

Ringling took place at S. Mymms from 3.0 - 4.30 pm. As, unfortunately, neither S. Mymms or N. Mymms could provide a service or tea, most people went into Hatfield or a local café for refreshment. In N. Mymms before ringing commenced the P.M. gave a talk on learning methods that should help those learners who were there to listen. Quite a variety of ringing then took place ranging from Grandsire to spliced. We adjourned for the pub at 8 pm.

DISTRICT MEETING AT WELWYN - 16 JUNE 1973

Ringling got off to a rather slow start, due to poor attendance, at about 3.15 continuing until 4.30 pm. There was no service due to the afternoon session being arranged at short notice so tea was started directly and then the meeting was held with Mr Tom Southam being elected to the chair.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None were received.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

These were read by the Secretary and signed as being a true record.

The Secretary drew attention to the meeting list that had just been read out and said several amendments had been necessary due to individual towers wishes. He also said he was sorry that no tea had been possible at the S. Mymms / N. Mymms meeting.

Mr Penney reported to the meeting that the the darts match with the Eastern District had resulted in a draw.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

| | Proposed | Seconded |
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| Ringling members - Mr. Dodds ^{Miss S. Faulkner} - G. Dodds | | J. Dodds (Sandridge Hatfield) |
| - Mr T. Chambers - Secretary | | G. Penney (Hatfield) |
| - Mr K. Fleming - Secretary | | A.R. Carter (Unattached) |
| N.R.L.M.s - Mr R. J. Tibbets - A.R. Carter | | (Peal at St Peters) |
| - Mr J. Piron - Secretary | | (Peal at St Neots) |

MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

The Secretary read out the revised meeting list -

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| July - St Stephens / Abbey | October - St Peters |
| August - Essendon / Hatfield | November - St Michaels |
| September - Barnet / M. Hadley | December - Harpenden. |

The ringing master reported on practices held since the last meeting and said he hoped to hold the next six-bell practice at St Stephens.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- (i) Dinner - In the absence of the organizers the Secretary told the meeting that this had been arranged for the 1st Dec. at the Bush Hall Hotel - Mill Green at a cost of about £2.20
- (ii) Woolford Cup - Mr Carter said that he has the entry forms and will distribute them. The draw is to be at 2.15 with the rules as last year. George Thoday is to be a judge, possibly with another. It was mentioned that this year the function is more important as the first 2 teams only go to the Kimpton Cup comp. Mr Forster was not present to speak about the social and Miss Rouse had nothing to say on the subject.

On the subject of ringing competitions Mr Frost asked if anyone knew the whereabouts of the shield for the St Albans Music Festival Handbell Competition that used to be contested for. The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr Hardy about this.

- (iii) Outing - The Secretary said the date was to be the 6th October and no place had yet been decided on.
- (iv) Others - Mr Penney told the meeting about the general games evening that had been ~~arranged~~ planned, including an inter-tower darts match. Mr Carter mentioned the cheese and wine party that Mr Dodds is organizing to be held on the 5th Jan. 1974. Mr Frost said this was a good thing as he has plenty of wine to dispose of!

The Secretary said the suggestions that had come forward for talks on specialist subjects were Mr Mackley & Mr Dodds on

computers in ringing, Mr Hardy on composition and Mr Dodds on rope-splicing.

~~At the next~~ At one non-business meeting Mr Penney is to speak about place notation.

A.O.B. Date & Place of Next meeting 21 July - St Stephens & Abbey.

Mr Frost asked Mr & Mrs Dodds about Shenley bells. They said that the church is not keen on selling the back five at the moment. Mr Frost suggested various towers that might like them if they could be obtained.

The Secretary thanked the vicar & tower captain for having us at Welwyn, especially as the afternoon was at short notice. He also said that he was very grateful for the help of Janet Penney, Christine Carter, Joyce Dodds and Susan Rouse for baking cakes and preparing the tea and Rosemary Urban for making all the sandwiches. Unfortunately the tea was rather expensive as so few people had turned up.

J Penney 18-8-73
CHAIRMAN.

The V.B.F. collection totalled 66p - (thanks for the Irish 2p)