

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Norwich Bells.

THE following interesting letter appeared in a recent issue of the 'Eastern Daily Press,' published at Norwich:—

SIR,—You commented so kindly in your leaderette this morning, upon a remark I made at the opening of our churchyard yesterday, that I am emboldened to ask you to allow me to follow it up by a letter.

And just with reference to your concluding sentence—'Ber Street will have a great deal to be thankful for if the commemoration stops short at the conversion of a disused churchyard into a refreshing haven of rest.' Ber Street is thankful!—I can assure you, Mr. Editor. We hear on all hands from our people expressions of the liveliest satisfaction at the transformation that has been effected, and it would gladden Mr. Hansell's heart if he could hear one half of them. The poorest and humblest of our people took part in the thanksgiving service yesterday, and one of them was telling me this morning that she put her penny into the offertory for the Open Spaces Society, a practical sign of gratitude, which in that case means a good deal.

But what I want to say is that the opening of the now beautiful churchyard, though it synchronises most happily with the proclamation of Peace, is not a commemoration of the peace, for it was determined upon and carried out quite apart from that. My idea was that, as our forefathers commemorated the Peace of Utrecht by repairing the old tower and putting up our 'Peace' weathercock, so their descendants might do worse than celebrate the Peace of Pretoria by completing the furnishing of the tower. One bell calls us to worship, but four bells, and one a noteworthy and remarkable bell, lie idle on the lofty floor. Our friends, the ringers of St. Peter Mancroft, tells us that we lack in Norwich a good peal of eight, and they have generously subscribed £5 5s. towards our peal. They think the situation of the church will permit the sound to travel to a great distance, and the great height will cause the sound to be mellow and subdued. We have already raised some £50, and only £200 more is needed to complete this work, and the churchwardens and myself, speaking on behalf of our people, would be gratified if friends would complete this work as a commemoration of the Peace now happily concluded.—Faithfully yours,

GEORGE N. HERBERT.

St. John de Sepulchre Vicarage, June 6th, 1902.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

AT St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk, on June 5th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 changes, in 3 hrs. 37 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

James Motts ..	1	Charles Sillitoe ..	6
William P. Garrett ..	2	William Motts ..	7
Henry C. Gillingham ..	3	Frederick Borrett ..	8
Edward Sherwood ..	4	John Souter ..	9
Edgar Pemberton ..	5	Albert Gillingham ..	10

Composed by the late Henry Haley and conducted by James Motts.

The Surrey Association.

AT St. Mary Magdalene's, Reigate, on June 7th, a peal of GRAND-SIRE CATERS, 5094 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Pelham E. J. Knight ..	1	William H. Card ..	6
Henry F. Ewins ..	2	William Argent ..	7
George Thompson ..	3	Francis T. Hoad, jun. ..	8
Hugh R. Thorpe ..	4	Henry Reeves ..	9
William Burkin ..	5	Arthur Moseley ..	10

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by Henry Reeves.

The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.

AT St. Martin's, Birmingham, on June 9th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 43 mins.

William Short ..	1	Ernest Allaway ..	7
Thomas Miller ..	2	Albert Walker ..	8
Thomas Russam ..	3	William Kent ..	9
Charles Dickens ..	4	Arthur E. Pegler ..	10
Thomas Reynolds ..	5	William H. Barber ..	11
Samuel Reeves ..	6	William Painter ..	12

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by William Short. The bells were half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Day.

The Ancient Society of College youths, and St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.

AT St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 7th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

John N. Oxborrow ..	1	Henry S. Ellis ..	5
Henry R. Newton ..	2	Harry R. Pasmore ..	6
William H. Pasmore ..	3	Thomas Lungley ..	7
Arthur G. Ellis ..	4	John W. Golding ..	8

Composed by Frederick Dench and conducted by Henry R. Newton.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 7th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

George R. Fardon ..	1	William Pye (condr.) ..	5
Bertram Prewett ..	2	William J. Nudds ..	6
George R. Pye ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	Arthur T. King ..	8

The Waterloo Society, London.

AT St. Margaret's, Westminster, on June 7th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Charles W. Ward ..	1	Frederick G. Perrin ..	6
Arthur N. Hardy ..	2	James E. Davies ..	7
John Thomas ..	3	Herbert Langdon ..	8
Charles S. Burden ..	4	Thomas Langdon ..	9
Ferris J. Shepherd ..	5	Arthur Jacob ..	10

Composed by John Rogers and conducted by Herbert Langdon.

The Essex Association.

AT the Parish Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Coggeshall, on June 14th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins.

Richard Potter ..	1	John Sadler ..	5
Andrew Shufflebotham ..	2	Frederick Rudkin ..	6
Henry Evers ..	3	Ernest W. Beckwith ..	7
James Newman ..	4	David Elliott ..	8

Composed by J. A. Trollope, conducted by D. Elliott. A birthday peal for E. Beckwith. Messrs Rudkin and Shufflebotham come from Braintree.

RICKMANSWORTH.—An interesting presentation took place in the belfry on May 31st. Mr. E. Nobbs, the late foreman, was the recipient of a handsome oak tray, subscribed for by the members on the occasion of his recent marriage. Mr. A. A. Thompson made the presentation on behalf of the ringers, and Mr. Nobbs suitably replied. An illuminated address accompanied the present, which had been engrossed by one of the members of the guild. Mr. Nobbs has been an active member of the guild for over ten years, and his services will be greatly missed on his leaving the town.

LLANFYLIN CHURCH BELLS.—The restoration of the bells, which has been carried out by Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Birmingham, under the superintendence of Mr. W. H. Spaul, F.R.I.B.A., Oswestry, having been completed, the Oswestry ringers gave a trial ring on them. The mellow tone of the bells was much admired by the inhabitants, and the striking was very even. The ringers pronounced the 'go' of the bells to be excellent.

BRONZE BELLS FROM HUTTON CRANSWICK.—Two bronze bells were recently found at Hutton Cranswick, and presented to the Hull Museum by Mr. G. Raynor. The curator of the Museum has submitted drawings of the bells to the British Archaeological Association of London. These were exhibited at their last meeting, and the general opinion of the members was that the bells were formerly used at the altar, and were sacring bells.

SALTBURN PARISH CHURCH BELLS.—The long-looked-for ringing of the new peal of bells erected in the tower of this church took place last week. A company of ringers belonging to the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Bell-ringers' Association visited Saltburn for the purpose of ringing the opening changes, and there were ringers present from Guisbrough, Stokesley, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Darlington, Richmond, and Thirsk. The newly-formed contingent for Saltburn also took turns at the ropes. During the day the peal was rung at intervals, the Guisbrough party giving a display in the minor methods of ringing. The Middlesbrough contingent rang a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, and another company rang KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. Mr. G. J. Clarkson of Stockton, president of the Association, was present. The company was entertained to luncheon by the parish, the Rev. B. Irvin, Vicar of Saltburn, presiding.

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