

Minutes of the 504th Meeting of the Pickwick Club
held at Headquarters - The Nags Head, Manchester,
on Tuesday, 8th April 1941

Mr. Pickwick and Jack Hopkins were sitting in the Bar when the Secretary arrived and greeted him with the remark "Hey, what time is this Meeting". It appeared that the Secretary had inadvertently put on their calling-up notices and after apologies they decided to overlook the matter as the time had not been entirely wasted.

Mr. Pickwick declared the meeting open and asked for the minutes of last meeting. These were read and on the motion of Mr. Foggeve seconded by Jack Hopkins, adopted.

Jack Hopkins was taken to task for seconding the motion not having been present at this last meeting and withdrew his support, his place being filled by Mr. Pott.

Arising from the minutes, Mr. Pickwick complimented the Secretary on the minutes he had produced during his term of office and explained that as there had been so small attendance with a consequent absence of speakers and artists, the items to record had been somewhat meagre and he thought the Secretary had made the most of the material at his disposal. Mr. Snodgrass supported.

The Chairman enquired if any member present had any resolution for the Annual General Meeting but none was forthcoming except the resolution regarding a summer session.

The Secretary was requested to have a list of present officers available at the Annual General Meeting and in this connection Jack Hopkins kindly promised to have the syllabus for 1941-42 printed free of charge.

Mr. Pickwick hoped members would endeavour to attend the Annual General Meeting. He regretted so many old members had failed to support him during the past session and intended to remark on this matter at the General Meeting.

Mr. Pott had arrived clad in his usual outfit but plus a steel helmet. He mysteriously produced large and jagged pieces of shrapnel from his pocket and pointed to scars on his helmet. It was gathered that the helmet had saved his life and thanks are certainly due to providence for sparing our Mr. Pott to provide more Xmas Dinners.

The talk ran on the way members had managed to get home after the last meeting. Mr. Pott related how he had taken two members home one on either arm, but remembering the condition of our Mr. Pott at the previous meeting one can only wonder what took which home.

Mr. Pickwick

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Mr. Pickwick related how he had sat with fire watchers until the all-clear went and eventually got a bus to Middleton. Mr. Fogg told the meeting how Mr. Slammer, Nupkins and Dodson had arrived at the Central station only to be told to take cover, how after much trial and tribulation they had "parked" Mr. Slammer at his Office and after footing it to Stretford and examining a bus without windows which had passed through the blitz, he and Dodson had eventually been picked up by a lorry driver and delivered at Sale.

The Chairman remarked that the Club carried on under difficulties but the point was that it did still carry on.

We were all very pleased to have Jack Hopkins with us again after his sojourn in strange lands and accordingly drank his health.

The toast to Mr. Pickwick, Charles Dickens and to absent friends were drunk and Mr. Pickwick asked us to toast Podder who had so efficiently carried out his job during the sessions.

The King was duly called and honoured and a pleasant if small meeting ended with fortunately no alarm or excursions.

The Chairman enquired if any member present had any resolution for the Annual General Meeting and none were put forward except the Present: Mr. Pickwick, Mr. Pott, Mrs. Fogg, Podder, Alf. Single, Jack Hopkins and Dodson.

The Secretary was requested to have a list of present members available at the Annual General Meeting and in this connection Jack Hopkins was asked to apologise for absence from Nat Winkle and Sgt. Buzzuz.

Pickwick
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Mr. Pickwick would endeavor to attend the Annual General Meeting. It was regretted that many old members had failed to attend the past session and intended to remark on this matter at the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Pott had arrived late in his usual outfit but with a steel helmet. He was particularly pleased to see a piece of armor from his pocket and related to some on his helmet. It was gathered that the helmet had saved his life and thanks are certainly due to Providence for getting our Mr. Pott to provide more "Kass Dinnars".

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