

Ringin<sup>g</sup> started about 3.00 p.m. in a variety of simpler methods, which continued until tea, at which we were joined by several of the General Committee who had held in meeting in the adjoining room. After the business meeting, singers attended evensong, after which more advanced ringin<sup>g</sup> took place up to about 8.30 p.m.

At the business meeting, the Treasurer, MR. H. COLLINGS took the chair. 43 singers were present of which 31 were from the District, representing 8 towers.

The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respects for the late MR G.W. DEBENHAM who died on 1st DECEMBER.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Mr. E. Edmondson, Mr. K.J. Walpole and Miss H. Dodds.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as correct. Arising from these, a vote of thanks was given to MR E. EDMONDSON and MR DRCARER for their hard work in making the Dinner on 4th December such a success (115 tickets, including 5 guest tickets). MR E. PENNEY reported that we had beaten Watford District at darts, 12-6, at the R.A.F.A. club on 24th November, in a very enjoyable evening. The 1p profit had gone to RAFA funds! Miss J. CLARKE reported on the assisted practice on 8th December at Sandridge and expressed keen disappointment that only 3 singers turned up to assist. Rounds and Bob Minor were sung.

### New Members.

#### Ratification of Non Resident Life Members:-

MR. MARTIN RITSON <sup>Trumpington,</sup> MR JOHN W BRAMLEY <sup>Leicester.</sup>

MR. VIVIAN RIGBY, MR JOHN S BARNES, MISS ELIZABETH BOWDEN.

Prop.

A. R. Carter.

R. E. Hardy.

Transfer to MR. A. NICOLS, Cathedral } Mr. G. Penney Mrs C. M. Carter.  
 Fall Member. MR. P. MCCARTHY, Cathedral }  
 MISS E. EVANS, MISS C. JACKSON, MISS D. JACKSON } all St. Michael's, St Albans.  
 MISS C. LIMEBEAR, MISS A. MAINSTONE, MISS M. MAINSTONE } Mrs R.M. Mackley / Mr P.N. Mackley.  
 MISS C. MORRIS, MISS E. PICKLES, MISS M. THOROGOOD }

Nominations for District Officer

	<u>Prop.</u>	<u>Sec.</u>
District Ringing Master, MR A. R. CARTER	Mr. G. Penney	Mr. J. L. Penney.
Ringing World Representative, MISS E. FORSTER	Miss J. Clarke	Mrs C. M. Carter.
Peal Book Writer. MISS D. OWEN	Mr. R. E. Hardy	Mr. G. Penney.

The Master (Miss J. CLARKE), Secretary (Mr. G. DODDS) and three committee members would not be standing for re-election. There was no nomination for the post of Hon. Secretary.

Place and Date of next ~~ADM~~ meeting was left to the committee. A reminder was given for the ADM., St Peter, St Albans, 15th January. Due to uncertainty of present arrangements, a reserve tower was proposed, Halfield. (Prop G. Penney, Sec. J. E. Ewer).

Any Other Business.

- 1) G. DODDS checked on a number of tower ringing details for the Annual Report.
- 2) G. PENNEY proposed that the peal of Little Bob Royal rung at St. Peter on 11th December, be included in the District Peal book, but unnumbered, as one non-District member took part. The peal was in memoriam MR. G. W. DEBENHAM, who had also donated the peal book. This was seconded by R. E. HARDY and carried unanimously.
- 3) A collection for the District Voluntary Bell Fund, in memoriam Mr G. W. DEBENHAM (who had requested 'no flowers' at the funeral) amounted to £2-88<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>
- 4) R. E. HARDY proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, for taking the services and for the use of the bells, and to Mrs M. A. COVERN for organising such an excellent tea.

Donation from tea profit, to V.B.F.  
 £2-65

E. Edmondson 19.2.72  
 CHAIRMAN.