



Campsea Ashe Church Bells Project Newsletter

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Bells Project - What next?

Amazingly the Bells Project has reached its first anniversary. Just one year ago the Project was launched and we have made tremendous strides. What will happen over the next year?

Firstly, we need to raise a lot more money! We have so far raised over £35000 through donations, grants and promises of future donations or sponsorship. The project will cost about £95000, so we still have a long way to go. However, we will be working very hard to raise all the money we need.

Secondly, we will be applying for a Faculty which, when approved, will give us permission to do the work.

Thirdly, we will be appointing the bell hangers and builders to do the work. We intend to appoint Nicholsons Engineering to work on the bells and the building work will be offered for tender as soon as specifications are available.

Fourthly, and equally important to all the above, we will be recruiting new ringers. In April this year we recruited four new ringers, all of whom are making excellent progress and we intend this to be an annual event whereby we can encourage more people to take up the activity. If you want to join us please let us know - ring 01728 747995.

Fifthly, we will continue to inform people about the heritage of the bells and the Church. Have a look at our display in the Church.

Village Bell Events

Look out for these Village Bell events:

Line Dance

Saturday 29th November 2008

8.00 til late

Tunstall Village Hall

Tickets only £6 - bring your own drinks

Telephone 01728 747205

Messiah from Scratch

14th December 2008

A unique opportunity to join in the singing of parts of the Messiah. Rehearsal in the afternoon and performance early evening. We want YOU to join in.

Interested? Contact Glenys Fear on 01728 747177



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Sponsorship

Our sponsorship programme has so far raised over £19000 and we are very grateful to all our sponsors. Four of the bells have already been sponsored, as have all the ropes, some of the stays and wheels. We have also been delighted that sponsors of our new Ringing Gallery have promised around £2000 towards the cost of this new feature.

Are you interested in sponsoring one of the remaining bells? Or a wheel? Or any other aspect of the project?

If so we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Glenys Fear, Chair of the Bells Committee, on 01728 747177.

Thank you

A number of organisations have generously made offers of grants towards the cost of the Project and their support is very gratefully received. The groups concerned include:

The Suffolk Guild of Ringers

The Sharpe Trust

The Barbara Whatmore Trust

The Scarfe Trust

The Allchurches Trust.

A considerable number of other applications are in the process of being considered and over the next year we will be applying to many more organisations asking for similar support.

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:

October

5th October 10.00 am

19th October 9.30 am

26th October 11.00 am

(Service of celebration for Bell Ringers)

November

23rd November 9.30 am

30th November 6.30 pm

How to make a donation

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 £2,500 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*.

A Gift Aid form is available to enable us to claim back tax paid on your donation.

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Total Amount Raised for the Project to date

over £35,000!