

Bells heritage project Richmond
St Mary's Parish Church, Richmond. Yorkshire

INFORMATION FROM PARISH MAGAZINES:

1884, 1887-1888, 1889-1890, 1891-1892, 1893-1896, 1887-1889

The 1884 Parish Magazine is included at the end of the publication, *Home Words 1884*.

The *Home Words* Volume 1887-1888 is in two parts and contains the 1887 & 1888 Parish Magazines.

The 1887 Parish Magazine follows on from *Home Word 1887 p.283*. The 1888 Parish Magazine follows on from *Home Words 1888 p.283*.

The *Home Words* Volume 1889-1890 is in two parts and contains the 1889 & 1890 Parish Magazines. The 1889 Parish Magazine follows on from *Home Word 1889 p.283*. The 1890 Parish Magazine follows on from *Home Words 1890 p.283*.

The 1891 Parish Magazine follows on from *Home Words 1891 p.284*. The 1892 Parish Magazine follows on from *Home Words 1892 p. 284*.

The 1893 and 1894 Parish Magazines are included at the end of the publication *Dawn of Day 1893-1894*.

The 1895 and 1896 Parish Magazines are included at the end of the publication *Dawn of Day 1895-1896*.

The 1887, 1888 and 1889 Parish Magazines are bound in a volume named *Richmond Parish Magazine* that contains the 10 church magazines in the *Rural Deanery of Richmond West*.

1884; 1887-1888; 1889-1890; 1891-1892

No Bell-related information recorded in these publications..

1893

August 1893 p.2 para 4

"The Chiming Hammers are now fixed in the Belfry, and have been used for two or three Sundays. The volume of sound is less, but it is possible to chime with greater accuracy. Doubtless some of our friends will have recognised "Rock of Ages" which has been arranged for the bells of St Mary's by Mr Goodacre. The number of bells (six) is not enough to compass many airs, but we hope to have a few very simple ones. The chiming hammers have been fixed because the bell frame has been examined by a competent engineer who reports that it would be dangerous to ring the bells."

1894

March 1894 p 2. para 11

"It is now tolerably well known that we are to have a Clock in the Church Tower with dials to north and south, and chimes every quarter of an hour. It is a gift by Mrs Richard Bowes, in memory of her late husband. We have good reason to know that it will be a splendid piece of mechanism by one of the best firms in England, and will therefore be thoroughly worthy of its place of honour in the old Richmond Tower."

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April 1894 p.2 para 1

"On Easter Day, 1890, the present Rector's first Sunday at Richmond, there were 143 Communicants. of whom 57 came to the early service. On Easter Day, 1894, there were 360 Communicants of whom 370 came to the two early services."

September 1894 p.2. para 6

The work of restoring the Belfry is now in hand. Mr. Mallaby, of Barmby-Don near Doncaster, has already constructed a new Bell-frame in two tiers, so as to admit at any future time of two additional Bells to make up the full Cathedral Peal of eight. The old frame must next come down, and such fittings as can be used again must be sent to the workshop to be put in good condition. Parishioners are desired to note that there will be no Bell-ringing of any kind, on Sunday or Week-day for about three weeks including Sundays September 9th and 16th, and possibly on September 2nd. They must be prepared to rely on their watches and clocks, or on the Church Clock, for the time of Church Services.

November 1894 p.2 para 3

"The workmen have been busy at the bells for some weeks past, and it has been found necessary to move the works of the clock, which has further delayed the completion of the belfry. During the month of November both clock and bells will be in working order, and the Rector will be particularly pleased to hear from anyone who loves or would like to acquire the art of bell ringing."

1895

February 1985 p.2 para 7

"Bell Ringers have been hitherto unable to practice in the Tower owing to the exposed condition of the rod connecting the two dials of the clock. A rope happening to slip from the hands of a young ringer might have clung to the rod and given a wrench to the works of the clock. This has now been remedied by a projecting iron pipe fixed round the rod by Mr. Mallaby. the Bell Hanger. Bell practice will, we hope, now be resumed."

March 1895 p.2 penultimate para

"The Bell-chamber is being wainscoted and made comfortable and seemly for the Ringers, and the sound of their Bell-practice will it is hoped be frequently heard very shortly."

April 1895 p.2 para 4

"Mr. Borrowes, of Frenchgate, who has come to us with warm commendation from the Church in Middlesborough, has undertaken to train our new corps of Volunteer Bell Ringers. A great deal of practice has been done with silent bells, and some with bells in full voice. It is expected that on or before Easter Day the congregation

will be summoned to Church by the six bells in full swing. Any who are interested in Church Bells, or willing to become either active or honorary members of the Belfry are desired to communicate with Mr. Borrows. The especial privilege of the honorary members is to contribute 5s each towards the various expenses incurred in keeping the Belfry arrangements up to the mark."

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June 1895 p.2 para 6

"All we feel sure will be glad to hear our church bells ringing again in the old way; and to perceive how the ringers weekly improve under the tuition of Mr. Robert Borrows. At present the hand bells for practising the changes are only hired; but it is hoped that ere long we shall be able to purchase a set of our own. £5 would enable this to be done. We hope some kind friends will not be wanting to help in this matter."

November 1895 p.2 para 8

"Will any who wish to learn Bell-ringing give their names in either to one of the clergy or to Mr. R. Borrows. We could still do with one or two more, so as to have a second set of ringers to act as reserves. If there is only one ringer for each bell and he cannot get sometimes on a Sunday, it causes the whole peal to be upset."

1896

February 1896 p.2 para 5

"**The Bell News and Ringers Record** says that our new Bell frame "reflects the highest credit on the Bell-hanger," and gives an account of the ringing of "720 Grandsire Minor" on New Year's Day with a special word of praise for R. Briscoe as a young ringer; and also of the 3 6-score of Bob Doubles with which Mr. Borrows and his company rang out the Old Year, - Muffled Peals were rung on Sunday 26th, in memory of Prince Henry of Battenburg."

March 1896 p.2 para 3

"A meeting of the Bell-ringers was held on Friday evening, Feb 22nd, when a Committee was formed as follows - Rev. A.C. Briggs, (President); Mr. R. Borrows, (Captain); Mr. T. Kirby, (Vice-Captain); Mr J. T. Frenchum and Mr. J. T. Rushden. The Committee to be elected annually. It is the intention of the Committee to draw up a fixed code as regards attendance, etc., and thus work the ringing more systematically."

May 1896 p.2 para 7

"The St Mary's Society of Bell Ringers rung on Tuesday, April 17th a 720 Bob Minor, as follow: - J.Kirby, Treble; R. Briscoe, No. 2; J.T. Frenchum, No. 3; W. Phillips, No. 4; T. Kirby, No. 5; R.Borrows, Tenor and Conductor. The weight of Tenor Bell is 13 ½ cwt. The time taken was 28 ,minutes. This is the first 720 on the Bells by the Parish Church Ringers."

January 1897

The launch of a new magazine: a collection of 10 parish magazines under the heading *Rural Deanery of Richmond West*.

The bound volumes are named *Richmond Parish Magazine*.

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1897

May 1897 p.74 para 3

"On Thursday April 15th , a meeting of the Bell-ringers was held in the Belfry. The accounts of the year were gone through and passed. After this the Committee for the ensuing year was elected, as follows ; - President Rev. A.C.Briggs; Captain and Instructor, Mr. R.Borrows; Vice-Captain and Treasurer, Mr. R.Kirby; Secretary, Mr., J.T.Rushton; and Mr. J.T.Frenchum and Mr. A.H.Shelton were elected on the Committee. We have now an efficient staff of ringers, Messrs. R.Briscoe, W.Phillips and T.Kirby, with those above mentioned, making the 8 members. It is a pleasure to hear the bells rung, the two years of instruction having born good fruit, and a word of praise is due to our ringers, one and all, for the pains they have taken to bring about the present satisfactory result. We are glad to be able to state that in the future they will meet with some pecuniary recognition of their services."

1898

January 1898 p.16 Col.2 para 4

"**Bellringers.** - On FRiday evening, Dec. 10th, a date touch of 1897 was rung in 1 hour 8 minutes - A.Shelton, R.Briscooe, J.T.Frenchum, J.T.Rushton, W.Phillips, R.Borrows (conductor).

This is the first date touch on the bells, and the greatest extent of changes by the entire local band.2

July 1898 p.110 Col.1 para 3

"**The Bell Ringers** - The annual meeting was held at the Rectory early in the past month, for the purpose of the election of officers for the ensuing year, when Mt Robinson took the chair. The following elections were made: - Rev. M.S. Farmer (president), Mr. Burrows (captain), Mr. Shelton (vice-captain), Mr. Rushton (hon. secretary and treasurer), who with Mr. Phillips form the committee of management. Various suggestions were made by those who were present, and special mention was made with regard to the purchase of new set of handbells which is greatly hoped to be accomplished. after a vote of thanks to Mr. Robinson the meeting adjourned."

1899

1899 p.40 para Hand-Bells

"The ringers wish to thank the parishioners and friends who kindly contributed towards the new set of hand-bells for the Parish Church. They have got a set of 15 bells in the key of C, in the diatonic scale, from Messrs. Shaw & Son, Bradford, costing £7 7s.6d. Money collected, £7 10s."

June 1899 p. 79 para Campanology

"At the opening of the Parish Church Room, two courses of grandsire triples were rung on the new handbells, by the following Parish Church ringers :-

R. Briscoe	...	...	...	1 - 2
R. Borrows	...	...	...	3 - 4
J. Peake	...	...	...	5
R. Todd	...	...	...	6
A. Shelton	...	...	...	7 - 8

Also 60 and 120 changes of grandsire doubles by the same ringers, finishing up with the rising and settling of church bells."

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July 1899 p. 92 para Peal of "College Single,"

" 1, R. Todd ; 2, J.J. Peake ; 3, J.F. Frenchum; 4, W. Phillios; 5, A. Shelton (caotain) ; 6, R.Briscoe (conductor) .

This is the first peal of the method rung by the local company, and the second ever rung on the bells by any company."

August 1899 p. 104 para Bell-ringers

"On Friday, July 14th, through the kindness of the Rev. A. E. Ayre, the bell-ringers of the parish church had an outing to Barnard Castle. Barnard Castle was reached about 1 p.m., and after a short time spent in looking at the different places of interest an adjournment was made to the "King's Head" Hotel where a most excellent repast was served. About 3 o'clock the bells of the parish church were set in motion, but were very difficult to ring. After ringing for some time the bells were settled and the ringers then drove over to Staindrop, at which place they received a warm welcome from the captain of the Staindrop ringers.

Various attempts were made but the most successful was the one in which the Rev. A. E. Ayre rung through a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, this being his first peal on any bells. Tea was served about 7 o'clock, and then some of the ringers had a stroll to Raby Park and Castle.

The homeward journey was commenced about 8.15, and was enlivened by touches upon the hand-bells and vocal music, and when Richmond was reached every one joined in saying "It has been a glorious day."
