

DISTRICT MEETING - ST. PAUL'S & KING'S WALDEN

Saturday September 21st 1968

Ringin' got off to a good start at St. Paul's Walden at 3.00p under the leadership of the D.R.M. An encouraging number of learners were present, & all had a good opportunity to ring. In the unfortunate absence of Rev. Mitchell, Rector of St. Paul's Walden, the meeting adjourned to the Strathmore Arms at 4.45, for a tea prepared by the local ringers. Mrs Coburn proposed a vote of thanks for this tea, which was heartily endorsed, before returning to the church for the business meeting.

Dr. D. H. Gullick, President of the Association, took the chair, & before the meeting commenced, he was welcomed to the District by the Secretary.

Apology for absence was received from R.W.M. Clouston

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read, & signed as being a correct record. The Secretary stated that the agreed £50 had now been transferred to the Association Treasurer for the C.C. fund. He also thanked R. Brown for having deputized for him at the Kington meeting.

No new members were elected.

I-T-V visit. Names for this event were requested, & the meeting reminded of the details & date.

Forthcoming Practices

Special practice - Barnet, Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October

St. Pauls Walden, Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup>, November

Surprise practice - North Myms, Friday, 2<sup>7</sup><sup>th</sup> September

### Quarter Peal Programme

A.R. Carter queried the advisability of the first six rings going off for a quarter peal on a meeting day, & was reminded of the conditions under which a quarter would be attempted on such occasions.

G. Dodds asked if people were dissatisfied with <sup>the</sup> progress made so far. G. Penney stated he could not see that any progress had been made, owing to apparently insufficient organization.

In the absence of F.W. Ellis, who was on holiday, this item was not pursued.

### Date & Place of Next meeting

This will now be at Sandridge on October 19<sup>th</sup>, with service & tea.

### A. O. B.

It was hoped that District Dinner tickets would be available at the next meeting. The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Clare, in which she stated she will be very happy to attend this function.

Members were referred to A.R. Carter for details of a darts match to be held against the Western District on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Secretary stated that the Barbecue had not been very successful owing to lack of support, but this had been due, in part, to holidays. Nevertheless an excess of income over expenditure of £3.9.4 had resulted, & on a proposal of B.C. Johnson, seconded by Mr Dodds, it was agreed this should be placed in the V.B.F. A vote of

Thanks to all who had helped at this function was passed.

The Secretary gave details of various items of literature on ringing of general interest which were for sale. Mrs Dodds also stated she had her "bookstall" available.

The meeting was saddened to hear, via P. Dale, that Ken Davill had been admitted into St. Albans City Hospital. It was unanimously agreed that the Secretary write to him & express our wishes for his speedy recovery.

Mrs Coburn informed the meeting that St. Albans City Council had agreed to foot the bill for the Civic ~~by~~ Reception at the C.C. Meeting in 1969. She also asked for details of any private accommodation which anyone may know of in St. Albans.

G. Penney proposed a vote of thanks to the respective Rectors of St. Paul's & King's Waldens for allowing us to ring, & to the local rings for making the necessary arrangements, & also endorsed Mrs Coburn's thanks for the tea.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

A rather diminished band kept the bells at King's Walden going until 8.00pm. Unfortunately a number of rings were daunted by the length of rope here, but nevertheless methods to suit all tastes & abilities were successfully rung.

H. K. Frost

CHAIRMAN