

EALING, St Mary

There were five bells in 1552. James Bagley recast the tenor, c1718. It is believed that R Phelps cast the 16½" diameter bell of about 1cwt c1729. It was hung as a clock bell in 1754 when a cupola was added to the tower. This bell no longer exists.

During the period of the marriage celebrations for Frederick, Prince of Wales, who was married on April 25th 1736, someone carried off the treble of the old five bells, which were standing on the ground, and used it as a punch bowl during the festivities.

Several peals had been rung before nine members of A Friendly Society rang a peal on Sunday May 2nd, 1841 of 5040 changes of Grandsire Tripples (sic) in three hours one minute by: R Haworth, G Stockham, C Balle, R Graham, W Jeffrys, T Tolladay (conductor), T Phillips and two ringers who were needed to ring the tenor - J Durrant and W Hill. At the time of peal The Revd. J Smith was the Vicar and Samuel Knevitt and Thomas Layton the Churchwardens.

Source: *History of Ealing* (n.d.) p 218; *Ealing Parish Church 1130-1980* (n.d.); H B Walters, manuscript; Michael T Sprackling; *Ringling World* October 6, 1994 p 412; Association records.