

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS--ST ALBANS DIST.
MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT KIMPTON SAT 19 JULY 1997.**

The President, Andrew Aldrick, kindly took the chair.

Apologies were received from: Chris and Nina Bradley, Claire and John Nicholson, Fran Shaw, Janet Coates, Shane and Anne Saunders and John Freeman. Charles Pocock deputised for John Nicholson in the role of Secretary.

Before the meeting got underway Charles Pocock, speaking as a Trustee of the Debenham Bell Fund, announced that taking into account the collection at the meeting, the Fund stood at £2,000 which was a record including the time when the fund was known under a different name. Of the £2,000 £600 was of course committed to the Ridge project.

1. The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting were read and signed as a true record.
2. There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.
3. Two new Probationary Members were proposed by Gerald Penney and seconded by Geoff Dodds:
Mary Lanyon
Philippa Munday .. both attached to the Abbey
These were adopted as members on a show of hands.
4. The results of The Woolford Cup were noted, in particular that the top teams, St Michaels and Kimpton were due to go forward to represent the District at the Kimpton Cup in respect of which it was announced that the date was 27 September at 10.00 am. Venue S. Mymms.
5. Gerald Penney spoke about the inter-district training day. The group at Lt. Gaddesden on Rounds and plain hunting had been quite small and had ended early to allow time for a social drink. Progress had been made and the opportunity for the social contact had been appreciated. At Tring the Good Striking session had been popular with 18 participants. The President added that the General Secretary had copies of the video on the topic of Teaching the Teacher which could be borrowed. It was noted that a re-run in the Bishops Stortford, Northern and Eastern Districts may be taking place on 13 September.
6. Social. It was noted that ^{ALL HANDS AROUND} Hands all Around had been booked for a Barn Dance on 29 Nov.
7. The acting Secretary said the Secretary was hoping to get another edition of the Newsletter on the streets in August. Material for this would be warmly welcomed.
8. The dates of forthcoming meetings were announced.

9. In Any Other Business


~~Vic Frost commented that he was suffering from handbell withdrawal symptoms.~~ 

Amy Coburn proposed a vote of thanks to the Kimpton ringers for arranging the meeting and the excellent tea and to Revd. Chris Wharton for taking the service and allowing the use of the bells. Also to the organist for playing for us. Carried Nem Con.

There was also a discussion about the progress of various persons who had attended the open days at St Peters and Hatfield. Generally retention had been about 50% or slightly below but this was not seen as poor.

Geoff Dodds announced that the first casting had recently taken place of a bell in respect of which the cost had been defrayed from lottery money.

The meeting then was closed and ringing continued until around 8.10 pm when members could be found in the White Horse.


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