

Westmorland Heritage

by Alfred Wainwright

This is a background note explaining how the possible re-print of this wonderful book by Alfred Wainwright (AW) has become involved in the appeal for new bells at St Patrick's Church, Bampton.



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There are three strands to this story.

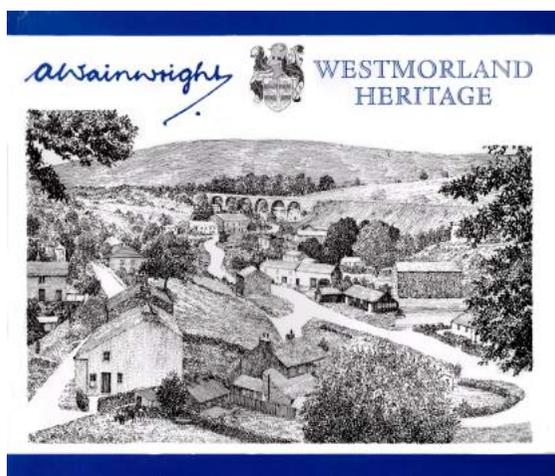
At the start of the discussion about the design of the Bampton Bell Appeal leaflet, an appeal committee member and Wainwright admirer, remembered that each ecclesiastical parish in WH contained a sketch of the church in addition to the usual parish map. The permission of the Wainwright Estate was then sought, and obtained, for the use of the images in the publicity for the appeal and they can be seen within the appeal leaflet.

The remaining two strands are woven into a surprising coincidence which arose soon into gathering background information for the appeal leaflet.

First of all it emerged that the Bampton bells were last rung properly on 29th March 1974 by, it was reported, a team of Westmerian bell ringers who were touring Westmorland prior to its absorption into Cumbria as their 'farewell' tribute. Subsequently it was learned that report was not quite accurate – the bells were rung as a sole event with the peal's dedication being "A farewell to Westmorland".

Second, Westmorland Heritage was itself Alfred Wainwright's farewell to Westmorland with this simple dedication.....

"A book for those who have their roots in Westmorland"



Some people who knew of the book but had never seen a copy and others who did not know of it enquired about obtaining a copy – only to find that it was out of print. A review of the book by John Burland (whose initiative led to the formation of the Wainwright Society) can be found at this link <http://www.wainwright.org.uk/bookreviews/westmorlandheritage.html>

So the notion of trying to organise a re-print of this magnificent book, considered by AW to be his best work, arose with the twin objective of making the book available again and to raise funds for St Patrick's Church Bampton, Bells Appeal.

Very early on in the bell appeal project it was decided that the six new bells would be given the names of the local communities

Bampton
Bomby
Burnbanks
Butterwick
Knipe
and also
Lowther

the name of the river which, with its tributaries links the communities together.

It has been agreed to reserve the Lowther bell to be paid for from the net proceeds of the sale of 'Westmorland Heritage' with this inscription adapted from the book's dedication.....

“A bell for those who have their roots, have lived and walked in Westmorland”



Lowther

There are many, many people who fit this criteria and we hope to reach a lot of them so that this magnificent book reaches a new audience – and we get our new bells!

The publishers Frances Lincoln were contacted and have agreed to a reprint of 1000 copies – which will need to be pre-sold.

Each book will cost £35.00 (its price when last published in 2004) plus £3.50 postage & packing.

If you would like to reserve a reprint of this special book please complete the Pre-Order attached to this leaflet.

The Pre-Order Form is also available as a download from the Bampton Village website - see link below.

If you would be interested in sponsoring a bell or making a donation to this exciting project you can find out more - see links below.



Bell Appeal Project

<http://www.bamptonlakedistrict.org.uk/bampton-bell-appeal.html>

You can also follow the project on Facebook

Bampton Bells Page 

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