

Meeting at North Myms. June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1945.

The attendance at the business meeting held at North Myms on June 23<sup>rd</sup> was lower than the average, only about 20 ringers being present.

Ringin' commenced at 3.30 P.M., and at 4.30 a short service was conducted by the recently appointed Vicar, the Rev L. F. Hamel-Smith who gave a very interesting address on the subject "Why do we ring the bells".

Tea followed at The Corner Cafe' and the business meeting was held under the trees outside the churchyard. Mr Bashmore was in the chair. The minutes of meetings held at Hatfield and Barnet were confirmed, and the following elections were proposed by Mr. R. Dorell

Mr C Ward, Barnet, Ringing Member.

Miss G. Gwiler, St Peter St Albans, Probationary Member

These were seconded by Mr B. Johnson and confirmed.

It was agreed that, if possible, the next three meetings should be at Wheathampstead (July), Northaw (August), Kimpton (Sept), in each

case on the third Saturday in the month. The business meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of bells and the service, and to the Organist for her services.

Ringling was then resumed until 8.45 P.M. Methods rung were Groundsire + Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, + Cambridge Surprise Major.

The July practice meeting failed to attract the usual number of ringers, only about 20 being present at tea. Ringling was at Wheathampstead in the afternoon with tea, arranged by the Rector's wife and the local ringers, in the parish room. Sandridge bells were rung during the evening. Methods rung included London + Cambridge Surprise, Kent + Oxford Treble bob, minor Double Cant and Plain Bob, Groundsire + Stedman Doubles.

There was again only a small attendance at the practice meeting held at Northow on August 18<sup>th</sup>, the total number of ringers present being about 18. This gave ~~me~~ everyone a good ring, however, particularly the local band who were reduced in numbers by the war. Ringing commenced sharp at 3 P.M. and continued until 5 P.M. when a "bring-your-own-food" tea was partaken in the Village Hall. A collection for the Voluntary Bell Fund raised 10/-. Ringing was resumed in the evening, & methods rung then and in the afternoon included Grosvenor & Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Cant, Keat, Oxford & Cambridge Surprise Minor.

H. S. Lashmore.

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