

Minutes of district meeting held at Harpenden church hall on Saturday, 18th December 1993

Afternoon ringing was held on the 8 bells of St Nicholas, Harpenden and was followed by the traditional carol service and tea with hot sausage rolls and mince pies.

The Meeting was chaired by Michael Cranfield, the president of the association.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Mrs E Pocock. The **minutes** were read and signed as correct; there were no matters arising.

#### Quiz Evening

B Duke reported that the district had held a quiz evening on October 23rd. 35 people had attended this and it had made a modest profit of £70.

#### Learners Outing

G Penney said that the learners outing had been held on the damp 13th of November at 6 towers in north east Hertfordshire. 27 people including helpers attended. It was felt that this had been a very enjoyable day and should be repeated. He proposed a vote of thanks to Richard Tibbets for organising the towers.

#### Nominations for 1994 committee

Ringling Master-	B Duke	prop. G Penney
District Secretary-	No nominations received	
Assn. Committee Rep-	G Penney	prop. J Spreadbury
Deputy Assn. Comm. Rep-	No nominations received	
Committee Members-	S Coates	prop. G Penney
	J Coates	prop. G Dodds
	S Saunders	prop. D Badger
	J Duke	prop. B Duke
	J Spreadbury	prop. G Dodds
	G Beynon	prop. S Saunders
	J Nicholson	prop. D Badger
	C Pocock	prop. J Spreadbury

#### Report on Association General Committee meeting

G Penney reported that the association was solvent but donations from towers of a wedding fee were down on 1992's figure. The last service had been held at Great Munden prior to deconsecration and the building was to be used by its new owner as a venue for concerts, and the bells are to remain in the building. The main topic for discussion at the meeting had been charitable status, and each district was to debate the draft rules that would be acceptable to the charity commissioner at their ADMs.

G Beynon requested that the rules be sent to each tower in the district so that each member could have a chance to read them prior to the ADM. J Spreadbury agreed to do this.

The next meeting was to be the ADM at St Peter's on January 15th. The next learners practice would be at Sandridge on January 1st.

#### ACB

G Penney made a presentation on behalf of the district to S Patterson, who had been district ringing master for many years, up to the beginning of 1991. The meeting thanked Mrs Patterson for all the time and work she had put into the district, especially when she was rather reluctant to stand for ringing master.

C Pocock requested that there be a debate at the ADM regarding

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the future of the St Albans district bell fund, especially in the light of the probability of charitable status.

D Badger reported that due to an increase in manufacturing costs all future orders for district clothing would cost an extra £1 per item.

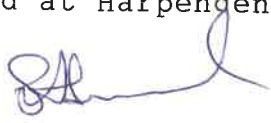
C Wright reported that her husband would be running in 2 marathons **in** 1994, and was quite willing for this to be sponsored for the district bell fund. It was agreed to discuss this fully at the ADM.

G Dodds proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy, organist, readers and teamakers for making the district extremely welcome, and providing the, as usual, excellent service and tea.

C Pocock proposed a vote of thanks to B Taylor who was retiring as Tower Captain at Harpenden.

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

Evening ringing continued at Harpenden until 8.30

  
Chairman 16.4.94

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