

Apologies for absence were received from Mr & Mrs Patterson, Miss S. Coates, Mrs & Mrs Spreadbury, Mrs A. Saunders, and the President, R. Durant.

Annual District Meeting at St Stephens St Albans, Saturday January 16th 1993

S. Saunders was elected chairman, proposed J. Spreadbury sec. G. Dodds.

The minutes of the previous ADM were approved, prop. C. Powell, sec.

Mrs M.A. Coburn.
Election of new members; The meeting stood in silence in memory of Thomas J. Lock.
Election of new members; Kevin Baldwin of North Myms was proposed as an Ordinary Member by J. Southam, sec. J. Spreadbury, and Nicola Wright of St Peters, ^{self} election as an Ordinary Member was proposed by G.A. Dulle, seconded Miss R. Dulle; both were elected.

The Secretary's report was read and approved on a proposal C. Powell, seconded Mrs M.A. Coburn, The Secretary proposed that a collection be held to purchase a present for Susan Patterson, and this was agreed.

The accounts were all approved; Association subscription account prop. C. Powell, sec. J. Spreadbury; District Bell Fund, prop. Mrs M.A. Coburn sec. Mrs E. Powell; District Social fund, prop. G.A. Dulle, sec. G. Penney.

Election of Officers; the following were elected:

Ringing Master: Ben Dulle prop. G. Penney sec. J. Spreadbury
District Secretary: Liz Drummond-Tyler prop. Mrs M.A. Coburn sec. Mrs E. Powell
Assoc. Comm. Rep: Marie Nicholson prop D. Badger sec. Mrs J. Badger
Dep. Ass. Comm. Rep: Gerald Penney prop J. Spreadbury sec C. Powell.
Committee members; David Badger prop. J. Badger sec. G. Dodds
Sally Coate prop. } C. Powell sec. Mrs M.A. Coburn
Janet Coates prop. }
Geoffrey Beynon prop. G. Penney sec. C. Powell
Jonathan Spreadbury prop G. Dodds sec. Miss R. Scott
Shane Saunders prop J. Nicholson sec. Mrs C. Wright

A vote of thanks was ^{prop.} given by G. Penney to Susan Patterson for her many years of excellent work as District Ringing Master. Thanks were expressed, in turn, to Liz Drummond-Tyler for her work as Secretary, David Drummond-Tyler for maintaining the District Peal Book, Sheila Edmondson for her efforts as Auditor, and the rest of the Committee, especially the retiring member (C. Powell)

Bell Fund Trustees: Mrs M.A. Coburn & C. Powell prop G. Beynon sec G. Dodds
Peal Book Writer: D. Drummond-Tyler prop. G. Beynon sec Mrs E. Powell
Hon. Auditor: Mrs S. Edmondson prop. Mrs M.A. Coburn sec Mrs E. Powell

District Bell Fund: An application for a grant had been received from St Albans St Peter, where approximately £1000 had been raised towards the cost of £1500. A grant of £500 was proposed by C. Powell, see Mrs M.A. Coburn, and approved, C. Powell prop., J. Spreadbury see, that the amount to be retained in the fund this year be set at £750, and this was agreed. This meant that no transfer would be made to the Association Bell Fund. The Secretary reported that District towers, individuals etc had donated £567.95 to the Association fund. Mrs S. Edmondson prop, C. Powell see, that £100 be transferred from the District Social fund to the District Bell fund, and this was agreed.

1993 programme; The Secretary read details of the current programme, much of which was still provisional. It was agreed that the Committee should consider the feasibility of the suggested leavers' Outing and leavers' Skitting Contest, there being inadequate indication available. The proposed Quiz evening on October 23rd was accepted, and the Secretary was tasked to contact the Weston District Secretary to try to arrange a joint sports event in May, June or July.

The date and place of the next Annual meeting was fixed for 15th Jan 1994 at St Albans St Peter, prop. G.A. Duke see J. Spreadbury. The next District meeting would be at Hatfield on February 20th.

Any other business: The Association Treasurer, The Groom, addressed the meeting on the subject of charitable registration. The major points to note were that the Trustees would probably be the members of the General Committee, and would all need to be aged 18, and all members aged 18 or more would be eligible to vote. Mrs M.A. Coburn thanked The Groom for stating the facts so clearly, and the meeting agreed a proposal from G. Penney, see J. Mayne, that the St Albans District, in principle, accepted that the Association should become a charity, with a single vote opposed. 1

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks from G. Penney to the ringers at St Stephen, the vicar, preacher and organist for the tea and service.

J. Spreadbury

Chairman 15.1.94