

'Festival of Bells'

Longworth Bell Restoration Project Launch

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2015
ST MARY'S CHURCH, LONGWORTH
11.30am-4.30pm

* **Charmborough Ring** World's heaviest mobile belfry showing how full-circle tower bell ringing works. Ringing displays. Have a go!

* **Handbell ringing** - three very different groups - St Deny's Handbell Ringers from Stanford in the Vale, Robert Newton & Friends, *Klegh Lowen* from Cornwall whose ringing is quite unlike handbells in this part of the country.

* **Slide show of the Longworth bells** and information on the founders, dates, weights, dedicatees, including a historical timeline of the bells from 1662 - the date of the oldest bells in the ring.

* **The last ringers of Longworth, 1922** - why did we stop ringing?

* **Great War Memorial Book** *by special permission of the CCCBR*
This is a beautiful, hand illuminated Roll of Honour, usually housed in St Paul's Cathedral. It commemorates the Fallen Ringers of the Great War, amongst them William Henry Rivers of Longworth, the last Tower Foreman, and son of the Rector. The second book of WWII casualties will also be on display.

* **Frank White *bellhanger* & Dennis Leslie *wartime evacuee*** - the restoration is dedicated to these great friends and masters of full-circle ringing. Learn about their unique connection to Longworth's bells.

* **White's of Appleton Bellhangers.** Meet Brian White and talk to him about the restoration & re-hanging. See White's fascinating display.

* **Anne Rogers Photography** Images of bells, including a photo montage of the major maintenance of the bells at the neighbouring tower of Hinton Waldrist in 2014, showing some of the processes involved.

* **Cake stall, Plant stall, Teas & cakes and much more!**
ADMISSION FREE !

* **Further details from Valia 01865-821671** catering.by.valia@hotmail.com