

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

ST PETERS
18 JULY 1998

Shane Saunders chaired the meeting

1. Apologies For Absence

Apologies were received from: Charles Pocock, Mike Foster, Sheila Foster, Janet Penney, Sheila Edmondson, Eric Edmondson Nina Bradley, Chris Bradley.

2. Minutes of The Meeting of 18th April 1998

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

3. Matters Arising

- Ben Duke reported that the quiz evening had been a very enjoyable and successful event. £275 surplus was made
- Five teams had entered the Woolford Cup Competition and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by those taking part and their supporters. The results were as follows: First Kimpton 27 faults; second St Peter's 29 faults; third St Michael's 42 faults; Fourth The Abbey 48 faults; Fifth Hatfield 58 faults. The Members thanked the judges J. Peverett and G. Morton of the Watford District, Mike Foster for organising the competition, and the South Mymms ringers for the refreshments and use of the bells.

4. Election of New Members

John Nicholson proposed and Gerald Penney seconded Dave Bailey of Wheathampstead as a full member and he was duly elected by the members.

5. Coburn Trophy

Ben Duke reported that The District had won the Coburn Trophy on the 6th of June at Rickmansworth for the second year running. Seven bands had entered the competition and The Western District's A and B teams were second and third respectively. The members congratulated the St Albans Band on their success.

6. Management, Training and Maintenance Course

The course was organised by the County Association and was held on the weekend of 20/21st June at Harpenden. Feedback from the membership as to content and organisation had generally been favourable. Rosemary Duke said that Alex Olah thought the course was broader than expected. Amy Coburn said the organisation was efficient. Ben Duke said that St Peters was open for the course but the helpers provided for the instructor and course members were unaware of what was to happen inside the tower.

7. Ringing Update

Ridge

Geof Dodds reported that of the original bells, the treble and second were alright but the 3rd was 38 cents sharp and because of its age would not be tuned. The front five bells were hung during the 11th to 14th May and the tenor on the 7th July. The bells were test rung on the 9th July and although the tenor was a little sharp it was not too bad.

Joan Badger informed members that the bells would be dedicated on the 19th July at 3:30pm and an open day on the 15th August would enable ringers to try the bells. Details of the Open Day would be published shortly.

Wheathampstead

The band continues to make progress and Gerald Penny said that Bob Flanagan was attending the practices. Shane Saunders thanked local ringers for their assistance on practice nights

8. Autumn Social

John Nicholson asked the members present for their preference as to venue for the Ten Pin Bowling as a poll by Fran Shaw at various meetings had shown that Stevenage or Garston was preferred. Garston was considered to be a marginally better venue by those present and JN said he would send all towers a poster with the details of the event and a form for names and food. Once he had the numbers of those wishing to take part he would make a booking for the 27th of November.

9. Any other Business

The next surprise practice would be on 23rd July at 8pm at St Peter's

10. Date and place of next meeting

The next District Meeting was an evening meeting at St Pauls Walden on the 15th August at 7pm. and the next learners' practice would be at Welwyn on the 1st of August.

11. Vote Of Thanks

Shane Saunders proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St Peters for the use of the bells and to Christine Wright, Rosemary Duke and members of the Committee for the tea, which the members endorsed.

The meeting closed at 6:45 and ringing continued until 8:00 p.m.

G. Penny

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