

Ringling commenced at 3.30 and continued until 5.00, when everyone adjourned to a local cafe for tea. There was no service because the ^{Vicar} was attending an induction service at Hatfield.

Mr. A. Carter was elected to be Chairman for the Business Meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. E. Edmondson, Mr. and Mrs R. E. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs P. Mackley, Mrs. J. Dodds.

Minutes of the Previous ~~the~~ Meeting. These were read and signed as being a correct record of the meeting.

Matters Arising From the Minutes. - The Chairman said we should express our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Woolford for the cup which they presented to the District for the District Striking Competition. This is to be known as the Woolford Cup.

G. Dodds proposed we have the cup inscribed "The Woolford Cup". C. Foster seconded this motion. A. Carter raised an amendment, that the plaque be placed on the base of the Cup and another inscription be put on the base of the cup, out of sight. P. Overfield seconded this and the motion was carried, as amended.

Election of New Members

Miss L. J. Bright and Miss S. Rouse as full ringing members, proposed by G. Dodds, seconded by ^{Miss} R. Howard.

Ratification of election prior to a peal attempt, Mr. M. Slaney ^{as a} resident ringing member of Hatfield, proposed by G. Penny.

From Resident to Non-Resident life Member, Miss P. Hoaling proposed by P. Overfield seconded by Mrs. E. Overfield.

These elections were put to the meeting and were carried.

Meetings and Practices

The Secretary announced that for the next meeting we had obtained Hatfield for the evening and that it was hoped to obtain St. Michaels, St. Albans for the Afternoon. For June we have Barnet in the evening.

A. Carter said that he had no announcement to make with regard to Practices at the moment, but that he hopes to be able to circulate a list of practices for the next few months quite soon.

Social Activities

With regard to the Dinner, the Secretary said there was nothing new to report.

G. Penny said that he was arranging a Parts Match for the Autumn, but that he had

nothing more to say on the subject at present.

G. Dodds said that notices for the District Striking Competition had been sent to all towers.

With regard to the District Outing there was nothing new to report.

The Chairman stated that Mr. G. Austin was in touch with the Eastern District, in connection with the proposed Cricket Match.

A.O.B.

A. Carter noted from the minutes of the last meeting and the meeting before, that profit from tea went into the Voluntary Bell Fund, and stated that it was decided some years ago that funds would automatically go to the District Fund in order to cover small losses on various occasions and that when this became full (£20) the extra money would be transferred to the Voluntary Bell Fund. This was the function of the District Fund, that any money collected was to be put into it to cover expenses. *

A. Carter reported that a Surprise Royal Practice was held last Monday at St. Peter's, St. Albans. He said he was very pleased that we succeeded in ringing a course of Bristol Royal and a course of London Royal. He also said that he hoped people would support more fully, practices which we have and that if a tower wants a practice, their Captain only has to get in touch with him, and we will be pleased to come along and ring.

G. Dodds proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. T. Lock and the Vicar for the use of the Bells.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed and ringing commenced and continued until 8.00.

Robert E. Hardy 17.6.72

CHAIRMAN

* The Secretary pointed out that the donors of the money had requested that it go to the V.B.F.

DISTRICT ST. MICHAELS, ST. ALBANS AND HATFIELD - 20TH MAY 1972

Ringing commenced at St. Michaels at 3.30 and continued until 5.00, when we had a Service. This was followed at 5.30 by tea in the local School Hall.

Although there was no official business meeting, the Ringing Master made a few announcements and Mr. S. Chandler proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Michaels for the use of the bells and the Service, to the St. Michaels ringers for the tea, and to the Vicar of Hatfield for the use of the bells.

Ringing then continued at Hatfield from approximately 6.45 to 8.15.

Robert E. Hardy

CHAIRMAN. 17.6.72

DISTRICT MEETING HELD AT BARNET ON 17TH JUNE 1972

Ringling commenced at Harrow Weald at 3.00 and continued until 4.00.

The business meeting started at 6.00 at Barnet. There were no apologies for absence.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting. These were agreed and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising from the Minutes. Mrs. Coburn commented on the item under A.O.B. in which Mr. Carter stated that there was a rule which said that all profits from functions such as tea, should go to the District Fund, and not the Voluntary Bell Fund. She said that donors should be allowed to state which fund they wished the money to go to, and that in the case of profits from tea, the people concerned could, if they wished put it in their own Church funds. Mrs Dodds agreed with Mrs. Coburn. G. Dodds said that the rule only stated that District Fund money, in excess of £20 should go into the Voluntary Bell Fund.

In connection with the Striking Competition Cup, Mr. Dodds announced that a plaque had now been put on the base of the cup which contained the words "Woolford Cup" and "St. Albans Striking Competition".

Election of New Members

As full members: Mr. R. Flannigan of Harpenden Proposed by Mrs A. Coburn Seconded by Mrs. R. Mackley

MR. N. LAVERS of Sandridge " Mr. G. Dodds " Mr. P. M. Ovesfield

MRS. A. HOWE of Sandridge " " " "

MR. W. TAME, MR. M. ROBBINS of Wheathampstead " MR. F. ELLIS " Mr. S. Chaveller

MR. C. PUDDY, MR. H. PUDDY " " " "

As a probationary member Miss M. Pickles of St. Michael's, St. Albans. Proposed by P. Mackley Seconded by Miss E. Pickles

From probationary to full member Miss E. Cole of " " " " " "

Ratification of belfry elections prior to a peal attempt on 29th April, as Non-Resident life members:- Roland H. Cook, Arthur V. Pearson, E. Winifred Keys, Gordon A. Halls, proposed by G. Penny. These elections were all put to the meeting and were carried.

Meetings and Practices

The Secretary announced that the next meeting will be held at St. Stevens and the Abbey, St. Albans.

The Ringing Master stated that no special practices had been arranged for the next month so far, and that if anybody wanted one they only had to ask.

Mrs. Dodds requested an assisted practice for Sandridge. She said that Sandridge had had some help from Harpenden ringers during the last few weeks and that this has made a great deal of difference. It was agreed that Sandridge would be given some assistance over the next few weeks.

The Ringing Master thought it worth mentioning that the Diocesan Festivals have come round once

again, and that there will be open ringing at the Abbey on the following dates Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th June, Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th July. There will be no formal practices at the Abbey on these occasions and all are welcome.

Social Activities

Darts - Mr. G. Penny announced that we are challenging the Eastern District on Thursday 21st September, at the RAFA Club in St. Albans. If there is anybody who wishes to take part in the District Team, will they please let Mr. Penny know.

District Striking Competition - G. Dodds said that this will be on 1st July. The programme is still the same - 2.30 start with a pause from 3.00 - 3.30 for a wedding. Tea will be 15p per person.

District Outing This will be to North Oxfordshire, South Northamptonshire and will be on 14th October.

A.O.B.

Mrs. Colburn said that she has had a letter from America asking for "Ringing in Hertfordshire". The correspondent is interested in bells and would like to hear from anybody interested in bells, in this country. Mrs. Colburn stated that she does not have time to write letters and wondered if anybody else would be interested in corresponding.

A. Carter welcomed and congratulated our American guests and said that he hoped that if they stayed in this country, they would visit our district again.

A. Carter also mentioned that we have been asked to ring a quarter peal for Bennington Festival and that there are a couple of places available. If anybody is interested in ringing in this quarter peal they should contact Mr. Carter during the evening and he will be pleased to offer them a chance.

G. Penny proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of Harrow Weald and Barnet for the use of the bells.

Mrs. Colburn announced that the District Committee had sent Mr. Day, who is in hospital, a pot plant and that he was very pleased with this. He will be delighted to see anyone who wishes to visit him.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed and ringing continued until 8.00 p.m. During which time every kind of ability was catered for, and there was a good variety of ringing ~~and~~ - everything from rounds to spliced surprise being rung.

T. J. Lock.

CHAIRMAN

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ST. STEPHENS AND THE ABBEY ST. ALBANS - 15TH JULY 1972

Ringing commenced at 3.00 at St. Stephens and continued until 4.30 when a service was held. This was followed by tea and ringing on hand bells. A vote of thanks was proposed to the the St Stephens ringers for the tea and to the Vicar of St. Stephens for the use of the bells and for conducting the service. Ringing at the Abbey commenced at 7.00 and continued until 9.00 and was very well attended. Every ringing ability was entered for during the evening.

T.J. Lock.

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CHAIRMAN.