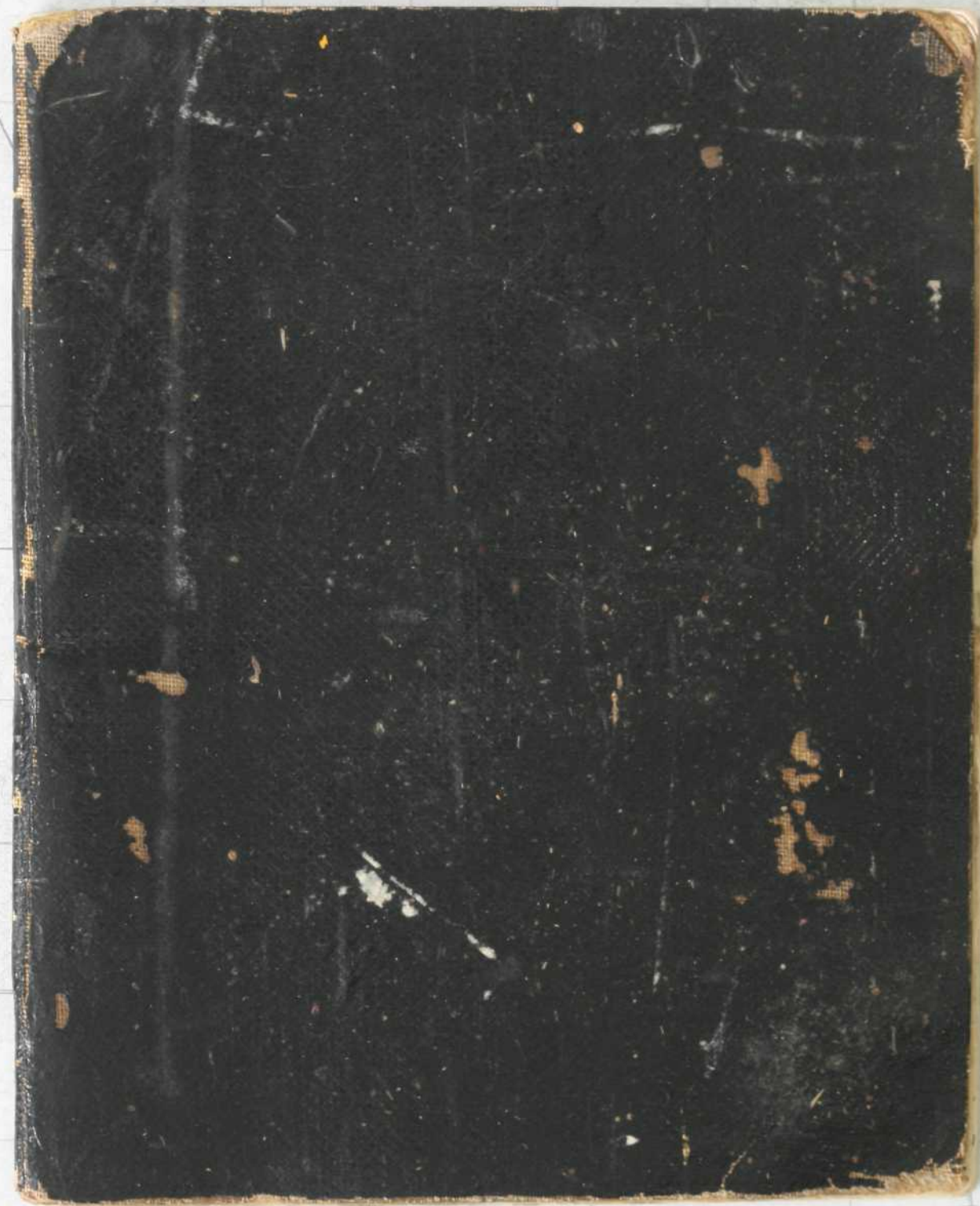




St Andrew's Parish Church

Ringers Book.

Sept 1895.

Rules drawn up at a meeting of the Ringers with the
Vicar & Churchwardens on Monday Sept: 9th 1895.

Rules

1. That the ^{a Belfry Keeper by} Head-Ringer appointed by the
Vicar and Churchwardens be in charge
of the Belfry, and responsible to them
for all that goes on it, seeing that the
Rules are duly observed
2. That a Captain be elected by the Ringers
who shall act as Deputy to the Head Ringer
and be responsible ^{for the Ringers & Belfry} in his absence
^{for the general conduct of the Ringers.}
3. That the Band of Ringers consist of
Honorary Members, 8 Ordinary Members
and ^{a Junior Ringer} 6 Probationers, whose names shall
be posted in the Belfry. All members
must be men of good character,
approved by the Vicar and at least one
Churchwarden, and attendants as a
rule at the Public worship of the
Church.

Rules

4. That Practice be held every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to ^{8.30 P.M.} 9 o'clock, except during Lent or when a case of sickness or death may prevent.

5. That the Bells be ^{rung} chimed for services on ^{Commencing at 10.30 & 6 P.M.} Sunday, Christmas Day, & Ascension Day and ^{rung} on Christmas Day Easter Day Ascension Day, Whitsunday, on Old Year's night- ^{muffled} and New Year's morning (open), and such other times as the Vicar and Churchwardens may arrange with the Ringers.

6. When ringing is required for a wedding or other special occasion, due notice of the time shall be given by the Head ^{Caller} Ringer to each Ordinary member, and the charges shall be as follows :- For touches throughout the day not less than £2-2-0 during half the day - 1-10-0 for an hour at any time ~~of the day~~ between 12 and 2 o'clock. ^{W.T.A.} 1-1-0

* See minutes June 26th 1912.

For each Ringing shall be called before the Capt & the person or persons requiring the same, & due notice of each must be given.

* For changes in charges for 8 Bells See minutes June 26th 1912

* For application to Mr. G. Gay see minutes June 26th 1912

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Rules

7. That the following fines be imposed and entered in a Book by the Head-Ringer or his Deputy -

For being absent or more than 10 minutes } 3.
Late at Practice

* For absence from chiming for either } 2
service on Sunday } ~~2~~ ² _{See Minutes Jan 3-06}

For absence on any of the occasions } 3
under Rule 5.

For leaving before the Bells are down } 6.
without the consent of the Head-Ringer
or his Deputy

For carelessly breaking a stay or slider 6

8. That fees received for special occasions when work is lost, be shared the same day amongst those present by the Head-Ringer or the Captain,

* any who are late for the first peal only receiving a half share; that a record of all such fees be kept, and that the Balance of all other

Rules

14 See Minutes Jan 3rd 1906 "That if a member be absent from the Belfry for four consecutive Sundays without a satisfactory reason he shall cease to be a member."

15 See Minutes Jan 2nd 1907. "That when a vacancy occurs, a new member shall be elected for three months trial, ^{but} ~~and~~ if his ringing is not found satisfactory he will not be elected as an ^{ordinary} ~~regular~~ member, ^{though he will} ~~be~~ paid his share of any money available for the three months."

8. money received for the common fund be divided amongst the Ordinary ^{Senior} Members at the Annual Meeting in January ^{near}, deducting fines, all accounts passing the Vicar and Churchwardens.

9. That Members only be allowed in the Belfry when ringing is going on.

10. That no drinking, smoking, bad language, loud talking, or irreverent conduct be allowed in the Belfry on any consideration, and that all hats shall be taken off in the Belfry as well as in the Church.

11. That any member entering the Belfry in a state of intoxication, shall be dismissed from the Band, and forfeit all claim to any money which would have come to his share.

Thomas Voysey	Ringers
Henry J. Mills	"
William H. Cornhill	"
Geo. Sharnam	"
A. R. Mitchell	"
Thomas Voysey	" Aug 5 th 1911
W. H. Parr	" Jan 1912
G. G. Parr	" " "
Richard Bowling	" June 29 1912
H. J. Lurray	Dec 29 th 1915
W. N. Gay	Started Dec 31 st 1914
G. Ryder	" Dec 31 st 1914
J. Marks	" }
H. Lurray	Dec 21 1921.
W. C. Stoner	Dec 19 1922.
W. Corneil	" 20 1925.
W. Wills	" 24 1925.
J. Knill	Dec 24 1924
W. Shortland	" " "
W. Lambhead	Dec 24 1935

Rules

12. That any question of dispute be referred to the Vicar and Churchwardens, whose decision shall be binding.
13. That these Rules be agreed to and signed by every member in a book kept for that purpose.

W. P. Alford	Vicar
John S. Whidborne	Churchwardens
Warwick C. Tapper	Ringers

George Gay	Ringers
George Marchant	"
William Chapman	"
Henry Hill	"
Henry Buckland	"
William Montrose	"
Arthur Beavis	"
John Davis	"

Jan 3rd 1896.

A meeting of the Ringers was held on Jan 3rd 1896 in the Vestry, the Vicar in the Chair. The Collection showed a Total of £12-13-0.

After deducting 10 p.c. for the Collectors the sum of £11-7-9 was divided equally amongst the 8 Ringers. Fines were then deducted and shared equally.

W.P. Alford (Chairman)

On Jan 6th 1897.

A meeting was held in the Vestry at 8.30 p.m. the Vicar in the Chair. After deducting for the Collector's Commission on the sum of collected, the remainder was shared amongst the 8 Ringers. Fines were deducted which were also shared equally afterwards.

W.P. Alford (Chairman)

On Jan 5th 1898

A meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry at 7.30 pm. the Vicar in the Chair. After deducting Collector's Commission on the sum collected the money was equally divided between the 8 Ringers. Fines were then paid in and the sum equally divided.

W.P. Alford

Jan 11th 1899

A meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry on Jan 11th 1899 at 8 pm. present Messrs Marchant, Hill, Davis, Buckland, Knappman & Gay: the Vicar in the Chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The sum collected was £12-13-0. After deducting Commission £1-5-0 for Collector the money was equally divided between the 8 Ringers. Fines were then paid ~~as follows~~ and the proceeds equally divided.

Mr Tom Vozey was then elected to fill the

place of Mr Kentsber resigned who had left Dawlish. As there were several volunteers willing to learn ringing it was decided to form a second Band of 8 Ringers as Probationers, the regular Ringers promising to help teach them. It was decided that the Rules of the Belfry should be adhered to by probationers; that the matter of fines be left in their own hands, except that 1/- fine be imposed for splicing a rope if broken, 6/- for carelessly breaking a stay or slider.

W.P. Alford.

Jan 10th 1900

A meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry on Wed. Jan 10th at 8 pm. present Messrs Gay, Marchant, Knappman, Davis, Hill & Davis, the Vicar in the Chair. The sum collected was £11-14-0. After deducting Collector's Commission £1-2-6

the money was equally divided between the 8 Ringers. Fines were then paid and the proceeds equally divided.

The Junior Band of Ringers having made good progress during the year an Anonymous Donor had generously given them £2-2-0 to have a supper together, and to give them the opportunity of inviting the Senior Band who had so kindly helped them in every way during the year. The supper was held on Tuesday Jan 2nd. 1900.

The names of the Junior Band are as follows
Rev H.L. Keelan, R. Ward W. Cornelius
W. Marchant, F Blackmore, Crook
Wills Roach

W.P. Alford

Mr. Voysey was ringing in place of Mr. Kentisbore who had left the town

W.P. Alford

Jan 9th 1901.

A Meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry on Wed. Jan 9th at 8 p.m. present - Messrs Marchant, Knopman, Beavis, Hill, Wills, and Voysey, the Vicar in the Chair.

The sum collected was £12-1-3 after deducting Collectors Commission £1-4-0 the money was equally divided between the 8 Ringers. The fines were then paid & the proceeds divided. The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. The meeting recorded with regret the death of Mr Buckland during the past year. It was resolved to ask Mr Davis to resign as he had rarely been in the Belfry during the last 4 months, and Mr W. Cornelius was elected in his place, Mr Wills having taken the place of Mr Buckland. The 3 new members signed the Rules, Thomas Voysey, Henry J. Wills, and William H. Cornelius. Some changes were recorded

in the Junior Band who now consisted of the following Rev L. Keelan, J. Blackmore, Crook, Frank Parr, Weeks, Criddiford & Mayne.

W.P. Alford

Jan 8th 1902.

A meeting of Ringers was held Jan 8th 1902 in the Vestry at 8.30. present Messrs Marchant, Knapsman, Hill, Cornelius, & Wills, & the Vicar in the Chair. The sum collected was £12-3-6: after deducting ^{Collector's} Commission £1-4-0, the sum of £10-19-6 was divided amongst the eight Ringers. The fines were paid & the proceeds divided equally as usual.

Jan 7th 1903.

A meeting of the Ringers was held Jan 7th 1903 in the Vestry at 8.15. present - Messrs Marchant, Knapsman, Hill, Beavis, Wills, Vozny, Gay, Cornelius & the Vicar in the Chair. The sum collected was £12: after deducting Collector's Commission £1-4-0 the sum of £10-16-0 was divided amongst the eight Ringers. The fines were paid and the proceeds equally divided as usual. The Ringers drew attention to Rule 6, saying that half a days work may be lost if one hour's ringing is called for in the middle of the morning. It was suggested that the last words "of the day" be replaced by the words "between 12 and 2 o'clock". All present agreed to this, & the Vicar said he would ask the Churchwardens if they had any objection to the alteration, & if not the Rule should be altered accordingly. The Vicar handed over the sum of 5/6 received from the Rev V.L. Keelan

being fines from the Junior Band. The money was handed to W. Marchant for repairing a stay & splicing 2 ropes damaged by the Junior Band at the time of their practising.
Signed Jan 6th 1904 W.P. Alford (Chairman)

Jan 6th 1904

A meeting of the Ringers was held on Wed. Jan 6th at 8.15 p.m. in the Parish Church Vestry, present Messrs Marchant, Knapman, Hill, Wills, Voysey, Cornelius, Gay, & the Vicar in the Chair. The sum collected was £11-15-0. After deducting £1-3-6 for collector's commission the remainder was equally divided amongst the 8 Ringers. The fines were then paid in and the money divided as usual. The meeting then adjourned.
Jan 5th 1905. W.P. Alford (Chairman)

Jan 4th 1905

A meeting of the Ringers was held on Wed. Jan 4th 1905 at 8.15. present Messrs Marchant, Knappman, Hill, Wills, Vorse, Cornelius, Beavis, Gay & the Vicar in the Chair. The sum collected was £13. After deducting £1-6-0 for Collector's Commission the remainder was equally divided between the 8 ringers. The fines were then paid in and the money divided as usual. The Vicar thanked the Ringers for their services during the year and the meeting adjourned.

Jan: 3rd 1906. Rev. H. B. Hammond
Chairman

A Meeting of the Ringers was held on Wednesday Jan: 3rd 1906 at 8.30 in the Parish Church Vestry. Present Messrs: Marchant, Hill, Gay, Beavis, Wills, Cornelius - Rev. H. B. Hammond in the Chair, in the absence of the Vicar, who was away for his health.

The sum collected was £13. 4. 6, and
after deducting £1. 6. 6 for Commission, a
balance of £11. 18^s/- was left for division.
This was divided into 8 shares of £1. 9. 9.
The ~~seven~~^{six} members present having received
their shares, it was resolved that, Thomas
Voysey having ceased to ring from the end of
Sept., and having notified his intention of
ceasing to be a member, he should be paid
 $\frac{3}{4}$ of his share amounting to £1. 2. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ & the
balance of his share should be paid to S. Sherwin
who had been ringing in his place. This was
accordingly done. It was also resolved
that Mr. Hoapuanui's share be paid him in full,
owing to his illness, which had prevented him
from attending for some time. The members
present paid in their fines, which were divided.

It was resolved that the fine for being
absent at chiming on Sundays be altered
from 1^d to 2^d for each service, and that

Rule 7 be altered accordingly.

It was also resolved that if a member be absent from the helpy for four ^{consecutive} ~~consecutive~~ Sundays, without giving a satisfactory reason he shall cease to be a member.

It was resolved that Mr. John Sharam be elected a member of the Band in the place of Thomas Vysey.

Mr. Sharam accepted the position and signed the Rules.

W. P. Atford. Jan 2nd 1907.

Wed. Jan 2nd 1907.

A meeting of the Ringers was held on Wed Jan 2nd 1907 at 8.30 p.m. Present; Messrs Marchant, Gay, Beavis, Hill, Wells, Cornelius, Sharam and the Vicar in the Chair. The sum collected was £13-12-6 After deducting the collector's commission £1-7-0 the remainder was equally divided between the Ringers

for the time being 7 in number. The fines were then paid in and the money divided as usual. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed. Mr. W. H. Cornelius resigned his position as a Ringer owing to its sometimes interfering with his work. Mr. Hill proposed & Mr. Gay seconded the following new Rule "That when a vacancy occurs a new member shall be elected for 3 months trial, and if his ringing is not found satisfactory he will not be elected as a regular member but paid his share of any money available for the 3 months." This was carried unanimously and entered in the Rules as No. 15. Mr. A. R. Mitchell was then elected for 3 months trial in the place of Mr. W. H. Cornelius, and he signed the Rules. The Vicar thanked the Ringers for their services during the past year.

Dec 31st 1907. W. P. Alford - Vicar

Tuesday, Dec 31st 1907.

A meeting of the Ringers was held on Tuesday Dec 31st at 8 p.m. present - Messrs Marchant, Beavis, Hill, Wills, Sharam & Mitchell, and the Vicar in the Chair. The sum collected was £13-17-6. After deducting £1-7-6 commission for collector £12-10-0 was divided amongst the Ringers, at present 7 in number. The fines were then paid in and equally divided as usual. The Vicar thanked the Ringers for their services during the past year and said he hoped all would be regular in their places in Church.

Henry B. Hammond.
Dec. 31. 08.

A Meeting of the Ringers was held on Thursday Dec: 31st 1908 - present Res: A. A. Hammond, Messrs G. Marchant, H. Hill, L. Sherrin, A. Beavis, R. Mitchell, J. Wells & G. Gay. Mr Gay showed that the sum of £13.9⁰ had been collected and after deducting £1.7⁰ for Communion there was a balance to be divided of £12.2⁰. This was then shared amongst the seven Ringers, giving £1.14.7 each. Mr G. Marchant produced a statement of fines, which were duly paid and divided as usual. Mr Hammond thanked the Ringers, and more especially for their readiness in foregoing practice during Mr. Home's illness. Mr Gay also produced a letter of thanks from Mr. Home.

Dec 31st 1909 W. P. Alford.

A Meeting of the Ringers was held on Friday Dec 31st at 7.40 pm. 1909. present Messrs G. Marchant, H. Hill, A. Beavis, J. Sherrin, R. Mitchell, J. Wells, & G. Gay, with the Vicar in the Chair. The sum collected at Christmas amounted to £13-0-6. After deducting the Collector's Commission £1-6-0 the remaining £11.14.6 was equally divided amongst the 7 Ringers £1-13-6 each. The fines for absences were then paid in and the total 14/-3 was shared as usual. The Vicar thanked the Ringers for their services during the year & said the early ringing on the Great Festivals was appreciated.

W. P. Alford Jan 4th 1911.

Jan 4th 1911.

1911 A meeting of the Ringers was held at the Vicarage on Wednesday Jan 4th 1911 at 8 p.m. present - Messrs G. Marchant, H. Hill, A. Beavis, R. Mitchell, G. Wills, J. Sherrin & G. Gay with the Vicar in the Chair. The sum collected at Christmas amounted to £13-13-6.

After deducting the Collector's Commission of £1-7-0 the remaining £12-6-6 was equally divided amongst the 7 Ringers £1-15-2½ each. The fines for absences were then paid in and amounted to 14/8. This was divided as usual 2/ each.

Mr. Marchant proposed that Mr. Merritt be asked to fill the vacancy of the 8th place in the Band of Ringers, saying that he had done much to help the junior band & often helped the Senior band.

This was seconded by Mr. Hill & carried unanimously. The Vicar was asked to

write to Mr. Merritt & ~~ask~~ invite him to join the Senior Band. Mr. Marchant reported that it would be necessary to get some more young men to join the juniors if they were to be kept going. The Vicar expressed his thanks to the Ringers for their willing services and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding.

Signed W.P. Alford
Augst 2nd 1911.

N.B. Mr. Merritt was unable to join the Band of Senior Ringers though willing to help in any way. He was asked therefore to Captain the Junior Band.

W.P. Alford
Augst 2nd 1911.

May 23rd 1911.

A meeting of the Junior Band of Ringers was held on Tuesday Evg May 23rd 1911, to consider the application of the Rules to the Junior Band. The following points were decided unanimously.

1. Rule 4. That the practice night of the Juniors should be Tuesday.
2. Rule 7. That the following fines be imposed and entered in a book by the Captain.
For being more than 10 minutes late at a practice 1st Absent - 2nd.
3. That at present it be left with the Captain to consider any reasonable cause making it impossible for a member to be present.
4. That Rule 14 be applied to the Juniors with regard to absence from practice.
All the Junior Ringers named on the opposite page were present together with Mr. G. Marchant - Captain of the Senior Band. The Vicar presided.

May 23rd 1911.

Captain } Mr. Merrett.
7 Junior Band. }

Members	Stanley Crook	Killed in action
	Wilfred Gay	Seniors
	W. H. Pass	
	G. Ryder	Seniors
	G. Sanders	
	W. R. Williams	
	E. Bolt	
	C. Cawley	
	J. Pass	
	<u>Rev H. W. Williams</u>	

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. G. Marchant for the help he had so kindly given to the Junior Band.

Aug^{2nd} 1911.

A meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry on Aug^{2nd} 1911, present, Messrs G. Gay, G. Marchant, H. Hill, A. Beavis, H. Wills. Mr. A.R. Dawney Churchwarden & the Vicar in the Chair. The two new bells being hung it was necessary to elect at least one new member to make the 8. Mr. Gay prop^d & Mr. Beavis sec^d that Mr. Tom Vozze be asked to join them again. Mr. Marchant prop^d as an amendment that the first offer sh^d be given to Messrs F and W.H. Parr as members of the Junior Band. This was seconded by Mr. Hill. The amendment was lost ~~and~~ by 3 votes to 2 and the original motion was carried. It was mentioned that Mr. Sharron was often unable to be at practice as he was now working at Hexton. It was decided to go on with 8 Ringers at present as Mr. Merritt was willing to assist when

required. Then at Christmas they could consider whether further additions were necessary. Arrangements for the dedication of the new Bells on Sunday Evng Aug^{6th} were then made. The Bells to be set singly before the service, and a short peal to be rung immediately after the dedication before the sermon, and again after the service.

W.P. Alford
Jan 3rd 1912.

Jan 3rd - 1912.

A meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry on Wed. ~~Jan 3rd~~ Jan 3rd 1912 present - Messrs G. Gay, G. Marchant, H. Hill, A. Beavis, H. Wills, A. R. Millicott, T. Vozey, and the Vicar in the Chair. The sum collected at Christmas amounted to £12-6-0. After deducting the Collectors' Commission £1-4-6 the remaining £11-1-6 was divided into 7 shares of £1-11-7. As J. Sharam had given up at the beginning of August - and T. Vozey had then been elected, one share was divided between these two in proportion to the months each had belonged to the Band. The fines were then paid in and shared as usual equally.

Mr. A. Beavis said he wished to resign his place in the Band as his health was not as strong as it used to be. He said he should always take an interest in the ringing and would assist when needed as far as health

permitted. The Vicar expressed his sincere regret at Mr. Beavis's resignation. It was proposed by Mr. Marchant - & seconded by Mr. Gay that J. Parr and W. H. Parr be asked to join the Band, this was carried unanimously. It was also resolved to again ask Mr. Merritt if he would be able to join the Band as well as to Captain the junior Band.

It was resolved that Mr. Marchant & Mr. Merritt should make enquiries about further recruits for the junior Band and that J. Parr & W. H. Parr be asked to still practice with the juniors for the present - to keep the junior band together. Some discussion took place with regard to improving both ringing and chiming, and the chief point was the need of regularity of attendance.

W. P. Alfred

Jan 1st 1913.

June 19th 1912.

A Special Meeting was held on Wed. June 19th 1912 to elect another Ringer to fill the 9th place. Present Messrs G. Gay, G. Marchant, H. Hill, H. J. Wills, A. R. Mitchell, T. Voysey, W. H. Parr, F. G. Parr, Mr. A. R. Tawney, Churchwarden, and the Vicar in the Chair.

It was resolved to give the first opportunity to Mr. E. Bolt and Mr. G. Ryder of the Junior Band, and if both were willing that they should draw lots for the vacancy. If neither were willing that the vacancy be offered to Mr. Cowling.

Some discussion followed upon Rules 8 and 6. and it was resolved to hold a meeting on Wed. June 26th to consider whether the Heads Mr. G. Gay should be exempt from the first peal at a wedding or lose a half share like the rest if unable to ring. Also to consider the increase of the charges for

a wedding or other special occasion now that there are 8 Bells from £2-2-0 to £2-10-0 for touches throughout the day, from £1-10-0 to £1-15-0 for half day when only half day's work is lost - i.e. before dinner or after dinner, and from £1-1-0 to £1-5-0 for one hour any time between 12 and 2 p.m.

W. P. Alford. June 26th 1912.

June 26th 1912

A Special Meeting was held on Wed. June 26th 1912 in accordance with the decision of the meeting on June 19th. Present Messrs G. Gay, G. Marchant, H. Hill, H. J. Wills, A. R. Mitchell, T. Voysey, W. H. Parr, F. G. Parr, and the Vicar in the Chair. The Vicar reported that he had written to Mr. E. Bolt & Mr. G. Ryder telling them of the resolution of the previous meeting & had received replies in each case saying they preferred for the present to remain

in the junior band. He then wrote to Mr. Cowling who ~~wrote~~ ^{replied} accepting the vacancy. The Vicar drew attention to the fact - that the ^{election of the} last 4 Ringers ~~elect~~ since Rule 15 was made Jan 2nd 1907 had never been formally ^{confirmed} ~~elect~~ after their 3 months trial. It was proposed by Mr. H. Hill, & seconded by Mr. G. Gay that Mr. A. R. Mitchell, Thomas Voysey, W. H. Parr, and J. G. Parr be formally elected members of the Senior Band in accordance with Rule 15. This was carried unanimously.

* Mr. H. Hill then proposed & Mr. G. Marchant seconded that Mr. G. Gay be exempt from the first peal at a Wedding and allowed 10 minutes in the case of a funeral Knell. Carried unanimously. *

Mr. T. Voysey proposed & Mr. A. R. Mitchell seconded that Mr. G. Gay be fined if absent on Sundays as other members, but that allowance be made for his duties in the

* Church when present. Carried rem. com. It was also unanimously resolved that the charges for a wedding or other special occasion in Rule 6 be raised now that there are 8 Bells from not less than £2-2-0 to not less than £2-10-0 for touches throughout the day, from not less than £1-10-0 to not less than £1-15-0 for half day when only half a days work is lost - i.e. before dinner or after dinner, and from not less than £1-1-0 to not less than £1-5-0 for one hour at any time between 12 and 2 pm.

Mr. G. Marchant - Captain expressed a wish that when the Rules are re-written for the Belfry it should be stated what hour the bells should be rung at the greater Festivals. It was also stated that removing muffers when the Bells are set on Old Year's night - was not without some danger now there are ^{two new} ~~eight~~ bells above the rest.

It was decided not to muffle them under present conditions on old year's night.

L.P. Alford Vicar
Jan 1st 1913.

Jan 1st 1913.

The annual meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry on Wed. Jan. 1st 1913. present Messrs G. Gay, G. Marchant - H. Hill, H. Wills, A.R. Mitchell, T. Vozsey, F. Parr, W.H. Parr and R. Cowling and the Vicar in the Chair. The minutes of the last annual meeting on Jan 3rd 1912 were read ^{& confirmed} also the minutes of the Special meetings on June 19th and June 26th. The sum collected at Christmas amounted to £12-10-0. After deducting the Collector's Commission £1-5-9 the remaining £11-12-3 was equally divided into 9 shares. Mr. Cowling who had only joined in June received half a share

the other half together with the fines being again divided in the same way. Mr. Cowling's election as a member of the Band was confirmed. Mr. G. Marchant proposed that a foot note be added to Rule 7. "That any member under the Doctor be exempt from fines". He explained that now there are 9 members the fine for absence from practice and chiming would amount to more than a member would receive for being present, and though this might be no hardship when absent for other causes, it was hard that a man should be fined for being ill. This was seconded by Mr. H. Hill and carried unanimously. Mr. G. Marchant reported that the rope of No. 4 Bell had several times gone wrong & on one occasion had hurt his hand. He had not hitherto been able to discover the cause, but was going to make further investigation. The Vicar

said he would not finally settle Mr Aggitts acc't for re-hanging the Bells till this was put right. Mr D. Anderson of the Clipp was present - as a visitor bringing the Rules which he had had typed and framed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Anderson for his kind gift to the Belfry.

Dec 30th 1913 W.P. Alford. (Vicar)

Dec 31st 1913.

The Annual Meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry on Wed. Dec 31st at 9 p.m. present - Messrs G. Gay, G. Marchant, H. Hill, A.R. Mitchell, T. Vozsey, F. Parr, ~~and~~ W.H. Parr and H. Wills, and the Vicar in the Chair. ~~also~~ Mr. A.R. Tawney Churchwarden ^{was also present}. The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. The sum collected

at Christmas amounted to £13-19-6. After deducting the Collector's commission £1-8-0 the remaining £12-11-6 was divided into 9 shares. Mr. Cowling who left Dawlish in Sept^r received $\frac{3}{4}$ of a share, the other quarter together with the fines being divided in the same way.

Mr. A.R. Mitchell said he was sorry he must resign his position as a Ringer owing to his work. This with Mr. Cowling's leaving, left 2 vacancies. It was decided to offer the Junior Band to elect two to fill these vacancies, and if they were not both filled from the Junior Band, then to invite Mr. Beavis to join the Ringers again.

It was agreed that it would be advisable to invite members of the Junior Band to join in the Sunday chiming sometimes to give them practice in chiming.

N.B. The two elected by the Junior Band to fill the vacancies were Mr. G. Ryder and Mr. W. Gay.

Dec 31st 1914. W.P. Alford

Thursday Dec 31st 1914

The Annual Meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry on ~~Thursday~~ Dec 31st at 7.30. present Messrs G. Gay, G. Marchant, H. Hill, T. Vozey, J. Parr, W.H. Parr, H. Wills, G. Ryder, ~~and~~ W. Gay, and the Vicar in the Chair. The sum collected at Christmas amounted to £14-2-6 After deducting the Collector's Commission £1-8-3 the remaining £12-14-3 was divided into 9 shares of £1-8-3 each. Fines were then paid in and divided. The two new members elected ^{for 3 months trial} last year Mr G. Ryder & Mr W. Gay were finally elected in accordance with Rule 15.

The Vicar thanked the Ringers for all their services during the past year and especially for ~~the~~ ringing voluntarily for the Bishop's Visit to ~~the~~ ^{dedicate} the S. Chapel on All Saints Day.

L.O. Afford
(Vicar)

Wednesday Dec 29th 1915.

The Annual Meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry on Wednesday Dec 29th at 8 pm present Messrs G. Gay, G. Marchant, H. Hill, H. Wills, J. Parr, W.H. Parr, G. Ryder, W. Gay, and C. Curry, and the Vicar in the Chair. The sum collected at Christmas amounted to £12-13-0. After deducting the Collector's Commission of £1-5-0 the remaining £11-8-0 was divided into 9 shares of £1-5-4 each. T. Vozey who had resigned through ill-health at Christmas received three-quarters of a share and C. Curry who had taken his place received one quarter. Fines were then paid in and divided. C. Curry who had now rung with the seniors for 3 months (Rule 15) was elected as a member and signed the Rules. Owing to illness in the Barton Villas, the Bells had recently been rung only once a week. Now this was passed it was decided until Lent to hold

the junior practice weekly and the Senior practice fortnightly. Changes were noted in the Junior Band ~~through~~ from various causes. The names at present are as follows Mr. Merrett (Captain.)

E. Boff, a marks, R. Stookes, S. Brown, W. Stoneman (now at the Drill) and E. Curry. The Vicar thanked the Ringers for all their willing services during the past year.

Monday 31st Dec 1914

The annual meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry of the Parish Church. Present the Vicar in the chair, Messrs J. H. Marland, Ryder, Carr, Merrett & H. Hill. The amount of the annual collection amounted to £11.7.6 after deducting the collectors Commission the sum of £10.5.0 was divided into 9 parts & distributed among the Ringers, it being unanimously agreed that the 3 Ringers serving their King & Country should receive their share, i.e. Messrs Carr, Curry & J. H. Hill. The fines for non attendance at practice & service were then pooled and divided among the Ringers actually present. It was decided that the Captain of the Junior Band should invite Mr. Collins of Oaklands to become one of its members. The Vicar thanked the Ringers for their services during the past year & especially for ringing some special peals during the year.

J. H. Marland

Vicar

31/12/14.

Tuesday 31st Dec 1918.

The annual meeting of the Ropers was held in the Parish Church Vestry on the above date. Present the Vicar in the Chair Messrs Gay, Rider, Parr Marks & Hill. The Captain of the band was not able to be present owing to illness. The amount of the annual collection amounted to £13.19.6. After deducting the Collector's Commission the sum of £12.11.6 was divided among the Ropers. It was again decided that the 2 members of the Band Messrs Curry & Gay who were serving in the Army should receive their share.

The fines for non attendance were paid & divided amongst those present.

The Vicar thanked the Ropers for their regular attendance & for their readiness to ring the special peals when requested.

J. Simmons
31 Dec 1918.

Tuesday 31st Dec 1919.

The annual meeting of the Ropers was held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on the above date. Present the Vicar in the Chair Messrs Gay, W. Gay, Parr, Marks, ^{Marshall} Hill, Hills & Curry. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read & confirmed. The Vicar welcomed back to the Band of Ropers Messrs Curry & W. Gay who had been serving the colours during the war. The Vicar read a letter he had received from the Secy of the Mid Devon branch of the Guild of Troopmaster Ropers as to the possibility of the Band being taken up as a scientific troop after some discussion the Chairman was requested to reply that the Band as at present constituted prepared to ring and present by the call of the Captain.

The annual collection amounted to £13.10.0 after the deduction of the Collector's commission the sum of £12.3.0 was divided between the Ropers. The fines for non attendance were paid & also divided. The Vicar specially complimented the Band on their excellent ringing for the orderliness in the Ropes & for the many special peals rung during the past year.

J. Simmons

31-12-20

Wednesday June 2nd 1920.

A meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on the above date, the Vicar presiding. There were present Messrs Marchant, Parr, Marks, Hill, J. Fay & W. Fay, Wills Ryder.

After some discussion as to Mr J. Fay's position among the Ringers especially with regard to the Chiming at the Sunday Services the following resolution moved by Mr Hill & seconded by Mr Parr was carried unanimously.

That Mr J. Fay be relieved of the work of Chiming & that he relinquishes his share in the annual Collection for the Ringers, but that on the occasion of a Wedding peal or Funeral Knell he be one of the Ringers taking his share, that he be exempted from the weekly practices unless he cares to attend.

J. Simmons

31.12.20.

Wednesday Dec 22 1920

The annual meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on the above date the Vicar presiding. There were present Messrs Marchant Parr Mark Hill J. Fay & W. Fay, Wills, Rider.

The annual collection amounted to £12.3.6 which less the Communion amounted to £10.19.6.

This sum was divided amongst the Ringers Messrs J. Fay & W. Fay taking a half share each.

The fines were paid & distributed to them present.

The Vicar thanked the Band of Ringers for their services during the year.

J. Simmons.

20/12/21.

Wednesday 21. Dec 1921.

The annual meeting of the Ringers was held in the Parish
Ch. Vestry on the above date. Present the Vicar in the
Chair Messrs W. Jay, Marchant, A. Marks, J. Marks
J. Parr, J. Ryder & E. Currey.

The collection for the Ringers amounted to £13. 14. 6
which less commission for collecting £1. 7. 6 produced
£12. 7. 0. This was divided into 8 shares of £1. 10. 8½
each. One share was divided as follows ⅓ to the Vicar
of the late H. Hill died & 2⅓ to Mr J. Marks who
has taken his place.

The fines amounted to £1. 2. 5 & was divided as
usual between the Ringers.

Mr Marchant proposed & Mr W. Jay seconded the
formal election of Messrs E. Currey & J. Marks to
the Ringing Band, this was carried unanimously &
both the men named signed the rolls.

It was also agreed that Mr Storeman should be
received for 3 months on trial & if satisfactory to
be elected at a later date.

The Vicar thanked the Ringers for their services

during the past year, the Captain replying on
behalf of the ringers.

J. Simmons

19. 12. 22.

Wednesday 20 December 1922.

The Ringers annual meeting was held in the Vestry
of the Parish Church on the above date at 4 P.M. Present,
the Vicar in the Chair Messrs W. Jay, Marchant, A. Marks
J. Marks J. Parr J. Ryder E. Currey & W. C. Storeman.
Mr J. Jay was also present.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were
read & confirmed.

The annual collection amounted to £13. 9. 6
which less commission for collecting (£1. 7. 0) left £12. 2. 6
for division. This sum produced £1. 10. 4 for each of
the 8 Ringers.

The fines amounted to 10/- this also according to the
usual custom was divided among the ringers present.
Mr Marchant proposed & Mr Currey seconded a resolution wh.
was unanimously carried that Mr W. C. Storeman be

Elected as a permanent member of the band of Ringers.
Mr Stoneman afterwards signed the Rules.

The Vicar thanked the ringers for their services during the past year.

F. Simmons

24.12.23.

The annual meeting of the Ringers was held in the Parish Ch. Vestry on Monday 24 Dec 1923. Present the Vicar in the Chair, Messrs A Marks, J. Marks of Marchmont & Parr of Rydes. W. Jay & W. C. Stoneman. Mr Curray was prevented from being present owing to the illness of his wife. Mr G. Jay was also absent through illness.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr Marchmont reported the formation of a former Band which at present were using the Bells muffled. The annual collection amounted to £12.16.0 after deducting the Collectors commission the sum

of £11.10.6 remained for division among the 8 Ringers

The fines for non attendance amounted to 10/5 which as usual was divided between those present.

The Vicar expressed his thanks to the Ringers for their work during the year.

F. Simmons

23.12.24.

The annual meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on Tuesday 23 Dec 1924. Present the Vicar in the Chair, Messrs A & J Marks of Marchmont & Parr of Rydes. N. Stoneman, W. Jay & E. Curray.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read & confirmed.

The annual Town collection amounted to £14.1.6, the Collectors commission amounted to £1.8.0 leaving the sum of £12.13.6 which was equally divided among the 8 Ringers. The fines amounted to 11/5 & as usual were divided amongst those present.

Mr Marchant reported that the junior set of Ropes were making good progress.

The Vicar thanked the Ropes for their services during the past year & urged the Ropes not to depart from the Church after ringing the Bells for service.

J. Simmons

23/12/25.

The annual meeting of the Ropes was held in the Parish Church Vestry on Wednesday 23 Dec 1925. Present the Vicar in the Chair Messrs A & J Marks, J. Parr, J. Ryder, W. Stoneman, S. Currey, W. Forner & W. Fay.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. The Chairman alluded to the fact that this was the first meeting of Ropes held since the death of Mr J. Fay & referred to the loss the Church had endured. The Ropes present asked that sympathetic reference should be made to the fact on the minutes.

Mr J. Marchant the Captain of the Tower was absent through illness.

The amount of the Tower Collection was £11.19.6, the Collector Commission amounted to £1.4.0 leaving the sum of £10.15.6 which was divided among the 8 Members of the Senior Band.

The fines amounted to 15/- which according to rule was also divided among the 8 Ropes.

Mr W. Forner signed the rules as the last admitted member of the Band.

The Vicar thanked the Ropes for their services during the year.

J. Simmons.

22/12/26

The annual meeting of the Ropes was held in the Parish Church Vestry on Wednesday Dec 22 1926. Present the Vicar in the Chair Messrs A & J Marks, J. Parr, J. Ryder, W. Stoneman, S. Currey, W. Forner & J. Marchant Captain of the Ropes.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read & confirmed.
The amount of the Town Collection amounted to
£12.8.6, the Collector's Commission amounted to £1.5.0.

Leaving the sum of £11.3.6 to be divided between the
8 Ringers. The pence amounted to 7/5 & as usual
this was divided equally among the Ringers.

The question of ringing the Bells on Sunday
morning was raised & after some discussion it was
proposed by Mr E. Curlew & seconded by Mr G. Rydes
that whenever possible the Bells should be rung
& not chimed on Sunday mornings. This was carried.

The Vicar thanked the Ringers for their services
during the year.

J. Simmons

The annual meeting of the Parish of Ringers was held in
the Rectory on Friday 23rd Decr 1927. Present, the Vicar in
the Chair Messrs Marchant, A & J Marks, J. Van, J. Rydes
W. Honeman, E. Curlew & W. Corner.

The Collector reported that the Town Collection amounted to
£13.14.0, the Commission for collecting being deducted left
£12.6.6 for division among the Ringers.

The pence amounted to 10/- & as usual this was divided equally
between those present.

The Vicar referred to the request he made last year
for the ringing of the Bells at the Sunday services &
thanked those present for responding to the appeal
then made.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding concluded
the business.

J. Simmons

24/12/28

The annual meeting of the Parish Ch. Bill Ringers was held in the Vestry of the Parish Ch on Monday evening Dec 24th 1928. Present, the Vicar in the chair, Messrs Marchant, Parr, Curry, Marks, Ryder, Corner, Stoneman & Wills.

Mr Curry reported that the amount of the Ringers Collection amounted to £13.15.0 which after the Collectors Commission had been deducted (£1.7.6) left £12.7.6 for division among the Ringers, each receiving £1.10.11. It was unanimously decided that Mr Wills who joined the Band in Feb last should receive a full share. The fines for non attendance were paid & as usual divided among those present.

Mr Wills was admitted to the Senior Band and after reading the Rules at the beginning of this Book signed the same.

J. Simmons

23/12/29.

The annual Meeting of the Ringers was held in the Parish Ch. Vestry on Monday 23 Dec 1929. Present, the Vicar in the chair, Messrs Marchant, Curry, Marks, Wills, Stoneman, Rider, Corner & Parr.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. The collector (Mr Curry) reported that he had collected the sum of £15.3.3 which after the Commission was deducted amounted to £1.10.0 left £13.13.3 to be divided among the 8 Ringers.

The fines for non attendance were paid amounting to 8/- which as usual were divided.

The Vicar thanked the Ringers for their services during the past year.

J. Simmons

24/12/30.

The annual Meeting was held on Wednesday 24th Dec 1920, the Vicar presiding. The following Ropes were present, Misses Marchant, Marks, Wills, Parr, Ryder, Currey, Stoneman & Corner also Mr Jay.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Chairman thanked the Ropes for their services during the year.

Mr Currey raised the question of affiliation of the Dawlish Ropes with the Devon Association & the Vicar was asked to write to the Hon Secy & asked for full particulars which were to be handed to the Captain of the Tower for consultation with the Band. The amount of the annual collection less Commission was £12.1.6 which as usual was equally divided among the Ropes as also the fines for non attendance.

A Vote of Thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

J. Simmons
23/12/21

The annual Meeting of the Ropes was held in Folvish Church Vestry on Wednesday Evening 23rd Dec 1921, the Vicar presiding. The following Ropes were present Misses Marchant, Marks, Wills, Parr, Ryder, Currey, Stoneman & Corner & Mr W Jay.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. The Captain of the Tower reported that since the last annual meeting the Dawlish Band had joined the Devon Association of Ropes.

The annual Collection, less Commission, amounted to £11.6.0 which as usual was divided equally between the 8 Ropes as also the fines for non attendance. The Chairman was thanked for presiding.

J. Simmons

23/12/22.

The annual Meeting of the Rectors was held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on Friday 23 Decr 1932. The Vicar presided. The following Rectors were present; Messrs Marchant, Marks, Mills, Parr, Rider, Gurray & Storeman & Mr W. Jagg.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & signed. The amount collected by the Collector amounted to £ 11. 5. 6, the commission for collecting amounted to £ 1. 2. 0 leaving £ 10. 3. 6 for division among the Rectors. The fees amounted to 8/1 which as usual was divided among the Rectors.

It was reported that a Junior Band was in process of formation and Mr Marks undertook to take charge. The Vicar expressed his approval of this movement & thanked the Junior Band for their good service during the year.

J. Simmons
23/12/33.

The annual Meeting of the Rectors was held in the Vestry of the Parish Ch on Saturday 23rd Decr 1933. The Vicar presided, the following were also present Messrs Marchant, Mills, Storeman Parr, Ormer Rider Gurray & Marks.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed. The amount of the annual collection was £ 10. 4. 0 the Collector's Commission was £ 1. 3. 0 thus leaving £ 9. 4. 0 whi. was divided between the Rectors. The fees amounted to 9/6 whi. as usual was equally divided. Mr Marks reported that 2 members of the Junior Band had resigned & that 2 new members had joined.

Mr Marchant Captain referred to the fact that at the end of 1934 he would have been in charge of the Tower for 50 years & hoped at the expiration of the year another Captain might be appointed. The Vicar referred to the long & efficient service of Mr Marchant & said that if the Rectors would ^{unanimously} suggest a name a name he would accept or otherwise he would make the appointment. The Vicar thanked the Rectors for their services during the year.

J. Simmons
24/12/33.

The annual meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on Monday 24 Dec 1934. Present, the Vicar in the Chair, Messrs Marchant Curry, Corner, Ryder, Parr, Stoneman, Wills, Knell & Shooland. The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. The annual Collection amounted to £10.16.0 the Collectors Commission to £1-1-6 leaving £9.14.6 to be divided. Seven shares of £1.4.4 were distributed. The Eighth share was divided into two & 12/2 each was awarded to Messrs Knell & Shooland who had recently joined the Junior band. The fines for absence from practice were pooled & divided.

Mr Marchant's resignation as Captain referred to in last year's minutes was accepted. The Vicar spoke of his long & faithful services. It was agreed that he should continue the Sunday work. On the motion of Mr Curry seconded by Mr ^{Wills} ~~Knell~~ & carried unanimously, Mr Parr was elected Captain on the understanding that Mr Ryder be considered as Vice Captain in the event of the Captain's absence. It was decided that the Vicar, Mr Parr & Mr Marchant should meet and consider amendments to the Rules & report the result to a general meeting of the Ringers.

J. Simmons
24/12/35

The annual meeting of the Ringers was held in the Vestry of the Parish Church on Monday 23rd Dec 1935. Present the Vicar in the Chair, Messrs Curry, Corner, Ryder, Stoneman, Wills, Knell & Lambhead. The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. The annual Collection amounted to £11.0.0, the Collectors Commission £1.2.0 leaving £9.8.0 to be divided. Seven shares of £1.4.4 were distributed. The Eighth share was divided into two & 12/2 each was awarded to Messrs Knell & Shooland who had left the Band & Lambhead who had joined from the Junior Set. The fines were ^{pooled and} divided. Mr Parr wished to resign as Captain on account of pressure of work, he was thanked for past services by the Vicar. Mr Curry proposed & Mr Wills seconded the nomination of Mr Ryder. This was carried unanimously. Harold Wills & Lambhead were invited to join the Band & after the revision of the Rules they agreed to sign the same. Messrs Parr, Ryder & the Vicar agreed to act as a Committee to review the Rules. The Vicar thanked the Ringers for their work during the past year.



