

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS**  
**ST ALBANS DISTRICT**  
MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT WELWYN ON SATURDAY 17TH  
OCTOBER 1998

Gerald Penney chaired the meeting

**1. Apologies For Absence**

Apologies were received from: Sheila Edmondson, Eric Edmondson, Vic Frost, Rosemary Duke, Dave Bailey.

**2. Minutes of The Meeting of 18th July 1998**

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

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

**4. Election of New Members**

Amy Coburn proposed Sarah Taylor from Harpenden as a Student Member, seconded by Les Coburn. Janet Coates proposed John Williams from Welwyn as a full member seconded Amy Coburn. Ben Duke proposed Dominic Duke as a student member seconded John Nicholson. Joan badger proposed Nancy Hughes, and Victoria Nethercott a student as probationary members both seconded by David Badger. All were unanimously elected.

It was noted that Mrs Hilary P Heine was unanimously elected as a member at the Cathedral meeting of the 19th September having been proposed by John Mayne and seconded by Dorothea Robotham.

**5. Learners' Outing**

Gerald Penney described the itinerary for the outing in Bedfordshire on the 7th November. He also explained that the Cross keys at Pullox Hill had agreed to serve bar meals in the restaurant and that consequently he must know the numbers attending by the 18th October to forward the information to them. At present 20 people had signed up for the outing and he thought that no more 30 in total would be an ideal number. To cover the £10 tower fees the cost of the outing was £3 per person.

**6. Ten Pin Bowling 27th November**

John Nicholson confirmed that the venue was Garston and the start time was 7pm. He also distributed leaflets showing the location of the Hollywood Bowl.

**7. Ringing Update**

**Radlett and St Michael's Towers**

Joan Badger confirmed that Radlett were ringing again after the work on the tower. St Michael's were also ringing again although not all the scaffolding was down.

**Ridge**

Joan Badger said that the recent article in the Ringing World should have been credited to Geoff Dodds as well as herself as it was a joint effort. The band practised on Fridays from 5:45 to 7pm and rang for Sunday Service.

## **Wheathampstead**

John Nicholson explained how the youngsters in the band were trying to progress though plain hunt and plain bob doubles but it was not easy as there were not always enough experienced ringers to enable methods to be rung.

## **Open Day 12th September**

Ben Duke described how 100 people had visited the tower at St Peter's on the Saturday and the Sunday resulting in 28 people expressing an interest in learning to ring. With people from the Oaklands course there were too many recruits for them all to learn at St Peter's and some of them had been sent to The Abbey, St Michael, Lemsford, South Mymms and Harpenden. Welwyn had not been so successful with the open day but by various means had acquired 4 people who they were now teaching to ring.

## **Oaklands Course**

Shane Saunders related how the request for 8 to 12 members on the course had escalated to 25 people attending Hatfield and St Peter's towers. He thought those learning at Hatfield were making good progress and the course was an extremely good method of recruiting new ringers.

### **8. District Newsletter**

John Nicholson said he hoped to publish another edition in time for the November District Meeting and asked members to supply him with articles for publication.

### **9. Any other Business**

The next surprise practice would be on 22nd October at 8pm at St Peter's  
Gerald Penney asked if there were any issues members wanted raised at the General Committee Meeting on the 31st October. He drew members' attention to an item on the agenda concerning the attendance at District meetings. He thought District Meetings were a good way for experienced ringers "to put something back into ringing." Those present felt the problem was persuading others to attend as they were already supporting such occasions. The members suggested putting an article in the District Newsletter.

David Badger handed over a cheque for £9 to the Debenham Bell Fund as profit from sweatshirt sales  
John Nicholson reminded members about the quarter peal weekend on 24th October and urged towers to ring and raise money for the Debenham Bell Fund.

### **10. Date and place of next meeting**

The next District Meeting was an evening meeting at South Mymms on the 21st November at 7pm. and the next learners' practice would be at Radlett on the 5th December.

Amy Coburn reminded those present that the December Meeting at Harpenden would be the usual carol service.

### **11. Vote Of Thanks**

Amy Coburn proposed a vote of thanks to, the Rector of Welwyn for the Service and use of the bells, to Paul Montgomery for the music and Janet Coates and the Welwyn band for the tea, which the members enthusiastically endorsed.

The meeting closed at 6:45 and ringing continued until 8:30 p.m.