

Minutes of the quarterly (Nominations) Meeting held on Sat 21 December 1996
at Harpenden. The President, Sheila Edmondson, in the Chair.

- 1) Apologies for absence - were received from John Freeman & Alan Jeffs.
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
- 3) There were no matters arising.
- 4) New Members:
Malcolm Taylor & Hilda Ridley (whose election as Non-resident Life Members had taken place prior to a post in October) were confirmed as Non-Resident Life Members on a proposal of Bernard Taylor 2nd by Sheila Edmondson.
- 5) Gerald Penney gave details of proceedings at the October General Committee Meeting. These matters included: the date of the AGM (26 April in Watford Dist) and the date of the Kingston Cup at St Hyman's 27 Sept. The HCA had a World Wide Web site and District Secretaries were providing information for the bulletin board.
- 6) Janet Coates reported on the 1/4 post week. 2 quarters had been rung at St Peter plus one each at the Abbey and Hatfield. £25-60 had been raised for the Debenham Ball Fund. Gerald Penney noted that both Watford and Watford districts hold 1/4 post days which are often more successful. The District Committee are to consider same.
- 7) Gerald Penney reported on the Leamers Outing which had been successful with 26 members taking part and evidence of progress showing. 6 NE Herts towers had been visited and some of the bells found to be quite demanding.
- 8) Ben Duke reported on the Bandone. This was felt to have been a good event although a small loss was incurred. Pricing for any future event would need watching. Whilst on his feet Ben reminded members that the surprise practice for Dec was cancelled.
- 9) Nominations. The following were nominated by the persons mentioned for the posts indicated.

Ringing Master	Ben Duke	Nominated by	Shane Saunders
Gen C'tee Rep	Gerald Penney	- - - -	Sheila Edmondson
Secretary	John Nicholson	- - - -	Charles Brock
Committee :	Janet Coates	- - - -	Gerald Penney
	Mike Foster	- - - -	Charles Brock
	Rosemary Salt	- - - -	Ben Duke
	Fran Shaw	- - - -	John Nicholson

10) The Trustees of the Debenham Bell Fund gave notice of the AGM of the Fund to be held at the ADM next January.

11) AOB

- The President, Sheila Edmondson, congratulated Gerald Penney on achieving his 1000th peal. The meeting joined in applause and warmly felt hear-ears on losing this news.
- Ringing World Newsletter Display. It was agreed that although our District newsletters had been sent to the RW earlier in the year that John Nicholson would submit a year's worth of recent newsletters to the RW for display.
- Shane Saunders reminded the meeting that a District Trustee would need to be elected for the County Bell Fund.
Charles Pollock nominated John Nicholson.
- Geoff Dadds reminded members that the Book Hall would be open after the meeting as well as the opportunity to buy handmade scarps, the latter in aid of the Debenham Bell Fund.

12) David Redfern proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Harpenden since he organised for the carol service which he said was always appreciated from Harpenden. He ~~was~~ also thanked the Harpenden ringers for the tea which was well up to the usual high standard. The meeting warmly applauded in response, particular thanks being passed to the organist who had emerged from his niche to play.

13) The Secretary read out the provisional programme for 1997 events.

The Meeting then ended, ringing continuing under the direction of the Ringing Master.

Sheila Edmondson
President
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