

MAJOR MORRISON BELL

At a vestry Meeting in 1900 "a resolution was passed regretting the great loss to Birchington, sustained by the death of Major Morrison Bell. He was highly esteemed for many excellent qualities and charitable actions."

Parish Magazine:

Major Morrison Bell died on April 12th 1900 at Bonchurch, Isle of Wight, at the age of 65. He was one of Birchington's greatest benefactors and best loved inhabitants. He was known for his simple kindness and unbounded generosity.

The bell ringers rang a half-muffled peal before both Morning and Evening Services and the "Dead March" in Saul was played at the close of each service. A memorial service was held at the Parish Church at the same time as the body was cremated in Woking.

(It is thought that this is where his parents were buried and as a bachelor, it would be natural that this would be his final resting place, if that were so.)