

District Meeting at Welwyn on Saturday 17th April 1993

Afternoon ringing took place on the 6 bells at Tewin. Members then proceeded to Church House, Welwyn for a very enjoyable tea. JJ Ford chaired the business meeting.

There were no apologies for absence.

The minutes were read and signed as correct.

Matters Arising

S Saunders stated that the large amount of district members who said that they planned to be at the rededication of Barnet bells did not attend, and so district representation in the ringing was disappointing.

Election of new members

The following members were elected:-

P James	Probationary	Harpenden	Prop. MA Coburn	Sec. C. Pocock
W Coates	Prob. to full	Welwyn	Prop. J. Coates	Sec. P. Montgomery
C. Brew	Probationary	Welwyn	Prop. J. Coates	Sec. P. Montgomery
E. Elderkin	Full	Monken Hadley	Prop. J. Spreadbury	Sec. A. Spreadbury
J. Kirby	Probationary	South Mimms	Prop. J. Badger	Sec. D. Badger
C. Ottley	Probationary	South Mimms	Prop. J. Badger	Sec. D. Badger
A. Graham	Probationary	Barnet	Prop. J. Badger	Sec. D. Badger

These were all duly elected

Retirement of district secretary

The district were told of the sudden emigration of E. Drummond-Tyler to Florida, and her consequent retirement as district secretary. C. Pocock thanked her for all the work she had done for the district over her years as district secretary, and proposed that a collection be made for a gift. JJ Ford seconded this proposal, and a collection was taken, both after the meeting and during the subsequent ringing session.

Fund Raising

G Penney stated that district sweatshirts, Polo Shirts and sweaters were available from D. Badger, at varying prices, depending on the type of garment ordered.

B. Duke said that a district quarter peal week was planned for the week commencing 20/9, including the weekends either side, with everyone who rings a quarter donating £1 for this.

Learners

G Penney reported that the learners practices at Essendon & Lemsford had been very successful. Around 15 people had attended the meeting regarding theory sessions, with Plain Bob and Stedman being rung on the Abbey's simulator. The Learners' Theory sessions would start with Grandsire on the 26th April, with a further session planned to be organised for the week before a learners' practice. He also stated that, should a learner wish to ring a quarter peal which a local band could not achieve, to contact any member of the district committee, who would help in the organisation of a quarter peal.

Date & Place of next meeting

The next quarterly meeting would be on 17th July with Afternoon ringing at King's Walden Tea, meeting & evening ring at Kimpton.

The next ringing meeting would be the Woolford Cup at St. Michael's on the 15th May.

The next Learners practice would be on 1st May at S. Mimms.

AOB

J Badger said that, to raise money for future work on Ridge bells, there would be an open walk on 25th April at a cost of £1 per entrant, with entrants being encouraged to pick up litter on the way.

B. Duke reported that no formal entries had been received for the Woolford Cup, and all entries should be received by the 8th May.

M.A. Coburn proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents at Tewin & Welwyn for the use of their bells, and to the Welwyn ringers for an excellent tea.

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

Evening ringing continued at Welwyn.

Michael Parkfield

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