

Campsea Ashe Church Bells Project Newsletter

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Search for Sponsors

The Bells Project recently launched its *Search for Sponsors* campaign and we invite all readers of this Newsletter to consider sponsoring the bells or the bell fittings.

The Bells Project will cost in the region of £95000, including all aspects of building work associated with the Project, as well as work to the bells themselves. One way we are raising funds is through sponsorship of the bells and bells fittings.

The *Search for Sponsors* will continue throughout the life of the Project and as we progress more and more items will become available for sponsorship. To start the search we are looking for sponsors of the bells themselves and the bell ropes.

Sponsorship

The **bells** are the most expensive items we need. Three new bells will be cast and the remaining four bells will be restored and retuned, the current tenor becoming a service bell. Sponsors of the bells can have their family name, or other dedication, cast on the new bells or on a plaque of the older bells, as a memorial that will last for hundreds of years. Sponsorship costs between £3500 and £6000 depending on the bell. We are delighted that three bells have already been sponsored, including the Village Bell.

Sponsorship of the **bell ropes** costs £100 each.

Contact Tim Holmes on 01728 747995 for more information.

Village Bell Events

Look out for these Village Bell events:

Summer Bedding Plant Sale

Saturday 24th May 2008

2.00 pm

Village Hall

An ideal opportunity to stock up your garden with quality plants, as well as to have a fun afternoon. Cream teas available!

Ringling Festival

Saturday 14th June 2008

2.30 to 4.30 pm

Bands from across the County and beyond will be ringing at the Church as well as at the other Towers in the Benefice. Come and listen!



**For more information
about the Bells Project
see the display in the
Church and visit our
website:**

www.campseaashechurch.org.uk

How to make a donation

Recently a number of people have asked how they can donate towards the Bells Project. We are very grateful for any donations, however large or small and since the launch of the Project we have, received private donations totaling over £1,500 towards our target of £95,000. If you would like to make a donation please contact the treasurer, details below. Cheques should be made payable to *Campsea Ashe Church Bells Project*

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Total Amount Raised for the Project to date

over £20000!

A Big Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way towards this project. A large number of people have already been very generous with their donations and we are delighted that over £20,000 has been raised to date, either in promises or actual cash.

We are applying to charitable organisations asking for their support and a number have promised or given grants towards the Project - we really appreciate their support. These organisations include:

The Suffolk Guild of Ringers

The Scarfe Trust

The Scarpe Trust

The Barbara Whatmore Charitable Trust

The Allchurches Trust.

The Bells - Your Heritage

Bell ringing is an important part of the heritage of the village and so the Bells Project is not just about raising money. The Project is an ideal opportunity to help people throughout the village learn more about their heritage. If you would like to know more about the bells, or the Church in general, please visit the Church to look at the Bells project display, or ask any member of the Bells Committee.

Any young people who visit the Church may like to try our free Quiz which will take them around the Church in a focussed and fun way. Adults are welcome to try the Quiz as well!

Worship at St John the Baptist Church

You will always receive a warm welcome at your Church and you are invited to join in worship:

June

1st June 10.00 am Benefice Service

8th June 8.00 am

22nd June 2008 9.30 am

29th June 11.00 am

July

13th July 8.00 am

27th June 9.30 am

August

17th August 9.30 am

31st August 8.00 am

And don't forget the Church Flower Festival on 12th & 13th July 2008! A great event not to be missed - in aid of Church Funds.