

future with confidence." Explained the charity's fundraising and campaigns director, Martin Field.

Judith Rogers of the central council of church bell ringers says, "Sponsored bell ringing to raise money for The Children's Society was very successful in 1999, and we hope that even greater success will be achieved by this 125th anniversary project."

Sponsored teams will set out to ring for a given length of time and can be sponsored either for the number of 'changes' they ring or for the number of minutes continuous ringing they produce. "We also want to encourage as many young bell ringers to take part as possible and hope that they will encourage their friends to support them, in this way we hope to introduce a new generation into the world of bell ringing and The Children's Society.

Judith continues. "Last year over 800 bell towers world-wide took part in special ringing. We hope ringers everywhere will rise to the occasion and make this a very special year for The Children's Society, and use it to stimulate new interest in ringing in their own towns and villages."

If you'd like to take part please contact call The Children's Society on 0845 300 1128.

Change ringing originated in the sixteenth century. Today there are more than 40,000 ringers in the UK. For more information on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, please visit :[www.cccbr.org.uk](http://www.cccbr.org.uk)

## Scooby-Doo and Shaggy



This September Scooby-Doo and Shaggy are joining forces with The Children's Society to raise money for vulnerable children across the country through a series of sponsored walks.

Church and community groups are encouraged to get sponsored and join in the fun at walks in London, Newcastle and Bristol. At each event Scooby will be greeting and cheering the walkers along as they enjoy a fun-filled day out in some of the best-loved cities in the country.

Participants will each receive a Children's Society backpack containing a map of the route and a selection of free gifts.

The Children's Society Bridges Walks have a fantastic carnival atmosphere and are a day out that everyone can enjoy. There's live music, refreshments from local restaurants, plus face painting and the chance to stroll through and past famous landmarks. Everyone's sure to enjoy this great day out. The Walks take place on:

Newcastle 2 September 2006      Bristol 9 September 2006      **London 16 September 2006**

Sign up by calling 0845 600 8585 or visit [www.childrenssociety.org.uk/walks](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/walks). The charity asks for a voluntary donation per adult walker of £5 and £3 per child.

Walkers are requested to raise as much sponsorship money as possible. The Bridges Walks are part of The Children's Society's efforts to raise funds and awareness of its work with neglected and isolated children and young people across the country.