

HAMMERSMITH. Sources

Queen Caroline Street Hammersmith W8. North-west tower completed 1881. C Hibbert *London's churches*

On Sunday April 24th 1774 the Hammersmith Society did ring (in) this steeple a peal of 5040 Plain Bob in 3h and 25m in seven different seven hundred and twentys. William Gomm*, Thomas Harris, William Hallett, Francis Beale, James Worster ©, William Parris. Mr John Swafford churchwarden. [Transcription of tablet in the tower] *Church bells* vol. 2 (1871) p. 31.

*Mistranscribed? Other sources, including Trollope, give Wm Lewis on the treble.

The old tenor 43 ½" 15-0-0 in F
RECAST BY A SUBSCRIPTION OF THE INHABITANTS
ANNO J747 Rt. CATLIN FECIT
THE GIFT OF Sr NICOLAS CRISPE
ANNO 1639. From MS of H B Walters. VP: "My notes B of A 17-4-96 3"

July 1870. Order from Edward B Pope churchwarden St Paul Hammersmith. New tenor bell in F 15-0-18 Old bell 14-3-13. Whitechapel Foundry day book 120.

Five bells subscribed by Sir Nicholas Crispe, and four still remain which bear his name, though the tenor has twice been recast. In 1657 a treble was added and in 1813 the octave was completed... The church was pulled down in 1882 and the bells rehung in the new steeple. J Trollope *Ringing world* June 23rd 1944 p. 259, based on his *Manuscript*, pp 1229-1237 (= pdf 631-639). Peal records are at pp. 1238-1244 (= pdf 640-646) [Photocopies of both in suspension file.](#)

Foundation stone of the original chapel laid 11/03/1629, consecrated 1631. Glass with the arms of Sir Nicholas Crispe and other benefactors. G Saunders, architect, enlarged church in 1864. Plans for the new church were made by H R Gough and J P Seddon. Foundation stone laid 1/07/1882, the nave and aisles consecrated 30/09/1883. The chancel and tower consecrated 2/07/1887. B F L Clarke *Parish churches of London* pp. 71-72.

Churchwardens' accounts during the 17th and 18th centuries reveal many entries concerning the bells and the ringing. The ringers received payment for various anniversaries – Queen Elizabeth's birthday, Restoration Day, Gunpowder Treason day, the list goes on, payment received when the King or Queen passed through the town on their way to or from Windsor. The original peal of six bells in the tower of the old church installed 1639. Tower of the old church demolished 1882; bells rehung 1890. MCALDG *Annual report* 1901 pp. 58-62.

Ring of eight bells, tenor 15 cwt, 18" in F. Dove records that the bells cannot be rung in changes due to the tower. Mr Clouston thinks that there may have been a trial ringing of them recently but has no details*. Walters and Eeles record: 1, 2 by T Mears, Whitechapel 1813; 3 by Ellis Knight I, Reading 1657; 4. 5. 6 and 7 by Ellis Knight I, Reading 1639; 8 by Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel. Recast 1870. Walters has written in the margin 'clock bell?'. So there may have been nine bells in all. No details are given of a clock bell, and it is not mentioned in Eeles' rough notes. No bell listed for preservation but five are 17th century. R W M Clouston 22/01/1973

* The tower swayed dramatically (per Revd D L Cawley)

1	28"	4 ½ cwt	T Mears II 1813
2	29 ¾"	5 ¼ cwt	T Mears II 1813
3	31 ¼"	5 ½ cwt	Ellis Knight I 1657
4	32 ¼"	6 cwt	Ellis Knight I 1639
5	34"	7 ½ cwt	Ellis Knight I 1639
6	37"	9 cwt	Ellis Knight I 1639
7	40 ½"	12 cwt	Ellis Knight I 1639
8	43 ½"	15-0-18	Mears & Stainbank 1870

All weights are approximate and there is no mention of a clock in *Schedule of bells*

G P Elphick *Draft schedule of bells for the Archdeaconry of Middlesex, Diocese of London*

All slips transcribed. PN 2021