

Ringling commenced at 3pm. and a variety of methods was sung until 5:00pm, when tea was taken in St. Nicholas Hall, prepared by the local band.

For the business meeting which followed Mr. C. Edmonson was elected to the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs K. Haddy, Miss F. Dodds and T. C. Holland.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as correct, there being no matters arising.

Election of new member. As a ringing member, Miss Gertrude Remondant of Barnet, proposed, the secretary, seconded by Percy.

Ratification of resident membership, elected prior to 1971, Peter and Rosemary Mackley of St. Albans.

Also of N.R.L.M. Harold Rogers of Ashworth, Alan Long of Shibley, Brydon and Anthony Clayton of Loughborough.

These were all carried.

Nominations for 1971 officers. At this point the secretary said that due to personal plans for the future, he was not seeking re-election. After the meeting being informed of committee members not seeking re-election, the following nominations were made:

D.R.M. Miss J. Blake.

Committee members. G. Dodds, C. Edmonson, R. Haddy, A. R. Carter & G. Percy.

Mrs. Colver asked those accepting nomination to look

Date & place of next meeting. The secretary said the next meeting was the A.D.M. arranged for Hatfield 16 Jan '71. The next monthly meeting was being arranged for Sandridge on February 20th 1971.

Any other business. R. Hardy asked the D.R.M. his opinion on the two experimental meetings. In reply the D.R.M. said he was well satisfied, and asked the district to consider this type of meeting for two out of three throughout the year. The feeling of the meeting, however, was against so many. G. Percy said he thought it had been a successful venture and ought to continue, but perhaps one in three would be more satisfactory.

G. Percy congratulated the district committee on the arrangements for the dinner.

It was proposed by the D.R.M., seconded by A.R. Bates that the dinner be held at Batchwood Hall next year. This was carried.

R. Hardy asked if we had received a reply from St. John's, Leicester, to which we sent a list of signatures for their petition to save the church & bell.

The secretary, in reply, said that no reply had been received.

G. Dodd asked if the dinner had been a success financially. The secretary said an overall loss of approx £4 had been incurred.

G. Percy enquired as to the reason for this loss. It was explained the committee had worked to a budget catering for 110 paying members and friends, but only 101 actually sat down to the meal. R. Hardy also explained the hiring charge for the hall was rather higher than anticipated.

Special mention and welcome to Mr. R. Day of Haspender, who is believed to be the most serious active



member of the district.

A vote of thanks was proposed from the Laid to the Rector of Hesperden for the use of the bells and the forthcoming service, to R. Hardy for playing the organ, and the local singers for preparing the tea.

The meeting was then closed.

The service followed at 6.30 when we joined parish worship.

Evening singing continued until 8.30 p.m. and included a touch of spiced surprise in several methods.

E. Edmondson. 20.2.71.

CHAIRMAN.