

Saturday September 16th 1967

Ringling commenced in the afternoon at 3.00pm at St. Paul's Walden, under the guidance of the District Ringling Master. A shortened evensong followed, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. Mitchell, with a local lady at the organ. Tea was in the Strathmore Arms & had been prepared by one of the local ringers. A vote of thanks for this tea, & also to the organist who was with us, was passed before returning to the church for the business meeting, for which the Rector took the chair.

Apologies for absence: These were received from Messrs G. Debenham & R. Clouston, & the Misses J. Briggs, G. Breeze & A. Rutuajiala.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read, agreed & signed as a correct record. The Ringling Master pointed out a small error concerning the number of courses of Cambermere S. Menier ring; this was corrected. The Rector, noting we were scheduled for Kings Walden in the evening, informed the meeting that the ex-Rector of Kings Walden had recently died.

Election of New Members

Transfer from N.R.L.M. to full R.M.
Mr. D.G. Clift } — proposed by G.W. Debenham } ^{proposed}
of Hemel Hempstead } decided by R.C. Johnson } ^{elect}
by proxy.

This election was carried.

The belfry election of the following N.R.L.M.'s prior to a peal at the Abbey, was ratified:

Basil Jones - Nonbury, Ches.

Alan McFall }
Robert B. Smith } Morple, Ches.

Jack L. Millhouse - Lincoln

Derek Butterworth - Rochdale Lancs.

Alexander J. Martin - Birkdale, Lancs

Bernard F.L. Graves - Maidstone, Kent.

District Outing

G. Dodds gave the final details of this event, & distributed printed programmes. A show of hands indicated 15 of those present would be going. Others were known to be interested. In the absence of J. Ewer, no further details of the Newbury ring social in the evening of this day could be obtained.

C.C. Fund Money

The Acting Secretary gave details of a committee recommendation that this money be amalgamated with the district fund, and placed in a deposit account with a bank. It was pointed out that this fund will be kept separate on paper from the district fund, so that money specifically obtained for use ~~at~~ when the C.C. visit occurs will be used to that end. The following resolution, proposed by R. Brown, & seconded by G. Dodds was carried by the meeting:

RESOLVED:- That a Banking Account for the St. Albans district of the Hartford County Association be opened with the Midland Bank Ltd. at their St. Albans Branch, and that the Bank be & is hereby entitled to honour Cheques, Orders for Payment,

Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes drawn, signed, accepted or made on behalf of the said St. Albans district of the Hartford County Association of Change Ringers by the Secretary or Acting Secretary and to act on any instructions given by the persons so authorised with regard to any accounts, whether in credit or overdrawn, or any transaction of the said St. Albans district of the Hartford County Association of Change Ringers.

Following Events

The following were announced:-

Kington Cup competition - 23rd Sept. It appeared that only N. Myman will be entering from this district.

St. Michael's St. Albans - a Surprise Practice on Friday 22nd September, & not the 18th as heretofore advertised, time 7.30pm.

St. Paul's Walden - a Special Practice on December 6th (Wednesday) at 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

Place & Date of next district meeting

This had been arranged for Saturday 21st October, ringing at ~~Market~~ Borneet in the afternoon, & Hadley in the evening. This was accepted by the meeting on a proposition of G. Dodds, seconded by G. Penney. The acting secretary pointed out that, as in previous years, the tea will be in a local cafe, so money for tea will be essential; members were asked to honour this arrangement.

Any Other Business

The Acting Secretary said he had a number

of R.W's which had been sent to him by the editor, in the hopes of getting new subscribers. A number of these were distributed.

G. Dadds proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing us the use of the bells, & for taking the service.

A short car journey brought members to Kings Walden, & these pleasant sounding six bells were rung in a variety of methods until 8.00pm.

There being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed.

J. S. Haynes -

CHAIRMAN.

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