

July 20th 1968

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 In ~~the~~ absence of the D.R.M., the Secretary took ~~initial~~ charge at St. Michaels in the ^{early} afternoon. An indifferent attendance was reflected in the ringing. At 4.30 pm, the Rector of St. Michaels, Canon Harper, took a short informal service, enlivened by several unexpected items.

An excellent salad tea was served in the Abbey Institute by the ladies of the Abbey band. At the ensuing business meeting Mr B.C. Johnson was elected to the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss G. Rowley, Miss H. Davie, F.W. Ellis & G.W. Doherty. Canon Harper also regretted he could not be with us.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & after correction of two small points were agreed & signed as correct.

Election of New members

The election of Thomas W. Goodyer, of Sydney, Australia, ~~as~~ as a N.R.L.M. prior to a handball pool at 114 Park St. Lane was ratified. The transfer of M.L.J. Jordan, now of Ealing from Ringing to N.R.L.M. was also noted.

Barbecue/Social. Members were reminded of the date, & the Secretary stated that tickets would be available before the next meeting, which he hoped to distribute to tower secretaries. Circulars were also available now for tower notice boards.

I.T.V. visit. The Secretary reported that he had at long last managed to get a reply from I.T.V., & was hopeful that a visit would now be forthcoming. Details are hoped for by the next meeting.

Forthcoming Practices

No surprise practices will be held in July or August.

Special Practice - N. Myrnes, August 7th, 7.30pm.

District Quarter Reals. In the absence of F. Ellis, the Secretary read a letter from him, setting out current progress. Names of intending participants are required please. ^{A Q.P. is also to be arranged on the day of the Kington meeting, provided response is good enough.}
Date & Place of Next meeting. This will be as arranged at Kington on August 17th, 3.00pm. The Secretary also gave details of the proposed new venues for the later meetings this year.

A.O.B. A.W. R. Wilby outlined a ~~propos~~ proposal to improve the efficiency of special practices. This was to the effect that several rings, not necessarily the same each time, should visit the practice tower every week for an extended period to ensure consolidation of progress. Precise details will depend on individual requirements at each tower. The proposal was seconded by A. Carter. A general discussion took place, & G. Penney proposed that the committee investigate all the problems involved. The secretary proposed an amendment that A. Wilby be invited to the next committee meeting to have a full discussion. G. Penney seconded this. The original two proposals were ~~dropped~~ & the amendment was carried.

The committee recommendation that the Association Treasurer have £50 of our C.C. Fund money forwarded to him was carried on the proposition of G. Penney, seconded by Mrs Coburn.

G. Penney said it was good to see people taking an active interest in things, & if any other people have any strong ideas on how things should be done, they should say so.

The Secretary reported, reading from a letter, that

From F. Ellis,

The Wheatthampton sponsored week had raised £132, for which many thanks are expressed. Ringing at Wheatthampton is now normal again, while movement in the tower crack is monitored.

The chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who prepared the tea, to Canon Hagar for allowing us to ring at St Michaels & for taking the service, to the Secretary for playing the organ, & to the Dean of St. Albans for allowing us the use of the Abbey bells in the evening. This was endorsed by the meeting.

The meeting was then closed.

Ringling on the 12 bells at the Abbey took place until 8.30 p.m., numbers being swollen by the presence of many visitors. A high standard of ringing was maintained all evening, with Hedman & Erii Cinqres providing some excellent striking.

R. Meredith

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