

DISTRICT MEETING ; SOUTH & NORTH MYMMS

Saturday February 17th 1968

Ringling commenced at South Mymms at 3.00 pm under the leadership of A.R. Carter. A steady influx of visitors kept the bells well-used until the service, at which the Rector of S. Mymms, Rev. E.P. Clare, officiated. G. Sillis played the organ, and two district members read the lessons. Tea followed prepared by the S. Mymms ladies, in the Church Hall.

The Secretary welcomed the large number of visitors, & also Rev. Clare & his wife. The Rector took the chair for the meeting.

J. Sives,
| Apologies for absence were received from G.W. Debenham,
T.J. Lock, R. Tyoe, Miss C. Smith and Mr & Mrs R. Brown.

The minutes of the last district meeting were read, agreed, and signed as a correct record. No matter arose for discussion.

Election of New Members: J.T. Davey of St. Michael's was proposed as a full ringing member by C. Forster, seconded by G. Penney. The election was carried.

Furthering Social Events

(a) A.T.V. visit. It appeared that sufficient people were interested in another visit, & the Secretary said that he would make enquiries, with a view to having a visit arranged for late March / early April, details available at the March district meeting.

(b) Annual Dinner. A committee recommendation that the dinner be held on 7th Dec. 1968, with a maximum

price of 30p. per head was adopted on the proposition of P. Dale, seconded by A. Wilby. This was carried.

(c) Barbecue/Social. A committee recommendation that this event be held on 29th June was not adopted. Members pointed out various events on that, and adjacent Saturdays, which would adversely compete with the Social. A proposition by R. Hardy, seconded by G. Penney to the effect that the Committee further investigate the matter was carried.

Furthering Practices

The following were announced:

Surprise Practice, St. Peter's, St. Albans; 22nd Feb at 7.30p.

Special Practice at St. Paul's Walden, March 4th 7.30p.

South Mymms, April 4th ..

Barnet May 6th.

This latter date is unconfirmed. The Secretary asked for a good support at the St. Paul's Walden Practice.

Grants for Voluntary Bell Fund. Letters from Mrs

Coburn & F.W. Ellis asking for grants respectively for Harpenden's restoration, & Wharfedale's troubles, were read. The Secretary stated that the Committee recommended

that £30 towards each be granted subject to contract. The adoption of this recommendation was proposed by R.W. Bristol and seconded by R.W. Clouston.

G. Dodds proposed & Mrs Dodds seconded that this amount be raised to £50 each. After considerable discussion, the vote was taken. G. Dodds' amendment was heavily defeated, & the original proposal carried.

Place & Date of Next Meeting. This had been

arranged for March 18th at Essendon, as per the adopted committee recommendation.

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The Secretary read ~~the~~ of a letter he had received from T. J. Lock informing the meeting that A. W. Coles was currently in St. Albans Hospital. B. C. Johnson had also informed the meeting that G. W. Debenham was in hospital. It was agreed that the Secretary write to each, wishing them a speedy recovery. Additionally, A. Wilby proposed & Miss T. L. Willis seconded that the Secretary investigate the question of a small presentation to Mr. Debenham on his return. This was carried.

A number of current Ringing - World's had been received & were available for distribution.

The photos taken at the A. D. M. were stated to be available in various sizes from the H. A. Office.

The Secretary apologized on behalf of the South Hymns ladies that some people had been short of food at tea. It was particularly requested that people should send their names for tea when they intended coming to a meeting.

Miss Slough stated that sponsor sheets for the week in connection with Whaltonstead's bee fund were now available.

G. Penney, on behalf of the district, conveyed all best wishes for their future happiness to Barbara Godspeed & Graham Sillis, on the occasion of their forthcoming marriage. He also proposed a vote of thanks to Rev. Clare for allowing us the use of the bells, & for taking the service to Graham Sillis for playing the organ, & to the South Hymns ladies for the excellent tea. This was heartily endorsed.

Profit of \$4.10-0 from the tea was allocated
as follows:
\$2.10.0 C.C. Fund
\$2.0.0 V.B.F.

There being no further business the meeting was closed. Members then adjourned to N. Nymans, where the bells were kept going until 8.30 pm. Two well-arranged courses of York Surprise were included, with other activities to suit the taste & abilities of all present.

R. Steppart
CHAIRMAN