

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS
ST ALBANS DISTRICT**

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT ST MICHAEL ST ALBANS ON
SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 1998

Andrew Aldrick, the Associations president, chaired the meeting

1. Apologies For Absence

Apologies were received from: Fran Shaw, Mike Foster, Joan Badger, Geoff Fordham, Janet Penney, Mary Lanyon, Amy Coburn, Les Coburn, Sheila Edmondson, Eric Edmondson.

2. Minutes of The meeting of 20th December 1997

The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting were read and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not covered by the agenda.

4. Election of New Members

Gerald Penney proposed and Geoff Dodds seconded Danusia Smallman as a probationary member from the Abbey, which the members wholeheartedly endorsed. Andrew Aldrick welcomed Danusia to the Association on behalf of the members and wished her well with her ringing.

5. Quiz Night 24th April

Ben Duke reported that a good number of tickets had been sold and reminded members that they had until the following Thursday to buy a ticket. He also said that the questions were nearly complete and that any prizes for the raffle should be brought along on the night.

6. Woolford Cup

John Nicholson reminded members that the competition was to be held at South Mymms on the 16th May and started at 6 p.m. with the draw taking place at 5:50. John Peverret would be the judge together with a colleague from the Watford District. Mike Foster already had several entry forms from Towers but there was still time for Towers wishing to take part to submit one.

7. AGM

The President said the AGM was to be held at Hertford on 25th April and names for tea should be given to Roger Durrant by Sunday 19th April. Shane Saunders gave details of parking at Richard Hale School and Andrew asked members to support the ringing at the various towers open on the day. He reminded members that the following General Committee proposals were to be discussed:

- An amendment to the rules relating to belfry elections.
- A change to the recording of peals (no change to rules).
- A reduction in the peal fee to zero (no change to rules).

8. Management, Training and Maintenance Course 20/21st June Harpenden

Shane Saunders outlined the contents of the course. He said it would be all day Saturday and on Sunday it would run from late morning and into the afternoon, finishing in time to allow those who had to ring at their towers for evening service to do so. It presented an excellent chance to learn about all aspects of tower management. It was not necessary to attend all the modules. Attendees could

leave at any time if they had other commitments. It was an interactive course and the cost would be £15. Consequently it was being heavily subsidised by the County. Andrew Aldrick said the course was excellent opportunity for ringers to learn about all aspects of tower management and urged members to attend.

9. Ringing Update

The Secretary reported that Kimpton were ringing again after repairs to the tower and the Kimpton Cup would be held there in September. The training of learners at Wheathampstead was progressing well.

Geoff Dodds reported that he was present when the Ridge Bells were sent to the Whitechapel foundry. He also said that as Alan Frost had advised no tuning of the bells should be allowed that the matter was now in the hands of the Churches Trust. Once a decision on tuning had been reached Whitechapel will complete the foundry work and installation will take about two weeks.

10. Autumn Social

John Nicholson said that the District Committee's research at various meetings had indicated sufficient support for a ten pin bowling evening. Dunstable was one possible venue, as they would split off lanes for a large party. Andrew Aldrick said that the alley at Watford would also partition lanes for large parties.

The District Committee would consider the various options and let members have more details of the event later in the year.

11. Any other Business

John Nicholson reported that since the Barnet evening meeting last year attendance at District Meetings had been much improved. He also reminded those members that had not yet paid their subs that they were now due.


12. Date and place of next meeting

The next District Meeting was an evening meeting at Kings Walden on the 20th June. The next surprise practice would be on Thursday 23rd April at St Peter's at 8 p.m. and the next learners' practice would be at St Pauls Walden on 2nd May.

13. Vote Of Thanks

Gerald Penney proposed a vote of thanks, which the members endorsed, to Rector for the service and the use of the bells, and to Peter Mackley for single handedly providing the tea.

The meeting closed at 6:30 and ringing continued until 8:00 p.m.


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