



Buckinghamshire Bells and Belfries

A History and Survey of the Bells and Public Clocks of Buckinghamshire

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This work describes the bells, the bell installations and clocks that are found in the belfries of every church, regardless of denomination, in the current county of Buckinghamshire and also includes those found in many of the county's secular buildings. There is also a summary of what is known of the bells formerly at the religious houses of Buckinghamshire.

The work has been intended to be a standalone book so contains chapters detailing with background and technical information on the topics covered. Under each location is a detailed description of the bells, frame, fittings and any clock and other associated equipment. It also includes concise notes concerning any other historical or relevant information.

The book is of over 600 pages and is presented in two parts, both illustrated with numerous plates. Part One begins by discussing bells and turret clocks in general, including frames, fittings, and various other aspects, before the gazetteer of belfries at places beginning A to M. Part Two covers the remaining places plus religious houses, an overview of the bellfounders, bellhangers and turret clock makers whose work is found in the county, and depictions of the badges and translations of Latin inscriptions found on bells in Buckinghamshire, a glossary and bibliography.

'Buckinghamshire Bells and Belfries' is to be published in February and those wishing to subscribe at the subscription price of £45 including postage and packing for both parts, are invited to send an email to buckinghamshirebells@gmail.com and request an order form, or alternatively send their details by post to MJ Smith, 24 Sinclair Gate, Griffiths Acre, Stone, Aylesbury, HP17 8PE. Subscription closes on the 1st February 2019, after that date the price will increase to £55.

