

References to bellringers in Richmond Parish Church Assessment Book 1736-52

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Churchwardens Accounts 1736

Oyle [oil] and ringing first bell 2s. 0d.

Candles and ring[ing] Xmas Day 1s. 6d.

Ringers' salary £1 0s. 0d.

Pd the ringers there quarter's salary £1 0s. 0d.

Oyle [oil] and ringing first bell 2s. 0d.

For ye 11th Oct 6s. 0d.

For ye 30th Oct. 6s. 0d.

For ye 5th Nov. 6s. 0d.

For two pull[e]ys and a stay for ye bells 3s. 6d.

Ye ringers salary £1 0s. 0d.

For oyl [oil] and ringing ye first bell 2s. 0d.

For help to mend ye bells 3s. 0d.

For ringing on ye 29 of May 6s. 0d.

To ye ringer [*sic*] for ale when ye Bishop came 1s. 0d.

For tol[ling] ye bell for 5 buriels 10d.

May 29 Pd the ringers for King Charles restoration 5s. 0d.

Ale for the ringers 1s. 0d.

Churchwardens Accounts 1737

To four ringing days at 6s. per day £1 04s. 0d.

To candles for the same 3d.

To four men for assistance at raiseng the fifth bell 1s. 0d.

To William Alderson for work at the same 1s., leather 1d. - 1s. 1d.

To the old ringers halfe a year's sallary £1 10s. 0d.

To the new ringers halfe a year's sallary 4s. per quarter each man £2 0s. 0d.

To Henry Wilson for making a new wheel for ye 4th bell and work at ye other bells as per note £2 15s. 0d.

To Thos Apedale for iron work att ye bells and church as per note £2 8s. 0d.

To ye ringers for assistance at raiseing ye bells 8s. 0d.

More one year's salary for ringing ye bells att 20s. per quarter £4 0s. 0d.

For ringing ye Sermon Bell at 1s. per quarter 4s. 0d.

For oyl [oil] for ye bells at 1s. per quarter 4s. 0d.

For four ringing days (viz.) the 29th of May, ye 11th of Octr, ye 30th of October and ye 5th of November also ye afternoon on ye 4th of November and Christmas day in ye morning £1 8s. 0d.

For two ringing days by orders from the Rector (vizt.) the 11th of June and ye 20th of January 12s. 0d.

For candles for ye same 1s 5½d.

To Richard Cundall for adding 7 yards to ye 5th bell rope 1s. 0d.

To Henry Wilson for oak wood for ye bells 1s. 2d.

Churchwardens Accounts 1738

To ringers salary ringing the bells at 20s per quarter £4 0s. 0d.

For ringing the sermon bell at 1s. per quarter 4s. 0d.

For oil for the bells at 1s. per quarter 4s. 0d.

For ringing on the Duke of Cornwall's birthday 1s. 0d.

For ringing on Christmas Day in ye morning and candles 1s. 2½d.

For ringing 6 ringing days 29th of May, 11th of June, 11th of October, 30th of October, 4th of November ½ a day, 5th of November, 20th of January* and candles for do. £20 0s. 8d. *year changed 25 March until 1754, so January was part of old year

For mending bell ropes several times 4s. 3d.

To the clerk for [among other things] tolling the bell on prayer days £1 10s. 0d.

To leather for 3 bells 6d. and assistance taking up ye 3rd bell 2s.

To Thomas Tennant wood work at bells per receipt 3s. 0d.

To a plank of wood for mending the bells 3s. 0d.

Churchwardens Accounts 1739

Paid the ringers their sallary for ringing the bells and the additionall sallary for ringing the new bell the last quarter £4 4s. 0d.

Paid for oyl for the whole sett of bells at 1s. per quarter 4s. 0d.

Paid for ringing the Sermon bell 4s. 0d.

Paid the ringers for ringing four rejoyceing days and a halfe, to wit, the King's accession, his proclamation, his birthday, halfe the fourth of November and the fifth of November £1 7s. 0d.

Paid for ale and candles on ringing at Christmas Day in the morning 1s 2¾d.

Paid Jas Harrison for framing and hanging the whole sett of bells and for tuning the same and alterations in the clock and for tuning the same and alterations in the clock and fixing the hammer and a clock string (after a deduction of 22 lb. of chippings at 10s. per lb.) in the whole £29 16s. 9d.

Paid for three pints of oyl used by James Harrison for the bells and clock on their being hung 1s. 6d.

Paid for ale at rearing the timber and new frame for the bells 5s. 0d.

Paid Martin Clarkson for carriage of the new bell from York and for his charges of horses at York when Mr Seller objected to his order for delivering the new bell 5s. 0d.

Paid for ale given to some persons who assisted in unloading the bell and getting the same into the church 1s. 0d.

[Two entries for wood from Hartforth - doesn't say for bells but perhaps for frame? £6 14s 3d for wood, plus 14s 11d carriage]

Paid Charles Alderson for new iron work on hanging the whole bells (after an allowance for old iron) as by note of particulars and receipt £4 14s. 2d.

Paid Henry Apedale his note of the same as by do. £2 16s. 0d.

Paid do. his note for iron work done at the church exclusive of the other, as by particulars 6s. 2d.

Paid Richard Cundall for 3 bell ropes as by note and receipt 13s. 0d.

Paid for thrums for all the bell ropes on their being new hung 1s. 0d.

Paid Marmaduke Stapylton for paint and workmanship at the new frame of the bells £1 12s. 8d.

Paid Branson for worke done in the steeple on hanging the bells and at the church yard wall 12s. 10½d.

Paid Thomas Harrison and Henry Wilson for the jo[u]rney loss of time horsehire and expences to, at and from, York, when they went to see the new method of hanging bells on their proposalls to hang the same out three days £1 11s. 6d.

Churchwardens Accounts 1740

Paid the ringers for the twenty ninth May 7s. 6d.

Paid the ringers for the King's Accession 7s. 6d.

Paid the ringers sallary from Mayday to Lammas £1 12.s 0d.

Paid for tuffts [*sic*] for the ropes 1s 0d.

Paid the ringers as by note £3 0s 2d.

Paid John Holden for tolling the bell 2s. 6d.

Paid John Stephenson for mending a bell head stock 2s. 0d.

Paid the ringers a quarter sallary from Candlemas to Mayday £1 12s. 0d.

Paid John Lambert for a bell rope 5s. 0d.

Paid the ringers for rejoyceing when Carthagena was taken 7s. 6d.

Paid to John Lambert for a bell rope 5s. 0d.

Paid the ringers as by note £2 3s. 0d.

Churchwardens Accounts 1741

To the ringers for ringing whilst the Bishop held his Visitation here 17s. 6d.

To the ringers for [-]lb of candles 7d. and [-]lb of thrums for tufting the bell ropes 6d. 1s 1d.

Paid John Stephenson for work done at the bells (on the exchange of the ringers) and for wood in repairing the same 4s. 6d.

Paid Thomas Harrison for making a stay for the 5th bell (as appears by his note for making of coffins) 2s. 6d.

Paid Richard Cambage for tolling the bell on Magdalen Melmerby's buriall 6d.

Paid Cambage for tolling the bell for a Razor Grinder's wife 6d. clark [clerk] dues 8d. 1s. 2d.

Churchwardens Accounts 1742

Paid Richard Camish for tolling ye bell 1s 0d.

Churchwardens Accounts 1743

Pd. to Henry Abdale for mending the bell tongue & other work done at ye church as by receipt 5s. 6d.

Churchwardens Accounts 1744

To Henry Apedale the clerk for a new bell tongue 10d.

Churchwardens Accounts 1745

Ringling [for usual dates] and on ye Duke of Cumberland's birthday and when he was expected at Richmond £2 11s. 0d.

To a new bell's tongue 15s. 8½d.

To other repairs at ye said bell 1d.

Churchwardens Accounts 1746

To the ringling says as by particulars in the vouchers £3 12s. 6d.

To necessary repairs about the bells 9s. 0d.

To 4new bell ropes £1 0s. 0d.

Churchwardens Accounts 1747

To Henry Apedale for mending ye 6th bell tongue 2s. 6d.

To John Stephenson and Peter Hood for making 3 new boxes for 3 new bell tongues and for mending 3 holes for ye bell ropes to run in 8s. 0d.

To Thomas Harrison for making a bell stay per note 2s. 0d.

Churchwardens Accounts 1748

To Charles Alderson for mending ye sixt bell tongue and new stapleing ye headstock to hang ye tongue in 8s. 4d.

Churchwardens Accounts 1750

To the ringers for 8 ringing days and a half and when the King landed £3 3s 0d.

References to bellringers in Richmond Parish Church Vestry Meetings Minutes 1784-1822

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At a meeting in the Vestry on the 17th of June 1800 pursuant to notice it was agreed that the salary of the ringers shall be increased, namely, each ringer to receive 2 guineas a year for the ordinary duty of the church and 2s. 6d. a day for each public ringing day namely King's Birthday, half a day for the 4th November, whole day the 5th (November) and the King's Coronation Day unless any public ringing should be ordered by the Mayor, Rector and Churchwardens upon some particular occasion subject nevertheless to such restitutions as shall after wards be made by the Mayor and Rector

Richmond 6th December 1820 It was resolved by the inhabitants present that (the late ringers having been discharged from their office for irregularity in their duty as it is said) It is the request of this meeting that the churchwardens do reinstate them on their promise of future good behaviour.