

WDCRA Introduction to Belfry Maintenance

- half day practical session



Members of the WDCRA Belfry Advisory Panel will be holding a half day introduction to belfry maintenance

When - Saturday 13th April 2024, 10.00am – 12.30

Where - The group will visit one tower -

10.00am – 12.30 at Elmley Castle Church, WR10 3HT

What will the session cover –

- Introduction – health & safety, risks, permission required etc
- How often checks should be undertaken
- What to look for systematically
- What may be done by volunteers
- Identifying problems – what is making that strange noise?
- Remedial actions
- What should be left to professional bell hangers
- Where to find further information
- A summary of any points noted for the local ringers

Who can participate - Places will be limited to 12 WDCRA members (because of the space available). Participants must be agile and have no known health conditions that could be aggravated by working in the environment in a belfry.

The session aims to help ringers understand more about “what does what upstairs”, what should be checked, what could go wrong and what could / should be done about it. Or what should be passed to someone else!

Under 18s who are mature enough to follow instructions diligently and benefit from the session will be welcome, but they must be accompanied by a parent / guardian throughout the day.

How can I request a place - please contact Alison Hodge, Belfry Advisory Panel Convenor (convenor@wdcra.org.uk) by Sat 30th March

What will I need to bring – remember towers are often draughty and dusty / grubby!

- Sturdy shoes / boots with non-slip soles (not loose fitting, slip-ons, flip flops, sandals, clogs etc)
- Clothing / overalls suitable for manoeuvring amongst the bells in a belfry
- Cap / woolly hat to offer some head protection
- Note pad, pens, camera