

Bellringers Report

The St Andrew's Society of Change Ringers rings for services on Sundays and for church festivals, weddings and other special events throughout the year. Our weekly practice sessions are held on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00. New members, potential learners and visiting ringers are always welcome.

The tower houses eight bells hung for change ringing, plus a small *Angelus* bell, and is a Central Council of Church Bell Ringers 'Recognised Ringing Centre'. The refurbishment of our computer-based ringing simulator is progressing steadily and should prove of great value to our learners.

Our Society is affiliated to the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild and forms part of its North & East District. Our current membership stands at eleven.

The past year has been quite a busy one for our members, during which we achieved four successful quarter peals and rang for five weddings at St Andrew's, as well as helping out at a number of special events and services held at other churches within the District.

In April 2015 the band rang a quarter peal to celebrate Easter. Later that month we rang for St George's Day and for the commemoration of the ANZAC Day centenary.

In May we rang to mark the 70th anniversary of VE Day and in June the 75th anniversary of the evacuation of Dunkirk.

Later in June we rang for the Business Networking North London 'Business Fair', held in the Market Place.

In July we rang to welcome the new Minister of the three North Enfield URC Group churches, the Rev. Henriette Wentink, to Enfield.

In August the band enjoyed a very successful outing to towers in East Hertfordshire.

In October we rang for the Enfield Market re-launch ceremony.

In November the bells were rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Later that month we rang for St Andrew's Day and for the Enfield Town 'Christmas Parade of Lights'.

In December we rang for the Rev. Olive Cope's retirement service, as well as for a number of carol services during the Christmas period. In January this year a quarter peal was rung on eight bells as a further tribute to Olive.

Our AGM in February was chaired by Fliss Cox and was well attended.

Most recently, in March we rang a quarter peal for the District's annual 'Quarter Peal Day' in aid of the Association's Bell Restoration Fund.

During the past few months we have been looking carefully at the Quinquennial Recommendations, particularly those which affect the tower. These issues are being discussed with the vicar, and we look forward to collaborating with him further as the project progresses.

Chris Trawin

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