



Bell Fund

The truth of the saying "Where there's a will, there's a way," has been practically shown by the inhabitants of this village during the last twelve months. A year ago, they determined to raise a fund, if possible, for the purpose of re-casting their tenor bell, which had been useless for more than 20 years, owing to a large crack in its side. So heartily did they set to work that in a very short time they had raised among themselves, and by the kind assistance of some friends, a sufficient sum to justify them in sending their cracked bell to Messrs., Warner and Son, London, and were gratified by its return soon after Christmas in a whole and tuneful condition. The recasting of this bell having, wonderful to say, cost less than they anticipated, they were emboldened to try whether the same process might not improve their second bell, which gave forth a sound somewhat resembling that which would proceed from a tin kettle. No sooner said than done - and they have now the satisfaction of having a peal of five bells, of good tone, which, pulled by the sturdy hands of a company of as respectable and well-conducted men as are to be found in Wiltshire, make cheerful music, and by their joyous rounds and pretty changes enliven the village three or four times a week. The Ludgershall ringers have framed for themselves a set of rules, which have been so much approved of by the Bishop of Salisbury, that his Lordship has very kindly sent a liberal contribution to their fund.

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