

Bell-Ringers Report 2024 APCM

We have had a very positive year ringing in the bell tower with many thanks to Andy our Tower Captain. We have had more new people come along to learn how to ring, returning ringers who has relocated to Lyme and also returning ringers from our not too distant past. We are also very grateful for the help of several ringers who come from other towers on a weekly basis to our Thursday practice night and Sunday ringing and have helped us with their expertise and knowledge.

Before Christmas we had an evening where the Friday Night fun group had a go at ringing and just after Christmas we had three consecutive Thursday evenings when three different groups from Explorer Scouts came to try their hand at 'pulling the ropes'. Both groups enjoyed the experience and had much fun. We rang at the Carols Around the Christmas Tree evening and the Candlelit Carol Service, which were two events that we had not rung at before.

We are also extremely grateful to Uplyme Church PCC in agreeing to and working to raise money for the long needed work on the bell frames and bell frame floor. This is to prevent rust in the future and prevent any woodworm that could present at some point. The bells are housed high up above the bell ringing platform that can be seen in church and maintenance is always required to keep them in safe working order. Without this work being undertaken the bells could become so unsafe they would not be able to be used.

If anyone would like to come along to try bell ringing we meet on a Thursday 7.30 - 9pm for practice and ring every Sunday morning. We are a friendly group and there is usually cake and tea on offer on Thursdays thanks to two of our group who are excellent at baking!

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