

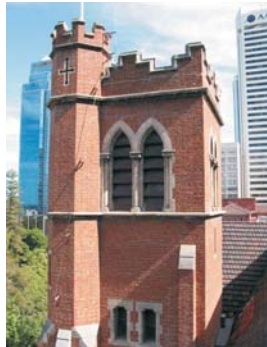
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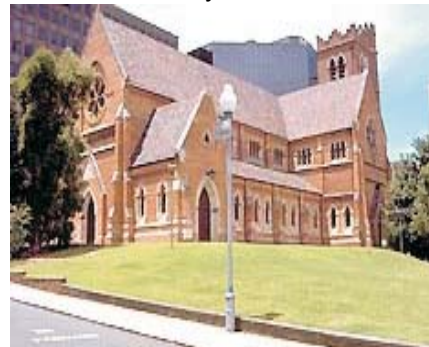
Heritage Worldwide

On average, once a month, Nottingham based Adrian Dempster and his specialist team inspect and report on the condition of a bell tower and bell installation somewhere in the British Isles.

In the last six months, **Berwick upon Tweed Town Hall**; **Roscarberry** and **Worcester Cathedrals**; **Great Malvern Priory** and in the South West, **King Charles the Martyr** in Falmouth have all come under their scrutiny.



St Georges Cathedral



To set this month apart, the job list includes **St George's Cathedral**, Perth, Western Australia where the cathedral community have concluded that they have to look to Nottingham's Heritage team for the best advice. The cathedral's original peel of bells was cast in Loughborough and hung in the Victorian Gothic Revival Style Cathedral in Perth early in the 20C. Having survived an earthquake in 1960's the bell tower was finally judged to be unsafe in 1974. The bells were removed and sent back to Loughborough to be recast and while they were away, the tower was modified and strengthened and the bells rehung in 1976.

Thirty years on and the tower is again undergoing deformation when the bells are rung and everyone is looking to another Anglo Australian collaboration, this time between the Cathedral Engineers Ian Maitland, Ward Cole and Hocking Planning and Architecture, Perth, to identify a feasible and cost effective remedy which will restore the bells to daily use.

Funding has been approved for works to commence at listed **Whitby Abbey House**, the Youth Hostel Association imposing hostel situated on the East Cliff above Whitby Harbour.

The house and its café, in the grounds of Whitby Abbey ruins, is to be refurbished and modernised in a £2 million project designed by John Cunnington Architects and Ward Coles 'Heritage Team' lead by Adrian Dempster based in Nottingham.





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New Stores for Next, MFI and Debenhams

While the 25700m² **Workington Town Centre**, redevelopment scheme for Harrison Developments moves on a pace and London Office awaits clients instruction to start detail design work on **Aldershot Town Centre** redevelopment, one of Lincoln Offices' retail design teams is quietly moving several smaller schemes forward.

Work on a new 'Next' edge of town store fit out, at **Valentine Road Retail Park, Lincoln** started last month following completion of Unit 5 for MFI. The new generation store for MFI in Lincoln is a single storey unit extending 25000 sq ft with dedicated service yard and parking.



MFI, Valentine Road Retail Park

In **Grantham**, Simons Developments Cattle Market Retail Scheme is now on site. This scheme of five, principally single storey portalised steel frame units has attracted tenants, Next and Pets at Home. Works including ground stabilisation and major sewer diversions. Construction is scheduled for completion by the end of the summer.

Palace Court in **Grimsby** is also on site, where an old public house is being altered and extended to create three retail units for Palace Developments. The former **Slipper Baths** site on Lincolns riverside is also being redeveloped by Warrant Developments in a £1 million project to provide two retail shells for restaurant or bar use.

NHS Staff Accommodation

Design work for **Progress Housing Association** started in the New Year on a major residential project for Lincolnshire NHS Trust.

The contract, to provide Key Worker Accommodation for the Trust involves refurbishment of existing accommodation plus building houses and flats on sites at **Louth County Hospital, Lincoln County Hospital, Grantham & District Hospital and Boston Pilgrim Hospital**.

The £14 million scheme is being designed by Harrogate Architects, PCP and Ward Cole Lincoln; work on all four sites is scheduled to start during the summer and be completed in the Spring 2007.