

A very successful practice meeting was held on Oct 19th when ringing took place at Essenden from 3 P.M. until 5 P.M. and at Northaw in the evening.

24 ringers sat down to tea at 'The Olde Pair Tree Cafe' (after a cautious secretary had looked for 12-15) whilst several ringers who had been present in the afternoon left before the break. Others turned up at Northaw only, so that about 35 attended all or part of the proceedings.

Methods ring included Spontaneous & Station Doubles, Plain Bob, Hunt & Oxford Treble Bob, Double Course, Double Oxford, & Cambridge Surprise.

Although there was no business meeting, the President, Mr A. Lawrence, expressed pleasure at the good attendance & offered a special welcome to the visitors.

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On Nov 23rd a combined meeting was held in St. Albans with the Western District, the bells of St Michaels & St Stephen being available in the afternoon & evening. About 38 were at the Abbey Restaurant at 5 P.M. for tea, at which the vicars of both the churches joined us. Ringers

were present from St Albans (Cathedral & St Peters),
Berkhamstead, Watford, Apsley End, Tring, Hemel
Hempstead, Wheathampstead, Harpenden, Hatfield,
& Northchurch. Methods sung included Yankee
Doodles, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge &
London Surprise as well as rounds for the
goodly number of learners present.

After tea the St. Albans District
Secretary expressed his appreciation of the good
attendance which spoke well for the idea of
inter-district combined meetings, which should
serve to dispel any tendency for districts to
become watertight. Mr A. Good, Ringing Master
of the Western District said he felt the meeting
was a great success, & thanked the two
incumbents for the use of their halls as well
as for joining the ringers for tea.

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