

Meeting at North Mimms. Aug 14th 1943

A very successful summer ~~met~~ meeting took place at North Mimms on August 14th. The weather was at its best and a company of about 30 singers and friends came along to the beautifully situated church.

The bells were raised soon after 3 P.M. and continued until 5 P.M. when half the party left for tea at The Corner Café, to be relieved half an hour later by the second half. There was thus only a very short break in the singing until the meeting at 6.15 P.M. This took place on a shady patch of grass just outside the church gate.

The chair for the business meeting (a deck chair actually) was taken by Mr. D. Ellingham who has figured in the Hatfield belfry for a great many years. He opened the meeting by saying how pleased he was to have been able to get to the meeting and to see ~~st~~ such a good gathering. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, new members were elected as follows:-

Mr. J. L. Mellor, North Mimms, proposed Mr. C. Nash &
seconded Mr. A. Coles

Mr. E. Norman, St Peter St Albons, ^{to be} transferred from Probationary to Ringing member, and Mr. B. C. Johnson as Probationary member, proposed Mr R. Davill, seconded Mr A. Boles.

After some discussion it was decided on the proposition of Mr Mash, seconded by Mr. Boles that the next meeting should be at Northaw on September 18th.

Under the heading of "any other business" there was further discussion on ways and means of providing bands, even if only once a month, at towers most severely hit by war conditions. It was finally decided that the Hatfield band would try to help Essenden, whilst endeavours would be made amongst the St Albons ringers to visit St Stephens, St Albons, Landridge & Wheathampstead, & Harpenden.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Ellingham for taking the chair, and the company returned to the tower for further ringing until about 8.15. Methods rung during the day included Rounds, Groundsire & Steadman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob, and

Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

19 district members were present from St Albans Cathedral and St Peters, Hatfield, Harpenden and the local tower, and visitors represented Twyford, Berks; Kingsbury; Leverstock Green; St James, Bloxhewell; Brasted, Kent; Poole, Dorset; and Westminster.

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Meeting at Northaw. Sept 18th 1943.

Good weather again favoured the September meeting which was held at Northaw on September 18th. This was the first meeting to be held wholly at this pleasant spot for a number of years, as it had become the practice before the war to combine this tower with Essenden - a practice now completely impracticable with present transport facilities. For this reason, too, it was gratifying to find that the attendance was quite good -