

The Mission Hall Bell

The bell was bought at a sale that took place at Dukes' Auctioneers in the 1970s which included some possessions from the home of the Edwards family.

The auctioneer said that he had been told by the vendor that the bell was the one used by the Mill Street Mission on a daily basis to announce the soup kitchen had opened.

Recently we have heard that a community room, or comrade's hall, was opened next to the Mission after the war to provide somewhere for demobbed soldiers, many unable to find work, to gather and find company and support, and help them to stay away from the pubs. The bell was rung to let the men know tea was ready.

We are very pleased that the bell has been donated to the Mill Street Memories project.

It's as if the bell has found its own way home, with a little help from kind people.

