

Bell restoration project – Rehanging the Saints bells

After three months, the new and refurbished bells, together with new fittings, were returned to the church. The timber headstocks were replaced with iron headstocks. The wheels were rebuilt with new rims around the sound core and spokes. Everything else, bearings, pulleys, stays, sliders and rope bosses were new.

Over the weekend the bells were on display at the back of the church before being hoisted into the tower and returned to their pits, and refitted.



Unloading from the lorry



Moving a bell into the church



Lowering a bell into its pit



Adding wheel and fittings

To provide added rigidity to withstand the forces created by swinging bells and extra steel beam was added underneath, and at right angles to the existing beams. The centre section of the new beam had to be removable to enable the bells to be lifted up into the frame.

