

## How to make a Donation

Please use this donation form for your gift

Full name of donor.....

Address.....

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Post code.....

Telephone.....

I/We enclose a cheque for £..... made out to  
**"Shiplake with Dunsden PCC Bell Fund"**

I wish my donation to the Shiplake with Dunsden PCC Bell Fund to be treated as a "Gift Aid" donation. I expect to pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax the PCC reclaims on my donation in the Tax year.

Signed.....

Please send to:

John Penrose,

Treasurer, Shiplake with Dunsden PCC

c/o Springfield House,

Mill Rd, Shiplake, Oxfordshire

RG9 3LW

Tel 0118 940 2153

If you would like to discuss a potential donation or would like more information on the project, please contact Robert Partridge (Project Coordinator) on 0118 940 1907 or Cyril Crouch (Tower Captain) on 0118 940 2704.

## Shiplake Bells Restoration Project

### Help Keep a Village Tradition Alive

Shiplake Church bells have rung out over the village for more than 400 years. They continue to be rung for all principal services, weddings and special events. Our tower is one of the leading facilities for teaching the unique English art of bellringing, and we won the prestigious Founder's prize in 2006 for the best UK 'Ringing Centre'.

However.....

the bells were cast at varying dates by more than one founder and tonally leave a lot to be desired. They are also becoming increasingly difficult to ring because the bellframe is 140 years old and badly positioned in the tower, and the bell fittings are 80 or more years old.

So.....

to protect this heritage and continue to maintain an enthusiastic band of ringers of all ages and abilities, we are aiming to install a completely new ring of bells. They will be cast by the famous Whitechapel Bellfoundry and hung in a new metal bell frame with all new bell fittings.

This will secure the future of ringing in Shiplake for many decades and will give us bells of which the whole village can be proud.

And.....

we need *YOUR* help to succeed with this £90,000 transformation by making a personal donation to this unique project. The Gift Aid form on the back of this leaflet can be used to make a donation. Donations over £250 will be commemorated on a plaque in the tower. Alternatively you may consider donating a bell on behalf of your family, a deceased loved one or even your company.

## Donating a Bell

<i>Individual Bell Details</i>		
<i>Bell Number</i>	<i>Weight kg</i>	<i>Bell &amp; Fittings</i>
8	477	Already donated
7	356	£8,800
6	274	£6,900
5	248	£5,900
4	213	£5,100
3	185	£4,600
2	169	£4,300
1	159	Already donated

The new bells may have short, appropriate and approved inscriptions cast into them, for example "donated by.... " or "re-cast in memory of....."

The new bellframe will cost an additional £20,000.

The remaining aspects of the work, including dismantling the old bells and installing the new ones will cost £18,000.



How our new bells will look. This picture shows a typical new ring of bells hung in a modern metal frame with new bell fittings.

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