

DISTRICT MEETING AT SANDRIDGE ON 16 FEBRUARY 1974

Afternoon ringing took place from 3-4.30 followed by a service, ^{then} tea and the meeting in the Scout Hall. The County president Mrs. E. James was elected to the chair. Evening ringing started at about 7pm and continued until 8pm. A wide range of methods were rung.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Mr N. Lavers, Mr F. Ellis and Miss S. Apter.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary and accepted as a correct record.

The secretary had several points of information to bring up from the minutes, that it had not been possible to book Batchwood Hall for the dinner, that Walter Ayre was not moving and that very few towers had given him their amended tower details for the Annual Report.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

		Proposed.	Seconded.	
Full members	Miss J. Best (St Peters)	Miss Forster	Mrs. Forster	(i)
	Miss S. Todd (Hatfield)	Mr E. Edmondson	Mr R. Brown	v
	Mr T. Butler "	"	"	a
	Mr M. Redfearn "	"	"	
	Mr R.J. Stater (Sandridge)	Mrs J. Dodds	Miss S. Rouse	(ii)
	Miss C. Slavin "	"	"	
	Miss C.P. Hall "	"	"	(ii)
	Miss S. Hawkins "	"	"	
Full → NRLM.	Mr P. Overfield	Mr J. Ford	Mr E. Edmondson	(i)
	Mrs E. Overfield	"	"	S
NRLM → Resident.	Miss P. Healing (Essendon)	"	"	
NRLM.	Mr C.M.G. Ockelton (Cambridge Ipswich)	Mr S. Chandler.	Pea / at Meldreth.	(v)

These elections were carried by the meeting.

MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

The secretary read out the following list of towers proposed for meetings in 1974:

March - N. Myms
April - St Pauls & K. Walden
May - Barnet & M. Hadley
June - Essendon & Welwyn
July - St Stephens & Abbey

August - St Michaels
September - Radlett / Hatfield
October - Kimpton & Wheathampstead
November - St Peters
December - Harpenden.

Due to information just received we will not be going to Hatfield in Sept. as the ADM will be held there.

The R.M. Mr Mackley, told the meeting that he intended to hold practices on the 1st Saturday of the month. He said that the first one would be on Sat Feb 23rd at St Michaels 7.30-9 for those learning surprise. The practices would be generally of 3 types, plain & treble bob, learning surprise and advanced surprise. He said that the practices would be for certain groups of ringers and he would ensure that enough experienced ringers were there.

The secretary told the meeting he would be producing a list for every tower of meetings, practices, social activities & committee members.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- (i) London outing - Mr Ford said that we could not visit the foundry until 1975, Mr Penney advised that we book this now. It was agreed to go ahead with arrangements to see the Carter Ringing Machine. From a show of hands about 20 people were interested.
- (ii) ITV visit - about 20 people were interested in this also & Mr Mackley is to arrange this later in the year.
- (iii) Dinner - The secretary said this would be on the 7th Dec. & Mr Carter & Mr Forster are organizing it.
- (iv) Woolford Cup - This is to be on the 8th June, possibly at S. Myms & Mr Carter is organizing the ringing. A wine & cheese party will be organized afterwards by Mr Ford & Miss Howard.
- (v) Outing - The secretary is organizing this on the 5 Oct. and it will be a car outing.
- (vi) Darts & Games evenings - Mr Penney has arranged this to be on Thurs. 11 April, a darts match against the Watford dist. He asked for volunteers for the team. A games evening will be held in the autumn.

(vii) Barbecue Mrs Newman said that this would be held in her back garden, admission by ticket only. The last Sat in July had been thought of but not agreed upon.

VISITING OTHER PRACTICES

The secretary explained that this arose in a discussion at the committee meeting of how to get Radlett ringers out to meetings & practices. Some people felt that the committee members ought to visit more practices as ambassadors of the district. Mr Carter said that it was everyone in the districts duty to visit other practices when possible. Mr Penney said that he wanted to encourage young ringers to get out to practices other than their own. Mr Hardy suggested looking in the meeting attendance book for towers not represented and concentrating attention on these. It was generally agreed that these ideas were worth consideration.

PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

N Myms on 16th March.

A.O.B

The secretary said there would be a question time with a panel of ff at next months meeting.

Mr Penney told of the strike-in which was discussed at the A.M. He explained that it involved, say 2 St Albans & 2 Western dist & 1 Watford dist to wer. learners who wished to improve their striking would be instructed at these towers in the morning & would then meet & compete in the afternoon. He asked for volunteers for this event.

The secretary mentioned the job of book-salesman discussed at the A.M. and said anyone interested should contact him. He then asked what should be done with the Walter Aye fund now and it was felt that it should still be used to buy him a gift. Mr Hardy suggested pooling our fund with that of the other districts. This was proposed by Mr Dodds & seconded by Mr Hardy & the meeting were in agreement.

The secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Sandridge ringers, the vicar & Mrs Dodds & her tea helpers.

Mrs Coburn thanked Mr Dodds for his long service on the district committee as he has now retired from this

DISTRICT MEETING AT NORTH M/MMS ON 16 MARCH 1974

Ringling in the afternoon started at 3.30 and continued until 4.45. This was very well attended and a course of Glasgow was rung. Everyone then went their own ways for tea and met again in the belfry at 6.15 for a question time. The panel of 4 experts consisted of Chris Forster, Alan Patterson, Tony Carter & Peter Mackley with Gerald Penney as chairman. Several interesting questions came up and it was only the need to get on with some practical ringling that stopped us at 7.5. The ringling continued until 8.30 with quite a variety of methods & some spliced plain. Both the ringling and question time were well attended including several of our good friends from other parts of the county.

J. Jones
CHAIRMAN.