

Meeting at Hatfield. March 24<sup>th</sup> 1945.

A very successful meeting was held at Hatfield on March 24<sup>th</sup> when about 35 ringers were present from St Albans (Cathedral and St Peters), Harpenden Sandridge, Welwyn Garden City; Northaw, Bushey, Broxbourne, Osney, Hertford, Watford, Ealing, Pinner, and the local tower.

Ringling commenced at 3.30 P.M. and continued until about 8 P.M. with breaks for a very enjoyable service conducted by the new Vicar, the Rev. B. M. Dale, for tea and meeting and ~~for~~ during the normal evensong at 6.30 P.M.

The chair for the business meeting was taken by the President, Mr H. G. Bashmore, and after the minutes of the meetings held at Sandridge and St. Michael St Albans had been read and confirmed the following elections took place.

Non Resident Life Members:-

F. G. Robbins (Pinner Mds). J. C. Brist (Ealing Mds)

Proposed by B. C. Johnson, seconded R. Bird

Ringling Member. Mr F. C. Gacklin (Harpenden)

proposed by Mr A. Day, seconded Mr A. Lawrence.

It was agreed that as the Annual Meeting had been fixed for April 7<sup>th</sup> in St Albans, there should be no district meeting that month. It was also decided that if possible the next two meetings should be at Barnet on May 19<sup>th</sup> and at North Myms on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

The secretary then mentioned that a proposal from the Committee meeting would be brought up at the Annual meeting. It was that young people under the age of 16 should be eligible for probationary or full membership without the payment of a ~~sub~~ subscription.

In conclusion Mr Lawrence proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Organist for his services that day, & this was seconded by Mr Davill and extended to include the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, & also the vergers.

Methods sung included *Gondwin Temple & Cates*, *Stadman Leter*, *Col Royal*, *Kent Royal* and *Double Norwich*.

The May practice meeting took place at Barnet on May 19<sup>th</sup> and was attended by a record number of ringers, at least 166 being present. Ringing commenced at 3 P.M. sharp, and continued with only an hours break for tea until 8.30 P.M. Methods rung included Quadruple & Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Heat Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge & Superlative Surprise and as an example of how it shall be done, a touch of Spliced Surprise Major. Ringers were present from Bushey, Northaw, Wembley, Wicken Hall, Walthamstow, Hatfield, Harpenden, St Peter's St Albans, Sandridge, Stanmore, Ealing, Washin, Hertford, Maulden (Beds), Bromham (Beds), Holloway, Edmonton, Oxhey, & Harrow.

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