

Although the afternoon singing was not very well supported the high percentage of leaders were well catered for, & a touch of spiced surprise major was brought round.

The service at 4.30 conducted by the vicar Rev. A. Bradley, was followed by tea in St. Peter's Institute, provided by the local singers.

Ms. J. Mayne was elected to the chair for the business meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. A. Coburn, Gerald Perrey & Miss. Janet Pearce.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as correct.

Matters arising. Secretary explained he had received a message from the vicar of St. Paul's Daldry cancelling the special practice as the local knew nothing about it. R. Hardy said the local town captain had asked for it, but perhaps the misunderstanding was due to different interpretation of the phrase "in the near future".

G. Dodds said the district outing went well & he wished to thank the D.R.M. on behalf of the district for the arrangements.

Election of new members. Brian McDowell & Sally Shaw to be raised from probationary to full membership. Proposed Alice Talbot. Proposed Rosemary, seconded Eric Edmondson.

Also, Rosemary Howard, proposed Miss J. Dodds,

seconded R. Hardy; a True Pocket & Rosamund Ellis,
proposed John Meyer, seconded Miss F. Dodds.
As a probationary member, John B. Dettorf; proposed
Miss F. Dodds, seconded G. Dodds.

These were all carried.

Form of District Meetings. The District singing
master explained there was a situation at present of
having plenty of advanced singers, and learners, but nobody
between these extremes. A suggestion had been put forward
that during the afternoon at our meetings two tables be
arranged; one for beginners requiring sounds, call changes
& plain hunt; the other to cater for those requiring
Plain Bob, Kent, etc.: the two contingents coming together
for the service & remainder of the meeting.

R. Hardy enquired if this would alleviate our present lack
of support at meetings. In answering, the D.R.M. said
that the experienced singers could be used to better
advantage. G. Dodds suggested trying this at the
September meeting when two sizes will be available at
the Daldens.

It was proposed by the D.R.M. seconded by G.
G.W., that be tried at two of our remaining meetings
this year. This was carried.

Date & place of next meeting. The secretary said
this would be at Lord Myrland on Sat. 15th August
starting at 4 P.M. due to there being a wedding.

Any other business. R. Hardy explained in detail
plans which were afoot to demolish the church of St. John
the Divine, Leicester, and proposed the secretary arrange
to send a petition from the district against this. The
proposition was seconded by the D.R.M. & carried.

R. Hardy also mentioned the association tie, and advised those interested to contact Dr. Gullick as soon as possible.

The D.R.M. said he much regretted that the trip to Exton, arranged for August but would have to be postponed.

G. Dodds proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar for the bells, and taking the service, to Miss Morda for playing the organ, & to the local ladies for preparing the tea.

He also announced that the association bookstall was available in the town.

Before closing the meeting the chairman expressed the district's congratulations to Bob & Kath Hardy on the safe arrival of a daughter.

Revering in the evening continued until 8.30 during which time one or two visitors helped swell our numbers.

N. M. Lower

CHAIRMAN.