



The Church Bells of Berkshire.

No. 3.

SHILLINGFORD.

- (1) This Bell bears a Black letter inscription, of which only part is legible, viz. :—

gloria exce gloria Deo.
W K 1586.

This bell must have been one of the earliest from the Bell Foundry of the Knights of Reading.

- (2) Thomas Dodge. Christofer Lagett. Churchwardens.
H. Baigley made mee 1738.

- (3) This bell is quite plain, not even the Founder's name appears, which is an unusual occurrence.

- (4) When : I : am : tolled : with : speed : prepare : both :
young : and : old : the : word : to : hear.

Robert Thompson, Churchwarden.

Edward Neale, of Burford, made mee 1653.

Small bell out of reach.

WEST HANNEY.

- 1st. God saue Queen Ann. A. R. . . 1702.

- 3rd. Abra : Rudhall cast us all in the year 1702.

- 4th. Prosperity to all Benefactors. A . R. 1702.

- 2nd. C. & G. Mears, of London, they made me

The second of this peal to be,

I was placed here by Alfred White¹

Who in change ringing took great delight.

The Rev. James Macdougall, M.A., Vicar.

John Powell,

Albert Godfrey,

} Churchwardens. 1856.

- 5th. William Bicksteed, Vicar, 1702.

- 6th. W. Geering. T. Weedon : B. Brookes. W. Collins.
Churchwardens : 1702.

1. Alfred White was not the donor, but only the bell-hanger.

Small bell. Come away ★ make no delay. R. Wells. Fecit.
Weight of tenor, 18 cwt.

STANFORD IN THE VALE.

Until the year 1883, this Church possessed the original peal cast by Henry Bagley, of Chipping Norton, when the 5th was re-cast.

- (1) Cantate ÷ Domino ÷ Cantum ÷ Novum ÷ I ÷ C ÷ I ÷ G ÷
C ÷ W ÷ H : Bagley : Ma. : Me : 1738.
- (2) Henry : Bagley ÷ 1738 ÷ I : Church : I : Collins ÷
C. Wardens ÷ Iohn Anns—
- (3) Henry : Bagley : made : mee : 1738 ÷ Iohn : Church :
Iohn : Collins ÷ Church Wardens ÷
- ¹(4) H : B ÷ 1738 ÷ To : the : Lord : lift : up : you a : voice :
and : in : his : name : let : us : rejoyce ÷
- (5) Mears & Stainbank, Founders, London.

This bell was re-cast A.D. 1883.

E. P. Wellings, Vicar.

A. Whitfield, }
C. Willis, } Churchwardens.

F. White, Bell-hanger.

- ²(6) Me : Resonare : Iubent : Pietas : Mors : Atque :
Voluptas ÷ The : Lords : Name : Be : Praised.
Henry Bagley made mee 1738. I. Church. Iohn
Collins. Churchwardens.

Small bell. 1763.

GOOSEY.

The Bell Cot of Goosey contains two bells. There being no ladder, I could not see them. One is said to be very ancient.

COMPTON BEAUCHAMP.

One bell out of reach, probably ancient.

BAULKING.

One bell out of reach.

W. H. HALLAM,

East Lockinge.

Erratum. For Addington in No. 1, read Ardington.

1. This bell is cracked.

2. This same inscription is on a bell, the 5th at Preshute, Wilts, dated 1710.