

TWICKENHAM, ALL HALLOWS

St. Dionis Backchurch in the City of London had ten bells cast by Richard Phelps in 1726. The fourth and eighth were recast by Thomas Lester in 1750. When this church was demolished in 1878, the bells were transferred to All Hallows Lombard Street, another City church. This church was destroyed by fire but the tower and bells survived. In 1940 the tower was dismantled and re-erected beside the Chertsey Road, Twickenham. The bells went into storage and were installed in the tower in time for the Rededication Service March 11th, 1951.

The two trebles were sold to St. John the Baptist, Windsor but before they were removed from the tower on Monday August 8th, 1988 a special date touch of 1726 changes was rung to commemorate the year of Phelps's work and on October 2nd 1988 a date touch of 1988 changes of Spliced Little and Plain Bob Royal was rung to welcome in the two new trebles.

Placed on a wall of the ringing chamber is the rare 9 ft high Royal Arms of carved oak which dates from the time of King Charles II. On another wall is displayed a framed historic account of John Wesley's preaching in the 1788 period of his life.

Source: J H A Charles, M.A., *The parish church of All Hallows Twickenham* 1959, p 11; Peter Devenish; *Ringing World* March 16, 1951, p 168 and December 11, 1987 p 1085