Change Ringing Bells for St George's Memorial Church, Ypres

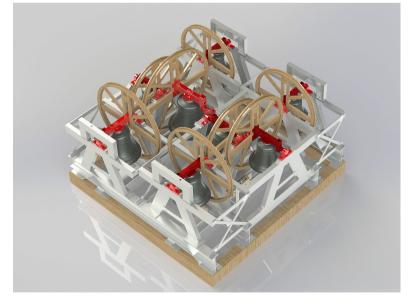
Philip was one of four trustees who recently formed the charity, Bells4StGeorgeYpres, which was created to facilitate the installation of a ring of English bells in the tower of St George's Memorial Church in the Belgium town of Ypres. The Church and fine tower was built for the English community that settled in Ypres after the Great War to plans by Sir Reginald Blomfield who was also responsible for the design for the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres. The church has now become a place of pilgrimage for many thousands of visitors each year.

The tower was designed to have change ringing bells but this intention was never realised. The charity which Philip helped to create aims to raise £195,000 to undertake the following:

- Install a ring of 8 bells, with a tenor bell (heaviest) of 6cwt (300kg) hung for change ringing in the traditional English style, cast by an English bell founder. They will be the first such peal in Belgium and will ring out over "Some corner of a foreign field".
- To provide a ringing space of beauty and purpose with fine oak panelling and fittings. A bespoke display cabinet in this room will house the Memorial Book which will be created by professional illuminator and calligrapher, Timothy Noad, to record donations to the project. Philip's invaluable contribution to the project will be remembered here.
- To enable the bells to be rung often, a comprehensive and adjustable sound control system will be installed to ensure the bells can be heard outside when ringing for church services and other significant events, but at other times will be softened. Great care will be taken to ensue the tranquility of the church as a place of remembrance is maintained.

"We took up the torch from failing hands and did not break faith with those who died"





An engineering drawing of the proposed bell installation

Donations

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Please consider making a donation towards the project in Philip's memory which can be sent c/o Alan Regin, 39 Maud Road, London, E13 0JT

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