

## Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting at Welwyn Saturday 19th October 1996

Ringling took place from 3.30pm with Ben Duke, Ringing Master. The vicar held an Evensong service at 5.00pm, followed by tea provided by the Welwyn Ringers.

It was the wish of the members that Amy Coburn chaired the meeting.

Apologies for Absence:

Charles Pocock, Anne Saunders, John Freeman, Geoff Dodds, Mike Foster, Fran Shaw.

The acting Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. These were signed as a correct record after the following matter arising was noted.

It was clarified that the Barber Shield had been placed in the HCA Library. Shane Saunders sought clarification as to the purpose of doing so and Gerald Penney explained it was until such time as a suitable event could be associated with it.

### **New Members**

Shane Saunders proposed the transfer from probationer to full member of Diane Crowder (Hatfield). Seconded by Alan Jeffs.

### **Quarter Peal Week**

Janet Coates said that to date she had not received any requests for help with quarter peal attempts. Shane Saunders said Hatfield may require assistance and the tower captain would be in touch if a band could not be found.

5 quarter peals were planned to be rung by those towers with members present at the meeting.

### **Barn Dance**

Ben Duke informed the meeting of the arrangements for the event and requested that raffle prizes be brought to the hall on the night of the dance.

Gerald Penney requested that North Mymms be informed of the social as they normally provided good support and Ben Duke undertook to ensure they received full details of the event.

### **Learners outing**

Gerald Penney said he had good support for the day, mainly from non learners. He described the days itinerary and asked members to encourage learners to go on the outing.

### **General Committee Meeting**

Gerald Penney said he would raise the matter of the Kimpton Cup certificate. The size and writing were questionable. Shane Saunders said they had run out of certificates and were unable to find any of the size previously issued. He also offered to provide GP with another certificate if he wanted one.

## Kimpton Cup

The acting Secretary read out the results of the competition and Amy Coburn, on behalf of members, congratulated St Peters and the Abbey on coming second and third respectively. Gerald Penney drew the members attention to the quality of the ringing reflected in the closeness of the result. Both Ben Duke and Gerald Penney said the event was well organised and that Thorley was a good place to hold it because of the size of the "church".

Place	Band	Faults
1	Hemel	30
2	St. Peter St. Albans	41
3	The Abbey St. Albans	42
4	Bushey	43
5	Stevenage	45
6	Bishops Stortford	47
7	Ware	54
8	Codicote	67
9	Tring	72
10	Langleybury	92
11	Thorley	94

## AOB

### Ridge

Joan Badger said the fund raising continued but the Millennium Fund would only match other contributions but the Council would only contribute once the Millennium Fund had. A fourth bell has been bought and is at Whitechapel. It will be used for another project if sufficient funds cannot be raised for Ridge to be completed. A quiz night is to be held on the 23rd November.

Ben Duke said St Peters were this year making a donation of a wedding fee to Ridge instead of the County Bell Fund, and wondered if other Towers would like to do likewise.

Ben Duke reminded members of the Surprise Practice at St Michael's on the Fourth Wednesday of the month. Attendance has been variable and more support would be appreciated.

Amy Coburn proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar for the service and the use of the bells, and to Janet Coates and her team for the tea.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm and ringing continued until 8.30pm.

*Sheila Calmador, President*

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