

DISTRICT MEETING AT NORTH MYMMS ON SATURDAY 11th APRIL 1992

Afternoon singing took place on the six bells at Lamsford with about a dozen people present. Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall at North Myms followed by the Business Meeting chaired by G. Penroy, who welcomed the meeting to North Myms.

Apologies for Absence were received from C Pocock, J Nicholson and Miss C Nicholson.

The Minutes of the last District Meeting were read and signed as correct. There were no matters arising.

### Election of New Member

The following new members were elected

Andrew Tibbatts, Harpenden, probationary to full member proposed M & M A Coburn seconded L Coburn

From St Peter's, all proposed by B. Duke, seconded Mrs B. Duke

Christine Wright probationary to full membership

Chris Bowley probationary to full membership

Jonathan Duke probationary member

Alex Olah probationary member

William Coates, Welwyn, probationary member proposed P Montgomery seconded Mrs J. Coates

### Learners Practice

The secretary stated that following the various suggestions made at the ADM about the type and format of the learners practice, the committee had given these practices some thought at their recent meeting. It had also given them the chance to discuss the purpose of these practices and they had decided to put this down in a written format for the whole District to read. This statement was attached to the District Newsletter but the secretary also read it to the meeting for comments to be made. G Penroy then asked for any comments, especially from the learners present as to whether they were happy with the current situation. G. Dodd suggested that there be some theory sessions for defining <sup>and teaching</sup> what was meant by a cloze, Lewis in steadman etc.

Some of the learners present said they did not feel confident enough to attend District Meetings. However they were urged to try attending these meetings to realise that they were a natural progression from the learners' practices. J Saunders proposed and B Duke seconded that the District accept the statement on the purpose and scope of the Learners' Practices and this was carried by the meeting. The secretary stated that the committee would consider holding theory sessions for the learners.

#### 1992 AGM.

The secretary gave details of the AGM, to be held in the Eastern District, including the singing available during the day.

#### Woolford Cup

The secretary stated that this would be held on 16th May at Sandridge. Entry forms had been circulated to all towers and she urged as many as possible to enter.

#### Quiz Evening

B Duke stated that this would be held on Saturday October 24th at St Peter's Hall, Hatfield Road, St Albans, starting at 7.30 pm. The entrance fee would be £4 per person, to include supper, and teams could contain up to six people. People could either form teams beforehand or on the night.

#### Fund Raising

The secretary reminded towers of the Association's request that as many towers as possible donate the equivalent of a wedding fee to the Association's Bell Restoration Fund and thanked those that had already done so. She also asked that the tower hosting the Quarterly District Meeting which did not prepare tea organise a raffle to be drawn at the Business Meeting. The committee would provide raffle tickets.

### Date and Place of Next Meeting.

The Secretary stated that updated District Programme Cards covering the whole year were being circulated with the Newsletter. The next District meeting would be at Sandridge on 16th May where the Woolford Cup would be held.

The Committee had accepted the kind invitation from St Stephens to host the ADM on Jan 16th.

### Any Other Business

T. Cook asked whether the District could arrange quarter peals for the more advanced bands as it was sometimes difficult to arrange particular methods with the bands in their own towers. Mrs S. Patterson said that she or any other member of the committee would be willing to arrange quarters. It was suggested that whenever possible the person(s) wishing to attempt the quarter provide the tower and other rings, including a conductor if necessary, would be found by the committee.

G. Dadds proposed a vote of thanks to the N. Hymms rings for providing such a splendid tea and to the clergy and rings of both Lamsford and N. Hymms for providing the use of their bells.

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

Evening ringing followed on the eight bells at North Hymms.

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