Pocklington, All Saints.

When St Paulinus came to Pocklington in 627 A.D. the Church was built of wood. About 1070 or 1080 it was replaced by stone in the Norman style. About the 13th century the North aisle was added, and about fifty years later the South aisle was added.

Firstly there were five bells:-

(1) 7.2.5 Te Deum Laudamus. Th. Lovett Vicar. R. Walker, I Garthem, Ch. Wardens 1754, G. Dalton, York.

(2) 9.0.19 Voco Veni Precare 1712, J. Lowe, Vicar. J Mamby, G. Baitson. Ch. Wardens. S.S.Ebor.

(3) 10.0.9 Gloria in Altissimus Deo. 1739. E.Seller, Ebor. W. Chambers, Ch. Wardens.

(4) 13.3.26 Soli Deo Gloria Pax Hominibus inet. M.P. P.B. I.L. S.P. 1650.

(5) 21.2.0 Memento Mori. Joseph Lowe Vicar. George Overend, John Horsley, Ch. Wardens, 1722 S.S.EBOR.

In 1914 a treble bell was presented by Francis and Mary Scaife on their Silver Wedding. In 1952 two more bells were added by the Scaife family, bearing the inscriptions "Hilariter resono Francis Scaife Jubente" and "Francis Scaife Bonae memoriae me dedit"

Years ago, before 1756, a man was lost on the moor between Stamford Bridge and Pocklington when returning from a fair. Apparently he found his way by hearing the bells which were ringing for the curfew (this practice was discontinued when the war started). He was so grateful that he made a bequest and requested the bells be rung on December 1st.

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Note: *The present ring of eight bells are in the key of E, the tenor weighs 17-0-11*