

Ringling started soon after 3.00 pm, catering for ringers mainly at the earlier stages. A service was held by the Rev. G.M. Evans in the absence of the curate, the church being without an incumbent. The sermon compared the teaching of St. Paul in prison to the ringers sounding the message of the bells to unknown ears. St Paul assured his gaoler that none of his prisoners had escaped while he was speaking to them. A collection was taken for the Organ Restoration fund at St. Peter's.

Tea and business followed in the recently refitted St. Peter's Institute. Mr A.W.R. WILBY, having recently moved away to Leicestershire, was asked to take the chair.

Correspondence. The Secretary read a letter of appreciation from MR G.F. DABENHAM for the letter of sympathy ^{from} the District for the funeral of his brother.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss F. DODDS and Messrs. R.W.M. CLOUSTON, E. EDMONDSON (President), R. WILLIAMS and M. DONMALL.

Minutes of the previous A.D.M. were read and signed as corrects.

Election of New Members

		Prop.	Sec.
<u>Ringling Members</u>	MR. W. J. SOUTHAM, North Myms.	T. J. Lock	R. W. Davill
	MRS W. J. SOUTHAM, " "	"	"
- from Probationers	MISS S. RAYNER, Harpenden.	MS MA. Colburn	F. C. Jacklin
<u>Probationers</u>	MISS S. SHIELDS, " "	"	"
	MISS M. MAGINNIS, " "	"	"
	MISS D. STONE, North Myms.	T. J. Lock	G. Penney
	MISS S. R. WISEMAN, " "	"	"
	MISS L. D. ROBERTS, Sandridge.	MISS J. Clarke	MISS E. Jorster
	MISS S. M. THORNTON, " "	"	"
	MISS M. LEWIS, " "	"	"

P. WILLIAMS, Cathedral

G. Penney. R.E. Hardy.

I. MILLER, St. Peter

H.V. Frost. R.W. Darvill

MISS H. PICKERING, "

" "

Refutation of Non Res. Life. D. BARTON

H.J. Walpole A.R. Carter

MISS J. REYNOLDS

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MISS J. PATTERSON

" "

- from Ringing member. A.W.R. WILBY

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The Secretary Report was read and ~~adopted~~ approved with a minor alteration.

Statement of accounts. The District Fund began the year at £20, spent out on a District outing, an outing to the ITV studios and a hockey match, made a small profit on the Dinner and finished with £18-24 in hands.

The District Voluntary Bell Fund rose by £12-0½ to £138-68½.

The accounts had been audited and signed as correct by the auditor, Mr B.C. JOHNSON. The reports were adopted. Prop. Mr. M.A. Coburn, Sec. J. Ewer.

Election of Officers.

Prop.

Sec.

a) Secretary MRS. E. OVERFIELD G. Dodds G. Penney.

Mr. G. Penney thanked Mr. G. Dodds for "filling the gap" of a year.

b) Ringing Master MR. A.R. CARTER G. Penney Mr. J. Penney.

Mr. A.R. Carter thanked Mr. J. Carter and hoped he would be able to continue the line of very able Ringing Masters of the past few years.

c) Committee The Secretary and Ringing Master, together with: -

MR. S. CHANDLER R.E. Hardy A.R. Carter

MR. G. DODDS Mr. M.A. Coburn G. Penney?

MISS E. FORSTER A.R. Carter Mr. C.M. Carter.

MR. P. MACKLEY Miss E. Forster R.E. Hardy

MR. G. PENNEY Mr. M.A. Coburn H.V. Frost.

d) General Committee The Secretary, together with: -

MR. G. PENNEY A.R. Carter Mr. M.A. Coburn.

MR. G. DODDS G. Penney Mr. M.A. Coburn.

Not elected. Mr. E. EDMONDSON G. Dodds F.W. Ellis

e) District Voluntary Bell Fund Trustee, replacing Mr. G.W. Debenham.
Mrs. M.A. COBURN G. Dadds. J. Ewer.

(The other trustee remains as Mr. H.V. Frost.)

f) Ringing World Representative
Miss E. FORSTER Miss J. Clarke F.W. Ellis

g) District Peal Book Writer
Miss D. OWEN R.E. Hardy Mrs. E. Jordan.

District meetings. A provisional list was made as follows -
Feb. S. Myrmas. June Essendon/Hatfield Oct. Kington/Wheatthorpe
* March Radlett/(Watford joint) * July St. Stephens/Cathedral. * Nov. Barnet/Monken Hadley.
April Welwyn. August St. Michaels. Dec. Hatpendon.
* May N. Myrmas. * Sept. The Waldens.

This was adopted Prop. R.E. Hardy Sec. J. Ewer.

Mr. T. J. took pointed out that weddings would interfere with the N. Myrmas dates. The meeting preferred to leave arrangements for special meetings and practices to the committee, except that Mr. G. Penney suggested holding quarterly business meetings instead of monthly. After much discussion it was proposed that :-

* Business meetings be held bimonthly only, for an experimental period.
Prop. G. Penney. Sec. J. Ewer.

This was carried. This was followed by :-

The first meeting without formal business shall be in March [months* above].

Prop. A.R. Carter Sec. G. Penney

This was carried. After further discussion, it was resolved that at the informal meetings, ^{only} announcements of date and place of the next meeting and of forthcoming events would be made. Prop. A.R. Carter Sec. R.E. Hardy.

This was carried by the majority.

Annual Dinner. Mr. G. Dadds stated that we were hoping to book Batchwood Hall for the last Saturday in November. This was to avoid clashing with the Aldenham supper on the following Saturday.

Place and Date of the next A.D.M.

Hatfield on 20th January 1973
Pres. J.F. Ewer. Sec. G. Penney

Any other Business

1. The Secretary announced that the meeting for 19th February would be at South Myms. The 'Blessing of the Bells' there was to be at 3.30 p.m. on 22nd January. There would be no general ringing.
2. Mr. F.W. Ellis announced that Wheathampstead ^{PCC} ~~Parish Committee~~ had approved the augmentation of their bells to 8.
3. Mr. J.E. EWER requested information on the progress of the draft Association Rules which had been sent to the General Committee. Mr. G. Penney stated that an extra-ordinary General Committee meeting had been called in November to discuss one aspect of the Rules, but the main draft was not brought forward. Mr. R.E. Hardy, (General Secretary) said that he had not had any formal proposal that the draft Rules be discussed at ~~the~~ the next A.G.M. Mr. G. Dodds said that he had heard that many members would not attend if they found the Rules were on the agenda yet again.
4. Mr. R.E. HARDY stated that a special committee has been formed, jointly with the Bedfordshire Association, to note any redundant church bells in the area, with a view to their transfer and reuse. He would be responsible for the N. Herts and St. Albans area and he requested information on any bell, wherever situated, that ~~is~~ or could be used ~~for~~ in a church.
5. Mr. G. Penney proposed a vote of thanks to St. Peter band and the curate for the use of the bells, to Rev. R.M. Evans for taking the service, to Mr. R.E. Hardy for playing the organ and the local young ladies for providing the tea.

Ringings continued until 9.00 p.m.


CHAIRMAN.

Profit from the tea, 71½p, to District Fund.