

DISTRICT MEETING AT HARPONDEN ON SATURDAY 19th DECEMBER 1992

Afternoon ringing took place on the 8 bells at Harpenden and was followed by the traditional Carol Service. Members then proceeded to the Church Hall for a very enjoyable tea. C. Pocock chaired the Business Meeting and he welcomed everyone to Harpenden.

Apologies for Absence were received from B. Duke and Mrs. S. Spruellby

The Minutes were read and signed as correct.

Matters Arising. G. Dadds reported that Barnet Bells were back in action and would be re-dedicated on Christmas Eve.

Election of new members

Nicola Taplin from St Stephens was proposed as a full member by J. Magne, seconded by D. Robotham and duly elected.

Report on the Quiz Evening

S. Saunders reported that this had been an excellent event with good food and lots of fun. A profit of over £120 had been made. A vote of thanks was given to B. Duke and his team for supplying the questions and answers and to those who had assisted with the food. G. Penney stated that it had been an enjoyable evening but that there had been

fewer people there from the District than at a Barn Dance. Mr F. Drummond-Tyler replied that that was not the case. At the last Barn Dance, although it had been relatively well supported, many people present had been non ringers and this was why a switch had been made this year to a Quiz Evening to ring the changes.

Leavers' Practical Theory Sessions.

C. Pocock reported that the theory session held at Hempsford on 9th November had gone well, but would have benefited from a more formal setting with flip charts & tables rather than knees and bits of paper. Those who had attended seemed to have grasped the theory as demonstrated at the following practical session. It was hoped to hold another theory session at the March or April Leavers' Practice.

S. Penney who had attended the session stated that he had indeed profited from the instruction.

Report on County Committee Meeting

Mrs E Drummond-Tyler reported on issues discussed at the Association Committee meeting at the end of October. These had included an increase in the capital of the Ursula Ferguson Bursary by a £1000, donated by Miss Ferguson, the incorporation of responsibilities for Training and Education in with the Assistant Secretary's role, the delay of the publication of the County Survey until March 1993, the offer by the St Alban District of hosting the 1993 Coburn Trophy on 5th June, the hosting of the 1993 AGM by the Macclesfield District on 24th April and the request for Districts to supply a representative for the subcommittee to be set up to draw up a proposal for the changes that would need to be made to the Association rules for us to gain Charitable status.

Nominations for 1993 District Committee

The following nominations were received:

Ringings Master - None

District Secretary - Mr E.S. Drummond-Tyler nominated Mr M.A. Coburn

Association Ctee Rep - Miss C. Nicholas nominated D. Badger

Committee Members

D. Badger nominated Mr J. Badger

Miss S. Coates } both nominated C. Pocock
Mr J. Coates }

G. Beynon nominated G. Penney

B. Duke nominated Mrs C. Wright

J. Sprackling nominated G. Dodds

S. Saunders nominated J. Nicholson

G. Penney nominated C. Pocock

Fund Raising

Mr E Drummond-Tyler stated that all towers should have received copies of the District Committee's report on Fund Raising for the County Bell Fund. The committee's lead in this was the sale of ^{Bottle Green} sweatshirts with a St Alban District Bell Motif for £18. This represented a profit to the County Bell Fund of £5 per sweatshirt. Orders, with cash, were being taken now and the last date for orders would be at the AGM. C Pocock urged everyone to consider how much bell ringing was worth to

him or her. 50p a week was equivalent to £25 a year and £1 a week
~~£0~~ a year. If this was covered then a third of this again would
be given to the Fund by the Inland Revenue. He added that we have
a responsibility as trustees of our inheritance to leave the next generation
with bells in as good if not better state.

Date and Place of next District Meeting.

The ADM would be held at St Stephens on 16th January 1993 from 3-5.30pm.

The January Leavers' Practice would be at Sandridge on 2nd January 1993
from 10am till noon.

Any Other Business


Mrs C Wright stated that the bells at St Peter were definitely being
restored. The last ringing would be on 10th January. They hoped
to be ringing again in May or June 1993. The meeting wished the workers
the best of luck.

Mrs E Drummond-Tyler mentioned that Baret had invited the District to
supply a ring for the ringing at the Re-dedication service. It was agreed
that as a number of ringers were intending to attend the service that one
of these would step forward on the day.

S. Saunders reminded the meeting that the District needed to elect a representative
for the Association rules sub-committee. G. Penney proposed Mrs M A Coburn but
she declined as she had too much work at the present. It was agreed to
consider who should represent the District at the ADM.

The meeting agreed to invite T Groom, the Association Treasurer, to
address the ADM on the subject of charitable status for the Association.
G. Penney proposed a vote of thanks to the Harpenden ringers for their splendid
hospitality and to the Rector and organist for the excellent Carol Service.
There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed.

Ringing continued at Harpenden until 8-30pm


17 April 1993