# St Edmund's Clapper Competition

The trophy was made by John Uden of Southwold (hence the reference to St Edmund) and was first competed for in 1991 to raise funds for Friends of Suffolk Bells. The competition lapsed when the FOSB ceased to exist but it was re-launched in 2001 to raise funds for the Bell Restoration Fund and has been competed for ever since.

The competition seems to have lost its appeal however in recent years with only three towers in the running most years (Offton, Sproughton and the Millbeck ring) and, with C-19 restrictions this year, the normal fund-raising activities have not taken place.

## Suffolk Guild Inter District Challenge – October 2020 to March 2021

In order to re-launch the competition, there will be a change of focus so more towers/groups of ringers/individuals are encouraged to take part:-

* 6 month competition (1st Oct 2020 – 31st March 2021)
* Inter District competition – individuals, small groups/towers can all take part but funds raised will count towards their District's total
* Fund raising – in the virtual or real world.
* Additional prize for the most innovative event (to be judged by Guild Exec).

There are no restrictions re the type of event or activity you organise but please do follow current C-19 guidelines if you are holding an event or activity which requires people to attend.

It could be something like a weekly virtual coffee/pub session, a monthly virtual quiz or real handbell session or maybe a one-off virtual training session or even a striking competition. You could just ask people to donate to the BRF of course but where's the fun in that?

Example:- if you held a Zoom tower quiz once a month and charged people £1 to enter that could raise £60 with an average attendance of 10 people. If 5 active towers within your District did this that's £300 in just 6 months! Maybe you could set up a quiz league or challenge other Districts?

More details are available on the Guild website re how to pay the money into the Guild account plus some ideas for virtual events and how to run them.

## Have fun!