

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

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING
AT ST STEPHEN ST ALBANS ON SATURDAY 16th JANUARY 1999**

It was the Members wish that Brian Watson from the Western District should chair the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

John Nicholson said it had been arranged that Shane Saunders would attend the Bishops Stortford ADM and the President Alan Patterson was to have attended and chaired this meeting but was unable to do so because of ill health.

Apologies for absence were received from: Alan Patterson, Shane and Anne Saunders, Gill Clark, John Ford.

John Mayne asked those present to join with him in wishing Alan a speedy recovery.

2. Remembrance of Members who have Died

There were no reported deaths of Members during the previous year.

3. Minutes of the previous Annual District Meeting

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous ADM held at Hatfield in January 1998. Amy Coburn proposed and Ben Duke seconded that they should be signed as a correct record. Brian Watson duly signed the minutes.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

5. Election of New Members

John Mayne Proposed Jason Douse as a Full Member seconded by Dorothea Rowbotham.

Emma Greenhill was proposed by Mike Foster as a Full Member seconded by Alan Jeffs.

Dave Bailey proposed Daniel Bangs, Claire Greenhill and Richard Hobbs as

Probationary Members all seconded by John Nicholson.

The Members present duly elected all.

6. Secretary's Report

J Nicholson gave his report, which was adopted by the Members on a proposal from Ben Duke, seconded by Liz Pocock.

7. Adoption of Audited Accounts

Sheila Edmondson briefly explained the Subscriptions Account, which indicated a slight increase in membership. Charles Pocock proposed and Gerald Penney seconded its adoption, which was carried unanimously. The District General Fund account was adopted on a proposal from Mike Foster and seconded by Joan Badger after a concise explanation by Sheila. The Members thanked Sheila for her work on the production of the accounts.

Gerald Penney proposed donating £150 to the County Bell Fund and £150 to the Debenham Bell Fund. Ben Duke seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

8. Election of Officers

		Proposed by	Seconded by
Ringling Master	G A Duke	Geoff Dodds	K Newman
General Committee Rep	G Penney	Amy Coburn	S Huckle
Secretary/Treasurer	J Nicholson	Ben Duke	Christine Carter
Deputy General Committee Rep	G A Duke	Bernard Taylor	Fran Shaw
Committee Members	Fran Shaw	Bernard Taylor	G A Duke
	Philippa Munday	Bernard Taylor	Joan Badger
	Mike Foster	Bernard Taylor	J Freeman
	Geoff Fordham	Bernard Taylor	M Foster
	Janet Coates	Bernard Taylor	Fran Shaw
	Dave Bailey	John Nicholson	G Penney
	Sarah Taylor	Mike Foster	J Nicholson
Honorary Auditor	Sheila Edmondson	John Nicholson	C Pocock

John Nicholson thanked Joan Badger, who was standing down from the committee because of other commitments, for her hard work and support during her time on the Committee. The Members endorsed the sentiment.

9. Nomination of County Bell Fund Trustee

John Nicholson was proposed by Ben Duke as the District's County Bell Fund trustee, seconded by Barry Mack and endorsed by the Members present.

10. There followed a short adjournment to allow a meeting of The Debenham Bell Fund to take place.

11. Meetings for 1999

The Secretary said that all dates and venues for the coming year had been confirmed and a programme card would be distributed shortly. Charles Pocock drew the Member's attention to an error in the dates for December.

12. Ideas for Social Events for 1999

The Members expressed a wish for a quiz evening to be held in the spring, a ten pin bowling evening in the summer with a gathering in a suitable hostelry afterwards, and a Barn Dance in the Autumn. There was some debate on the holding of a function such as a dinner. There was general support for a function costing up to £20 per ticket. The District Committee would bear the Member's wishes in mind when considering events for ~~1999~~ 2000.

13. District Newsletter

John Nicholson reminded Members that the deadline for articles for the next edition was the 23rd January

14. Vote of Thanks

Brian Watson proposed a vote of thanks to the St Stephen's Ringers for the ample tea, the Rector for the service and use of the bells, and the organist for the music, which the Members wholeheartedly endorsed.

The meeting closed at 7.40 Ringing continued to 8.30pm

G. Hornell
president 1999/2000