

## DISTRICT MEETING AT ESSENDON ON SATURDAY 20th APRIL 1991.

Afternoon singing took place at S Myms followed by a service. Members then travelled to Essendon for tea in the Church. G. Penney, the Association President, chaired the ensuing business meeting.

Apologies for Absence were received from C. Pocock.

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

### Election of New Members.

The following new members were elected

Jay Beacham, Full member from S. Myms proposed Mrs J Badger seconded J Badger

Michael Myers, Full member from S Myms proposed Mrs J. Badger seconded J Badger

Arthur Wheeler, probationary member, unattached, proposed Mrs J. Badger seconded J Badger

Stephen Penney, probationary member from the Abbey proposed G. Penney seconded Mrs J. Penney

Terry Field, Full member from Hatfield, proposed Mrs A Saunders seconded S Saunders.

The following transfers from NRCM to Full Residential membership were agreed

John Hughes D'Aeth from St Michael, proposed Mrs S Mackley seconded P Mackley

Cathy Hughes D'Aeth from St Michael, proposed Mrs S Mackley seconded P Mackley.

The following <sup>NRCM</sup> ballot elections were ratified

Peter Townsend proposed Mrs A Potterson, seconded G. Penney, prior to a poll at the Abbey on 23 Feb

Roderick Walker proposed G Penney seconded M A Coburn prior to a poll on 22nd December

### AGM Details

The AGM would be in the Watford District on the 27th April. Mrs G Drummond-Tyle had details of singing and other activities during the day for those interested. There would be a raffle in aid of the County Ball Fund for which each District had donated a prize. G Penney mentioned that the Western District were selling Blue Sweatshirts with a Western District Logo as a Fund raising activity and these were going down very well. He wondered whether other Districts would be interested in doing this, with a different colour for each District.

The Annual Reports were now available from the District Secretary.

### Woolford Cup

B. Duke gave details of the contest which was to be held at Monken Hadley. The entrance fee would be £2.00. Entry forms were distributed during the meetings.

### Coburn Trophy

Ms S. Patterson stated that she would be organising one or two teams to enter this event on 1st June.

### District Barn Dance.

Mrs E Drummond-Tyler stated that Kissenon Hall and the Band had been booked for Saturday 23rd November. Further details would be given nearer the time.

### Joint District Social.

This event would be held on 22nd June with ringing in the afternoon at Redbourn and St Peter followed by tea at St Peter. Softball would be played in the evening at Verulamium and volunteers for team members, as well as an Umpire and Scorer, were requested by Miss C Michelson. A quiz evening would be the alternative if it rained.

### Publication of Church Bells of Hertfordshire.

Mrs E Drummond-Tyler said that she had forms available if anyone wished to place a pre-paid order. S. Saunders said that he had received about 80 subscriptions already and as only 100 were needed to make it a successful venture, it was quite likely that it would be published. The decision would probably be made in October.

### Date and Place of next meeting.

The secretary stated that details of District meetings were given on the card, an updated version of which was being distributed with the Annual Reports.

### Any other Business.

Mrs E Drummond-Tyler asked that towers that had a fair number of weddings

during the year consider giving the equivalent of a wedding fee, on an annual basis, to the Association Bell Fund.

It was stated that the details of page 6/25 in the Annual Report were incorrect.

Mrs M A Coburn expressed the District's delight at seeing A. Patterson back in circulation and sent Best wishes to Mrs J Dadds who had suffered a heart attack.

Mrs M A Coburn proposed a vote of Thanks to the Essendon ringers for the lovely tea, to the vicar at St Hyms for a nice service and to the vicar at both churches for the use of their bells.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

Philip Meher

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