

# Guild of Medical Ringers.



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Summer Meeting 2000



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The 2000 Summer meeting of the Guild of Medical Ringers is to be held in Suffolk on Saturday 20th May. There is to be ringing all day on the Saturday, with seven towers, all fairly close together. Three of the towers have been restored for the Millennium.

Dinner is to be held at 'The Old Rectory' in Campsea Ashe where accommodation is available. Details of this and a list alternative accommodation is provided in the back cover.

The ringing programme for Saturday is as follows:

<b>9.15 - 10.00</b>	<b>Woodbridge</b>
<b>10.30 - 11.15</b>	<b>Ufford</b>
<b>11.45 - 12.30</b>	<b>Hollesley</b>

*Picnic lunch at Iken, kindly organised by the Orford band.*

<b>13.00 - 14.00</b>	<b>Iken</b> * <small><i>There is a slight possibility that this may have to be changed at short not ice.</i></small>
<b>14.30 - 15.00</b>	<b>Hacheston</b>
<b>15.30 - 16.15</b>	<b>Tunstall</b>
<b>16.45 - 18.00</b>	<b>Orford</b>

Dinner is at 6.45 for 7.15. If you wish to book dinner, please complete and return the attached card to arrive not later than Thursday 11th May. Please will you also include a deposit of £10.00 per person booked (*Cheques payable to 'Guild of Medical Ringers'*). The restaurant is next to the church where the four bells have recently been restored, and it may be possible to ring before the meal, or between courses!

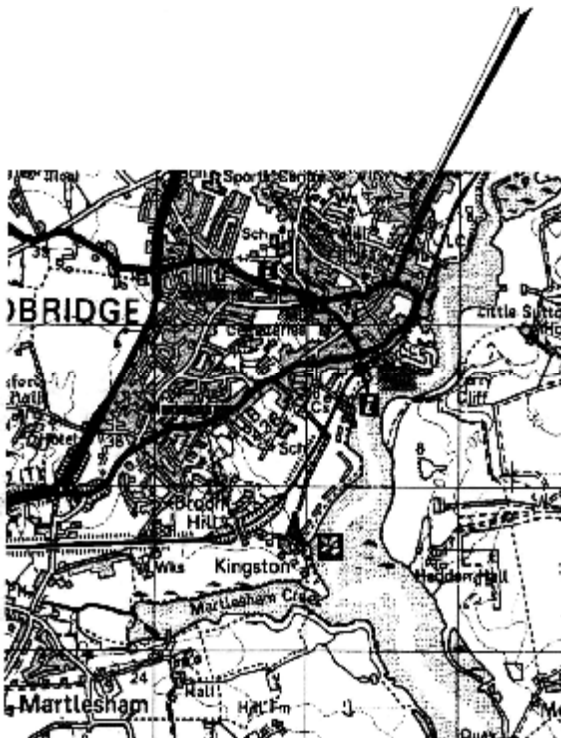
It is hoped that members of the Guild will join with the local band to ring for Sunday morning Service at Orford. If sufficient people are interested it may be possible to ring a quarter peal at Orford on Sunday afternoon.

# 1. Woodbridge - St. Mary the Virgin

8 25-0-21 in D

GR 271491

*This is a typical Suffolk mediaeval church built of rubble with flint facing. It has a fifteenth century porch and interesting buttresses on the tower. The bells were restored by Gillett and Johnston, who also recast the seventh. Note how well this bell fits in with older bells in the ring.*

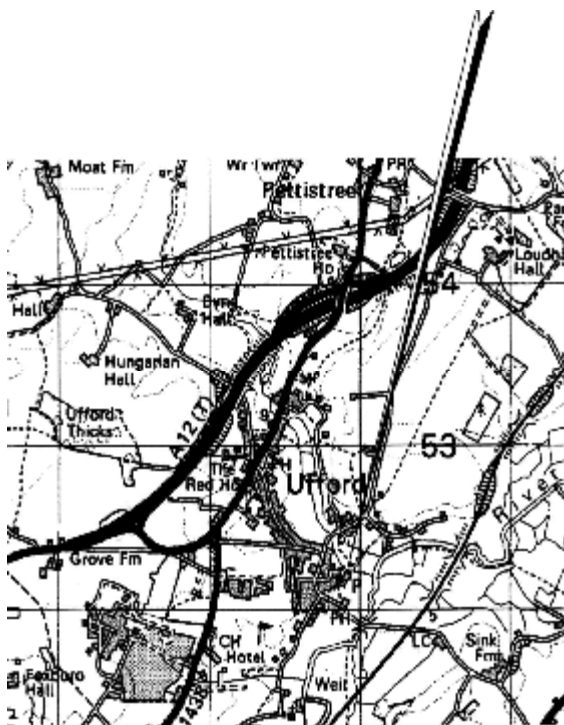


## 2. Ufford - Assumption

8 13-1-08 in F#

GR 298522

*The interior of this beautiful church is dominated by the carved and gilded wooden font cover. The cover dates from the 15th C and is some 18 feet high. The tower has a Sanctus bell window and bells that were restored in the late thirties. Outside the church stand the stocks and whipping-post.*



### 3. Hollesley - All Saints

8 17-0-11 in F

GR 353443

*Hollesley church has been extensively restored. The bells were cast and hung by Taylor's in the late nineteen thirties and are thought by many to be one of the best octaves in East Anglia. The village is known for its 'Colony' now a Borstal. It was founded in the early nineteenth century to teach potential emigres how to survive and manage the new Colonies.*

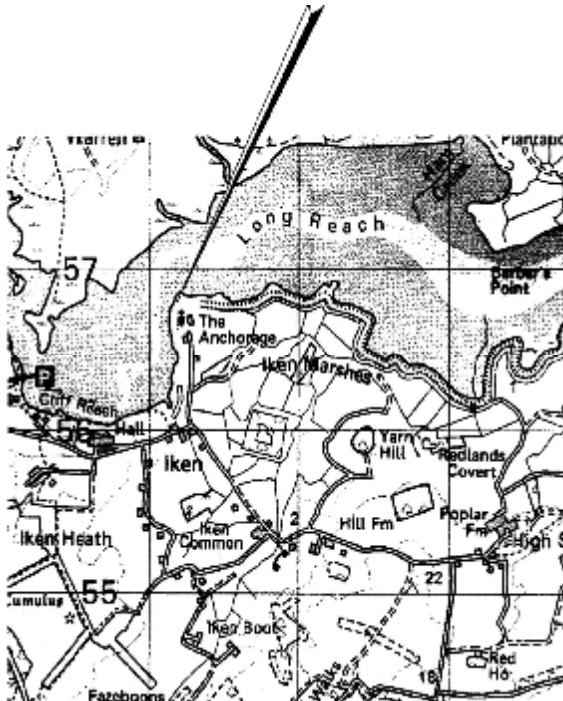


## 4. Iken - St. Botolph

5 9-1-0 in G#

GR 412567

*Iken is the landing place in East Anglia of St. Botolph. There is a wonderful view of the river from the Churchyard. The tower has four pre-Reformation bells all cast by the same London founder, but the tenor was cast a year later than the others - probably a re-do! The treble of these four is a semitone sharp and the tenor a semitone flat. They have been augmented to five with a Taylor's Simpson tuned bell to celebrate the Millennium.*



## 5. Hacheston - All Saints

6 9-3-0 in F

GR 311582

*Here are the most recently restored bells of the day. The restoration project was led by a midwife. The fourteenth century tower has a Sanctus bell window, and the church has a Norman North door.*



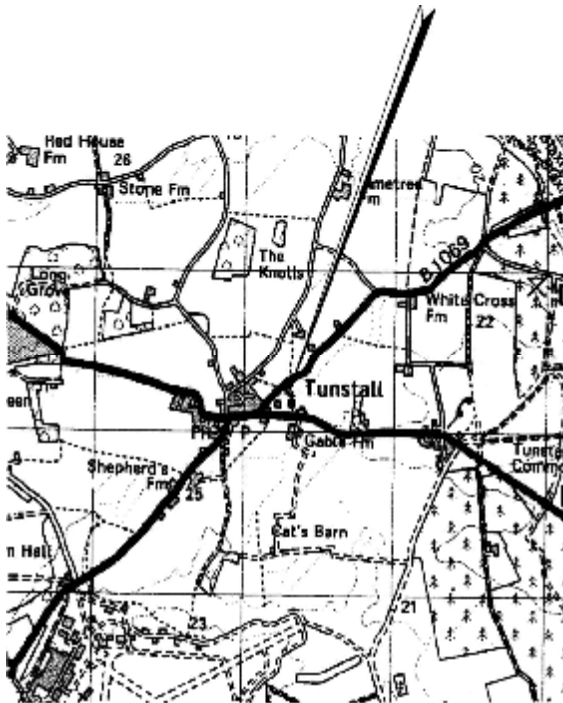


## 6. Tunstall - St. Michael

6 7-2-22 in *Ab*

GR 363552

*This is another church in the Orford Benefice in the late Decorated and Perpendicular styles. Inside, there is a brass dating from 1618. The tower has a ring restored by Gillett and Johnston, who also tuned the Warner bells to make a delightful musical six.*

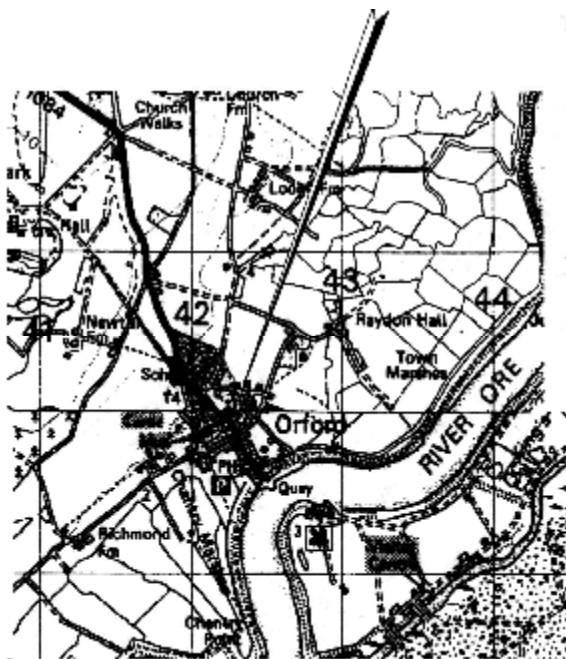


## 7. Orford - St. Bartholomew

8 10-2-01 in G

GR 422500

*The recently restored tower and bells are a continuation of the restoration of this church which was in ruins and virtually unusable in 1890. The first performances of Benjamin Britten's 'Noye's Fludde' and 'Three Church Parables' were performed here. The four new trebles were cast by Royal Eijsbouts of Asten, Netherlands to the same profile as the four seventeenth century bells. The tenor cast by John Darbie of Ipswich in 1672 is Simpson tuned.*



## ACCOMODATION

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### **The Olde Rectory,**

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