

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 19th March 1969 at 5 p.m. in Committee Room 4 of the Union

The meeting was opened by the Ringing Master, Mr. C.S. Nokes, at 5.07 p.m., the President Canon G. Norburn being unable to attend. There were nine members present; no apologies for absence were received. The minutes of the last General Meeting were duly read by Mr. S.J. Gullick, and signed by the Master, Mr. Nokes. There were no matters arising, although Mr J.S. Hopwood had found difficulty in understanding certain matters in the minutes. They were explained to his satisfaction.

Mr. R.M. Chambers arrived at 5.12 p.m. and Miss J. Blake at 5.17. Both tendered apologies for their being late.

Master's Report

Mr. Nokes first commented on the Ringing Tour to Brighton saying that it had been both successful and enjoyable, although it had been marred near the end by some leaving the area prematurely. The result was that some towers, which had been booked, were not rung at, and the last day of the tour had had to be cancelled. Mr. Nokes deplored such action, which would get the Society a bad name. The reason why there were insufficient to ring at the end of the tour was probably because it extended over a weekend. He thought that Mr. Gullick was being particularly 'sage' in not having the Norwich outing spanning over a weekend.

Mr. Nokes was concerned that the less capable ringers of the Society should be made more welcome by the more capable and not frowned upon. He asked for there to be a little more help by those who 'know' for those who don't.

He also remarked that, on the whole, attendances at practices had been good, although on Sundays there were sometimes not enough members to ring the eight. He emphasised that at all times everyone should make the optimum to attend regularly. He made frequent references to Mr. M. Jefferyes.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. J.S. Hopwood reported that the balance was slightly decreased over that of last year's. Somehow or other there had been an unaccountable loss of two pounds ten shillings. This news was received with mixed feelings.

Other circumstances which made up to the net loss, were a loss of 30/- on the dinner, and also a small loss on the tour, owing to the fact that some churches had charged ringing fees.

As had been suggested by Mr. Gullick, at the previous General Meeting, £10 of the funds had been transferred to a deposit account, thereby making some interest.

The balance sheet was made available to members of the Society (see end of minutes)

Election of Officers

There were two nominations for president: namely, the Rev. Canon G. Norburn, proposed by J.R. White and seconded by Miss G.M. James, and also Mr. J.N. Lindon, proposed by Mr. S.W. Barton and seconded by Mr. J.R. Insley. After a unanimous vote Canon Norburn was declared elected.

There were also two nominations for Ringing Master. Miss G.M. James was proposed by Mr. T.H.O. Lewis and seconded by Mr. J.R. White, and Mr. J.S. Hopwood was proposed by Mr. C.I. Rowson and

seconded by J.R. Insley. By a vote of four votes to two, with two abstentions, Miss G.M. James was declared elected.

Mr. J.S. Hopwood proposed and Mr. J.R. White seconded the nomination of Mr. T.H.O. Lewis for the post of Secretary. He was elected, unopposed.

Mr. R. Wilcox was proposed for the position of Treasurer by Mr. S.J. Gullick and seconded by Mr. C.S. Nokes. He was elected, unopposed.

The retiring Master Mr. C.S. Nokes then vacated the chair, Miss James taking over.

Any Other Business

Mr. Gullick pointed out to the meeting that a new book had been purchased for the Society accounts, and that they could be written in there, instead of in the record book.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 5.40 p.m.

Signed
G. M. James

Typed up by James Mundy, July 2023.