

Whites of Appleton Ltd Church Bellhangers

(Established in 1824)

The oldest continuously trading Bellhanging Company in the United Kingdom combining modern technology with traditional craftsmanship

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Model for St. Mary's Cheltenham, Glos.



St. Helen's, Abingdon, Oxon.
(Ten bells Tenor 16-0-05 in F)

Whites of Appleton Ltd. is the oldest continuously trading bellhanging company in the United Kingdom. It was founded in 1824 by Alfred White who eventually resided at the Greyhound Inn in Besselsleigh, a hamlet adjacent to Appleton. Almost from the start Alfred was hanging bells all over the UK including projects at several Cathedrals. Alfred's son Frederick took over the running of the Company in 1876, moved to Appleton and during his working life installed large new oak bell frames at Christ Church Cathedral and Merton and Magdalen Colleges in Oxford amongst others. He also designed, manufactured and installed turret clocks. Frederick was succeeded by his son Richard in 1909, who in turn took his son Francis into the business in 1946. Frank's nephew Brian joined him in 1958 when the Company name was changed to "Whites of Appleton". 1989 saw Frank's retirement and Brian's wife Diana joined the partnership. In 1985 a custom built factory was constructed, complete with new forge, overhead electric crane and engineering, forging and woodworking machinery. In 1993 the Works were further extended and in 1995 the Balscote Ring of seventeen bells installed. The Company undertakes all works to Church bells with the exceptions of re-tuning and casting/recasting which we subcontract to the **English** bell founders. In AD 2000 we rehung and still maintain the ring of twelve bells (Tenor 61cwt. 2qrs. 12lbs.) and the 18¹/₂cwt. Communion bell at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. In July 2003 the Company changed from a partnership to a Limited Company.

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All Saints, High Wycombe, Bucks
(14 bells Tenor 26-3-15 in D).

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