

This was the first of two experimental meetings, <sup>during</sup> the afternoon of which we had two towers open; St. Paul's Datchet catering for the less experienced, with ringing up to Plain Bot Missal, while at Kings Datchet those wanting up to Surprise were helped.

At St. Paul's Datchet the experiment did not prove too successful as only one ringer benefited. At Kings Datchet, however, methods up to and including Cambridge and London Missal were rung.

All members joined at St. Paul's Datchet for the service at 4.45 conducted by

Mr. C. Edmonson was elected to the chair for the business meeting.

Apologies for absence. were received from Mrs. J. Dodds, Miss F. Dodds, Mr & Mrs. R. Hardy and T. C. Holland.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a correct record, there being no matter arising.

Election of new members. Miss M. Owen of St. Peter's transferred from probationary to ringing members, proposed by Miss J. Blake, seconded Miss G. Foster. carried.

The following N.R.L.M. were also ratified: Berry R. Egglefield of Stoney Stratford, Jerry R. Platt of London, Robert H. Weston of Hughenden and Jerry's Dunning of London; all elected prior to peals.

Date & place of next meeting. The secretary said this was arranged as a joint meeting with the Eastern Dist. at Essendon, with ringing in the evening at All Saints,

Meeting from 6.15 - 8.15. The date Saturday 17th October.

Any other business. The secretary announced that a special practice had been asked for by St. Paul's Dalders, and it was agreed to hold this on Dednesday, 1st November, at 7.30.

Mr. H. V. Frost enquired about the handbell arrangements at St. Albans Music Festival. Mr. K. Devill enlightened the meeting about this.

The D.R.M. said the tickets for the dinner were now available, and urged an early sale.

Mr. G. Dodds told the meeting that when South Minims bells were removed to the foundry three of them were found to be cracked in the crown. At present the P.C.C. are mulling over two or three alternative schemes for the restoration.

Mr. H. V. Frost enquired about the truth or otherwise of rumours heard about the ringing situation at St. Michael's, St. Albans. No confirmation or otherwise had been heard from any official source so it was decided to hold back and observe for the time being.

A vote of thanks was proposed from the chair to the vicars for the use of the bells, to the organist, to the Lord and Lady of the Stratford Area for the tea, and allowing us to use one bar for the business meeting, and to

Ringing in the evening took place at St. Paul's Dalders until 8.00 pm.

J. Hare  
CHAIRMAN.