

DISTRICT MEETING AT ST PAULS WALDEN ON SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 1989

A successful handbell workshop, with both method and tune ringing groups, took place during the afternoon at St Pauls Walden. This was followed by a splendid tea. The Woolford Cup was held during the evening and six teams entered. The judges were T. Groom and D. Garton. The business meeting followed the contest and was chaired by T. Groom.

Apologies for absence were received from R and Mrs M Goss and B. Gilbert.

The Minutes were read and signed as correct.

Matter arising T. Groom stated that he had received a letter from S. Myrnes asking for advice on how to make an application to the County Bell Fund. They need to raise £80,000 for the restoration of the tower.

Election of new Members

The belfry elections, of our resident members of
Richard W Butler

Deborah M F Cook

Martin S. Beaumont

all of St Michael prior to a peal at St Michaels on 10th June and proposed by R. Hardy were ratified.

~~the~~ Tricia Narracott of Monken Hadley was proposed as a full member by Mrs S. Spreadbury, and seconded by A Spreadbury and duly elected.

There were no requests for quarter peals.

Date and place of next Meeting

The next District Meeting would be on 15th July with afternoon ringing at Sandridge from 3-30 to 5pm and Tea, business meeting and evening ringing

at St Peter's.

The next learner practice would be at N. Hyms on 1st July from 10 till noon

The next Surprise Practice would be on 5th July at Kimpton from 7-45 to 9-15 pm

Any Other Business

P. J. Cox proposed a vote of thanks to St Pauls Walden for the lovely tea and the use of the bells and facilities.

G. Penney announced that the Friends of the Abbey had decided to give the money they raise this year to the Abbey Bell Restoration Fund. This is expected to be in the region of £25k. They have organised a raffle to this end however they have asked the Abbey ringers to be responsible for selling the 2,500 books of raffle tickets. G. Penney would be asking all District Secretaries to give some assistance. So far £100k has been raised of the £150k required.


Mrs E. Drummond-Tyler proposed a vote of thanks to P. J. Cox for organising the Woolford Cup.

Results of the Woolford Cup.

D. Gorton proceeded to make helpful comments on the ringing of each team having first observed that the bells were obviously very odd struck, the fifth and tenor in particular.

The results were

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| 6th | Sandridge | with | 132 faults | ringing | Plain Bob Minor |
| 5th | Welwyn | with | 129 faults | ringing | Plain Bob Double |
| 4th | Hatfield | with | 92 faults | ringing | Plain Bob minor |
| 3rd | St Michael | with | 83 faults | ringing | Plain Bob double |
| 2nd | Monken Hadley | with | 73 faults | ringing | Grandiose doubles |
| 1st | The Abbey | with | 23 faults | ringing | Cambridge minor. |

P. J. Cox thanked the judges for judging the contest. The Woolford Cup and Half Cup were presented to The Abbey and Sandridge respectively. P. J. Cox then stated that the Woolford Cup would revert to 3rd Sat in May next year. The meeting was declared closed.  15/7/89