

## Report to Parish Council on the clock in St Peter's Church tower

The original mid 1800s clock, by Benbow of Newport, was replaced in about 1970 with an electric drive and an electrically driven striking system. The original clock works remain in the tower. Over the last ten years or so the striking system of the 1970s clock has given lots of problems and increasingly presented a danger of cracking the struck bell. Early in 2017 the striking system was turned off in order to safeguard the bell. With the system being nearly 50 years old and having become obsolete, in January 2018 the Parochial Church Council took the decision to replace the clock drive and striking system with a new clock from public-clock-specialists Smith of Derby. The first stage of the work has been completed and we expect completion of the project in the next week or two.

During negotiations last year the Parish Council agreed to fund the annual servicing of the clock, for which the Parochial Church Council is very grateful. The estimated annual cost at this stage is £150. It is likely that the first annual service will not be required until the 2019/20 financial year.

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