

WHEELTAPPER

SPRING 2006

SPRING TOUR—SHEFFIELD SUPERTRAM

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL 2006

The 2006 spring tour will take place in the Sheffield area on Saturday 1st April and will include the opportunity to ride around the Sheffield Supertram system.

The tour will commence and finish at Sheffield railway station. The itinerary is as follows:

11:00—depart by tram from Sheffield station to University tram stop (arrive 11:11);

Walk from University to Walkley church;

11:35—12:15—ring at Walkley;

Walk from Walkley church back to University tram stop;

12:37—depart by tram from University to Cathedral tram stop (arrive 12:43);

13:20—14:00—ring at St Marie's RC Cathedral;

14:09—depart by tram from Cathedral to Beighton tram stop (arrive 14:39);

15:00—15:30—ring at Beighton;

15:59—depart by tram from Beighton to Gleadless tram stop (arrive 16:15);

16:22—depart by tram from Gleadless to Herdings Park tram stop (arrive 16:25);

16:45—17:25—ring at Norton;

17:57—depart by tram from Herdings Park to Sheffield station tram stop (arrive 18:16).

There are no scheduled lunch arrangements, so it's a case of bring your own sarnies or grab some refreshment on the hoof!

Sheffield station is situated on the Midland mainline and is served by trains from a variety of companies, including Virgin, Midland Main Line, Central and Northern. For travel arrangements to and from Sheffield, please make enquiries through National Rail Enquiries on **08457 484950** or via the internet at www.nationalrail.co.uk

Further details of Sheffield's Supertram system and services can be obtained from their information centre:

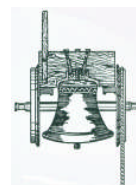
www.supertram.com

Or telephone 0114 272 8282

Or email: enquiries@supertram.com

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Full 2006 itinerary at a glance!;*
- *Brunel 200 stamp competition*
- *A blast from the past—old photograph*
- *Happisburgh bells on the move!*
- *Sheffield Supertram tour info*



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2006 SUBSCRIPTIONS

2006 subscriptions are now due and a white renewal form is attached to this newsletter if your subs are still outstanding. Subs can be sent in the post to the Secretary.

As you are aware, subs have been at £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for juniors / OAPs for some years now and it was agreed at the AGM that they will continue at this rate for the next year as well. As normal, if you are paying by cheque, please make sure that cheques are made payable to “**The Railway Industries Association of Church Bell Ringers**” rather than the “Railway Guild” or “Guild of Railway Ringers” - It makes paying them into the account so much easier if made out correctly! Thanks for your help!

Tony Manktelow - Secretary

RINGING FOR BRUNEL

Thanks to those of you who responded to the Brunel 200 Anniversary ringing plea.

I'm pleased to say that we had enough respondents to organise a peal in Bristol on Saturday 8th April.



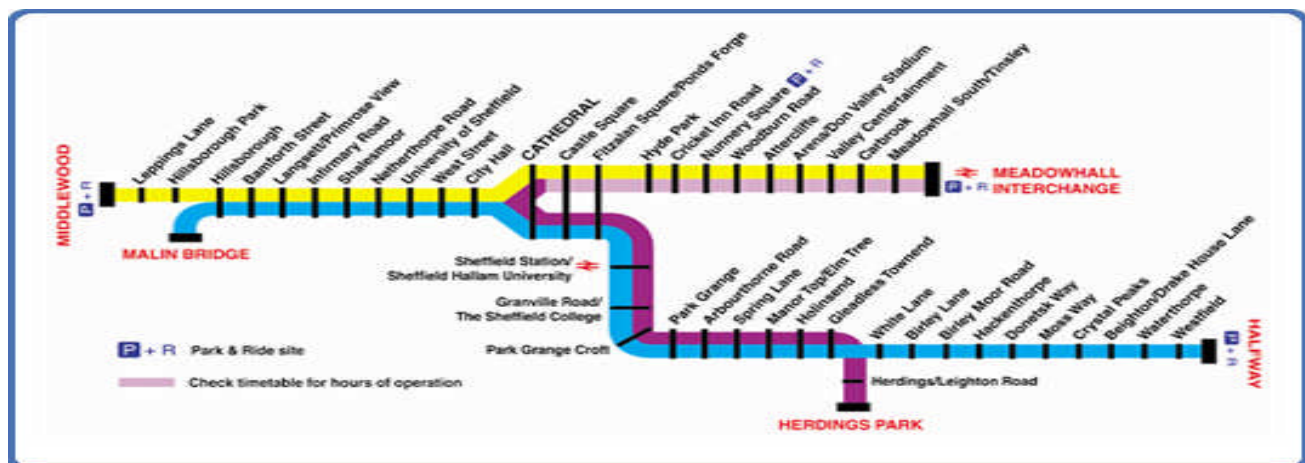
Unfortunately, the response to quarters was less enthusiastic and we were unable to raise a band for any of the proposed locations.

Look out for a report on the peal attempt in the next issue of Wheeltapper.

In the mean-time, you could win a set of Brunel 200 stamps by submitting an article for the next issue of Wheeltapper. A set of the stamps (shown above) will be given to the most interesting article submitted on the subject of ‘railway bells’ or something along the same sort of line! The Secretary and Chairman will decide the winner and their decision will be final. Submissions must be with the Secretary by 1st June at the latest.

Get writing and submit your entries to grrsecretary@aol.com or send in the post.

SHEFFIELD SUPERTRAM SYSTEM MAP



BLAST FROM THE PAST!



Wow! What a picture! For some time now, I've been looking for contributions of photos from the past and this is the first one to turn up! Ok, it's not from that long ago, but it certainly makes the Secretary feel very old looking at it!

Amazingly, 5 out of the 6 photographed are still members of the Guild!

Your challenge is to identify all 6 ringers and put a date to the photograph!

If this has wetted your appetite for rolling back the years, please be motivated to scratch around your old photo albums and send me some suitable antique images. As a young chap, I well remember the weekend coach trips that the old BRSA Railway Guild used to have, with trips to such romantic locations as Scarborough, Weston-super-Mare, Doncaster, Southport, etc....

There must be some pictures from these trips somewhere—dig them out!!!!!!

2006 AGM—SWINDON STEAM (1ST JULY)



The 2006 AGM will take place at Swindon, home of the GWR. The day will be based around a chance to visit the famous steam museum of the Great Western Railway in the old works. Ringing will be centred on the bells in the town centre. For non-ringers, there is the chance to look around the retail park also to be found at the old works.

More details in the next issue of Wheeltapper.

AUTUMN TOUR—THE MID NORFOLK RAILWAY (16TH SEPTEMBER)



The 2006 Autumn tour will be based on the Mid Norfolk Railway, running between Dereham and Wymondham. A chance to sample the line, ring on some fine Norfolk bells and drink some Wherry!

More details in future issues of Wheeltapper.

RULES, RULES, RULES.

Just a reminder that if you are wanting to submit proposal for changes to the rules, they must be with the Secretary at least 1 month before the AGM date—i.e. no later than 1st June.

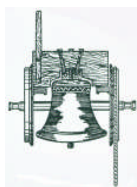
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Happisburgh bells on the move—courtesy of Peter Rayner!



Following the old photograph of Tonbridge bells on the move in the last issue of *Wheeltapper*, Peter Rayner has submitted this photograph of one of Happisburgh's bells loaded on the back of a 1937 Atkinson 8-wheel flatbed lorry! Given it's size, I'd hazard a guess that it's the tenor, returning to the tower after being recast!

The scene was modeled by Peter (we've seen his modeling skills before in the shape of his East Kent Tiger Cub) and can be seen on the Model Railway Club's 'O' Gauge layout 'Happisburgh' (Haysbro' to those who don't speak Norfolk).

Incidentally, for the spotters among you, the loco in the background is a C12 4-4-2T, number 67366. A class 31 lurks in the background.

More photos of Happisburgh and other MRC layouts can be found on their website - www.themodelrailwayclub.org

GUILD DIARY—MAKE A RECORD OF THE DATES

1st April 2006:

Guild spring tour on Sheffield Supertram.

1st July 2006:

2006 AGM at Swindon's STEAM museum.

16th September 2006:

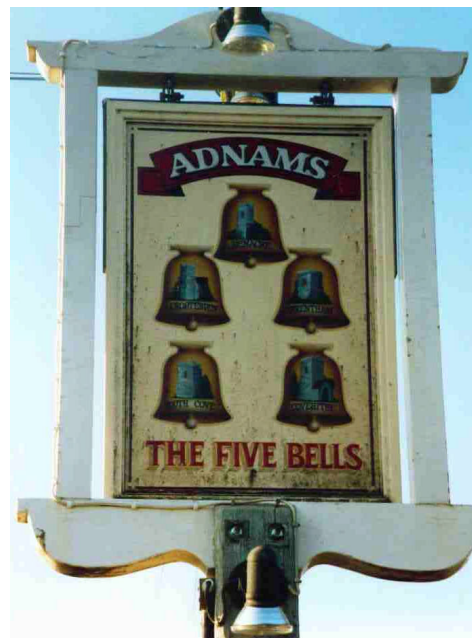
Guild autumn meeting on the Mid Norfolk Railway.

Please note that other events can and may be held in addition to these dates. Please feel free to volunteer to arrange a tour!

Details should be sent to the Secretary for inclusion in *Wheeltapper*.

All Guild events are also advertised in *The Ringing World*.

Tony Manktelow - Secretary



One for Chris Hutchinson! - The wonderful pub sign for the Five Bells at Wrentham, Suffolk!