

Ringling commenced at 3.00 p.m. and was followed by a service at 4.30 p.m. This was followed by tea in the local village hall and the meeting, for which Mr. E. Edmondson, President of the Association, took the chair.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors to the meeting and said how pleased he was to see newly elected members from Kington and St. Michaels present. Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs. A. Coburn, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hardy and Rev. Springford, Vicar of South Myms.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and ^{approved and} signed as a correct record of the previous meeting. There were no matters arising.

Election of New Members

Proposed Seconded

As a full ringing member Mr. C. Rees of Essendon

E.J. Overfield P.M. Overfield

As Probationary members, Mr. G. Hall, Miss E. Cole, Miss R. Bramwell

P. Mackley Mrs. J. Dodds

From Probationer to Full Member Mr. S. Page - St. Michaels

P. Mackley Mrs. J. Dodds

These elections were put to the meeting and carried.

Special Practices

Mr. A. Carter said that we had been asked if we could go along to St. Michaels on 1st March for a Special Practice. The ringing would consist of Rounds, Plain Bob and Grandair. There had also been a request from Wheathampstead for a similar practice on 20th Mar. Mr. Carter asked everybody to make a special effort to get to these practices as it helps learners with their ringing and also people get to know a few of the faces of St. Albans District.

Social Activities

The Secretary announced that the date of the Annual Dinner was now going to be 18th November. It is proposed that we hold a Darts match sometime during the year. There is to be a District Car Outing on 14th October. ~~We~~^{We} hoped to arrange another Cricket Match.

District Striking Competition

G. Dodds stated that a District Striking Competition is to be held on 1st July at Sandridge, for which we would like as many entries as possible, and that the standard was not expected to be as high as for the Kington Cup. Call change bands are allowed to enter. He went on to say that, due to a wedding at 3.00 there would be a pause in the ringing. G. Dodds said that he would inform every tower in the District about the Competition and that there would be a small charge made to cover costs.

P. Mackley confirmed that he is arranging an inter-district Tug of War which is to be held on 7th May as part of the City of St. Albans ~~Spring~~ Festival.

Date and Place of Next Meeting

Date and Place of the next meeting will be Essendon on 18th March. There will be no business meeting on this occasion.

A. O. B.

G. Perry said that he thought, that it was a good idea to tell the meeting about what is happening to the "rules", and that the committee is working on them. They are to be briefly discussed at the A.G.M. and also whether the Association funds be given charity status and that until this has been agreed by the Association, we cannot redraft the rules in full. A special committee meeting is to be held after the A.G.M. solely for the purpose of discussing the rules. A Special General Meeting will be held in the Autumn to pass or reject the new rules.

The President said that it is hoped to get the rules sorted out so that they could be in use by next year.

G. Perry announced that he is putting a resolution to the A.G.M. to alter the date of the A.G.M. because ^{by} the present arrangement, the date of the meeting could differ by six weeks from one year to the next, and if the meeting comes too early, it causes administration difficulties, i.e. getting the year book written up, the report printed and the accounts audited in time for the meeting. G. Perry proposed that we hold the A.G.M. on the last Saturday in April, in future years, instead of the first Saturday after Easter.

A vote was taken to find out how the meeting felt about this resolution and it was found that people were in favour of a fixed date for the A.G.M.

G. Rodds proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Springford for the use of the bells and for the service, to South Mymms singers for getting together with District Members and providing tea and also to the local organist.

There being no other business, the meeting closed.

Ringling continued until 8.00 p.m.



CHAIRMAN

A donation of 50p from tea profit was paid into U.B.F.