

BELL RINGING AROUND CAMPSEA ASHE

Campsea Ashe is ideally suited for starting bell ringing tours and for visiting ringers wanting to ring at a variety of towers. The Church has easy access for motorists, being situated just off the A12 a few miles north of Woodbridge and with a large car park, and for cyclists and walkers the Wickham Market railway station on the East Coast line is just a few hundred yards away. Trains run each way approximately every two hours.

The bells at Campsea Ashe were restored and augmented in 2010 and the bells can now be rung from the new ringing gallery and community room. The peal of six bells incorporate three new bells, the treble (3 cwt), second (3cwt 14 lb) and third (3cwt 2qr), as well as three of the four bells that were already in the tower, the fourth (3 cwt 2 qr), fifth (4 cwt 3 qr) and tenor (6 cwt). The Church itself dates back to the 14th century and a Local Heritage Group is identifying local resources that will be of interest to many visitors who wish to know more about the heritage of the village and which will be available in the Church.

There are many other towers where bells can be rung within a 4 mile radius of Campsea Ashe and all the beautiful Churches are well worth a visit in their own right. This leaflet indicates the location of these towers and gives a little information about the bells. Further information, including contact details and practice times are available on the Suffolk Guild of Ringers website - www.suffolkbells.org.uk. We hope this short guide will enable you to plan an enjoyable visit to the area.

This leaflet was produced as part of the Local Heritage Project. We hope you found it interesting and enjoyable.

The leaflet is free, but a donation to Church funds through the wall safe would be appreciated.

Our other leaflets:

Ash Row Heritage Trail

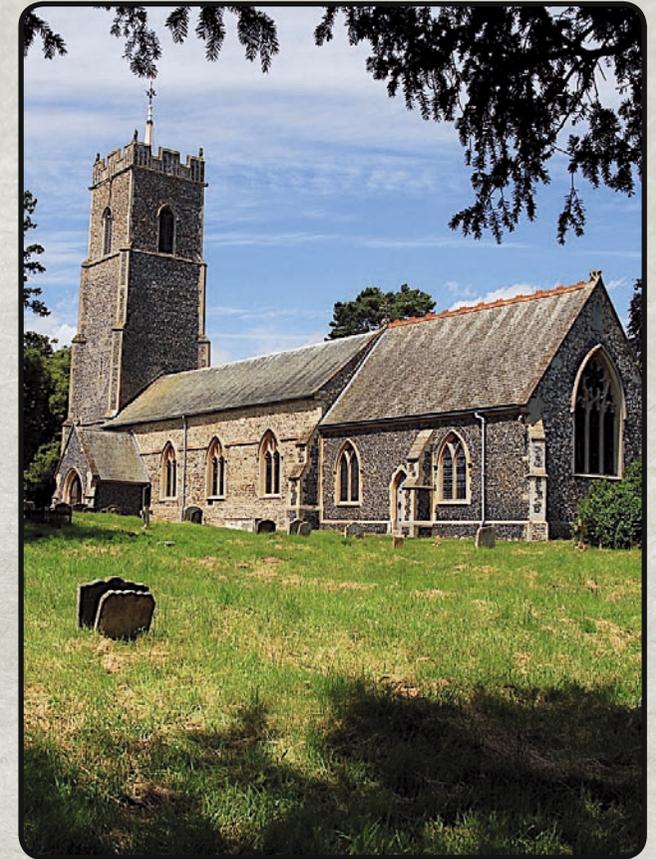
Blackstock Crossing Heritage Trail

The Bells of St John the Baptist Church

Young Person's Quiz

Discover more about our Church, including latest events and services at our website:

www.campseashechurch.org.uk



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Within the Campsea Ashe Greater Benefice there are seven towers all with ringable bells. All the towers are easily accessible from Campsea Ashe by road.

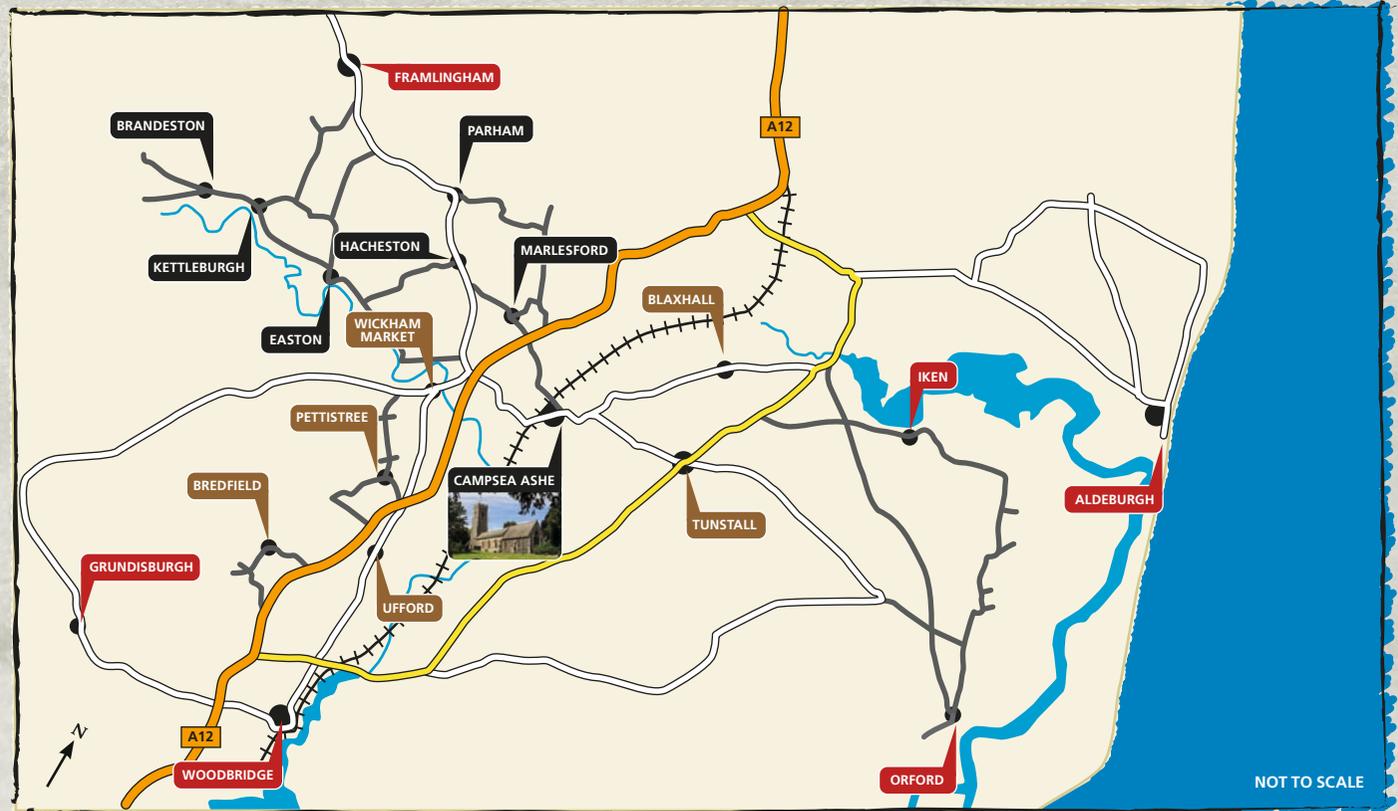
TOWER	OS LANGRANGER REFERENCE	NO OF BELLS	WEIGHT CWT QR LB
Campsea Ashe	TM329559	6	6-0-0
Brandeston	TM247603	6	7-2-25
Easton	TM283587	6	10-0-0
Hacheston	TM312585	6	7-1-25
Kettleburgh	TM265606	6	7-1-11
Marlesford	TM323583	6	9-3-5
Parham	TM309605	6	5-3-4

As well as the Greater Benefice towers, there are several other towers within four miles of Campsea Ashe, an ideal distance for cyclists or walkers.

TOWER	OS LANGRANGER REFERENCE	NO OF BELLS	WEIGHT CWT QR LB
Blaxhall	TM357568	6	8-0-0
Bredfield	TM268530	6	11-2-9
Pettistree	TM298549	6	7-3-13
Tunstall	TM363552	6	7-2-22
Ufford	TM298522	8	13-1-8
Wickham Market	TM303557	6	12-2-12

Further afield are a number of other towers well worth exploring:

TOWER	OS LANGRANGER REFERENCE	NO OF BELLS	WEIGHT CWT QR LB
Aldeburgh	TM463569	8	11-2-20
Framlingham	TM285635	8	16-0-14
Grundisburgh	TM223511	12	9-2-24
Iken	TM413557	5	8-3-12
Orford	TM422500	8	10-2-0
Woodbridge	TM271491	8	25-0-26



Contact details and times for regular ringing practices are all available on the Suffolk Guild of Ringers website www.suffolkbells.org.uk.

For those who simply wish to visit a Church and not ring bells, the Churches in this area are often open 24 hours a day, but this cannot be guaranteed.