

ART Conference

Saturday 2nd March
2019

Worcester

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So what started this all off?

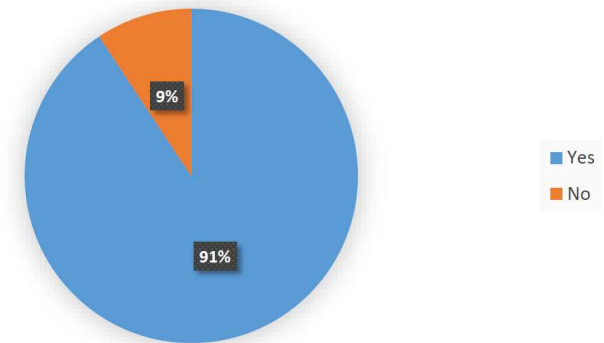
- The first recorded peal – 2nd May, 1715
- 300th Anniversary in 2015
- A need to celebrate
- A need to commemorate
- A need for significance
- A need for a legacy



Our motives

- To bring ringing to the wider public in a fun and interesting way
 - Access to the tower limited
 - Experience gained from very successful Heritage Open Days
 - Surveys of visitors to the church (c. 50,000+ per annum)

If a Ringing Heritage Centre were open here for you to visit, would it be of interest?



Our motives

- To showcase St Peter Mancroft's unique place in the history of ringing
 - First recorded peal in 1715
 - First ever peal of Grandsire Triples 1718
 - First ever peal of Stedman Triples 1731



...and much more



Our motives

- To provide a teaching facility available to ringers across the region, providing innovative training
 - Standing on the shoulders of giants
 - Worcester & Mark Regan
 - Adelaide & Matthew Sorell



What was the timeframe?

- The first peal of Grandsire Triples – 26th August, 1718
- 300th Anniversary in 2018
- A 3.5 year timeframe from launch in February 2015 to August 2018



What was the scope of the project?

- The project scope was defined in the light of our initial application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, which was created in 2012/13.
- This application was for a project to be completed in time for the 2015 tercentenary event.
- The project did not receive a round one pass from HLF
- We spent time in revising the scope and agreeing to re-apply

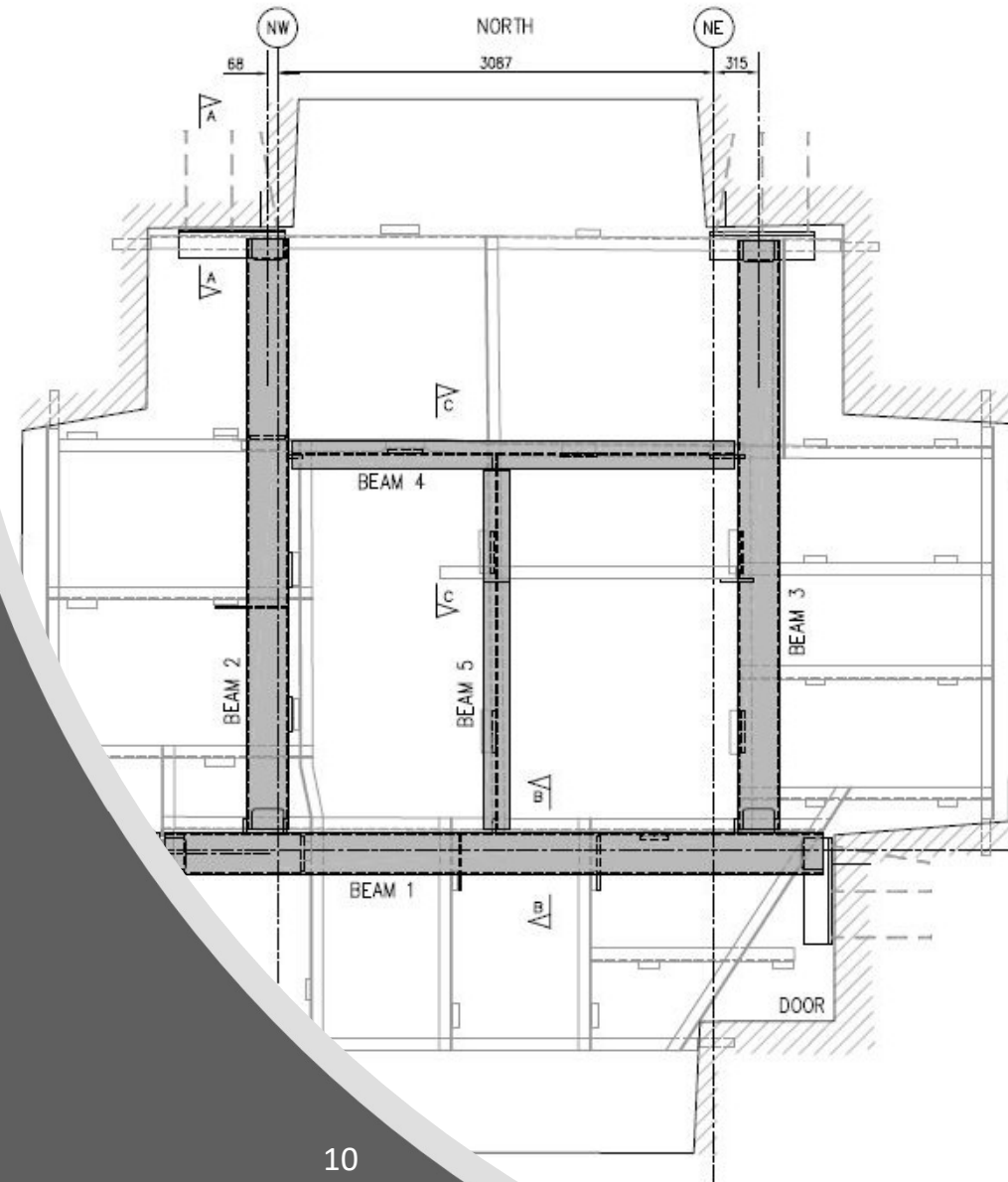
Restore

- The ancient gallery from which all of the historic peals in the 18th century were rung was removed in 1882



Strengthen

- Leave the existing installation in the best possible condition for future generations





Engage

- 50,000+ church visitors curious to know more.
- c. 500 visitors during Heritage Open Days events
- Maximise opportunities to learn for both ringers and the general public

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Outreach

- Build on the existing school outreach programme
- Enhance the quality of the experience
- Link to the MRDC
- Follow up

Amazing Professionals

- Jeff Atthowe and team
- Nicholas Warns Architect
- Andrew Morton Associates
- Morton Partnership
- Panks
- MD Fabrication
- Luminex
- Devlin Plummer



DEVLIN PLUMMER STAINED GLASS

Amazing Donors



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...and many more

Including you!!



Delivery

- Following surveys by Bell Johnson Limited, a frame-strengthening plan was implemented



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Delivery

Eight training bells installed by
Matthew Higby Limited



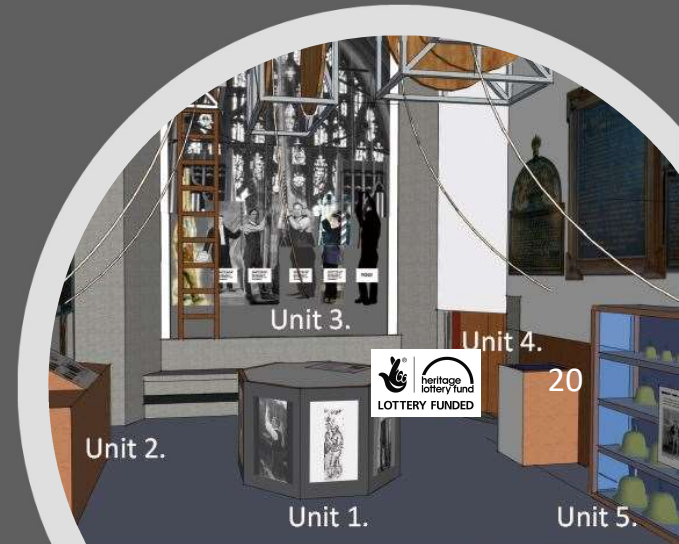
Delivery

- Training equipment and simulator software installed
- Abel
- David Bagley

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Work still to be done

- Exhibition materials installed in MRDC
- Re-modelling of SW corner of the church



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Strategy

- Support of the St Peter Mancroft Guild
- Enthusiasm
- Volunteer effort
- Financial support

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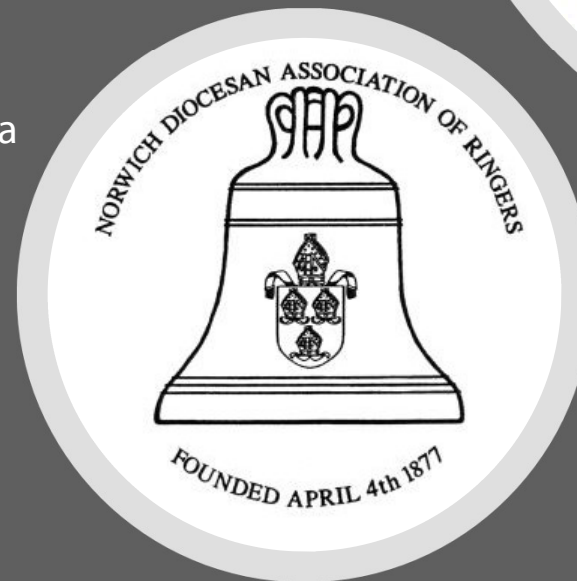
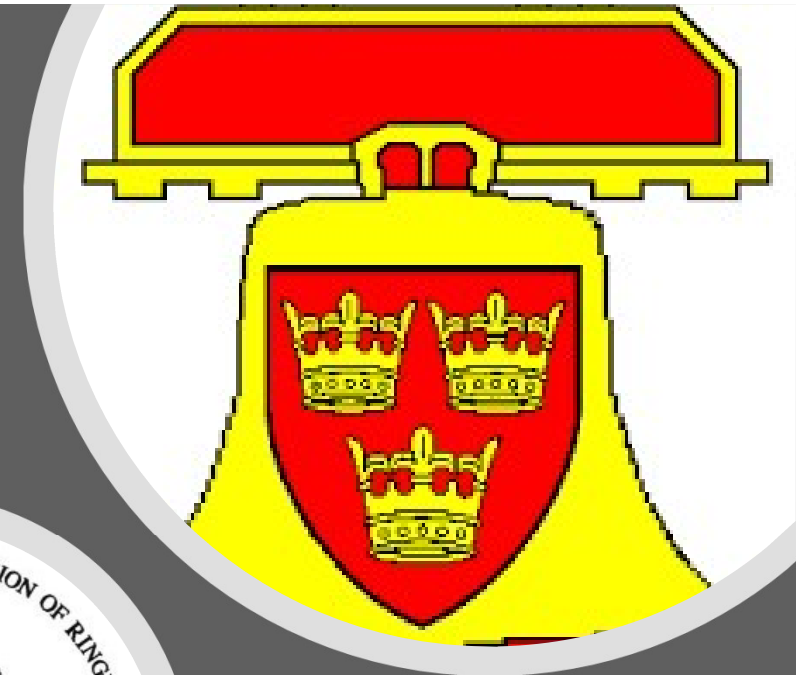
- 100% support from church at a time of great change in other areas
- Always working on behalf of the PCC
- Regular reporting
- No offers of finance
- Vital interest free loan at crucial stage of the project

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Strategy

- Engage with our regional associations
- Letters of support sought
- Regular updates to Suffolk & Norfolk social media channels

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Engage with our friends everywhere

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The logo for itv NEWS ANGLIA, featuring the 'itv' logo in white on a teal background, with 'NEWS' in white on a dark blue background, and 'ANGLIA' in white on a dark blue background.

itv NEWS
ANGLIA



Strategy

- Cultivate local media contacts

The BBC logo, consisting of the letters 'B', 'B', and 'C' in white on a black background, with the text 'BOOK EAST' below it.

BBC
BOOK EAST

The EDP logo, featuring the letters 'EDP' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

EDP



Strategy

Appoint a centre manager

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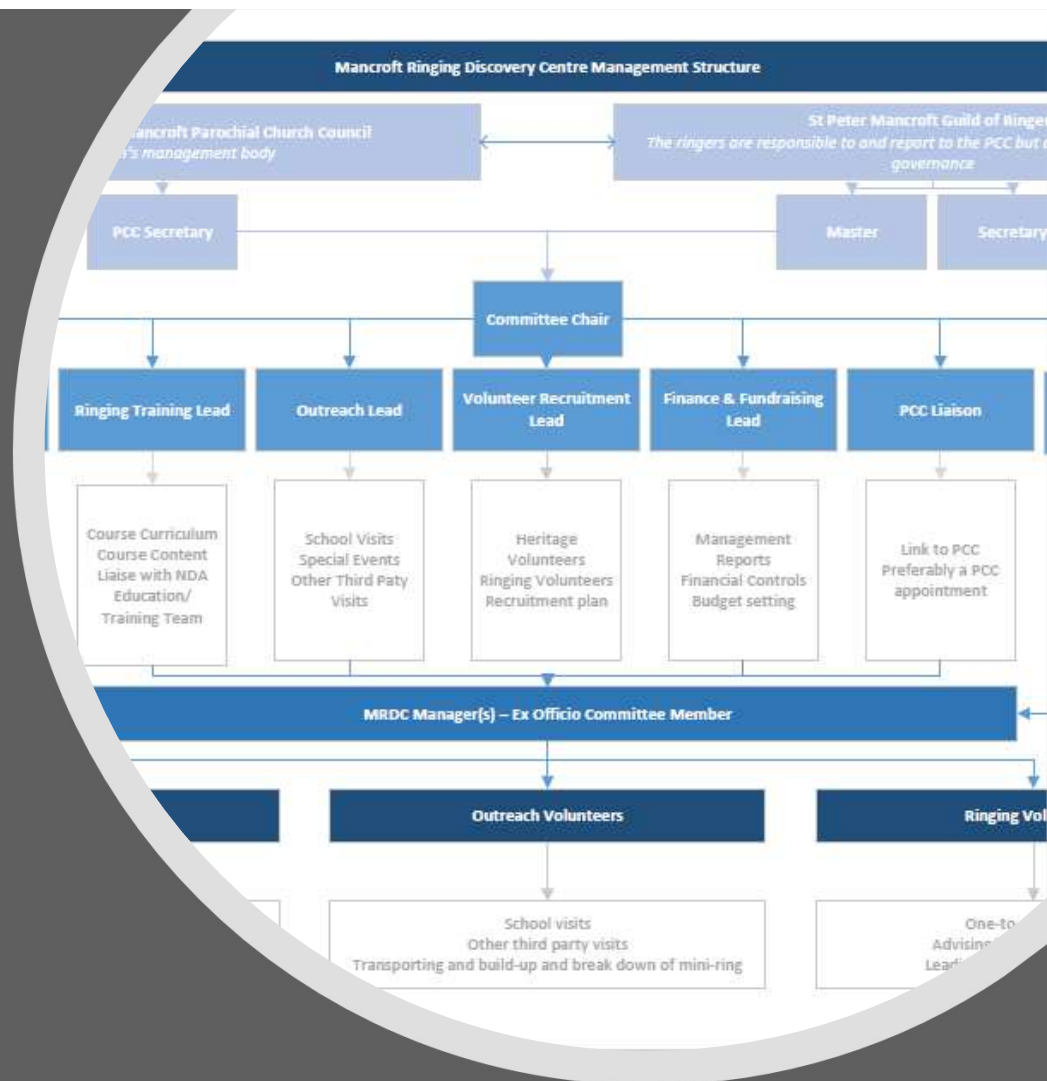
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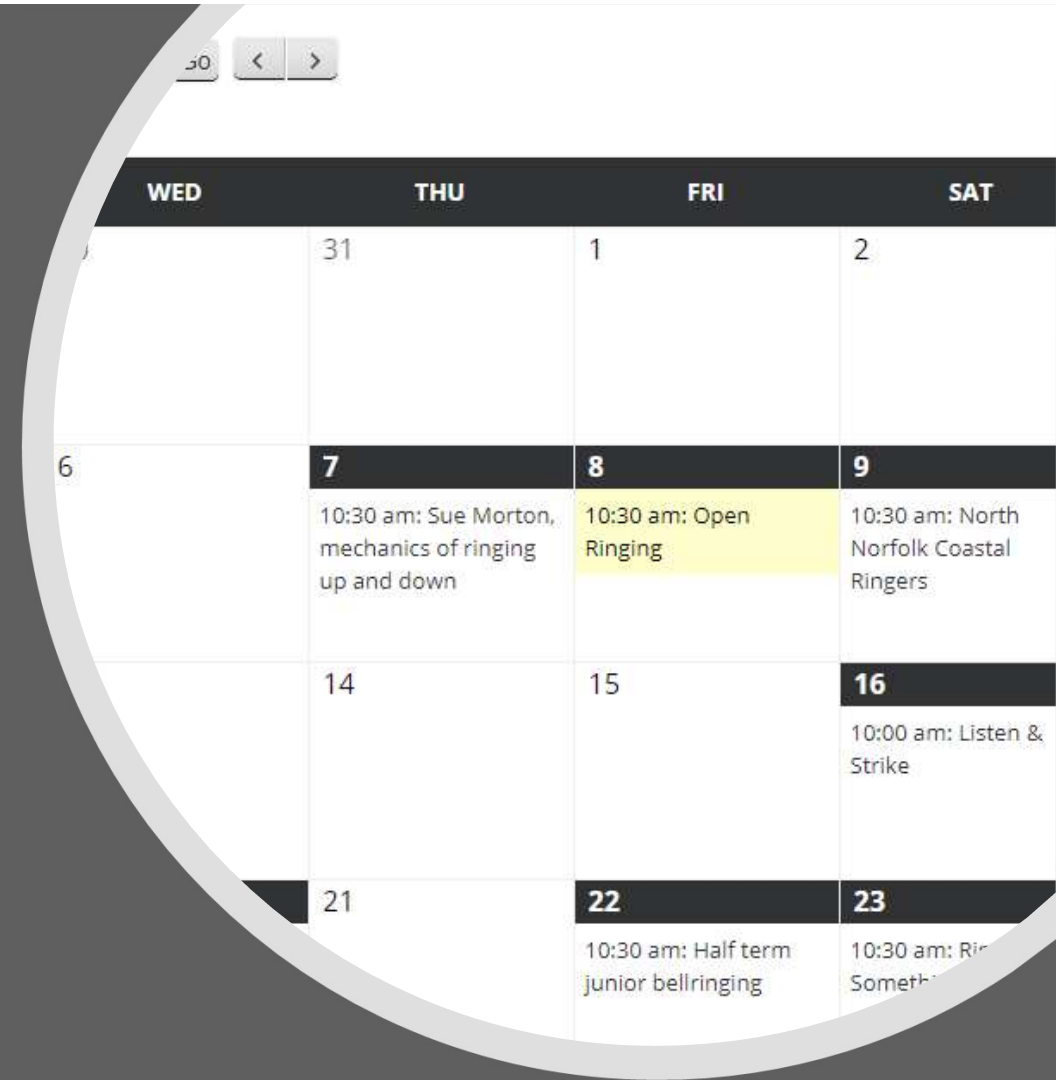
Management Committee

- Project delivery committee standing down
 - Over three years of dedicated hard work
 - Back to a normal life
- New committee constituted
 - Ringing skills not necessary for all roles
- PCC Liaison



Build Calendar

- Over 1,000 visits to the MRDC since September 2018
- 150+ per month
- Positive feedback
- Repeat visits



Build Calendar

- Regular Monday morning sessions 10am to 12 noon
- Regular Monday evening sessions 6pm to 8pm
- Lunch hour ringing
- Dedicated courses
- ART courses
- 1-1 training
- Group visits
- Quarter peals

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	31	1	2
6	7 10:30 am: Sue Morton, mechanics of ringing up and down	8 10:30 am: Open Ringing	9 10:30 am: North Norfolk Coastal Ringers
	14	15	16 10:00 am: Listen & Strike
	21	22 10:30 am: Half term junior bellringing	23 10:30 am: Ringing Something

Build Calendar

- Training survey undertaken by Norwich Diocesan Association
- Respond to key demands
 - Introduction to Surprise Major
 - Basic conducting
 - Plain Bob Doubles

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Work in Progress

- Develop junior ringer sessions
- Link school visits to follow-us at the MRDC
- Develop curriculum
- Build and strengthen links with regional associations and groups
- Increase quality and number of ringing volunteers
- Create a team of heritage volunteers

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Feedback

- Gather and respond to feedback
 - Ringing visitors
 - Heritage visitors
 - Volunteers



Mancroft Ringing Discovery Centre
Visitor Survey

We are fortunate to have been supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund in creating the centre here. As part of our feedback to them, we are keen to find out more about our visitors and what they thought of their visit.
Please could you take a moment to complete this form.
Your responses will be anonymous and we will not attempt to contact you further. THANK YOU.

What was the date of your visit to the MRDC?				
What was the reason for your visit?	Individual ringing tuition by instructor	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Group ringing tuition by instructor	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Ringing course on a specific topic, led by instructor	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Individual practice (self-guided)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Other – please specify here >>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
How long did you spend at the MRDC today?	1 Hour or less	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	More than 1 hour and up to 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	More than 2 hours and up to 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Over 4 hours	<input type="checkbox"/>		
How many times have you visited the MRDC for ringing training before?	Never	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Up to 5 times	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Between 6 and 10 times	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	More than 10 times	<input type="checkbox"/>		
To what extent you agree with the following statements:				
Learned new skills as a result of my visit/visits to the MRDC	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
Enjoyed the heritage activity of change-ringing as a result of my visit/visits to the MRDC	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
		Neither agree nor disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
		Neither agree nor disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
Please say in what way or ways below if this applies				

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Fund-raising and FUN!!



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Thank you for your attention

- Questions?



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