

BOOK V 1949 - 1954

1.03.1949

The Housekeepers, Mrs.King and Mr.Musset, having given one month's notice, and an advertisement for replacement having been inserted in the Local Press, the Committee interviewed various applicants, and a Short List of three chosen.

10.03.1949

Mrs.Mann was offered the post of housekeeper, with her daughter as assistant.

19.04.1949

Bro. Gladstone Walker presented to the President and Mrs.Fenwick the congratulations of the Club on the occasion of their Golden Wedding, in the form of an illuminated card, signed by many members of the Club, which was recieved with grateful thanks.

28.05.1949

Bro. J.H.Sinton was elected to the Committee. (Note: He had already done legal work for the Club)

19.07.1949

The Treasurer reported a bank overdraft of £206, and stated that in view of the greatly increased staff charges, revenue was running at much too low a rate. It was agreed to increase table money by 3d forthwith.

20.09.1949

Members commented that the meals served in the Club lacked variety, and that too much reliance was placed on food served from tins. The Master of the Household and the Secretary were requested to discuss the matter with Mrs.Mann. For the next Club Supper, it was agreed that the catering should be done ,as on previous occasions, by Messers. Fenwick Ltd., and that the charge be 7/6d.

being doubted whether Mrs.Mann was capable of attaining a standard of catering and service, such as was desirable. The Master of the Household was requested to endeavour to get Mrs.Mann to attempt a higher standard of service.

21.02.1950

For the Jubilee Supper it was decided that dress be informal, thus reversing the previous decision. The Town Clerk, Mr.John Atkinson, be invited to propose the toast of the Club.

25.04.1950

It was agreed to consider the possibility of one or more summer outings, the Roman Wall and Alnwick being mentioned as possible venues.

23.05.1950

Agreed that a complete revision of the Club Rules was necessary, and that a special committee be summoned for that purpose.

Agreed that the billiard table be reconditioned by Messers. Burroughes and Watts, at a cost of £30.

Bro. Evetts proposed that a special Club Christmas card should be prepared, and he was asked to work out the details.(Note: Was this done?)

15.05.1950

At the A.G.M. there was much discussion on the most suitable evening for Club gatherings, as many thought that Saturday evenings were not always suitable. It was decided, as an experiment, to hold certain functions on Fridays.

It was agreed to arrange a summer outing to the roman Wall in July, under the guidance of Bro. Richmond.

The Jubilee Supper was voted a great success (Note: a copy of the Menu and Toast List is amongst the Club's miscellaneous papers. See Appendix G, item F).

the Club)

20.11.1951

Bro. Evetts suggested that for the Christmas Supper, members should bring their own Christmas hats, and a prize be awarded for the most original hat. (Note: There is no later note of who was the winner of this prize, nor what he was wearing!)

22.04.1952

The President, Bro.F.B.Fenwick, indicated that due to business commitments, that he must resign the office of President. All agreed that Bro. Fenwick had given to the Club, as Hon. Treasurer, President and Benefactor, outstanding service, so that he was held in high esteem by all and his resignation was recieved with regret. It was agreed , however, that Bro. Austin Child should fill the vacancy.

26.04.1952

Bro. F.B.Fenwick was elected Honorary Member of the Club.

A summer visit to the Farne Islands was arranged.

The cost of Club lunch be increased to 3/6d.

16.09.1952

Bro.Sherlock be invited to investigate the possibility of arranging a golf competition.

21.10.1952

Bro. Armstrong having been requested to provide an inventory of articles of special interest in the Club, he advised that he had difficulty in so doing, as some appeared missing, and he had no record of those which remained.

(Note: From hereon, the Minutes being handwritten, are extremely difficult to read, and the extracts are consequently fewer and may be innaccurate).

20.01.1953

In view of the increased cost of food, lunch price increased to 7/6d.

Mrs.Mann junior was appointed Stewardess.

23.03.1954

The Secretary reported having recieved from the widow of late Bro.Jennison Hackett four bound volumes of Pen & Palette Club papers - 1900-21; 1900-33; 1933-38 and 1939-50. On further research, the Secretary reported that no Club papers had been published during the period 1922-29. (Note: Are these the volumes now held at the City Library?)

30.07.1954

The President referred to the great loss the Club had suffered by the death of the Hon. Secretary, Bro.E.D.McCallum, who had served the Club so well. (Note: Unfortunately his writing was so difficult to read, that the extracts from the Minutes up to this date have been somewhat scant, but the new Secretary had a better hand!)

From hereon it was agreed that a loose-leaf book should be adopted for keeping the Committee minutes (which were thereafter in type).

