

Afternoon ringing was on the anticlockwise 6 at St. Paul's Walden. Support was not great, due, in part, to a number of weddings delaying those members who had to ring for them. ~~The [name] was provided~~ the Rector of St. Paul's Walden, Revd. T.D. Lewis-Hogd, conducted a short service at 4.30, & this was followed by tea in the Strathmore Arms. Before returning to the church for the business meeting Mr. Ellis proposed a vote of thanks for the tea.

For the meeting the Rector was elected to the chair

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. G.W. Debenham & P.T. Dale and Miss G. Brearley.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed & signed as correct. No matters arose for discussion; no new members were elected.

Ringing Course 1970. The Secretary gave details of the courses which would be included & said he would take names now of those interested. It was proposed by A. Wilby & seconded by T. Holland that lunch arrangements for this course be left for individuals to arrange themselves. The proposal was carried.

Forthcoming Practices. Details were given of a forthcoming Assisted practice scheme at Radlett and names of those willing to help were asked for. A surprise practice is to be held at St. Michael's St. Albans on 16th October. A special practice is to be held at St. Paul's Walden on 30th October, this date being proposed by A. Wilby, seconded Mrs. Hardy, and carried.

Date & Place of Next meeting This is to be at Welwyn on October 18th. The Secretary asked members to watch for the R.W. notice, as the service, tea & meeting will not be at the usual times.

A. O. B. Details were given for the outing on 27th September. A. Wilby said he had a few places left on the coach. All meals will be do-it-yourself, & the cost should be under £1.

K.J. Davill brought the attention of members to the handbell section of the St. Albans Music Festival. G. Penroy said it was a pity the date is never decided definitely until so late in the year.

The Ringing Master said that while he fully appreciated that ringers had often to ring for weddings, he also felt that more support could be forthcoming at meetings from ~~people~~ ringers who were in the area but could not be bothered to turn up until late.

The Secretary stated that Dinner Tickets should be on sale at the next meeting.

A collection was taken for the V.B.F., & whilst this was in progress, G. Dodds asked the chairman his opinion of a previously expressed idea that P.C.C.'s should be invited to contribute say £1 annually to the V.B.F. The chairman replied that the principle was good, and did at least serve to remind P.C.C.'s of the Association & the fund. The Secretary was asked to put this as a question to the General Committee.

After a vote of thanks by G. Dodds to the Rector for the use of the bells & for the service; to the organist; and, in advance, to the Rector & ringers at King Walden, the meeting was closed.

Evening ringing continued until 8.00 at King Walden, with the usual number of ringers finding the long draught & go of the bells a little tricky.

W. Ayres 15/10/69
CHAIRMAN

[V.B.F. Collection raised £1.13.7d]