



SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS

Devizes Branch

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at Fittleton on Saturday, and through the kindness of the Vicars of Netheravon and Upavon, their towers were also placed at the disposal of the Guild. It being a fine afternoon, a good assembly mustered, 15 from Devizes doing the journey of 14 miles in a large two-horse brake. Others arrived on bicycles, some coming from Westbury, about 23 miles. Ringing commenced at the grand old tower of All Saints', Netheravon, where the bells had to be re-hung in 1911, and are now in excellent ringing condition. The fourth bell bears the date 1585, cast by John Wallis, of Salisbury, and has the following inscription upon it:- "O man, be meeke and Lyve in Rest."

After some good ringing the company went on to All Saints', Fittleton, where an excellent tea awaited them, kindly provided in the schoolroom by the Rector (Rev. P. J. Dale), to which 20 sat down, and thoroughly enjoyed the repast.

After tea a short business meeting took place, presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, and supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, Hon. Secretary, together with ringers from Trowbridge, Westbury, Fittleton, Southbroom, Netheravon, Chirton, Devizes, and Bishop Cannings. The Secretary read the reports of the last three meeting meetings, which were duly accepted and certified. One new ringing member from All Saints', Westbury, was elected, and the next three meeting-places were decided upon as follows:- August 7th, Edington, with Erlestone and Bratton; September 4th, Hilperton; and October 2nd, Devizes. Hearty votes of thanks to the Rector of Fittleton, for so generously providing the tea, and the use of the bells, and also to the Vicar of Netheravon and Upavon for the use of the bells, brought the meeting to a close.

The ringers then adjourned to the Fittleton tower, where some good touches were carried out on their six sweet-toned bells. The brake was again mounted, and the party moved homeward, stopping for a while at St. Mary's beautiful church at Upavon, where the "go" of the bells is excellent and where some more good ringing was performed. The church clock showing something considerably after 8 p.m. caused the Hon. Secretary in charge of the outing to call for a general muster, and a move for home. The brake was once more loaded up, and after a capital run Devizes was reached about 9.20, and the company dispersed after a most enjoyable outing.

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