## ARKESDEN BELL RINGERS REPORT FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING APRIL $27^{TH}$ 2016

WE NOW HAVE 8 REGULAR RINGERS WITH ALL 6 BELLS BEING RUNG FOR THE MAJORITY OF SUNDAY SERVICES.

WE ALSO RANG FOR THE FESTIVAL SERVICES AT EASTER AND CHRISTMAS AND THERE WAS A "ROLLING RING" ON ST GEORGRS DAY.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA IS RINGING TO COMMEMORATE THE ONE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATHS OF 8 WORLD WAR 1 SOLDIERS FROM ARKESDEN. WE RANG FOR LEONARD PARISH LAST YEAR WHO DIED ON 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY AND WE HAVE TWO MORE THIS YEAR BERTIE LAW WHO DIED ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY AND FRANK DIXON ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER WE WILL BE RINGING ON THE NEAREST SUNDAY TO THOSE DATES.

ANOTHER DATE WHEN THE BELLS WILL RING OUT IS FOR THE QUEEN OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY ON JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>

IF YOU HEAR THE BELL ON DAYS OTHER THAN WEDNESDAY PRACTICE NIGHT OR THE SUNDAY SERVICE IT WILL BE VISITING RINGERS. OUR TOWER IS VERY POPULAR AS THE BELLS ARE LIGHT AND QUITE FORGIVING.

WE DIDN'T MANAGE AN OUTING IN 2015 BUT HOPE TO HAVE ONE LATER IN THE YEAR.

AS EVER WE WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME NEW RECRUITS. BELL RINGING IS NOT DIFFICULT – NO MUSICAL ABILITY IS REQUIRED. IT COMBINES BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL EFFORT, LESS FRENETIC THAN A WORKOUT AT THE GYM AND WITH THE BENEFIT OF A BEER AT THE AXE AFTER PRACTICE ON WEDNESDAYS. DO POP UP TO THE TOWER WHEN YOU HEAR US ON A WEDNESDAY AT 8PM AND SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.