

1947.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AT STALBANS

JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> 1947.

The programme for the 1947 Annual District meeting was similar to that of 1946, commencing with ringing at St. Peter's from 3.0 pm until 4.15 pm when a service was held, conducted by the Rev. G. Roe, Rector of W. Heathampton, who gave a very interesting address enlarging upon the great contribution of bells to our national life.

The company then adjourned to the Abbey Restaurant where 36 ringers & friends enjoyed tea. The Rev. Roe, although staying for tea, was unable to remain for the business meeting, but before leaving thanked the Association for inviting him to the service & tea. Mr. Davall, in reply, expressed the ringers' appreciation of his contribution to the meeting & of his interest.

The chair for the business meeting was taken by the President, Mr. A. Lawrence, who in his opening remarks welcomed the visitors & expressed his pleasure at the good attendance.

After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been read & confirmed the following elections took place

Proposed by Mr H. Goodenough, seconded by

G. F. Carter 28 Heath Croft Heathstead Wey N.W. 1. hon Res: Life Member

him M. A. Wren (Wheatthampstead) him A. Bailey (S<sup>r</sup> Peter, S<sup>r</sup> Albans)

transferred from probationary to ringing members.

Proposed by L. Derrill, seconded by

Geoffrey Parris (~~Heathstead~~) & Ralph Cokem (Harpenden) proposed by

A. Day seconded by H. V. Frost.

Proposed by A. Lawrence, seconded by D. Price

David Dunham & Dudley Wellington both of Hatfield as  
Ringing members.

On the proposition of Mr H. Goodenough, seconded by  
Miss Copson it was agreed that the next Annual Meeting be held  
in S<sup>r</sup> Albans on Jan: 17, 1948. For the next monthly meetings  
Barnet was chosen for February (proposed by H. V. Frost, seconded by Mr H.  
Goodenough) Whilst for ~~February~~ March, Hatfield & Sandridge were  
proposed by Mr A. Lawrence & Mr Southam respectively, of which the  
Sandridge was chosen as being the better in view of the result  
of 8 & 10 bell meetings which would result if Hatfield were chosen.  
Mr H. V. Frost proposed & Mr H. Goodenough seconded that this  
be amended to Sandridge & Wheatthampstead. The amendment  
was carried.

The Secretary's report, including his reasons for

~~resigning~~ not seeking re-election was read & approved as also was the financial statement which showed £7-19-6d receipts with expenses of £1-9-6d. Receipts for the Benevolent Fund totalled £5-17-6d which included £5 from an old Kimpton singer, Mr John Wells, given after a visiting band had been there on Victory Day.

Elections then took place as follows, all being carried unanimously,

Secretary: Mr T. J. Southon ; proposed by H. E. C. Goodenough, seconded by A. Burgess.

Dep. Sec: Mr H. V. Frost. " " W. Arnold seconded by Mrs Darvill

Ringin, Master: Mr C. F. Sayer " " H. V. Frost " " A Burgess.

(Mr A. Day feeling that he did not wish to stand again as the best interests of the district would be served by frequent changes of the post)

District Committee: - proposed by Mr C. F. Sayer, seconded by Mr H. Goodenough

that the 1946 committee be re-elected en bloc as follows: -

R. Darvill, H. V. Frost, A. Day, A. Lawrence, A. W. Cole.

General Committee: R. Darvill, A. Day.

The President expressed the thanks of the District to Mr Darvill for his work as secretary during a difficult period.

The retiring secretary announced that the fund started in the summer to give a Testimonial to Mr C. W. Costmel

had resulted in 13-10-6d being collected from the district.

Mr Goodenough asked if the 1946 reports could be made available by the Easter meeting, as the recent practice of having them about a year late made them out of date before publication. Mr Lawrence replied that Mr W. Olyre, General Secretary, had announced ~~that~~ at a meeting at Hertford that he intended to do all in his power to achieve this.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Dean & the Rev. Furgusson for the use of the bells of the Cathedral & St Peter.

At approx: 7.0 pm. ringing was resumed, this time at the Cathedral.

Methods rung included Stedman up to Cinqus, Grand sire Triples & Cater, Cambridge Major & Royal & Superlative Major.

M. David.

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