

DISTRICT MEETING AT KIMPTON ON SATURDAY 21st JULY 1990

There was a limited amount of ringing during the afternoon due to the shortage of ringers and the extreme heat. This was followed by a service and then a hearty tea in the Church Hall. G. Penney, the Association President, chaired the Business Meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from P. J. Cox, J. Nicholson and Miss C. Nicholson.

The Minutes of the last District Meeting were read and signed as correct. The Secretary reported that so far she had been unable to contact R. Haddy concerning the Birthday card for the Queen Mother.

No new members were elected.

Report on A&M

G. Penney stated that it was good to have had such a Happy Day. The ringing during the day was well attended, the rector of Hatfield had given an excellent service and the meeting itself had been a pleasant occasion. Mrs E. Drummond-Tyler expressed her thanks to all those who had helped both before and on the Day with the tea. It was very encouraging to see different members of the District coming forward to help so enthusiastically. A profit of £22.50 had been made on the tea and this had gone to the Voluntary Bell Fund.

Report on Woodford Cup.

This had been held at Radlett on 19th May. Harpenden had come 1st with St Michael's second and the Abbey third. Thanks were given to P. Cox for organising the event and to J. Beardwell for organising a day tea.

Report on other ringing contests

The Coburn trophy, the county bell contest, was won by the St Albans Team.

Hertfordshire had entered a team for the first time this year in the Ridgmont Trophy, a ten bell contest, which we had won. G. Penney said that he would be displaying the trophy at the Kimpton Cup contest in September.

G. Penney added that it was sad to see no write up of this or other contests, in the Ringing World. As we would be having a representative from Hertfordshire on the organising committee, they would be asked to mention this from next and future years. He also mentioned that as we had won the contest, it would be Hertfordshire's turn to host the contest next year.

The county also hoped to enter a team in the Essex trophy, which would be held in September.

Quarter Peals for the Queen Mother's Birthday.

Mrs E Drummond-Tyler said that, as the Queen Mother had been born and brought up in the District, it would be nice for as many towers as possible to ring a quarter, or peal, for her 90th birthday on 4th August. There was to be a peal attempt on 4th August at St Pauls Walden - her birth place. If any tower required assistance in raising a band they should contact the District committee. It was hoped to send the Queen Mother a card with details of all the peals and quarters rung. Details should be given to the District Secretary.

Trevor Green's Address at the A.M.

Mrs E Drummond-Tyler stated that a copy of Trevor Green's presentation on raising money for the Association Bell Fund was attached to the District Newsletter for towers to read and she proposed that it ~~was~~ be discussed at

the October District Meeting. It would be nice if the District could make a positive response at the County Committee meeting to be held at the end of October. Mrs M.A. Coburn stated that all those who had heard the presentation had been very impressed. G. Penney reported that several Districts had already thought of ways in which they could make a contribution. He added that any activity would need to be ongoing to make a significant impact.

Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next District Meeting would be at the Abbey on 20th October with handbell ringing in the crypt in the afternoon and evening ringing in the tower from 6-30 to 8-30pm.

Any Other Business

G. Penney said that P. Cox was resigning from the District Committee due to his duties as Churchwarden at Welwyn. A vote of thanks was proposed for all that he had done for the District.

Mrs M.A. Coburn said that she had meant to say at the last District Meeting how fortunate the District was in having Sewag volunteering at the ADM for the post of Ringing Master, and she thanked her for this. G. Penney added that we need to thank Sewag at every meeting for what she has done.

Mrs M.A. Coburn reported that the Harpenden bells had been recast on 29th June, with a party from Harpenden watching the event, and the service of dedication would take place on 4th October.

J.J. Ford said that three new bells had been cast for Essendon on 28th June and one of the other bells will have to be recast as it has a crack. The bells should be available by the beginning of October and it was hoped to have a service of dedication in November.

Ms E Drummond-Tyler proposed a vote of thanks to
the vicar of Kempton for taking the service and for the use of
the bells, for the organist's service, to the Kempton ring
for providing tea and to the vicar of St Pauls Walden for
the use of their bells

There being no other business the meeting was declared
closed.

Evening singing was held at St Pauls Walden from 7 to
8-30 pm.

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