

indulged in until 8 pm. The methods rung included Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and a good course of Double Norwich was rung on the silent tower bells.

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The extra meeting, which had been decided on at the St Albans meeting in May, was held at North Myms on July 18th. Handbell ringing took place in the ringing chamber during the afternoon, when Bob Major, Kent Major + Minor, and Stedman Triples were rung with a greater or less degree of success. The more important ~~and~~ items, however, were probably the courses of Grandsire Triples for the learners from St Peter's St. Albans, who, in pairs rang 1+2.

Tea had been arranged at the Corner Cafe + 16 sat down to it, the towers represented being St Peter's St Albans, Hatfield + North Myms. Visitors were also present in the persons of Mr. E.W. Beckwith of Bazzeshall

Essea, & Mr & Mrs E. A. Barnett now of Oxhey. It was considered that the attendance was satisfactory bearing in mind that it was a very wet day.

The chair for the business meeting, which followed tea, was taken by Mrs Fergusson, & proceedings commenced with the reading & confirming of the minutes of the meeting held at St. Peter's St. Albans on May 16th. Arriving out of them, the chairman was able to announce that the interest stimulated by the Bell Wash had resulted in about a dozen parishioners taking up ringing & all were taking a great interest.

The next item on the agenda was the election of new members, and after some discussion as to the necessary qualifications of a Probationary Member, now that the ban made the handling of a bell theoretically impossible, Mrs Fergusson proposed the following, all of St Peter's St Albans as Probationary Members. Mr W. A. Southam; Mr T. J. Southam; Mr W. J. Southam; Mr V. A. R. Sinclair; Mr L. Hall; Mrs J. Hall; Mrs E. Mitchell; This vote was seconded by Miss K. West and passed.

The place of the next meeting was then discussed, & it was generally agreed to substitute an out-of-town meeting for that provisionally suggested earlier in the year at St. Albans. Mr A. Lawrence proposed, & Mr. Kuntish seconded, Wetherthampstead the date being moved back from August to September to give even intervals between meetings. Hatfield was proposed by Mrs Ferguson & seconded by Mr T. Cook as an alternative. This arrangement was agreed to by the meeting.

Before continuing with other business, the secretary referred to the passing of two well-known life Members of the Association, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith & Mr. E. Brett. Members stood in silence for a short time as a mark of respect.

The business meeting concluded with a reminder from the secretary that many subscriptions were overdue for the years 1940 - 1942 & he hoped that at least those members who were able to take some sort of an interest in ringing these days would come forward with their dues to help the association to carry on. An endeavour was also made to find out the names of members of the district who are in H. M. Forces. It was learnt with

profound regret that 3 members of the Hatfield Band
have been killed in action, Messrs R. Hall, R. Lawrence,
+ B. Shappard.

The meeting concluded with some more handbell
ringing during which the 4 St Peter's learners who had
stayed to tea came forward to ring take a burnt
bell to further courses of Grandiose Triples, - and
a very encouraging job they made of it.

With rain still falling steadily as it had been
all the afternoon, the meeting dissolved soon after
7 o'clock.

A. E. Symonds
Sept 19th 1942