

Technical advisors 2019 report – SE District by Christopher I McArthur.

The BAC committee has met on three occasions throughout the year and minutes from those meetings have been placed on the guild website. Members of that committee have been active across the county with numerous restorations and remedial works during the year.

In our district the following works are noted:

Bredfield – Assistance with No 1 bell removal and reinstalling, following gudgeon failure and repairs by Taylors.

Woodbridge – Significant refurbishment including bearings rebuild, by Taylors.

Hintlesham – Complete rebuild of each bell's bearings and gudgeons, led by Neville Whittle. Three bells completed currently.

Earl Stonham – Assistance with headstock tightening following concerns of bells loose on fittings.

East Bergholt – General maintenance and checks by Taylors.

Framsden – Start of project to restore poor condition eight.

Woolverstone - Reconstruction of wheels on this three-bell installation by Taylors, following damage caused by clock chimes.

Belstead – Technical assistance with locals to provide installation for single chiming bell.

Ipswich, St Mary le Tower – New clapper provided by Taylors.

Ipswich, St Clements – Continued work on restoration including frame painting by the Salter family.

Ipswich, St Nicholas – Inspection and a number of improvements in hand. Ownership changes currently progressing.

### Ipswich Deanery Report, 2019

One of the highlights for the Ipswich Deanery this year has been the amount of teaching that is taking place at all four towers, with A.R.T. qualified teachers. Matthew at St. Matthew's has three learners who are making slow but steady progress as he, himself, will not mind me saying, is not a long term experienced ringer. The learners at St. Mary le Tower and Rushmere have the benefit of more experienced teachers, also A.R.T. qualified.

At St. Margaret's, along with weekly practices for all the band, we have been holding extra teaching sessions on Monthly Saturday mornings with learners coming from as far afield as Southend and Chelmsford along with the Ipswich Deanery learners. Ages range from thirteen to over sixty.

At St. Margaret's we also keep contact with the primary school, having 'taster' sessions with the children from the top classes.

Guided Bell Tours have also encouraged the interest in learning about the art and science of ringing. Peals and quarter peals are still being achieved and Sunday service ringing takes place every week at all the churches.

Shirley Girt

## Reports from Loes East Towers for 2019

Jos Slade reports from Parham .....

“Practices are held at Parham on the third Tuesday evening of each month, and also when there is one the fifth Tuesday. It is often difficult to put together a band for Sunday services as ringing resources are thin and shared with Hacheston, Campsea Ashe and Marlesford. We have welcomed several visiting bands during the year, and a particular highlight was an evening spent introducing Girl Guides from Framingham to ringing.”

Glenys Fear reports from Campsea Ashe .....

“The Saturday morning practices continue, with a wide range of methods rung. Each 4th Tuesday of the month, the Benefice practice is held at Campsea Ashe. This last summer, we had a lot of visitors to the tower, the last group being Cycling Ringers of all ages, about forty of them!”

Chris McArthur reports from Brandeston, Kettleburgh and Easton.....

“Ringing for Sunday services has continued on a regular basis throughout the year by our conscientious band, at all three churches. They also help with other benefice services in our locality. Sadly we are unable to have a regular practice night still, because many of our ringers live in London during the week, however bells at all three churches remain in good order. At Easton Chris McArthur is the temporary tower captain until a permanent local replacement can be found.”

Mary Garner reports from Pettstree .....

“Practice nights continue to well supported not only by the local band but by many regular visitors from around the district. Practice nights are preceded by a quarter peal attempt. We have rung for all but one Sunday service during 2019 and are very grateful for the support of a number of ringers from other local which has enabled us to do this. We have been pleased to welcome a number of visiting bands during the year, including the Cyclists!”

Ray Lewis reports from Wickham Market .....

“Ringing at Wickham Market continues as normal and the band are making good progress. We ring regularly for Sunday services, and practices are well attended. We are frequently joined by visitors and friends from Grundisburgh and Framlingham who help to make it a varied and enjoyable practice.”