

BELLRINGERS REPORT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The number of bellringers at St. Mary's remains the same. Our newest ringers have been progressing well and can now all handle a bell safely and have mastered ringing rounds and call changes.

We were due to have several groups of visiting ringers to the tower this year, but due to the corona virus they have all had to be cancelled;

The posts of Tower Captain (John Taylor) and secretary/treasurer (Laura Wadey) remain unchanged. At the AGM Michael Foster asked to step down as ringing co-ordinator/deputy Tower Captain and Nigel Boorman was voted in as the new ringing co-ordinator/deputy Tower Captain.

On 19th August an inspection of the bells was carried out by Taylors, who have reported that the bearings on the clappers of all six bells require attention. We have provisionally booked them in to be repaired in early November and have submitted a request to Kathryn for agreement to the cost of the repairs.

Since the slight relaxation in the rules governing corona virus, Nigel has been running a tied bell practice on Saturday mornings for our newer ringers, just with 3 bells in order to keep a 2m distance. Our other ringers are ringing 3 bells for 15 minutes for the Sunday morning services.

Laura Wadey
Tower Secretary