

The History Of The Church Clock
St Pauls Church Woodhouse Eaves Leicestershire.
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Introduction

There has always been a mystery surrounding the Church Clock, or Village Clock as it was sometimes known. The information contained in this research seeks to solve some of these and has recently unearthed some interesting and informative old documents, copies of which are referred to in this document and can be found in the Appendices.

Design

St Paul's Church Woodhouse Eaves and St Peter's Copt Oak were two of many of the churches designed by architect William Railton. For these two local churches he used the same design as can be seen at the bottom of original sketch '*Design of the churches at Woodhouse Eaves and Copt Oak of Charnwood Forest Leicestershire*' [Figure 1] and were built about the same time in 1836/7.



Figure 1: Copy of William Railton original architect design 1835¹

¹ 'Design of the Churches at Woodhouse Eaves and Copt Oak, on Charnwood Forest, Leicestershire by William Railton', Incorporated Church Building Society (ICBS), Lambeth Palace Library online [<http://images.lambethpalacelibrary.org.uk/luna/servlet/s/ubaajd>]

St Paul's and St Peter churches were not originally designed with a clock installed, as can be seen in the original design. However St Paul's has undergone many alterations over the years, including the installation of the clock and two clock faces.

St Peter at Copt Oak [Figure 2] remains today with no clock installed and with the original 'window', hood moulds and foliage label stops, which can be seen clearly over the front door and triple lancet bell openings on each face with parapet and pinnacles.



Figure 2: 1897 - 2018 St Peter, Copt Oak – window above main door.

In contrast St Paul's has undergone many alterations over the years being in a much larger, wealthier parish. The woodcut sketch and zoomed image below dated 1843, showing St Paul's Church and the original school is a bit hazy, but would seem to confirm that a clock face was not evident. On the front of the tower is a circle but it would seem there is a 'window' with hoodmoulds and foliage label stops on the tower above the door and no 'window' on the nearside of the tower.

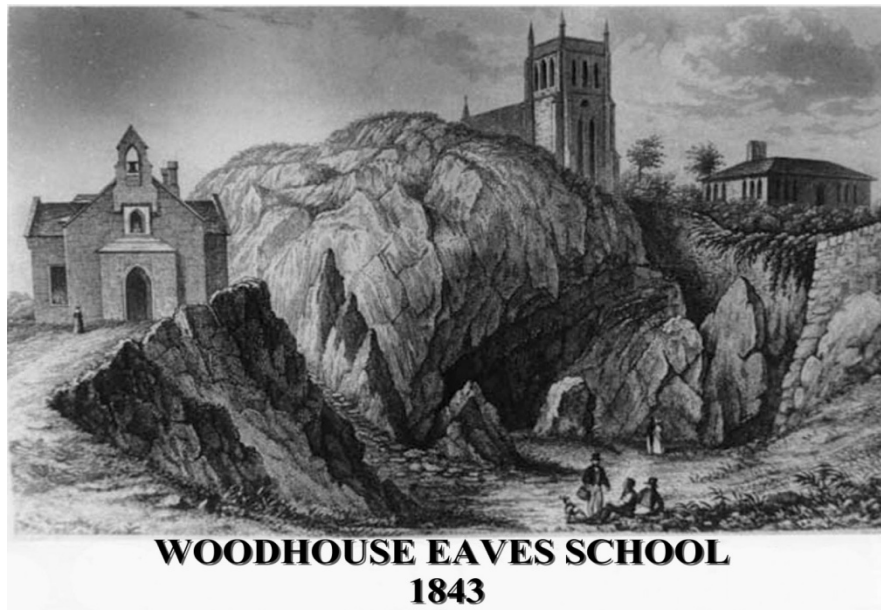


Figure 3: Woodcut sketch of Woodhouse Eaves School, 1843

Over the years there has been conjecture as to whether a clock was fitted prior to 1904, but it appeared to be clear from woodcut sketches [figure 3] and post cards that a clock was not in situ in 1843. However, by 1902 it appears that a clock had been installed. The zoomed image in figure 4 from 1902 and the postcard in figure 5 from the early 1900s clearly show a clock face present. This had also been supported by documents recently discovered at St Paul's, to be discussed later within this document. The exact date that this early clock was installed has not yet been established.



Figure 4: Zoomed image of church quarry, Woodhouse Eaves, Charnwood Forest, 1902³

² 'CC 13 St. Paul's Church of England and School 1843', *Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves Website* [<http://www.qwkz.uk/woodhouseeaves/churches-and-chapels,558653.html>]

³ Image reproduced by permission of British Geological Survey, ref EA18/030.



Figure 5: Postcard, early 1900s ⁴



Figure 6: Postcard c1903 just prior to installation of the clock face on the side facing the road and raising of the tower⁵

Rebuilding of Tower

⁴ 'F 002 Village Stores owned by G Garner', *Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves Website* [<http://we.qwkz.uk/woodhouseeaves/gallery,691034.html>]

⁵ 'CC 18 St. Paul's Church without the Clock', *Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves Website* [<http://we.qwkz.uk/woodhouseeaves/churches-and-chapels,558659.html>]

Three years after the death of Queen Victoria and to commemorate her life and reign, a peal of six new bells were going to be installed at St Paul's, however, the original tower was found to be inadequate to house the new bells. The tower was made stronger and the upper part of the bell tower pulled down and completely rebuilt. The height of the church tower was rebuilt in 1904 and increased by about 18 to 24 inches which was to help take the extra weight of the new bells. At the same time, a new round opening was made in the north face to the same size and design as the ordinal opening in the south face with the insert hood moulds with foliage label stop. The original 'window' was removed in the south face to install the clock face and a clock face in the north face opening.

A Recent Discovery

The current vestry was built in 1909 and in mid-2017 it was cleared out to allow for repairs to the chancel to take place. A number of old documents were discovered, which have been invaluable and provided in-depth information to solve some of the mysteries that surround the clock.

As discussed, it was always thought that it appeared that no clock was installed in St Paul's prior to 1904. However, in an extract taken from one of the newly discovered documents, a memorandum dated July 17th 1903 notes that John Smiths of Derby wrote to Frank Lankester [treasurer and secretary] that Smiths and Taylors [Bellfounders Loughborough] whom examined the Church Tower and old clock states – “*the old clock is a very poor thing and we would certainly not advise Chimes to be attached*” [Copy of full document Appendix 1] and advised that a new clock be installed. The old clock is still shrouded in mystery for now, as it is not known when it was purchased or when it was installed.

Also amongst the documents found was a list titled ‘*Subscription List towards the Woodhouse Eaves Bells and Clock Fund*’ which includes information at the end of the document ‘Sale of old clock £4.10 shillings’ [Appendix 2]. An invoice to advertise the sale of the clock was also found which shows the clock was advertised for sale in *The Church Times* with two insertions on the 8th & 15th July at seven shillings and presumably the date of Oct 25/04 refers to when it was paid. [Appendix 3].

Clock Estimates and Order

Again in the recently discovered documents, a five page memorandum, dated July 17th 1903, from John Smiths and Sons provides a very detailed quote and full information regarding the new clock, part of which states ‘*generally made to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe [the great authority on such clocks] and we should guarantee it to maintain perfectly acute time with less variation than 3 seconds.*’

This document contained three estimates with the music scales for the bells. Estimate one contained full details of the clock and its installation (£72); the second estimate the same as the first, but having in addition “Ding Dong” quarter chimes playing (£104); and estimate three, again the same as the first, but having in addition “Cambridge quarter chimes” (£125). Full document [Appendix 1]

In an extract from a subsequent document from John Smith, dated March 23rd 1904, it stated 'the cost of a second dial with all fittings and connections would be £4.10 shillings. [Appendix 4]

Another memorandum from John Smith and Sons dated June 28th 1904 to Frank Lankester, obviously acknowledging the order for the clock states: 'We beg to thank you for your favour respecting the Clock for Woodhouse Eaves and to say that we will put the work in hand so as to have all ready by time you wish for.' Signed 'Soliciting your further favours, We beg to remain, Your obediently....'

*Note the typeface and terminology used in those days. [Appendix 5]

The order for the clock was made with Smith of Derby in 1904 to make and install the Cambridge (i.e. Westminster) chiming clock and two x 4' dia. dials. The copy of the invoice shows the clock was purchased on 22nd November 1904 for £139.10 shillings, a considerable sum at that time, when a weekly farm labours wage was 14 shillings eleven and half pence, equivalent to 75p today. [Appendix 6]

1898		Simmons Mrs. 71 Otter St.			
July 16		new Handle to Leapot		5	0
Sept 29		Bill delivered		5	0
Dec 25		" "		5	0
Dec 25		" "		5	0
Dec 25		" "		5	0
Dec 25		" "		5	0
Dec 25		" "		5	0
Dec 25		" "		5	0
1904		Woodhouse Eaves Ch	Frank Lankester Esq.		
Nov 22		new ch clock with Cambridge Chimes & 2 dials (4 ft)	(£2-2-0 subscription)	139	10 0
		Dec 24/04 Pay Cash		100	0 0
April 10		Bill delivered		39	10 0
Sept 29		" "		39	10 0
		Subscription £2-2-0			
		Nov 6 Psyche 37-8-0		39	10 0
		Red. H.ley indent.			
1906		ch clock cleaned by S. Turner 2 days		2	5 0
1908		Easter maintaining clock one year	C. J. Morington Esq.	2	5 0
1907		Bill delivered	Paid April 14/08	2	5 0
1908		" "	W. H. Hutton Esq. Longwood Hill, Leamington	2	5 0
1909		" "	Paid April 7/09	2	5 0
1910		" "	Paid Mar 22/10	2	5 0
1911		" "	Paid Apr 27/11	2	5 0
1912		" "	Paid March 27/12	2	5 0
1913		" "	Paid March 15/13	2	5 0
1914		" "	Wm. Harding, Handliff, Leamington, Leamington	2	5 0
1915		" "	Paid March 26/14	2	5 0
1916		" "	(reduced to 10/- per year)	2	5 0
1917		" "	Paid March 29/15	2	5 0
1918		" "	Paid March 29/16	2	5 0
1919		" "	Paid April 7/17	2	5 0
		Carried to 1921			

Figure 7: Copy of Smiths Sales Ledger entry for November 22nd 1904.⁶

⁶ Smiths of Derby Archives

The top of the sales ledger page 74, dated 1897 – seen in figure 7 - does not relate to the order of clock but was on the same page - it can be seen even a small payment for a teapot handle took months to pay. On the order for the clock the name at the top is Frank Lankester Esq.

A 'receipt' states '*Bought of John Smith & Sons dated Dec 1904 the date 22Nov states 'New church clock and Cambridge Chimes and two dials as per agreement £139.10 shilling, it is very pale but it would appear £100 was paid Sep 19th 1904 leaving a balance of £39.10 shillings*' [Appendix7]. A memorandum dated December 19th 1904, from Smith to Frank, acknowledged this payment of £100. A subsequent 'receipt', dated September 29th 1905, acknowledges the balance paid of £37.8 shillings with a reduction for 'subscription' of £2. 8 shillings. [Appendix 9]

Smith today could not advise what the reference to "Subscription" means, but quoted '*It was nice to see that payment was prompt, unlike many at the time!*'

It is likely that Smith, now fourth generation, have maintained the clock throughout its life, however their database only goes back as far as 2002. The cost of the current maintenance service runs to 2019 and will be £510.00 + VAT. Compared to the maintenance costs and dates on the invoice 1908-19017, maintenance was £2.5 shillings. [£2 25p today]

In comparison, the cost for Smiths to provide a brand new clock to the same specification as the existing 1904 clock, a Smith of Derby flatbed, would be currently [2017] approximately £150,000.00 + VAT at 20%.



Figure 8: Smiths of Derby Shop c1900

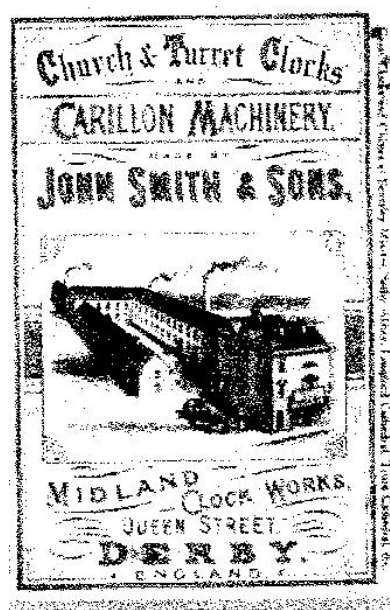


Figure 9: Smiths Clock Works c1900

Upon the completion of the alteration to the tower and the installation of the bells and clock, the *Loughborough Monitor and News*, dated October 20th 1904, reported that a Dedication Service addressed by the Bishop of Peterborough officiated at a special service. The 'edifice' was completely full and some were unable to gain admission, the address given by the Bishop mainly referring to the bells [Appendix 8].

It would appear from this article that the initial predicted cost for all the works was insufficient. Additional work was required and additional funds needed to be raised. This may have accounted for the fact that the balance of the clock was not paid in full until nine months later.

From the inscription on the brass plaque inside the church, seen in figure 10, it was not clear if the Rev. Hiley paid for the clock as it says it was 'placed' by him, however this may have been the case but there were also many wealthy benefactor living in the area at the time.

This mystery has subsequently been solved, again by the documents discovered in the vestry. The '*Subscriptions List Towards the Woodhouse Eaves Bells and Clock Fund*' shows individual benefactors who subscribed over ten shilling – the second highest amount was donated by the Rev A.J. Hiley Vicar (cost of clock) £139.10 shillings. [Appendix 2]



Figure 10: Arnold J. W. Hiley, Vicar of St. Paul's 1898 – 1929. (By David Morley)

The Clock Keeper

When the current clock was installed in 1904 there is evidence that it had to be wound by hand once a week or more, which meant turning each barrel 60 times and there were three of them; the pendulum, the quarter chimer and the hour chimer.

In the spring and autumn when the clocks went forward and back, the clock had to be stopped to adjust the time. Various volunteer clock-keepers over the years have undertaken this task, which was not for the faint hearted – it involved climbing the ladder alone in the dead of night, after 2 a.m., but only after the clock has struck the hour, so as not to interfere with its operation. The vertical steel ladder is bolted to the wall near the church entrance, with the trap door in the ceiling to clamber through. Once in the bell tower, a lever was pulled to lift and lock the clappers away from the bell to prevent it from chiming out, on the hour, half hour and three-quarter hour, when the hands were rotated forward in the spring and back in

the autumn. There was a time when the clock chimes were muffled to reduce the sound, but the material has since been removed.



Figure 11: Steel Ladder Up to Bell Tower



Figure 12: Instruction for General Care and Maintenance (By David Morley)

Directions '*For General Care and Maintenance of the Turret Clock*' were on the inside of the wooden panelled cupboard inside the church entrance, which now contains the clock workings.

Subsequent Work on the Clock

In 1977 the clock face was restored and re-gilded to mark the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II and the brass plaque below added to the cupboard containing the clock mechanism.



Figure 13: Brass plaque commemorating the restoration of the clock face, 1977

Having to wind the original clock by hand was an arduous task and if it were not for the dedicated volunteer 'clock keepers', the clock would not have kept time. This changed in 1998 when the electric winding system was installed at the cost of £5,000, which was paid for by an unknown benefactor in the village. This was placed in a large wooden enclosed locked cabinet in the church front entrance next to the ladder. Another brass plaque placed on the cupboard in commemoration.



Figure 14: Brass plaque commemorating installation of electric winding system



Figure 15: Cupboard containing clock mechanism pre-2018
Vertical steel ladder and safety cage on the right

Recent Improvements

As part of the St Paul's Heritage Project, in November 2017 some of the front panels were replaced by glass and a light was installed. This was to enable the working of the clock to be clearly seen by all.

A CCTV screen has been installed at the side of the cupboard next to the steps which show the bell and clacker and if you are very patient, it can be seen striking the quarters and hours.



Figure 16: CCTV Screen



Figure 17: Front panels of the cupboard replaced by glass (By Beth Walsh)



Figure 18: The clock workings can now be seen in great detail (By David Morley)

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Appendices

Appendices 1- 7 & 9

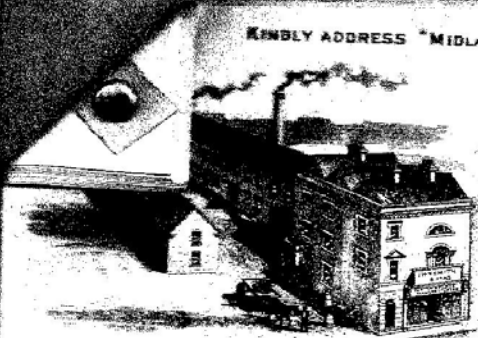
Copies taken relating to the clock of some of the papers discover during building works in St Paul Church Vestry mid-2017. Originals currently held by Keith Randon.

Appendix 8

Exert from The Loughborough Monitor and News dated October 20th 1904 tape archive
Loughborough Library Granby Street Local Studies Reference Room

Appendix 1

KINDLY ADDRESS "MIDLAND CLOCK WORKS" AS MISTAKES SOMETIMES OCCUR.



Midland Steam Clock Works.
Queen Street & Market Place.
Derby. July 17th 1903

Memorandum from JOHN SMITH & SONS,
[FRANK & JOHN H. SMITH, PARTNERS.]

Manufacturers by Special Machinery of every description
of Clocks, Chimes, Carillons, &c for Cathedrals, Churches,
Stables, Railway Stations, &c

MAKERS OF
New Great Clock
AT
S. Paul's Cathedral
(The order being given on the
recommendation
of Lord Greenwich)

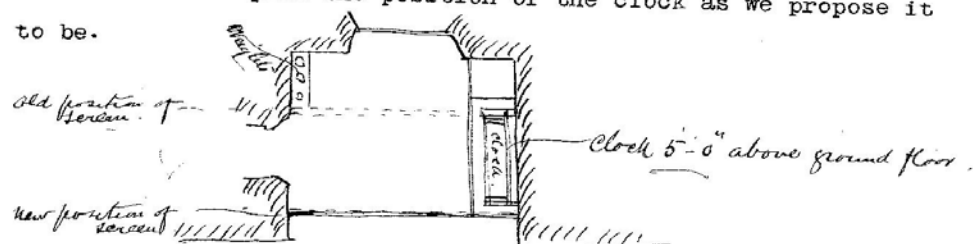
THURLES CATHEDRAL
LEICESTER TOWN HALL
BURTON-ON-TRENT
TOWN HALL
BURNLEY PARISH CHURCH
BEACONSFIELD CHURCH
LONDON SCHOOL BOARDS
OFFICES.
KENDAL TOWN HALL
HAMPTON HILL CHURCH
Near Hampton Court
ENVILLE CHURCH
BUXTON TOWN HALL
BILSTON TOWN HALL
ELSTOW CHURCH,
Bedford.
GRAVESEND JUBILEE CLOCK
NORTHFLEET TOWN CLOCK
CHARD CHURCH
SYSTON CHURCH
INGESTRE HALL
OMBERSLEY CHURCH
RAWENSTALL CHURCH
EGREMONT TOWN HALL
&c, &c, &c.

Frank Lancaster Esq.,
The Oaks,
Brandhill,
Woodhouse Eaves,
Loughborough.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that along with Mr Taylor,
(Bellfounders) we made a careful examination of your Church
Tower and old clock yesterday, and now beg to submit to
you our general report and recommendations on the subject
The old clock is a very poor thing, and we should certainly
not advise Chimes to be attached to it as a good deal
of dissatisfaction would result in the Parish if such
were done.--- The old clock is very weak in the striking
apparatus and could not possibly lift a larger hammer
than it does on the present small bell. The proposed
new Tenor Bell of the peal of six ought certainly to
have a hammer of about four times the weight of the

present hammer if the proper tone is to be brought forth from the bell. ---- Owing to the extremely limited space in the tower we should advise that you have a complete new clock with "Cambridge Chimes" attached and fixed altogether on the ground floor of the Church on the north wall with the connecting rods and wires so arranged in the corner of the Tower as not to interfere much with the ringing floor which we understand from Mr Taylor is to be fixed about 12 feet above the ground. ---- This sketch shows on plan the position of the clock as we propose it to be.



The old dial seems in a fair condition, but of course it wants painting and gilding. The hands and wheelwork in connection with them we should propose to renew altogether.

Our Clock would be fitted with all the latest improvements and generally made to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe (the great authority on such clocks) and we should guarantee it to maintain perfectly accurate time with less variation than 3 seconds a week, and maintain it free of charge for two years except the winding which we presume would be done by the Clerk or Sexton. Such a clock would be an absolute timekeeper and so form a standard for the timekeeping of the district.

We may say that we made the new great clock for St Paul's Cathedral
The great Clock and Chimes for Beverley Minster; The Clock for
Leicester Municipal Buildings, and many other important ones in
all parts.

Estimate I.

We hereby offer to make and erect complete in Woodhouse
Eaves Church a Clock to strike the hours upon a new Tenor Bell ;
to show time on the present dial which we should paint and gild;
to be fitted with all the latest improvements; to have apparatus
to continue the action of the clock during winding; to have a
small dial on the movement by which the external hands would be
regulated and set to time.

The main frame of the clock would be of one solid iron cast-
ing, planed smooth and true with all the various wheels, levers &c
so arranged upon it that any separate part might be removed without
disturbing the remainder.--- The frame would be bolted to massive
girders brackets which would be built into the Tower wall so that
the clock would be perfectly rigid.

All the wheels of the going part-- dial work and bevel wheels
would be of the best gun metal having their teeth cut from the
solid by a powerful engine so as to work perfectly smooth into
each other.

All the pinion arbors would be of the best cast steel properly hardened and tempered.

Steel wire ropes would be used to carry the weights working over large grooved iron pulleys and wrought iron barrels.

The pendulum would be a cylindrical one with heavy bob fitted with screw clutch suspension -- A hardened and tempered steel spring -- An ordinary screw regulator, and an auxiliary regulator of small weights for delicate adjustments.

New hands would be made for the old dial, and they would be made of copper properly hammered and stiffened, and counterpoised inside the Tower by adjustable balances.

The hammer for striking the bell would be mounted in iron framework fitted with suitable steel check spring, and so bolted to the bell frame that the ringing of the bells would not be interfered with.

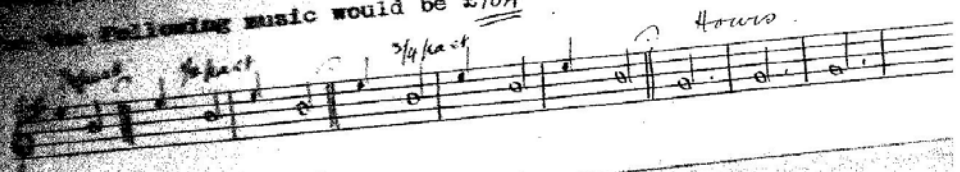
All the iron and steel work of the clock would be properly painted and varnished, and all the gun metal wheels, bushes and bearings would be properly polished and lacquered.

The entire cost of the Clock complete and fixed inclusive of all carriage and travelling expenses, but exclusive of any builders work or masonry work required during fixing would be £ $\frac{7}{8}$

Estimate 2.

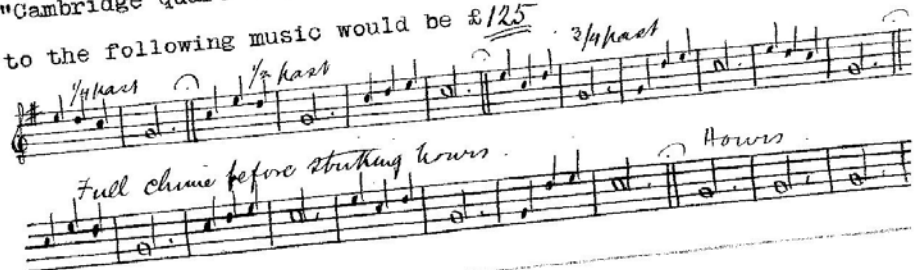
A Clock same as Estimate I. but having in addition "Ding

...quarter chimes playing upon two of the bells according
to the following music would be £104



Estimate 3.

A clock same as Estimate 1. but having in addition
"Cambridge quarter chimes" playing upon 4 of the bells according
to the following music would be £125



Should you think well to place the instructions in our care
we beg to assure you that the work should be carried out to
your fullest satisfaction in every way.

Yours faithfully,

John Smith & Sons

Appendix 2

1904 Oct 10 LRC

SUBSCRIPTION LIST

towards the Woodhouse Eaves Bells and Clock Fund.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Perry-Herrick, Beaumanor Park ...	150	0	0	Mr. Kirby ...	1	1	0
Rev. A. J. W. Hiley, Vicar (cost of clock) ...	139	10	0	Mr. C. Prichard ...	1	1	0
R. F. Martin, Esq., The Brand ...	100	0	0	Mr. Jos. Stubbs ...	1	1	0
B. H. C. Fox, Esq. Maplewell ...	50	0	0	Mrs. Wade, The Warren ...	1	1	0
The Countess of Stamford and Warrington ...	25	0	0	Mr. F. Armson, senr. Main Street ...	1	1	0
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lankester, Brand Hill ...	21	0	0	Mr. G. H. Stubbs, Main Street ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Heygate, Roecliff ...	20	0	0	Mr. V. M. Flewitt, Main Street ...	1	1	0
Miss Ellis, Maplehurst (1904 and 1905) ...	20	0	0	Mr. W. Wesley, Maplewell Road ...	1	1	0
X Col. Henry, Woodhouse Eaves ...	20	0	0	Mr. C. Shaw, Maplewell Road ...	1	1	0
Henry Humphreys, Esq., Woodhouse ...	20	0	0	Mr. J. Reeves, Maplewell Road ...	1	1	0
X Mrs. Bennie, The Chace ...	15	0	0	Mrs. Meynell, Beacon Road ...	1	1	0
X Captain Heygate, Mapledene (1904 and 1905) ...	15	0	0	Mr. T. Lester, Beacon Road ...	1	1	0
W. F. Martin, Esq., The Brand ...	12	0	0	Miss Angrave ...	1	1	0
Fred Ellis, Esq., Leicester (per F. L.) ...	10	10	0	Miss Agnes Barbour } (per Miss Ellis) ...	0	5	0
Alfred Adderly, Esq. The Grange ...	10	10	0	Mrs. Gilbert ...	1	1	0
Capt. Childers, 1904 and 1905, Maplecote ...	10	10	0	Miss Simpson ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Childers, 1904 and 1905, Maplecote ...	10	10	0	G. Tempest Wade, Esq. ...	1	1	0
Miss Murrell, Woodhouse Eaves ...	10	0	0	Geo. Bouskell, Esq., Brand Hill ...	1	1	0
C. J. Monnington, Esq., Maplewell ...	10	0	0	Mr. Chell, Beacon Road ...	1	0	0
Robt. E. Martin, Esq. The Brand ...	10	0	0	Mr. W. Pettitt, Maplewell Road ...	1	0	0
Dr. and Mrs. Tuckett, Woodhouse Eaves ...	7	7	0	The Woodhouse Eaves Band (per Mr. Chell) ...	1	0	0
Miss Bennie, The Chace ...	5	0	0	Mrs. Cox, Woodhouse Eaves ...	1	0	0
Miss Strong, Brand Hill ...	5	0	0	Madame & Mr. Soyer, Imperial Hotel, Cheltenham ...	0	10	6
J. Stockdale Harrison, junr., Esq., Woodhouse Eaves, 1904 and 1905 ...	4	4	0	A. Beck, Esq., Leicester (per F. L.) ...	0	10	6
W. H. Hutton, Esq. ...	3	3	0	Mr. E. Gregory, Loughborough ...	0	10	6
Rev. and Mrs. John Martin, Charley Hall ...	2	2	0	Mr. and Mrs. Hardy ...	0	10	6
Maurice Levy, M.P., Humberstone Hall ...	2	2	0	Mr. P. Preston, Maplewell Road ...	0	10	0
C. T. Parker, Esq., Quorn Lodge ...	2	2	0	Mr. Sheppard, Maplewell Road ...	0	10	0
Miss Carter Woodhouse Eaves ...	2	2	0	Mr. Hicklin and Family, Maplewell Road ...	0	10	0
V. M. Woodhouse, Esq., Leicester (per F. L.) ...	2	2	0	Mr. Facer, Brand Cottage ...	0	10	0
W. H. Lead, Esq., Rothley (per F. L.) ...	2	2	0	Mr. W. Wainwright, Main Street ...	0	10	0
Geo. H. Wade, Esq. The Warren ...	2	2	0	Mr. Kirk, Main Street ...	0	10	0
John Humphreys, Esq. ...	2	2	0	Mrs. Allen and Family, Main Street ...	0	10	0
Messrs. J. Smith and Sons, Derby ...	2	2	0	Mr. & Mrs. Jackson, The Boarding House ...	0	10	0
Miss Burnaby, Westhorpe, Loughborough ...	2	0	0	Miss Eleanor James, Church Hill ...	0	10	0
Mr. Gibson (1904 and 1905) ...	2	0	0	Miss Maclean, Woodhouse ...	0	10	0
W. B. Du Pre, Esq., London ...	1	1	0	Mrs. Vesty ...	0	10	0
Mrs. C. Squire, Woodhouse Eaves ...	1	1	0	Mr. Edgar Squire ...	0	10	0
Mr. F. Squire, Woodhouse Eaves ...	1	1	0	The Choir Boys, St. Paul's Church ...	0	10	0
Mr. George Squire, Woodhouse Eaves ...	1	1	0	Mrs. B. Walker, 1904 and 1905 ...	0	10	0
Miss Edith Spuire, Woodhouse Eaves ...	1	1	0	Mrs. S. J. Foulds, 1904 and 1905 ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Reeves ...	1	1	0	Sale of old Bell ...	20	0	0
Mrs. Mavius, Woodhouse ...	1	1	0	Sale of old clock ...	4	10	0
J. P. Fisenden, Esq. (per F. L.) ...	1	1	0	Amounts under 10/- ...	18	14	0
Mr. John Flewitt ...	1	1	0	Bank Interest ...	1	5	2

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Appendix 3

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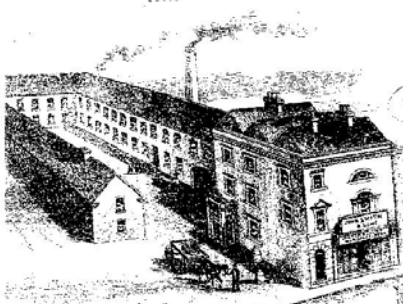
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Appendix 4



Midland Steam Clock Works.
Queen Street & Market Place.

Derby. March 23rd 1904

Memorandum from **JOHN SMITH & SONS,**
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EGREMONT TOWN HALL
&c., &c., &c.

*Frank Lancaster Esq
The Oaks Grand Hill
Loughborough*

Dear Sir
We beg to thank you for your favour
respecting the proposed clock for the church
at Woodhouse Eaves. — The cost of a 2nd
dial with all fittings and connections would
be £14-10-0 — We rather fear that it
would be impracticable to put the clock
movement in the upper part of the vestry
as it is necessary to have direct connection
between the clock and the hammers and
a direct run from the clock barrels for
the steel wire ropes which carry the weights

We believe that Mr Taylor said that you were
in Leicester most days. But Mr Smith will
be through Leicester on Friday and will call
to see Mess^{rs} Harrison - whom we know - and will
also call upon you first if you will kindly
let us know where we should find you
in Leicester

Soliciting your further favours

We beg to Remain

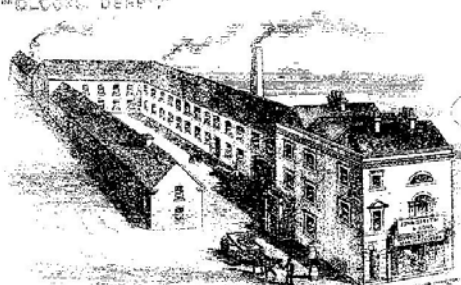
Yours respectfully

John Smith & Son

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KINDLY ADDRESS "MIDLAND CLOCK WORKS" AS MISTAKES SOMETIMES OCCUR.



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Frank Lankester Esq,
41 Belvoir St.,
Leicester.

Dear Sir,

We beg to thank you for your favour respecting the
Clock for Woodhouse Eaves and to say that we will put
the work in hand so as to have all ready by the time
you wish it for.

Soliciting your further favours.

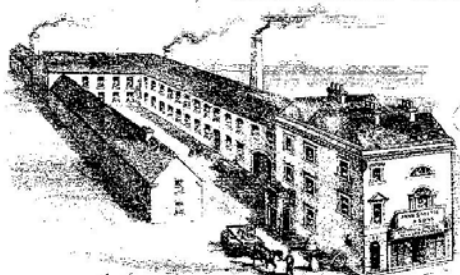
We beg to remain,

Yours obediently,

John Smith & Sons

Appendix 6

KINDLY ADDRESS "MIDLAND CLOCK WORKS", AS MISTAKES SOMETIMES OCCUR.



Midland Steam Clock Works.

Queen Street & Market Place.

Derby Dec^r 1904

At Woodhouse Eaves Church Board Committee

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of Clocks, Chimes, Carillons, &c for Cathedrals, Churches,
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*For 22 New Church Clocks and Cambridge Chimes
and two dials as per agreement*

£ 29 10 0

With Thanks & Complements

Appendix 7

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
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MEMORANDUM FROM **JOHN SMITH & SONS,**
MIDLAND CLOCK WORKS,
QUEEN STREET, DERBY.

FRANK S. SMITH, }
JOHN H. SMITH, } PARTNERS.

Dec^r 19th 1904

Received from Frank Lankester Esq
the sum of one hundred pounds
on account of clock erected by
us at Woodhouse Eaves church

£100-0-0

John Smith & Sons
Dec 19/04

With best thanks.

DEDICATION SERVICES.

ADDRESSES BY THE BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH. WOODHOUSE EAVES.

VICTORIA MEMORIAL: NEW BELLS AND CLOCK FOR THE CHURCH.

The desire expressed some considerable period ago at a meeting of the parishioners of Woodhouse Eaves to erect a memorial in the village in honour of the late Queen, has now been consummated. The appeal made in January last met with a most encouraging response. Being asked by the parishioners to take the preliminary steps and report to a future meeting, the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. W. Hiley) and the churchwardens (Messrs. Frank Lancaster and John Hewitt) issued the appeal mentioned, and placed before possible subscribers three alternative schemes. To carry out the first—which included six bells, a new clock, and the re-building of the upper portion of the tower of St. Paul's—it was thought £800 would suffice to cover the expense; for the second—six bells to chime but not to ring, and the clock—£450; for the third—three bells to ring and a cheaper clock—£400. As most of the promises and subscriptions were made conditional on the first and most ambitious of the schemes being carried through, another public meeting was held, when Capt. Hargate presided over a representative gathering, and after hearing the explanations of the committee those present pledged themselves to use every endeavour to carry the scheme to a successful issue. The committee appointed to proceed with the undertaking was the Vicar and churchwardens, Capt. Hargate, Mr. R. E. Martin, Mr. Alfred Adderly, Mr. W. Pettitt, and Mr. U. Prichard.

The work was at once put in hand, and as the upper part of the church tower had to be pulled down and entirely re-built—both the space and strength of the old tower being insufficient—the committee accepted the tender of Messrs. Henry Herbert and Sons, of Leicester, Messrs. J. Stockdale Harrison and Sons being the architects. Their endeavour was to have the work done thoroughly without incurring unnecessary expense. Much more was, however, executed than was at first contemplated, but it was felt that the work ought not to suffer from lack of funds. Certain alterations and improvements in the church were effected, the height of the tower raised several feet—thus greatly improving the external appearance. The old portion of the tower was also carefully re-pointed in cement, the latter being used throughout the work instead of mortar. The peal of six bells, cast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, now hangs in the belfry. The tenor bell weighs 10 cwt., and bears the following inscription:—

To the Glory of God, and in Memory of Queen Victoria, this Peal of Six Bells was erected by Public Subscription, A.D. 1904.

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A. J. W. HILEY, Vicar.
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J. FLEWITT

Thanks to the generosity of the Vicar, Messrs. J. Smith and Sons, of Derby, are erecting a new clock, having two dials instead of one, chiming the quarters on four bells as well as striking the hours. This will be a most valued acquisition to the whole neighbour-

hood. About £310 has been raised or promised, and of this amount nearly £700 has been already paid to the treasurer and secretary, Mr. Frank Lankester. It is expected that from £250 to £300 more will be required. Additional subscriptions have since come in, however, and it is hoped that all who can do so will help to defray the cost and free the work from the incubus of debt.

On Monday afternoon the Bishop of Peterborough at a special service dedicated the bells. The edifice was crowded, many being unable to gain admission. The clergy present were the Revs. A. J. W. Hiley (Vicar), E. C. Pigg (Woodhouse), J. R. Hughes (Rampton), W. Fraser (Holy Trinity, Loughborough), C. B. Bartlett (Thorp Acre), G. Crossley (Bredon-on-the-Hill), and H. Hampson (Newtown Linford) acting as Bishop's Chaplain. The churchwardens were Messrs. F. J. Lankester and J. Flewitt. The processional hymn was "God of Abraham praise," followed by shortened evening prayer to the Third Collect. The first lesson was read by the Rev. G. Crossley, and the second by the Rev. W. Fraser. The dedicatory words were repeated by the Bishop, after which the clergy, church officers, and others proceeded to the tower. A short peal was rung on the bells, after which

The Bishop, in the course of his address, remarked that he felt sure they were doing what was according to the will of God. How strange it was how Church bells entered into their lives, and in years to come when they were no longer there these bells would remain to do their share and their part in the lives of those who dwell in that place. It was noticeable how great events in their lives were marked by the Church bells, and it did one good to remember how much they might take part in their lives. He remembered that beautiful church in London, of which he was Vicar for 18 years—Kensington—how at the end of the year the church bells tolled out the old year and rang in the new. He remembered how they sat up to wait till the church clock struck twelve, and then there burst from the bells a great peal of joy to welcome the new year. That was but an instance of how the bells seemed to come into their lives. In some parts of England people thought that a person could not die unless the bell tolled. So superstitious were they that they thought the soul could not pass away without the bell. Although an old superstition it was but an instance of the fact that we were accustomed to that solemn sound during the going out from life of one more of the children of men into eternity. The bells seemed to become friends. Let them hear those beautiful bells—for they were beautiful—and hear them in days to come. Then they would think of the day when they were consecrated and dedicated, and they would love to hear them. They rang their message—a message which would often remind them of the great God, for the bells were intended for the worship of God. Let them begin again that day in a new life to the worship of God. The bells were only to be used for the glory of God and His service, and were handed over to the vicar, who, with the churchwardens, would be responsible. Now, as these bells were going to sound forth to the glory of God, he wanted his hearers to make them an emblem in their lives. People seemed afraid to show they were Christians. They were cowardly, and in their cowardice they did not like to make themselves too prominent and there was little sounding out from them. Just as those bells on high were giving forth their message to come to worship and doing their work, so the people were requested to do their part. Let them take the message home, and as the bells rung might they remind them of what had been said that day.

During the afternoon and evening touches on the bells were rung in three methods, Grandtre Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob. The ringers were Messrs. R. Lane treble, H. Colburn 2, F. Burleigh 3, P. Perrin 4, J. Wells 5, H. Abbott tenor, assisted by J. Goodman.

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