

Minutes of Annual District Meeting held at St. Peter's, St. Albans on Saturday, 15th January, 1994.

Afternoon ringing took place on the new ring of 10 bells at St. Peter's, St. Albans. This was followed by a service and a splendid tea prepared by the ringers and friends from St. Peter's.

Shane Saunders chaired the meeting

Apologies for absence were received from Michael Cranfield, Anne Saunders, Sally Coates, Clare Nicholson and Rosemary Duke

No members had been lost through death during the year.

Election of new members. The following new members were elected unanimously :-

Jane Franzella	Horsenden	Full	Pr. Amy Coburn	Se. Charles Porcock
Jill Hannaford	Sawbridge	Full	Pr. Alan Jeffs	Se. Geoff Dodds
Sue Mathison				
Freya Lundgren				
Angelika Graham	Barnet	Prop → Full	Pr. Joan Badger	Se. David Badger
Celia Workman	Unattached	Full		

The Minutes of the previous year's ADM were read. J.T. Ford proposed and Gerald Perrey seconded that they be signed as correct, and this was carried.

The Secretary's report was read. Charles Porcock proposed and J.T. Ford seconded that this be adopted, and this was carried.

District accounts: Ben Duke proposed and David Drummond-Tyler seconded that the Association subscriptions account be taken as read, and this was carried.

Chris Bradley proposed and Amy Coburn seconded that the District Bell Restoration fund account be taken as read, and this was carried.

Liz Porcock proposed and David Drummond-Tyler seconded that the District Social Fund account be taken as read, and this was carried.

Election of officers

Ringmaster	: Ben Duke	pr. Gerald Penney	Sec. Christine Carter
Secretary	: Charles Pocock	pr. Ben Duke	Sec. Tony Carter
County Committee rep.	: Gerald Penney	pr. Jon Spreadbury	Sec. Ben Duke
Deputy County Committee rep.	: Jon Spreadbury	pr. Charles Pocock	Sec. Amy Coburn
Committee Members	: Janet Coates	pr. Geoff Dodds	Sec. Alan Jeffs
	Shane Saunders	pr. David Badger	Sec. Charles Pocock
	Jonathan Duke	pr. Ben Duke	Sec. Rosemary Scott
	Geoff Beynon	pr. Shane Saunders	Sec. Geoff Dodds
	John Nicholson	pr. David Badger	Sec. Joan Badger

The above were all elected unanimously.

Bell Restoration Fund Trustees : Amy Coburn & Jon Spreadbury pr. Charles Pocock sec. Gerald Penney

Real Book Writer : Nicola Wright pr. Ben Duke sec. Christine Wright

Hon. District Auditor : Sheila Edmondson pr. Gerald Penney sec. Liz Pocock

These were all elected unanimously.

Gerald Penney proposed a vote of thanks to Jon Spreadbury, who had taken over the position of secretary following the emigration of Liz Drummond-Tyler.

A vote of thanks was also recorded for Sheila Edmondson who, this year, had prepared the accounts as well as auditing them.

There were no applications for grants from the district Bell Restoration Fund.

Date & Place of next ADM : John Nicholson invited the district to Hatfield for the 1995 Annual District meeting.

The place of the next Lancers' practice would be circulated as soon as it was finalised.

Any Other Business

The 100 club draw was won by Mr. R. Adcock of Oxhey.

Shane Saunders outlined the rule changes necessary for the association to become a charity. He also pointed out that the final vote on this issue would be at the AGM.

Ben Duke announced that, due to dropping attendances, the service would merge with the surprise practice held at St. Michael's, St Allans, and would now be on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

No decision was made about 1994's district social evening. It was agreed the district committee should organise this when they next met.

It was agreed that the district should hold another quarterly meal week. The district decided on the week commencing 17th September 94, including both weekends.

Charles Pococke asked whether the district felt that it should have its own bell restoration fund. Many members then stated that the District BRF was a very useful fund, not seeming as remote as the Association fund. It was agreed that a decision would be taken at the following quarterly meeting.

Christine Wright said that her husband, Noel, was running in the Melbourne Marathon, and was quite willing to be sponsored for the BRF. The district thanked Noel's Christian for this kind offer, and agreed that the committee should look into the possibilities of this.

Geoff Dodds proposed a vote of thanks to all involved at St. Peter's for putting on a lovely tea and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

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


Chairman 21.1.95