

Ringling commenced at 3.00 pm. under the leadership of G. Penney. A number of visitors called in, from Lincolnshire, London + Bedfordshire. A short service ~~to~~ was held at 4.30 pm. conducted by the Rector of Essendon, Revd. J. Davies. The Rector welcomed us, & apologized that he could not join us for tea. Tea was served in the village school, & had been prepared by the local roggers. Mr. H.V. Frost was elected to the chair for the business meeting.

Apology for absence was received from the Ringling Master, who was on holiday.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed & signed as a correct record. No matters arose

Election of New Members. The following were ratified, having been proposed before a peal attempt.

Philip Kimber, London
Margaret Twigg, Enfield
Annette Bradbery, Hailsham } N.R.L.M.
Simon Taylor, Barnet → Resident R.M.

District Outing. The Secretary asked for any further names and deposits

Forthcoming Practices. A surprise practice, to be held at St. Peter's, St Albans on September 18th.

Date + Place of Next Meeting. This will be

on September 20th at St. Paul's Walden in the afternoon,
with service & tea. Evening ringing will be at King's Walden.

A. O. B.

The Secretary said he had written to Canon Harper, Vicar of St. Michael's, St Albans, following his recent collapse. A card on his behalf had been received from Mrs Harper, & was read.

K. Davill asked what experience other towers had had of new recruits following the publicity of the C.C. visit. His own was of none. This was discussed. G. Penney stated the Abbey was holding an open evening soon, & suggested this may provide an idea for other towers.

The Secretary asked all those who had not returned their questionnaires to do so immediately.

A vote of thanks was proposed by G. Penney to the Rector for the use of the bells & for the service; to the organist; and to the local band for the excellent tea. The Secretary added thanks for the donation received for the V.B.F. from the tea profit. G. Dods added he would like to see collectivism for the V.B.F. started again.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed. Handbells were rung by some before returning to the tower, where the bells were kept going well until 8.00 pm.

T. D. Lewis Lloyd.
CHAIRMAN.

[N.B. V.B.F. donation was ^{1.3.10} £1.3s 10d.