



The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan

Guild of Church Bell Ringers

(Formerly Winchester Diocesan Guild, Founded June 26th 1879)

(Belfry Stewardship Committee)



Guild-wide Survey of Church Bells and their Fittings - Part 1

(Please use capital letters or tick box where appropriate)

Section 1 - Details of Church.

Parish: ROPLEY

Dedication: S.T. PETER

NG Reference: SU646820

Diocese: Winchester ☒ Portsmouth ☐

Incumbent: Rev R.J. SUCH

Principal Contact: SUE CLEMENTS

Address: THE VICARAGE

Position: TOWER SECRETARY

LYEWAY LANE

Address: JACAMAR

ROPLEY

PETERSFIELD RP

ROPLEY

Post Code: SO24 0196272205

Post Code SO240EE 0196273240

General Description of Church: ODW original 11th Century, with extensions in 13th Century. Belltower built at end of 14th Century further alterations & extensions made from then until Victorian times

Sketch/Photo of Church:



Section 2 - Details of the Tower/Belfry

Position within Church: Tower in
middle of South side

Type:

Tower ☒

Turret ☐

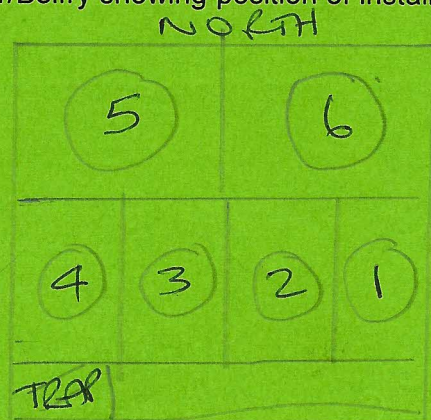
Bell Cote ☐

Other ☐

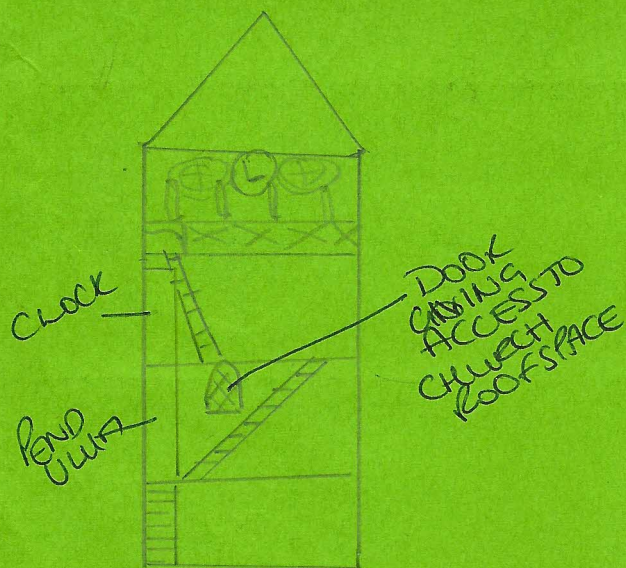
Construction Materials: flint, oak beams &
wooden shingles

Access to bells: fixed wooden ladders
between floors.

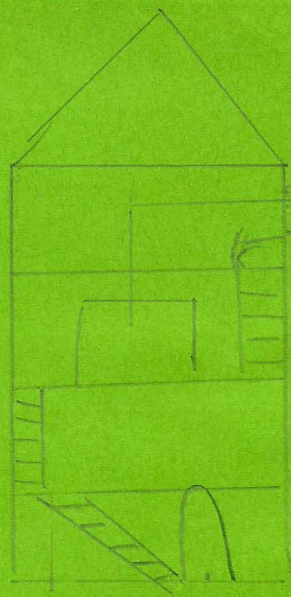
Sketch Plan of Tower/Belfry showing position of installations:



North/South Cross Section:



East/West Cross Section:

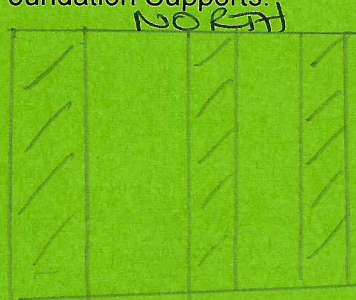


General Description including Condition of Structure:

Section 3 - Details of the Frame

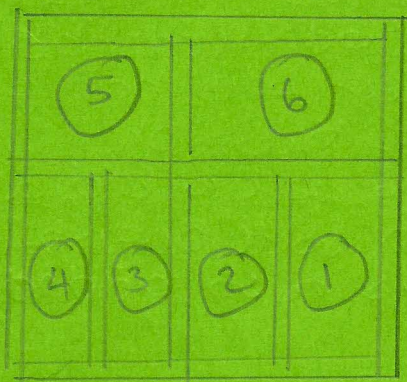
Material: Timber ☐ (Oak ☐; Iroko ☐; Other: _____)
Cast Iron ☒ Steel ☐ Composite (Timber & Metal) ☐

Sketch Plan - Foundation Supports:

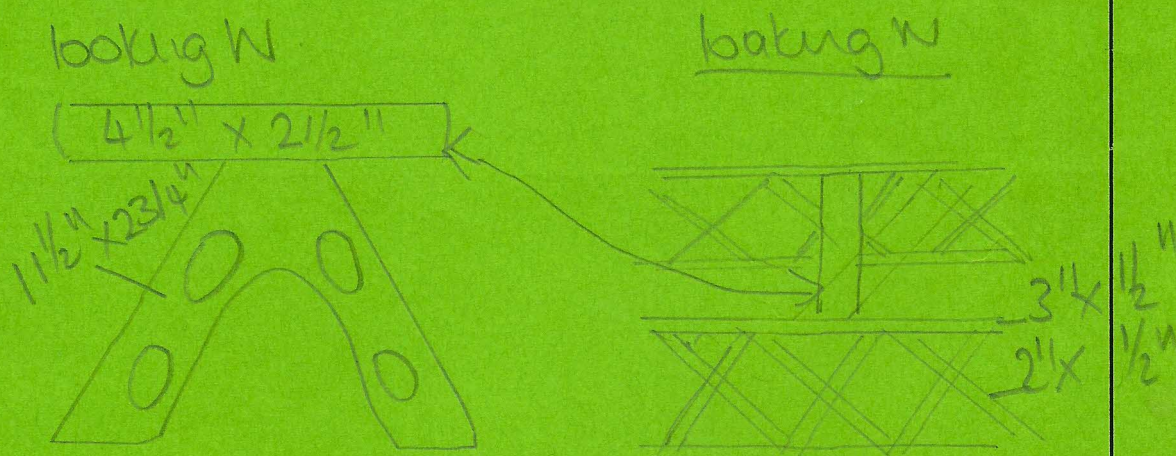


OAK BEAMS.

Sketch Plan - Bell frame:



Sketch Diagram of Typical Truss:



Section 4 - Details of Bells:

Number: 6 Tenor Weight: 15.0.23 Tenor Note: F#

Section 5 - General Report on Present Condition of Installation:

THE TOWER HAS BEEN REROOFED IN 1997.

THE JOINTS (AT THE TOP OF THE ROOF) WERE STRENGTHENED.

SOUNDPROOFING IS AT PRESENT BEING INSTALLED.

THE LOUKES HAVE BEEN NETTED WITH A FINE MESH WHICH SHOULD MAKE THE TOWER BURPROOF.

HISTORY: c1400 first ring installed - 4 bells

1701 bell frame renewed - recast as 5 bells.

1896 it was found that bells had been cast under the floor of south transept.

1927 - The 3rd bell, found to be cracked, all bells recast by Gillett & Johnston, with original instructions copied. A new hoke was also added.

Section 6 - Peal Boards

Please give details of any peal boards or other ringing records hung in your tower that either have some historical interest - (e.g.: recording early peals or special ringing) or that record important milestones in ringing within the diocese, or within the wider ringing exercise)

Details should include the date of the ringing, details of the nature of the ringing (i.e.: method, number of changes, band etc.), and the purpose for which the ringing took place, or the reasons for importance.

Details of the compiler of this report:

Report compiled by: Jason Clements Position:

Date: Aug/Sept 98

Guild-wide Survey of Church Bells and their Fittings – Survey Form - Part 2 (Details of Bell and Fittings)

Tower: Rodney St Peter Details of Bell No: 1

(Please complete this form by ticking a box or supply alternative sketch - please use reverse of this form for additional details)

Diameter: <u>28"</u>	Height to Shoulder: <u>22"</u>	Weight: <u>4.2.6</u>	Note: <u>D#</u>	Founder: <u>Gillett</u> <u>Johnston</u> <u>Croydon</u> Date: <u>1927</u>	Canons: <u>Yes</u> Removed None	Bell Turned?: No Quarter turned Eighth turned
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Casting:	Canons:	Tuning:	Crown Staple:
Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plain	None - Maiden bell	Cast-in - round section
Average <input type="checkbox"/>	Cabled/Ribbed	Chip/Chisel	Cast-in - square section
Poor <input type="checkbox"/>	Doncaster (Warner)	Skirted	False
	Doncaster (Other founder)	Machined (lathe) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Independent

Clapper Indentation (mm)	Original strike: <u>2mm</u>	Quarter turn strike:	Eighth turn strike:
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Is Bell Cracked? Yes/No If Yes please give details:.....

Inscription: (including founder's marks - please provide rubbings of lettering and "stamps" if possible, or sketch overleaf)

Inscription Band: 1927

To the glory of god & in memory of Jacob & Mary Hagen

Waist: The gift of MS Hagen
1927

Details of Fittings: (Please enter type number from index in notes for guidance)

Headstock:	<u>8</u>	Strapwork: (timber headstock only)	<u>7</u>	Gudgeons:	<u>7</u>	Bearings:	<u>f.</u>
Clapper fixing:	<u>5</u>	Wheel/lever:	<u>7</u>	Stay:	<u>2</u>	Slider:	<u>7</u>
						Pulley:	<u>A</u>

General Description of Bell and Hanging: (Please use Sketch or Photograph for clarity if necessary)

Diameter of wheel 50 1/2" 60 1/2"

Details of How Bell is Sounded:

Disused <input type="checkbox"/>	Clocked <input type="checkbox"/>	Lever Swung <input type="checkbox"/>	Wheel Swung <input type="checkbox"/>	Full Circle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Additional Information/sketches etc. :



Height to Shoulder	22"
Weight	452

Casting:	Good
Average	Good
Foot	Good
Doncaster (Other foundry)	
Doncaster (Wm. & A.)	

Clapper indentation (mm) 100-150

Is Bell Cracked? Yes/No

Inspection Band:

Weight: 452

Headstock:	8
Clapper fixing:	2
Strapwork:	8
Wristwork:	2

General Description of Bell and Hanging

Details of Fittings: (Please enter type and number)

Details of How Bell is Sounded:

Compiled by: Position: Date:

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Tower: Ropley St Peters Details of Bell No: 2

(Please complete this form by ticking a box or supply alternative sketch - please use reverse of this form for additional details)

Diameter: <u>30"</u>	Height to Shoulder: <u>24 1/2"</u>	Weight: <u>5.1.3</u>	Note: <u>BH</u> <u>C</u>	Founder: <u>Willet & John</u> Date: <u>1927</u>	Canons: Yes Removed None	Bell Turned?: No Quarter turned Eighth turned
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Casting:	Canons:	Tuning:	Crown Staple:
Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plain	None - Maiden bell	Cast-in - round section
Average	Cabled/Ribbed	Chip/Chisel	Cast-in - square section
Poor	Doncaster (Warner)	Skirted	False
	Doncaster (Other founder)	Machined (lathe) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Independent

Clapper Indentation (mm)	Original strike: <u>2mm</u>	Quarter turn strike:	Eighth turn strike:
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Is Bell Cracked? Yes/No If Yes please give details:

Inscription: (including founder's marks - please provide rubbings of lettering and "stamps" if possible, or sketch overleaf)
Inscription Band: <u>1 as treble doo begins 1701</u>
Waist:

Details of Fittings: (Please enter type number from index in notes for guidance)

Headstock: <u>8</u>	Strapwork: <u>/</u> (timber headstock only)	Gudgeons: <u>7</u>	Bearings:	Clapper: <u>F</u>
Clapper fixing: <u>5</u>	Wheel/lever: <u>7</u>	Stay: <u>2</u>	Slider: <u>7</u>	Pulley: <u>A</u>

General Description of Bell and Hanging: (Please use Sketch or Photograph for clarity if necessary)

<u>Wheel diameter 62"</u>

Details of How Bell is Sounded:

Disused <input type="checkbox"/>	Clocked <input type="checkbox"/>	Lever Swung <input type="checkbox"/>	Wheel Swung <input type="checkbox"/>	Full Circle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Additional Information/sketches etc. :



Compiled by:.....Position:Date:

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Tower: Ropleysr Peter Details of Bell No: 3

(Please complete this form by ticking a box or supply alternative sketch - please use reverse of this form for additional details)

Diameter: <u>33"</u>	Height to Shoulder: <u>26"</u>	Weight: <u>7.0.2</u>	Note: <u>B</u>	Founder: <u>Allett & Johnson</u> Date: <u>1927</u>	Canons: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Removed <input type="checkbox"/> None	Bell Turned?: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarter turned <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth turned
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Casting: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Canons: <input type="checkbox"/> Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Cabled/Ribbed <input type="checkbox"/> Doncaster (Warner) <input type="checkbox"/> Doncaster (Other founder)	Tuning: <input type="checkbox"/> None - Maiden bell <input type="checkbox"/> Chip/Chisel <input type="checkbox"/> Skirted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Machined (lathe)	Crown Staple: <input type="checkbox"/> Cast-in - round section <input type="checkbox"/> Cast-in - square section <input type="checkbox"/> False <input type="checkbox"/> Independent
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Clapper Indentation (mm)	Original strike: <u>2Mn</u>	Quarter turn strike:	Eighth turn strike:
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Is Bell Cracked? Yes/No If Yes please give details:.....

Inscription: (including founder's marks - please provide rubbings of lettering and "stamps" if possible, or sketch overleaf)

Inscription Band:
Fear God Honour the King 1701

Waist:
wood used for mounting

Details of Fittings: (Please enter type number from index in notes for guidance)

Headstock: <u>8</u>	Strapwork: (timber headstock only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gudgeons: <u>7</u>	Bearings: <u>7</u>	Clapper: <u>F</u>
Clapper fixing: <u>S</u>	Wheel/lever: <u>7</u>	Stay: <u>2</u>	Slider: <u>7</u>	Pulley: <u>A</u>

General Description of Bell and Hanging: (Please use Sketch or Photograph for clarity if necessary)

Wheel Diameter 64"

Details of How Bell is Sounded:

Disused <input type="checkbox"/>	Clocked <input type="checkbox"/>	Lever Swung <input type="checkbox"/>	Wheel Swung <input type="checkbox"/>	Full Circle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Additional Information/sketches etc. :



fitting common to all bells

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Tower: Ropley St. Peter's Details of Bell No: 4

(Please complete this form by ticking a box or supply alternative sketch - please use reverse of this form for additional details)

Diameter: <u>34 1/2</u>	Height to Shoulder: <u>27"</u>	Weight: <u>7.2.9</u>	Note: <u>A#</u>	Founder: <u>Cullett & Johnson</u> Date: <u>1927</u>	Canons: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Removed <input type="checkbox"/> None	Bell Turned?: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter turned <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth turned
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Casting:	Canons:	Tuning:	Crown Staple:
Good	Plain	None - Maiden bell	Cast-in - round section
Average	Cabled/Ribbed	Chip/Chisel	Cast-in - square section
Poor	Doncaster (Warner)	Skirted	False
	Doncaster (Other founder)	Machined (lathe)	Independent

Clapper Indentation (mm)	Original strike: <u>2mm</u>	Quarter turn strike:	Eighth turn strike:
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Is Bell Cracked? Yes/No. If Yes please give details:

Inscription: (including founder's marks - please provide rubbings of lettering and "stamps" if possible, or sketch overleaf)
Inscription Band:

Sambell Knight mead this ring
J.C. Thomas Oliver 1749

Waist:

Details of Fittings: (Please enter type number from index in notes for guidance)

Headstock:	<u>8</u>	Strapwork: (timber headstock only)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gudgeons:	<u>7</u>	Bearings:		Clapper:	<u>f</u>
Clapper fixing:	<u>5</u>	Wheel/lever:	<u>7</u>	Stay:	<u>2</u>	Slider:	<u>7</u>	Pulley:	<u>A</u>

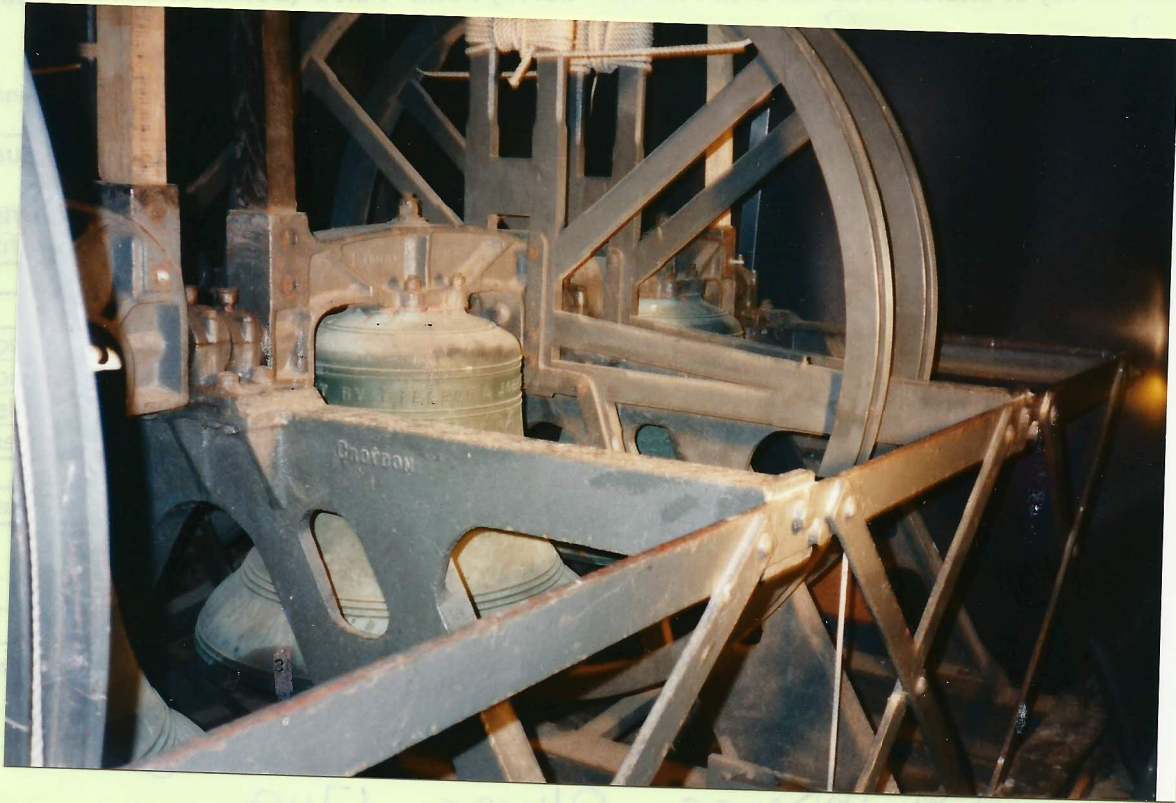
General Description of Bell and Hanging: (Please use Sketch or Photograph for clarity if necessary)

Wheel Diameter 67"

Details of How Bell is Sounded:

Disused	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clocked	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lever Swung	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wheel Swung	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Circle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Additional Information/sketches etc. :



Fittings common to all bells

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Tower: Ropley St. Peter Details of Bell No: 5

(Please complete this form by ticking a box or supply alternative sketch - please use reverse of this form for additional details)

Diameter: <u>38 1/2</u>	Height to Shoulder: <u>30"</u>	Weight: <u>10.3.19</u>	Note: <u>G#</u>	Founder: <u>Gullett & Johnson</u> Date: <u>1927</u>	Canons: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Removed <input type="checkbox"/> None	Bell Turned?: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter turned <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth turned
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Casting:	Canons:	Tuning:	Crown Staple:
Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plain	None - Maiden bell	Cast-in - round section
Average <input type="checkbox"/>	Cabled/Ribbed	Chip/Chisel	Cast-in - square section
Poor <input type="checkbox"/>	Doncaster (Warner)	Skirted	False <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Doncaster (Other founder)	Machined (lathe) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Independent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Clapper Indentation (mm)	Original strike: <u>2mm</u>	Quarter turn strike:	Eighth turn strike:
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Is Bell Cracked? Yes/No. If Yes please give details:

Inscription: (including founder's marks - please provide rubbings of lettering and "stamps" if possible, or sketch overleaf)

Inscription Band:

Robert Catling London
Fecit 1749

Waist:

Details of Fittings: (Please enter type number from index in notes for guidance)

Headstock:	<u>8</u>	Strapwork: (timber headstock only)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gudgeons:	<u>7</u>	Bearings:		Clapper:	<u>F</u>
Clapper fixing:	<u>5</u>	Wheel/lever:	<u>7</u>	Stay:	<u>2</u>	Slider:	<u>7</u>	Pulley:	<u>B</u>

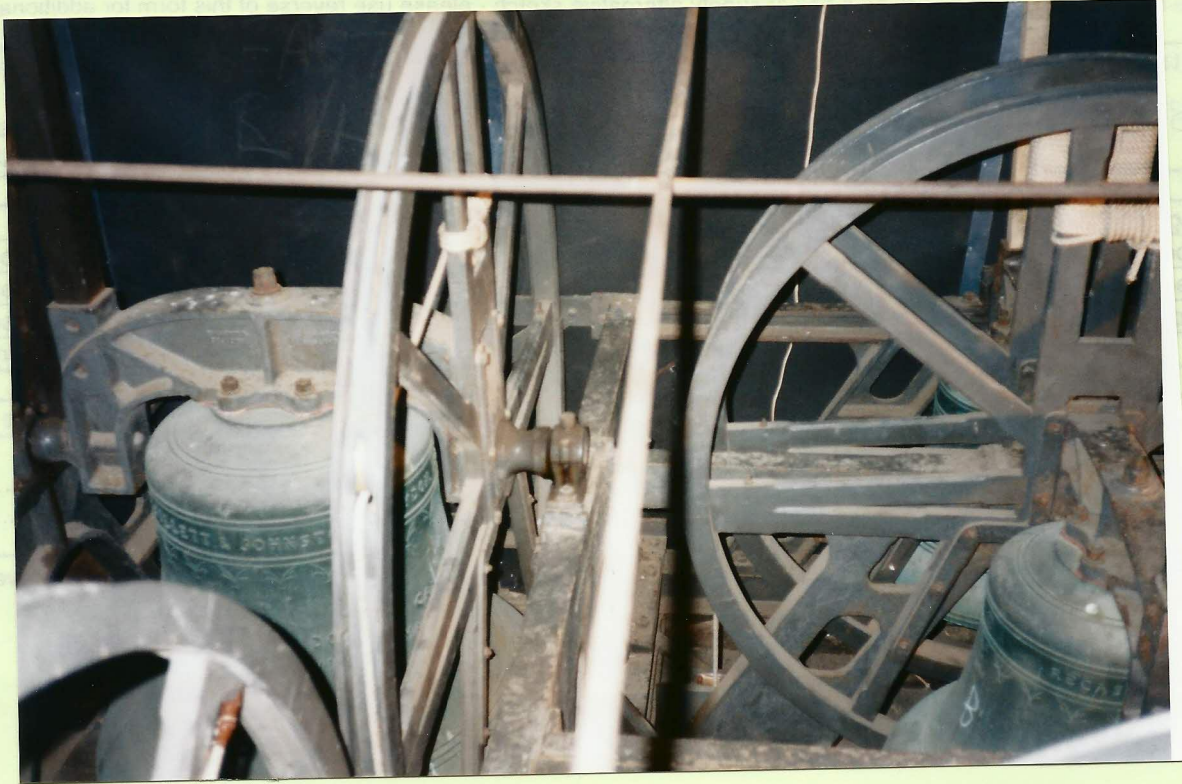
General Description of Bell and Hanging: (Please use Sketch or Photograph for clarity if necessary)

wheel Diameter 70"

Details of How Bell is Sounded:

Disused <input type="checkbox"/>	Clocked <input type="checkbox"/>	Lever Swung <input type="checkbox"/>	Wheel Swung <input type="checkbox"/>	Full Circle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Additional Information/sketches etc. :



fittings common to all bells

Guild-wide Survey of Church Bells and their Fittings – Survey Form - Part 2 (Details of Bell and Fittings)

Tower: Ropley St. Peter's Details of Bell No: 6

(Please complete this form by ticking a box or supply alternative sketch - please use reverse of this form for additional details)

Diameter: <u>43"</u>	Height to Shoulder: <u>34"</u>	Weight: <u>15.0.23</u>	Note: <u>F#</u>	Founder: <u>Gullett & Johnson</u> Date: <u>1927</u>	Canons: Yes Removed None	Bell Turned?: No Quarter turned Eighth turned
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Casting: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average Poor	Canons: Plain Cabled/Ribbed Doncaster (Warner) Doncaster (Other founder)	Tuning: None - Maiden bell Chip/Chisel Skirted Machined (lathe)	Crown Staple: Cast-in - round section Cast-in - square section False Independent
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Clapper Indentation (mm)	Original strike: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quarter turn strike: <input type="checkbox"/>	Eighth turn strike: <input type="checkbox"/>
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Is Bell Cracked? Yes/No If Yes please give details:

Inscription: (including founder's marks - please provide rubbings of lettering and "stamps" if possible, or sketch overleaf)
Inscription Band:

Waist:

Unto the Church I doo you call,
Death too the grave will somans
all, John Gillebert did contrive to
cast from a few tris peal of
fife.

Details of Fittings: (Please enter type number from index in notes for guidance)

Headstock: <u>8</u>	Strapwork: (timber headstock only) <u>/</u>	Gudgeons: <u>7</u>	Bearings: <u>7</u>	Clapper: <u>F</u>
Clapper fixing: <u>S</u>	Wheel/lever: <u>7</u>	Stay: <u>2</u>	Slider: <u>7</u>	Pulley: <u>B</u>

General Description of Bell and Hanging: (Please use Sketch or Photograph for clarity if necessary)

wheel Diameter 78"

Details of How Bell is Sounded:

Disused <input type="checkbox"/>	Clocked <input type="checkbox"/>	Lever Swung <input type="checkbox"/>	Wheel Swung <input type="checkbox"/>	Full Circle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Dove's Guide for Church Bell Ringers

Place **Ropley**
 S Peter
Grid Ref SU645319
Lat, Long 51.08337, -1.07922
Postcode SO24 0BX
SatNav No optimised destination for Satellite Navigation has been submitted
County Hants
Country England
Diocese Winchester
TowerBase 4139 [See Felstead Peals](#)
Bells **6** (see [below](#))
Tenor 15cwt - 0qr - 23lb (1703lb or 772kg) in F#
Practice Thu
Affiliation Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild

Ropley, Hants **S Peter**

Bells [Hide Details](#)

Bell	Weight	Nominal	Note	Diameter	Cast	Founder	Canons
1	4-2-6		D#	28.00"	1927	Gillett & Johnston	
2	5-1-3		C#	30.00"	1927	Gillett & Johnston	
3	7-0-2		B	33.00"	1927	Gillett & Johnston	
4	7-2-9		A#	34.50"	1927	Gillett & Johnston	
5	10-3-19		G#	38.50"	1927	Gillett & Johnston	
6	15-0-23		F#	43.00"	1927	Gillett & Johnston	

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