

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY DIST MEETING held at Hatfield
on 17 April 1994

Afternoon Ringing took place on the 10 bells of Hatfield
followed by sung evensong taken by the Rector and ten
in the Church hall.

SA Saunders took the Chair:

Apologies: Joan & David Badger, Ben & Jonathan Duke
Geoff Beynon, Sheila Sproudbury, Sally Coates, Liz Pocock

Minutes of the previous meeting (at Harpenden) were read
and adopted on a proposal by G. Penney - 2nd Janet Coates

Matters Arising

Doubt was expressed whether Christine Wright's husband's offer to
be sponsored by the District in various marathons had been progressed
as the committee had agreed. The Committee will revisit
on 24/4. Meanwhile it was noted that the 6 June
Melbourne Marathon was the only remaining one suitable in the
near future.

The Secretary informed the meeting of various matters, correspondence
etc: Including:- A wine and cheese evening to open the
Ridge bells appeal (further details were available from Joan Badger)

- The County AGM
- A thank you ~~to~~ card from Susan Patterson
- Collection totalling £40-10 for the bell fund
which took it to £569-66.
- Social fund £196-67 incl £35 re Liz Drummond-Tyler
presentation.
- "Steeplage" voluntary "25p suggested"
collection at all meetings incl learners

Gerald Penney - spoke briefly about the County General Committee meetings -
he reminded members about the date of visiting competitions

New Members

Simon Brown late of Harpenden was re-elected as a full but unattached member on a proposal by Charles Pocock 2nd by Shane Saunders.

Social Activities

Shane Saunders confirmed that he was finding judges for the Woolfox Cup

Gerold Penney said that he hoped a learners outing could be held he was planning accordingly.

Charles Pocock said that a Rose Night was being explored. The cost would be at least £6. and people would need to bring money to get with. He wondered what support there might be and suggested that the evening would need to be open to non members. This principle seemed to be acknowledged by the members present.

Gerold Penney said that a joint barbecue was possible with the Northern District. Details had yet to be agreed.

Newsletter

Charles Pocock said that it appeared not all towers had received the last Newsletter. If anyone knew of such a case they should let him know. More importantly to make the Newsletter a viable proposition members needed to contribute their news etc. J. Nicholson was acting as Editor and was happy to receive contributions.

Gerold Penney suggested that particular towers might be asked to "sponsor" specific issues. Committee will explore.

Bell Fund

Charles Pocock said the C'tee would shortly circulate to all towers some proposed rules to establish the bell fund in a way that broadly continued the existing bell fund.

and style of operation but ensuring a distinction from Association Funds
He said that the Committee were anxious that members should consider the
proposals carefully and that the Clerk would be careful to listen to
members concerns.

John Ford said the crucial thing was to establish a proper trust-
so as to ensure the distinct nature of the funds. Shane Saunders
agreed and said this was the whole point. John Ford continued
that it ought to be possible to get legal opinion on that matter
C Pollock responded that legal opinion costed money. John Ford
felt sure that within the membership such expertise existed.
Shane Saunders said the Committee would certainly take
the point about trusts and separation fully on board in framing
their proposals.

There being no other business the meeting concluded with
a vote of thanks, proposed by Gerald Penney for the members
of Hatfield for a most satisfactory tea, the Rector for
taking the service and for permitting the use of the bells
and to the incumbent of Welwyn and singers there for
allowing evening singing.

Evening singing duly continued at Welwyn under
the direction of Johnathan Spreading acting for Ben Duke.

C F Pollock
17/4/94

Shane Saunders
15/7/94