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THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

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A.D. 1724.

MINUTES of the Society of Cambridge Youths, with a record of an informal meeting of friends of Bell ringing.

The usual monthly meeting of the Society of Cambridge Youths was held on Monday evening, October 24th, ¹⁹²⁷ together with gentlemen interested in Cambridge Bell Ringing invited with the Society by the Vicar of Great St Mary's to rooms in Trinity College, very kindly lent by the Rev. A.H.F. Boughey.

The members of the Society present were:-

Messrs: J. Taylor (Secretary)
P. Taylor
Y. Green
W. Eusden
W. Welch
H.J. Hayell
and R. Rayner.

The other Ringers present were:-

Messrs: Rev. R.R. Copeman (Gen^l Secy E.D.A.R.)
S.H. Wood
F.E. Haynes (Camb.Univ.Guild of Ringers)
T.R. Dennis
A.T. Chenery
A.G. Rivers
B.D. Buttress
and F.E. Kempton.

The Vicar took the Chair of the informal gathering; the desirability of creating the office of President to the Society was discussed, and the following resolutions were tabled:-

(1) "There shall be a President and a Chairman, elected from the number of the Society or from outside that body."

(2) "The President shall usually be the vicar of Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge."

The Chairman and non-members of the Cambridge Youths then retired to another room, whilst the Cambridge Youths considered the resolutions, and Mr J. Taylor shortly afterwards announced that they had passed Resolution (1) and elected the Vicar to be their President, and that the election of a Chairman would be considered at a future meeting.

The re-election as members to the Society of Messrs T.R. Dennis, A.T. Chenery, E.G. Hibbins, and F.E. Kempton was next considered, and after some discussion it was decided to re-elect them as members without fee. The re-elected members then joined the meeting of the Cambridge Youths. In the meeting of the Cambridge Youths it was recommended by the President that quarterly meetings of the Society should be held, the first one to take place in December, or early in January 1928; and that the revision of the existing rules of the Society be proceeded with as early as possible.

A vote of thanks to the President for his interest in the welfare of the Society was carried unanimously, and concluded the meeting, which broke up at 9 p.m.

P.N. Waggett
Vicar.
Dec. 19th 1927.

The usual monthly meeting was held in the Vestry of St. Marys Church on Monday 19 December 1927, at 7.30pm those present being:- Dr P. N. Waggett (President) in the chair, and Messrs J. Taylor (Secretary), P. Taylor, H. J. Hazell, W. Eusden, E. G. Hibbins, A. T. Chenery, Y. Green, W. Welch, and F. E. Kempton.

The minutes of a meeting held in Res. A. H. F. Boughey's rooms Trinity College on 24th Oct, 1927, were read, and after some discussion were agreed to by the meeting, and signed by the President.

The next business was to proceed with the election of six new members who had been proposed by E. G. Hibbins, seconded by A. T. Chenery at the previous monthly meeting held on 21st Nov. 1927, in the Belfry. Voting took place under the usual conditions with the following results:

		ages	Noes.
F. Warrington. (Longstanton)	Not elected	4	6.
C. W. Smith. (Cambridge)	Elected	6.	4.
B. D. Buttress (Fulbourn).	Not elected	5	5.*
S. H. Wood. (Cambridge Univ Guild)	Not elected	5	5.*
F. E. Haynes. (Cambridge Univ Guild)	Not elected	5	5.*
J. R. Duffield. Cambridge Univ Guild	Not elected	4	6.

* Rejected by casting vote of the Steward W. Eusden.

Whilst voting was in progress attention was drawn to the exceptional character of the power of the casting vote being vested with any but

the chairman, and also to the fact that W. Eusden had verbally intimated his desire to resign on 21st Nov. 1927, and gave a months notice from that date. The Secretary explained that the months notice did not expire till that night, and he regretted that nothing had been recorded in the minutes of the Society, and that it had not been the custom to record minutes of the business meeting. Mr Eusden was therefore allowed to vote, and recorded his casting vote in accordance with the rules of the Society, with the result as mentioned.

The next business was to fix the date of an Annual meeting sometime in January. It was decided to leave the matter open for the President to intimate when he could attend.

The President then vacated the chair, owing to previous engagements, which Mr. J. Taylor occupied in his absence. Very little was achieved except that W. Welch proposed, and Y. Green seconded that A. G. Rivers be nominated for membership. Voting will take place on Monday 16 January 1928.

The sum of £5.5 for ringing at a wedding in December, and the election of the mayor, was then divided, and all fines cleared off the books.

P. N. Waggett Sec. Jan. 16. 1928

Meeting Held. 16 January. 1928.

The usual monthly meeting of the Society, was held in the Vestry of St Marys Church on Monday 16th Jan. 1928, at 7.0 Pm, when the following members were present.

Dr. P. N. Waggett (President) in the chair, & messrs J. Taylor (Secretary), R. Taylor, W. Welch, R. Rayner, H. J. Hagell, W. Eusden, A. T. Chenery, J. R. Dennis, F. E. Kempton, and C. W. Smith.

The minutes of a meeting held on 19th Dec, 1927 were read, and confirmed. arising out of the minutes the President regretted it had not been possible yet, to convene an Annual meeting, but he hoped to do so shortly.

Considerable confusion had arisen at the meeting held 19th Dec, as to the method of voting for new members, especially as to the power of the casting vote being vested with the Steward, instead of the President. It was moved by J. R. Dennis, seconded by J. Taylor that in future when it is necessary to exercise the casting vote, when voting is equal that power shall rest with the President or Chairman, instead of the Steward. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed and seconded that the "The use of the Society's ballot box, and beans be discontinued, and voting henceforth be by show of hands"

J. Taylor moved an amendment "That in future the election of new members be by show of hands" Carried unanimously.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of A. G. Rivers proposed and seconded at a meeting held on 19 Dec.

Strong opposition to any further increase

of membership was put forward, it being urged that under the present rules, it would be unremunerative for anyone to attend paid rings. After further discussion, it was put to the vote and Mr Rivers was rejected by 5 votes to 4, messrs J. R. Dennis, W. Welch, C. W. Smith, & A. T. Chenery for, & F. E. Kempton, W. Eusden, R. Rayner, H. J. Hagell, & J. Taylor against.

The President here addressed the meeting, regretting the difficult position created.

It was moved from the chair, seconded by J. R. Dennis "That in future resignations must be given in writing to the Secretary, and when accepted by the Society shall be final. Carried unanimously.

It was agreed that a minute book be provided, for recording the minutes of the Society meetings.

The meeting then terminated at 8.30 Pm, with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

P. N. Waggett. Pres. Jan. ³⁰ 1928.

The first Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Vestry of St. Mary's Church Cambridge on Monday 30 Jan 1928, at 7.30 pm, when the following members were present:-

Dr. P. M. Waggett (President).	
Messrs J. Taylor Secy.	W. Eusden.
P. Taylor	C. W. Smith.
A. T. Chenery.	W. Welch.
H. J. Hazell	E. C. Hibbins
F. E. Kempton.	J. R. Dennis.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16th Jan, 1927 were read and confirmed.

It was proposed by W. Welch, seconded by P. Taylor that J. R. Dennis be joint Secretary with J. Taylor (Carried) Business arising out of the minutes J. R. Dennis reported that a minute book had been obtained and brought into use.

It was then moved by J. Taylor, seconded by A. T. Chenery "That the Society proceed at once to the Revision of the Rules. Carried" The new rules were then read for the first time by the President.

On the Question of general approval E. C. Hibbins proposed J. Taylor seconded that the new rules be accepted in general. Carried.

The meeting then considered the new rules in detail, and each was read out separately and voted upon.

No. 1 "That this Society be called as heretofore "The Society of Cambridge Youths" adopted.

No. 2 "That the Society have for its objects, the promotion of the art of change ringing, and ring the bells of St. Mary for Sunday evening service, on the occasion of civil and University functions, and events of

belfry of St. Mary's Church where all business shall be transacted, and all property kept. Amended. Read "business shall ordinarily"

No. 4. That this Society shall consist of an unlimited number of members, under the direction of a President (usually the Vicar), Ringing Master, Secretary and Treasurer, Steple keeper, and a Committee of three.

Amended. Add at end "5 of this number to be quorum"

No. 5. That an Annual meeting be held in January each year, when the Secretary and Treasurer shall present, and report and balance sheet, and officers described in the foregoing rule be elected to serve for the ensuing year. Adopted

No. 6. That members meet for practice every Monday evening at 7.30 pm (Bank Holidays excepted) and on Sunday evenings at 5.45 pm to ring for evening service. On practice nights if circumstances prevent the bells being rung "open" the Sea Geo Silent apparatus may be utilised if members present desire to do so.

Amended. After "present" read "so decide" add at end of rule "members whose duties forbid attendance on Sunday evening shall obtain leave of absence from the Ringing Master."

No. 7. That on the fourth Monday in every month a short business meeting be held, and ringing will be suspended at 8.30 pm, and all members must withdraw if requested by the Master. Adopted.

No. 8. That quarterly meetings be held subject to the convenience of the President when all fines shall be clear of the books.

Amended. to "The books shall be clear of all fines at

New Rules

Question.

Detail.

No 9. That any ringer desirous of becoming a member of this Society must be proposed, and seconded at a monthly meeting by two members. Voting shall take place the following month, and he shall be declared elected upon a majority of members present voting in his favour. Entrance fee to be 5/- including a book of rules. He however shall not be eligible for membership unless he is able to ring at least three courses with a working bell in a 7 or 8 bell method.

Amended. Add at end "On the motion of the President or of the Master the Society may decide to proceed to election without delay of a month." (adopted)

No 10. That under exceptional circumstances a non-resident ringer may be proposed, and elected in the belfry previous to attempting a peal, and at a subsequent meeting of the Society within one month following such attempt, the conductor or a member of the Society, must hand in the proposition for confirmation together with the entrance fee. Adopted.

No 11. That probationers shall be admitted, and given instruction, and when qualified under Rule 9, shall be admitted to membership in the ordinary way. Adopted.

No 12. That Honorary members who are not ringers may be elected under Rule 9, the fee for such election shall be 10/6.

Amended. Read "fee payable on election"

No 13. That on occasions of ringing for payment the following rates shall be in force. For ringings at £2.2 each member participating shall receive 4/- and for ringings at £3.3 or more the rate shall be 6/- per head. Not more than eight members shall receive payment at any one event, and they

shall be chosen from a schedule approved by the Comtee. Adopted.

No 14. That each member who is absent on Sunday evenings and practice nights, or who is late as prescribed in Rule 6, shall be fined 2/- on each occasion. In the case of paid ringing events late attendance will be treated as a non-attendance when the bells have gone into changes. Amended. after absent - read it "subject to rule"

No 15. That no member shall be entitled to vote on a question of finance who has met the Society less than thirty times during the previous twelve months. Adopted.

No 16. That any member who so misconducts himself in any way so as to bring discredit upon the Society, or annoyance to any of its members upon the case being fully proved before a majority of all the members, they shall have power to inflict such fine as they may think proper or to expel the persons so offending.

Amended. at end read "or to bring his case before the President for expulsion"

No 17. That the handbells shall not be taken away from the tower without the due consent of the members, and any member having such permission shall be held responsible for their safe return. Amended. Delete "due" and "members" Insert "master" for "members."

Duties of Officers Master. The Master shall attend if possible, every meeting, keep a record of all attendances, and hand over same to the Secretary, take the chair in the absence of the President, and take charge of all ringing. In his absence the Deputy Ringing Master will act.

Amended. Read it "absence a deputy ringing master" "the committee"

Secretary and Treasurer. attend to business and correspondence connected with the Society, record all fines, inform all members of any special events, and meetings of the Society, payout such sums as directed under Rule 13, and present an annual Report and Balance Sheet.

This completed the discussion of the new rules in detail, and they were then put to the vote and carried without dissent.

At this point the President had to leave the meeting, and J Taylor then took the chair.

Election of Officers. The election of officers then proceeded under the new rules.

Master. J. Taylor. Prop. by A.T. Chenery seconded C.W. Smith. Carried

Secretary & Treasurer. J. R. Dennis. Proposed by E.G. Hibbins seconded C.W. Smith. Carried.

Steeplekeeper P. Taylor. Prop. by E.G. Hibbins seconded W. Welch. Carried.

Committee of three Messrs. C.W. Smith, E.G. Hibbins & W. Welch were elected to serve.

New members It was proposed by E.G. Hibbins seconded by W. Welch, that the following ringers become members of the Society.

F. Warrington.

S. H. Wood.

B.D. Buttress

F.E. Haynes.

A.G. Rivers

J.R. Duffield.

Carried unanimously.

This concluded the business for the evening and the meeting broke up shortly before 9.0pm.

P.N. Waggett Pres. June 28. 1928.

The first monthly meeting of the Society since the revision of rules was passed, was held in the belfry of St Mary's Church, at 8.30pm on Monday 12th March 1928. Those present being:- Messrs. J. Taylor (Master) J. R. Dennis (Secy). W. Welch, H.J. Hagell, F.E. Kempton, E.G. Hibbins, A.T. Chenery, B.D. Buttress, and J.R. Duffield.

An addition to the existing set of rules was then discussed, and on the proposition of E.G. Hibbins seconded by B.D. Buttress, it was agreed that the following rule should be inserted. "That members of the University shall neither receive money for ringing on paid occasions, nor pay fines, but that in all other respects they shall be entitled to full membership of the Society." It was proposed by E.G. Hibbins seconded by W. Welch that R.R. Morgan be ~~be~~ admitted as a probationer under Rule 11 (Carried).

The meeting then terminated.

J Taylor
April 10th 1928

Meeting held Tuesday 10th April 1928

The usual monthly meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday 10th April, Monday the 9th being Easter Monday. Present Messrs J. Taylor, J. R. Dennis, P. Taylor, W. Welch, H.J. Hagell, B.D. Buttress, A.T. Chenery & W.H.J. Hooton.

Ringing was indulged in & up to 8.30pm, and a short business was held afterwards. On Monday 19th March, the bells were muffled ^{right} for on practice as a mark of respect to the late H.C. Knott Senior Churchwarden for many years. Some discussion arose over the non-attendance

the practices of the Society, since the reorganisation, and it was agreed that the Secretary be instructed to write, and ascertain if these members desired to sever their membership.

The handbells were then inspected, and it was recommended that the present set of 12 handbells should be put in order when sufficient funds are available. The meeting then concluded.

J Taylor

Meeting held Monday 7th May 1928.

The usual monthly meeting was held on Monday evening 7th May, those present being Messrs J Taylor (Master) J. Dennis (Secy), P. Taylor, W. Welch, H. J. Hazell, A. T. Chenery, E. G. Hibbins, F. E. Kempton, C. W. Smith, B. D. Buttress, & F. Warrington.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Business arising out of the minutes:- The Secretary reported that he had written to Messrs. W. Eusden, R. Rayner, and F. Warrington, concerning their continued absence from practices & meetings of the Society in accordance with the minute of the 10th April. No reply in writing had been received from Messrs Eusden & Rayner, but ^{that} P. Taylor had seen W. Eusden, who had expressed his desire to resign.

It was then moved by E. G. Hibbins seconded by C. W. Smith that the names of Messrs W. Eusden & R. Rayner be deleted from the list of ringing members. Carried.

F. Warrington who attended in person this evening explained his position to those present, and expressed a wish to become an honorary member of the Society

proposed by W. Welch and seconded by C. W. Smith, that F. Warrington become an honorary member of the Society. Carried Unanimously. The question of seniority was raised by F. E. Kempton regarding the re-elected members at the October meeting. A. T. Chenery moved that the names be placed alphabetically, but as there was no second the motion fell through. This concluded the business of the meeting.

J Taylor

Meeting held Monday 4 June 1928

A monthly meeting was held on Monday evening 4 June, after ringing for the King's Birthday. Present. Messrs J. Taylor, P. Taylor, W. Welch, Y. Green, H. J. Hazell, F. E. Kempton, J. R. Dennis, A. T. Chenery, E. G. Hibbins, C. W. Smith, B. D. Buttress, A. G. Rivers, S. K. Wood, & F. Warrington.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The ringing during the day had been of fairly good standard, and touches of Stedman, Triples, Grandsire Catens, and two courses of Grandsire Cinques marked a fitting close of the days ringing. It should be recorded that ~~a full attendance~~ of all ringing members ~~attended~~ and it is probably the first time for a great number of years that the whole twelve bells were rung on a Royal occasion.

Some discussion was raised on the question of the arrangement of ^{the} ringing roster, and it was eventually agreed that every member be recorded as present for one ringing.

Mr. Rivers gave notice of an amendment to Rule 6, and it was agreed that this be

considered at the quarterly meeting, when it was hoped the President would attend.

The Secretary was instructed to ascertain from the President a suitable date for such meeting.

The meeting then terminated at 9.0 pm.

J. Taylor

Meeting held Monday 2nd July 1928

a monthly meeting was held on Monday 2 July 1928 after ringing for practice. Present Messrs J. Taylor, P. Taylor, W. Welch, Y. Green, H. J. Hazell, F. E. Kempton, Thodennis, A. T. Chenery, C. W. Smith, B. D. Buttriss, & A. G. Rivers. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary made a statement of the financial affairs, and reported all sums due for ringing were received with exception of that due from the Borough Council. It was decided to leave the matter over till Monday 16 July.

The meeting closed at 9.0 pm.

J. Taylor

Meeting held at Monday 30th July 1928.

a monthly meeting was held on Monday evening 30th July 1928, after the usual practice. Present Messrs J. Taylor, P. Taylor, W. Welch, Y. Green, H. J. Hazell, Thodennis, E. G. Hibbins, B. D. Buttriss, & A. G. Rivers.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary reported, that all monies due to the Society had now been received, and all fines had been cleared of the books. Balance in hand on 30 July £7. 2. 8.

It was proposed by E. G. Hibbins and

Quarterly meeting 28 June 1928

The first quarterly meeting of the Society was held on the above date in the vestry of St Mary's Church, the following being present:-

Dr. P. N. Waggett (President).

J. Taylor. (Master)

Y. Green

T. R. Dennis (Secy)

A. T. Chenery

P. Taylor.

E. G. Hibbins

W. Welch

A. G. Rivers

C. W. Smith.

The minutes of the annual meeting held on 30th Jan. 1928 were read and confirmed.

A report of the progress of the Society since the introduction of the new rules was read by the Secretary, and adopted.

The new rules were read for a second time, and it was agreed that it would be desirable to condense them before printing, and the Committee was requested to go into the matter and report.

Mr. Rivers raised the question of Sunday ringing under Rule 6, and it was finally decided to delete that portion referring to fines for Sunday ringing, and that attendance on Sundays should be voluntary.

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discussion Mr. Chenery offered to get in touch
with Messrs H. J. Day & Sons of Eye Spk with
a view to ~~obtaining their~~ inspection,
and report on their condition of the bells.

The question of an outing was discussed
and it was agreed the matter be deferred,
and consider the question of a social
function during the winter months.

At this point the President vacated
the chair, and Mr. J. Taylor (Master)
carried on till the conclusion.

The list of fines was read out, ^{which}
all members subsequently cleared off
the books.

This concluded the business of the
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It was proposed by E. G. Hibbins and

melbourn Cambs, be admitted a ^{Ringing} member of
the Society. This was carried unanimously
it having been decided to proceed at once to
election, without the usual delay of a month.
The meeting terminated at 9 pm.

J. Taylor
Oh Club. night meetings 27th August, 24 Sept,
no business was transacted.

Meeting held Monday 22 October 1928

a monthly meeting was held on
Monday 22 October 1928, after ringing for
practice. Present. J. Taylor, P Taylor, W. Welch,
H. J. Hazell, ~~F. E. Hampton~~, J. Adennis, A. T. Chenery,
B. D. Buttress & A. G. Rivers.

The secretary reported that no business
was transacted on the two previous monthly
meetings, and also that a visit to inspect the
bells was proposed by Mr. H. Day of Eye Suffolk
on Monday 13th August. A telegram was
received during the day saying that Mr. Day
could not attend owing to a breakdown. Up to
the time of this meeting no further intimation
has been received of his intention to visit
Cambridge

^{Buttress seconds.}
Mr. Rivers moved, that the Secretary be
instructed to write to another bellfounder
re the condition of the bells. Carried.
This concluded the business.

J. Taylor

P. N. Wazell
Mar 11 1929

A meeting was held on Monday 19 Dec. after practice. Present: P. Taylor, W. Welch, F. E. Kempton, H. J. Hazell, Thodennis, A. T. Chenery, B. D. Buttress, & A. G. Rivers. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, and reported that messrs J. Taylor & Co. of Loughborough had been communicated with concerning the bells, but up to the present no reply has been received. Owing to the illness of Mr. J. Taylor Master of the Society further business was suspended, and the meeting adjourned till next club night.

J. Taylor

Meeting held Monday 17 Dec. 1928.

A meeting was held on Monday 17 Dec after practice. Present messrs J. Taylor, P. Taylor, W. Welch, H. J. Hazell, F. E. Kempton, Thodennis, A. T. Chenery, C. W. Smith, & B. D. Buttress. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary reported that messrs J. Taylor & Co's representative Mr. J. P. Fidler would visit Cambridge on Wednesday 19 December. It was agreed that J. Taylor, A. T. Chenery, H. J. Hazell, and E. G. Hibbins meet Mr Fidler at 9.30 am. No other business was transacted.

J. Taylor

Meeting held Monday 14 Jan. 1929.

A meeting was held on Monday 14 Jan. after practice. Present: J. Taylor, P. Taylor, W. Welch, H. J. Hazell, F. E. Kempton, Thodennis, C. W. Smith, B. D. Buttress, A. G. Rivers, & J. W. Ward. The Secretary reported, that messrs J. Taylor & Co's representative wired cancelling the visit on December 19, owing to fog, and promised to arrange an inspection of the

was received announcing Mr Fidler's intention to visit of Smarys on 4th Jan. 1929, and in accordance with that proposal he was met at the tower by, J. Taylor, E. G. Hibbins, H. J. Hazell and A. T. Chenery. A report of that inspection was not yet to hand.

The secretary announced that all fines had been cleared up to the 31st Dec. 1928, with the exception of Mr Y. Green, who is suffering from a long illness, and quite unable to attend. Mr. F. E. Kempton moved and Mr A. G. Rivers seconded that Y. Green's fines be remitted for the half year. Carried unanimously.

The secretary said he hoped to have the balance sheet ready for the members inspection on Monday 21st Jan 1929. This concluded the business.

J. Taylor

Meeting held Monday 21 Jan 1929.

A meeting was held on Monday 21 Jan after practice. Present messrs. J. Taylor, P. Taylor, W. Welch, H. J. Hazell, F. E. Kempton, Thodennis, A. T. Chenery, C. W. Smith, B. D. Buttress, A. G. Rivers, & J. W. Ward. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed.

The secretary read a report received from messrs Taylor & Co. Loughborough, with reference to the inspection of Smarys bells which took place on 4th January.

It was decided to ask messrs Taylors' representatives to meet the company on Saturday 9th Feb next, or any Saturday to be agreed upon.

the year 1928, which had been duly audited by Mr C.W. Smith, which showed a balance of £10.11.8 in hand. Mr G. Rivers moved and Mr W. Welch seconded that the balance sheet as read be approved. Carried.

It was agreed that the committee meet at St Mary's Church at 7.30 pm on Jan 28; to go into the question of the rules, and make any amendments for the final approval of the annual meeting.

It was proposed by Mr G. Rivers seconded by Mr J. Hagell. that an expression of Sincere Sympathy & Condolence be sent to Mrs Woolley and family, on their sad loss ^{by} of the death of the Rev A.R. Woolley of Long Stanton. for many years. Secretary of the Archdeaconry of Hunts, to the Ely Diocesan Association of Ringers. Carried unanimously. This concludes the business.

Committee Meeting 28 Jan. 1929.

The committee consisting of Messrs J. Taylor (Master) in the chair, J.R. Dennis (Secy) E. G. Hibbins, C.W. Smith & W. Welch, met on the above date in the belfry, for the purpose of further consideration of the rules, and offer suggestions for the Annual Meeting.

Rule 1. No alteration.

Rule 2. To stand. ^{but} add ~~after~~ after services.

The first Sunday in each month. Prof Hibbins Sec Smith

Rule 3. To stand

Rule 4. To stand

Rule 5. To stand.

Rule 6. Delete all after desire

Rule 7. To stand

Annual Report for 1928

Mr G. Rivers
& Mr W. Welch.

During the year the Society has been first and foremost of the Society, since the inauguration of new rules and methods of ringing. On the whole the Society has had a fairly successful year, and as a result of the pooling of funds, etc we now have a balance in hand of £10.11.8 up to the end of December. Suggestions for spending a portion of this sum either on an outing during the summer, or the purchase of a new bell will be welcome. Membership. The number of ^{ringing} members has been increased by one Mr J.W. Ward of Melbourn since the last report in June, and Mr R. H. Morgan probationer now shows fair proficiency in ringing the bell. There is still a shortage of young blood in the Society, may I urge all members to do their utmost to find suitable ladies to take up the art. I regret to say Mr York Green one of our old members, is still unfit to take part.

Those present being:-

President Dr P.N. Waggatt

J.R. Dennis (Secy)

E.G. Hibbins

J. Taylor (Master)

A.T. Chenery.

P. Taylor.

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Rule 4. To stand
Rule 5. To stand.
Rule 6. Delete all after desire
Rule 7. To stand

Rule 8. To stand.

Rule 9. To stand

Rule 10. To stand.

Rule 11. To stand

Rule 12. To stand.

Rule 13. Delete all after event.

Rule 14. Delete "on Sunday evenings and"

Rule 15. Delete.

Rule 16. To stand.

Rule 17. Amend to "That any member desiring to use the handbells, shall be held responsible for their safe return.

It was proposed by E. G. Hibbins seconded W. Welch the General meeting be asked to vote £1.1 to the Steeplekeeper.

It was agreed that the Secretary should obtain an estimate for reprinting the rules.

This concluded the business.

P. N. Waggett
Mar 11 1929

Annual meeting 11 March 1929.

The annual General meeting of the Society took place at the residence of the President 13 Park Terrace Cambridge on Monday evening 11 March 1929 at 6.30pm.

Those present being:-

President Dr P. N. Waggett	
Mr Dennis (key)	E. G. Hibbins
J. Taylor (master)	A. T. Chenery.
P. Taylor.	B. D. Buttress.
W. Welch.	C. W. Smith.

The minutes of the quarterly meeting

Annual Report

1928 were read and confirmed.

The Annual Report on the progress of the Society since its re-organisation in 1928, was then read by the Secretary, and after discussion was adopted unanimously.

Balance Sheet

The balance sheet which had been previously ~~been~~ audited by Mr. C. W. Smith showed a balance in hand of £10.11.8., and was passed without comment.

Election of officers

The following officers were unanimously elected to serve for the ensuing year.:-

J. Taylor. (Master)

J. Adennis. Secy & Treasurer.

J. Taylor. Stewards

Committee. Messrs C. W. Smith F.C. Hibbins & W. Welch.

Rules

The committee having been entrusted with the duty of examining the rules, and reporting thereon, ^{which} was duly carried out on 28th Jan 1929, and the minutes of that meeting were duly read and confirmed.

Rule 2. It was decided to delete all after church and to make a new rule 2A to read as follows. "The bells shall be rung on great festivals of the Church, and on the first Sunday in each month. (Carried).

Rule 17. The committee's recommendation was also accepted and that rule now reads as follows

That any member desiring to use the handbells shall be held responsible for their safe return.

Honorarium

The committee recommended that the Stewards should be paid £1.1, and on being put to the meeting was carried without dissent.

funds.

messrs.
Taylor's
Report on
Condition of
bells.

by J. Taylor that the balance of £10.11.8 be kept in hand for the present.

A lengthy report on the condition of the bells at Starys was then read and after some discussion Mr Hibbins proposed Mr. Taylor seconded "That the following resolution: That the major scheme is alone worth working for, subject to technical approval, but that the cost of levelling the tenor, and minor adjustments be ascertained. Carried.

Offer
business.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Secretary for his work during the year, and arising out of the annual Report, the continued illhealth of Mr York Green was the subject of much sympathy of all the meeting. The Secretary was instructed to write and convey the meeting's feelings and best wishes for his speedy recovery.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the President for his kindness in meeting the members at his house, and so kindly entertaining them, which was keenly appreciated.

The meeting then closed. at 8. pm.

P. N. Waggett. Pres. 17 1929

Easter Sunday. 31st March 1929.

On meeting for ringing at 9.30 am on Easter Sunday morning, it was reported by A. T. Cheney that Mr. H. J. Hagell lay very seriously ill with pneumonia. His parents having passed away a few days previously, and being in very straitened circumstances, it was decided to make a grant

him in his distress. The Secretary and the
Chenery accordingly visited him that morning,
and assured him of the company's good wishes
for his speedy recovery.

Mr President

& Brother Ringers.

In presenting the annual Report on the
working of the Society, I must first apologise for not
having held any quarterly meetings. At the end of the
June quarter our President fell seriously ill, and was
quite unable to meet us until late in the year.
In the circumstances it was ~~deemed~~ deemed advisable
to postpone the quarterly meetings until this our
annual meeting. I am sure we all rejoice to see
him restored to health, and able to preside this
evening, and express the earnest wish of us all
for his early and complete recovery.

I am pleased to be able to report a balance
in hand of £19.18.8 as against £10.11.8 last
year, and trust that this meeting will see fit to put
the money to good use.

Progress has been slow, but on the whole sure,
much more hard work however remains to be done,
and I am sure we can attain this end by
patience, and diligent practice.

Membership I regret to have to record the death of
Mr York Green who passed away last June after a

Comment.

W. Welch proposed and J. Taylor seconded
that a vote of thanks be accorded the Secretary
for presenting such a satisfactory report, and
financial statement. Carried (nem. con).

Condition of
the bells.

A further estimate from Messrs J. Taylor &
Loughborough was read. Much improvement in
the 'go' of the bells had been noticeable during the
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The Annual General Meeting of the Society took place at the residence of the President 13 Park Terrace Cambridge on Monday 17th Feb. 1930 at 6.30pm. those present being:-

President. Dr P.N. Waggett.

J.R. Dennis (Secy)

A.T. Chenery.

J. Taylor Master

A.G. Rivers.

P. Taylor.

F.E. Kempton.

W. Welch.

C.W. Smith

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on March 11th 1929, were read and confirmed.

Business rising.

Sunday Ringing Some discussion arose as to the operation of Rule 2A, and the ^{lapse} ~~absence~~ of Sunday service ringing. It was proposed by A.T. Chenery seconded by C.W. Smith that rule 2A be confirmed and that an effort be made to carry out the rule and ring for service at least once a month.

Annual Report.
Balance Sheet.

The Annual Report on the work of the Society was then read by the Secretary, and adopted.

The Balance Sheet which showed a balance in hand of £19.18-8 as against £10/11/8 the previous year, was agreed to without comment.

W. Welch proposed and J. Taylor seconded that a vote of thanks be accorded the Secretary for presenting such a satisfactory report, and financial statement. Carried (nem.con).

Condition of the bells.

A further estimate from messrs J. Taylor & Loughborough was read. Much improvement in the 'go' of the bells had been noticeable during the last 12 months, since the ^{bells} ~~question~~ were thoroughly examined by the Loughborough bellfounders, and

and fully reported upon. This was due to the combined efforts of Messrs. Ctenery, J. Taylor, & P. Taylor. It was felt that with still further care and attention, the bells could be made sealable, and that no further communication should be sent to Messrs. Taylors Co. It was mentioned by the Secretary that Mr. A. Rowell of Ipswich would probably be ^{working} in the district shortly, and would be pleased to offer any advice after inspection of the bells. It was agreed that he should be asked to ~~inspect~~ examine the bells at his convenience.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were unanimously elected to serve for the ensuing year:-

Master	Mr. J. Taylor
Secretary & Treas.	T. R. Dennis
Staplekeeper	P. Taylor
Committee	Messrs. E. W. Smith W. Welch. A. G. Rivers. (re-tires resigned).

Disposal of funds.

The Secretary then read out correspondence from the Post-office Savings Bank Dept., with a view to opening an account in the name of the Society.

In order to conform to the regulations governing the opening of such accounts, it was necessary to appoint two Trustees.

It was therefore proposed by W. Welch, seconded by C. W. Smith that the Secretary & Master should act as Trustees, and that the account be opened in due course. (Carried unanimously.)

It was proposed by A. G. Rivers seconded by the President that £10 of the balance in hand be earmarked for printing the rules, and arrangements put in hand for an outing, in the Summer months (Carried)

Honorary C. W. Smith proposed and A. G. Rivers seconded Mr. P. Taylor be paid £1.1 for his services as Staplekeeper.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the President for presiding, and his hospitality to the members assembled, ~~then~~ concluded the meeting which broke up at 8 pm.

E. C. Essex
President

Oct. 27th 1930

~~Committee~~ meeting ^{5.} May 1930. Monday.

A short meeting was held on ~~Tuesday~~ ^{Monday} 5th May after ringing for practice ~~for the Kings~~ accession. Those present were Messrs J. Taylor, A. G. Rivers, B. D. Buttress, T. R. Dennis, ~~B. D. Buttress~~ W. Welch, C. W. Smith, H. J. Haydel. It was proposed by A. G. Rivers seconded by B. D. Buttress that the following new members be put up for election:

Hon members.

W. Ayre	R. Lathbury
F. Hurry.	R. G. King.

Ordinary members.

Mr.	Fause.
	Banyard Senior
	Banyard Jr.
" W.	Ainsworth (PC)

Probationers

Mr. A.	Fabb.	} Cherryinton
	J. Quinney	
	G. Cawston	
	K. Dates.	

It was decided that these names should stand over until the next monthly meeting due on Monday June 2nd, and the voting take place on that date according to Rule 7.

~~committee meeting~~
A committee meeting was held in the belfry of St. Mary's Church at 8 pm after ringing for the Kings Accession. Present messrs J. Taylor, J. Dennis, A. G. Rivers and W. Welch.

It was proposed by A. G. Rivers that an outing take place on a Saturday in July. Route Wilburton, Haddenham, Sutton, Ely, Soham & Fordingham.

The secretary was asked to obtain particulars of cost & other details.

Meeting held Monday June 2nd 1930.

A club night meeting was held after practice at 8.30 pm. Present. J. Taylor, P. Taylor, J. Dennis, W. Welch, B. D. Buttress, H. J. Hagell, A. T. Chenery, C. W. Smith, & A. G. Rivers.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 5 May were read and confirmed.

Election of
new members.

The company at once proceeded to the election of new members who had been proposed at the previous monthly meeting in accordance with Rule 9.

Hon. members

W. Ayre. (Leverstock Green).

R. Lachbury (Cambridge).

R. G. King (Roxton).

} elected unanimously.

The ~~name~~ election of Mr. F. Hurry was held over for enquiries as to whether he desired to be an Honorary member, or ordinary Ringing member.

Ringling members

W. Faux.

S. Banyard Jr

} elected unanimously

~~ringing members~~

W. Ainsworth

Elected unanimously.

Probationers

messrs. A. Fabb, J. Quinney, G. Cawston, of Cherryhinton, and K. Oates Histon were elected probationers.

Outing.

The recommendation of the committee was the read, and it was decided to visit Ely, Littleport, Mildenhall, & Newmarket, on Saturday July 13, starting at 1.30 pm.

The secretary was instructed to obtain all particulars as to cost, and use of the bells at the various churches, and rep. at the next club night meeting.

This concludes the business of the even
J Taylor

Meeting held Monday 30 June 1930.

A club night meeting was held at 8.30 pm. after practice. Present J. Taylor, J. Dennis, W. Welch, A. G. Rivers, B. D. Buttress, H. J. Hagell, C. W. Smith, W. Ainsworth, S. Banyard & J. Quinney.

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 2nd June were read and confirmed.

Outing.

The secretary then read out the correspondence received in connection with the outing, and it was finally agreed that the outing takes place on the 19th July, and that Ely, Littleport, Mildenhall, and Newmarket be the places visited.

New member.

Mr. Rivers proposed and B. D. Buttress seconded that Mr. F. Hurry be elected a ringing member of the Society (Carried)

Sunday Ringing

It was decided that the company meet for ringing for Sunday Service 6th July.

a club night meeting was held at 8.30pm. those present being, J. Taylor, P. Taylor, W. Welch, H. J. Ha gell, F. E. Kempton, T. R. Dennis, A. T. Chenery, C. W. Smith, B. D. Buttress, A. G. Rivers, S. Banger, & J. Quiney.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Monday 30th June, had not been recorded, and the secretary after expressing his regret for the oversight, proceeded to read an extract of the business which took place, which was accepted by the company present.

Conduct. Mr. Chenery drew attention to the conduct of Mr. Kempton, at a previous practice night, and after raising the question, as regards the necessity of all members when present, to participate in ringing if requested to do so by the company. After some discussion Mr. Kempton's explanation was accepted, and the matter dropped.

It was proposed by B. D. Buttress and seconded by C. W. Smith that ~~Mr.~~ J. W. Ward be asked to explain his position as regards membership, and the secretary was instructed to write him with this view. (Carried).

J. Quiney. ^{A. G. Rivers} ^{B. D. Buttress} seconded that J. Quiney become a full ringing member of the Society. (Carried unan).

This concluded the business of the meeting
J. Taylor

A club night meeting was held at 8.30pm those present being J. Taylor, P. Taylor, W. Welch, H. J. Ha gell, A. T. Chenery, B. D. Buttress, A. G. Rivers, F. Hurry, S. Banger & J. Quiney.

The minutes of the meetings held on 30th & 28th July were read and confirmed.

A statement of accounts for the outing on 19th July was passed without comment.

The appointment of the Rev. F. C. Co to be vicar of St. Mary's in place of the Rev. P. N. Waggett who resigned in July 1900 announced, and it was proposed that the Society attempt a peal on the bells, when he is inducted on Sept. 29th, the peal to take place the following evening on account of lateness of the hour the service ends. (Agreed).

The secretary reported that Mr. J. Ward had been written to regarding his membership, but no reply had been given in writing. It was proposed by B. D. Buttress ^{together with me} seconded by A. T. Chenery that Mr. Ward's name be erased from the membership list. (Carried).

Mr. Ainsworth having intimated that he found it very difficult to attend the meetings of the Society, & desired to be placed on the honorary members list, it was decided to accede to his wishes.

Mr. R. G. King's The Secretary was instructed to Mr. R. G. King, with a view to getting in his subscription.

This concluded the business of the meeting.
J. Taylor

A quarterly meeting was held in the vestry of St Mary's church at 7pm on Monday Oct 24th those present being:-

Rev. E. C. Essex. (Vicar).

J. Taylor (Master).

F. E. Kempton.

J. R. Dennis (Secy)

C. W. Smith.

R. Taylor.

S. Banyard.

A. G. Rivers

A. Tabb.

F. Hurry.

J. Quinney.

W. Welch.

A. T. Cheney.

The Master, Mr. J. Taylor in opening the meeting alluded to the resignation of Dr. P. N. Waggett, the first President of the Society, through ill health, and expressed the hope that his successor Rev. E. C. Essex, would consent to become President in accordance with Rule 5. This having been obtained, it was proposed by J. Taylor, seconded by J. R. Dennis, and carried unanimously that Rev. E. C. Essex be President.

The President then addressed the meeting from the Chair, expressing his good wishes for the continued success of the Society, and that there would be many merry peals rung during his incumbency, as he was very fond of the bells.

The minutes of the annual meeting held on Feb. 17th 1930, at the residence of Dr P. N. Waggett were read and confirmed.

A short report on the work of the Society since the annual meeting was read by the Secretary and adopted.

arising out of the report, mention was made of the illness, and resignation of our

Brother Reapers.

Since the annual meeting last February, when our first President Dr P. N. Waggett met us at his house, it has not been possible to hold any quarterly meetings. As we are all aware illness has prevented him from taking part in any further discussions of the Society. We sincerely regret that his illness has necessitated his withdrawal from all work in Cambridge. Our sincerest thanks are due to him for his kindly interest in the Society, and our best wishes for his recovery in his retirement. We have now to welcome his successor tonight, and trust his Presidency will be a long and a happy one.

outing Our first outing took place on July 19, when ten of the company were able to take part, although only a half day excursion, quite a lot of ground was covered in the short time at our disposal, Ely, Littleport, Mildenhall, & Newmarket being visited. All and sundry agreed that an excellent time had been spent, and that next year trip should be a longer one if possible.

membership There has been one or two withdrawals from the company, messrs Wall and Ainsworth, withdrawing from the active list. New Ringing members elected were messrs Tava, Quinney Banyard & Hurry.

Sunday Ringing It is still necessary to remind the company that the bells should be rung more frequently for the Sunday evening service, and with the increased membership it should be possible to ring for service more than once a month.

Condition of the bells The "Go" of the bells continues to improve under the direction of messrs Cheney & Taylor, and most of gloomy forebodings of having the bells hang in, will I hope soon be a thing of the past.

Rules The time has come when we must get a move on, and there are no further alterations desired they will be printed as soon as possible.

In conclusion I trust the company will continue to prosper, until we get the whole lot going to St. Mary's etc for Sunday service, and other occasions.

Yours Fraternally
J. R. Dennis. Secy

February 9th 1931.

C. W. Smith

The annual meeting of the Society was held in the Vestry of St Mary's Church, on Monday 9 Feb. 1931 at 8.15 pm. Those present being.

The President Rev. E.C. Essex.

Miss J. Taylor (Master)

B. D. Butress

J. Dennis (Secy)

C.W. Smith.

W. Welch.

S. Baryard

H. J. Hagell.

W. Fausc.

A.T. Chenery.

J. Quinney

P. Taylor. (Staplekeeper).

F. Hurry.

A. G. Rivers

A. Fabb.

The minutes of the Quarterly meeting held in the Vestry on Monday 27th Oct 1930, were read and confirmed.

Report &

Balance Sheet.

The Secretary then read the Annual Report & Balance Sheet which showed a balance in hand at the Bank of £21.6.2 and cash in hand £1.14.11.

arising out of the report the Secretary read a letter, received in reply to one sent to Dr. P.N. Waggett our late President condoling with him in his serious illness, and expressing thanks for his past kindnesses and help. The Secretary was instructed to convey the meetings good wishes for his continued progress, and to inform him of the progress of the Society

after further discussion on the report Mr Welch moved and Mr Rivers seconded that the report, be adopted (Carried unanimously).

Election of Officers.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then proceeded as follows:

Master J. Taylor. Prop. C.W. Smith seconded W. Welch.

Mr. President

& Brother Ringers

In presenting my second Annual Report, there will be some items which I mentioned in my quarterly report last Oct, but I will endeavour to refer to them in the briefest possible manner.

To refer to our late President Dr. P.N. Waggett, the charming letter received from his sister, in response to a minute in the quarterly meeting last Oct, shows that he has not forgotten us in his illness, and desires to be kept in touch with the doings of the Society, illustrating the keen interest he took in us.

I am pleased to be able to report a balance in hand of £23.3.1, as compared with £19.8.8 last year. The small increase in the balance in hand in comparison with the previous year is explained by the outlay expenses, and the absence of a ringing for the Assizes.

membership During the past year our membership has increased by five, and the number of active members now stands at four. Sunday Ringing Since the alteration of the Rule last October, making the 1st & 3rd Sundays in each month ringing occasions all have been well attended, and the majority of those who value have turned up. on Wednesday we were able to muster ten for the 10am celebration.

General Progress On the whole the Society is forging ahead, and although we get occasional scrappy practices, I am pleased to say that the 12 bells have been requisitioned on quite a number of occasions of late. To mark the passing of the old year, we were able to score a 5/47 of Grand sire Cates, under the able conduct of C.W. Smith, a near achievement after a lapse of 78 years. This effort should spur one and all on to better things, and help to make the Society famous.

as a result of a recent Division Ringers meeting in Cambridge more is likely to be made to restore St Benedicts bells, a memorial to John Stedman, the father of Change Ringing, and a Cambridge man. If these matters it should have our warmest support, both from a practical and financial standpoint.

In conclusion I must thank all for their loyal support in the past, and express my best wishes for a successful years work.

Yours faithfully
J. Dennis - Secy

Condolence from the Society.

The meeting then broke up after a hearty vote of thanks to the President, who close with prayer at 9.45pm.

It was proposed by A.T. Chenery, seconded by C.W. Smith that the Staplekeeper be voted £1.1 for his services

Carried. 25th 1931 G. C. G. O. X.

A club-night meeting was held at 8.30pm Monday 1st June in the Belfry of St Marys those present being:-

A.T. Chenery.	A. G. Rivers. (in the chair)
C.W. Smith.	W. Fausc.
J. Quinney.	J. Hurry.
A. Falt.	B. D. Buttress.
S. Banyard.	H. J. Hazell.
J. Dennis.	

Deputy
Master.

It was proposed by A.T. Chenery seconded by B.D. Buttress that Mr. C.W. Smith act as Deputy Master in the absence of Mr. J. Taylor who is seriously ill.

Outing.

It was agreed that the Annual Outing of the Society should take place on Saturday 18 July. and that the route should be Bury St. Edmunds, Leavenham, Sudbury, Long Melford, and Clare, starting time leaving headquarters at 8 a.m.

Invitations to be issued to all hon members ^{C.W. Smith}

Steward
Bell Fund.

It was proposed by ^{C.W. Smith} ~~A.T. Chenery~~ seconded by ~~S. Banyard~~ ^{J. Dennis} that the Society give a donation of £2.2. towards the fund for restoring St Benets bells. Mr. A.G. Rivers moved as an amendment ~~that~~ seconded by B.D. Buttress that £1.10. be the amount. a ~~third~~ second amendment. was moved by A.T. Chenery seconded by S. Banyard that £2.2 be given. On being put to the vote, the amount of £2.2 was eventually carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

confirmed
29/6/32

A quarterly meeting of the Society was held at the residence of the President, Rev E.C. Essex on Thursday June 25th at 7.30pm, after the conclusion of a very successful garden party which had been held in the early afternoon, and evening, to which members of the Society had been kindly invited ~~by the Vice~~

Unfortunately it was not possible to give a selection on the records, owing to lack of space and thus provide a fitting close to the party but it is hoped members will bear this in mind for the future. The meeting ^{then} proceeded the following quorum being present:-

President Rev E.C. Essex

J. Dennis Secy.

W. Welch

A.G. Rivers.

C.W. Smith.

The minutes of the annual meeting held in the vestry of St Marys on Feb. 9 were read & confirmed.

It had been agreed that the Society give £2.2 to the restoration fund now being raised by the Central Council for the purpose of putting the bells of St Benet in ringing order.

The minute of the Club night meeting 1 June, was thereupon confirmed and carried without dissent.

A peal board ^{feather} handsomely illuminate has been presented to the Society, and ^{was} has been in the belfry in May. on the motion of C.W. Smith seconded by A.G. Rivers a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. H. B. Roderick ^{formerly vicar of Walsden} for his kindness in defraying the cost of the work, was carried.

The peal board represents two peals, rung ^{by members of the}

...the centenary of the
Society of foundation of the Society.

Reference was also made to the continued illness of Mr. John Taylor, our respected master, and the secretary was instructed to convey the meetings best wishes to him, and regret that he was unable to be present.

This concluded the business of the meeting, and after returning thanks to the President for kindness & hospitality the meeting then dispersed.

E. C. Wells

October 19th 1931

Monthly meeting 29 June 1931

A club night meeting was held at 8.30pm Monday 29 June in the belfry of St. Marys those present being.

Messrs B.D. Buttress

R. Dennis.	A.T. Chenery
H.J. Hazell.	J.W.R. Quinney.
W. Fane.	A. Fabb.
A.G. Rivers.	P. Taylor.
F. Hurry.	C.W. Smith.
S. Banyard	

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 June were read & confirmed

The final arrangements for the outing to take place on the 18 July, were discussed, and it was agreed to visit the towers in the following order: Clare, Long Melford, Sudbury, Lavenham & Bury St Eds

The question of the failure to of members of the Society, to do any handbell ringing at the Garden Party held at the Vicarage was next

discussed, but no decision was reached.

Mr. Buttress proposed & Mr Banyard seconded that Mr. A. Fabb, become a full member of the Society (carried).

Mr. Banyard proposed & Mr Hazell seconded that the Master Mr. John Taylor be remitted all fees for the ~~quarter~~ half year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

C. W. Smith
27/7/31

Monday, Oct. 5th 1931

A short meeting was held after ringing on Monday 5th Oct. in the belfry of St. Marys those present being.

Messrs C.W. Smith Deputy Master

Mr Dennis Secretary	J.W.R. Quinney.
A.T. Chenery.	P. Taylor.
A.G. Rivers	F.E. Hempton.
F. Hurry.	B.D. Buttress
S. Banyard.	

The question of payment for ringing for the Vice-Chancellor was brought up, and it was insufficient numbers present to ring 8-bells. Mr. Banyard's late attendance for ringing was discussed, and on the proposition of Mr Rivers seconded by P. Taylor, it was decided to pay him half fees.

A letter was read from F. Dench of Saffron Walden, applying for the use of the bells on Bowing Day next. Mr Chenery spoke to some length, on the method pursued by Mr Dench, in obtaining the use of the bells direct from the Vicar instead of passing his application

at the tactics employed. This was supported by Messrs Rivers & Buttress. On the proposition of Mr ^{Chenery} Rivers seconded by Mr. Rivers, that the Vicar be asked to withdraw this permission, with a view to the Society arranging a peal attempt on that day. (Carried).

It was decided to call a quarterly meeting on Monday Oct 19th, when this matter would be brought up. This concluded the business of the meeting.

Quarterly meeting 19 Oct. 1931

A quarterly meeting of the Society was held in the Vestry of St Marys at 8pm on Monday Oct 19. Those present being

Rev. E. C. Essex President	
Th. Dennis (Secy.).	F. E. Kempton.
C. W. Ross Smith (Master). ^{deputy}	J. W. Duimney
A. G. Rivers	S. Banyard.
H. J. Hagell.	A. Fath
P. Taylor.	G. Cawston
B. D. Buttress	H. Faus.

The minutes of the last Quarterly meeting held at the Vicarage on June 25, 1931 were read and confirmed.

A quarterly report on the progress of the Society was read by the Secretary and adopted. Arising out of the report Mr Rivers emphasised the necessity of getting on with handbell practice both as a means to improving the knowledge of method ringing, and also from the musical point of view in tune ringing.

The question of a peal attempt on

many views of members of the Society, on Dec 26, was next discussed, and it was decided that the attempt be made if sufficient members were available. An application from a member of the Saffron Walden Society, ^{for use of the bus on Boxing Day.} which had been dealt with by the Committee at the Vicarage the previous Friday, was brought up, and the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Dench expressing the Society's regret at the unfortunate misunderstanding, and to express the desire for that the cordial relationship between the two Societies may still continue.

Proposed by C. W. Smith seconded by B. D. Buttress. (Carried)

The Secretary who offered to resign off was asked to continue in office till the Annual meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting. Mention was made by Mr Smith regarding the arrangements for the forthcoming St Marys Tercentenary arrangements on Dec 5th next, and to ascertain what part members of the Society would be expected to take regarding those arrangements. Mr. Buttress presumed that the arrangements would be in the hands of the Central Council Committee, and would be duly announced in columns of the Ringing World. The Secretary said that so far as was known, and had been printed in the Ringing World, that arrangements would be made for a subscription lunch or dinner, and generally entertaining the visitors, and as many members of the Society who could find the time an opportunity to assist in this work.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Quarterly report.
Mr President & Members.

In presenting my quarterly report there has been little change since we met last time. Practices have been regular, and on very few Mondays has there been no ringing. There still is great room for improvement in the quality of the ringing and although there have been occasional bursts of good ringing, there remains much that could be improved upon. Twelve bell ringing seems as far away as ever, and only on one occasion since the Annual Meeting has any twelve bell ringing ^{really} been successfully handled, namely in August when some old members of the University Guild joined us in a touch of Grandsire Cinqs.

A peal of Stedman Paters was attempted in September by members of the Society, and although going well for half an hour, came to grief shortly after.

A combined band from Saffron Walden and Cambridge youths attempted the same peal a week or so later, but was also unsuccessful after 45 minutes ringing.

The need for greater concentration on the methods attempted is more than ever apparent before success will show itself. Let us hope all of us will join in in an attempt to put matters right.

As regards the outing, everyone who went agreed that a most happy day had been spent, and was thoroughly enjoyed. Many more happy days in the country I hope will be spent by our members as time goes on, and arrangements should be put in hand early for

next years outing.

Sunday ringing has been well maintained and we ~~were~~ ^{were} able with outside assistance, keep to our 1st & 3rd Sundays, with a fair amount of regularity. I would, however, prefer to see all our own members fulfilling the task they set themselves to. In passing we were able to utilize the Sunday mornings during September, the 6th being free by there being no services at 11. This can perhaps be repeated when the occasions come along.

In spite of the ups and downs that exist, I still hope that complete unity & accord will prevail throughout the comp. Our respected Master (Mr J. Taylor) still lies on his sick bed, and welcomes news of the Society is progressing. He wishes to express his deepest gratitude to the members for the gift of a guinea, and also for their card of remembrance when on the outing.

Monday November 23rd 1931.

A meeting was held in the belfry of Great St Marys Church (after ringing) on Monday Nov. 23rd 1931 at 8.15 pm. to meet the President (Rev E. C. Essex) members present being Messrs G. W. Smith, T. Taylor, A. G. Rive, J. Hampton, J. Quinney, A. Lobb, S. Banyard and H. J. Hazell.

The President in opening the meeting referred to the indisposition of the Secy (Mr J. R. D.) who is at present under medical care.

As it was unlikely that Mr Dennis would

we will for some time & had consented to a deputy carrying out his duties temporarily, Mr Rivers proposed and Mr Quinney seconded that Mr Hazell be asked to carry on this duty until such time as Mr Dennis should be able to return to the belfry. On being put to the vote this was carried.

Mr Hazell accepting office was then instructed to write Miss Dennis & express the feeling of the members for herself & her Brother.

In view of the Stedman Tercentenary taking place in Cambridge on December 5th it was decided that it was necessary to purchase 3 new ropes.

The President promised to approach the Parochial Church Council in regard to payment.

It was proposed by B. W. Smith & seconded by S. Banyard that J. Kempton & P. Taylor be paid 5/- each for muffling the bells of St Andrew the Great on the occasion of the attempt for a muffled peal of Grandure Triples as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. G. D. S. Davies.

The meeting closed with a prayer for our Secy in his illness & a thanksgiving for God's gift of health.

E. C. Gussie

May 6th 1932

President

one annual meeting. Friday May 6th 1932

The Annual Meeting was held in the Church on Friday May 6th 1932. — A vote of thanks was passed to the Parochial Church Council for supply three new bell ropes.

The balance-sheet was approved of by on the proposition of S. Banyard seconded by A. G. Rivers.

There was an air of regret at the meeting that the resignation of Mr Da from the office of secretary had been deemed necessary owing to his health and the meeting expressed a hope that he would soon be restored.

It was proposed by Mr J. Chinery and seconded by W. Gaux, supported by A. G. Rivers that Mr B. W. Smith be elected Ringing Master.

A. G. Rivers proposed and J. Hurry seconded that H. J. Hazell be appointed secretary. This was supported by B. W. Smith.

A. G. Rivers proposed and J. Hurry seconded that B. W. Smith be appointed trustee (irrespective of office as Ringing Master) and H. J. Hazell as secretary be the other trustee.

The committee was then elected.

S. Banyard proposed and W. Gaux seconded that A. G. Rivers be elected.

A. G. Rivers proposed and J. Hurry seconded that J. Chinery be elected.

P. Taylor proposed and A. G. Rivers seconded that S. Banyard should also be elected

Members present

B. W. Smith
A. G. Rivers
W. Gaux
S. Banyard
J. Chinery
J. Hurry
H. J. Hazell

These three names were then coupled with those of the master and secretary to constitute a committee of five.

This was carried.

Mr Smith proposed and H Hazell seconded that an honorarium of one guinea be given P Taylor for his services as steeple-keeper, also that one guinea be sent to Mrs J Taylor as a remembrance of the great work done by the late Mr Taylor for the society.

It was proposed by S. Banyard and seconded by A. G. Rivers that E Gawston be elected a ringing member of the Society. This concluded the business of the meeting.

E. C Essex
Feb. 20th 1933

Committee meeting Monday May 30th

The committee held a meeting after ringing on Monday May 30th those present being Messrs G W Smith (Master) H Hazell (Secy) A G Rivers, T Chenery and S Banyard.

It was decided that it was necessary to put into print the revised rules. The secretary was instructed to attend to this matter after they had been read over on the following Friday evening. ~~when~~

Printing
Rules

~~Other members of the company would be present.~~

NOTICE
BOARD

It was proposed that a notice board be erected in the belfry to which should be attached all notices of coming events.

It was also proposed that a meeting of all the members should be held on the ^{4th} Monday in each month.

MONTHLY
MEETING

RECORD OF
SOCIETY
PEAL

Mr T Chenery expressed his wish that the peal of Grandsire Cater rung by the society on December 31. 1930 be shown in the minute book.

OUTING

July 9th

The route chosen for this year's outing is a part of Northamptonshire and Messrs Chenery & Hazell were asked to corroborate in selecting six towers in that area.

The secy was instructed to write Mr J. Ware ~~and~~ inviting him to join the society on the outing as an absearation. At his

assistance in Sunday Ringing on many occasions. This concluded the business of the meeting.

A Teal of Grandure Coaters 5, 14 changes; was rung by the following members of the Society of Cambridge Youths on Wednesday, December 31st 1930, in 3 Hours and 28 minutes:-

Walter Laux... Treble	J. Reginald Dennis...
Stanley Banyard 2	G. Wm Smith....
Wilfred Hooton 3	A. George Rivers....
Basil Buttress 4	Harold J. Hazell....
A. Tom Chenery 5	James W. R. Quinney-Tens

Conducted by G. W. Smith.

Monthly meeting for May (June 6th 1932)

C.W. Smith (Master)
W. Welch
S. Banyard
J. Quinney
A. G. Rivers
I. R. Dennis
E. Lawton
J. Hazell (Secy)
Cutting

The monthly meeting for May was held on June 6th owing to the committee meeting being held on the fourth Monday in May.

Mr S. Banyard proposed and I. R. Dennis seconded that we have an outing and the date fixed for this year was Saturday July 9th.

The secretary stated that he had made a list of towers which Mr. Chenery had assisted in selecting and they were then brought before the members for approval.

The secretary was then instructed to write the incumbents with a view to obtaining the use of the bells at Thrapston, Kettering, Rothwell, Burton Latimer, Higham Ferrers and Raunds. At the request of the Secy:

Mr A. G. Rivers proposed and E. Lawton seconded that Mr P. D. Bangs (senr) be elected an honorary ringing member of the society (carried)

Mr I. R. Dennis proposed and W. Welch seconded that Mr J. F. Rickman also be elected an honorary ringing member (carried). This concluded the business.

Monthly Meeting held 28/10/32.

The Master reported that Mr Hazell had tendered his resignation as Secy & Treasurer owing to him taking up an appointment in London.

Mr Rivers proposed and Mr Chenery seconded that his resignation be accepted and owing to the changing of the Bank Trustees the Master was asked to carry on until the end of the Year.

E.C.E.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. FEB. 20/1933.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in the Vestry of St Mary's Church on Monday Feb 20th at 7.30 p.m. Those present being

The President (The Vicar).

Messrs C.W. Smith

Rev. B. F. Shepherd. (Cent. Univ. Guild)

I. R. Dennis.

J. Hurry

J. Quinney.

A. J. Hazell

P. Taylor.

A. T. Chenery

F. E. Kempton.

B. D. Buttress.

The minutes of the last annual meeting held May 6th 1932 were read and confirmed.

The Balance Sheet which showed a sum of £15. 1. 7. in hand was then read and adopted. ^{F. Hurry} on the proposition of ~~A. J. Hazell~~ seconded by A. J. Hazell. A vote of thanks to the auditor was carried nem con on the proposition of B. D. Buttress seconded by A. T. Chenery.

Master.

It was proposed by I. R. Dennis seconded by A. J. Hazell that C. W. Smith be Master for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

Secretary
& Treasurer

It was proposed by C. W. Smith seconded by B. D. Buttress that Mr. I. R. Dennis fill that office

new hon
ringing
members

Committee.

The following were nominated to serve on the Committee.

A. J. Rivers Prop. Hurry Seconded Buttress
A. T. Cheney Prop. Buttress Seconded Quinney
J. Quinney Prop. Smith Seconded Buttress.
all three were unanimously elected to serve.

Rule. 14.

Suspension of

Mr. Smith drew attention to Rule 14, and suggested that as an experiment fines for non-attendance on practice nights be suspended during the year, relying on ^{the} interest and goodwill of the membership to attend as usual for combined practice.

Steeple-keeper.
Gratuity.

on the motion of C. W. Smith seconded by J. Quinney a gratuity of £1-1. was voted to Mr. P. Taylor for his services as Steeple keeper.

At this juncture Rev. B. F. Shepherd thanked the meeting for inviting him to attend, mentioning that the Cambridge University Guild were always glad to assist the Society on various occasions, and they hoped soon to have the Seaps Silent apparatus put in order. This was suitably replied to by the Master & Chairman. President.

Tenor
Bell.

Mr. Cheney also raised the question of the Tenor not going as nicely as she should, and on his proposition seconded by B. D. Buttress it was resolved that the Committee look into the matter, and report later.

Probationary
member.

on the proposition of B. D. Buttress seconded by J. R. Dennis. that Mr. Roger Ireland. be invited to become a probationer, with a view to becoming a Sunday, ringers.

During the meeting the importance of securing further members, and learner was stressed and the President promised

to do all he could to further that end by using the Parish magazine etc.

A quiet and to be hoped purposeful meeting was then closed by the President with the Blessing at 9 p.m.

E. C. Essex

Jan 9th 1934

Club night meeting Monday March 6th. 1933.

A short meeting was held in the Belfry of St. Mary's Church after practice at 8.30 p.m. to consider the report of Messrs Gillett & Johnston Bellfounders Craydon on the condition of the Tenor bell, and tender for carrying out the work of re-hanging the bell in ball-bearings.

Tenor Bell
Cost of
Rehanging
Same in main
Ball-bearing
Renewable
Steel gudgeons
etc.

£24.

Copy filed.

Present.	C. W. Smith Master	A. T. Cheney.
	J. R. Dennis Secy.	J. Quinney.
	P. Taylor. S.K.	F. Hurry.
	B. D. Buttress.	H. J. Hazell.

The report and estimate having been examined by all present, it was proposed by J. Quinney seconded by B. D. Buttress that the sum of £8 be contributed by the Society from its funds towards the cost of carrying out the work, if and when the Church Council decide to have the work carried out. (Carries unanimously).

It was also agreed to ask Mr. Roger Ireland. who was present, whether he desired to become a probationary member of the Society to which he assented and was duly elected on condition that he assisted with the Sunday evening ringing as far as possible.

This closed the business of the meeting.

E. C. Essex

Jan 9th 1934

Special Meeting Sunday Nov. 12. 1933.
main minutes.

After ringing for the Armistice Service reference was made to the serious illness of Mr. A.G. Rivers a member of this Society and it was proposed by the Master C.W. Smith seconded by A.T. Cheney, that the sum of £1.1. (one guinea) be voted from the funds to assist him in his illness.

E. C. Essex

Jan^y 9th 1934

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 9 Jan 1934

The Annual Meeting of the Society took place on Tuesday evening 9th January 1934, in the Vestry of Gt. St. Marys at 7.30pm those present being.

The President Rev. E. C. Essex Vicar

C.W. Smith (Master)	F.E. Kempton
J.R. Dennis (Secretary)	W.H. J. Hooton
P. Taylor (Steeplekeeper)	H.J. Hayell
B.D. Buttriss	F. Hurry
A.T. Cheney	G. Clark

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Feb 26, 1933 were read & confirmed.

The Annual Report & Balance Sheet which showed a balance of £14.6.4, was read and adopted after discussion.

Election of Officers. The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year.

Master, C.W. Smith Proposed by F.E. Kempton Seconded by B.D. Buttriss
Secretary & Treasurer A.T. Cheney Prop. B.D. Buttriss Sec. C.W. Smith.
Committee P. Taylor. Prop. C.W. Smith Sec. F. Hurry.
J. Quinny. " F. Hurry Sec. B.D. Buttriss.
F. Hurry. " C.W. Smith Sec. B.D. Buttriss.

Mr. A.G.
Rivers
Illness

During the meeting mention was made of Mr. A.G. Rivers serious illness, which prevented him from being present that evening, and the Secretary was

... the Committee to the R. ... the Committee sympathy

Steeplekeeper
gratuitly.

and best wishes for his recovery, and a further sum of £1.1. was voted to assist him in his illness.

On the proposition of Mr C.W. Smith seconded by F.E. Kempton, the sum of £1.1. was voted to Mr P. Taylor for his services as Steeplekeeper.

A letter of thanks, from the Treasurer (Mr R. Fen) of the Gt. St. Marys Parochial Council, was read for the donation of £8 towards the cost of re-hanging the Tenor bell in Ball Bearings, with the result that the bell goes considerably better.

After discussion on the question of ringing on Sundays for service the meeting closed at 8.30 with the Blessing.

E. C. Essex

March 4th 1935.

Annual General Meeting Monday 4th March 1935

The annual meeting of the Society took place on Monday evening 4th March 1935 in the Vestry of Gt. St. Marys at 8 o'clock those present being. The President Rev E.C. Essex Vicar

C.W. Smith (Master)	J.R. Dennis
A.T. Cheney (Secretary)	H.J. Hayell
P. Taylor (Steeplekeeper)	F. Hurry
B.D. Buttriss. W. Lane.	J. Quinney

The minutes of the annual meeting held on Jan 9th 1934 were read & confirmed

The annual Report & Balance sheet which showed a balance of £12.14.12 was read and adopted after discussion

Election of
Officers

The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year
Master C.W. Smith. Proposed by F. Hurry. seconded B.D. Buttriss
Secretary & Treasurer A.T. Cheney Proposed by C.W. Smith seconded by W. Lane

Committed V. Taylor
J. Quinney, Proprietor, C. Smith (Sec) B. Butters
J. Hurry

Matting
for Belfry

This was left to the Officers. It has now been purchased & laid cost placed in this years account.

New Ropes

It was suggested by the President that the Church Council be approached with regards to purchasing 6 new ropes: The Church paying two thirds the Society paying one third: This was agreed too by a letter from Mr G. H. Spooner (Sec)

Steeple Keeper
Fratuity

The usual £1/1/- was voted to Mr P Taylor for the office of Steeple Keeper.

Ringings
for Jubilee

Further discussion took place in the Ringing for the approaching Jubilee: When the meeting was closed with the Vicar's Blessing.

C. Smith
4/3/36

Report for 1934. 1935.

The year has been a quiet one, three peals has been attempted by mixed bands one a Peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (The first on the Bells in Surprise Major)

An outing was arranged for Sep 24th to Eye, Balgrave & Diss which was successful & enjoyable, our courtesy was extended to outside friends who contributed towards the expenses: We have done our best to carry out the usual obligations: hope the company

our services were requested when Mr King George visited the town to open the New University Library. I also thank the Company for their support. It would be nice to see a few new members join up it would add to the goodwill of ringing in the District: We deeply regret the passing away of two members A. G. Briers who will be greatly missed by all. The company extend their thanks to the President Rev C. B. Essex for taking part at the interment (Yt St Mary's Bells were rang. muffled in the evening). Harry Mansfield (Sec) was a very old member but owing to infirmity had not taken a very active part in recent years but had figured largely in his younger days in all the notable fine bell performances at Old Chuterline: Owing to the bells at that church being under repair muffled ringing could not take place.

C. Smith
4/3/36