

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AT HATFIELD ON SATURDAY 21st JANUARY 1987

Ringing took place at Hatfield from 3-30 to 5pm with about 30 ringers present. The rector conducted Evensong and this was followed by tea in the Church Hall. The Annual District Meeting was chaired by the Association Secretary, S Saunders, proposed M M A Coburn seconded G Dodds. The Secretary welcomed the District to the ADM and gave the Association President's apologies for absence, but he had had to attend the Bishop's Stortford ADM.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs F Pocock, D Dalton, and Mrs J. Cox.

There had been no loss of members through death during the year.

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

Election of new members.

The following new members were elected:-

From Harpenden the transfer from probationary to full membership of Anthea Kennell and Catherine Farrow, proposed Mrs M A Coburn, seconded C Pocock.

From the Abbey the transfer from probationary to full membership of Darren Young, David Yates and Colin Hassel proposed G Penney seconded G Dodds.

From South Mimms, Thomas Masterson as probationary member proposed Miss T Crowder seconded D Badger.

From Essendon, Anna Rees as a full member proposed J J Ford seconded C Pocock.

The transfer from full member to NRHM of C. Oakes Mayet of Radlett following his departure to Harrow.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report was read. Mrs S Patterson proposed and M M A Coburn seconded that it be accepted.

H V Frost proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers for all their efforts.

Statement of Accounts.

The accounts were presented to the meeting. The secretary reported that they had been audited by the District Auditor.

Mrs S Patterson proposed and C Pocock seconded that the Association Account be accepted and this was carried.

J J Ford proposed and G Penney seconded that the Voluntary Bell Fund Account be accepted and this was carried.

G. Penney proposed and Mrs S. Patterson seconded that the District Fund Account be accepted and this was carried.

Election of Officers.

Ringing Master Mrs F Lucas was proposed by Mrs S Patterson and seconded by G Penney. There being no other nomination she was duly elected. G. Penney thanked Mrs S Patterson for all her efforts and wished Mrs F Lucas every success. He added that the Ringing Master's job has become a more onerous task with the introduction of the learner's practice and Surprise practices.

District Secretary Mrs F Drummond-Tyler was proposed by Mrs M A Coburn and seconded by C. Pocock. Mrs M A Coburn proposed a vote of thanks for everything the secretary had done during the past year which, as her report showed, had not been an easy year. She hoped there would be more support from the District during the next year. There being no other proposition, Mrs F Drummond-Tyler was duly elected.

Association Committee Rep. P Cox was proposed by Mrs F Drummond-Tyler and seconded by Mrs F Lucas. There being no other proposition he was duly elected.

Deputy Association Committee Rep. Mrs F Lucas was proposed by G. Penney, seconded by C Pocock and, there being no other nomination, duly elected.

Committee Members

S Saunders was proposed by Miss T Crowder and seconded by P Con
D Badger was proposed by Miss T Crowder and seconded by Mrs J Badger
G. Beynon was proposed by G Dadds and seconded by P Montgomerie.

All three were elected.

C. Pocock said that he would be willing to stand next year as a
Committee member.

Voluntary Bell Fund Trustees.

G. Penney proposed and K. Newman seconded that Mrs M A Coburn
and C Pocock be re-elected. There being no other nominations this was
carried.

Peal Book writer

Miss T Crowder proposed and C Pocock seconded that D Drummond-Tyle
be re-elected. There being no other nomination this was carried.

Hon Auditor

Mrs M A Coburn proposed and C Pocock seconded that Mrs S Edmondson
be re-elected. There being no other nomination this was carried. Mrs M A
Coburn thanked Mrs S Edmondson for her efforts.

Programme for 1937.

The programme of District Meetings and Learners' practice for 1937
was presented to the meeting.

J J Ford asked whether the District's previous request of one Fours
per meeting was being applied too rigidly.

Mrs S Newman wondered whether the District was trying to fit in too
much ringing. She suggested that instead of afternoon rings, meets, tea
and evening ringing each month that evening ringing on a monthly basis and
a full meeting on a quarterly basis may be more acceptable. Mrs F Lucas
added that she would prefer quality to quantity. If there is too much
ringing available, the quality may suffer.

G. Penney wondered whether the Learners' Practice should be held on the same

afternoon as the District meeting, thus reducing the number of Saturdays that members were asked to attend and perhaps increasing the number of experienced ringers who could assist. Mrs J Butler said that currently she, and other learners, enjoyed the learner practices on the morning of the first Saturday as well as afternoon ringing on the third Saturday and with G. Penney's proposal they would miss out on a session.

After some discussion Mr S Newman proposed and Miss T Crowder seconded that the provisional programme be accepted, subject to any necessary amendments. It was agreed that the Committee would bear in mind the comments made and assess whether there should be changes made for the 1990 programme.

Woodford Cup.

The secretary reported that of all the towers that had responded to the request for entries for a league competition instead of the usual one day striking contest, only Hatfield and Kimpton had agreed to enter. Mr M A Coburn stated that Harpenden were not against the idea. The secretary then went on to say that at the committee meeting earlier that day, the committee had agreed that the only logical consequence of this was that Hatfield and Kimpton should go on to represent the District in the Kimpton Cup. This suggestion did not find favour with the meeting. The secretary then went on to say that the committee had anticipated this response and their alternative suggestion was that the Woodford Cup be held on a District meeting day, other than May when the Coburn Trophy was being held, with the usual format kept. After some discussion G Penney proposed and K Lucas seconded that the Woodford Cup be held at St Pauls Walden on 17th June, starting around 6pm depending on the number of entries. This was carried. Miss T Crowder asked whether ~~these~~ rules could be altered to allow teams to ring plain courses, rather than a touch, and the committee agreed to consider this.

Mrs S Edmondson asked whether the County were going to continue holding the Coburn Trophy on the 3rd Saturday in May. Mrs E Drummond-Tyler replied that this matter could be raised at the County Committee meeting to be held on the next Saturday.

Date and Place of next Annual District Meeting

The District were invited to hold the next ADM at St Peter's on 20th January 1990, and this was accepted.

Date and Place of next District Meeting

The next District meeting would be on 18th Feb with afternoon ringing, service, tea and meeting at St Mynors and evening ringing at Barnet.

The next Leamers' Practice would be on Saturday 10th February at N. Mynors from 10 till noon. K. Lucas and Miss T Crowder volunteered to assist at this practice.

The next District Surprise practice would be at Kington on Wednesday 1st February from 7-45 to 9-15 pm.

Any Other Business

Mrs S Newman stated that A Frost had been to inspect the bells at Kings Walden and would be returning mid February, after the tower had been cleared, to take more measurements whilst the bells were rung. Mrs E Drummond-Tyler said she would get in touch with Mr Stedman to see whether he required any assistance in reaching a band if the tower was declared safe.

Mrs M A. Coburn proposed a vote of thanks to the rector for taking the service and for the use of the bells and to the rings of Hatfield for providing tea.

G. Penney proposed and Mrs S Newman seconded that a Barn Dance, with a live band, be held on 25th November and this was carried.

Mrs S. Newman asked why the Games Evening had not been

held in 1988 and was told that the committee had dropped it
due to declining support.

Miss T. Crowder asked whether there would be another 4th peak weekend.
This would be discussed at the next committee meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

S. J. [Signature]

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