

The last meeting was held at Wheathampstead on April 30th, the ring of six which are rung from the floor of the cruciform church with a very long draught of rope have been recently restored by J. Taylor & Co. & the fine stone & comparative ease with which they can now be rung was admired by all. The Rector's Son put in an appearance & was indeed to ring the tenor bell to change for the first time in his life. After inspecting the new bells and frame & ringing on handbells the members had tea. At the business meeting, Hatfield was proposed for next meeting with Barnet as an alternative for May 28th. Mr. G. E. Debenham drew the attention of the members to the proposal which was carried at the Annual Meeting of raising the subscription to 1/6 from Jan 1st 1939 & hoped they would not take this too hard. The Secretary informed the members that he had been approached that afternoon by the Rector's Son as to the Wheathampstead Band learning change-ringing. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr. G. E. Debenham that the Secretary first find the feelings of the other singers on the matter & then if at least four of them were keen to learn, to ask Mr. Lawrence of Hatfield (who is well known for his abilities in this direction), if he could give instruction weekly & the St. Albans singers would back him up. Further ringing on the peal of six at Sandridge followed until 8 o'clock. 13 singers had a pull during the meeting & 10 methods were rung. The collection for the Voluntary Bell Fund realised 2/6.

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