

Meeting at Kimpton. July 15th 1944.

A very gratifying number attended a meeting at Kimpton on July 15th. The bells were raised soon after 3 P.M. and ringing continued until 4.30 when the Vicar, the Rev. R. T. Ingram-Johnson, conducted a short service.

An excellent tea was then partaken at The Cafe and was followed by a business meeting in the Parish Room. The Chair for this was taken by Mr. A. Day, as the Vicar, who had been with the company during the afternoon and for tea, had to return for other duties.

After the minutes of the last two meetings had been read, the Secretary explained why no meeting was held during June. Essenden had been applied for, ^{but} the Rector preferred not to have the bells rung until they had been overhauled as they had not been rung since before the war except on one or two special occasions. Wheathampstead was arranged as an alternative ~~to~~ but very unfortunately the date was confused &

the Rector had everything ready on June 10th instead of the 17th. In the circumstances he asked us to cancell the meeting.

Three new members were proposed by Mr R. Davill and seconded by Mr A. W. Coles as follows:

Mr. R. Stiles & Mr L. W. Bennet of Northaw as ringing members.

Miss M. Anderson Davis as a probationary member of St. Peter's St. Albans.

It was agreed that if possible the next meetings should be held at Northaw and Harpenden, the latter being a business meeting. A short discussion followed, about the possibility of holding a meeting at Luton with the Bedford Association, & Mr King explained the position there. It was agreed that the Secretary should endeavour to fix up such a meeting later during the winter.

The Secretary reported that the Rector of Hatfield, who is an honorary member of the association will shortly be leaving to become Rector and Provost of St Marys Cathedral, Glasgow.

It was agreed that a letter of good wishes should be sent on behalf of the district.

Ringling was then resumed until about 8 P.M. and the following methods were rung:-

Rounds, Groundswell + Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

Ringers were present from Ealing, Hatfield, St. Allons (Albion and St. Peter's) Kington, Sandridge, Berton N. Mymans, Harpenden, Redbourn & Hitchin, about 28 in all.

The August practice meeting took place on the 19th at Northw. Probably due to the weather the attendance was not so good as usual.

There were, however, enough to enable courses of Cambridge Minor to be rung & the large proportion of learners present had a good practice.

The bells were in use from 3 P.M. until 7.45 except for an hours break for tea in the parish hall which was arranged by the local ringers and their friends.