

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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Details

Status Registered

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Registered 1978-04-28

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Activities

Objects: THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE OF SERVICE TO CHURCHES IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES WITHIN THE DIOCESES OF DURHAM & NEWCASTLE BY(A) PROMOTING THE RINGING OF BELLS FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AND ON OTHER APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS(B) RECRUITING AND TRAINING RINGERS(C) ENCOURAGING THE ART OF CHANGE-RINGING(D) HELPING RINGERS TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF THEIR RINGING(E) THE CARE AND RESTORATION OF BELLS AND THEIR FITTINGS.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE DIOCESES OF DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE
- Darlington
- Durham
- Hartlepool
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Stockton-on-tees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£10,775	£7,211	-	-
2024-12-31	£10,343	£4,260	-	-
2023-12-31	£10,419	£4,457	-	-
2022-12-31	£6,541	£12,317	-	-
2021-12-31	£61,556	£68,439	-	-
2020-12-31	£5,417	£1,055	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jack Hanlon	Chair	2012-11-24
Andrew Cairns		2022-04-23
Anthea Elizabeth Langford Enzor		2013-10-29
Dr Julia Lee		2025-11-01
Dr Michael Charles Prentice		2012-04-28
HOWARD SMITH		
Helen Louise Scott		2018-04-14
James Crowther		2017-04-01
Janet Lesley Jackson		2024-04-24
KRISTOPHER KING		
Prof Christopher James Crabtree		2023-02-18
Robert Victor Criddle		2012-11-17
Sonia Alice Thompson		2019-11-23
Stephen Brooke Bell		2023-11-04
Stephen John Bean		2025-04-26

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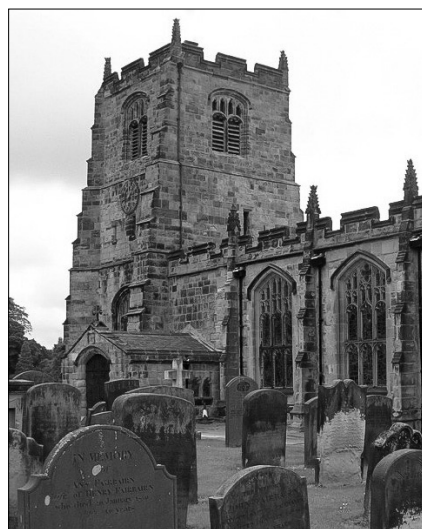
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2021 Annual Report



St Michael's Church, Alnwick

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Patrons and Officers

The Rt Rev The Lord Bishop of Durham
The Rt Rev The Lord Bishop of Newcastle
The Rt Rev The Bishop of Jarrow
The Rt Rev The Bishop of Berwick

Association Officers

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Fundraising Coordinator: Helen Scott
(Barnard Castle)
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Safeguarding Officer: Chris Enzor (Heighington)
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Stewards:

Rob Criddle, stewards@dandn.org
Jim Crowther

Central Council Representatives

Barbara Wheeler (Newcastle Cathedral)
barbara@ccpublications.plus.com
Howard Smith (Newcastle Cathedral)
khsbelring@outlook.com 0191 2682084

The Very Rev The Dean of Durham
The Very Rev The Dean of Newcastle
The Ven. The Archdeacons of Auckland, Durham,
Lindisfarne, Northumberland and Sunderland

District Officers

Northern District

Chairman: Clive Moon (Hexham)
nd-chair@dandn.org 07776395214

Secretary: Angela Cairns (Wylam)
nd-sec@dandn.org 07967 711350

Ringing Master: Karen Dickinson (North Shields) /
Alyson Kerr (Newcastle Cathedral)
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Central District

Chairman: Sonia Thompson (Benfieldside)
cd-chair@dandn.org

Secretary: Alex Pym (Brancepeth),
cd-sec@dandn.org

Ringing Master: Vacant

Southern District

Chairman: Helen Scott (Barnard Castle)
sd-chair@dandn.org 07703 361603

Secretary: Anthea Enzor (Heighington)
sd-sec@dandn.org 07952 824494

Ringing Master: Jack Hanlon (Hartlepool, St
Oswald) sd-rm@dandn.org
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Webmaster

Chris Richardson (Sunderland Minster)
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Introduction

This annual report of the Association's activities over the past year represents an evolution of a document that has been produced since 1877. The report sets out to record the Association's work to further the development of bell ringing across the dioceses of Newcastle and Durham, it includes the names of members, where they ring and their achievements over the past year. In addition, as a registered charity, the D&N needs to give an account of its work, the funds it manages and how it is governed.

Practice Nights

Monday

Northern: Embleton (6); Gosforth (10); Whitley Bay (8); Wylam (6)

Central: Durham, St Oswald (8); Sunderland Minister (10)

Southern: Barnard Castle (8); Darlington, St Cuthbert (8)

Tuesday

Northern: Bamburgh (8); Newcastle Cathedral (12); North Shields (10)

Central: Consett (8); Shincliffe (6); Sunderland, Roker (10)

Southern: Hartlepool, St Aidan (8); Hartlepool, St Oswald (10)

Wednesday

Northern: Allendale (8); Morpeth (8); Newburn (8)

Central: Brancepeth (8); Durham, St Nicholas (6); Ryton (8)

Southern: Hartlepool, Stranton (8); Heighington (6); Shildon (8)

Thursday

Northern: Berwick (8); Newcastle, Fenham (8); Hexham (10); Ovingham (8); Ponteland (6)

Central: Benfieldside (6); Durham, Cathedral (10); South Shields (8)

Southern: Hurworth (6)

Friday

Northern: Cramlington (6); Newcastle, Jesmond (8); Rothbury (8)

Central: Chester-le-Street (8); Lanchester (8); Tanfield (8); Wickham (8)

D&N Towers and Members

All Honorary Life Members (HL), Paid Life Members (PL) and Ringing Members of the D&N grouped by tower and ordered by year of joining the Association. Numbers indicate peals rung for the Association both in total (and in the past year). A box indicates a member who has died since the production of the last annual report. Please identify any errors or changes to the appropriate District Secretary.

Northern District

Allendale

St. Cuthbert - Town Square, Market Pl. NE47 9AZ - 8 bells: 10-0-9 in G

Sunday: 10:15 - 11:00 Practice: Wednesday 19:30 – 21:00

Joan Lumley – norman.lumley@btinternet.com 01434 345900

1993 Jean Angus

1994 Mrs Joan Lumley

2015 Elizabeth Beardsley

2017 Craig Atkinson

2004 Milton Armstrong
2013 Shirley Brown
2013 James Brown
2014 Rosalind Cowsill
2014 Roger Cowsill

2017 Alison Atkinson
2018 Amy Forbes
2018 Helen Forbes
2020 Susie Stafford

Alnwick

St. Michael - Northumberland - 10 bells: 10-0-9 in G

2019 Chris Wilkinson

Alnwick

St. Paul - Northumberland - 8 bells: 18-2-23 Unringable

Bamburgh

St. Aidan - Radcliffe Rd. NE47 9AZ - 8 bells: 13-3-10 in F

Sunday: Practice: Tuesday 19:00 – 20:30

Andrew Bardgett – a_g_bardgett@btinternet.com

1998 Mrs Pauline Lees
2008 Mrs Kate Sims
2017 Mrs Alison Brett

2018 Linda Kirby
2018 Andrew Bardgett
2018 Chris Magney

Berwick

Town Hall, - TD15 1AT - 8 bells: 20-03-14 in E

Sunday: 17:30 - 18:00 Practice: Thursday 19:00 – 20:30

Alison Tymon – aquart1023@gmail.com

1999 Colin Sim (PL) 5
2000 Felicity Luff
2011 Kirsty Watts
2013 Alison Tymon
2013 Barry Tymon

2019 Dr Michael Worboys
2011 Kirsty Watts
2020 Fred Crow
2020 Judith Davison
2020 Scott Gray

Corbridge

St. Andrew – Northumberland - 6 bells: 6-02-23 in B

Bells cannot be rung

Cramlington

St. Nicholas - Cramlington Village NE23 1DU - 6 bells: 19-01-18 in E

Sunday: 09:00 - 09:30 Practice: Friday 19:00 – 20:30

Alyson Kerr Alyson.kerr10@yahoo.co.uk

1999 Diane Donnelly

2017 David Hall

2007 Joe Cocker

2008 David Donnelly

2011 Lilian Cocker

2014 Mick Sim

2019 Connor Gundry

2019 Anthony Lewis

2019 Deborah Lofthouse

Embleton

Holy Trinity - NE66 3UW - 6 bells: 11-02-13 in F sharp

Sunday: 09:20 - 09:55 (except 1st in month) Practice: Monday 19:30 - 21:00

Teresa Scott - teresamalcolmscott@gmail.com

1993 Deborah Bearder

25

2003 Ronald B Hanson

10

2003 Mrs Susan J Hanson

20 (1)

2003 Neil Cavill

2003 Mrs Rita A Cavill

2008 Chris Horner

2015 Richard Hamilton

2018 Teresa Scott

2019 Jenny Smith

2019 Mark Phillips

Gosforth

All Saints - Jn of West Ave & Linden Rd NE3 4DP - 10 bells: 22-0-23 in E flat

Sunday: 09:00 - 09:30 & 18:00 - 18:30 Practice: Monday 19:30 - 21:00

Yvonne Cairns Yvonne@anycairns.co.uk

1985 Mrs Ann Cross

1

1986 Mrs Meriol Penn (PL)

1987 John Markham

16

1990 Paul Cross

1

1995 Mrs Yvonne Cairns

18

2003 Victor Spong

1

2005 Stuart Henderson

2012 Dr Sarah Jackson

2012 Helen Poole

2013 Sallyann Ritchie

2013 Alice Ritchie

1

2015 Karen Parkhouse

2015 Alex Donaldson

2018 Judith McLane

2018 Steve Rigby

2019 William Shepherd

Hexham

Abbey Church of St Andrew - Beaumont St. NE46 1XQ - 10 bells: 21-01-16 in E

Sunday: 09:15 - 09:55 & 17:30 - 18:20 Practice: Thursday 19:15 - 21:00

Dorothy Simmons - dorothy@csimmons.plus.com, 07979 20897506

1983 Clive R Moon

196 (1)

2007 Karen McCleave

89

1988 Mrs Anne E Parkin (PL)

200

1988 J Neville Parkin (PL)

379

1990 Pat Sewell (PL)

59

1991 Anne E Davies

155

1997 Jeremy Housden

465

1998 Andrew S Hayden

34

1999 John Snook (PL)

10

1999 Jean Snook (PL)

60

2003 Ruth Kemsley (PL)

15

2010 Rachel Ogilvie

2013 Dorothy Simmons

2014 Clare Moon

1

2017 Malcolm Thompson

2017 Trish Davie

2019 Andy Booth

2020 Edmund Clarke

Matfen

Holy Trinity - Northumberland - 3 bells: 4cwt in F
Unringable

Morpeth

Morpeth Clock Tower, - Jn. of Oldgate & Newgate St. NE61 1LX - 8 bells: 10-0-26 in G
Practice: Wednesday 19:30 - 21:00
Matthew Cracknell – mjcra@hotmail.com

2001	Christopher Teasdale	9	2015	Katherine Shaw
2004	Val Cowan	3	2015	Roger Ashmore
2011	Matthew Cracknell		2015	Ian Shaw
2014	Mrs Jane White		2017	Josh White
2014	Rev Simon White	26(1)	2019	Dr Emma Tilston

Newburn

St. Michael & All Angels - NE15 8LA - 8 bells: 9-02-02 in A flat
Practice: Wednesday 19:30 – 21:00 (sporadic contact Helen)
Helen Dawson helenrdawson@yahoo.co.uk, 0191 6806328

1993	Mrs Barbara Dawson	2007	Helen Dawson (PL)	7
1993	Mrs Norah Bruce	2018	Julie Mayfield	

Newcastle Cathedral

Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas - Mosley St. NE1 1NB - 12 bells: 37-2-17 in D flat
Sunday: 09:15 – 09:55 Practice: Tuesday 19:15 – 21:00
Also sharp treble and flat 6th
Matthew D Hetherington (Secretary) – 07815 833952 mattdhet@aol.com
Stephen B Bell (Ringing Master) – 01661 834877, stephensbbell@btinternet.com

1949	Edmund P Crowdy (HL)	99	1987	Gordon Rothwell	7
1950	George S Deas (HL)	1153	1988	David Hewitt	14
1959	Mrs Iris Anderson (HL)	72	1990	Jane Kysow	11
1971	Denis Crowe (PL)	184	1993	Peter KD Dawson (PL)	120
1974	Mrs Julie Bell (PL)	109	1994	E Alyson Kerr (PL)	207
1974	Stephen B Bell (PL)	1198 (2)	2011	Matthew Hetherington	96
1980	Howard Smith (PL)	383 (2)	2011	Jessie Hetherington	15
1983	Mrs Barbara Wheeler	667	2018	Phillip Green	
1984	Timothy J Bradbury	126			

Newcastle, St. John the Baptist

Grainger St. NE1 5SG - 8 bells: 11-0-5 in A flat
Peter Dawson – 07540 943424 pkddawson@btinternet.com

Newcastle, St. Matthew

Summerhill St. NE4 5QU - 8 bells: 31-0-00 in D flat

Ringing suspended

Newcastle (Benwell)

St. James - Jn Benwell Lane & Atkinson Rd. NE4 9JH

6 bells: 16-01-00 in D flat

Howard Smith - 0191 2682084 khsbelring@outlook.com

Newcastle (Elswick)

St. Stephen (Cruddas Tower) - Brunel Tce. NE4 7HA - 8 bells: 27-02-08 in D

Church demolished, tower in care of the Churches Conservation Trust, ringing currently suspended.

Matthew Cracknell - 07850 754207 stmatthewsnewcastlebells@aol.co.uk

Fenham

SS. James & Basil - Jn Fenham Hall Dr & Wingrove Rd NE4 9UT

8 bells: 14-0-10 in F

Sunday: 09:30 - 10:00 Practice: Monday 18:00-19:30 (please text/email to confirm)

Joanne Ayre - 07736 830656 fenhambells@gmail.com

1949	Eric N Harrison (HL)	611	2017	Thomas Helyer	2
2002	Rachel Gill		2018	Jacqueline Cheesman	
2011	Lee Ayre		2019	Mia Ayre	
2011	Joanne Ayre	29 (1)			

Jesmond

St. George - St. George's Close, Osborne Rd NE2 2TA - 8 bells: 18-0-20 in E

Sunday: 09:00 - 09:30 Practice: Friday 19:45 - 21:00

Geoff White - 0191 285 1405 gandmwhite76@gmail.com

1977	J Geoff White	7	2017	Annette Hames	
1978	Mrs Mary White		2017	Stephen Edwards	
2007	Margaret Fletcher		2017	Edward Young	
2007	Christopher Vane		2017	Charlotte Waldron	
2012	Lorna Taylor		2017	Alexander Waldron	
2014	Frances Lloyd		2017	Susannah Broome	
2015	Hilary Leahy				

Newton Hall

St. James - NE43 7UQ - 8 bells: 6-3-1 in B

Church Closed - building owned by Mowden Hall School.

Jim Crowther - jimcrowtherslaley@gmail.com

North Shields

Christ Church - Jn Preston Rd. & Albion Rd. NE29 0LW - 10 bells: 16-01-18 in E flat

Sunday: 09:30 – 10:00 (For evening ringing see website, or contact secretary)

Practice: Tuesday 19:30 – 21:00

Teresa Hewitt - teresahewitt@btinternet.com, 0191 258 1994

1962	Michael Scott		2012	Jan Askill	
1992	Darren Gardner	13	2012	Teresa Hewitt	
1999	Karen Dickinson	537	2015	Pat Bishop	
2000	Michael Hewitt	30	2018	Joan McIntosh	
2001	James Scott		2019	Karen Hildreth	
2008	David Taylor		2020	Carol Keys	
2010	John Seagrave		2020	Christine Morland	
2012	Thelma Gilhespy		2020	Victoria Lavender	

Ovingham

St. Mary the Virgin - Northumberland - 8 bells: 4-2-16 in C sharp

Sunday: 0900 – 0930 Practice: Thursday 1930 - 2100

Simon Harper simonovingham@gmail.com

2006	Barbara Sutton (PL)	2	2011	Neil Halford	1
2010	Simon Harper	2	2011	Victoria Halford	3
2010	Neil Ramsey	1	2012	Abigail Allen	
2010	Richard Gilbert	1	2015	Christine Fulton	
2010	Kate Halford				

Ponteland

St. Mary - North Rd. NE20 9B - 8 bells: 6-3-4 in B

Sunday: 09:30 – 10:00 Check – not every week Practice: Thursday 19:30 – 21:00

Access to tower on practice night from outside door on north side of tower.

Julie Bell - 01661 824877 stephensbbell@btinternet.com

2000	Mrs Jane Lewis	5	2012	John Hind	14
2002	William Davidson	260	2013	J Michael Procter	55(1)
2002	Brenda Davidson	2	2017	Gemma Perez	
2011	Wilfred Lewis	1	2019	Robert Procter	
2011	Stephen Ruff				

Rothbury

All Saints - NE65 7UY - 8 bells: 13-0-5 in F

Sunday: 09:30 – 10:00 Practice: Friday 19:00 – 20:30

Clare Rudd - 01669 621860 clarerudd@hotmail.co.uk

1983	Colin Wheeler	12	2015	Stephen Roberts	
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1991	Ken Quick		2016	Linda Perkins	1
1991	Mary Rains		2016	Margaret Ranken	
1993	Gillian Wheeler	4	2018	Margaret Heads	
2005	Clare Rudd		2018	Elizabeth Rogerson	
2005	Richard Wallhead		2020	Judy Glover	
2015	Michael Rudd				

Warden

St. Michael & All Angels - Northumberland - 3 bells: 3cwt in C sharp
Unringable

Whitley Bay

St. Paul - Park View, Whitley Bay NE26 2TQ - 8 bells: 17-01-00 in E

Sunday: 09:30 – 10:00 Practice: Monday 19:30 – 21:00

Gerald Lang - 0191 252 8572 g.lang526@btinternet.com

1997	Gerald Lang		2014	Fiona Ramsey	
2008	Alan Barber	344	2016	Mark Errington	
2009	Bob Buckley		2017	Marie Dixon	
2011	Alan Duffy		2018	Ann Lee	
2012	David Hamby	47(1)	2019	Vivienne Miller	
2012	Thomas Ramsey		2019	Colette Stroud	
2012	Iain Hood				

Wylam

St. Oswin - Church Rd. NE41 8AT - 6 bells: 22-02-23 in E

Sunday: 09:15 – 09:45 Practice: Monday 19:30 – 21:00

Andrew Cairns Andrew@anycairns.co.uk

1991	Andrew Cairns	137	2013	Anne Hudspith	
1998	Angela Cairns	1	2014	Graham Wright	
1999	Robert Doughty		2016	Joel Cairns	3
1999	Rev. Michael Wheelwright		2018	Jacqueline Apperley	
2006	Alison Malcolm		2018	Esther Gray	
2008	Kevin Webster	1	2018	Duncan Wakeling	1
2010	Ted Gordon		2019	Isaac Cairns	
2010	Gill Wakeling	1	2019	Dr John Lawrence	
2013	David Henderson				

Unattached

1949	J Alan Ainsworth	384	1989	Mrs Barbara Davies (HL)	1297 (2)
1970	Kieran H Fitzsimons	42	2003	Roger H Dye	
1971	Kevin Maughan	283	2007	Rob Best	
1980	Hazel Anderson (PL)	4	2012	James Blackburn	1
1980	David Horne	322	2012	Thomas Roxby	
1981	Richard M Grainger	291	2015	Cian McHugh	
1985	David Hird (PL)	1275	2015	Monica Menis	2
1987	Rachel Dyson	537			

Central District

Benfieldside

St. Cuthbert - Church Bank, Shotley Bridge DH8 0NW - 6 bells: 12-02-17 in G

Sunday: 10:00 – 10:25 Practice: Thursday 19:30 – 20:45

Sonia Thompson, soniaalice@icloud.com

1977	Mrs Samela Hewlett		2010	Claire Bean	
1983	Mrs Niki Springford	7	2010	Rachael Bean	
1991	Mrs Janet L Jackson	16	2015	Trevor Lamb	
1994	Mrs Sonia Thompson	1	2016	Stephen Bean	10
1996	Peter Thompson		2017	Jill Barron	
2007	Elizabeth Thompson	2	2018	Alex Jackson	

Blackhill, St. Mary - Derwent St. DH8 8LP - 8 bells: 15-03-19 in F

Kristopher King - 07810 443132 kristopherking2@gmail.com

Blaydon, St. Cuthbert - Shibdon Rd. NE21 4AH - 6 bells: 6-0-27 in B

Mike Henderson (PCC Secretary) - mikehenderson@gmail.com

Brancepeth

St. Brandon - DH7 8DF - 8 bells: 14-01-13 in F

Sunday: 09:45 – 10:15 Practice: Wednesday 19:30 – 21:00

Home tower of the Durham University Society of Change Ringers, ringing during term-time only.

James Morgan – johnjamesgrubbmorgan@gmail.com

2004	Alexander TG Pym	45 (1)	2018	Matthew Pearson	8 (1)
2007	James Morgan	24 (1)	2018	Oliver Rice	1 (1)
2007	Catrin Morgan	7	2018	Alex Riley	6 (1)
2014	Rachel Wells	26 (1)	2019	Samuel White	
2016	Rachael Sanderson	1	2021	James Town	1 (1)
2017	Joseph Walker				

Chester le Street

Collegiate Church of SS Mary & Cuthbert - DH3 3QW - 8 bells: 19-0-2 in E

Sunday: 09:30 – 10:00 & 17.30 - 18.00 by arrangement Practice: Friday 19:30 – 21:00

Except 1st Friday (join Tanfield practice)

Mike Prentice - mikeprentice@mac.com

1961	Ian V Wintrip	11	2008	Paul Vincent	
1988	Ian Hope	1	2010	Norman Crosby	
2001	John Moore	1	2010	Mike Prentice	1
2003	Tom Madden		2012	Margaret Pearson	
2008	Steven Spark		2014	Adam Crosby	

Consett

Christ Church - Jn Parliament St. & Church St. DH8 5DL - 8 bells: 16-0-19 in F

Practice: 2nd Tuesday 19:30 – 21:00

Paul Smith paul.smithbells@gmail.com or Michael Horsley Michael@horsley.me.uk

2000	Paul Smith	18	2019	Andy James	
2000	Michael Horsley (PL)				

Durham Cathedral

Cathedral Church of Christ, Blessed Mary the Virgin and St Cuthbert of Durham

DH1 3EL - 10 bells: 28-0-6 in D

Sunday: 09:15 – 10:00 & 14:30 – 15:30 by arrangement Practice: Thursday (1,3,5)19:30 – 21:00

Nathan Fisher, cathedral@durhambellringers.org.uk

1983	Mrs Elizabeth B Tilling		2008	Christopher Crabtree	
1984	Tony Grey	2	2008	Phil Goulding	
1991	Edward Cheesman		2008	Ellen Crabtree	3
1993	Joan Fuller		2012	Josephine Criddle	
2004	David Fuller		2016	Nathan Fisher	7
2006	Rob Criddle	21			

Durham, St Nicholas

St. Nicholas - Market PL, Durham City DH1 1JP - 6 bells: 9-3-23 in G

Sunday: 09:45 - 10:15 Practice: Wednesday 19:30 - 21:00

Rachel Sanderson – nicsbells@gmail.com

1989	Jessica Durham (PL)	318 (1)	2015	Hayley Messenger	18
1992	Matthew Durham (PL)	450 (2)	2018	Michael Anderson	
2000	Dorothy Nicholas		2019	Lorraine Longthorne	
2001	John Lumsden				

Durham St Oswald

St. Oswald - Church St, Durham DH1 3DQ - 8 bells: 12-3-6 in F

Sunday: 10:30 – 11:00 Practice: Monday 19:30 – 21:00

Chris Mansfield - chrismansfield@gmail.com

1975	Kelvin Appleby	19	2000	Gillian Appleby	
1986	Fleur Coppock		2012	Chris Mansfield (PL)	75 (1)
1992	Catherine Thompson		2012	Susie Mansfield (PL)	

Easington

St. Mary - Hall Walk SR8 3GA - 8 bells: 8-03-00 in A

Jean Forster – 0191 527 0311 jeanforster1944@gmail.com

Frosterley, The Black Bull Ring - The Black Bull Pub, Frosterley DL13 2SL

12 bells: 0-2-21 in E flat

Ringers welcome by arrangement: Duncan Davis - The Black Bull Inn, Frosterley DL13 2SL
01388 527784 duncandavis1@btinternet.com

Hebburn, Dhammakaya Meditation Centre - Church St. NE31 1DW - 6 bells: 7-0-22 in A

Formerly St Andrews,

Kristopher King 07810 443132 kristopherking2@gmail.com

Heworth, St. Mary - Opposite Metro Station NE10 0PA - 6 bells: 6-0-16 in A

Bells from the former church of St. Peter's Jarrow

Church Warden: Martin.briggs@mail.com or Reader: Christinerichardson222@gmail.com.

Houghton-le-Spring, St. Michael - DH4 4DN - 8 bells: 12-0-00 in G

Janet Rooks - 47, Dunelm Dr. Houghton-le-Spring DH4 5QQ

Association's Ringing Centre – contact Rob Criddle (rcriddle@gmail.com) to use simulator.

Jarrow, Christ Church - Clayton St. - 8 bells: 17-0-15 in F

Unringable – Ellacombe chiming only

Lanchester

All Saints - DH7 0LJ - 8 bells: 9-02-00 in A

Sunday: 10:00 – 10:30 & 17:30 – 18:00 Practice: Friday 19:30 – 21:00

Olga Walker - olga.walker1@btinternet.com

1966	Mrs Olga D Walker	5	2018	Malcolm Evans	1
1995	Mrs Sandy Jackson	7	2019	Rev Adrian Armstrong	
1997	Craig Davies	3	2019	Helen Armstrong	
2000	Luke TW Smith	45	2019	Rev Margaret Armstrong	
2001	Billy Crozier		2019	Peter Wyatt	
2009	Melanie Atkinson		2020	Judith Brennan	
2014	Robert Matthews				

Ryton

Holy Cross - Old Ryton Village NE40 2QP - 8 bells: 13-03-18 in E

Sunday: 09:30 – 10:00 Practice: Wednesday 19:00 – 20:30

Tracy Coates - tracy.charlton@talk21.com

1987	Rev. Thomas Jamieson	6	2016	Bob Wilson	
1997	Andrew Robinson		2017	Emma Cox	
1997	Tracy Coates		2017	Matthew Cox	
1997	John Robinson		2017	Susan McGinn	
1998	Angus MacLeod		2017	Daniel Sullivan	
1998	David Higdon		2017	William Wright	
2000	Edric Buzzard		2020	Derek Scrivener	
2000	William Dawson		2020	Karen Slater	
2000	Christine Lancaster		2020	Richard Smith	
2003	Alan Flude				

Shincliffe

St. Mary the Virgin - DH1 2NW - 6 bells: 4-0-14 in D

Sunday: 09:00 – 09:25 Practice: Tuesday 19:30 – 21:15

Jean Woodward - jwoodward@waitrose.com

1976	Keith Hayton	12	2015	Yvonne Collingham	
1983	Jean Woodward	2	2017	Dr Robert Clark	
2000	Julie Winkless		2020	Daniel Cook	
2010	Oliver Winkless-Clark		2020	Edward Cook	

South Shields

St. Hilda - The Market Pl. NE33 1BH - 8 bells: 9-03-27 in F sharp

Sunday: 09:00 – 09:25 Practice: Thursday 1st in month

Bells transferred from the redundant church of St. Aidan, Blackhill

Gillian King - 0191 421 7988 gillianking0312@gmail.com

1988	Gillian King (PL)	42	2009	Vivian Grainger
1989	Kristopher King (PL)	397	2013	Tracey Kendrick
2000	Caroline Mulley			

Sunderland Minster

Minster Church of St. Michael & All Angels - High St. West SR1 3ET -

10 bells: 12-02-17 in G

Sunday: 0930 – 1000 & 1730 – 1800 Practice: Monday 1930 - 2100

David Cox - davecox@aol.com

1967	Christopher Richardson (HL) 667	2013	Jernett Wake
1967	David B Cox 14	2013	Katie Hobson
1996	Catherine A Arthur 3	2014	Jo Dowsett
2011	Gillian Lathan	2017	Noah Dowsett
2013	Annick Carruthers	2017	Susannah Dowsett

Sunderland, Parish Church of the Holy Trinity - Church St. East SR1 2JT -

8 bells: 13-02-14 in F

Church in care of the Churches Conservation Trust, restored as "Seventeen Nineteen" Events and Arts Space. No regular ringing.

Christine Richardson - cr30ng@gmail.com

Sunderland, Roker

St. Andrew - Talbot Rd., Roker SR6 9DP - 10 bells: 22-02-26 in E

Sunday: 09:00 – 09:30 Practice: Tuesday 19:00 – 21.00

rokerbells@gmail.com

1980	Michael Chester	170	2011	Ann Denison	
1982	Mrs Christine Richardson	380	2011	Doug Lowther	1
1994	Martin Nichols		2013	Gillian Holmes	
2004	Ralph Saelzer		2020	Douglas Peel	

Sunderland St Ignatius

St. Ignatius the Martyr - Bramwell Rd. SR2 8BD - 8 bells: 13-0-00 in F sharp

Colin Clarke - colin.i.clarke@ntlworld.com

2003	Colin Clarke
2003	Victoria Craig

Tanfield

St. Margaret - Main St. DH9 9PZ - 10 bells: 10-3-19 in F sharp

Sunday: 09:15 – 09:45 Practice: Friday 19:30 – 21:00 Except 3rd Friday, (join Chester le Street practice)

Andrew Wallace - 01207236326 wallywaldo@hotmail.com

1978	Andrew Wallace (PL)	81	2010	John Thompson
1984	Stephen MJ Heseltine	3	2016	James Wallace
1997	Sarah Cockburn		2016	Robert Wallace
2005	Mrs Nora Campbell	1	2016	Joseph Stewart
2005	Robert Schrocksnadel		2016	Graeme Stewart
2007	John Grey		2016	Dorothy Waugh

Whickham

St. Mary - Church Green NE16 4DT - 8 bells: 6-3-16 in B

Sunday: 09:00 – 09:30 & 17:30 – 18:30 Practice: Sunday evenings 17:00-18:30 (term time)

Russell Porteous - russell.porteous@live.co.uk

1962	James Crowther (PL)	136	2005	Katherine Walton
1965	Duncan Davis (PL)	49	2005	William Dixon
1967	Roger Scholes (PL)	56	2005	Russell Porteous
1978	Duncan Wallace (PL)	29	2007	Thomas Crowther
1983	Christopher W Liddle		2008	Louise Wright
1984	David V Craggs	358	2011	Howell Hurst
1985	Duncan G Walker (PL)	318	2014	Mrs Christine Morrison
1985	Clair Crowther (PL)	24	2014	Eve Howell
1995	Kathryn S Dodds	65	2015	Michael Farrell
1996	Sally Walker (PL)	5		

Willington, St. Stephen - A690, Low Willington DL15 0DE - 5 bells: 12cwt in G (Steel bells)

Rev'd David Spokes, mail@davidspokes.com

Winlaton, St. Paul - Scotland Head NE21 6PL - 6 bells: 8-02-00 in A

Mrs Anne Readshaw, 0191 414 5061

Wolsingham, St. Mary and St. Stephen - County Durham - 3 bells: 12-0-26 in F

Miss F Moralee (Church Warden) 5 Gateways, Wolsingham DL13 3HW 01388 527091

Unattached

1987	Aidan F Hedley	4	1998	Mary E Holden (PL)	92
1994	M Bernard Gilby	3	2002	Tom Redgate	4
1995	Mrs Doris Gilby				

Southern District

Aycliffe

St. Andrew - High St. DL5 6NA - 3 bells: 3-2-9 in E

David Blair, dljb1480@gmail.com

Barnard Castle

St. Mary - Jn. Market Place & Newgate St. DL12 8NQ - 8 bells: 17-0-00 in F

Sunday: 09:45 – 10:30 Practice: Monday 19:30 – 21:00

Helen Scott - helenscott63@hotmail.com

1971	John L Elliott	2	2018	Christopher JP Scott	1
1989	Helen Scott	3	2019	Alan Beaty	
1996	Caroline Piercy		2019	Rev Lloyd Evans	
2005	Fiona Cooper		2019	Dr Simon Froom	
2008	David Bailey		2019	Helen Lunn	
2013	Helen Piercy-Mycock		2019	Alix Robinson	
2016	Emma Piercy-Mycock		2019	George Robinson	

Bishop Auckland

St. Andrew - St. Andrew's Rd., South Church DL14 6SP - 8 bells: 11-03-26 in G

No regular ringing

Parish Office – office@baparish.church, 07483 338894

2013 Elaine Simpson

Cotherstone

St. Cuthbert - Off B6277 DL12 9PH - 6 bells: 7-0-10 in B flat

Carol Lynn (Church Warden) 01833 650217 jc.lynn@btinternet.com

Darlington, Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity - Woodland Rd. DL3 7AR - 6 bells: 6-03-09 in B flat

Sunday: 0900 – 0930

Philip Park - philip.park3@gmail.com

1965	Philip M Park	141	1967	A David Park	100
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Darlington, St Cuthbert

St. Cuthbert - Market Pl. DL1 5QT - 8 bells: 18-0-4 in F

Sunday: 1015 – 1055 Practice: Monday 19:30 – 21:00

Advanced Practice 2nd and 4th Tuesday 1915-2100 - contact Jack Hanlon, jack@poolssurplus.co.uk

Carol Pratt, 01325 465213 carolpratt355@gmail.com

1980	Paul Cockrill	2004	Anne Ford	
1985	Andrew Maughan (PL)	2009	Aileen Little	
1997	Shirley Blair	2010	Kate Millar	15
1998	Carol Pratt	2015	Rachel Wheeler	
1999	Ian Fleming	2015	James Wheeler	
1999	Emma Simson	2019	Carol Craven	
2000	Jenny Jackson			

Darlington, St John

St. John - Yarm Rd. DL1 4AB - 8 bells: 10-0-10 in G

Ringling currently suspended. Tower contact: Stephen Duguid, Stephen.duguid23@gmail.com

2014 Stephen Duguid

Gainford

St. Mary - Village Green DL2 3DW - 6 bells: 11-03-04 in G sharp

Sunday: 10:15 – 10:45

Alex Johnston - alex@alexannder.plus.com

Hartlepool, St Aidan

St. Aidan - Jn Oxford Rd & Stockton Rd TS25 1SL - 8 bells: 14-0-7 in F sharp

Sunday – 10:00 – 10:45 (ring to confirm) Practice 2nd and 4th Tuesday 1730 – 1900

Andrew Frost – 01429 281767 ag.frost@ntlworld.com

1982	Liz Halford	2012	Matthew Mack	
2010	Andrew Frost	2012	Luke Stamper	1
2011	Olwyn Buttery	2019	Thelma Adams	
2011	Maureen Martin-Wise	2021	Beverley Burnett	
2012	Beatrice Coulson			

Hartlepool, St. Hilda

3 bells: 11cwt

Derelict; unringable; tower unsafe

Hartlepool, St Oswald

Brougham Tc. TS24 8EY - 10 bells: 21-02-12 in E flat

Sunday – 08:30 – 09:00 (ring to confirm) Practice 1st and 3rd Tuesday 1900 - 2100

Jack Hanlon – 07979 192599 jack.@poolssurplus.co.uk

2012	Jack Hanlon	32
2014	Kirstie Gill	
2014	Michael Jones	2
2015	Michael Lamb	

2015	Brian W Telfer	2
2017	Elle Buttery	
2017	Judith Dennis	

Hartlepool, Stranton

All Saints – Church Row TS24 7QT - 8 bells: 12-03-04 in F

Sunday – 10:15 – 11:00 (ring to confirm) Practice: Wednesday 1900 - 2100

Andrew Frost – ag.frost@ntlworld.com, 01429 281767

1948	Margery Maughan (HL)	16
2010	Barbara Busby	12
2011	Cheryl Mills	
2012	Rev Andrew Craig	
2012	Rohan Wanduragala	
2012	Jan Wilderspin	
2012	Joseph Wilson	2

2013	Elspeth Craig	
2013	Pauline A Robson	
2017	Stephen J Busby	1
2017	Andrew Kaye	
2017	Ailsa Robinson	
2021	Gayle Longmire	

Hartlepool Art Gallery and Information Centre,

Church Square TS24 7EX - 6 bells: 9-02-24 in G

Andrew Frost – 01429 281767 ag.frost@ntlworld.com

Heighington

St. Michael - East Green DL5 6RA - 6 bells: 15-01-23 in F sharp

Sunday: 09:00 – 09:30 Practice: Wednesday 19:00 – 21:00

Joan Johnson - joan.johnson100@yahoo.co.uk

1989	Andrew Woodcock	
1992	Peter J Williamson (PL)	193
1996	Joan Johnson	
2003	Christine Ellsworth	
2008	Michael McGarry	
2009	Anthea Enzor	1
2009	Chris Enzor	78
2009	Andrew Enzor	

2016	Anne Graham	
2018	John Gemmell	
2018	Ian Hall	
2019	Simon Arnold	
2019	Graham Smith	
2019	Nick White	
2019	Tricia White	

Hurworth

All Saints - The Green DL2 2AG - 6 bells: 17-02-00 in E

Sunday: 10:00 – 10:30 Practice: Thursday 19:30 – 21:00

Mike Hodgson, 07711 130239 mike@hodgsonnet.co.uk

1970	Michael Hodgson (HL)	20	2016	Brenda Coatsworth
1971	Anne Johnson	1	2018	Martha Wailes
1976	Caroline Hodgson (PL)	1	2018	Rachel Pickles
1994	Carol Pattinson		2018	Andrew Duckworth
1999	Philip Traviss		2018	Susanna Baker
2003	Frances Cooke		2019	Alison Whitehead
2012	Peter Sanderson			

Sedgefield

St. Edmund - Cross Hill TS21 2AJ - 6 bells: 9-01-02 in G sharp

Ringling currently suspended

Janet Tiplady - kenandjantip@yahoo.com

1986	Janet Tiplady		2014	Sam Underwood
1987	David Latheron		2014	Richard Fearnside
1995	Brian Mutch		2014	Jeanette Sisson
2000	Alison Etheridge		2019	John Cooper

Shildon

St. John - Main St. DL4 1AH - 8 bells: 16-01-06 in F sharp

Sunday 09:00 – 09:30 Practice: Wednesday 19:00 – 21:00

Trevor Thompson - 01388 774551 thompson.trevor58@yahoo.co.uk

2007	Trevor Thompson		2017	Debbie Bennett
2010	Lillian Richardson		2017	Jessica Bennett
2010	Davina Tomlinson		2017	Shannon Bennett
2013	Emily Callaghan		2019	Lynne Arnold

Staindrop

St. Mary - Front St. DL2 3AE - 8 bells: 15-0-21 in F sharp

Mrs Betty Poole - 20, South Green Staindrop DL2 3LD 01833 660322

2021	Mark Palmer			
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Stockton-on-Tees

Parish Church of St. Thomas Becket - High St TS18 1SP

12 bells: 21-0-11 in E flat

Ringing by arrangement

Jack Hanlon jack@poolssurplus.co.uk

Unattached

2014	Ross Weddell	6	2018	Ashley Law	18
2016	Claire Mead		2019	Jake Shaw	
2016	Darren Moore		2021	Gerald Parsons	

2021 D&N Report and Accounts

General Secretary's Report

The first part of 2021 began with another lockdown and very little tower ringing. The uncertainty made arranging ringing very difficult. As the year went on, some towers were able to recommence service ringing and some practises.

Committee meetings were held by Zoom, and although these were useful to keep things going, I for one cannot wait for in-person meetings to resume. The effort put into these meetings and the work behind the scenes, particularly as some of our volunteers work within the NHS, is very much appreciated during these difficult times.

A group was set up to look at how the association was able to move forward with ringing and a number of meetings and surveys to the towers took place. Feedback from the towers is useful to help understand how ringing is going in local areas and whether there are any towers which need additional help. A recruitment workshop was held via Zoom with thanks going to Kris King for arranging this.

Association Events

Emails about association events and information are sent via the LoveAdmin mailing lists. You can check your details and the mailing lists you are registered for on your account. This is a great way to find out information early on with all the District Secretaries working hard to keep you updated.

The 10 and 12 bell quarter peal weekend could not go ahead this year and was a big miss in the Association calendar, as were many of the district events at the start of the year. However, many Ringing Room events were successfully held - particularly by the Southern District - which has been a great source of learning throughout the pandemic.

We were able to round off the year with the Nine Lessons and Carols service at South Shields. It was fantastic to see so many people in person, especially the newest "very young" members who were impeccably behaved.

Bell Restoration Fund

Alnwick was completed during 2021 with thanks to Jim Crowther and the supporters of the project. It is fantastic to see so many people full of enthusiasm for this new peal of bells, which was not hindered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Memoriam

George Deas, Newcastle Cathedral

Alan Barber, Whitley Bay

Maurice Stewart, St Cuthbert's Darlington

David Higdon, Ryton

Joanne Ayre

Stewards' Report

There were no changes to the status of the Association's property during 2021.

At the time of writing, the D&N archives remain in the care of the Northumberland Archives (www.northumberlandarchives.com), at Woodhorn Museum, Ashington. A list of the contents can be found on the Northumberland Libraries catalogue at <https://tinyurl.com/DNArchives>.

The continuing coronavirus restrictions meant that the mini-ring was once again unable to be used regularly, although it did appear at two D&N events: the Southern District meeting at the end of July, and the carol service at South Shields in December.

At the time of writing, the status of Association property (excluding archived documents) is as follows:

President's badge: in possession of Kris King Newburn

Mini-ring: assembled at St Hilda's, South Shields

Handbells: in possession of Joanne Ayre

Rob Criddle

Jim Crowther

Editorial and PR Secretary's Report

The Times

There have been two further editions of the D&N Times in 2021; one in July and the second in December. I am very grateful to everybody who submits such interesting articles for publication.

I have undertaken the role of Editorial and PR Secretary for 5 years having edited 10 editions of The Times but, for personal and family reasons, it is time for me to step down and allow someone else to take up my role and stamp their own personality on The Times. So, I would like to thank everybody who has contributed to editions of the Times and to all those who have sent me their thanks after each has been published.

It has been a privilege to be your Editorial and PR Secretary and I do hope that someone else will gain as much enjoyment from it as I have done.

Safeguarding

In closing I would remind all of you that, if submitting images of young people to The Times, you must obtain permission from their parent or guardian.

Andrew Frost

Bell Maintenance Advisor's Report

Barnard Castle, St Mary – adjust tenor chiming mechanism.

Barnard Castle, St. Mary R.C. – resurrect 1928 Taylor bell unused for 30 + years.

Barnard Castle, St. Mary – visit to discuss what might be done or needed to bells and frame. **Durham, St. Margaret** – visit on behalf of D.A.C. to report on existing telecommunication equipment and possible interference with bells being chimed when more equipment is installed.

East Boldon, St. George – yet another resurrection for an unknown bell of about $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. Which had been disabled by someone who did not want the bell sounded over 20 years ago.

Haydon Old Church, St. Cuthbert – report on lever swung M & S bell of 1893 and its fittings to architect during roof restoration.

Jarrow, St. Paul – problems with tower stonework. Report to architect that the chiming of these two bells would not be detrimental to the structure. One C13 and the other C14.

Lowick, St. John – three bells, two largest originally from Belford. This is a disaster story of someone doing repair work that has resulted in two of the bells becoming cracked. Proposed that the one remaining sound bell be fitted with a properly designed chiming hammer ready for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Rothbury, All Saints – one bell had twisted its cannons out of position in the headstock and was hitting the frame. Fettleing only partly improved job which was completed by Andreas.

Alnwick – we now have a new ring of ten bells to replace the derelict three at St. Michael's. The old six from Newton Hall were retuned with the addition of two trebles.

Newcastle – All Saints. Still no nearer getting a ring of eight into the tower despite two very good rings of eight being made available.

Sedgefield – currently unringable due to rotten frame. Two sections of the frame need replacing.

Howard Smith

150 Club Winners 2021-22

Month	1 st (£20)	2 nd (£15)	3 rd (£10)	4 th (£5)	Jackpot (£50)
April	122 Hexham	36 Shildon	107 Darlington (St.Cuthbert)	138 Ryton	51 Hartlepool (Stranton)
May	139 Whitley Bay	6 Shincliffe	113 Bamburgh	14 Gosforth	
June	137 Newcastle Cathedral	65 Heighington	8 Heighington	62 Hartlepool (St.Aidan)	
July	97 Wylam	74 Hexham	23 Hexham	114 Embleton	
September	130 Stranton	13 Unattached	75 Ovingham	20 Sunderland Minster	
October	37 South Shields	75 Ovingham	87 Hartlepool (St.Aidan)	115 Cramlington	106 Hexham
November	1 Darlington (St.John)	24 Roker	108 Hurworth	20 Sunderland Minster	
December	69 Barnard Castle	134 Darlington (St.Cuthbert)	58 South Shields	42 Ponteland	90 Roker
January	141 Jesmond	85 Allendale	5 Shildon	78 Wylam	
February	149 Newcastle Cathedral	89 Newburn	111 Chester-le- Street	119 Darlington, St.Cuthbert	

D&N Insurance Cover

The Association is insured through BTIC Gosforth: with Ansvar Insurance Company, policy number BPP 2144475 - Durham and Newcastle Bellringers. Full details can be found on the Association website.

Accounts 2021

Receipts & Payments – Year Ending 31/12/21

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	3,375		3,375	3,340
Interest	0	3	3	69
Peal fees	12		12	52
Donations				
Friends of the BRF		373	373	373
BRF (Alnwick)		56,000	56,000	
Other		240	240	227
BRF Affiliation		180	180	180
150 Club		795	795	595
Gift Aid Claim		578	578	581
Total	3,387	58,169	61,556	5,417
PAYMENTS				
Subscription to Central Council	160		160	160
Expenses				
LoveAdmin	228		228	196
Officers	35		35	
Insurance	1,157		1,157	699
Education Fund Grants				
Darlington Simulator	820		820	
RWNYC	40		40	
BRF Grants				
Alnwick		66,000	66,000	
Total	2,439	66,000	68,439	1,055
Surplus receipts over payments	948	-7,831	-6,883	4,362

Fund Balances

Unrestricted funds	General	Life Membership	Education	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Opening balance 1/1/21	2,000	1,725	1,563	5,288
Income	3,387			3,387
Expenditure	-2,439			-2,439
Transfer of funds	-948			-948
Closing balance 31/12/21	2,000	1,725	1,563	5,288

Restricted funds	General Bell Restoration	Bell Restoration (in memory of RWarford)	Blackhill	Hebburn	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£
Opening balance 1/1/21	55,584	2120	1,138	-5	58,837
Income	58,169		0		58,169
Expenditure	-66,000				-66,000
Transfer of funds	948				948
Closing balance 31/12/21	48,701	2,120	1,138	-5	51,954

CASH STATEMENT		£	£		
1/1/21	Barclays Bank	41,984	31/12/21	Barclays Bank	35,177
	CCLA	26,402		CCLA	26,405
	Cash in hand	101		Cash in hand	22
	Unpresented cheques	0		Unpresented cheques	0
		68,487			
Surplus receipts over payments		-6,883			
		61,604			61,604

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Assets at 31/12/21	£	Liabilities at 31/12/21	£
Barclays Bank	35,177	Uncleared cheques	0
CCLA	26,405		
Cash in hand	22		
Total assets	61,604	Total liabilities	0
TOTAL (assets - liabilities)	61,604		

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of the Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers (D&N)

This is my report on the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out in the electronic and papers records submitted to me by the Treasurer.

Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and to decide the level of independent scrutiny required.

The charity's trustees considered that an Independent Examination is the most appropriate form of scrutiny for the 2021 year.

After being engaged by the trustees, it has been my responsibility to;

- Examine the accounts, with reference to the 1993 act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, with reference to the 1993 act
- To state whether certain particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions referred to above. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, together with seeking explanations from you, as trustees, concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken for Independent Examination do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a statutorily defined Audit (which is a much more detailed process), so no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view', which is the standard that an audit would measure. This report is therefore limited to the scope of an Independent Examination, which covers those matters set out in the statement above.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements have not been met;
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with the 1993 act
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records of the charity and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 act
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Duncan Walker, Independent Examiner, 30th March 2022
Associate Member, Association of Charity Independent Examiners

Treasurer's Report

The Association's funds remain healthy. Subscription income in 2021 was similar to that collected in 2020 demonstrating the success of the introduction of LoveAdmin. The District Secretaries have again worked hard to encourage members to pay their 2021 subscriptions. By the end of 2021, only 39 members, out of the total paying membership of 456, had unpaid subscriptions amounting to £285.

One grant totalling £66,000 was made from the Bell Restoration Fund (BRF) during 2021 towards the installation of a ring of 10 bells at Alnwick. This comprised £10,000 already pledged from the Bell Restoration Fund and £56,000 from a donor, who gave the money to the BRF specifically for this project. Two grants from the Education Fund were made during 2021. The committee agreed to pay the entry fee of £40 for the D & N youth team to take part in the 2021 Ringing World National Youth Contest and also to provide £820 for the purchase of a trial simulator and laptop for use at the Darlington Ringing Centre, with a view to rolling these out elsewhere in the Association in the future.

The Personal Accident insurance policy, which covers ringers taking part in D&N organised events, was re-instated when ringing recommenced however the usefulness of this policy is being reviewed and alternatives considered.

In line with the Financial Policy a reserve of £2000, deemed sufficient to cover a year's operational expenditure, has again been retained in the General Fund, the remainder has been transferred to the Bell Restoration Fund.

The Gift Aid claim for 2020 totalling £578 was submitted during 2021.

Anthea Enzor

Peal Secretary's Report

As happened last year, peal ringing was restricted for most months of the year, so well done to those who fitted them in as the year came to an end.

3 peals were rung in 2021 all on tower bells. All of these were rung in the D&N territory in 3 association towers. 2 in the Northern District and 1 in the Central District.

There were 2 peals of major and 1 of minor.

There were 18 ringers involved. Four ringers rang in two of the peals: Stephen Bell, Barbara Davies, Matthew Durham and Howard Smith.

The conducting was shared between Matthew Durham (2 peals) and Howard Smith (1 peal).

Each peal had a special dedication:

For the Mayor of Morpeth and Simon White received as canon in Newcastle Cathedral

For the birth of Emily Morgan

A peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in memoriam Alan Barber on his birthday

Karen Dickinson

Northern District Report

As the COVID pandemic continued, at the start of the year we were still unable to get back to ringing in person. Following some beginner's sessions organised by the Southern District we were fortunate to have Karen McLeave who commenced fortnightly Ringing Room sessions online for the Northern District. These have been well attended, although attendance has been dropping off as ringing in towers has resumed there are still people finding them beneficial. They will be continuing on 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings until Christmas then reviewed. When national restrictions were lifted in July we were all able to get back to ringing our bells for services and then practice sessions.

We had our first in person ND meeting at Gosforth in September, this was well attended, and we remained cautious by having our 'bring your own' picnic outside. It is great to be able to have our AGM this year face to face, to meet each other and ring together. I hope that next year we will be able to continue with a programme of ringing together.

Very sadly we said goodbye to 2 great supporters of the Northern District in the last year. George Deas died on 14th January after being unwell and unable to ring for a number of years. He rang a total of 1259 peals, 1153 of which were for the D&N. He was ringing master at the Cathedral for 28 years. He held many offices in both the ND and D&N, including as Association President. Alan Barber died suddenly on 12th July, a shock for those who had known and rang with him. He was also a prolific peal ringer, having rang 1637 including 344 for the D&N, conducting 246 of them. He has supported local ringing wherever he lived, and I recall him always being present at ND meetings.

Angela Cairns

Central District Report

With continuing COVID lockdowns and restrictions we were unable to hold our meetings in person during the first half of the year. During this time Chris Mansfield, Sonia Thompson, and Elizabeth Thompson organised regular virtual ringing sessions on Ringing Room, open for everyone in the district, giving an opportunity for people to meet and practice simulated ringing on their computers.

After the partial relaxation of restrictions in May and June, many towers in the district resumed limited ringing. In September 2021 we were able to hold our first in-person physical meeting since February 2020 and gathered at Brancepeth for an afternoon of ringing and tea and a delicious spread of cakes. After 19 months it felt very special to be able to meet again with 22 people spread out in the church.

Our annual district meeting was held in Ryton in November where we were very warmly welcomed by the local band who provided a splendid spread for afternoon tea. At that meeting Chris stood down as district ringing master after five years of being a district officer and we're very grateful for all that he's done in this time. At the same meeting the officers for 2022 were elected, with Sonia Thompson as Chairman, and Alex Pym as Secretary. No one was prepared to become district ringing master and the position remains vacant.

Sadly, David Higdon from Ryton, a member of the Association since 1998, passed away during the year. Many thanks to all who attended the meetings over the year, and to all those who provided delicious refreshments at our meetings. We are now keeping our fingers crossed that the return to more normal times continues and that we enjoy a busy year in 2022.

Alex Pym

Southern District Report

The lockdown at the start of 2021 meant that no “real” ringing was possible, however ringers in the Southern District continued to make good use of Ringing Room. A weekly early method ringing practice was held for those working on Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles and an advanced practice for those keen to ring Surprise Major. General District Ringing Room practices also took place in March and June.

The first proper meeting of 2021 took the form of a social event with the D&N mini ring and handbells in Chris and Carol Pratt’s garden in July. This was followed by two tower bell meetings at St Aidan’s, Hartlepool in September and St John’s Shildon in October. The District AGM was held at Barnard Castle in November with ringing before hand at both Staindrop and Barnard Castle. 34 members attended and during the meeting all three officers were re-elected for a further year so for 2021 they are as follows: Branch Chairman – Helen Scott; Ringing Master – Jack Hanlon; Secretary – Anthea Enzor.

Long standing Southern District ringers were sad to learn of the death of Maurice Stewart, who learnt to ring at Hurworth and became a mainstay of the band at St Cuthbert’s, Darlington. Five new members were elected during 2021.

A new venture, the Darlington Teaching Centre, restarted in the autumn with a cohort of six learners and seven teachers from across the District. The purchase of a simulator, funded by the D&N Education Fund, will enable the Centre to make good use of the bells throughout the week to teach new ringers and provide extra support for more established ringers as well as encourage more experienced ringers to get involved in teaching new recruits.

Anthea Enzor

Peals Rung in 2021

5823

**Morpeth, Northumberland
The Clock Tower**

Friday, 19 November 2021 in 2h 48 (10-0-26 in G)

**5040 Cambridge Surprise
Minor**

- 1 Susan J Hanson
- 2 Barbara Davies
- 3 Joanne M Ayre
- 4 Simon J H White
- 5 Stephen B Bell
- 6 Howard E J Smith (C)

The 2021 Mayor's Peal was rung for the Mayor of Morpeth Cllr David L Bawn's second term of office, on his birthday. With thanks for all his hard work serving the community of Morpeth during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Compliments also to Revd Canon Simon J H White, Rector of Morpeth, who was recently installed as an Honorary Canon at Newcastle Cathedral on 7th November.

The peal was the first rung by the Association since March 2020 when the UK went into its first COVID-19 lockdown.

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5824

**South Shields, Tyne and Wear
St Hilda**

Saturday, 11 December 2021 in 2h 56 (9-3-27 in G)

**5088 Spliced Major (5m)
1,536 Apple Delight, 1,280
Old Fish Market Delight,
1,024 each Bridge Little
Treble Bob and Three Tuns
Surprise and 224 Seven Stars;
167 com, atw for all 8 bells.**

Composed by Donald F Morrison

- 1 J James G Morgan
- 2 Matthew S Pearson
- 3 Rachel C Wells
- 4 Alexander T G Pym
- 5 Oliver E Rice
- 6 James P Town
- 7 Matthew J L Durham (C)
- 8 Christopher M Mansfield

To celebrate the arrival of Emily Miriam Catherine Morgan on 10th November 2021, daughter of 1.

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5825

**Newton Hall,
Northumberland
St James, Mowden Hall School**

Sunday, 12 December 2021 in 2h 44 (6-3-1 in B)

**5056 Double Norwich Court
Bob Major**

Composed by Alan M Barber

- 1 J Michael Procter
- 2 Barbara Davies
- 3 David J Hamby
- 4 Stephen B Bell
- 5 G Jessica Durham
- 6 Howard E J Smith
- 7 Clive R Moon
- 8 Matthew J L Durham (C)

Arranged for and rung on what would have been Alan Barber's 74th birthday, ringing one of his favourite methods and including many of his regular 8 bell band. Alan rang 104 peals of Double Norwich, conducting 92 of them. With get well wishes to Jeremy Housden and Mervyn Brown, both of whom would like to be associated with this peal.

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Privacy Notice

Introduction

The objective of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers are as follows:

The Association shall be of service to churches in the geographical boundaries within the Dioceses of Durham & Newcastle by:

- promoting the ringing of bells for Christian worship and on other appropriate occasions;
- recruiting and training ringers;
- encouraging the art of change ringing;
- helping ringers to improve the standard of their ringing;
- the care and restoration of bells and their fittings.

In addition, the Association shall support the ringers and organisations which are responsible for other bells, which are hung for change ringing, that fall within its traditional boundaries. This includes rings in redundant churches, secular towers and those belonging to other denominations.

In order to fulfill these objectives, the Association collects and processes information regarding individuals.

What information is being collected?

Name, address, date of birth, telephone and email contact details of Association members.

Name and contact details (address, telephone or email) of Tower contacts where these are not members of the Association.

For ringing members their year of joining the Association and their Peal total (D&N peals) is recorded.

Email correspondence with members.

Who is collecting it?

The Association is managed and administered by a committee comprising the General Officers, the District Officers and Central Council Representatives, elected in accordance with the Association Rules. The members of the committee are together called the "Management Committee".

How is it collected?

Information is recorded and managed online using LoveAdmin.com (formerly PaySubsOnline.com), information is entered and maintained on a self-service basis by members. If they so choose, individual members may ask the management committee (District Secretary) or their Tower contact to undertake this on their behalf. The Association does not maintain any other electronic or paper-based membership records.

Details of Association peals are derived from the records of peals published in the Ringing World.

The online system is also used to record communications to members by email.

Why is it being collected?

To maintain details of the Association's membership and fees paid to properly discharge its duties as a registered charity.

To communicate with members and promote the Associations work on www.DandN.org

To produce an annual report.

To identify members who are children (ie under 18) for safeguarding purposes.

How will it be used?

Information will be used to process annual membership fees and facilitate the claiming of Gift Aid where appropriate.

Contact details will be used to communicate to members by email, telephone and post.

Information will be included in an annual report which shall list the association's membership and provide contact details for the management committee and each tower.

Date of birth will be used to identify members' ages to ensure that children are appropriately protected, that the Association's third party liability cover is appropriate (our policy has age limits), and to produce an age profile of the membership to help with the recruitment and training of ringers.

Who will it be shared with?

Membership information will only be used within the Association by members of the management committee. Most processing will be undertaken using the LoveAdmin system, though individual officers will process information to produce the annual accounts, gift aid claim, the annual report and maintain the website.

What will be the effect of this on the individuals concerned?

Better communication from the Association.

Is the intended use likely to cause individuals to object or complain?

It is hoped that the Association's use of information is consistent with its objectives and so would not give rise to complaint.

Updated 2019

Safeguarding Procedures

Introduction

1. These procedures are designed to ensure that young people and vulnerable adults can be fully and safely involved with ringing activities organised by Officers of the Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers (The D&N).
2. These procedures are based on current legal requirements, Church of England policies and the guidelines of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.
3. Whilst child and vulnerable adult protection considerations are required for all ringing activities within the D&N region, these procedures are intended to apply only to ringing events organised by the D&N. It is essential that routine ringing activities within individual towers in the region should conform to the guidelines of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (available from the CCCBR website) and, most importantly, with the policy and procedures of the local Parochial Church Council or other responsible authority, as well as all relevant legal requirements. CCCBR guidance has been developed in consultation with the Church of England National Safeguarding office and is kept up to date.
4. Legislation requires that all who work with young people (in voluntary or in paid employment) should keep them safe from harm. 'Children' are defined in legislation as anyone under the age of 18. Vulnerable adults also need similar protection from harm.

5. There is reference throughout to the 'Officers of the D&N,' but it is important to recognise that other members of the D&N who may be involved in the organisation of ringing events where young people and vulnerable adults are present (such as peals and quarter peals or other privately organised ringing) also carry the same responsibilities, and it is important that similar procedures are adopted in such cases.
6. It is expected that the current training requirements of the Church of England will be followed by members.

Procedures

1. The D&N will appoint a Safeguarding Officer to monitor and assist in the administration of the D&N's Safeguarding Procedures, maintain appropriate records and liaise as necessary with the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers.
2. D&N officers who are likely to take on training or supervision responsibilities on behalf of the D&N or come into close contact with young people on a regular basis on behalf of the D&N will ensure they are DBS checked.
3. Any D&N Officer organising an event on behalf of the D&N, which could involve young people and/or vulnerable adults, will be responsible for ensuring that these procedures are followed. It is also their responsibility to exercise informed vigilance as regards the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults present at such events.
4. Neither the D&N, nor its officers, will act in loco parentis as regards any young people and/or vulnerable adults attending its events. Tower Captains shall be asked to advise of any such people from their tower who wish to attend D&N events and take responsibility for ensuring that the procedures agreed for protection of young persons and/or vulnerable adults from their tower at such events are followed. This would normally mean that such persons are accompanied to such events by adults from their own tower.
5. Where a parent/carer is present during an event, the parent is responsible for the young person's or vulnerable adult's welfare.
6. For training days, or events involving special activities other than bell ringing, the D&N officer organising the event shall provide appropriate information about the event on an Information and Consent Form. This form shall be made available in sufficient time for it to be completed and signed by the parent or guardian, and returned to the organising officer prior to the event. Tower Captains shall be asked to advise the organising officer in good time of any young people and/or vulnerable adults wishing to attend, and assist in ensuring that the Information and Consent Forms are completed, signed and returned.
7. The parents/carers will be told if there is any plan to use a video camera, including videoing using a mobile phone, as a training tool, and the consent form should make this clear. The video should be erased after the teaching session, in the presence of the D&N officer and an independent adult witness.
8. All ringing training shall be carried out by suitably competent and experienced ringers, and any training which involves close and regular contact with young people will be supervised by someone who has been DBS checked.
9. Normal health and safety issues should always be taken into consideration. Young people and vulnerable adults are not to be allowed into a potentially hazardous situation unaccompanied. The organiser of D&N events shall ensure that any such people are appropriately supervised in their ringing. If the organiser considers for any reason that it is not safe for a young person and/or vulnerable adult to ring they shall politely and kindly prevent them from doing so.

10. Any transport arrangements as an integral part of an event will generally be made so that young people and/or vulnerable adults do not travel in a car with just one adult. In the event of this being necessary as an exception, the young person and/or vulnerable adult should sit in the back.
11. Two adults (if possible of different sexes) should normally be present whenever young people and/or vulnerable adults are taking part in ringing or being transported to or from ringing events. The D&N officer responsible should endeavour to ensure that at least two adults arrive at the start of any organised event.
12. A first aid kit and an accident logbook should be available at all events. The organising officer shall take on the responsibilities of an Appointed Person, or appoint someone else suitable to carry out this role. The Appointed Person shall look after the first aid equipment and ensure they have ready access to a phone, to enable the emergency services to be called if required. The Appointed Person will also be responsible for completing any accident reports. First aid cover shall be provided where appropriate for major events.
13. Appropriate records from events, including Information and Consent Forms and any accident reports, shall be sent to the D&N Safeguarding Officer.
14. A copy of these procedures will be available on the D&N website.
15. These procedures will be reviewed annually.

Revised March 2022

Contacts

If a safeguarding emergency arises, ring 999. Safeguarding issues should normally be raised with the parish safeguarding officer. Questions or concerns can be raised with:

Chris Enzor
D&N Safeguarding Officer
Email : safeguarding@dandn.org

Should anyone wish to discuss safeguarding issues with an independent person then they should contact either of the following:

Carol Butler
Diocese of Newcastle Safeguarding Advisor
Mobile: 07825 167016
Email: c.butler@newcastle.anglican.org

Beth Miller
Diocese of Durham Safeguarding Advisor
Mobile: 07968 034075
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Six Bell Striking Competition Rules

For the Anderson Rose Bowl

Rules of the competition:

- 1) Bands for the competition shall consist of paid up Ringing members or Honorary Life members representing either one tower (in which instance not more than two ringers from other towers in the same District will be permitted providing they are paid up Ringing Members or Honorary Life Members of the Association) or jointly representing two towers from the same District (in which instance the band should comprise three ringers from each tower). No person shall ring with more than one band in a competition. University bands may contain ringers from their society who are not necessarily listed under the university tower, but they must be members of the Association.
- 2) Each district may enter a maximum of three teams. This can be done via a district eliminator competition, or any other suitable means decided by the district.
- 3) The test piece shall be a minimum of 360 changes of doubles, minor or call changes. When call changes are rung at least 20 pairs of bells shall be changed with at least 3 bells sharing the leading. Marking is to commence when the first pair of bells is changed. If a call change test piece shall exceed 360 changes then a pro-rata adjustment may be applied by the judge.
- 4) The District Secretaries must inform the Ringing Master of the District in which the competition is to take place of the names of the competing bands from their districts, not less than one week before the date of the competition.
- 5) A Committee for the day, consisting of one member from each competing band shall arrange and oversee the draw for the order of ringing, and settle any matter of dispute. It shall elect one of its constituents as Chairman.
- 6) The draw for the order of ringing shall take place at 2.15 p.m. and the first band drawn shall commence ringing immediately the draw has taken place. (The order of ringing shall be concealed from the judge)
- 7) A representative of the band to ring last shall witness the first band's performance in the tower. The second band shall be witnessed by a member of the first etc. These representatives (witnesses) shall report any irregularities to the Committee and shall act as timekeepers for the competing band if so requested. In the case of call change bands, the representative shall indicate periodically the number of changes rung and advise the conductor when 360 changes have been completed.
- 8) The bells may be rung to determine rope lengths. Then a practice ring of no more than five minutes can be rung.
- 9) The test piece, which may be preceded by up to two minutes of rounds, shall then be rung. It shall be announced by ringing the tenor bell at least two whole pulls.
- 10) Whenever there are more than 6 entrants to the competition, the logistics may be changed in advance, to help meet practical considerations for the local tower, or the bands involved. A committee composed of a representative of the local ringers, the General Secretary and the District Ringing Master would be formed. They may consider any items related to the running of the competition, which would help resolve practical difficulties which arise from the large number of teams (such as, but not limited to, the length of the test piece and the operation of the draw).

Updated 12/05/2014

Eight Bell Striking Competition Rules

For the Freda Burton Cup and the President's Plate

Rules of the competition:

- 1) Bands for the competition shall consist of paid up Ringing or Honorary Life Members representing either one tower (50% of the band shall be from said tower) or jointly representing two towers (in which instance the band should comprise four ringers from each tower). No person shall ring with more than one band in any competition. University bands may contain ringers from their society who are not necessarily listed under the university tower, but they must be members of the Association.
- 2) The test piece shall be a minimum of 224 changes of triples or major or call changes. When call changes are rung at least 20 pairs of bells shall be changed with at least 3 bells sharing the leading. Marking is to commence when the first pair of bells is changed. If a call change test piece shall exceed 224 changes then a pro-rata adjustment may be applied by the judge.
- 3) The Ringing Master of the district in which the competition is to take place shall be informed by the captain of each competing band not less than one week before the date of the competition.
- 4) A committee for the day, consisting of one member from each competing band shall arrange and oversee the draw for the order of ringing, and settle any matter of dispute. It shall elect one of its constituents as Chairman.
- 5) The draw for the order of ringing shall take place at 2.15 pm and the first band drawn shall commence ringing immediately the draw has taken place. (The order of ringing shall be concealed from the Judge.
- 6) A representative of the band to ring last shall witness the first band's performance in the tower. The second band shall be witnessed by a member of the first, etc. These representatives (witnesses) shall report any irregularities to the Committee and shall act as timekeepers for the competing band if so requested. In the case of call change bands, the representative shall indicate periodically the number of changes rung and advise the conductor when 224 changes have been completed.
- 7) The bells may be rung to determine rope lengths. Then a practice ring of no more than five minutes can be rung.
- 8) The test piece, which may be preceded by up to two minutes of rounds, shall then be rung. It shall be announced by ringing the tenor bell at least two whole pulls.
- 9) Whenever there are more than 6 entrants to the competition, the logistics may be changed in advance, to help meet practical considerations for the local tower, or the bands involved. A committee composed of a representative of the local ringers, the General Secretary and the District Ringing master would be formed. They may consider any items related to the running of the competition, which would help resolve practical difficulties which arise from the large number of teams, such as the length of the test piece and the operation of the draw.
- 10) The President's Plate competition shall be awarded for the best call change band. Call change ringing teams would normally be entered into this competition, but can elect to enter the Freda Burton Cup instead, when informing the District Ringing Master of their entry. As per the spirit that has been traditional with this Association's Competitions, bands are encouraged to ring Call Changes or methods of a similar complexity to what they are normally comfortable with.
- 11) In the event of only 1 team entering the Freda Burton Cup competition, then that team will compete with all teams that have entered the President's Plate competition. Should this situation occur, and a Call Change band is judged to be the winner of the combined competition, then that team will be awarded both the Freda Burton Cup and the Presidents Plate.

Updated 12/05/2014

Association Rules

1. NAME

- 1.1 The Association shall be known as The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The Association shall be of service to churches in the geographical boundaries within the Dioceses of Durham & Newcastle by:
- promoting the ringing of bells for Christian worship and on other appropriate occasions;
 - recruiting and training ringers;
 - encouraging the art of change ringing;
 - helping ringers to improve the standard of their ringing;
 - the care and restoration of bells and their fittings.
- 2.2 In addition, the Association shall support the ringers and organisations which are responsible for other bells, which are hung for change ringing, that fall within its traditional boundaries. This includes rings in redundant churches, secular towers and those belonging to other denominations.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1. Classes of Membership

- 3.11 The Association shall consist of Patrons, Honorary Life Members, Ringing Members, Non-Resident Members and Associate Members.
- 3.12 Honorary Life Membership may be conferred on Ringing Members who have rendered meritorious service to the Association. Honorary Life Members retain all the privileges of Ringing Members.
- 3.13 Candidates for Ringing Membership must, at least, be able to ring rounds competently on tower bells. Ringing Members, when they have paid their subscriptions for the current year, are eligible to hold office, are entitled to vote, and shall be supplied with a copy of the previous year's report.
- 3.14 Ringers who are neither resident nor attached to a tower in either Diocese may apply for Non-Resident Membership. Non-Resident Members are not eligible to hold office, are not entitled to vote and are not supplied with Annual Reports.
- 3.15 Any person, not a ringer, who wishes to join the Association, may apply for Associate Membership. Associate Members are eligible to hold Office. They shall be supplied with a single copy of the Annual Report covering the year in which they were elected.
- ### 3.2. Election of Members
- 3.21 Only Honorary Life and Ringing Members are entitled to vote in elections and make nominations.
- 3.211 These two classes of Member will be associated with a single tower or District.
- 3.22 Honorary Life Members shall only be elected at Annual General Meetings. Proposals for Honorary Life Membership should in the first instance be made to the Management Committee on an approved application form and be supported by three or more voting Members. Nominations approved by the Management Committee will be put forward for formal election.
- 3.23 Ringing, Non-Resident and Associate Members may be elected at any General or District Meeting. In addition:
- 3.231 Ringing and Non-Resident Members may be elected prior to a peal attempt provided there are three or more Honorary Life or Ringing Members present and all are in favour of the election. In the case of handbell peals on up to eight bells, Ringing and Non-Resident Members may be elected prior to a peal attempt provided there are two or more Honorary Life or Ringing Members present and both are in favour of the election.
- 3.232 Ringing Members may be elected prior to an Association striking competition provided there are three or more Honorary Life or Ringing Members present and all are in favour of the election.
- 3.24 Each Ringing and Honorary Life Members will nominate upon election the tower or district with

- which they will be associated. No member shall be listed under more than one tower or district.
- 3.25 Proposers shall be responsible for providing the General or District Secretary with their nominees' full names, addresses and first subscriptions.
- 3.3. Subscriptions
- 3.31 Honorary Life Members pay no subscription.
- 3.32 Ringing Members shall pay to their District Secretary annual subscriptions of £10.00 excepting those Members who are under 18 years, full-time students or over 60 years on the due date who shall pay £5.00. Ringing Members' subscriptions are due on the first day of January for the year commencing on that day. The name of any Ringing Member whose subscription is two years in arrears shall be removed from the Association's books.
- 3.321 A Ringing Member who pays a lump sum equal to twelve times the current ordinary annual subscription need pay no further subscription for that or any subsequent year. This shall be noted in the Annual Report.
- 3.322 Ringing Members elected after 31st October shall pay only one subscription for the remainder of that year and the following year.
- 3.33 Non-Resident Members pay a single subscription of £5.00 on election.
- 3.34 Associate Members pay a single subscription equal to one Ringing Member's annual subscription on election.
- 3.35 A Ringing Member may, upon leaving the geographical boundaries of the Association, wish to transfer to Non-Resident membership. If s/he has paid two or more subscriptions and is paid up to date s/he is entitled to do so without further payment. The transfer shall be effected by the District Secretary.
- 3.36 A Non-Resident Member who moves to within the geographical boundaries of the Association may become a Ringing Member subject to ratification at any General or District Meeting and upon payment of the annual subscription.
- 3.4. Termination of Membership
- 3.41 A member can be removed from membership by a resolution of the Management Committee that it is in the best interests of the Association that his or her membership is terminated. A resolution to remove a member from membership may only be passed if:
- the member has been given at least twenty one days' notice in writing of the meeting of the Management Committee at which the resolution will be proposed and the reasons why it is to be proposed;
 - the Member or, at the option of the Member, the Member's representative (who need not be a member of the Association) has been allowed to make representations to the meeting;
 - at least two thirds and a minimum of six of the members of the Management Committee present vote in favour of the resolution.
- 3.42 Any Member whose membership has been terminated under Rule 3.4.1 may only be re-elected to the Association under Rule 3.2 if approved by the Management Committee.

4. GOVERNMENT

- 4.1 Management Committee
- 4.11 The Association and its property shall be managed and administered by a committee comprising the General Officers, the District Officers and Central Council Representatives, elected in accordance with these Rules of Association. The members of the committee are together called the "Management Committee".
- 4.12 The Management Committee shall be the Trustees of the Charity.
- 4.13 The Management Committee shall meet at least three times a year with reasonable notice given of any meeting to all its members. A quorum of seven members of the Committee must be present for any decision to be taken. Questions arising at a meeting must be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the person who chairs the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. Minutes shall be sent to District Secretaries within one month of a meeting taking place to give access to members at District Meetings.

- 4.14 The Management Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting to be held on a convenient Saturday in April each year, in each District by rotation.
- 4.15 The Management Committee shall have the power to arrange other General Meetings, to be held at such times and places as may be desirable.
- 4.16 The Management Committee must manage the business of the Association and have the following powers in order to further the Objectives (but not for any other purpose):
- . to raise funds. In doing so, the Association must not undertake any substantial permanent trading activity and must comply with any relevant statutory regulations;
 - . to establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for any of the charitable purposes included in the Objectives;
 - . to acquire, merge with or enter into any partnership or joint venture arrangement with any other Charity formed for any of the Objectives;
 - . to set aside income as a reserve against future expenditure but only in accordance with a written policy about reserves;
 - . to obtain and pay for such goods and services as are necessary for carrying out the Objectives of the Association;
 - . to open and operate such bank and other accounts as the Management Committee consider necessary and to invest funds and delegate the management of funds in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as the Trustees of a trust are permitted to do by the current Trustee Act;
 - . to do all such lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the Objectives.
- 4.17 The Management Committee may delegate any of their powers or functions to a committee of two or more Trustees but the terms of any such delegation must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the delegation was made. The Management Committee may revoke or alter a delegation. All acts and proceedings of any committees must be fully and promptly reported to the Management Committee.
- 4.18 A Trustee may pay out of, or be reimbursed from, the property of the Association reasonable expenses properly incurred by him or her when acting on behalf of the Association.
- 4.19 A Trustee must declare their interest in any matter in which it is possible that a conflict will arise between his or her duty to act solely in the interests of the Association and any personal interest (including but not limited to any financial interest), and must take no part in the voting on any such matter.
- 4.110 The towers of Association shall be grouped by the Management Committee into three Districts, namely Northern, Central and Southern and shown in the Annual Report.
- 4.2 General Officers
- 4.21 The General Officers shall be a President, a General Secretary, a Treasurer, a Peal Secretary, an Editorial & PR Secretary, an Annual Report Secretary, a Bell Maintenance Adviser, a Fund Raising Co-ordinator, an Education Officer, a Child Protection Officer and two Stewards.
- 4.22 The General Officers shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. All may hold office for one year and shall be eligible for re-election, except that the President shall not hold office for more than three years in succession. Elections shall be decided by a show of hands unless six or more members request a ballot.
- 4.3 District Officers
- 4.31 The District Officers shall be a Chairman, a Secretary and a Ringing Master. All shall hold office for one year and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 4.32 The District Officers must convene at least four meetings yearly, including an Annual District Meeting at which Officers for the following year shall be elected. In the event of a District failing to elect its Officers at an Annual District Meeting, they shall be elected at a District Meeting.
- 4.33 At any District Meeting only members attached to the District shall be entitled to vote.
- 4.34 The District Secretary shall:

- . collect subscriptions from and distribute reports to members attached to the District;
- . send to the Treasurer by December each year, a statement detailing the District's income and expenditure together with the District's receipt books, and any cash-in-hand;
- . compile at the end of each year, a report on the activities of the District. This should be approved by the District Membership at a District Meeting and presented to the Management Committee for inclusion in the Annual Report.

5. ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

- 5.1 The Management Committee must comply with their obligations as Trustees under all current legislation, including but not limited to the current Charities Act, with regard to:
- . the keeping of accounting records for the Association;
 - . the preparation of annual statements of account for the Association;
 - . the preparation of an Annual Report and its transmission to the Charity Commission;
 - . the preparation of an Annual Return and its transmission to the Charity Commission.
- 5.2 Annual Accounts must be prepared in accordance with the provisions of any Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the Charity Commission.
- 5.3 An Independent Examiner shall be appointed by the Management Committee in accordance with the Charity Commissions requirements.
- 5.4 The General Officers' Reports, the Annual Accounts and the District Reports shall be included in the Annual Report.
- 5.5 The Annual Report, including the Annual Accounts, must be approved by the Management Committee and presented to the Annual General Meeting.

6. PEALS

- 6.1. Peals shall be published in the Annual Report provided that:
- . All those taking part are members of the Association;
 - . At least half, with a minimum of three, of the bells were rung by Honorary Life, Ringing or Non-Resident Members of the Association;
 - . Conductors forward within one month to the Peal Secretary:
 - details of the peals in the form used in the Annual Report;
 - the compositions or the numbers of the recorded Association peals for which the compositions were used;
 - the peal booking fee, being 50 pence per ringer;
 - the full names, addresses and subscriptions of members elected immediately before the peals;
 - confirmation, where appropriate, that any peal ringer is a current Non-Resident member.

7. FUNDS

- 7.1 Subscriptions from Ringing Members paying a lump sum equal to twelve times the ordinary subscription shall be invested in a separate fund on an endowment basis.
- 7.2 There shall be a Bell Restoration Fund. The Management Committee shall produce written procedures for the requesting and offering of grants from the Bell Restoration Fund.
- 7.3 In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the assets shall be divided between the two responsible Diocesan Authorities for the purposes of bell restoration.

8. CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

- 8.1 The Association shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and shall abide by its decisions.
- 8.2 Central Council Representatives shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting for a triennial period in accordance with the rules of the Council.
- 8.3 Reasonable travel expenses of the Central Council Representatives shall be reimbursed by the Association at the discretion of the Management Committee.

9. PROPERTY

- 9.1 Honorary Life and Ringing Members may, by applying to a Steward, borrow the Association's set of 12 handbells for a period of three months.
- 9.2. The Association's mini-ring may be placed on loan at the discretion of the Management Committee

or its nominated representatives.

- 9.3. A fee, to be decided by the Management Committee and payable in advance, may be charged to defray the costs of insurance and maintenance of Association property.
- 9.4. The borrower shall be required to sign an official receipt and undertake to:
 - . ensure that all property is properly cared for;
 - . return all property at the end of the period of loan, unless the loan is renewed.

10. CHANGE OF RULES

- 10.1 No amendment shall be made which will cause the Association to cease to be a charity at law.
- 10.2 Any proposal to alter or add to these rules shall only be put to a General Meeting for ratification once it has been considered by the Management Committee.
- 10.3 No alteration or addition shall be made to these rules except at a General Meeting of which at least one month's notice shall have been given together with notice of the proposed alteration or addition.
- 10.4 No alteration or addition to these rules shall be made unless at least two thirds of those voting are in favour of the said alteration or addition.

Revised 26th April 2015.

Past Officers of the Association

Presidents

1877-83	W Reed, North Shields
1883-05	R S Story, Whitley Bay
1905-08	G T Potter, Gosforth
1908-20	C L Routledge, Newcastle
1920-23	W Story, Newcastle
1923-25	C Todd, Darlington
1925-28	Rev A W Lister, Tanfield
1928-32	E E Ferry, Newcastle
1932-34	J Anderson, Newcastle
1934-37	A Payne, Gateshead
1937-45	M D Owbridge, Gosforth
1945-47	R L Patterson, Sunderland
1947-50	W N Park, Darlington
1950-53	Canon H S Stephenson, Gateshead
1953-56	R A Gofton, Whitley Bay
1956-59	K Arthur, Fenham
1959-62	T Cooke, Darlington
1962-65	E P Rock, Stockton
1965-68	W Tyson, Consett
1968-70	R Park, Darlington
1970-74	K Lawson, Stockton
1974-77	G S Deas, Newcastle
1977-80	D A Bayles, Chester-le-Street
1980-83	D Martin, Whitley Bay
1983-86	W Maughan, Hartlepool
1986-89	S B Bell, Newcastle
1989-92	T Reineck, Sunderland
1992-95	N A Johnson, Blaydon
1995-98	Revd N P Vine, Easington
1998-01	R R Warford, Gosforth
2001-04	R A M Turner, Hartlepool
2004-07	J Neville Parkin, Hexham
2007-10	R R Warford, Gosforth
2010-13	Miss K Dickinson, Sunderland
2013-16	K King, South Shields
2016-19	C Enzor, Heighington
2019-	K King, South Shields

Treasurers

1922-24	A M Hall, Gateshead
1924-25	A Payne, Gateshead
1925-28	G S Taylor, Sunderland
1928-36	J W Parker, Sunderland
1936-47	W N Park, Darlington
1947-62	F Ainsley, Sunderland
1962-75	E N Harrison, Fenham
1975-83	A C Walker, Lanchester
1983-86	J Atkinson, Whickham
1986-04	C M Richardson, Sunderland
2004-06	Miss M E Holden
2006-14	M J L Durham, Durham
2014-	Mrs A Enzor, Heighington

General Secretaries

1877-88	G J Clarkson, Stockton
1888-92	L Newton, Durham
1892-94	Rev C Buston, Embleton
1894-05	C L Routledge, Newcastle
1905-06	W T Robson, Hartlepool
1906-09	A M C Field, Consett
1909-12	C Todd, Darlington
1912-14	R Stephenson, Hartlepool
1914-20	G T Potter, Newcastle
1920-21	B C Dixon, Newcastle
1921-28	E E Ferry, Newcastle
1928-36	G S Taylor, Sunderland
1936-47	R Park, Darlington
1947-51	J A Brown, Chester-le-Street
1951-71	D A Bayles, Chester-le-Street
1971-92	N A Johnson, Blaydon
1992-96	M Warford, Gosforth
1996-02	C R Moon, Hexham
2002-07	D G Walker, Whickham
2007-13	K Maughan, Whitley Bay
2013-18	Miss K Dickinson, Sunderland
2018-	Mrs J Ayre, Fenham

Annual Report Secretaries

1877-78	Rev J J Perry, Alnwick
1885-88	W G Routledge, Newcastle
1893-94	T Hudson, Bishopwearmouth
1898-04	W Holmes, Newcastle
1904-05	W T Robson, Bishopwearmouth
1906-07	C L Routledge, Newcastle
1907-08	T T Gofton, Whitley Bay
1911-12	R Stephenson, Hartlepool
1912-13	C Todd, Darlington
1920-22	E E Ferry, Newcastle
1925-28	A Payne, Gateshead
1928-45	C L Routledge, Newcastle
1945-47	R & W N Park, Darlington
1947-51	Miss M Fidell, Whitley Bay
1951-52	W J Davidson, Newcastle
1952-58	J Brewster, Chester-le-Street
1958-61	D A Bayles, Chester-le-Street
1961-63	J A Ainsworth, Fenham
1963-65	Miss M E Murcott, Whitley Bay
1965-69	K W Cheeseman, Tanfield
1969-71	K Lawson, Stockton
1971-73	J Burton, Hartlepool
1973-78	Mrs G Rogers, Durham
1978	J Hawes, Newcastle
1978-89	A C Banton, Stockton
1989-96	Miss R Dyson, Sunderland
1996-06	Mrs C Richardson, Sunderland
2007-11	B Spurling, Durham
2011-	Dr M Prentice, Chester-le-Street

