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**St Mary's Parish Church, Richmond. Yorkshire**

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***January 1904 p.10 Col 1 para 5***

"It will be remembered that in a previous issue mention was made of the proposal to add two bells to the Parish Church Tower. An appeal has been published stating that whilst the Marquis of Zetland has most kindly offered to provide one of these two, the sum of £50 will be required to procure the other. Moreover, an extra cost of £45 will have to be incurred in overhauling the fittings, and in re-arranging the chiming apparatus, &c. Thus £95 will be required, towards which any of the following gentlemen will be glad to receive subscriptions, and will be grateful for any sums: - Mr J.T. Frenchum, Hon.Sec. of the Bell Ringers; the Rector, Messrs. F.A.Whitton. W. Lawson, C.G. Croft, and Albert Morton."

***January 1904 p.10 Col 2 para. 6***

"The Belfry. - The bellringers are delighted to hear that the Marquis of Zetland has offered to add a bell to the present ring of six. They hope the other bell required to complete the octave will soon be obtained. The ringers hear with regret that they are soon to lose their President, the Rev. A.Eyre. They desire to congratulate him on obtaining a better appointment, and to assure him that the good work he has done for Church bell-ringing and ringers in Richmond will not readily be forgotten. - The following peals have been rung during the month: - One of Bob Minor, one of Duke of York, by F. Brand, 2; J. Peake, 2; J.T. Frenchum, 2; J.G. Woddy, 2; A. Morton, 1; R. Briscoe, 1; conductors, A. Morton, 1; J.G. Woddy, 1; also half-peal of Bob Minor, by R. Underwood, 1; T. Thirkell, 2; J. Peake, 3; F. Brand, 4; R. Todd, 5; A. Morton, 6 (conductor). On Tuesday, Dec 15th, a peal of Duke of York was rung by the following (being the first peal for in the method) - R. Briscoe, 1; J.G. Woddy, 2; J.J. Peake, 3; F. Brand, 4; J.T. Frenchum, 5; A. Morton, 6 (Conductor).

***February 1904 p.20 Col 2 para. 2***

"**The Belfry.** - The following peals have been rung during the month: - Two of Bob Minor, four of Woodbine, and one of Kent, by R. Underwood, 1; J.T. Frenchum, 6; J.G. Woddy, 2; J. Peake, 7; R.J. Todd, 4; F. Brand, 6; J. Kinchin, 5; R. Briscoe, 5; A. Morton, 3; T.Thirkell, 2; J. Kirby, 1; conductors, F. Brand, 2; A. Morton, 2; R. Briscoe, 3; also 720 rung in six different methods, being 120 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent, by T. Thirkell, 1; R. Briscoe, 2; J. Peake, 3; F. Brand, 4; J.T. Frenchum, 5; A. Morton, 6 (Conductor). - On Tuesday, December 29th, the Rev. A.E. Ayre entertained the ringers to a supper at the King's Head Hotel, at which 14 Honorary and Ringing Members were present. After an excellent repast, the principal toast, "The President," was proposed by Mr Morton, who alluded to the great advancement in the art of change ringing which the ringers had accomplished during Mr. Ayres

presidency, there being nothing in the history of the Church to equal the variety of methods rung, and the peals of 5,000 accomplished. He attributed their success to the interest the local Clergy had taken in the bells and

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the ringers. They were sorry to lose Mr. Ayre as their President, but they sincerely congratulated him on obtaining a better appointment, and they asked him to accept a gift of three books, as a token of their gratefulness and high appreciation of his kindness. The Rev. A.E. Ayre, in replying, expressed the pleasure he had derived from his connection with the belfry, and thanked the ringers most heartily for the books, which he would prize beyond value. He hoped the movement for obtaining two additional bells would be a great success, in fact it could scarcely otherwise, as Lord Zetland had already generously offered to give one of the two required. He trusted change ringing at Richmond Church would continue to prosper, and referred to the good work done in this respect by Mr. Morton, Mr Frenchum, Mr. Briscoe, and others. Harmony and games of various kinds brought a very pleasant evening to a close. A circular has been issued concerning the bells, and the amount of money required to thoroughly carry out the work of improving the peal. It is a time of the year when many calls are made upon the purse, but what is chiefly desired now, is to obtain promises of support so that the bells can be ordered, subscriptions being paid s convenient, any time within the next six months. Further information about Church bells, or change-ringing, will be gladly given by Mr. Morton, Mr. Frenchum. or any of the ringers."

**March 1904 p.30 Col 2 para. 3**

**"The Belfry.** - The following peals of 720 changes each have been rung during the month - Three of Kent Treble Bob, three of Bob Minor, two of Woodbine, by R.J. Todd (Capt.) 6; J.J. Peake, 7; J. T. Frenchum, 7; J. Kirby, 6; F. Brand, 7; A. Morton, 4; T. Thirkell, 4; J. Kinchin, 4; J. G. Woddy, 2; J.C. Phillips, 1. Conductors of peals - A. Morton, 3; F. Brand, 3; J.J. Peake, 1; J.T. Frenchum, 1. Also half peal of Bob Minor, by R. Underwood, T. Thirkell, J.J. Peake, F. Brand, R.J. Todd, J.G. Woddy (Conductor). On Sunday, January 31st, J. C. Phillips rang his first peal of 720 changes. - The movement for increasing our peal from six to eight has proved very popular, and already seventy-five persons have promised subscriptions, the total amount being about £40. It is hoped that the fund will be gradually augmented, until it reaches the sum required, about £95."

**April 1904 p.40 Col 2 para. 2**

**"The Belfry.** - March 21st, 1904. - The movement for raising funds to provide a new bell, fresh chiming apparatus, &c., still continues to make satisfactory progress. More than 130 persons have promised subscriptions, which is most encouraging. Mr. Morton proposes to engross the names and addresses of subscribers on parchment, and deposit the list in the safe of the Church. In years to come, this list of persons who supported the scheme for the improvement of our Church Bells, should be interesting. - The following peals of 720 changes each have been rung - Three of Bob Minor, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of Woodbine, by R.J. Todd (Capt.), 2; J.T. Frenchum, 6; T. Thirkell, 5; F. Brand, 5; A. Morton, 4; J. Kirby, 4; J.J. Peake, 3; J.G. Woddy, 2;p J.J. Phillips, 1. Also two half peals, one of Woodbine and one of Kent Treble Bob, by R.J. Todd (Capt.) 2; J.J. Peake, 2; J.J. Kinchin, 1; F. Brand, 1; J.T. Frenchum, 1. Conductor of peals: A.

Morton, 3; F. Brand, 2; J.G. Woddy, 1. Conductor of half peals: R.J. Todd (Capt.), 1; J.J. Peake, 1. - On Tuesday, March 6th, 1904 to commemorate the Century of the British and Foreign Bible Society, a peal of Minor was rung by J. Kinchin, 1; J. Kirby, 2; J.T. Frenchum, 3; R.J. Todd, 4; T. Thirkell, 5; F. Brand, 6. Conducted by F. Brand.

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**May 1904 p.54 Col 2 para. 2**

**"The Belfry.** - The scheme for adding two new bells and extending the chiming apparatus continues to make satisfactory progress. Subscriptions promised, but not yet paid, will be accepted at Barclay and Co.'s Bank, or by the Churchwardens, or Mr. Frenchum. - The following peals of 720 each have been rung during the month: - Four of Kent Treble Bob, one of Woodbine, one of Bob Minor, by R.J. Todd (Capt.), 4; A. Morton, 5; J.J. Peake, 6; J.T. Frenchum, 6; J. Kirby, 5; F. Brand, 3; T. Thirkell, 3; R. Briscoe, 3; J.G. Woddy, 2; J. Kinchin, 1; J. Phillips, 1. Conductor of peals - A. Morton, 4; R. Briscoe, 1; F. Brand, 1;. On Easter Day, at 5.45, for early service 678 changes of Bob Minor was rung, there not being time to finish the peal before service - J. Phillips, 1; J. Frenchum, 2; J. Kinchin, 3; J. Peake, 4; T. Thirkell, 5; A. Morton, 6. Conducted by A. Morton.

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**June 1904 p.64 Col 2 para. 2**

**"The Belfry.** - The annual meeting was held in the belfry on April 29th, when the Rector presided. The following were elected as officers for the current year: - President, Rev. L.S/ Robinson; Captain, Mr. R.J. Todd; Vice-Captain, Mr. J.J. Peake; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J.T. Frenchum; Conductor, Mr. A. Morton; Tower Representative, Mr. T Thirkell. Mr A.L. Robinson was unanimously elected an Honorary Member. - Mr. Morton reported that the scheme for adding two bells to the tower still made excellent progress, the subscribers numbering nearly 200, and about three requires amount promised. He also remarked that the ringers were particularly pleased to have the Rector as their president for the ensuing year, as the addition of the new bells would mark it as one of unusual interest to all persons interested in church bells, and would place on record the interest he took in the ringers themselves. - The Rector said he was glad to have been elected president, and also pleased that Mr. Morton was a churchwarden during such an eventful year. - Mr. Morton also expressed the indebtedness of the ringers to their Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J.T. Frenchum for his untiring efforts to coach new members, and the large amount of canvassing he has done in connection with the

new bells fund. - Mr. Frenchum suitable replied, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector. - There had been six peals of 720 changes each rung during the month by the following members: - R.J. Todd (Capt.), 6; J.T. Frenchum, 6; T. Thirkell, 4; G.J. Kinchin, 4; J.J. Phillips, 4; J. Kirby, 4; A. Morton, 2; J.J. Peake, 2; C. Brand, 2; J.G. Woddy, 1; R. Borrows, 1. The following ringers took part in the ringing on Ascension Day: - Mr. Uphill, A.L. Robinson, R. Underwood, R. Borrows, G.J. Kinchin, J. Kirby, J.J. Peake, T.Thirkell, R.J. Todd, J.T. Frenchum. C. Brand rang his first peal of 720 changes on Friday, April 29th.

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***July 1904 p.73 Col 2 para. 2***

**"The Belfry.** - The following peals of 720 changes have been rung during the month: - Three of Kent Treble Bob, two of Bob Minor, one of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Woodbine, by R.J. Todd (Capt.) 5; J.J..Peake, 6; J. Kirby, 6; A. Morton, 5; J.T. Frenchum, 5; F. Brand, 4; T. Thirkell, 2; J. Phillips, 2; J.J. Kinchin, 2; R. Borrows, 2; T. Sungley. 1; T. Rushton, 1. Conductors of Peals - A. Morton, 3; R. Briscoe, 1; J.J. Peake, 1; R. Borrows, 1; T. Sungley, 1; also three half peals of Minor by R.J. Todd (Capt) 1; C. Brand, 3; J.J. Peake, 3; J. Kirby, 3; J. Kinchin, 2; T. Thirkell, 2; J. Frenchum, 1; A. Morton, 1; F. Brand, 1; J. Phillips, 1. Conductors - A. Morton, 1; T. Thirkell, 1; F. Brand, 1. - J.T. Frenchum, Hon. Secretary. - The Fund for the provision of an additional bell, and extending the chiming apparatus still continues to be augmented. This month we have to report the receipt of £5 from Miss M.F. Hales, "In memoriam T.C.H.," which has brought the fund to within £10 of the amount required. The bells have been ordered from Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, who have promised to have them fixed and all the eight in ringing order within two months time. - It might interest readers to hear that three learners have made satisfactory progress in bellringing during the past month."

***August 1904 p.84 Col 1 para 3***

"Parishioners may have wondered at the silence of the church bells during the past few weeks. They will be glad to know that it is only a temporary silence, and soon the merry peals will sound again. All the bells have been taken from their bearings, and, after being thoroughly overhauled, they will be placed with the two extra ones in ringing order."

***August 1904 p.84 Col 2 para 2***

**"The Belfry.** - At a meeting held in the Belfry on Friday, July 14th, Mr. W.E. Uphill and Mr. F.W. Pybus were elected hon. members. The bellhangers will have the bells finished by the 30th of July, and we hope to be able to ring on Sunday 31st. The following peals were rung before the bells were dismantled, one of Bob Minor and one of Doubles by R.J. Todd (capt.), 1; J. Kinchin, 2; J. Kirby, 2; A. Morton, 1; J.T. Frenchum, 1; C. Brand, 1; T. Thirkell, 1; J. Phillips, 1; J. Peake, 1; Mr. Uphill, 1. Conductors: A. Morton, 1; R.J. Todd, 1. June 23rd, 1904, for the visitation of the Bishop of Ripon, a peal of Bob Doubles was rung by J. Kinchin, 1; J. Peake, 2; J.T. Frenchum, 3; J. Kirby, 4; R.J. Todd, 5; Mr. Uphill, 6. Conducted by R.J. Todd."  
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**September 1904 p.94 Col 2 para 3**

**"Bellringers' Outing.** - On Wednesday, Aug. 3rd, the Bellringers had a most enjoyable outing. They assembled soon after nine in the morning and were photographed as a group at the foot of the tower of the Parish Church. This event being over they started on a drive through Catterick, by Hornby Castle to Jervaulx Abbey, where they halted a few minutes to inspect this most interesting ruin. A few minutes later they reached East Witton, and gave the residents a few touches on their mellow peal of six bells, which are conveniently hung in the church there. A short drive brought them to Middleham, their headquarters for the day. After an excellent luncheon all proceeded to the ruins of the Castle, the shade of its massive walls being very welcome to those who felt languid or fatigued, owing to the unusual heat. Leaving the Castle some of the ringers proceeded to the Church,

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where a peal of Bob Minor conducted Mr. R. Borrows, was successfully accomplished; while others betook themselves to the river Ure, and thoroughly enjoyed the cooling and refreshing effects of a swim. Dr Pauli, who is an enthusiastic ringer, and who had given them a very hearty welcome to Middleham, accompanied us to tea, and afterwards rang the treble bell through a peal of Kent, conducted by Mr. Morton. The drive home was not quite so pleasant, owing to a thunderstorm, but this in no way altered the unanimous opinion of the ringers, that they had spent a most enjoyable day. On nearing Richmond, a vote of thanks to the Rector for so generously providing the ringers with such a pleasant outing, was proposed by Mr. Morton, and supported by Mr. Todd, Mr. Frenchum, and others, and carried with musical honours. The Rector, having expressed the pleasure he had derived during the drive, and three hearty cheers being given for Mrs. Robinson, the party broke up for their respective homes."

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"The dedication of the two new bells may not take place for some time yet, owing to the difficulty of arranging a convenient date."

**October 1904 p.104 Col 2 para 8**

**"The Belfry.** - The following peals of 728 changes each have been rung since the bells have been re-hung: - Bob Minor 8, one of Kent Treble Bob, by R.J. Todd

capt. (6), J. Kirby (6), J.J. Kinchin (6), J.T. Frenchum (4), J.J. Peake (4), J. Phillips (5), F. Brand (3), C Brand (3), T.Thirkell (3), R. Borrows (2). Conductors of peals:- R.J. Todd, dcapt. (4), T.Thirkell (1), J. Peake (1), F. Brand (2), R. Borrows (1). On August 30th, for Miss Hunton's wedding, a peal of Bob Minor was rung by C. Brand 1, J. Kinchin 2, J. Phillips 3, J. Kirby 4, T. Thirkell 5, R. Borrows 6, conducted by T. Thirkell. Also two half peals by J. Kirby, T. Thirkell, J.T. Frenchum, J.J. Peake, R.J. Todd, A. Morton, C. BBrand, R. Borrows; both conducted by A. Morton. September 12th, 336 of Bob Major, by J. Phillips 1, J. Kinchin 2, A. Morton 3, J.J. Peake 4, F. Brand 5, T. Thirkell 6, J.T. Frenchum 7, R. Borrows 8, this being the first touch on the bells with a bob bell; also two more of 336 changes of Bob Major, by J.J. Peake, R. Borrows, A. Morton, J.T. Frenchum, T. Thirkell, T. Latimer. Conducted by R. Borrows and A. Morton. T. Latimer hails from Pudsey.

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**November 1904 p.114 Col 2 para 3**

"**The New Bells.** - We hope that sometime during the coming month the Buishop will be able to visit us for the purpose of dedicating the new bells."

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**November 1904 p.114 Col 2 para 7**

"**The Belfry.** - On Friday, October 7th, 688 changes of Bob Major were rung by A. Morton, 1; F. Brand, 2; R. Borrows, 3; J.T. Frenchum, 4; J.J. Peake, 5; T. Thirkell, 6; R.J. Todd, 7; G.J. Clarkson, 8. Conducted by G.J. Clarkson. Mr. G. J. Clarkson comes from Stockton and is President of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Bellringers.

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**December 1904 p.124 Col 2 para 7**

"**The Belfry.** - We hope that the Bishop would have been here for the dedication of the two new bells on Sunday, Nov. 20th, but his lordship was prevented from coming. However, it will not be very long now before this interesting event will take place, and we shall then have the pleasure of hearing the full peal of eight bells ringing regularly. - The following Peals of 720 changes each have been rung during the month, viz., five of Bob Minor, two of Kent Treble Bob. R.J. Todd (capt.), 5; J.J. Peake, 6; J. Phillips, 6; J. Kinchin 5; T. Thirkell, 5; J. Kirby, 4; J.T. Frenchum, 3; C. Brand, 3; F. Brand, 3; A. Morton, 1; R. Borrows, 1. Conductors of Peals: R.J. Todd (capt.), 3; J.T. Frenchum, 1; A. Morton, 1; J.J. Peake, 1; F. Brand, 1. On Sunday, November 13th, being Mayor's Sunday, a Peal of Minor was rung by C. Brand, 1; J. Kirby, 2; J. Phillips, 3; T. Thirkell, 4; J.T. Frenchum, 5; J.J. Peake, 6; conducted by J.J. Peake. also Queen's changes was rung as the Mayor was leaving Church.

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