

The minutes of the annual general meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 1970 at 7-15 p.m. in the Parish Church Edgbaston

The meeting was opened at 7-22 pm by the Master, Miss G.M. James. The President, Canon G. Norburn was unable to attend. Apologies for absence were received from Miss J. Ashcroft there being nine members present. The minutes of the last general meeting were read by the secretary, Mr. T H O Lewis, and duly signed by the Master, Miss James. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

At 7-30 pm Mr A. Kingscote arrived and at 7-37 Mr. J.S Hopwood arrived.

Master's Report

The master began her report by lamenting the fact that the society hadn't rung any tower peals this year although a number of handbell peals had been rung. A few quarter peals had been attempted, these being rung on Sunday evenings, however only two of these have been successful so far.

Much of the progress this year has been in improving the Society's knowledge of methods. Thanks to the keenness to learn of the freshers and the valuable help of the more experienced members of the society progress had been made in surprise methods including Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.

The master then went on to say that a number of complete novices had showed interest and were now being taught to ring.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. T.H.O. Lewis for the work he did organising the dinner in his capacity as secretary to the Society. It was regretted that the Canon Norburn, president of the society, was unable to attend the dinner.

The ringing tour in Norfolk was socially successful but it was impossible to do full justice to some of the bells partly due to lack of support from the Society.

Before concluding Miss James expressed her thanks to the other officers of the society, Mr. T.H.O. Lewis and Mr. R. Wilcox, for their excellent support and good work throughout the year.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. R. Wilcox reported that the Society had made a loss of [£2. 12s-6d] on the dinner although we had made an unexplained gain of £1. We were £8 odd in credit. There were two stays broken this year one of which was paid for out of Society funds. The other was a donation from Mr. J.R. White.

There were 14 paid up members. Other than that nothing extraordinary was reported.

Election of officers

There was one nomination for president. Canon G. Norburn was proposed by Mr. J.S. Hopwood, seconded by Mr. B. Dye and elected unopposed.

Mr. J.S. Hopwood proposed Mr. P.W. Dickinson as ringing master. Mr. B. Dye seconded the nomination and Mr Dickinson was elected unopposed.

Miss L. Wilde proposed Mr. B. Dye as secretary, Miss M. Roach after being duly admitted seconded and Mr. Dye was elected unopposed.

Mr. D. Rankin proposed as treasurer by Mr. B. Dye seconded by Mr. T.H.O. Lewis was elected unopposed. The chair was then vacated by Miss James and Mr. P.W. Dickinson took over.

Any Other Business

Mr. R Wilcox gave a report on the proposed ringing tour to Derbyshire, on reading the list of towers to be visited he provoked a point from Mr. Dye about the availability of Alfreton tower as there were no ringable bells there.

Mr. R. Bradley proposed that the then rather haphazard arrangement of Sunday evening quarter peals should be made more permanent and a regular feature of the Society's activities. This was accepted by the meeting as desirable.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7-47 pm by the new master Mr. P.W. Dickinson.

Signed
B. Dye (sec)
P.W. Dickinson (master)

Typed up by James Mundy, July 2023.