

## **BELLRINGERS' REPORT 2018/19**

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 tower houses eight bells hung for change ringing, and our weekly practice sessions are held on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00pm. New members, learners and visitors are always welcome.

Our Society is affiliated to the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild and forms part of its North and East District. Our current membership stands at nine, six of whom are regular ringers. We also have two members of the congregation who have been learning to ring with us since January. Last summer our Treasurer, Ruth, stepped down, following the birth of a daughter, and is currently taking a break from ringing.

For much of last year we were unable to ring at St Andrew's due to a structural problem with the tower roof. A defective roof beam caused all ringing activity to be suspended in February, and ringing was not resumed until November. During this period we continued to ring regularly at other towers. Members joined ringers at Edmonton, Tottenham and Northaw for Sunday service ringing, while our Thursday practices were held at Northaw.

Individual members of the Society continue to play an active role within the District, often supporting bands at other towers and ringing for special events elsewhere. Last year, these included a number of Armistice centenary events marking the end of the First World War and commemorating the 1,400 bellringers who lost their lives during the conflict.

In May a band from St Andrew's took part in the District six-bell striking competition, held at Wood Green, earning a place in the London area final, which was held at Cranford in October.

In July we once again ran a stall at the St Andrew's Summer Festival. We also ran a stall at the Northaw and Cuffley Village Fête to show our appreciation for their hospitality.

In August the band enjoyed an outing to towers in the Stour Valley, Suffolk.

Our AGM was held in September in the Parish Centre and was chaired by Rev Dr Steve.

In November members of the Society joined ringers at Edmonton to welcome our new Association Patron, Bishop Sarah, on her first official visit to All Saints'.

With the repairs to the tower roof completed and additional structural supports in place, ringing at St Andrew's was finally resumed on Remembrance Sunday. We would like to express our gratitude to Rev Dr Steve and to our builder, Rob Paing, for all their hard work in enabling the tower to be made safe and the belfry brought back into operation.

In December we rang our first and last quarter-peal of the year as part of the Enfield Town 'Christmas Parade of Light'. Over the Christmas period itself, we rang for all services at St Andrew's, plus three carol services and a Confirmation service at Edmonton – a fitting finale to a busy and unusually eventful year.

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