

Afternoon ringing was delayed owing to a late wedding, but the opening course of Cambridge Royal, rung for the wedding couple, was well worth waiting for. A number of visitors joined us before the service at 4.30, conducted by Revd. J. Stowe, Rector of Hatfield.

Tea was held in St. Michael's School Hall, and for the business meeting following, Mr. T. J. Lock was elected to the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from the President, Messrs G. Doads, G. W. Debenham, R. Adcock, & Rex Agg, Miss J. Fellows and Mrs B. Sillis.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read, agreed and signed as being correct. Arising, A. Wilby informed the meeting of the methods rung at the last Surprise practice.

Election of New Members. As a ringing member, Miss Linda Saunders of North Mymsoms, proposed T. J. Lock, seconded Miss J. M. Iudge. This election was carried.

### Social Activities

(1) Dinner. The meeting was informed that this had now been booked definitely for December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Peabon Hotel, St. Albans. The Secretary stated that the risk of financial loss would be much less with this new venue.

(2) I T-V visit. A visit had been

arranged for April 2nd to see the Mick Yarwood show. Names of all those interested were requested. Arrangements for the visit were given.

### Forthcoming Practices

After discussion, a special practice at N. Myms was agreed for Wednesday 7th May.

The ringing master said that the Kimpton assisted practice scheme was not being very well supported, & requested names of volunteer helpers for the last two practices. Mr Penney said that there appeared to be plenty of ringers in the district who were able & willing to support surprise practices, & that it was a pity these people could not also see their way to helping out at the special practices. This sentiment was endorsed by the chairman.

The ringing master also stated that a surprise practice had been arranged for 17th April (Thursday) at N. Myms.

### Date + Place of Next Meeting

This will be as arranged, on April 19th at South Myms. Members were also reminded of the Association A.G.M. on April 12th at Hemel Hempstead. The Secretary urged all members to attend.

### A.O.B.

The Secretary said he had written on behalf of the District, to Walter Ayre while he had been in hospital, & had received a reply thanking us for our thoughts. Mrs Coburn said that Mr. Ayre was now home, & feeling much better.

Members' attention was drawn to the fact that the Expo belfry would be on display

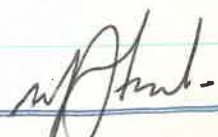
at Sudbury, Suffolk, old Tyme Rallic in July.

The Secretary also said he had received a large number of books of raffle tickets in aid of the completion of Portsmouth Cathedral. Members were invited to take books + try + sell them.

The Ringing Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Hatfield for allowing us to ring, to the organist and the local ringers for the tea + other local arrangements. Members showed their appreciation in the usual way. The Secretary also added thanks to the Hatfield band for donating £2.8.0 from the tea profits. This was put in the V.B.F. on the proposition of A. Wilby, seconded J. Ewer.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

Evening ringing included a fair bit of Little Bob, one of the special methods. A course of London Royal was also rung, and Bristol was attempted, but unsuccessfully.

  
CHAIRMAN

N.B. 13s 3d was received from Radlett's Tea profit, + was put in the V.B.F. by their request.