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Mrs Brenda Smith
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Goathurst

Dear Mrs Smith

Bellringing Rope Guides for Goathurst

I understand that you intend to fit rope guides in St Edwards Church, Goathurst. As the Branch Secretary for the bell ringers of the 30+ bell towers in the Bridgwater area I am writing in enthusiastic support of such an improvement.

The long draft of the unguided ropes currently makes ringing a little difficult, which is a great shame as you have a fine set of bells. The installation of a rope guide would facilitate:

- Teaching learners and progressing improvers. They will be much easier for ringers to learn and perform on.
- The striking and quality of ringing will improve as the ringers would not have to worry about rope control.
- Bridgwater Branch would like to be able to hold occasional practices at your tower, once the frame is installed, and add it to our practice schedule.
- Bridgwater Branch would like to consider using Goathurst Tower for a for a Striking Contest once work is complete. These fine bells in the ground floor ring would be very popular.
- You may find an increased number of bellringers on outings requesting a visit to your bells.

I do hope that your fund raising and faculty application goes smoothly. You have the support of the Bridgwater Branch of B&WDACR including the 130 ringing members.

Regards



John Hallett
Bridgwater Branch Secretary of Bath & Wells Diocesan Association of Bellringer (B&WDACR)