

Meeting at Sandridge & Wheathampstead. Oct 16th 1943.

Ringling commenced at Sandridge at 2.45 P.M. & continued until about 4 P.M. Although the bells had not been rung since before the ban, they were in good going order were made good use of during that time. Methods rung included Grande Double, Plain Bob, Kent & Cambridge Minor.

By the time the Sandridge bells had been lowered, those at Wheathampstead were being rung, & in spite of the long unguided draft there was some good ringing in various methods until the tea break at 5.30 P.M. This took place in the small hall near the church & was provided free of charge by the local ringers. A collection after this meal raised 15/6 for the Benevolent Fund.

Ringling was resumed at 6 P.M. & continued until black-out time at about 6.40 P.M. after which the bells were lowered & the party adjourned to the Hall for the business meeting. Mr. W. Ayre was elected to take the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed & the following elections

then took place:- Mr R. Smith & Mr B.C. Johnson from
Probatory to Ringing members - proposed Mrs Davill
seconded Mr Dale. Mr. A. H. Fitch ^{of Sudbury Suffolk.} as a Non
Resident Life Member - proposed Mr Hazel, seconded
Mr Sayer. These elections were confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr Hazel, seconded by Mr
F. Spicer, it was decided to hold the next meeting,
if possible, at Harpenden on Nov 20th

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks
to the Vicar of Landridge & the Rector of Wheathropstead
for permission to use their bells & to the ringers
of Wheathropstead for providing the tea.

Handbells were then rung until 7.15 P.M.

S. J. Fitch
Chairman, Harpenden
Rector 20.11.42