

April May 2021 Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 21 April, 19:30-21:00 via Zoom

Online talk: Exploring Bedfordshire belfries with Chris Pickford



In this talk, Chris will share his memories of exploring our belfries and tell us of some of the unusual places he has visited and interesting discoveries he has made.

About our speaker:

Chris Pickford joined the staff of Bedfordshire County Record Office in 1977, becoming County Archivist in 1986. He left in 1998 to become Director of the Church of England Record Centre (CERC) in London. During his time in Bedford Chris served as Ringing Master at St Pauls Bedford, Association Librarian and Technical Advisor, masterminding the Association centenary exhibition (now held in

the Assn library).

When Chris arrived in Bedfordshire he had no intention of doing a survey of bells in the county. He had too many other unfinished projects already – although fewer than he has now! But after 21 years in Bedford he left with pretty full details of most towers, leaving behind a series of four books on Bedfordshire Churches and another on Bedfordshire Clockmakers. A spell of ill health in 2018 gave him the impetus to write up all his bell material, and in 2018-9 he paid a number of visits to the county to update his records and fill gaps. His survey is now fully written up but there remains more work to turn it all into the book that he hopes to publish.

Come along to find out what fascinating discoveries Chris might have made in your tower!

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