

(written for the parish magazine 1978)

1722 - 1972.

Saturday, 14th October 1972, at 2.15 p.m. saw the start of another attempt for a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples at the Church of the Holy Cross, Cowbridge, for this year was the 250th anniversary of the CASTING OF THESE BELLS, THE ONLY COMPLETE AND ORIGINAL SURVIVING OCTAVE BY THE JOINT FOUNDERS, EVAN AND WILLIAM EVANS OF CHEPSTOW.

After 2 hours and 54 minutes the Peal came round successfully to the satisfaction of everyone who took part.

5040 Grandsire Triples.

Parker's Twelve Part.

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| * W.Geoffrey Morgan. | Treble. | * Cyril F.Cook. | 5. |
| * Iolo Davies. | 2. | David K.Barrington. | 6. |
| Thomas Yeomans. | 3. | Ellis N.Thomas. | 7. |
| A.W.Thomas. | 4. | W.J.Lewis Groom. | Tenor. |

* First Peal of Triples. Conducted by Ellis N.Thomas.

DETAILS OF THE RING OF 8 BELLS.

	Diameter.	Note.	Weight.			Founder.
			Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.	
Treble.	2'4"	E	4.	3.	11) E. and W.EVANS of Chepstow 1722.
2.	2'5"	D sharp	5.	0.	15	
3.	2'7"	C "	5.	3.	4	
4.	2'9"	B	6.	2.	12	
5.	2'11 ³ / ₄ "	A	7.	2.	5	
6.	3'2"	G sharp.	9.	0.	17	
7.	3'5 ¹ / ₂ "	F "	11.	2.	10	
Tenor.	3'10"	E	15.	3.	13	

The peal tuned and rehung with new fittings in new bellframe in 1935 by John Taylor & Co., Bell Founders, Loughborough.

COWBRIDGE CHURCH BELLS - INSCRIPTIONS.

The capital Os represent the Town seal which is stamped on the bells in several places.

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| Treble. | EVAN EVANS. O. Wm. EVANS. Bellfounders. 1722. |
| 2nd. | BENEFACTOR. O. O. O. Richard Gregory - Rector.
BENEFACT-r. DAN-l. DURELL. Schoole Master. 1722. |
| 3rd. | BENE-s. O. MRS. MAG-t. MATHEWS. MRS. HESTER WILKINS.
E.E.& W.E. 1722. |
| 4th. | O. Wm. DAVIS. IOHN STYDER ALD-n. BENE-s. E.E.& W.E. 1722. |
| 5th. | RICH. BATES. THO. BATES. ALDERMEN. E.E. & W.E. 1722. |

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COWBRIDGE CHURCH BELLS - INSCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

- 6th. THO. WILKINS. IEN WILLIAMS. Gen-t. Alder-n. Benefact-s.
E.E. & W.E. 1722.
- 7th. O. EDW-d CARINE ROG. WILKINS. Esq-r. Bayliffs. Benefact-s.
E.E. & W.E. 1722.
- Tenor. BENEFACTORS. FRANCIS GWYN Esq-r. Mayor. EDW. STRADLING Esq-r.
Dep. Mayor.
E.E. & W.E. 1722.
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Thanks go to all ringers, who took part, and also to
Canon S.H. Mogford for letting us try so many times for this Peal during the
year.

W.G.M.

The Tower at Holy Cross Church houses a fine peal of eight bells, ranging in weight from No.1, the Treble, which is 4 cwt, to the Tenor No.8, which is 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.

They were first cast and installed in the Tower in 1722 by the founders, Evan and William Evans of Chepstow, and were hung anti-clockwise in a wooden frame on plain bearings.

In 1935, they were taken down to be retuned and quarter turned by John Taylor and Co.Ltd., Bellfounders of Loughborough, and re-hung, clockwise, on ball bearings in a new steel frame.

On Saturday, 14th October 1972, a Peal, consisting of 5040 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hours and 54 minutes. Those taking part were:-

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| 1. W.E.Morgan. | 5. Cyril Cook. |
| 2. Iolo Davies. | 6. David K.Barrington. |
| 3. Thomas Yeomans. | 7. Ellis Thomas. |
| 4. A.W.Thomas. | 8. W.J.Lewis Groom. |

Conducted by Ellis Thomas.

This Peal was rung to celebrate the 250th anniversary of these bells, which are now the only complete and original surviving Octave by Evan and William Evans of Chepstow. There were other Bellfounders around at one time but now there only remain two, namely, John Taylor, Loughborough and Nears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London.