

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, Bleakenwell; Brasted, Kent; Poole, Dorset; and Westminster.

S. G. Boyd Spence

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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 -

24 sat down to tea.

Ringin' commenced soon after 3 P.M. & continued until 4.30 P.M. when a short service was held conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Lloyd Spome, who, in his address, expressed very aptly the average ringers feelings toward his work. He described it as something much more than a hobby, which became an integral part of his life. By carrying out this church work to the best of his ability the ringer was playing an important part in the ~~return of an~~ evangelical revival which would soon appear in this country, and at the same time was bringing the church much nearer to those who for sickness or age were unable to leave their homes.

Tea followed at about 5 P.M. at the hut, and in spite of visitors having been warned to bring their own food, the local ringers had fooled their resources in the way of garden produce & sandwiches etc. ~~to~~ so that all were well satisfied within.

The choir for the business meeting was taken

by the Vicar, who in his opening remarks extended a warm welcome to the Association.

There were no new members to elect, so after the reading of the last minutes, the place for the next meeting was discussed. It was decided on the proposition of Mr. Hazel that this should take place on Oct. 16th at Sandridge and/or Wheatthorpe.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his service and welcome, and to the Northaw ringers for providing, free of charge, such an acceptable tea. This was proposed by Mr. Davill and seconded by Mr. A. W. Coles. A collection on behalf of the Voluntary Bell Fund raised 18/-.

Before returning to the tower, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells.

Tower bell ringing was arranged to cater for all, & included ~~various~~ rounds, Grandsire & Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent & Oxford Treble Bob, & Cambridge Surprise. Ringers were present from St. Allons Cathedral & St. Peter's, N. Wymond, Fulham, Waltham Abbey, Willendon, Hemel Hempstead and Northaw.

W. H. P.
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