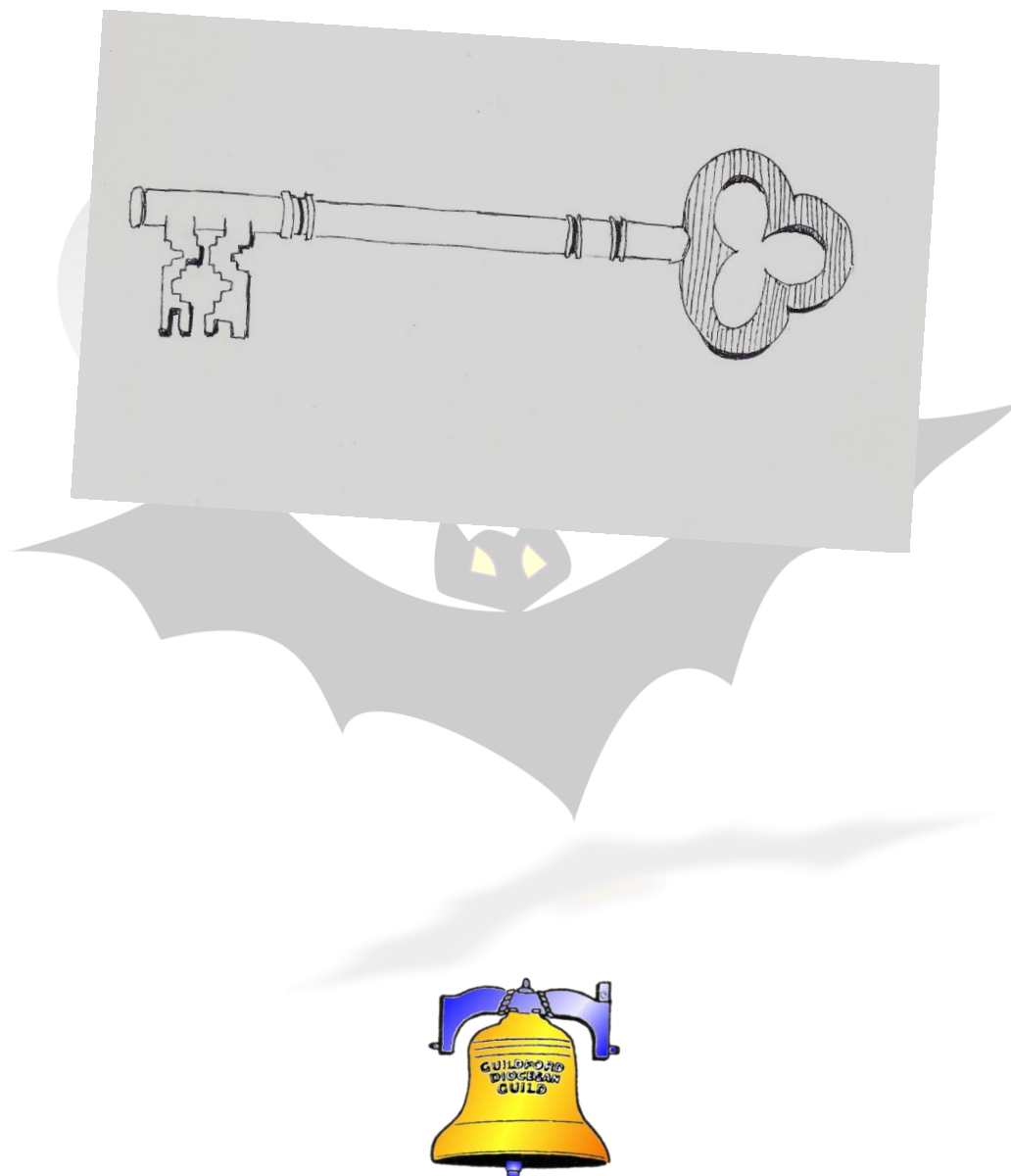


Bell-notes

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

President: THE BISHOP OF GUILDFORD

A Message from the Master~

I doubt there are many of us in the district who aren't shocked, upset and simply confused that Matthew Webb is no longer with us. If you knew nothing at all about Matthew but witnessed his funeral, then you would have known that he must have been a special person. The church was literally full to bursting, there will have been very few services so well attended at St Peter, Old Woking.

I have been looking at the list of Quarters and Peals that Matthew took part in this year. There are 20 entries recorded on Bell Board. They range from Minor to Maximus, from Grandsire to Littleport Little Surprise and from single method to Spliced Cinques and Maximus. In those twenty performances you will find at least twenty different methods. Matthew was one of the most accomplished ringers in the land, he could turn his brain to the most complicated of ringing feats, the stuff that most of us would never imagine even having a go at. Matthew was Ringing Royalty, he was highbrow – to put it mildly!

It is tempting to run through Matthews ringing palmarès, but for me, perhaps the biggest compliment I could pay to Matthew is that he was absolutely the best person to run our District call change sessions earlier this year. When we planned the sessions, I didn't have to ring around to find a "victim", I rang Matthew. I knew that he would be pleased to help, that he would be enthusiastic about the sessions and that everyone who attended would gain from his help. Here is the text message that he sent me after the second session.

"Really enjoyed today. Feel a great sense of achievement getting 4 people through their first plain hunt, especially with the journey over the two weeks. Thanks for asking me."

There was so much more to Matthew than just his ringing. Did you ever play Croquet against him? One word – brutal!!

Matthew, you were a friend to us all and you are hugely missed.

Andy Charnleybeal

(Palmarès -list of achievements)



Short touches from the towers

Ottershaw

Like many towers we are handicapped by the many other things that our ringers are involved in – like work, grand-parenting, holidays, spending time with friends, etc. etc. - so we bob along (how I wish we Bobbed along!) bringing our learner(s) up to scratch in simple methods, moving them from their bell of comfort to another one, improving their bell handling and so on. As a result we remain, on average a tower of no great skill UNTIL (wonderful days!) all of our better ringers attend at the same time. Then it's not the ringers but the conductor that's really on the spot, having to remember infrequently called starts and stops, and bobs even. By and large we manage, which is amazingly good for our self-esteem (and commitment). So we have no peals (some hope!) or quarters to report, merely the occasional touch of Bob Doubles with some Bob Minimus, Grandsire and Stedman. But we do succeed more often than not in avoiding clashes, bunching and staggering so we present a joyful sound for virtually all services, for our few weddings and during practice.

As an aside, a frequent holiday venue of mine has a number of local towers, which I visit. The local tower is kind and helps me to improve my six and eight bell ringing, at the expense of their Surprise practising. Another tower, where a cousin rings, is without a regular Captain's presence – for good reasons – and so welcomes the direction that a moderately competent visiting ringer can give. Since I cannot be in Ottershaw on Sunday, 260 miles away on Monday evening and back in Ottershaw for Wednesday with any regularity (if at all!), that in turn has prompted me to prepare some notes for my cousin and her friends on a programme of improvement.* Consequently I now also have a yardstick by which to measure our own competence and progress! Win, Win! It bears out the benefits of the old adage, "ring at 3 towers a week, your own, one better and one needing help" as being good for all three.

* apologies sent to their Ringing Master.

Peter Binns

Do you know Surrey as well as you think? Have fun; answers on page 19.

1. The Epsom Downs racecourse hosts the Derby and which other classic race?

Weybridge

Since our last communication, I'm pleased to say that we still have two learners. One can ring both strokes together and the second is getting there. It didn't help that the rope got caught around a chime hammer last week and confounded us until we went upstairs and solved the problem.

We had a successful district practice of Plain Hunt in September.

Our services have been requested at eight weddings this year and we are all done until 2020.

We celebrated the final wedding of the season long distance as Peter and Cathy got married in Weaverham, Cheshire, on October 12th.

The groom even had time for a quick quarter of Durham Surprise Minor before the ceremony.

We wish them a long and happy future together

Linda Strange



2 Which manor house in Great Bookham hosted the Queen Mother on her honeymoon?

Walton-on-Thames

For the first time in several years we did not open our tower on Heritage Day. It always takes a lot of effort and organisation to open as there are so many hazards in the tower. By the time you have someone posted at the bottom door, the ringing chamber, the clock chamber, the top of the vertical ladder, the gantry over the bells and two on the very top of the tower you have run out of volunteers!

Our two learners are doing well, though they still lack confidence in learning something like Bob Doubles. For one of them, Matthew Webb's help with Plain Hunt earlier in the year was invaluable.

At the end of this month Dennis Brock will be **101**! Happy birthday Dennis.

Hilary Brooks

3 Which aerodrome is used as the studio and test track in the TV series Top Gear?

Chobham

Members of our tower attended the district outing and enjoyed it very much. Thanks to John Young for organising the outing.

Our new vicar will be inducted on November 5th and he will take his first service on Remembrance Sunday

The clapper from the 5th will be going to the bell hangers at Appleton in November and we hope to have it back a few days later.

Chris Hill

4 What type of animal, constructed in white concrete, welcomes passers-by on the A30 in Camberley?

Esher

Sadly – age is catching up with us – first Stanley (after 20 years) and now Phill (after a lifetime) have decided “the time has come to stop” and to be honest at times we all find the 56 stairs up to the Ringing Chamber feel more like 156 and they get steeper and increase in number as we go up!

We have rung for most Sunday services – even through August - as grandparents we go away at other times. This month we have rung for more weddings than funerals – our tolling is getting much better especially when it is 9 strokes for a man plus one for each year of his life and he was 94!!!! At least he came on time but one of our brides made history – she was 40 minutes late! The choir was not impressed and two members left BUT we had a full band despite having to move the parked cars – we only rang for 10 minutes– the bride’s excuse (it is even better) “the bridesmaids hair took longer to do than expected”!

Our next special ringing is for Remembrance with the Parish already asking for “special ringing like last year” – it was the same as every year but they listened more carefully because of the date! At least it is nice to be appreciated!!

Jennifer Meade

5• What is the name of the restaurant at High Down prison, in Sutton, that was also a winner at the recent Surrey Life Food and Drink Awards?

Egham

Willy Burgess eghamten@gmail.com

6 Some of the loot from the Great Train Robbery was buried in which forest near Farley Green?

Horsell

Heritage Day report

On Friday 20th September, Alan Nichols hosted a party of six enthusiastic, year 6 girls from the village school, accompanied by two staff. They listened to a short history of bell ringing and after having the working explained, each had the opportunity to pull the Treble bell off balance (under strict supervision). Then, a visit to the bell chamber and the top of the tower completed the two hour visit.

On the Saturday and Sunday afternoons, there was a constant stream of visitors, with queues most of the time. Several were former ringers, mostly from outside the parish, but none could be persuaded to return to ringing. However, we received an enquiry from the mother of a sixteen year old man who is keen to learn but, most unfortunately we do not have the resources to take him on but will seek assistance from neighbouring towers if he proves to be a practical proposition.

Avril Blagbrough

7• Which broadcaster was made a Freeman of Elmbridge in 2008?

Thames Ditton

Pamela Rider

8• Which school was originally The Hospital of King James and Thomas Sutton?

East Molesey

Things we have done in addition to regular practices and Sunday service ringing:-

1. Wedding on 27th July – only one this year. We've never had huge numbers of weddings at EM but this must be an all time low – the only one this year requiring bells.
2. Waited in vain on 3rd Aug for a booked-in peal band – no appearance, explanation or apologies since. I might refuse next time they ask !
3. Sunday lunch at mine on 25th Aug. Very enjoyable get together if a trifle hot weather wise. Some had to take refuge indoors in the shade to cool off.
4. First evening District 8 bell practice on 17th Sept. I was away in Tuscany – sometimes hearing bells even more discordant than ours – but I'm grateful for the support of those who came and helped.
5. Birthday cakes all round on 8th Oct. My lovely band made banana cake and apple cake with raspberries and cream to celebrate my birthday (1st Oct) and wedding anniversary (2nd Oct) and Andrew's birthday (2nd Oct) A good excuse to finish practice early
6. 2nd evening District 8 bell practice on 15th Oct. Only 1 additional ringer – Jonathan Lane – but a useful practice nevertheless and a chance for plain hunt on 7 for Tim, Jo and Frankie
7. Talk and bell demonstration for Teddington Voluntary Care group members on 22nd Oct I used to drive a shopping minibus for this group and they remembered how much they'd enjoyed their visits to our bells in the past – or maybe it's the 3 course lunch at The Bell which holds the appeal....
8. No ringing Sunday 20th Oct the church had an away weekend so no service – a lie-in (or rugby-watching opportunity)
9. Started teaching Anne Marie a new recruit from Australia who lives locally and has always wanted to try bell ringing; watch this space

Jane Marsters

9 What is the name of the airport that was built in 1931 on Dolley's Farm?

Send

We all wish to send deepest sympathy to Ivan and his family on the loss of his dear wife, Julie

The Funeral service for Julie Saunders will take place at St Mary the Virgin Church Send GU23 7JL on Wednesday 20th November 2019 at 11am followed by a family only Cremation.

All will be welcome however afterwards at the gathering in the Church rooms, 171-176 Send Road GU23 7EU

Ivan, Rachel, Hazel, Rebecca and their families wish to thank everyone for the very kind words of sympathy received.

John G Young

10 Where did Vickers open a flying school in 1912?

Old Woking

As you will doubtless be aware, the last three months at Old Woking have been very much overshadowed by the tragic death of Matthew Webb on 5 September.

Matthew had been a ringer at Old Woking for 24 years, including 15 years as Tower Captain. He was instrumental in getting a band together at Old Woking in the mid-90s and taught a number of the current band to ring. He had remained a core part of the band since then, encouraging ringers to improve and supporting them in doing so, with his enormous enthusiasm for ringing always on show. He rang over 130 peals and over 160 quarter-peals, mainly for the Guildford Guild, but also for the College Youths and in such far-flung places as Texas.

Everyone in the band misses him enormously and we send our heartfelt condolences to Louise, Jacob, Nathaniel, Genebeth and all of his family. The band ran a half-muffled quarter of Yorkshire prior to his funeral, one of 21 peals and quarter-peals rung in his memory.

Doug Stoneham

11• Which Surrey river eventually joins the Thames near Hampton Court Palace?

Chertsey

Ringling continues as normal and we now usually ring at least five bells on Sunday mornings at 8.30am. Our 'dumb bell' has been put to good use in the last three months and we are training three new recruits Harriet Bare, Peter Mitchell and Karl Bowman to safely handle a bell. Some were enlisted following a tower Open Dy at the Black Cherry Fair in July. In addition, we have been joined by Paul Thurtle who was taught to ring in Gt Yarmouth over 20 years ago but has not rung since. He is

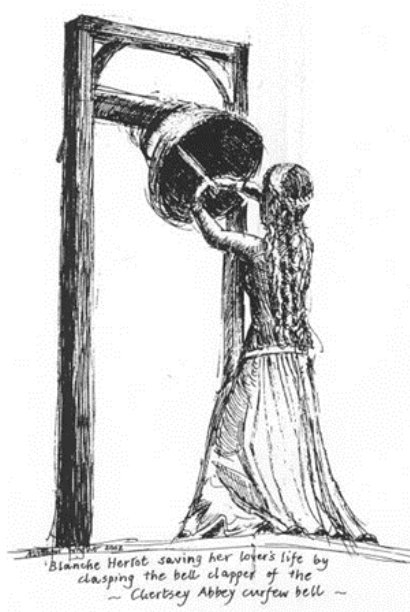


now starting to ring plain hunt alongside Ron Howells who we taught last year for the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI.

Four of our band enjoyed tower grabbing on the District Outing on 12th October 2019 to five towers SE of Reading including the new ring of bells at one of our Guild towers, Yorktown, Camberley. About 20 ringers participated and benefited by ringing at different towers; a big

thank you to John Young for organising the day.

The story of Blanche Herriot



Blanche Herriot statue near Chertsey Bridge. Drg: Matthew Wright, 2002

Chertsey is one of the last towns in the country to continue the tradition of ringing a Curfew bell at 8.00pm in the winter months. It is rung by several of the local band on a rota basis. This custom inspired the *Tale of Blanche Herriot* as commemorated by the statue near Chertsey Bridge and subsequently led to the poem *The Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight*. The story, written by Albert Smith in the 1840's, based on a Chertsey legend, tells how Blanche prevented the Curfew Bell sounding out by hanging on to the clapper and thus preventing the signal for the execution of her finance who had been captured during the Wars of the Roses in 1471 AD.

Chertsey Ringing Gallery Project

In 2015 the Guildford Diocese Guild of Church Bell Ringers (GDGCBR) were left a significant legacy from a former ringer at Send, Surrey, for improvements of bells in towers affiliated to the Guild.

The Chertsey ringing gallery project is recognized by the Guild worthy of support and have promised a significant grant towards the cost of installing a basic ringing gallery. The Parochial Church Council supported the project and Thomas Ford and Partners, Architects, were commissioned to prepare suitable plans. A quantity surveyor has estimated that the cost of the gallery with a glazed screen, a new doorway from the medieval staircase, together with relocating the wall plaques and architect's fees will be approximately **£85k**.

This project is an integral part of a much larger church £1.8 million redevelopment scheme being planned by the Parochial Church Council which will include extending and refurbishing the church hall, replacing the pews with chairs and creating a 24/7 prayer space in the north gallery. In May 2019 the Vicar gave presentations at Sunday services about the church development project. A Gift week-end was held and a fund-raising leaflet was circulated. The bell tower ringing gallery was promised as a priority and was scheduled in Phase 1 of the Development scheme.

Sadly at a special meeting of the PCC in July decided that the Phase 1 priorities should be reset so that the removal of the pews should now be the first priority and since insufficient funds have not yet been secured they have decided that the gallery should be undertaken after the pews, unless surplus or designated funds become available. The gallery might progress sooner if the cost can be reduced perhaps by a) omitting the glazed screen at this stage, b) accessing the gallery from a wooden staircase from the nave and c) bridging the wall plaques with a glass viewing panel in the gallery floor. These collectively would reduce the cost of the gallery to about £50k.

In August I contacted Hilary Wheeler, the Secretary of the Church Monuments Society, and she forwarded my request for information relating to similar plaques in churches that have been masked by mezzanine floors, to a colleague who probably would be better able to answer my questions; I am still awaiting a response. If anyone knows of any churches where a galley has been built masking monument or wall plaques please let the Chertsey ringers know so that we can use it as a precedent.

Thus, although progress is slow, the wheels are still turning, the local band of ringers is now starting to actively progress fundraising to supplement the parish activities. Raising funds by abseiling down the Chertsey tower has been ruled out due to a poor cost/benefit ratio.

Malcolm S Loveday, Tower Captain.

12• Martians landed on Horsell Common in which well-known science fiction novel?

Oatlands

We rang on every Sunday through August, September and October barring the morning when there was no 10 o'clock service due to the RideLondon-Surrey cycle race.

Our standard of ringing has progressed, thanks to the practice evenings run by Pete Hampson and Cathy Ockwell, and we can now ring a respectable Plain Bob Minor. Pete and Cathy were married on 12 October in Cheshire, an event accompanied by celebratory ringing.

There were only four weddings wanting bells at Oatlands this year and two came in August. One was a first for our Churchwarden ringer, Mike.

Our ropes were last replaced around twenty-five years ago and are showing signs of wear. An important decision before ordering new ones was which colours to choose for the sallies so we took a vote. I wonder how many ringers could say confidently what the colours are in their home tower.

In the last edition of Bell-Notes there was a description of St Mary Oatlands taken from "allaboutweybridge.co.uk" which said: *The bells, which were installed in 1913 had originally been intended for use by the Indian Durbar which never took place.* This is not entirely true. The bells were indeed intended for the Durbar, celebrating the proclamation of King George V as Emperor of India, but for reasons now forgotten they did not go. However, the Durbar certainly did take place and a very splendid affair it was. There is some remarkable film available on YouTube.

John Burnett

13 Which town has a punishment cage to hold a poacher, last used in 1882?

Hersham

Ringling at Hersham moves on. We have rung several quarter peals over the last few months, nothing fancy mind, Grandsire and Plain Bob – mainly due to the fact that we have a caller, not a conductor. However, a quarter of Stedman Doubles must surely be on the cards sometime soon(ish).

Ringling up and down continues to be a complete mystery to us, not because we can't raise and lower – we can. It's just that sometimes we are hopeless - how is it that we can ring up and down beautifully one day and not the next?! We are improving our batting average though, and probably manage a good raise half of the time, so things are looking up.

We have the occasional enquiry from prospective ringers and currently have another youngster testing the water – how lucky are we. What I love about our enquiries is that most start with interest arising from regularly hearing our bells, probably a little message there, so it's great that we manage a band for 99% of the time.

Andy Charnleybeal

14. What town held its seventh annual Wife-Carrying Race in 2014?

Ockham

Last Sunday at last it was a delight to be able to field 6 to ring all bells for the morning service, which was the inaugural Pet Service at All Saints along with a Baptism. Pets ranged from the expected Dogs and Cats [Clare's Theo played an active part during the Talk] to a Parrot and a Bearded Dragon!

Some of the younger children brought various stuffed animal comforters and there were also pictures of previous pets no longer with us, all of which were duly blessed or prayed for.

Stuart the Church Mouse failed to make an appearance as he had done during the previous two weeks services!

Only managed 3 and 5 on the two earlier monthly Sundays we were able to meet for ringing.

Visitors this Quarter came to us in September from Sevenoaks and also our regular visits from the Advanced 'DFP' surrey Group and the GDGYR [Guildford Diocesan Guild Young Ringers].

On the wedding front we had our one and only for 2019! Best wishes go to Tom and Eleanor.

We Rang Quarters for Luca [Tricia's Grandson] his first, which was a very commendable performance inside to PBD, and for Matthew Webb [Grandsire] on the evening after his funeral. Lucas's Quarter was dedicated to Jen's birthday, and it was a delight to have Jim Steele and Alison Cole in the band for Matthew's one.

We also rang a quarter last Thursday for the 75th birthday of our assistant priest Rev^d Elisabeth Burke and a certificate was duly presented to her during the above Sunday service along with the other parishioners whose birthdays fell during October.

John Young

15. "An island like no other" is the slogan of which amusement park in our county?

A visit to the Bradfield Ringing Course

My grandson Luca and I had been learning to ring for just over a year when we were lucky enough to go to Bradfield to learn how to ring Bob Doubles. Bradfield college is used as a venue each year by bell ringers to meet, chat, socialise and of course learn methods. Ringers either go to learn or help teach other ringers. Bradfield college, on the outskirts of Reading looks very much like Hogwarts (Harry Potter) surrounded by lovely countryside and has a beautiful chapel on site.

The event takes place year in August over 4 days with 160 people attending, accommodation and lovely food are provided. The 4 days are packed with lots of ringing, attending workshops in such things as rope splicing, ringing up and down there is also a mini ring and a dumb bell is available to have a go on.

The event starts with a meet and greet by helpers and organisers where you are given a program and put into your group (Luca and I were in the Sunshine group), then they showed us our accommodation but with no time to dally we were off to our first class room session on Bob Doubles, followed by supper and then off to practice what we had learnt at a nearby tower and this set the pace for the rest of the weekend.

Our days were busy with ringing in 2 towers each day, class room teaching and finding the time to attend interesting workshops. The evenings were also busy socialising with other ringers in the bar, attending a service in the chapel and the famous 'quiz night' on the Saturday. The whole event was great fun and well worth attending.

You get approximately 9.5 hours rope time with 5 students and 5 helpers in a doubles group and with each session in a tower you find you are fully involved with the whole process and it really is good fun.

From Tricia and Luca Hoverd-Hughes

A letter from the Guild Master~

November is the month in which the Districts normally hold a formal meeting with the nomination of District Officers for the following year being a key item on the agenda. We are very fortunate in the Chertsey District to have a number of people who are prepared to spend a lot of time and effort in organising District events, training and outings, but it is some time since someone took on the post of Belfry Inspection Co-ordinator. So if you have the slightest interest in what goes on "upstairs", and a modicum of practical DIY experience then do consider whether you might take this on. Training could be made available from other more experienced ringers if this should be necessary.

And while you are pondering this you could also consider whether you might like to take on a role at Guild and national level. At least one of our Central Council Representatives has indicated that they will not be standing for election at the Guild AGM next year. This is an interesting time for the Central Council. Lots of changes have been made and not everything has settled down again, so this a great moment to help steer the future of ringing. I would be happy to speak to anyone who is considering standing about the role of the Guild Central Council Representatives.

And even if you don't want to stand for election for an office, do consider whether your hardworking District Officers might benefit from an offer of help in organising events or ringing now and again. Many District ringers do turn out regularly for ringing in addition to their own practice and their assistance is invaluable. Can you help? You would be extremely welcome.

Jackie Roberts, Guild Master

The key on the front cover belongs to St Peter's with All Saints, Chertsey - drawing courtesy of Jennifer Meade

The former Chertsey Abbey and its Parish Church still survive as St. Peter's Church. The Abbey, which was founded in AD 666 and dedicated to St. Peter, was destroyed almost entirely following its dissolution in July 1537.

The Parish Church which was dedicated to All Saints, was then re-dedicated to St. Peter. A daughter church of the Parish Church at Eastworth in Chertsey was built in the 1890's and closed and demolished in the 1970's. During its short life, it was known as All Saints Church. From that time on, St. Peter's was officially known as "St. Peter's with All Saints".

*There was an Old Lady of Chertsey,
Who made a remarkable curtsey;
She twirled round and round
Till she sank underground,
Which distressed all the people of Chertsey.* [Edward Lear]

Malcolm Loveday <http://stpeterschertsey.org.uk/>

St Peter's, Chertsey - from <https://chertseymuseum.org/churches>



Chertsey 1900

Although aspects of the present church date to 1310 it is thought that worship took place here before this date. It was originally dedicated to All Saints, and was located at the boundary between the Abbey estate and the town of Chertsey. The chancel and the lower portion of the tower survive from the original church, with the tower being added to in the 15th century. The church remained largely unaltered from 1310 until the 19th century when, from 1806 to 1809, the church was rebuilt.

The earlier nave had fallen in to decay in the 17th century and so it was decided that the church should be rebuilt with only the chancel and the tower remaining. As the only church in the area the congregation was made up of residents of Lyne, Longcross, Addlestone and Ottershaw, and so it was suggested that the new church be built with a gallery to maximise the number of pews available. Plans were put forward to the Bishop for approval, but in their haste the architect omitted to include stairs to reach the proposed gallery, and it was decided that including stairs would encroach on the church too much. Therefore, nothing came of the rebuilding plans until the turn of the century when only a west gallery was included.

The original nave was taken down and sold in aid of the rebuilding fund. Built to the design of Richard Elsam, under the supervision of a local resident, Thomas Chawner – the architect of Richmond Terrace, Whitehall the work cost a total of £12,000. The builder had been promised payment of £4,000 as soon as the roof was on the new building, and so he hastily erected the new church to claim his money. Unfortunately for the town of Chertsey the work was substandard with the building dangerously close to collapse and the builder nowhere to be found. Further funds had to be raised to encase and strengthen the supporting pillars, and to finish the job of building the parish church. In order to raise money for the project gallery pews were sold and became the freehold of the owners. It was at this time that the tower was heightened by brickwork and turrets to give its current appearance, and a new 522 pipe organ was installed (replaced in 1880).

Further alterations in 1869 saw the floor of the nave raised 3 ft and the west gallery removed. A century after the rebuilding, in 1907, St. Peter's Church was again closed for building work. During this time the congregation were welcomed at services at All Saints Church, Eastworth Road. In 1922 more alterations saw the south east entrance converted in to a side chapel which became a war memorial for the fallen in the Great War. The organ was also enlarged and rebuilt

As with most churches, the interior of St. Peter's is decorated with memorials given in remembrance of the great and good of Chertsey. The window in the chancel south wall was given in memory of Dr. Manwaring Shurlock, Church warden, benefactor and author of the book of Chertsey tiles. The clock was given in 1892 by William Herring and his wife Elizabeth at a cost of £180 and replaced an earlier clock which can now be found in St. Pandionia and St. John Baptist Church in Eltisley between Cambridge and St Neots. Within the tower are eight bells, the oldest dating to c. 1310 and is known as the Abbey Bell. This is the bell made famous in the Blanche Heriot poem. The carillon, a gift from Mr. Sergeant Spinks in 1898, plays four times a day, and between Michaelmas (Sept 29th) and Lady Day (25th March) the curfew is rung every night on the tenor bell which was cast in 1679 and recast 200 years later.(see notes above)

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Quiz answers;

1 The Oaks: 2 Polesden Lacey: 3 Dunsfold Park: 4 Elephant: 5 The Clink: 6 Winterfold: 7 Michael Aspel: 8 Charterhouse: 9 Fair Oaks: 10 Brooklands: 11 River Mole: 12 The War of the Worlds by H G Wells: 13 Lingfield: 14 Dorking: 15 Thorpe Park.

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to this edition of Bell-notes.

I know it seems incredible to think that we are approaching another year but please may I have copy for the February 2020 edition by January 15th? Ed

It is impossible to prepare a newsletter about bells and belfries on the 31st October without a few bats around, though I know it is not very ecclesiastical.

Dates for the diary - until Jan 2020-

Thurs 7th Nov, Egham: Ten bell practice 19.45-21.15

Sat 9th Nov, Egham: Annual Nomination Meeting: Ringing 3.00pm, Service 5.00 pm followed by tea and meeting at 6.00pm. Please reply for tea to Willy Burgess email:- egham@gmail.com if you hope to attend and want tea by Thursday 7th November 2019

Tues 19th Nov, East Molesey: Eight bell practice 19.45-21.15

Wed 20th Nov, Ottershaw: Six bell practice 19.45-21.15

Thurs 5th Dec, Egham: Ten bell practice 19.45-21.15

Tues 17th Dec, East Molesey: Eight bell practice 19.45-21.15

Sat 11th Jan 2020, East Molesey: ADM see poster

Following the programme planning meeting held in October, all other dates have still to be ratified

For Daytime practices in Epsom Common and Molesey on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, contact Jane Marsters on maljan@ic24.net

These dates and venues are correct on publication but please always check monthly posters

