

Ringling commenced at 3.00pm, & continued until the service at 4.30pm, conducted by the Rector of South Mymms, Revd. Springford. In his sermon, he made several allusions to the connection between rings and beer.

Tea was in the local school, prepared & served by the ladies of South Mymms band. The Rector had to leave before the meeting, but before doing so, told us an amusing story about bells. The Secretary thanked the Rector for allowing us to ring & for taking an interesting service. He also welcomed the Rector into the area, & hoped that we would have the opportunity of meeting him again.

For the business meeting, Mr. M. D. Frost was elected to the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. R. Clouston, B. Johnson, G. Debenham & J. Davill.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & signed as correct. No matters arose.

Election of New Members

As N.R.L.M., Mr. F. E. Dukes of Dublin, proposed Mrs Coburn seconded R. Hardy. Carried.

The belfry election of Geoffrey C. Sparling of Liverpool University was also ratified.

District Coach Outing

A. Wilby outlined the plans involving

a possible boat trip on the Thames, but pointed out that the cost, including an evening meal but no other meal, would be about 30/- . This was discussed, but the meeting showed itself to be in favour both of the proposed arrangements & also this price. It was agreed 30/- to be the limit.

Forthcoming Practices

The Ringing master stated he intended to organize a series of surprise practices after the Central Council visit had been finished with, & intended to set [to] various objectives with these.

A special practice is to be held at North Myms on May 7th. No other requests were received for these. Apology was given that the May surprise practice had had to be cancelled.

Date & Place of Next meeting.

This is as per the arranged list, at Kington, being a full meeting, on May 17th.

A. O. B.

The Secretary stated that £50 had now been received by Harpenden from the V.B.F. He regretted no formal presentation had been made ~~as~~ as the money had been in cash, & he had been able to see Mrs Coburn some time ago to hand it ^{for safety} over. Mrs Coburn expressed her thanks, on behalf of Harpenden P.C.C. for the donation.

Request was made for any person who might be available on Friday afternoons to help teach boys of Haberclaydon School.

The meeting recorded with regret the recent death of Reginald Goldsney from Great Gaddesden.

Mr Penney proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, & to the ladies who had prepared a most enjoyable tea, & to Graham Ellis for playing the organ. Thanks were endorsed by the meeting in the usual way.

The receipt of one guinea towards the V.B.F. from the S. Mynors tea profit was recorded gratefully.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Further ringing continued in the tower until 8.00pm. A touch of spliced surprise minor was successfully rung. Handbells were also rung for a while in the Church School.

A. Meredith

CHAIRMAN.

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