

DISTRICT MEETING - WELWYN

Saturday June 15th 1968

The hot sticky weather was reflected in the slow way ringing picked up during the afternoon, as people slowly arrived. At 4.30pm, a short service was conducted by the Rector of Welwyn, Canon G.M.O. Walsh. Tea followed in the Scout Hut, prepared by Mrs Coburn & her helpers. Mr H.V. Frost was elected to the chair.

Loss of members by death. The Secretary read a letter of tribute from G.W. Sidin to the memory of Father E.P. Clare of South Mimms, who although not himself a member, had been a good friend of the ringers. Members stood in silence as a token of respect. The Secretary stated that it was requested that no letters or flowers be sent, but that donations be sent to the British Heart Fund. It was agreed that a collection be taken during the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from ^{the} Messrs C. Smith & J. Buggie, & Messrs A. Wilby & A.S. Taylor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, agreed & signed as a correct record.

Matters arising. P. Dale asked how the Surprise Practice at the Abbey had gone, & was told by the DEM. that it had been successful. G. Penney asked if the final sum raised by the Wheathampstead works was yet known. F.W. Ellis replied that the figure should be £125-130, but had not all been collected yet.

Election of new members. As an unattached ringing

member, Terence C. Holland, proposed A.R. Carter, seconded J. Ewer. Carried.

Social Events.

District Dinner, the Secretary stated that this would cost 30/- per head. Accommodation will be limited to about 65.

Baroque Social - this will cost 7/- ~~to be held~~

The Secretary also stated that he was awaiting a reply from ATV studios re the proposed Autumn visit.

Forthcoming practices. Details were given of the following.

Supper Practice - St. Michaels St Albans on 21st June

Special Practice - Kimpton on July 5th

- North Myms on August 7th

all at 7.30 pm.

B.C. Johnson offered apologies on behalf of members of the St. Peter's band, ^{who} would ^{be} unable to help at Kimpton.

Date & Place of next meeting

This is as prearranged at St. Michaels, St. Albans in the afternoon, & the Abbey in the evening, on July 20th. The Secretary intimated that the September meetings onward would not be as circled, but could not give details yet of what changes would be taking place.

A. O. B.

G. Dodds gave a comprehensive report on the C.C. meeting, with particular reference to the ^{highly agreed} ~~Internal~~ Committee. A.R. Carter enquired about accommodation for the Carter rigging machine at the C.C. meeting in St. Albans, & was assured that this was in hand.

The Secretary outlined B.C. Johnson's idea that district quarters be attempted on weekly evenings, &

advised that the Committee felt this would be best organized by a non-committee member. A general discussion followed, & after a show of hands which indicated a good demand for this activity it was proposed by G. Penney & seconded by A. P. Carter that F.W. Ellis investigate the matter & report back to the next meeting. It was also suggested that Thelma Willis & F.W. Ellis should cooperate together in this, as Miss Willis was already arranging quarters.

G. Dodds stated that the St. Albans music festival would be on 2nd or 9th of November, & entries for tune & change ringing on handbells would be needed.

F.W. Ellis stated that if demand were sufficient, a surprise minor practice could be held on 26th June at Wheathampstead, as their ^{normal} practice would otherwise be cancelled.

G. Penney proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing us to ring & for taking the service to the Secretary for playing the organ & to Mrs Coburn for the tea. Mrs Coburn added thanks to the Welwyn Scout Group for the use of their hut. These votes of thanks were endorsed by the meeting.

Mrs Dodds stated that she had the bookshop with her, & it was well-stocked.

There being no further business the meeting was closed. Further ringing in the evening was interrupted by a broken rope, but methods for all requirements were rung.

 20/7/68

CHAIRMAN.

Note: Collection for Bristol Heart fund

in memory Revd. E. P. Gore = £2. 8. 10

I made this up to £2/10/- from the fund.

Profit from tea = £2.2.3
This was split : 10/- to Welwyn Scout Troop
remainder to V. B. F.

C.C. Fund realised £1.10.0 from sale of plants
per Miss H. Dodds.

~~(plus a further £1.00)~~