

Sheer delight to Willoughby ears

The melodious tones of a 18th century carillon might soon be heard wafting around Willoughby. The turret clock and carillon -- silent these past 40 years -- have been removed from the tower of St Nicholas Church, Willoughby. and taken to a shop in Shipston on Stour to be restored to their former tuneful glory. The carillon, first installed in 1740. works by a series of hammers hitting the bells. It is in remarkably good condition, despite its age. The Rev Douglas Pharoah feels it was well worth restoring because of its rarity. The £2,000 cost of restoration was met largely by two charities. It is hoped that the turret clock and carillon will be put back into place within the next fortnight.

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