

Meeting at Hatfield. September 19<sup>th</sup> 1942.

The meeting opened with handbell ringing in the spacious ringing chamber of St. Etheldredas church shortly after 3.30 P.M. This was followed at 4.30 by a short service conducted by the rector, Rev. P. Leonard who, in ~~at~~ his address, encouraged the association to keep going as far as it could during these troubled times so that there would be no fear of Change Ringing becoming a lost art. The accompaniment for the hymns was provided by Mrs Fergusson with her Recorder.

After a little more handbell ringing, an adjournment was made to the Salisbury Guest House for tea and the business meeting. Thirteen ringers attended, representing Hatfield, Harpenden, St Peter's St Albans, and Hitchin, with one out-of-county ringer in the person of Mr. Frank Luffman of ~~B~~ Pottlewell, Essex.

Mr A. E. Lymonds was elected to take the chair for the short business meeting. It was decided, on the proposition of Mr A. Day seconded by Mrs Fergusson, to hold the next meeting at St Peter's St Albans on November 21<sup>st</sup>

This would be the Annual District meeting and it was hoped that as many as possible would attend. The secretary was able to tell the meeting, as the result of a query from a long-distance cyclist from Hitchin, that the moon should be just about full that day.

Under the heading of "Any other business", Mr D. Ellingham said that he would like to celebrate his 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary, which was due to fall during the following week, by paying for the tea of all present at that meeting. Mr. D. Meers offered his congratulations to Mr Ellingham & thanked him for his kind thought to the association, ~~which~~ Mr L. F. Bull added a few words of appreciation, as a local vinger, of ~~his~~ <sup>Mr Ellingham's</sup> work and influence in the halpy.

The meeting closed with an expression of thanks to the Rector for the use of the church and for his homely service, and to Mr A. Lawrence for making the necessary arrangements.

An adjournment was then made to the tower for further handball vinging until 7.30 P.M. Methods vung during the day included Spudine Tr. & lates, Bob Major + Stadium Trifles. E. J. Fenning  
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