

## **Kempsford Bell Ringers**

### **Annual Report to the Parish Council April 2019 – March 2020**

The Kempsford Band continued to meet regularly on Thursday nights to practise and on Sundays to ring for the service. The band now numbers twelve ringers (including two under eighteen-year-olds), although unfortunately due to health issues not everyone has been able to attend regularly.

We continue to participate in the activities of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers. One of our young ringers took part in a training day organised by the Association and the other was a member of the youth team representing the Association in the Ringing World National Youth Contest, travelling to Liverpool for the event.

In March 2020 the bells were serviced by Taylor's bell foundry and found to be in a good condition. We would like to express our appreciation to the Parish Council for their financial support in providing a grant to purchase a new rope for the treble bell.

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic, all ringing at Kempsford was suspended on March 17<sup>th</sup> until further notice. We hope to resume ringing when the situation improves. The Church authorities and congregation are always appreciative of our efforts to ring for Sunday service and events such as weddings.

Iris Lewis (Tower Captain)  
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