

## DISTRICT MEETING AT HARPENDEN ON SATURDAY 15th DECEMBER 1980

Afternoon ringing took place on the 8 bells at Harpenden and was followed by a very enjoyable Carol Service. Some of the Harpenden Congregation then joined the ringers for a special tea as a further celebration of the work that had been done on the bells. One of the congregation had baked and iced a large cake and this was cut and distributed to all present.

The Association's President, Gerald Penney, took the chair for the business meeting. He congratulated the Harpenden Band, on behalf of the Association, for all they had achieved in the last year.

There were no Apologies for Absence.

The minutes were read and signed as correct. There were no matters arising.

### Election of New Member.

Philip Boardwell of Radlett was proposed as a full member by Mrs J. Badger seconded by D Badger and duly elected.

### Report on District Barn Dance.

The secretary thanked all those who had helped to make the Barn Dance such a success. A profit of £55 had been made and the raffle had raised £66. She proposed that this be put into the District Bell fund, which was seconded by P Saunders and carried by the meeting.

### Report on County Committee Meeting.

C. Pocock reported on the recent meeting. The main points were

- i) The Archbishop of Canterbury would be invited to be a Patron of the Association when he returns
- ii) Towers included in D. Gullick's accident survey were asked to complete the forms
- iii) Peal conductors were requested to send details & fees to the local secretary promptly

- iv) In order to underwrite the publication of the Survey of County Bells by G. Dade people would be asked to subscribe in advance
- v) The AGM would be at Rickmansworth on the last Saturday in April. The Coburn Trophy and Kimpton Cup would be worked by the Markon District on June 1st and September 28th respectively. Bishop's Stortford would be the venue of the Ridgmont Trophy on 11th May.
- vi) A sub-committee had been formed to discuss Fund raising for the Association Bell Fund
- vii) The committee would ask feedback from the Association as to their reaction to the subscription being £5 as from 1992.

### 1991 Ringing Programme

The secretary stated that the District committee had suggested that the format for the 1991 programme be the same as for this 1990 but with the ringing sessions reduced to 1 1/2 hrs. This would mean that the afternoon ringing would be from 3-30 to 5 pm and evening ringing 7 to 8-30 pm. Mrs M A Coburn proposed and B. Taylor seconded that this be the case and this was carried

### Nominations for 1991 District Committee

The following nominations were made.

Ringing Master Mrs S. Patterson nominated C. Pocock  
 District Secretary Mrs E. Drummond-Tyle nominated Mrs E Pocock  
 Committee Members - Mrs E. Pocock nominated the current committee en-bloc

County Committee Rep Mrs S. Patterson nominated Mrs M A Coburn  
 Deputy County Committee Rep Miss C. Nicholson nominated Mrs E Drummond-Tyle

Mrs M A Coburn thanked Mrs S. Patterson for her efforts as Ringing Master during 1990 and for agreeing to stand again for this onerous task.

### Date and Place of Next Meeting

The Annual District Meeting would be at Hatfield on Saturday 19th January with ringing from 3-30 to 5 pm followed by service tea and Annual Meeting

The next Leamers Practice would be at Sandridge on 5th January and the next surprise practice at Kimpton on Wednesday 2nd January.

### Any Other Business

G. Penney congratulated Essendon for achieving their goal of aymatik and rehanging the bells.

G. Penney then proposed a vote of Thanks to the Harpenden ringers for such a lovely run in the true traditional manner, the rectory for backing the service and for the use of the bells, and the organist for playing. He thought that the Harpenden meeting was the highlight of our meeting year.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed.

Ringings have continued at Harpenden until 8pm.

G. Penney  
20.4.91