

ST MARYS BELLRINGERS

2018-19 REPORT FOR TOWN COUNCIL

This is a very exciting period for us. Our bells, which have rung out over the town for over 200 years, are known to be difficult to ring and to teach on.

The PCC have approved, subject to finance, the replacement of our bells by a completely new ring of eight. This process was started in 2018, and we are hoping that some donations will be given by families who lost relatives in WW1.

The existing bells cannot be used to teach children, and there is, in fact, only one bell on which we can teach adult learners, which is not therefore sustainable. We have a keen local band who ring regularly for church services, weddings etc., and with their help, we are over 50% towards our initially daunting target of £95,000.

We would be grateful for a grant from the town council towards our total. All gifts exceeding £200 will be recorded on a board, and for those donors of bells (£8-£14,000) they can choose to have an inscription of their choice, cast into the bell which will last forever.

Joan Bennett

Tower captain

SMV Henley on Thames

5th March 2019