

Afternoon ringing took place on the 10 bells of St Peter's, followed by a service in which several members ring handbells in place of an anthem. The St Peter's Major had laid on a splendid tea in the Church Hall. R. Edmondson took the chair for the business meeting.

Apologies for Absence were received from Mr & Mrs Coburn and Mr & Mrs Pocock.

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

Election of New Member

D. Badger of St Myrnes was transferred from probationary to Full membership being proposed by Miss T. Crowder and seconded by Mrs J. Badger.

Report on County Committee meeting

Mrs. A. Saunders reported on the main issues arising from the County Committee meeting. These included:

- i) The estimate for the New County Page Book was £140.
- ii) The 8 bell striking contest would be held on 30th May in the St Albans District and the Kimpton Cup in the Western District.
- iii) The AGM was to be held in the Northern District.
- iv) The committee would like feedback from the Districts as to what ringing events and courses they would like to see the Association to organise.
- v) Several proposed changes to the rules had been accepted in principle.
- vi) It was suggested that the 8 bell striking contest should adopt a test piece to be rung by all teams.

A. Patterson commented that as a judge it is helpful to have all teams ringing the same as it is easier to make comparisons.

Miss T. Crowder said that one of her tower members had asked several times whether the County was organising another course as she had found the previous one very useful.

Report on District Social

Ms S. Edmondson reported that 76 people had attended the social which had been very successful. A profit of £50 was made on the dinner and the raffle raised £29. She thanked all who came. Mr R. J. Drummond-Tyler proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped. H. V. Frost proposed and Miss T. Crowder seconded that the profits from both the dinner and the raffle go to the Voluntary Bell Fund, and this was agreed.

Report on Quaker Post Weekend

G. Humphreys reported that it had been a successful event. Of the 13 quakers attempted, 11 were scored with 9 of them having at least one 'first' of some kind in. The details had been sent to the Ringing World. R. Edmondson proposed a vote of thanks to G. Humphreys for all his hard work in organising it.

Date and Place of next meeting

The next District meeting would be at Harpenden on Saturday December 20th with ringing from 3.30 to 5pm followed by a Carol and Memorial service for F. Jackson. Evening ringing would be from 6.30 to 8pm.

The Leamers Practice would be at Essendon on Sat Dec 6th.

Any other Business

G. Dodds informed the meeting of the Christmas Carol service with handbell ringing at the Abbey on 13th December.

Miss T. Crowder said that the last 2 Leamers practices had been rather thin on the ground.

S. Saunders asked people to think before the meeting next month as to who they wished to nominate for next year's officers.

Miss T. Crowder proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar, organist and assistant priest for taking part in the service, and to the St Peter's ringers for the use of the bells and for providing tea.

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

Evening singing continued at St Peters.

The Voluntary Bell Fund collection raised £3-00

J. Dodd
20/12/86.