

Reuse

New homes for the replaced bells

Four of the bells could not be tuned to fit in properly with the other bells, but they were perfectly sound, so rather than melt them down we found new homes for them with the help of the Keltek Trust. Our bells went to:

Hampsthwaite North Yorkshire – Augmented a ring of three to six by adding the ex Wokingham Treble and 2nd plus a new bell.

Orange, New South Wales, Australia – The ex Wokingham 3rd became the 7th of a new ring of eight.

Mucknell Abbey, Worcester – The ex Wokingham 6th became a single chiming bell at the new Anglican Benedictine monastery.

Bell mementos from the old headstocks

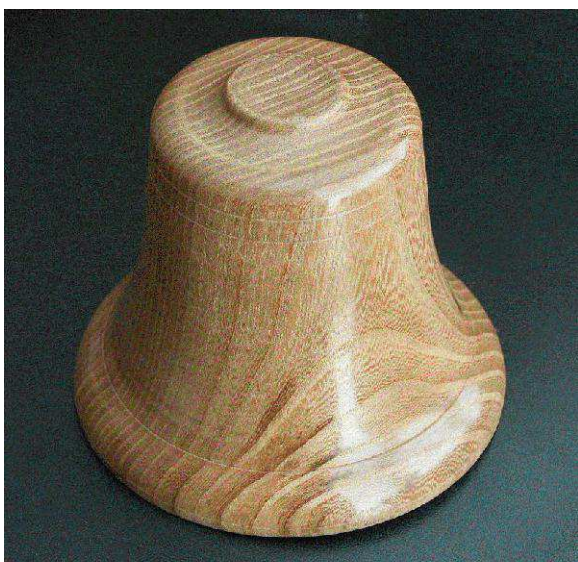
The old headstocks were elm – very good for carving and turning, so we cut up the headstocks and made 92 mementos (in three sizes: 5", 4" and 3" diameter) that were eagerly bought by ringers and congregation.



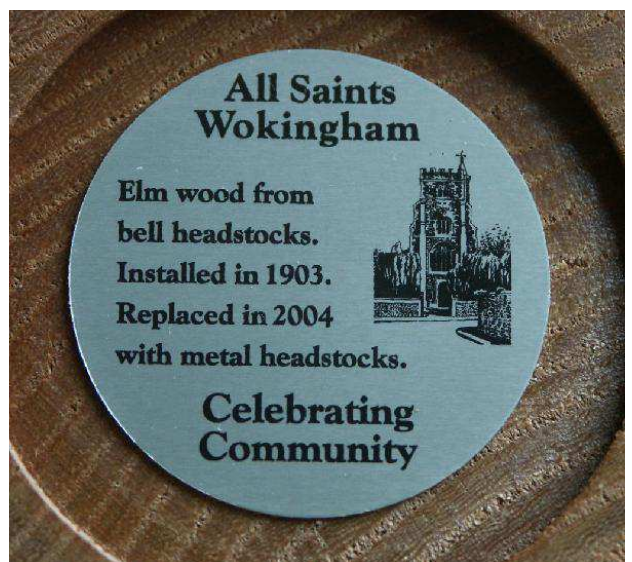
One of the old headstocks



Cutting up with a chain saw



Wooden bell memento



Provenance plaque on base