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Big Ben

LONDON – Big Ben is the nick name for the Great Bell of the clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London and often extends to refer to as The Clock and the Tower. She is both lond bell and beat clock. The clock is one of the heaviest in the world.

Around the clock there is the inscription: This bell was cast by George Mears of Whitechapel for the clock of the Houses of Parliament under the direction of Edmund Becket Denison QC in the 21st year of the reign of Queen Victoria in the year of our Lord MDCCCLVII.

The clock's movement is famous for its reliability. Big Ben is named after the politician Benjamin Hall.

On May 31st 1859 the clockwork start ticking and de beat clock were first heard on July 11th 1859.

As lond clock the Big Ben clock services only in special situations, such as the funeral of a monarch when the clock strikes the number of years the deceased lived.

This happened most recently in 1952 when the Big Ben chimed 56 times to let on for King George VI. Since then, Big Ben sounded only on July 23, 2012 at the funerals of the former Olympic Games held that year in London. After thirty strokes of the Big Ben the London churches joined to chime for ten minutes.

The tower has become one of the most prominent symbols of the United Kingdom and is often in the establishing shot of films set in London.

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