

The original three bells, which have rung out over Barnoldswick since 1723, were cast and hung by Abraham Rudhall II. of Gloucester. In 1880, T. Mallaby and Sons, bellhangers of Masham, removed the bells for refurbishment. They were reinstalled in a new wooden frame and fittings in May, 1881. These bells fell into disuse during the last quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, but in 2005 repairs and maintenance were carried out on them and a new Ringing Band was formed from members of the congregation and from local inhabitants. It was soon realised that to maintain interest as the Band progressed, it would be advisable to augment the ring to six or eight bells. A project to raise the necessary funds of £67,000 was commenced in 2006. However, by 2009 sufficient funds had been raised and work done to augment to six bells in the interim period, whilst fund raising continues to finish the project by the addition of the final two bells. Donations towards this are gratefully accepted and can be made to the Treasurer of the Ghyll Bells Group, Roy Bunn, tel. 01282 813703. In November, 2009 the ring of six bells was installed in a cast iron frame which can accommodate eight bells. On 30 January 2010, the bells were dedicated by Rt. Revd. David James, Bishop of Bradford, in the presence of their Worships the Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle. Weekly bell ringing practice and instruction is held every Tuesday evening, from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and invitation is open to all whether being existing bell ringers or potential learners. Enquiries relating to joining both as an existing bell ringer or to learn can be made to the Tower Captain, Chris Whale, tel. 01282 812734.

The three original bells of 1723 now form the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> of the ring. The 2<sup>nd</sup> bell is inscribed, "A.R. 1723. Peace and Good Neighbourhood". The 3<sup>rd</sup> is inscribed, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's. A.R. 1723" The 4<sup>th</sup> is inscribed, "Wm. Drake Esq. Ch. Warden. A.R. 1723". The treble, originally cast by John Taylor of Loughborough, was acquired from among the redundant bells from St. George's Church, Kendal in Cumbria. The 5<sup>th</sup> bell, known as the Ringer's Bell, was cast 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2007 to celebrate the church's 850 anniversary, by Taylor, Eayre and Smith of Loughborough. It is inscribed with the names of the members of the Band at that time, some of whom made generous contributions to its cost. The 6<sup>th</sup> bell, the tenor, was cast in 2009 by Taylor, Eayre and Smith and is inscribed with a dedication to each of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Associations of Change Ringers, who were the major sponsors of the project.

<u>Bell</u>	<u>Weight</u>			<u>Hz</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Diameter</u>
	<u>cwts.</u>	<u>qtrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>			
1	3	2	24	1399.0	F	26.25"
2	4	0	16	1246.0	E flat	27.25"
3	4	3	0	1111.5	D flat	29.75"
4	5	1	6	1046.0	C	31.00"

5	8	1	4	932.0	B flat	34.75"
6	12	1	17	832.0	A flat	39.50"