

Ringin^g commenced at 3.00 pm. at St. Stephens and included methods up to Splendid Surprise. A brief service was held at 4.30 pm. conducted by the vicar, Rev. A. Hart-Synote. Tea was in the Cavalier Hall, prepared by the local girls.

Prior to the business, the Vicar, who had to leave, was thanked for allowing the use of the bells and for taking the service.

Mr. Hardy, acting for the District Secretary, welcomed the President, Mr. A.R. AGG ~~to the meeting~~ and asked him to chair the meeting. 34 ringers were present, of which 32 were District members, from 7 towers.

Apologies for absence were received from the District Secretary, and Mrs. J., Misses F. and H. DODDS.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as correct, following a minor amendment of omission pointed out by Mr. MA. COBURN.

New Members.

	<u>Prop.</u>	<u>Sec.</u>
Ringin ^g Member . Mr. R. KEMPTON, abbey	Mr. G. PENNEY	MR A.R. CARTER
Probationer . Miss Sam APTER <small>Girls Grammar School. & Wheatthorpe.</small>	Miss R.A. HOWARD	Miss M. SHEPPARD

Social Activities

1. Darts match :- Mr. G. PENNEY confirmed the arrangements and said that handout sheets were available for tower notice boards.
2. Football match :- Mr. E. EDMONDSON confirmed that E.A.C. was now booked. An offer of coloured easels to identify teams was made by Miss F. CARPENTER.
3. Mystery Outing :- Mr. R.E. HARDY said this was now taking shape as previously announced. Names by May 8th. A show of hands indicated that a later tea would be preferred if possible, rather than at 5.0 p.m.

Conducting Practices:

Following the successful practice at N. Mymses on March 5th, Mr. G. PENNEY is to give a theory talk on Plain Bob and Course orders, on Thursday, 29th April, in St. Peter belfry, 7.0-8.0 p.m., followed by a practical session until 9.30 p.m. On a show of hands, about a dozen ringers ~~was~~ were interested. It was suggested that this should be announced at the A.G.M.

Annual General Meetings

Details of ringing, etc, arrangements were given and volunteers to act as Ringing Stewards at the various towers were asked for.

Morning
Kings Walden
~~Sandridge~~ - Mr. A.R. CARVER
St. Pauls Walden - Mr. K.J. WALPOLE
Kington - Mr. G. PENNEY.
Essendon - Mr. P. OVERFIELD
Hatfield - Mr. E. EDMONDSON

afternoon
Sandridge - Mr. A.W.R. WILBY
St. Stephen - Mr. A. MALYAN.
St. Peter - Mr. H.V. FROST.
St. Michael - Miss. J. CLARK.
Abbey - Mr. G. PENNEY.

Mr. A.W.R. WILBY said the Ringing Master knew nothing of this and thought this arrangement should be the Ringing Master's responsibility.

Revision of Association Rules.

Mr. A.R. AGG. ~~pointed out~~ summarised the history of the Committee redraft and pointed out that the Special Meeting, to be held immediately after the A.G.M., must accept, reject or refer back the document as a whole.

Mr. B.C. JOHNSON and Mr. K.J. WALPOLE said the redraft should have started from scratch, not using the old rules as a basis. Mr. J.A.D. WOOLFORD thought the Rules sub-committee should do more work on the redraft, as ~~the~~^a redraft prepared by Messrs K.J. WALPOLE and A.W.R. WILBY, which had been circulated among interested parties before the meeting, was more logical.

A long and fruitful discussion ensued, rule by rule, in which the Committee and "Walpole" redrafts were compared.

A resolution to be put to the Special General meeting on April 17th, was Proposed by Mr B.C. JOHNSON, Sec. Mr. G.W. DEBENHAM, that 'The meeting should refer back the Committee redraft for further amendment and clarification.'

An amendment, Prop. Mr. A.W.R. WILBY, Sec. Mr. J.A.D. WOOLFORD was put that 'The 'Walpole' redraft be submitted to the Committee as a guide for amendment.'

A further amendment, Prop. Mr. A.R. CARTER, Sec. Mr. F.W. ELLIS, was put that 'a draft by Mr. K. Walpole' be used for guiding the committee.

Mr. A.W.R. WILBY withdrew his amendment and the second amendment, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

Next Meeting 'As tower not available, the place has yet to be arranged and was to be announced at the A.G.M. Date would be 15th May.'

Any other business...

Mr. M.A. COBURN thanked the President for chairing the meeting and Messrs WALPOLE and WILBY for the time and trouble taken by them in considering the Rules.

Mr. B. McDOWALL thanked the ladies for the tea.

A receipt from the East Pakistan Relief Fund acknowledged our donation of £1:6:8d (see Barnet meeting 21.11.70).

Mr. F.W. ELLIS said work at Wheathampstead tower would continue after Easter.

The meeting closed, nearly two hours of useful discussion having taken place. Further singing was at St. Peter, St. Albans.

E. Edmondson 15.5.71.

CHAIRMAN

A.G.M. 17th April

Ringling Member Miss Maryanne ROACH, St. Stephen Prop.

Sec.