

Ringing started at 3 P.M. & continued until 4.30 when a short service was conducted in the Lady Chapel by the curate of St. Michael's, Rev. Cole. Tea followed in the parish memorial hall in Branch Road. The curate was unable to stay for the business meeting, so was thanked on behalf of members for taking the service.

Mr. Hardy was elected to the chair for the business meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from J. Cox, Miss S. Dodds, J. Penney & Miss J. Pearson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and after a correction regarding K. Walpole's suggested method of checking each town's standards for the district census, were agreed and signed as correct.

Election of new members. As singing members, Angela Dillon of St. Peter's, proposed K. Davill, seconded Mrs J. Dodds; Eddie Brown of Haspenden, proposed Mrs M. A. Coburn, seconded A. Bilby.

As probationary members, Peter Baulk, Peter McCarty of the Abbey, proposed A. Carter, seconded Mrs C. Carter; Sally Shaw and Janet Shaw of Radlett, proposed Mrs A. Talbot-Pearsonby, seconded C. Cakemonger.

These elections were all carried.

Election of general committee member. After a long discussion, during which several opinions were voiced, it was pointed out by Mr. D. Ayer that the association rules state that officers must be elected at the A.D.M. Mrs. Coburn said there is no provision to replace members

elected to general office such as general secretary. There being no nomination forthcoming we moved <sup>to the next</sup> <sup>business</sup> Social activities. The secretary said a visit to <sup>the</sup> ATV studios had now been confirmed for Thursday May 21st, to see a domestic comedy, "Best things in Life." The coach to leave the Blacksmith's Arms at 6 P.M. The tickets will be available at the next district meeting, but names beforehand would be an advantage.

For the district outing A. Dilly said he hoped to arrange the travelling in two parties. One for those wishing to return home early, the other for those wishing to stay in London. The time of departure from St. Albans City could be approximately 8 A.M.

K. Dalpole pointed out that the date arranged for the outing was also the start of the City of London Festival.

District Fund. R. Haddy said that to change the signatory of this fund he had to put two resolutions before the meeting:-

i. That F. D. Ellis of 130, Madford Road, Datchet, Bucks be appointed the signatory in place of R. C. Haddy.

ii. That the resolution dated 16th Sept. 1967 be and is hereby varied to the intent that the said F. D. Ellis be the only person authorised to sign in pursuance of such resolution, and that he shall so sign in lieu of the said R. C. Haddy, and that the authority of the said R. C. Haddy as to sign be and is hereby withdrawn.

It was proposed by G. Dodds, seconded Mrs. Coburn these resolutions be adopted. This was carried.

K. Dalpole queried what the fund was for:

Was it not time to do away with it:

R. Hardy explained it was started as a buffer for organised district events in case a loss was made at any time: profits, of course, to be prayed into the fund. After discussion K. Dalpole proposed, seconded by A. Dilby that the fund be kept to a ceiling of £20, anything over this to be transferred to V.B.F. This was carried.

Date & place of the next meeting to be Hatfield, on May 16th, a joint meeting with the Northern district. The D.R.M. said the special method for this meeting will be Blifton Surprise Royal.

Any other business. Mrs Colver read a letter of appreciation from Rex Agg for his presentation.

Mr. Kirk explained that although a great board is to be installed, he wanted to make it quite clear that the donation from the district would not go towards the cost of this.

The secretary read a letter of appreciation from C. Meggy of St. Michael's P.C.C. acknowledging the district's donation towards the Douglas Harpur Memorial Fund.

The D.R.M. explained his aims at the special <sup>practices</sup> he was arranging and asked for the support of the district.

Miss Joyce Clarke proposed a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, to the curate for the service, and the local singers for preparing tea. Also to R. Hardy for playing the harmonium at the service.

The singing continued in the evening to suit all tastes and capabilities until 8.30.

20<sup>th</sup> June 1976 R. J. Walpole  
CHAIRMAN.