

DISTRICT MEETING AT ST MICHAELS, STAGLETHOR ON SAT 17th OCTOBER 1992

Afternoon singing took place in the right hall of St Michaels followed by a service, tea and business meeting chaired by the Association President R. Deane.

Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs J and Miss S Coaker, H V Frost, Mrs C Wright, Mrs J Badger, Miss C Nicholson and Mrs G Drummond-Tyler.

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

Election of new members

The following new members were elected

Philip Clark, probationary from St Peter proposed G A Duke seconded Mr R Duke

Rosemary Clark, probationary from St Peter proposed G A Duke seconded Mr R Duke

Mrs C Wright, probationary to full from St Peter proposed G A Duke seconded Mr R Duke

Jonathan Duke, probationary to full from St Peter proposed G A Duke seconded Mr R Duke

The ratification of the helpline election prior to appeal at Haverhill on 13/6/92 was made
Lynn M Walters NRCH from Stoke Newington, Northants

Alison M Golffrey NRCH from Guildford, Surrey

Robin C Hall NRCH from Deddington, Oxon

all proposed by C Pocock seconded Mr M A Coburn.

Learned Practices Theory Session

It was announced that a theory session would be held at Kempford on Thursday practice night on 9th November. This would be accepted by the committee afterwards and further plans for further session announced depending on the outcome.

Quiz Evening

Details of this event were given. Tickets would not be sold, instead names should be given to Ben Duke.

Discussion on the suggestion of the Association becoming a Registered Charity

The meeting was informed that the purpose of this discussion was so that the District views could be fed back to the County Committee.

The Pros of becoming a charity were seen as mainly financial with tax relief on income and tax relief on covenants. The cons were possible lack of flexibility in what the Association could do. The general feelings expressed were

- people not sure that the extra effort and lack of flexibility will be worth the small extra income
- Maybe some concern if the District Bell Funds were to disappear
- Need much more detail on the likely cash benefits and future of District Bell Funds before making a decision
- Real issue is the raising of money for Bell Restoration.

Date and Place of next meeting.

Details of the next meeting were given.

Any other business

G. Penney asked that the District Representative on the Peal Secretary at the next County Committee meeting of disallowed Peals be reinstated. If the Peal Secretary does not issue receipts how can the conductor be sure that details have been received.

G. Dadds informed the meeting that Bury Bell was hung and that the tenor was least lighter after tuning. The dedication was on Christmas Eve, 100 years after the previous dedication of 1728.

Mrs S. Pattison informed the meeting that she would not be seeking re-election as Ringing Master.

Mr H. A. Coom proposed a vote of thanks to the St Michael's organ for loan, service of the playing of the organ and to the clergy of both St Michael's & the Abbey for the use of their bells.

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

Evening singing took place at the Abbey until 8-30 pm.

Christ. Penney

19/12/92