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redundant bells to be hung
for English-style full-circle bell-ringing.

KELTEK TRUST – Projects in Dorset

Place	Dedication	
Batcombe	St Mary	Location/supply of a bell.
Buckhorn Weston	St John the Baptist	Location/supply of two bells.
Charminster	St Mary the Virgin	Relocation of a surplus bell.
Chideock	St Giles	Location/supply of a bell.
Child Okeford	St Nicholas	Location/supply of four bells & relocation of surplus bells.
Lytchett Minster	unknown	Replacement 5 th bell.
Margaret Marsh	St Margaret	Location/supply of a bell.
Sandford Orcas	St Nicholas	Replacement 5 th bell.
Winterborne Stickland	St Mary	Replacement treble bell.

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Batcombe, Dorset, St Mary



The church had a ring of three until 1957 when two cracked bells were recast into a single bell which was hung dead. It is planned to repair the remaining cracked bell, add a bell and hang all three in a new bell-frame for six bells. The additional bell came from the RC church of The Good Shepherd, St Leonards on Sea.



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Buckhorn Weston, Dorset, St John the Baptist



The poor sounding 2nd and tenor bells have been retired and replaced with suitable second-hand bells and the ring hung in a new metal bell-frame. The project was completed in April 2020.

The Keltek Trust supported the project by donating both replacement bells.



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Charminster, Dorset, St Mary the Virgin



The Trust acquired the old 8th bell when it was replaced in 2008. This bell is now the tenor of the ring of eight at Menangle, NSW, Australia.



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Chideock, Dorset, St Giles



The heavy ring of five has been augmented to six. The additional bell came from the redundant church of St Catherine, Dodington, Whitchurch, Shropshire. It was acquired by the Keltek Trust from a property developer.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZaPF_2UCxM



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Child Okeford, Dorset, St Nicholas



The heavy ring of six bells has been replaced with a lighter True Harmonic tuned ring.

The Trust offered the back four of the former News of the World chime of five bells. For a while these were relocated to Murston, Kent but removed a few years ago. These bells are now the treble, 2nd, 5th and tenor of the replacement ring.

The former tenor bell is now the replacement tenor at Chilham, Kent. The former 5th bell has been installed at Buckhorn Weston and the former 3rd bell installed at Lytchett Minster.



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Lytchett Minster, Dorset



The cracked medieval 5th bell has been replaced with the former 3rd bell from Child Okeford, Dorset. The replacement work was completed during 2019.



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Margaret Marsh, Dorset, St Margaret



The ring of four bells has been restored and augmented to a ring of five. The Keltek Trust donated the additional bell; its provenance is unknown as there is no founders name or date and had been in private ownership. Its appearance suggests a late 19th Century bell cast by Mears & Stainbank.

The augmentation work was completed during October 2016.

Youtube video of the bells ringing.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_RFTXZ7CC4



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Sandford Orcas, Dorset, St Nicholas



The cracked fifth bell was replaced during 2005 with a bell supplied by the Trust. It was one of three bells we acquired from a redundant church in New Shildon, County Durham.



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Winterborne Stickland, Dorset, St Mary



The out of tune treble of the ring of four has been replaced with one of the pre-2010 ring at Shiplake, Oxfordshire. The work was completed in December 2010.