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MINUTES OF THE 502nd MEETING OF THE
PICKWICK CLUB HELD AT HEADQUARTERS - THE NAGS
HEAD, MANCHESTER - ON TUESDAY, 11th FEBY. 1941

This, the first meeting following the Xmas Dinner and the Manchester December Blitz was regarded by the Committee as a trial of strength. Would the Members fail to turn up after the Blitz or would the Pickwician spirit prevail against all odds.

The Pickwician spirit was evidently sufficiently strong to enable eight members to risk any hazard to meet their fellow members and the Secretary was joined at the Bar by six members including Mr. Pickwick and Mr. Snodgrass and after a decent interval for enquiring as to each others experiences and general health, the Chairman lead the way to the Meeting room and declared the 502nd Meeting open.

Mr. Pickwick expressed his gratification at the endeavour made by the present members to support him and keep alive the spirit of the Club and in particular welcomed the return of Snodgrass who had been confined to bed for some weeks. We were all very pleased to have Snoddy with us once more, the meetings do not seem complete without his cheerful presence. Snoddy was equally pleased to be with us, he said he had been pining for a little male society.

Mr. Pott presented his statement of accounts in respect of the Xmas Dinner and it was agreed that he and Mrs. Pott receive the best thanks of the Club for their splendid efforts on that occasion it being unanimously agreed that the dinner had been one of the best in memory.

Mr. Fogg now put forward a suggestion that the usual session should be extended and meetings held throughout the Summer he thought a fortnightly meeting could be achieved though not of necessity at the Nags Head. This would afford an opportunity of meeting their fellow members to those who had been unable to attend the Winter meetings.

The suggestion was well received and George Nupkins walked in at this moment and bestowed a fatherly blessing on the scheme. It was decided that the matter be brought before the members at the Annual General Meeting. *W. G. P.*

The toasts to Absent members and to Charles Dickens were honoured and the meeting broke up with "The King".

Present: Mr. Pickwick, Snodgrass, Fogg, Pott, Podder, Alf Jingle, Geo. Nupkins, Dodson.
Apologies for absence from Dr. Slammer.