

bedside was open from 2.30 - 4.0 p.m. for simpler ringing, with Welwyn open from 3.0 - 4.15 p.m. for the main ringing. Good use was made of both rings, although there were few spare ringers at either tower. Tea and business were in the Scout hut. A selected team rang for the special Service at 6.0 p.m.; a Joint Choirs Festival run by the R.S.C.M. Many more ringers came in the evening and ringing was of a much higher standard. The conductor of the R.S.C.M. course, Mr. J.M. TYLER of Northamptonshire County Music Advisor & an officer in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild also joined in, ringing Yorkshires and much else. Our President, Mr. E. EDMONDSON took the chair at the business meeting. 24 ringers were present, 20 being from the District. Again, 6 towers were represented.

Apologies for Absence were received from Mr & Mrs. Overfield, Miss D. Owen, Mr. & Mrs. Hardy, Mr & Mrs. Woolford and Mr. D. Major.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as correct after a minor deletion:

Member - Transfer of MRS S. SPARLING (NE COWAN) to N.R.L.

Prop. Mrs M.A. COURN, Sec A.W.R. WILBY.

Due to the election of Mr. E. EDMONDSON as President, a vacancy had arisen on the General Committee. Mr. K.J. WALPOLE was elected to fill this. Prop. G. PENNOY. Sec. J.E. EWER.

Social Activities

1. Mystery tour, June 5th. was quite successful; Stoke Mandeville, Long Crendon, Watlington, Sonning, Jaggfoot and Marlow being visited. An unintentional diversion to win Henley was included and the day finished with a fish-and-chip supper in High Wycombe. Mr. R. E. HARDY was thanked for his hard work in producing such an enjoyable day.
2. A cricket match with the Luton District is being arranged.

probably on a Friday evening in late July. MR. G. AUSTIN is awaiting more details.

3. A hockey match is being considered for the autumn, if a pitch can be found. Mrs. J. PENNEY is hoping to organise this.

Special Practices. The Ringing Master, Miss J. CLARKE, announced a Surprise practice at Radlett for Thursday, 8th July.

Revision of Rules. Mr. ~~K~~ J. WALPOLE reported that he, Mrs. K. HORD and DR. D. L. GULLICK ~~was~~ were working on a draft revision and would be holding an open "subcommittee" meeting on a date yet to be arranged.

Next Meeting to be on 17th July at St. Michael, St. Albans. A discussion followed on the low attendances recently. It was feared that different cliques were being formed, the "hard core" of meeting attenders being one, real ringers being others. MR. J. R. MAYNE felt that most societies went through periods of lean supports and, as long as some benefit was felt by those keen enough to come, there was little to worry about.

Any other Business

1. A circular letter was read in aid of the augmentation of Moulton, Northants, bells to a 10. It was decided to take no action.
2. An appeal for wedding ringers for July 10th at Welwyn was made. This met with no response. It was left with the Secretary to try to raise a band.
3. A Note of Thanks was passed, to Rector of Welwyn, the Vicar of Bodicote, the two tower captains and to Mrs. M.A. Coburn for producing the tea, single handed.
4. A collection for the Voluntary Bell Fund raised 68½ p.

C. Foster

CHAIRMAN.