

Minutes of the ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING 1995
HELD AT HATFIELD 21st JANUARY 1995

Ringing on the 10 bells of St Ethelwode began shortly after 3.30 pm and continued until 5.00. The service was not held due to the non availability of the rector. After tea the ADM began slightly earlier than anticipated.

Shane Saunders was proposed as Chairman 2nd by G A Duke 2nd by G Penney.

Apologies for absence were received from Liz Pocock, Liz Cranfield, Alan, Sheila and Jon Spreadbury, Claire Nicholson, Steve Crawley (county president), Vic Frost, Janet & Stephen Penney, Rosemary Duke & Rosemary Scott.

Loss of Members by Death. After Gerald Penney had spoken briefly about Tony Carter the meeting stood to remember both Tony and Arthur Wheeler and non member Les Dennison of St Pauls Velden.

Minutes of the Previous ADM were read by the Secretary and signed as correct upon a proposal by G A Duke 2nd by Mrs M A Coburn. The only "matter arising" was a letter of thanks from Liz Cranfield which the secretary read out.

New Members

Mike Foster, Sheila Foster and Claire Mathison all of Sandridge were proposed as full members by Alan Jeffs 2nd G Dadds.

Geoffrey Fordham of Hemsworth was proposed as a full member by G Beynon 2nd G Dadds.

Liz Barber of St Peter proposed as a full member by G A Duke 2nd by Christine Wright.

These were all elected and the meeting also ratified the belfry election of Matthew RT Higby of Chilcompton prior to a peal at Monken Hadley on a proposal by Jonathan Spreadbury 2nd G A Duke.

Secretary's Report: This was read by the Secretary and adopted on a proposal by G. Beynon 2nd & Dadds.

Accounts: The adoption of accounts was accomplished ^{after} by the following proposals.

Subscriptions A/c	P. & A Duke	2 nd	Janel Coates
General A/c	P. & Penney	2 nd	Amy Coburn
Vol Bell Fund A/c	P. Amy Coburn	2 nd	John Nicholson.

The secretary highlighted the income sources in the Voluntary Bell Fund paying particular tribute to Noel Wright and David Badger and observing that most of the meeting collections came from learner practices.

The secretary paid tribute to the work of the Auditor Sheila Edmondson and thanked her for her ~~work~~ ^{efforts}.

Voluntary Bell Fund Grant

Amy Coburn read a letter from John Mayne of St Keynons requesting a grant for works there costing approximately £3,700 of which about £1000 had been raised.

Amy proposed a grant be made of £250 and this was 2nd by Stan Huckle.

Further consideration and a vote was deferred pending the arrival of John Mayne which was expected shortly.

Election of Officers

The following were elected

Ringin' Master	GA Duke	P	C Pocock	2 nd	Christine Carter
Dist. Secretary	CF Pocock	P	SA Saunders	2 nd	David Badger
Assoc Utee Rep	G Penney	P	C Pocock	2 nd	Stan Huckle
Deputy - ... -	GA Duke	P	G Penney	2 nd	Janel-Coates
Committee Members	J Coates	P	C Pocock	2 nd	Geoffrey Beynon
	J Nicholson	P	D Badger	2 nd	D Badger
	Rosemary Scott	P	GA Duke	2 nd	Christine Wright
	Mike Foster	P	G Penney	2 nd	Alan Jeffs

No volunteers could be found for the part of District Real Book Writer following the retirement of Nichola Wright to whom a vote of thanks was given. It was agreed the Committee would investigate the possibility of producing pages for the real book on a Computer.

Hon Auditor. Sheila Edmondson P O A Coburn 2nd G Penney
The Secretary thanked Sheila for her work on the audit and for kindly providing copies of the accounts.

The Meeting then adjourned to consider the Debenham Bell Fund Proposal. (P. S. Saunders 2nd C Pocock)

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On resuming and after J R Mayne had updated the meeting on the status of the proposed project at St Stephen's the meeting considered the earlier proposal. C Pocock proposed an amendment to the earlier proposal namely that the grant be for £350. This was 2nd by G A Duke. The meeting voted in favour of the amendment which was then also agreed as the substantive motion. The grant will be paid on application once the works are substantially complete. J R Mayne thanked the District for the support.

The Secretary then proposed and G Penney 2nd that the District Voluntary Bell Fund be closed and the balance transferred to the Debenham Bell Fund. This was agreed and on a suggestion from Amy Coburn the secretary promised to write to Mr Debenham to thank the Debenham family for ~~allowing~~ supporting the use of the Debenham name in this way.

Meetings for 1995. The Secretary drew attention to the list of meetings on the reverse of the agenda.

Social Events 1995

The meeting left it to the Committee to make arrangements but a joint barbecue with the Northern District seemed a possibility as well as a quiz evening.

Next ADM

The secretary said that St Haven had kindly invited the district there in January 1996. FR Mayo said he hoped that the works on the bells would be complete by then.

Any Other Business

- SA Saunders said the county survey was awaiting sending.
- Christine Wright asked whether a ladies outing was likely this year. G Penney said he hoped it would be held.
- G Dodds proposed a vote of thanks to the Hatfield Ringers for the arrangements which was warmly applauded.

The meeting was then closed.

P. Luck
20-1-1996

Minutes of a Meeting held at St Michaels 18 Feb 1995

The meeting was held to elect new members

Mr F E Shaw proposed J Nicholson 2nd SA Saunders

Probationary member (Hatfield).

Hilary Small (NRLM) Ratification of Selfry election *

prop GA Duke 2nd G Penney

* prior to a peal @ St Albans Abbey

These elections were carried nem con