

Good News!!



St Michael's Church has received a grant of £100,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Central to the project and the funding

are two strands: a commitment to engage young people in both learning to ring and learning about how bellringing has developed in places like Ledbury over time, and creating an exhibition space in the tower, open to the local community, which will explain what bellringing is all about and illustrate this with colourful stories and references to history, literature and music. We look forward to welcoming many groups and individuals to see ringing in action, to learn the skill themselves or to be part of guided tours and talks. As part of all this, we will be installing specialist teaching equipment and modernising the facilities in the tower in important ways (including repairs to stonework, woodwork, décor and windows, re-wiring and the installation for CCTV for educational purposes). We are thrilled that this grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, along with the wonderful support of the local community, has given us the green light to proceed with a project that will offer a really rewarding hobby to people of all ages in Ledbury and will make a fascinating contribution to the celebration of the rich history of our town. Now we need a further £60,000 to £70,000 in the next few weeks to ensure that all aspects of the project can go ahead.



A Quarter Peal for the Mayor

The Ringers were delighted to be able to mark the occasion of the Civic Service with a Quarter Peal, 1260 changes of Plain Bob Triples, rung on November 3rd.



Teaching Qualifications Achieved

Our Tower Captain, Tim Keyes, and Steeple Keeper Neil Toussaint have recently been awarded teaching certificates by the Association of Ringing Teachers after a period of training.



Ringing the Changes—Again!

We are very grateful to the Market Theatre for allowing us to perform a very successful reprise of Ringing the Changes. Amongst the audience were many invited donors, as well as the Mayor of Ledbury, Philip Howells, and Mr Nat Hone, Deputy Lieutenant of Herefordshire.



Put your name to a note

There is an opportunity to sponsor one (or more) of the clock and carillon hammers which strike the bells and which need attention as part of the repair and refurbishment project. For a donation of £500 per hammer sponsors will have a dedicatory plaque on the bell frame as well as being recognised by name in the new exhibition area. And whenever you hear the clock or carillon sounding out over the town you will be able to say; 'I made it possible for that tune to be played!' Other sponsorship opportunities are available. Eye-catching posters have appeared all over Ledbury explaining what can be sponsored and the cost of each item.



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