

## ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AT HATFIELD ON SATURDAY 19th JANUARY 1991

Ringings took place at Hatfield from 3-30 to 5pm. The rector conducted Evensong and this was followed by tea in the Church Hall.

The Annual District Meeting was chaired by the Association President, G. Penney, who welcomed everyone & commented that it was nice to see so many young people.

Apologies for absence were received from C. Pocock, S. Saunders, Mrs A Saunders, and P. Cox.

### Loss of Members by death.

Three members had died during the year, Ted Bennett from Hatfield, about whom S. Huckle and T. Lock said a few words, Ian Lee from the Abbey about whom G. Dodds spoke and A. Ewer, unattached, of whom H. V. Frost spoke. The meeting then stood in silence in memory of them.

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

There were no matters arising.

### Election of new Members.

The following were elected as full members

Rev Christopher Remyard, unattached, proposed Mrs M A Coburn seconded L Coburn

Anne M Weston, from Sandridge, proposed G. Dodds seconded Mrs S Paterson

Clare G Weston, from Sandridge, proposed G. Dodds seconded Mrs S Paterson.

The transfer from resident to NRCM of Annie Bethel was proposed by Mrs M A Coburn, seconded Mrs S Edmondson and carried.

### Secretary's Report

Mrs F. Drummond-Tyler gave the Secretary's report for 1990 and was thanked by G. Penney for such a comprehensive one. S. Huckle proposed and Mrs M A Coburn seconded its adoption and this was carried.

## Statement of Accounts

The accounts were presented and adopted by the meeting with the adoption of the Association Account being proposed by D N Drummond-Tyler seconded G. Beynon, of the Voluntary Bell Fund account proposed Mrs M A Coburn seconded J Badger and of the District Fund account proposed Mrs J Penney seconded Mrs C. Carter.

## Election of Officers

The following officers were elected

Ring's Master, Mrs S Patterson proposed Mrs M A Coburn, seconded G. Dadds.

Mrs M A Coburn expressed her gratitude for Mrs S Patterson taking on the post District Secretary, Mrs E Drummond-Tyler proposed Mrs S Edmondson, who thanked her for what she had done over the years, and seconded Mrs J Penney

Association Committee Rep, Mrs S Patterson, proposed Mrs M A Coburn seconded Miss C. Nicholson

Deputy Association Committee Rep, Miss C Nicholson, proposed Mrs E. Drummond-Tyler seconded G. Beynon.

Committee Members, C. Pocock, S Saunders, J Spreadbury, J Badger, G. Beynon all proposed H V Frost seconded Mrs J Badger and B. Duke proposed H V Frost seconded Mrs S Patterson.

Voluntary Bell Fund Trustees, Mrs M A Coburn and C Pocock proposed by Mrs S Patterson who commented on the very good job they had done that year, and seconded by S. Huckle

Real Book Writer, J Drummond-Tyler proposed S. Huckle seconded A Spreadbury

Hon Auditor, Mrs S Edmondson proposed Mrs M A Coburn, who thanked her for carrying out this year's audit, and seconded E. Edmondson.

G. Penney thanked all the officers for their hard work in the past year and wished them well in the coming year.

## Date and Place of Next Annual District Meeting

B. Duke invited the District to St Peter's, St Alban on Saturday 18th

January and this was accepted.

### Date and Place of next District Meeting

The secretary reported that programme cards giving the date, time and venues of the District meetings and practices, Leamers' practice and Surprise practice for the year were available.

### Any Other Business.

There was a discussion over the recommendation from the Kington Cup Sub Committee report which suggested limiting the number of teams entering. It was generally agreed that the Kington Cup was a significant event in the Association's year and more people should be encouraged to attend rather than fewer and that it should remain at two teams per District being allowed to enter. It was also pointed out that often a team that had come second in a District's eliminating contest actually won the Kington Cup.

The meeting was informed that it was hoped to publish the County Survey of Bells. It was being suggested that the publishing costs could be covered by asking for money in advance for those wishing to buy a copy.

It was agreed to hold a Barn Dance on the last Saturday in November.

Mrs B. Drummond-Tyler asked for people to volunteer to help at the Leamers' Practices. It was hoped to appoint someone on the committee to organise a helpers rota.

G. Penney proposed a vote of thanks to the Hatfield Minges for such an overwhelming tea and to the rector for taking the service and for the use of the bells.

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



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