



IN WITH THE OLDER: Project manager Alan Haywood holds the old hands of time which will soon be back in place on Stratford's new old-English clock tower. It is due to be completed by the end of August.

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Big tick for old clock faces

By NEIL HOLDOM

THE TIME has come for a change and Stratford's main street will soon be graced by the clock which overlooked the town in 1924.

The four original cast-iron clockfaces were pulled down from the Stratford post office when it was demolished in 1963. They will return to their rightful place in Stratford once again, after the existing clocktower undergoes a \$190,000 renovation.

"They're (the clock faces) in pretty rough condition but we'll do a bit of restoration on them and they'll be looking a lot better by the time we finish the project," said project manager Alan Haywood.

"We've already started work in Stratford. We took the other clock face off on Tuesday morning," he said.

The working parts of the recently removed clock will be modified to run with the original cast-iron faces for the new tower.

Jones and Sandford is managing the clocktower project, which is the jewel in the crown of Stratford's Streetscape development.

The project involves encasing the existing clocktower structure with a three-storey facade built in the traditional Shakespearean style.



OUT WITH THE OLD: Stratford District Council promotions manager Stuart Perry (left) farewells the old clock. The working parts will be rebuilt by Stratford engineer Geoff Grierson (right), to go into the new clocktower.

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