

APCM report from bell ringers Jan-Dec 2025

- Normal **weekly practices** took place during the year (Mondays 7-9pm, Fridays 4-5pm, Saturdays 11.15-12.45pm) including hand bell practices during the week
- **Sunday service** ringing took place regularly from 8.45-9.15am in Staindrop and from 9.45-10.30am in Barney.
- Helen or Caroline helped Davina at the **Cotherstone** practices on Tuesday evenings from 6-7.30pm
- We welcomed new learners in Staindrop (Brian & Jeremy) and Michael in Barney
- Ellen and Carolyn (from Gainford) started joining Sunday service ringing at Staindrop and Saturday practices regularly
- During the year several ringers were setback by illness, injuries and surgery but ringing did not stop!
- Many visitors were welcomed on Saturdays and Sundays, notably Nicky, Kieran, Cian, Beri, Colin and Wendy
- 4th January; 22 ringers/partners met at Capri for **Christmas meal** before the snow came!
- 11th January; many ringers joined **Ana and Michael's wedding** celebrations
- 16th January: Codgers ringing tour in Barney
- 15th February; Avril & Katherine joined Helen at the **SD meeting in Stranton**, Hartlepool where Melissa was elected as D&N member
- 16th February: **Melissa** rang her **first quarter** and **Caroline** conducted her first quarter
- 19th February: Katherine and Helen attended the **MWG** meeting in Brancepeth & Lanchester
- 3rd March: **Tower AGM** in Guild Room (12 people)
- 5th March: David Pygott from **Taylor's** of Loughborough came to inspect our bells
- 8th March: first Saturday practice held at Staindrop (2nd and 4th)
- 19th March: **MWG** meeting at Staindrop & Heighington
- 5th April: Many ringers joined in to celebrate the **Centenary of Staindrop bells**
- 20th April: ringing at Staindrop and Barney on Easter Sunday
- 26th April: Helen attended the **D & N AGM** in Durham
- 8th May; ringing took place at Cotherstone, Staindrop and Barney to celebrate the **80th anniversary of VE Day**
- 18th May: we hosted a **SD meeting in Barney** with refreshments in church
- 21st May: Caroline, Avril, Fiona and Helen joined the **MWG** meeting in Hexham
- 1st June: we rang a quarter peal to celebrate Alec and Kim's 25th anniversary of taking up their post in Barney
- 18th June: **MWG** held in Tanfield & Whickham
- 20th June: we rang a quarter peal to celebrate the **90th birthday** of Rev. Peter Lind-Jackson. Also, remembering Fiona Cooper's dad, **Tom Weightman**, whose funeral took place yesterday at St. Mary's RC Church.
- 21st June: we entered a joint Barney and Cotherstone team in the **D&N Striking competition** held in Hartlepool. Well done to all who rose to the challenge. We came 6th out of 6 teams.
- 12th July: ringers from Barney, Cotherstone, Melsonby and Richmond rang for a **wedding**
- 13th July: rang at Staindrop before **Village Carnival**
- 16th July: **MWG** meeting at Berwick Town Hall
- 19th July: Helen and Pat joined the **SD outing** to Whickham, Newburn, Ovingham and Newton Hall
- 20th July: several ringers helped make the **Cotherstone Fun Weekend** open tower a huge success
- 25th July: ringers from Barney, Staindrop, Cotherstone and Melsonby rang for a **wedding**
- 3rd August: **Lucas** rang his **first quarter on the treble** as we celebrated David and Davina's Ruby wedding anniversary today, and Simon and Libby's 35th wedding anniversary on 11th August.
- 7th August: ringers from Barney, Cotherstone and Staindrop rang for a **wedding**
- 21st August: **first quarter** on the refurbished bells at **Cotherstone** was a birthday compliment to David Tomlinson for yesterday
- 13th September: ringers from Barney, Cotherstone, Richmond, Melsonby and Hurworth rang for a **wedding**
- 14th September; Davina, Dave, Avril, Melissa, Jackie and Helen introduced over 20 visitors to our Art during the **Heritage Open Day**

- 4th October: Helen joined the D & N bell advisor, Howard Smith, to inspect the 2 bells at **Whorlton**
- 9th October: **quarter peal in Cotherstone** rung in memory of **Edmund (Eddie) Burrell**, Davina's father, was Davina's **first of minor**
- 11th October: Helen, Fiona and Peter attended the **D & N Annual Dinner & Ceilidh** in The Masonic Hall, Durham
- 14th October: Helen joined the **MWG** meeting in Stockton
- 18th-25th October: Helen and Pat joined the SD trip to **Tulloch** in the Scottish Highlands
- 31st October: ringers from Barney and Cotherstone rang for a **wedding**
- 9th November: rang the front 6 before the **Civic Service on Remembrance Day**
- 15th November: Fiona, Katherine, Helen and Jackie attended the ringing at Southchurch and Shildon before the **SD AGM in Shildon**
- 19th November: Caroline, Helen P-M, Katherine, Beri and Helen attended the snowy **MWG** meeting at Benfieldside and Lanchester
- 28th November: we rang before the town **Christmas lights switch-on**
- 30th November: we rang before the **Christingle service**
- 3rd December: the first ringers' **Christmas tree** was decorated ready for the festival in church
- 8th December: the tree was de-robed and despatched to Jackie and Melissa's home
- 10th December: Caroline, Helen P-M and Helen joined the **Christmas MWG** meal and quiz at Heighington
- 13th December: Fiona, Bob, Maureen and Helen rang handbells during the **Durham WI Carol service** in church
- 14th December: we rang a quarter peal before the **Carol Concert** in church to welcome Freddie Dye, Simon and Libby's grandson, born 25.11.25. Also, congratulations to Helen P-M on being awarded her Masters degree with distinction from the University of York.
- 16th December: many Teesdale ringers and partners met at The Fox and Hounds in **Cotherstone** for the **Christmas meal and quiz** organised by Davina and David
- 20th December: Caroline, Katherine, Fiona, Emma and Helen rang handbells during the **Whorlton Carol service**
- 21st December: we rang before the **Carol service** in Barney
- 24th December: we rang before the **Crib service** in Barney
- 25th December: 7 ringers met in Staindrop to ring before the 10am service, and 7 different ringers met in Barney to ring before the 10.30am service. This was an amazing team effort and was **Jackie's** first time ringing for a service!!
- 31st December: **New Year's Eve** party at Caroline and Stan's house took place before we moved to the church to ring out the old year and ring in the New Year. Caroline, Helen P-M, Fiona, Jackie and Helen rang and Peter took the photo below!



VE Day: Cotherstone band



VE Day: Staindrop band



VE Day: Barney band



Striking Competition band



Nicky's husband on HOD



Ringers' Christmas tree



Christmas Day band in Barney



New Year's Eve band