

## **Bell Beach Party**

**Friday evening 21st June, Midsummer's Day. High tide and sunset are both about half past nine. Everybody is invited.**

It's been a long journey but we now have all the required permissions and agreement to allow us to install the Lincolnshire Time and Tide Bell on the beach. The engineering work goes ahead next week and we will meet together for the official inauguration on the evening of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. On the longest day of the year high tide coincides with sunset at about half past nine. That will be the finale to our Bell Beach Party, an event open to all and everyone, to celebrate the installation of the seventh Time and Tide Bell on the British coast.

Bring a picnic. Bring Bells, Bring songs and poems, instruments and voices and all things coloured and sparkly. Bring all your friends and relations. We're going to party till the Sun goes down. And maybe think about the climate emergency and sea level rise that global heating are causing.

Nearest road and car-parking is at North End, Mablethorpe by the Ferryboat Inn and Seal Sanctuary. Take the path next to the pub to cross the dunes. On the beach turn left, northwards. The Time and Tide Bell will in sight, about 5 or 10 minutes' walk up the beach. Nearest postcode: LN12 1QQ.

### **The National Organisation**

Our National Time and Tide Bell organisation has been successful in being awarded a substantial grant from the Lottery Fund. This will enable us to complete the ring of 16 Bells around the coast and organise events around the country. Most importantly, we are developing an education programme for schools so that the Bells may be used as the starting point for learning about the seas and our environment. Find out more about the national organisation at <http://www.timeandtidebell.org/>

### **Warming Bells**

Our next exhibition at the North Sea Observatory, Chapel St. Leonards, is from Wednesday 21st August to Sunday 1st September. 'Warming Bells' is an art project that seeks to draw on the rich history and cultural heritage of bells in our society and associate them with concern for our future under global warming. Bells are used in joy and celebrations, but also have a darker side, tolling in mourning or sounding a warning. We have asked artists to explore these aspects of bells and of global warming. An ambition is to associate the sound of bells with a warning of global warming.

More information is available at this webpage: <http://transitiontownlouth.org.uk/bell10.html>

If you would like to take part in this project and have your artwork included in the exhibition please e-mail me.

### **Faces of Climate Change**

This is a project for a future exhibition, probably in the Spring of 2020 but already developing online. The great and good of society have long been the subject of portraiture. Here we ask artists to honour today's heroes, the climate scientists and activists, by painting their portraits.

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