominated by Mrs S Newman

S Saunders nominated by Miss T Crowder

P Cox nominated by K Newman

Mrs S Newman nominated by G Penney

It was decided to receive the nomination of General Committee representatives and the Deputies until the ADM.

## Date and Place of next District Meeting and Practice

The next District meeting would be the ADM at Hatfield on 21st January with ringing from 3.30 to 5 pm followed by a service.

The learners' Practice would be at Kempford on 7th January from 10 till 12, and the Surprise practice at Kimpton on Wednesday 4th January from 7.45 to 9.15 pm.

## Any other Business

The meeting expressed concern that the number of experienced ringers at the learners' practice was often insufficient and a further issue that had been nobody in charge.

The committee were asked to coordinate a rota of experienced ringers to ensure there was always enough and that someone was nominated as in charge. S. Saunders pointed out that implicit in that request was the District's commitment to provide this experiential support.

G Penney proposed a vote of thanks to the rector for taking the service and allowing us the use of the bells, to the deacons organised for ringing and to the ringers for providing a fantastic service.

A donation to the Countess Bell restoration fund was given by the Harpenden Ringers. There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed.

G Penney