

DISTRICT MEETING - SANDRIDGE

October 19th 1968

Ringling commenced at 3.00 pm. under the leadership of A.W. Wilby, who had been asked to act for the D.E.M. A short service at 4.30 pm. was conducted by the Curate, following which members adjourned for tea in the Village Hall.

Mr H.V. Frost was elected to the chair, and before commencing the business, he welcomed everyone to Sandridge.

Apology for absence was received from R.W. M. Clouston, & Misses T-L-Willis, J. Slough & J. Briggs.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, & signed as a correct record. Arising, the Secretary stated he had written to Ken Davill & had received a reply thanking us for our thoughts & good wishes. He also stated that the Darby Match on Oct. 3rd had been won by this District.

Election of new members. The following belfry elections prior to peal attempts were ratified:

Martin Snape, Southport, Lancs } as N.R.L.M
Roger King, Clapham, Beds }

Roy K. Williams, Unattached, resident in Hatfield, as a resident ringing member.

District Dinner. The Secretary stated that he now had tickets available at 30/- per head. Members were urged to buy early to avoid disappointment, as accommodation is limited. If District support is poor, an advert. is to be placed in the R.W., & the tickets will be on the open market on & after 15th November.

Forthcoming Practices.

Special Practice: St. Pauls Wulden on 6th November.

Supper Practice: St. Peter's, St. Albans on ~~24th~~^{31st} October.

A volunteer tower for the December special practice was reported.

Date & Place of Next Meeting

This is to be on November 16th with North Hymns available in the afternoon, & Monks Holiday in the evening.

A.O.B.

R. Bram asked what progress had been made in the Q.P. programme, & why information could never be obtained at meetings. F. Ellis stated that a number of attempts had been made. The Secretary stated that the Committee had suggested, for several reasons, that the programme be dropped on a District Activity, as it appeared to be getting nowhere. A. Wilby said it was clear the present state of confusion was due to lack of communication on all sides. He proposed that the status quo should remain as it is, & that information should be given to the Secretary to pass on at meetings. The proposal was seconded by A.R. Cato & carried.

Names were requested for the ITV visit, & members ^{advised} ~~reminded~~ that ~~the~~ ^{will be} places offered to us - ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~order~~ ^{order} shortly if support is not adequate.

The proposals of the July meeting made by A. Wilby regarding special practices have now been ^{given} ~~been~~ ^{given} consideration by the Committee. Members were advised that a way of initiating the scheme was being investigated & that progress made would be reported to future meetings.

The Secretary reminded Town Secretaries that it was their responsibility to see that accurate lists of their members, etc, should be given to the Secretary by December for inclusion in the Annual Report. J. Ewe stated it is a pity, even so, that the Report is not always accurate. A short discussion followed.

F. Ellis gave a brief outline of the subject matter of Keith Walpole's duplicated sheet on Conducting. The Secretary said it was hoped to reissue this shortly for those interested.

Christmas cards in aid of the Sandridge Church Fund were available from Mrs King.

M. Sherrick proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Sandridge for allowing us to sing, to the Curate for the service, to the Secretary for playing the organ, & to Mrs King & her helpers for the tea. This was endorsed.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

The bells were kept going well until 8.00p. Methods to suit all requirements being sung.

T. J. Lock.

CHAIRMAN. 16.11.68