

Meeting at Sandridge. Nov 25th 1944.

War-time recruits to the art accounted for more than half of the 30 ringers and friends attending the meeting at Sandridge on Nov 25th.

Ringling commenced at 3 P.M. and continued until 4.30 P.M. when the Vicar, the Rev. E. Giles, conducted a short service. A very enjoyable tea was then partaken in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting.

The chair was taken by the Vicar and commenced with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held at Harpenden on Sept. 23rd.

The secretary then proposed the following elections and transfers, which were seconded by Mr B. C. Johnson:-

Mr. M. Freeman, Royal Signals, proposed prior to a handball at St. Albans.

Miss J. Nichols & Miss Y. Anderson Davis (St. Peter's)
D. Price (Hatfield), J. Knight, Miss M. Blain, Miss P. Humbles, & Miss E. Goner (Sandridge) to be advanced from Probationary to Ringing Members.

Allen Hunt (Sawbridge) proposed as a Rising Member
Three ringers of St Michaels St Albans
were also put up for election by Mr Durrill
recorded by Miss Lapsom. All had been members
for some year but their membership had lapsed
since 1939; they were Messrs S. Farmer, A. E. Halsey,
L. G. Turner.

All these elections were confirmed by the meeting.
Members were reminded that the Annual
District meeting had been fixed for Dec 16th
at St. Peter's St. Albans. It was agreed that
if possible the first three meetings of 1945
should be held at St Michaels St Albans,
Hatfield + Barnet, the dates being Jan 20th,
Feb 17th, March 17th.

Under the heading of "Any Other Business", the
secretary read a letter from the Rev L. Buxton who had
recently left N. Mysons and to whom a letter
of good wishes had been sent on behalf of
the District. He also mentioned that the Rev
G. W. Blackson of Dunstable, who had joined the
association when a Sub Dean at the Cathedral, had

left the Diocese so was reluctantly resigning from the Association. We have thus lost 3 Honorary members during the year.

In conclusion Mr Davill proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his welcome, and for the service, and to Mrs Bower and her helpers for the excellent tea. Miss M. Blain replied on behalf of the Sandridge ringers, saying that this was the first meeting at which their newly-formed band had had a chance of welcoming the Association.

Ringing was resumed at 6 P.M. and continued until 7.30. Methods very included Cambridge Surprise, Kent & Oxford Triple Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman Doubles and a large number of 120's of Grandioso. Ringers were present from Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield Harpenden, Hemel Hempstead, Juney (Beds), St Peter's St Albans, Cathedral St Albans and the local tower.

H. G. Coshin
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