

## **BELL RESTORATION REPORT FOR 2018- EARLY 2019**

<b>Charing</b>	Ropes guides have been fitted to the intermediate floor to hopefully stop the problem of ropes landing on the floor.
<b>Chilham</b>	The old tenor was taken out on May 1 <sup>st</sup> , transported to Matthew Higby's works on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> , where the headstock was fitted to the replacement bell which was returned for fitting on Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> . All tower work by KCACR. The replacement bell came from an unwanted heavy ring of 6 at Child Okeford in Dorset. Four of the ex Murston bells were used here in the replacement lighter ring of 6.
<b>Faversham</b>	The site visit planned for 29 <sup>th</sup> November was postponed as the bells could not be rung. The spire structure has now been given the all clear and the meeting is planned for February. The conservation lobby have ruled that the frame is suitable for re-use and there is a proposal from them to 'restore' using the existing fittings. I have replied to the DAC and the architect concerned that I consider it a waste of some £40,000 of the parish's money to do such a job which will have little effect on the 'go' of the bells.
<b>Folkestone St Peter</b>	Single bell re-fitted c/w with new solenoid clapper.
<b>Higham</b>	All ground pulleys re-furbished or replaced.
<b>Kilndown</b>	Inspection and maintenance. The bells are not rung regularly. Some good news is that the vertical ladder access to the ringing chamber may be replaced with stairs. The bells were installed in 1958 and hang in a 2 tier frame with 2 and 4 above. The 4 <sup>th</sup> is also drawn across the clock room which probably makes it the worst bell in the tower. There is also quite a bit of tower movement which probably does not improve the 'go' of all.
<b>Lenham</b>	New stay fitted.
<b>Lower Hardres</b>	Single bell, that had not been used for a long time, brought back into use as a swing chiming bell.
<b>Lydd</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> clapper re-fitted.
<b>Monkton</b>	The 2 new trebles have been installed by KCACR and were rung by the locals for the first time on Christmas morning.
<b>Milton Regis</b>	These bells have been removed and will be rehung and augmented by Whites and probably complete by the time this report comes out
<b>Otham</b>	The 4 <sup>th</sup> was found to be cracked which delayed completion.
<b>Ospringe</b>	Tenor overhauled and new pulleys fitted. Further work planned.
<b>Penshurst</b>	Ringling is limited here at the moment as there is a crack in the 6th headstock.

<b>Petham</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> wheel tightened. Further work required here as a number of bolts are rusted such that they will not tighten.
<b>Rochester</b>	
<b>Cathedral</b>	There is a proposal to augment the bells to 12 and provide an additional bell to form a light 8.
<b>Sandwich</b>	Fourth clapper re-fitted and new slider. General maintenance.
<b>Shepherdswell</b>	Inspection of single bell re clapper problem. (DAC)
<b>Swalecliffe</b>	Single bell removed. (DAC)
<b>Temple Ewell</b>	Inspection of single bell pending on access
<b>Tunstall</b>	Inspection and maintenance.
<b>Wormshill</b>	Rope boss fitted to tenor. General maintenance and 2 ropes spliced.

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