

Meeting at Hatfield. March 16th 1946.

This was again a well attended function, about 45 ringers ~~attending~~ being present.

The bells were raised soon after 2.30 P.M., and ringing continued until 4.30 P.M. when a short service was conducted by the Curate. Tea followed at 5 P.M. at the Salisbury Guest House, & due to the size of the party we had to split up into two rooms.

Forces combined into one room for the business meeting for which Mr A. Lawrence took the chair. Following a welcome by Mr Lawrence to the large force of visitors, the secretary read the minutes of the meetings held at Haspenden (~~October~~ ^{October}), St Stephens (November) and Sandridge (February).

The only new member was Mr. B.A. Cornell who has recently come to St Albans from Lovatton. His election was proposed by R. Davill, & seconded by C.F. Sayer, & duly carried.

Kimpton was proposed for the May meeting

by S. Huskell seconded by B.T.J. Southam. For
June, it was proposed by D Price seconded by A.
White that we should visit St Michaels St
Albans, with, possibly, St Stephens in the evening.
No meeting was fixed for April, as the Annual
General meeting had been arranged for April 27th
in St. Albans.

Before the business meeting closed, Capt H. W.
Rogers, of Isleworth, thanked district members on
behalf of the visitors for the welcome they had
received, and also congratulated the officers for
their industry in arranging meetings at all
district towers in little over a year which
was a record few Associations could claim.

Mr Lawrence thanked Capt Rogers for his
remarks, & proposed a hearty vote of thanks to
the Vicar for the use of the bells & the
buntings for the service.

The bells were in use again soon after
6 P.M. and with a short break from 6.30 til 7 P.M.
while evensong was on, continued until ... P.M.

Methods sung included Goodwin & Stalman

Cater & Bob Royal.

24 Ringers were present from district towers
(St Allens Cathedral, St Allens St Peter, Hatfield
& Harpenden) with others from Watford, Warkton (Herts),
Broxbourne, Isleworth, Willesden, Chesham, Boreham,
Balhock, Brighton, Hamel Hampstead & Hillingdon.

The meeting held at Kington on May 18th
attracted the smallest gathering the district
has experienced since the lifting of the
ban, only 9 being present at ten-time,
although another 8 turned up during the
evening. Ringing started at 3.30 P.M. with
rounds, 2 local ringers taking part, and
included, as the numbers increased, Grandave
& Sladman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court,
Kent & Oxford Treble bob, Cambridge & London
Surprise. A sumptuous tea had been arranged at the
Cafe for 25 people, but the Managers let us