

Ringier got off to a late start, and was further delayed by a broken stay later on. A short service at 4.30pm was conducted by the Rector of St. Michael's, the Revd. Harper. Tea followed in the nearby Memorial Hall, and was followed by the meeting, for which A. Wilby was elected to the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs G. Penney, F. Ellis, A. Carter, & R. Clouston and from Miss J. Pearson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and after a small correction were agreed and signed as correct. No matters arose for discussion.

Election of New Members

As probationers Elaine Adolph, Sandridge } proposed F. Dadds
Dawn Owen, St. Peters } seconded J. Dadds
Lynne Bright, The Abbey }
As full members Ronald Barclay, St. Stephens, proposed P. Dale
seconded Miss C. Leslie

Christopher Oaksmerger, Redkett, proposed
Mrs A. Talbot-Ansonby, seconded Joyce Dadds.

On being put to the meeting, these elections were carried.
The following N.R.L.M. elections were also ratified:

Alan D. Flood, Egham Surrey
R. Roger Savory, Southampton
Frank T. Blagrove, Windsor, Berks
Peter Adcock }
Hilary Adcock } Norwich

District Junior Representative. Mr Dale asked if the committee intended to go ahead with this in view of the opposition expressed at the previous meeting. The Secretary pointed out that ~~it~~ it was open to any member to propose a motion against the scheme. This was followed by a proposal from Mr Brown to the effect that the present idea be dropped and brought before the district in December so that any under 18 who wished to be considered for the Committee could then be formally proposed at the 1970 A.D.M. ^{The proposal was seconded by Mr Walpole} Mr Brown said he felt the presence of young people was highly desirable, but without a cooption for a specific purpose, e.g. to help with the Dinner, he felt it would be ~~going~~ the wrong thing to do. Miss J. Clarke agreed. G. Dodds spoke against the motion. On being put to the vote, the motion was carried by 11 to 8.

Coach Outing on September 27th. The D.R.M. gave the details of the itinerary, and asked all those interested to put down 10/- deposit as soon as possible.

No special practices have been arranged for August, but Mr Kirk said he would be pleased, in view of the present short-handedness at St. Michael's, to arrange for the bells at St. Michael's to be available for peals and practices at regular intervals starting in the Autumn. It was hoped that the scheme would benefit both the District & ringing at St. Michael's. The D.R.M. thanked Mr. Kirk for this generous offer, & the Secretary added that he would try & arrange some positive way in which the District could help ~~the~~ St. Michael's.

Date & Place of Next Meeting

Essendon, August 16th, with the usual arrangements, for a full meeting.

A. O. B.

The Secretary asked all members to return their completed questionnaires as soon as possible regarding the proposed ringing course.

The Secretary also said he had written to Rex Agg offering the District's congratulations on the C.C. meeting arrangements. Regarding the proposed presentation to Rex, ~~if~~ the Association Treasurer has been approached and he had expressed the wish that the ^{moving force} ~~idea~~ ^{himself, as he felt} should not be an Association officer was not the right person. This was discussed at the meeting, it was agreed suitable that the Secretary should write to all other districts asking if they will support the scheme.

It was noted that a donation has been sent on behalf of the Association towards the retirement presentation to our Patron, the Bishop of St. Albans.

The D.R.M. asked members to be more punctual in their attendance at meetings, which were getting noticeably slacker & ~~the~~ less well attended.

A vote of thanks was proposed by M. D. Frost to the Rector for the service and the use of the bells, to the local singers, & especially to Mrs Kirk & her helpers for the tea arrangements.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Evening ringing, at levels to suit all abilities, continued until 8.30pm, & included a course of Glasgow

H. V. Frost

CHAIRMAN

[V.B.F + £1.1.2 from tea profit]

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