

Motion to include a statistical analysis of certain non-compliant peals in the Peal Records Committee's annual report.

Background

At present, peals rung with simulated sound on dumbbell rings (there are currently at least ten such rings), or on rings of bells with tied clappers, are held to be 'non-compliant'.

The Peal Records Committee is required to identify non-compliant peals in its annual report but not necessarily to include them in the analytical tables and non-compliant peals are generally excluded from those tables.

This situation does not do justice to peals rung on dumbbell rings or rings of bells with tied clappers, where the sound is the sound of real bells and the mental and physical processes are identical to those used in ringing bells of equivalent weight.

The following motion has therefore been proposed by Andrew Barnsdale of the Sussex County Association and seconded by Catherine Lewis of the Kent County Association. Your support is invited.

Agenda Item 12. Motion (B):-

“The Peal Records Committee shall include in its annual report a statistical analysis of peals rung by rope and wheel on dumbbell rings or rings of bells with tied clappers, provided that such peals comply in all respects with the Central Council's Conditions for Peals, with the sole exception of the use of simulated sound in the absence of swinging clappers striking bells of metal.”

The above motion is about 'normal' ringing with a full complement of ringers employing the usual mental and physical skills. The only difference is that the sound is simulated – generated by computer from inbuilt digitised bell sounds in correct response to the movement of the wheels. The motion is not concerned with an individual ringer ringing a single dumbbell or tied bell while the computer rings the rest. Nor is it about tapping out peals on a computer keyboard.

Effect

The proposed motion would change none of the Council's conditions for peals (Decision D Parts A-D). Non-compliant peals would still be non-compliant. However, peals that are only non-compliant by virtue of being rung on dumbbell rings or tower bells with tied clappers would be included in a new and separate table in the analysis and would thus not be missing from the statistics.