

# Campsea Ashe Church Bells Project Newsletter

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## Project Update

Since its launch in September 2007 the Bells Project has made much progress towards its goal. The Project aims to restore and augment the current ring of four to a ring of six, together with an additional service bell, and to build a new Ringing Chamber lower in the Tower which will be more easily accessible and visible to the congregation.

Fund raising is well under way with around £10000 having been either promised or given already. Much of this has come from a generous grant promised by the Suffolk Guild of Ringers who have been very supportive of the Project.

Other fund-raising has come from the Talents Challenge, researching family history (*Who are my ancestors?*), the sale of several handmade quilts and sponsored Quarter Peals. Details of all these activities are available on the website.

## Friends of the Ringing Gallery

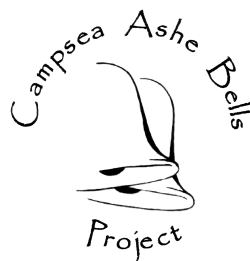
A new initiative is the Friends of the Ringing Gallery. The Gallery will be unique in the Benefice in that it will enable ringers and congregation to be in sight of each other, so making the ringing much more part of the worship than it is now. In addition the Gallery will be used as a community room available to small groups needing a space to meet.

Much of the funding for the Gallery will, we hope, come from grants such as the Your Heritage Lottery Fund, but we are looking for Friends who will be willing to make a regular small donation of £1 to £5 for a maximum of two years. With enough

Friends we will soon have the Gallery in place! If you would like to be a Friend contact Tim or Sheila - see attached sheet.

## President of Project

The Rev Canon Harry Edwards has agreed to be President of the Bells Project. Harry is a keen supporter of bell ringing and has been closely associated with many other bells projects, not least those in Hacheston and Parham. We are delighted he is supporting us by accepting the position of President.



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

**[www.campseaashechurch.org.uk](http://www.campseaashechurch.org.uk)**

# Friends of the Ringing Gallery



## **What is the Ringing Gallery?**

At present the bells are rung from a ringing chamber in the Tower. The new ringing gallery will be a restoration of an old organ and children's gallery that was removed in the late 1870's. The restored Ringing Gallery will be in the rear of the Church some 15 feet or so above ground level and will be easily accessible and the congregation will have a good view of the ringers at work!

## **Who are the Friends?**

Anyone who supports the restoration of the gallery at Campsea Ashe Church and who is willing to regularly donate a small sum towards its cost.

## **What do I need to do as a Friend?**

You agree to donate a monthly sum, perhaps £1 - £5 or more if you wish, for a period of just two years. You will probably find it easiest to do this by Standing Order and we will provide you with a form to enable you to do this.

## **Will the Friends raise all the money for the new gallery?**

The total cost of the gallery will be in the region of £10000 - £15000 and we hope to raise a good proportion of this from grants, such as the Heritage Lottery Fund.

## **How do I become a Friend?**

Just contact Tim or Sheila, White House, Marlesford Road, Campsea Ashe, Suffolk IP13 0QG. 01728 747995