

Joint with Watford district on March 21st, 1970.

Ringin' commenced at 3.00 p.m. under the direction of A. Mayer, the Watford district secretary, and continued until 4.30 during which time plenty of rounds were sung for bowls on this light six. The short service which followed was conducted by the curate of Radlett, Rev. A. Talbot-Ponsonby, who welcomed us on behalf of the vicar; and the lesson was read by Miss M. Overledge of Radlett.

Tea was served in the church hall by the local band, & was enjoyed by approximately 60 singers.

At the meeting which followed the Rev. A. Talbot-Ponsonby was invited to take the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from K. Devill, A. Dilly & R. D. M. Clouston.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as correct. No matters were for discussion.

Election of new members. as probationary member Janet F. Harrison, proposed Miss F. Dodds, seconded Mrs J. Dodds, at present singing at Sandridge. carried. The bell-ringers of the following W. R. L. M's. prior to past attempts were also satisfied

{ John J. Durham of Dudley, Dorset, Graham J. Jones of Leeds, Rosemary M. Brown & David C. Brown of Stough, Keith R. Debb of Stratford, proposed A. R. Carter, seconded Mrs. C. M. Carter.

proposed A. Dilly, seconded C. Foster.

Voluntary Bell Fund. R. Hardy explained to the meeting that as a result of information received from last year's auditor the committee had been looking into more fruitful ways of investing this money. At the last committee meeting advice was taken on the matter from Mr. Dilly the D.R.M.'s father, who is by profession a stock broker.

He advised investing in government stock on the Post Office register.

After outlining the details of this scheme R. Hardy proposed, seconded by Mrs Talbot Pearson, that the committee investigate this matter further. This was carried.

Mrs. Coburn asked that the committee assures the safety of the district's funds; also if savings certificates are nearing maturity, to have them and so gain maximum benefit.

Social activities. The secretary said the D.R.M. had informed him that provisional times had been booked for bowls in the city or the district outing & other arrangements were going ahead.

G. Dodds gave a resumé of the full day's programme & said the cost excluding meals would be in the region of 10. 12/- due to the availability of a British Rail party ticket at an individual cost of 3/- return from St. Albans.

ITV. The secretary said he had written to the studios and was at present waiting for a reply.

A suggestion was put forward from the D.R.M. we have a trip down to Guston station to see behind the scenes. This to be an evening event on Thursday 6th August, leaving St. Albans city station on the 6 o'clock train. G. Dodds said this would be limited

to 25 persons. After a show of hands of those interested it was decided to go ahead with the necessary arrangements.

Date & place of next meeting to be St. Michael's, St. Albans, on April 18th.

Any other business. Members were given a final reminder of the Town captains conference to be held the following Saturday in St. Albans. Mr. Branfield of Hitchin said he had heard nothing about this. In reply the secretary said he had approached the Northern district secretary personally & asked him to notify all towers in his district.

The secretary announced dates of special practices the D.R.M. hoped to arrange in the near future.

G. Dodds said the committee intended to have a census of ringing at individual towers in the district to assess ringing standards. G. Penney said he did not see what use this would be. K. Dalpole, in agreement, said he thought the ^{only} best way to do this was verbally, possibly through a ~~regular district~~ member in the tower.

G. Dodds said also that by checking the ringing at meetings, and who was ringing he hoped to get a fuller picture of progress in the district. Perhaps the secretary could do this.

A. Mayes, Dalpole district secretary, thanked the district for entertaining them at Radlett, and extended a warm welcome to us at Clotree for the evening.

G. Penney proposed a vote of thanks to the respective vicars of Radlett & Clotree for the use of the bells, to the warden of Radlett for the service, the ringers for preparing the tea, and to R. Haddy for playing the organ.

After ensuring everyone had transport to Clive,
in spite of a local bus strike, singing was enjoyed
both on tower bells & in hand until 8 P.M. when both
sets of bells were lowered.

Robert S. Hodges

CHAIRMAN. 18.4.70.