

BELL RINGERS MINUTE BOOK.  
1910.

Names of ringers, 1910:-

Bailey; Christopher Robinson, Sexton; Harry Robinson;  
John Stone; Charles Daubney; Bendry.

Rev. Alfred Woodin = Rector  
Thos Henry Holt = Asst Priest  
W.Steele Tomkins Esqr, Churchwarden  
Christopher Robinson Do.

A meeting of the Clergy, Churchwardens and Ringers was held at the Rectory on Friday January 21st 1910 at 8.30 p.m. the Rector presiding.

The Rector said he had called the meeting because he had heard with great sorrow that certain differences had arisen amongst the Ringers: he pointed out the great necessity for good fellowship and brotherhood among the Church Officers, and anything like discord was a scandal to their Sacred Calling; he dealt at some length upon the Belfrey and its Sacred purposes and he now wished to submit some rules which he had drafted and hoped they would all approve, being simple and concise. [see 1238.]

He then read the proposed rules one by one, inviting comment and alterations.

Ultimately, with a few simple alterations they were adopted "en block" and the Rector promised to give an additional 30/- at Xmas so that the Sexton should have a fixed share of one guinea, instead of sharing with the ringers in the [?]Xmas collection.

The Rector also promised to provide a box with lock and key in which the attendance Book has to be kept, in the Belfrey.

All expressed themselves satisfied with the proposed rules and before departing the first appointment (under the new rule) was made. The rule provides that at the ?annual meeting one of the ringers shall be appointed by show of hands to be Belfrey Captain for the year.

Mr C. Robinson proposed that the one who had made the largest number of marks be elected and this being Mr. Bailey, his name was put to the vote, 3 voting for, the others neutral.

Mr. Bailey proposed Mr. Stone and here again 3 voted for and the others remained neutral.

The Chairman asked if any other name be proposed, and as no-one else was put forward the chairman said it put him in the invidious position of having to give the casting vote which he did in favour of the man who had made the highest number of marks viz. Mr Bailey so he was elected.

The meeting lasted till past 10, when all parted in a brotherly and happy spirit.

A meeting of Bell Ringers was held at the Rectory on Friday January 6th 1911 at 6.30 pm.

Present. The Rector in the Chair; Mr. Churchwarden W.S. Tomkins;

Messers Bailey, Stone, Bendry, H. Robinson and Daubeny.

The Chairman read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved and signed.

The Chairman hoped the members would occasionally read the rules and keep in mind the sacred purpose of the Bells and Belfrey. He hoped there was a better feeling amongst the ringers, and begged them all to remember that as Officers of the church they must 'give and take' in little matters concerning the work of the Belfrey.

Mr. Stone asked whose place it was to hoist the flag on the tower when required.

The Chairman said he was glad the question had been raised for it had often pained him to see how often it was not hoisted at all on Saints Days and even great Festivals, he said it was a difficult question to decide as to whose place it was to raise the flag, but he would like the members to feel that every good Churchman should feel it his place, and his privilege to be ready at all times and do anything for the Glory of god and the good of his Church, perhaps it would be well that the Belfrey Captain should be answerable in future for the hoisting of the flag but that any ringer who might be first on the spot should be willing to run up the flag and so to be ready to help one another.

Touching the appointment of a Captain for the new year it rested with the ringers to propose any of the members. Finally, Mr stone proposed and Mr Bailey seconded that Mr Bendry be Captain. Mr Bendry proposed Mr Stone, Mr Daubeny seconding. No other names being forthcoming they were put to the meeting, 3 voting for Bendry, 4 neutral. 3 voting for Stone 4 neutral. The Chairman remarked that it put him in the invidious position of having to give the casting vote. He did not care which of the 2 gentlemen became Captain but Mr Stone having expressed an opinion that as his work carried him so far away every day it would perhaps be better to appoint someone on the spot, in this the Chairman acquiesced, therefore on those grounds he would give his casting vote for Mr Bendry who was duly elected.

The Chairman further remarked that, Mr Bendry had made the lowest number of attendances but now that he was Captain he would probably be amongst the highest in attendances. He spoke of the capital way Mr Bailey had fulfilled the duties of Captain in the past year and although he was the highest in point of attendances it was well perhaps to have new blood and not to be tied to reselecting the man who had qualified by highest number of attendances.

Then followed the distribution of the money collected

Mr. Bailey	221	2.2.5 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mr. Robinson	215	2.1.4 $\frac{1}{4}$
Mr. Stone	168	1.12.6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mr. Daubeny	181	1.14.11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Mr. Bendry	163	1.11.7 $\frac{3}{4}$			=9.2.11 $\frac{1}{2}$

One guinea to Mr. Robinson as Sexton. Cash in hand  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Jan 8th 1912. .... The Rector expressed his opinion that he disliked the way the bell was tolled at funerals. A single pull and then a wait of say, half a minute would be much better. The ringers explained that this could be done by fixing a rope to the flapper but would incur someone going up the bell tower to do this. There was general agreement that it would be an improvement and finally the Rector said he would gladly give 6d on each occasion that this was done, to the ringer who went up to fix the rope.