

DISTRICT MEETING AT ST ALBANS ABBEY. SATURDAY NOV 17th. 1924

A large number of ringers attended the ringing at the abbey from 2 to 4 pm. Members then adjourned to the crypt where the business meeting was held before tucking into a very good tea provided by the abbey ringers. The Association President, Mrs M. A. Coburn, chaired the meeting, and she started off by welcoming everybody.

Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs J. Carter, D. Carter and Miss T. Cowder.

The Minutes were read and signed as correct. There were no matters arising.

Election of New Members

The following belfry elections were ratified, both being Non Resided Life Members

Miss Susan Spencer, proposed R. J. Crocker, seconded K. Newman, prior to a peal at Chipping Barnet

Miss Rowena M. Unsworth, proposed A. Patterson, seconded G. Penney, prior to a peal at Aston.

Learners Strike In.

Miss J. Johnson reported that this had taken place at S. Hymans on the afternoon of November 10th. Peter Mackley had judged the event. Twelve learners had come forward, and this had resulted in two teams being formed. They had spent the morning practising at Kimpton and St Michaels under the auspices of herself and G. Dodds respectively and it had been G. Dodds' team who had won. The striking had been very good some of the time and it had been a very successful day for those present. All except two of the learners had previously rung $\frac{1}{2}$ peals and so they were fairly competent ringers. Miss J. Johnson was disappointed at the poor response though. S. Saunders proposed a vote of thanks to Miss J. Johnson for all her efforts.

TV Outing

S. Saunders reported that this had taken place the night before and that everyone present had enjoyed themselves. However, only 16 of the 36 tickets had been used, and, because a large coach had been hired to cater for 36 people, the coach fare had been £3.50 instead of the intended £2 per head. A loss of £1.50 had been made. Mrs S. Paterson thanked S. Saunders for organising the outing. Commenting on the small turnout, she thought that it was difficult to organise an event when the date cannot be fixed very far in advance.

Date and Place of next Meeting

The next District meeting would be at Harpenden on Saturday December 15th, with ringing from 3.30 to 5pm followed by a service, tea, meeting and evening ringing from 6.30 to 8pm.

The next 10 bell practice would be at Hatfield on Thursday November 22nd from 7.45 to 9.15pm.

The next Advanced Practice at the Abbey would be on Tuesday December 4th from 8 to 9.30pm.

Mrs M.A. Coburn said that the tea arrangements at Harpenden would not be as comfortable as usual because their Hall had been pulled down and they were having to use the smaller hall.

Any Other Business

Miss J. Johnson asked for contributions to the December newsletter. Mrs M.A. Coburn thanked everyone who had come to the Centenary Dinner. It had been a very happy occasion. She had received a letter of thanks from the Bishop.

The secretary announced that she would be writing to each tower soon asking them to confirm the 1984 tower details and for suggestions for 1985 events. The secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to the Abbey ringers for providing tea and to the clergy and ringers of both the Abbey and North Myms for the use of their bells.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed.

Evening ringing was held at North Myms. *Henry Johnson*
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