

# CHEDISTON BELLS RESTORATION PROJECT

*“Give us a Ring!”*

## **RESTORATION OF CHEDISTON CHURCH BELLS**

We are pleased to report that progress on the restoration and rehangng of the bells is proceeding according to schedule. The bells are now back in the church tower following repair and retuning and they will be returned to full working order in the first week of February. This is thanks to a great many local residents and others who have given generously of their time and resources to support the bells project. We are truly grateful for this.

It will soon be time for the bells to be ringing once more and our plans for this are as follows:

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February (afternoon) Test ringing of the new installation**, when the bells will be rung for the first time and the sound of the bells in their new lower position in the tower will become apparent. ***Please feel able to come and listen if you are interested.***

There will be two or three further short trials / practices during February and the first two weeks of March before the bells are rededicated. *Times and dates to be advised.*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March - The bells will be rung at 3pm for the 3.30pm Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication by Bishop Nigel and again after the service.**

***All residents of Chediston are warmly invited to attend this special service. There will be tea afterwards in the School Room.***

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** A peal will be rung on the bells to celebrate their restoration. This will commence at 9.30 a.m. and last for approximately 3 hours.

**Sunday service ringing** thereafter will be for half an hour before the service.

**Evening ringing practices** will be once a fortnight on Friday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00pm, when Chediston will alternate practices with Wenhaston.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April approximately 7pm to 8.30 pm** The Suffolk Guild of Ringers AGM takes place at Wenhaston from 2.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Chediston.

The bells will be rung from time to time for other events such as weddings and funerals and occasionally by visiting bands of ringers for quarter peals.

**Notice of all ringing times will be displayed on notice boards in the church porch, by the telephone kiosk and on the Chediston website. Ringing for special occasions and events and by visiting bands will be notified 6 to 8 weeks prior to the event.**

If you have any enquiries, wish to book the bells for a special event or are interested in learning to ring, please contact Veronica Downing, Tower Captain / Correspondent on 01986 873184

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### **A note from the Rector**

I'd just like to say a word of thanks and congratulations to Chediston people for the generous contributions and the enormous amount of effort that have been put into the restoration of the bells at St Mary's. It's good that the ancient and uniquely English art of change-ringing will be preserved in Chediston village both for us and for future generations.

*Edward Rennard*