

### Bell Restoration Project

We are pleased to report that the Chancellor of the Diocese has given his approval to all aspects of our intended plans.

After a great deal of careful preparation our bid is 'in' to the Heritage Lottery Fund. We should hear whether we have been awarded a grant in the next few weeks..... Watch this space!

On 17th September the project team visited Whites of Appleton, the company who will be doing all the work on the bells, at their base in Oxfordshire and were very encouraged by the quality of their work.

The next phase of our local fundraising will be an engagement with local businesses, families and individuals offering them the chance to sponsor some aspect of the project and so contribute to this important feature of our local heritage. Due to the generosity of the Market Theatre and LADS we are able to reprise 'Ringing the Changes' adapted for a Theatre setting and we look forward to welcoming many local business and civic leaders to this performance on October 23rd. Tickets are available through the Box Office.



▶ LIVE SHOW

Ringing the Changes

Wednesday 23rd October | 6:30pm

[BOOK TICKETS](#)

### Local Support Grows

The project is gaining support from the local community and we were delighted to be included in the recent 'Ledbury Town Council Newsletter' and to have the backing of the Mayor, Philip Howells.

Ledbury Rotary Club have made a very generous contribution of £500 towards educational equipment for use in the tower once the project is completed. Tim Keyes was delighted to make a presentation at their Awards evening.

### Ledbury Community Day 2019

Ledbury's annual community day gave us an opportunity both as a Tower and a Ringing District to share our enthusiasm with the many people out and about on 8th June.

The portable, working model bell (often called a dumbbell although by computer wizardry it makes a noise!) was installed under the Market House and those 'having a go' included a 3 year old and our new mayor!

In the Burgage Hall we were able to show video clips of the bells working and explain the 'Bell to Remember' project as well as encouraging people to come and try this amazing hobby.



### Open evenings

On July 16th we were able to welcome another group of interested local people to the tower. They were offered the chance to climb to the belfry itself to see the bells: an opportunity to find out just how imposingly large they are and to understand better the challenges of ringing them. Afterwards the visitors stayed to watch the ringers raise the bells and ring some rounds, call changes and simple methods.