

Ringling commenced at 3.00 and continued until 5.00 when we had tea, which was followed by the meeting. Mr. W. Ayre was elected as Chairman.

There were no apologies for absence.

#### MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and were signed as being a correct record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

#### ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Miss Mary Ann Roach, as a Non-Resident life Member, proposed by Mr. S. Chandler and seconded by Mr. R. Hardy.

Mr. B. J. Fry, as Non-Resident life Member, ratified by Mr. A. Carter.

Mr. I. Miller from Probationer to Full Member, proposed by Mr. C. Forster, seconded by Mrs Dodds.

#### MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

The Secretary announced that for the A. D. M. in January, we could only ring in the afternoon. She had tried to obtain North Myms Bells, but we can only ring there until 7.30 and it would not be worthwhile going there for such a short time.

However, it had been suggested that we have a social instead. After a short discussion a vote was taken and it was found that most people present would like to have a social and Hatfield ringers are to be actioned to arrange this.

With regard to the February meeting, it was agreed that the Secretary would attempt to obtain Radlett bells for this occasion.

Mr. A. Carter reported that we had a very successful Surprise Maximus practice at the Abbey, but that unfortunately we were unable to ring Bristol Maximus and he was sorry that not everybody who promised to attend did so.

He also announced that there will be a series of assisted practices at Kington in the New Year, similar to the series held at Sandridge during the past year.

G. Dodds asked what ringing there had been in honour of the Queen's 25th Wedding Anniversary.

The Ringing Master replied that two peals had been rung, one at Harpenden and another at St. Peters. A handbell peal had also been rung. Two quarters were rung, one at Sandridge and one at Wheathampstead.

Mrs Newman said that a quarter was attempted at Kington.

Mr. C. Forster said that St. Peters bells were fired on the day-

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

DINNER The Secretary stated that the Dinner made a loss of £0-80. The reason for this was that we only sold 90 tickets instead of the 100 hoped for.

The Chairman said that both he and his wife enjoyed the dinner very much.

Mr. R. Hardy thought that everybody who took part in the organisation of the dinner should be congratulated for organising such a good event and asked for a vote of thanks to be recorded, in particular to Mr. A. Carter, Mr. E. Edmondson and the Secretary.

Mr. A. Carter proposed that £0-80 be transferred from the District Fund to pay for the loss which was made on the dinner.

## NOMINATIONS FOR 1973'S OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

It was announced that the Secretary (Mrs. Overfield), Mr. E. Edmondson and Miss E. Forster were not seeking re-election. Nominations ~~for~~ were received as follows.

District Secretary: Mr. S. Chandler Proposed by Mr. G. Penney and Seconded by Mr. A. Carter.

Ringling Master: Mr. A. Carter proposed by Mr. R. Hardy.

Committee: Mr. C. Forster proposed by Mr. E. Edmondson and seconded by Mr. A. Carter.

Mr. G. Penney proposed by Mr. R. Hardy and ~~seconded by~~ Mr. P. Mackley proposed by Mr. Hardy.

Mr. G. Dodds proposed by Mr. E. Edmondson. Mrs. S. Newman proposed by Mr. A. Carter.

Miss S. Rouse proposed by Mrs. J. Dodds.

## A.O.B.

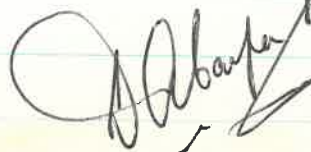
Mr. A. Carter announced that the special method for the day was Brentwood and that he had copies of this method if people wished to look at it.

Mr. G. Dodds pointed out that the Secretary had a list of information about membership, practice nights and ringing times etc. for each tower, which people should look at to make sure that it is correct before it goes into the Annual Report.

Mr. Ayre remarked that it was delightful to see so many people present at the meeting.

It was stated that North Myms would be taking in the Christmas ringing on the radio.

G. Penney proposed a vote of thanks to all the people involved with organising the meeting, to Amy Coburn and helpers for the tea, to the Rector for taking the Service and for the use of the bells, and to the Chairman for taking the meeting so well.



CHAIRMAN

A donation of £2. was made to the V.B.F. from tea profit by Harpenden Ladies