

The District Annual Meeting was held at St. Peter's
St. Albans on Saturday, 19th November. when the peal of ten
bells were rung in various methods from Rounds & Bob Triples
to London Major & Cambridge Royal, well over 30 ringers being present.
At 5pm, a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. M. Fagerson)
in the Lady Chapel, the Association's Form of Service being used.
Mr. W. Gardner presided at the Organ.

After tea, which had been arranged in a very nice room at
The Blacksmiths Arms, the Secretary welcomed the visitors (Vicar, also
including Mr. R. S. Cook, President & Mr. W. Dyer, Western District Secretary).
The Vicar in reply gave a hearty welcome to the ringers in
coming to his church for their annual meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and passed as correct.
The Rev. A. M. Baird Smith (Weathampstead) was elected an honorary member.
Mr. R. Hall of Hatfield was elected a ringing member.

Hatfield was selected as the place of next meeting for Jan 28th.
Next came the Secretary's Report for 1938. including a list of the meetings &
combined Practices, Progress at Weathampstead, Bell Restorations, Peals,
and New Members. and Financial Statement.

After some discussion the following were elected as District Committee:
Mr. G. E. Debenham, Mr. A. Day, Mr. A. Lawrence. Messrs Day & Lawrence
to serve on General Committee.

Mr H. Frost was re-elected as District Secretary, and thanked for the work he had done during the past year.

Mr. A. Lawrence moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar, for the use of the bells and to the Organist for his services.

The Vicar acknowledged the vote by another of his enjoyable speeches. Ringing on Handbells, and further ringing on the tower bells concluded a very enjoyable & encouraging meeting.

The collection taken at this gathering for the Voluntary Bell Fund. realised 8/3d.

A Day
28/11/39
5/11/39

Summary of Year 1938.

District Meetings: 7. - Harpenden, Essendon/Northaw, Wheathampstead/Sandridge, Chells St Albans, Kington/Wheathampstead, Hatfield, St. Peters.

Joint Meetings with Middy at N. Mimms, Beds at Luton & Watford District at Barnet.

Combined Practices at Harpenden, Hatfield & Essendon.

Attendance were better than previous, Services held at 4 of the meetings.

Instruction in Change Ringing has been given regularly at Wheathampstead.

Bells were confined mainly to the Abbey & St. Peters. (6.).

New Members 7 Probationers, 10 Ringing, 7 Non Res Life, 2 Hon. Members.
(29.15.0)

Balance of £4/15/0. Benevolent Fund - 1.11.0. Vol. Bell Fund. 1.13.6.

Very encouraging, but plenty of work to be done in the district.