

DISTRICT MEETING AT ST MICHAELS ST ALBANS on 17 AUG. 1974

As usual attendance in the afternoon was rather poor. Ringing was followed by a service conducted by the curate and then by the tea and business meeting which was chaired by our president Jack Dear. Ringing in the evening was very well attended and achieved quite a high standard, eight spliced was rung.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Messrs C. Forster, Ford, Carter and Penney.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

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

The secretary ~~ref~~ referred to the London outing which was only attended by 2 members in the afternoon. He said this had been very embarrassing and put the district in a bad light. In future such events would have to be conducted more formally with a list of names and possibly a deposit.

Mrs Newman and her helpers were thanked for organizing an excellent barbecue.

MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

The secretary explained that a solution to the Wheathampstead problem had not been found in time for us to go there in September. He had therefore made alternative arrangements. The committee had decided we could not have a meeting at Wheathampstead if some people were not allowed to ring and the district ringing master ^{was} not allowed to ~~run~~ the meeting. However the committee will be making every effort to effect an agreement for next year.

The next business meeting is at St Pauls Kings Walden in October. The R.M. told the meeting that a surprise Royal practice would be held at St Peters on 7th Sept. with methods up to Bristol.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

NRLM	Miss Rita Joyce	Washington	After handbell peal
"	Miss Rebecca Joyce	"	" " "

These ratifications were passed.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- (i) ITV visit - The secretary informed the meeting that as it seemed we were organizing too much it had been decided that we would cancel this event.
- (ii) Dinner - by a show of hands it was found that 7 people present would not be coming because of the cost. Mrs Newman explained that an idea for next years dinner might be to hire a hall & have caterers in which would bring the cost down to between £ 1.50 - 2.00. The secretary ~~pro~~ said that this years committee would have to arrange ~~this~~ ^{next} years dinner. Mr Hardy proposed & Mrs Mackley seconded that the committee be given the authority to do this. The proposition was carried.
- (iii) Outing - The secretary stated that this will be a car outing in the N. Berks area on 5 October. Mr Hardy suggested that those interested should put their names on a list.

PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21 September at S. Myms and Radlett.

A.O.B

Mr Hardy said the annual reports had been so long delayed because of unavoidable trouble at the printers. However he hoped to have them in the near future. He said if anyone knew of a good printer he would be pleased to hear of it.

Mr Frost reminded the meeting of the death ~~and funeral~~ of Arthur Day of Harpenden. Several members attended the funeral. The meeting stood in silence in memory of this departed friend of many of those present.

The secretary thanked the St Michaels ringers for the fine tea, the curate for taking the service and Mr Hardy for playing the organ. The meeting was then concluded.

P.W. Mackley.

CHAIRMAN.

19-10-74

The 5p tea profit was donated to the V.B.F.

DISTRICT MEETING AT S. MYMMS AND RADLETT on 21 Sept. 1974

The attendance in the afternoon was reasonable as was the ringing methods up to spliced London & Cambridge being rung.

There was no tea arranged so members ~~made~~ found their own.

In the evening ringing commenced at Radlett at 6.30 and was well attended for a six bell meeting and a large variety of methods were rung.

P. N. Mackley
CHAIRMAN.

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