

Meeting at Harpenden. November 20th 1943.

A successful meeting was held on Nov 20th at Harpenden, for although numbers were not quite so good as of late, some useful practice was put in.

Ringling commenced at about 3.20 P.M. & continued until 4.00 when the Association joined ⁱⁿ the normal Evensong which was conducted by the Rector & specially adapted for the ringers. There was further ringling after this until 5 P.M. when an adjournment was made to the Swallow Tea rooms where an enjoyable & most welcome meal awaited us.

The chair for the business meeting was taken by the Rector, the Rev. S. W. Veitch. The minutes of the October meeting were read & confirmed & as there were no new members to elect, attention next centred on the place for the next meeting. The secretary pointed out that as this would be the Annual District meeting it should be held centrally, & he proposed that it

should be at St Peter, St Albans. Mr Day seconded this & it was agreed. The date was also settled, namely the 3rd Saturday in December (the 18th)

Under the heading of "Any other Business" the secretary proposed that in order to save time, & a certain amount of work for himself, business meetings should normally be held once a quarter only, the intervening months being reserved for solely & ringing meetings. It was decided to bring this up for a decision at the Annual District meeting, but it was generally agreed that it would be a good scheme.

A sincere vote of thanks to the Rector for his welcome & for the service was then proposed by Mr. Hazel & seconded by Mr. Jones.

Before the business meeting closed, Mr. Day asked if any help could be arranged for Stropenden where the band was now depleted to 5 members. They hoped soon to have some recruits, but would appreciate some assistance for service ringing for a while. The request was very sympathetically received, & it was decided to concentrate on meeting twice a month for a start, on the

first & third Sundays, at 5.45 P.M.

Before returning to the tower Bob Major & Granite Triples were rung on handbells.

Tower bell ringing was resumed until about 7.45, & the days range of methods included Granite Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob-Major, Kent Treble Bob & Double Norwich as well as Rounds for the newer recruits.

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