

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY DISTRICT MEETING held at ~~ESSENDON~~ ^{ESSENDON}
on 16 July 1994

11 Members and visitors were present. Afternoon ringing at Northam had not taken place owing to insufficient numbers.

Amy Goburn took the Chair

Apologies: Shane & Ann Saunders; Liz Pocock; Jonathan Spreadbury; Janet, Stephen and Elizabeth Penney.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were read and adopted on a show of hands.

Matters Arising: The Secretary reported that Noel Wright had completed the Melbourne Marathon and that £203 had been raised for the bell fund. He will receive a letter thanking him for his efforts and the meeting agreed with the Secretary who asked Christine Wright to convey our sincere appreciation.

The Secretary reported that the Woodford Cup had been rearranged for Sunday 18 Sept at Kimpton 1.45 pm. The same judges as before had agreed to attend.

Gerald Penney reported that a generally successful outing had been held for the learners visiting 6 varied towers. 25 people had taken part and Gerald believed it had been of benefit. He observed that a few more experienced helpers would have made the day a little less tiring for some. A report would be submitted for the Newsletter. A £10 surplus had been made.

Vic Froux wondered whether the idea of collecting steeples in churches was illegal. The Secretary said he thought the voluntary nature of the collection and the suggested sum rather than a mandatory

figure would probably mean that no law is being broken. Gerald Penney agreed and said that it was noticeable how generous are the learners.

Social Activities The Secretary reported that it was hoped to hold a joint Barbecue and Rounder Match on Sat 10 Sept at Knebworth with the Northern District. He also said that there was little to report yet about the Race Night but matters were proceeding for 26 November.

LEARNERS PRACTICES

St Michaels Sat 6 Aug: Gerald Penney not available, the Secretary to run.

Lemsford Sat 3 Sept: Gerald Penney not available, The District Ringing Master to run.

Surprise Practices: The Ringing Master said there were generally well supported. The next one was on 27 July at St Michaels.

Bell Fund

The Secretary reported the fund at £818-99.

The Secretary encouraged members to read and comment upon the draft rules recently circulated. He wondered if members had any comments as of then.

Gerald Penney, noting the silence, suggested further consideration be deferred. The Secretary agreed and said that in any event he had it in mind to put the matter on the Agenda at the next two district meetings.

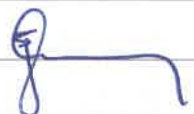
Association Charitable Registration

The Secretary referred briefly to the Association now becoming a Registered Charity. A short article in the next Newsletter will reproduce the points made.

Any Other Business

- The Secretary drew attention to Ringing World advertisement posters which he had available.

- The Secretary said a General Meeting of the Association was to be held on the Kington Cup day. He undertook this was to consider a grant to Anstey St George.
- Geoff Dodds asked about the poor attendance at Northam that afternoon. It seemed that many weddings were the problem. The Ringing Master thought the Committee should consider the matter. The Secretary said he would write to Northam and thank the person who "opened up" and try and avoid any thought that our lack of members was discourteous.
- Geoff Dodds proposed a vote of thanks to the Essendon ringers and incumbent for allowing the use of the bells and the Church for the meeting, which then ended.



15th October 1994.