

Ringing commenced at 3.00 pm & continued until 4.45. In the absence of the Vicar, no service was held, & members went direct to the village hall where a tea, prepared by the local ladies, was had.

G. Penney was elected to the chair for the ensuing business meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from R.W.M. Clouston and Miss C. Smith.

These minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed & signed as a correct record. No matters arose for discussion.

Election of New Members. The belfry election of Howard E.J. Smith, prior to a peal at Basingstoke was ratified. ~~& seconded by the meeting~~ The transfer of Elizabeth Barber & Ann Turnbull, of the Abbey, from probationary to full members was proposed by G. Penney, & seconded by G. Dodds. All these elections were carried.

District Social. It was reported that a profit of £11-1-2 had been made, & the Acting Secretary asked for propositions regarding the allocation of this money. J. Ewer proposed, and A.R. Carter seconded that the whole be placed in the C.C. Fund. This was carried.

A T-V visit. The Acting Secretary reported that a visit to a recording of the show "George and

The Dragon at A.T.U. studios - Borehamwood had been arranged for January 2nd. Tickets are free, but a coach costing 3s 6d per head will leave from the Blacksmith's Arms, Pt. Albans at 6.15pm. Names were requested by the Acting Secretary within the next week.

### Forthcoming Events.

A surprise practice will be held at St. Michael's, St Albans on Monday Dec 18th, 7.30pm. G. Penney said that any special request methods would be sung if people knew the method.

A special practice will be held at Wheatthampton on January 10th by request. Advance warning was also given of another special practice at St. Paul's Walden in March.

Date & Place of Next Meeting. The next meeting will be the A.D.M. at Hatfield on January 20th at 3.00pm. It was proposed by T. Ewer & seconded by A.R. Carter that London Royal be advertised as the special method for this meeting. This was carried.

The next district meeting has been recommended by the committee as being at N. & S. Myrns, with ~~a~~ special method York Surprise Major. R. Brown proposed & J. Ewer seconded the adoption of this recommendation, with a proviso that any necessary alternative tone be arranged by the Acting Secretary. This was carried.

### A.O.B.

The Acting Secretary stated that G. Dodds had for sale some pears, at 5 for 11, profits to go to the C.C. Fund.

Mrs Osburn proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Sandridge, Rev. Handford, for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for providing the tea, especially as it was at short notice. She also remarked that Harpenden bells may be ringing completely.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

Further singing, augmented by a number of visitors, continued until 8.00pm, & included a course of Hail Surfers.

E. Ann.

CHAIRMAN

Note:

Received for C.E. Fund	£	s.	d.
via sale of plants & pears	—	18	—
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[Note also Vol. Bell Fund = £1.10.9 for tea at A.D.M.]