

Saturday January 16th 1971, Hatfield.

The bells were not available until 4:0 p.m., but the next hour was well filled by singing up to London Royal (No. 3). The bells were left up in the expectation of evening ringing, but due to the length of business, no further ringing took place. A short service was conducted by the Rev. J. Lewis, curate, and in whose sermon we learned of an "Interclam" (?). Tea was provided in the nearby church hall.

Mr. P. Mehew of Stotfold was elected to the chair for the business meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from the President, Mr. A.R. Agg, attending the Bishops Stotford A.D.M., K.J. Davill and Mrs H. Hardy.

The minutes of the last A.D.M. were read and signed as a correct record, after a minor correction. Mr. G. Penney asked what had become of his proposal for Surprise practices during the year. Mr. A. Wilby (D.R.M) replied that they were dropped due to lack of supports.

Election of New Members.

		<u>Prop.</u>	<u>Sec.</u>
Ringling member (from Probationary)	Miss JANET SHAW (Radlett)	Mr. D. Major	Mr. J. Dotto.
Probationary members	Miss ELAINE BARKER (Radlett)	"	"
	Miss JACQUELINE PULLIN (St. Alban Cath.)	Mr. G. Penney	Mr. G. Dotto.
Ratification of Non-Resident Life Members	Miss ALISON CHILD (Wotton-under-Edge)	Mr. K.J. Walpole	—
	Mr. BRIAN WATSON	"	—
Transfer to " " " "	Mr. JENNIFER M. ARMESON (NE INDGE)	Mr. F.W. Ellis;	
Mr. H.W. ROGERS, "election ratified" 19.12.70, in error. He was already a member.			

The Secretarys Report was read and adopted. Prop. Mrs. J. Dodds; Sec. Mrs. A. Coburn.

The Statements of Accounts for the Association fund, District Fund and Voluntary Bell Fund were read and adopted subject to audit Prop. Mr. A. Wilby; Sec. Miss H. Dodds.

### Election of Officers.

		<u>Prop.</u>	<u>Sec.</u>
a) <u>Secretary.</u>	MR. G. DODDS	Mr. A. Wilby;	Mr. J. E. Ever.
	MR. A. R. CARTER	Mr. K. J. Walpole;	Mr. T. C. Holland.

Mr. G. DODDS was declared elected after a vote. Mr. Dodds thanked the retiring Secretary, Mr. F. W. ELLIS, for his work during his term of office.

b) <u>District Ringing Master</u>	Miss JOYCE CLARKE	Mr. A. Wilby;	Mr. G. Dodds.
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Mr. K. J. Walpole thanked the retiring Ringing Master, Mr. A. WILBY, for his handling of year's ringing.

c) <u>District Committee</u>	MR. E. EDMONDSON.	Mr. A. Wilby;	Mr. G. Penney.
	MR. R. E. HARDY.	"	"
	MR. G. PENNEY.	Mr. J. E. Ever;	Mr. G. Dodds.
	MR. A. R. CARTER.	Mr. A. Wilby;	Mr. G. Penney.
	MR. D. MAJOR.	Mrs. J. Dodds;	Mr. B. McDowell.
	MR. F. W. ELLIS.	Mr. G. Dodds;	Mr. A. Wilby.
Not elected.	MR. E. OVERFIELD.	Mr. R. E. Hardy;	Mr. E. Edmondson.
	MR. J. PENNEY.	Miss H. Dodds;	Miss J. Clarke.

Prop. Mr. A. Wilby; Sec. Mr. R. E. Hardy, that the D. R. Master shall be an ex-officio member of the District Committee. This was carried.

d) <u>General Committee</u>	MR. E. EDMONDSON.	Mrs. A. Coburn;	Mr. J. E. Ever.
	MR. F. W. ELLIS.	Mr. A. Wilby;	Miss F. Dodds.
		Mr. G. Dodds;	Mr. A. Wilby.
Not elected.	MR. A. R. CARTER.	Mr. G. Penney;	Mr. R. E. Hardy.

e) <u>Ringing World Representative</u>	MISS. E. FORSTER.	Mr. A. Wilby;	Mr. G. Dodds.
	MISS H. DODDS.	Mrs. C. M. Carter;	Mr. G. Penney.

Mr. G. Penney thanked the retiring Representative, Miss H. DODDS, for her year's reporting.

f) <u>District Peal Book Writer</u>	MISS D. OWEN	Miss J. Clarke;	Miss E. Forster.
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Mr. A. Wilby thanked the retiring writer, Mr. K. J. Darvill, for his services.

District Meetings. A proposed list of towers was read and, after discussion, it was agreed to leave details to the District Committee.  
Prop. Mr. A. Wilby; Sec. Mr. K. J. Walpole.

Social Activities. Several suggestions were considered, ~~an~~ inter-district football match (Spring), St. Valentine's Dance (Feb 14th?), a sponsored walk in aid of V.B. Fund (June), darts matches and a barbeque (September). It was decided to leave arrangements to the District Committee.

It was agreed to hold a District Dinner again and Batchwood Hall has been provisionally booked for December 4th.

Annual General Meeting arrangements, April 17th, St. Albans.

Mr. R. E. Hardy announces ringing and Service arrangements at St. Michaels, St. Albans and tea and business at the Abbey Institute. Other ringing arrangements will be left to the District Committee.

MR. E. EDMONDSON was nominated for Association President, 1971/72, by Mr. F. W. Ellis, Sec. Mr. G. Penney.

Revision of Association Rules. A request from the General Committee for Districts to discuss at their Annual Meetings a proposed revision of Rules was complied with. To avoid spending too much time on one subject at the Annual General Meeting, it was proposed by Mr. G. Penney, sec. Mr. G. Dodds and carried that an extra-ordinary General Meeting be called to Revise the Association Rules.

Resolutions to be put to the Annual General Meeting.

- 1) That the Association shall consist of Associate, Ringing and Probationary Members. The Associate Members shall subscribe not less than 50 New Pence annually and Ringing Members and Probationaries not less than 50 New Pence annually. Members under 16 years of age shall subscribe

25 New Pence per annum. [Continue as Rule 2 - see Pg 2, 1968 Report - substituting "50 New Pence" for seven shillings and sixpence for Non Resident Life members]. Prop. Mr. A. R. Carter; Sec. Mr. W. Ayres.

- 2) That the "sentence" "... and a fee of sixpence ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  New Pence) per member taking part ..." be deleted from the wording of Rule 10 [See Pg. 2, 1969 Reports] Prop. Mr. A. R. Carter; Sec. Mr. G. Penney.

There was considerable discussion on the above resolutions, but no amendment or proposal was made.

- 3) Bells in redundant churches in the Diocese would need to be found new homes and the Association would require a special fund to assist in this. Districts would need to keep a close watch on the situation. Prop. Mr. B. M. Barker. Sec. Mr. P. W. Hooper.

Mr. R. W. M. Clouston pointed out that we have Mr. A. J. Frost as our County Bell Adviser and he should be consulted in these matters.

Date and Place of Next Meeting - Annual. Prop. Mr. G. Dodd, Sec. Mr. I. F. Ewer

To be at St. Peter's, St. Albans on 15th January, 1972. - Carried.

### Any Other Business

- 1) On a request from Mr. K. J. Walpole, it was agreed that the District Poal Book be displayed at the Annual District meetings and some other occasions in the year.
- 2) Mr. G. Penney (Assn. Poal Secretary) announced a record poal year for the Association being over 150 poals.
- 3) Miss J. Clarke informed the meeting that over £100 had been raised at a jubilee sale, towards acquiring a set of handbells for the St. Albans Girls G. School Society.
- 4) Mr. G. Penney proposed a vote of thanks to the Curate, Rev. J. Lewis, to the Rector, to Mr. R. E. Hardy (<sup>pianist</sup>~~organist~~) and to the ladies for the excellent tea. Mr. F. W. Ellis added a similar thanks for arrangements for the joint Hatfield meeting in May, 1970.

*Andrew Roberts*, Chairman -