

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

Registered Charity No 1037400

ST ALBANS DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT SANDRIDGE
ON SATURDAY 17TH APRIL 1999

Gerald Penney chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies For Absence

Apologies were received from: John Freeman, Sheila Edmondson, Eric Edmondson, Vic Frost, Chris Bradley, Geoff Fordham, Dave Bailey.

2. Minutes of The Meeting of 19th December 1999

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

3. Matters Arising

Ben Duke reported that the March surprise practice had not been well attended and urged members to attend future practices.

Gerald Penney remarked that the items under discussion at the General Committee Meeting were now old hat and incorporated in the annual report. He mentioned the discussion on District Meeting attendance which had been full, with all Districts contributing their views and the discussion had been reproduced in the February Newsletter.

This year's President will be Geoff Horritt of the Northern District

4. Election of New Members

Nina Bradley was proposed for transfer to full member by Ben Duke seconded by Barry Mack. Neil Henderson, Edmond King and Philippa Munday were proposed for transfer to full membership by Gerald Penney, seconded by Geoff Dodds

Mrs Margaret Davies, Mrs Jenny Whitlock, Mrs Janice Bergman and Algy Lawrence were proposed as probationary members by Gerald Penney and seconded by Geoff Dodds.

All the above were unanimously elected.

5. Quiz Evening

This was to be held on the 24th of April. Ben Duke said the St Peter's church hall would be open at 7pm and the quiz would start at 7.30pm. Members were reminded that to bring their own drinks and prizes for the raffle.

6. AGM County Association

The Secretary reminded members that the AGM would be held at Hitchin this year with a service at 5 p.m. followed by tea and meeting at about 6.30pm in Hitchin Boys School. Names for tea should be given to 01763 246018 or 014562 674195 by Sunday 18th April.

7. Competitions

John Nicholson announced that the Woolford Cup would be held on 15th May at St Pauls Walden and that the District was hosting the Coburn Trophy this year on 12th June at St Michael's.

8. Forthcoming Ringing Delights

Members were encouraged to attend the learners' practice at Ridge on 1st May at 10am and the improvers' session at Lemsford on 14th May at 7.30pm. This would be a Stedman Doubles evening. Ben Duke said the next surprise practice would be on 27th May at St Peter's at 8pm

9. Social with Northern District

The Secretary of the Northern District had spoken to John Nicholson about organising a joint ringing meeting followed by a barbecue at Knebworth. The provisional date was 10th July but this was dependent upon Knebworth House not using Fort Knebworth on that evening.

10. Publicity Sub Committee

John Nicholson explained that the sub committee had ascertained that there was not a common plan for all churches in the diocese to ring at mid-day for the millennium and that each incumbent was being left to make their own decision about holding a service at that time. Geoff Dodds said that apparently it was the Open Churches Trust that suggested all bells should be rung at mid-day and not the Church of England. John Ford asked who were the Trust and Shane Saunders explained that they were a collective body and the Church of England was a member. Jack Southam commented that it was John Major who had suggested churches should ring the bells. Gill Clark suggested each tower should ask their incumbent about service arrangement and if there was not to be a service ask permission to ring the bells at mid-day on January 1st 2000.

The Publicity Sub-Committee was due to meet again shortly to discuss arrangements for ringing in millennium.

11. District Newsletter

The next issue was due in May and articles for publication were most urgently required.

12. AOB

It was reported that Kimpton had raised 80% of the £140,000 required for structural work on the tower and work should start in a few months time.

Peter Liddell was running in the London Marathon to raise money for the restoration fund and would be grateful for any sponsorship members cared to give.

Mike Foster asked Gerald Penney to explain the interpretation of the rules regarding the ringing qualification for full membership of the Association. The rules require a ringer to have rung 120 changes to a touch on an inside bell or 500 on a tenor behind. He replied that when he asked for clarification at the January General committee meeting he was in the minority for not accepting that the ringing of the treble to a touch of 120 changes was the equivalent of ringing an inside bell.

13. Date and place of next meeting

The next District meeting would be an evening meeting at Hatfield on 19th June.

14. Vote Of Thanks

Amy Coburn proposed a vote of thanks to the lay reader and the organist for the service and music, and also to the Sandridge ringers for the use of the bells and the tea, which the members unanimously endorsed.

The meeting closed at 6.35pm and ringing continued until 8.30pm.

Geoffrey Dodds

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS
ST. ALBANS DISTRICT SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNT 1998**

Subscriptions Received		
	Members 133 @ £5.00	665.00
	Members 29 @ £2.50	72.50
	Associate 1 @ £5.00	5.00
	NRLM	-
Donations		80.00
Report Sales		2.00
Badge Sales		1.50
1997 Subs in arrears		32.50
		<u>£ 858.50</u>
Paid to Treasurer		858.50
Dist. Secretary's Expenses		-
		<u>£ 858.50</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

I have examined the books and records of the Subscription Account and, in my opinion, the above Statement is in accordance therewith.

Harpenden
10th January 1999

Sheila Edmondson
Chartered Accountant

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

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year to 31st December 1998

INCOME	1998	1997
	£	£
Bank interest(Net)	2.95	2.87
Woolford Cup Surplus	4.50	5.00
Woolford Cup Teas	4.00	-
Bowling Evening Surplus	1.55	-
Barn Dance Surplus	-	11.50
Quiz Evening Surplus	235.80	313.00
Quiz Evening Raffle	105.50	-
Learners Outing Surplus	12.00	-
	<u>366.30</u>	<u>332.37</u>
 EXPENDITURE		
Stationery for Peal Book	-	18.16
Postage	2.40	-
Prizes for County AGM Raffle	9.98	-
St Peter's Church Hall	30.00	-
Donated South Mymms	4.50	-
Coburn Trophy Engraving	15.00	-
Donated County Bell Fund	150.00	-
Donated Debenham Bell Fund	163.55	-
	<u>375.43</u>	<u>18.16</u>
 Net Income (Expenditure)	<u><u>(9.13)</u></u>	<u><u>314.21</u></u>
 Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1998		
ASSETS		
Cash in Hand	1.92	16.50
Bank Accounts	472.21	466.76
	<u>474.13</u>	<u>483.26</u>
 FINANCED BY		
Accumulated Funds at 1st January 1998	483.26	169.05
Net Income (Expenditure)	(9.13)	314.21
	<u>474.13</u>	<u>483.26</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. ALBANS DISTRICT

I have examined the books and accounts of the District and, in my opinion, the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are in accordance therewith.

Harpenden
10th January 1999

Sheila Edmondson
Chartered Accountant