



Handbell Ringers of Great Britain - Registered Charity No 298945(England) and SCO038918 (Scotland)

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I hope everyone is well and looking forward to Christmas and the New Year. In this short newsletter is a greeting from our Chair, John Atkinson, news regarding some Christmas ringing and a trivia quiz on Christmas bell music - answers in the next issue.

Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2023
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Dear Friends

As we approach the end of another year, I am certain that many of you will be in the midst of performances celebrating the "Christmas Season"; a time when handbell tune ringing seems to be most popular and appreciated. You may, of course, have completed all your "gigs" and are looking forward to a relaxing Christmas and New Year. I do hope that you have enjoyed your ringing and that your performances were well received.

2022 has been a busy year for the committee. Starting with the national Rally in Sheffield, revisiting Grassington for our "Dales Gathering", our "Summer Ring", organised by friends from Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers. and, of course, our recent autumn rally, at Shilsden organised by the Bingley Handbell Ringers. We are certainly beginning to emerge from the pandemic period and meeting each other again.

Dates for 2023 events have been agreed and you will begin to receive further information in the new year.

Do remember to send photographs and articles about your festive ringing to your region secretary Rona at ronagager@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

In the meantime, I take this opportunity to wish you everything you would wish yourself for Christmas, New Year and beyond!

John



Chevin, Otley and Treble Eight Ringers had a get-together to ring some Christmas music in early December. Each of the teams has 3 octaves of bells, but for various reasons are not able to ring the full set at the moment, so joining together provided a perfect opportunity to ring some of the music that we haven't been able to ring for the past couple of years. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and there are plans to do the same next Christmas- if not sooner.



Here are the Chevin Ringers (and Christine) ringing some Christmas music at Burley Hall Care Home.



The beautiful tree decorated by the Chevin Handbell Ringers decorated for Otley Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival



At Ecclesfield we had a busy week. First of all we had a very successful Christmas Concert with both Ecclesfield teams ringing and joined by our guests Deepcar Brass Band and the choir of High Green Primary School. Then, two days later despite very bad weather our Early Bird team entertained the residents of the Laurels and Limes Residential Home. Next on the 18th of December a group of our ringers played at the Christingle service at Ecclesfield Church.

From Judy Gees - Amber Bells

Amber Bells continues to meet every couple of weeks and we have been having fun this week playing Beautiful Dreamer, which is quite a complex arrangement, but fun. We are now having a break until 12th January when we will be starting up again. We have four regular ringers and two others who have health issues and have been unable to ring with us recently. We plan to have a recruiting drive in the new year to welcome new ringers. We are looking for people who can already read music, as the group is a cohesive unit and we cannot really support starting from scratch unfortunately.

If you are interested in coming along to see about joining us, we meet on alternate Thursday evenings from 6.30 until 8.30 in the Bassett Rooms, opposite the church in Ashover. Please just give me, Judy Gees, a call on 07969 768001. Potential ringers will need to be able to read music please.

Christmas Bells Trivia Quiz (from Triviachamp.com)

1. If you hear the line "and friends are calling yoo-hoo", which Christmas bell song would you be hearing?
2. "In heav'n the bells are ringing" is a line from which Christmas carol?
3. If you heard the line "as the shoppers rush home with their treasures" which Christmas bell song would you be playing?

4. What kind of bells are in a Winter Wonderland?
 5. Which Christmas bell song is based on a poem by Henry Longfellow?
 6. Who wrote "Jingle Bell Rock"?
 7. Who wrote the famous Christmas song "Jingle Bells"?
 8. "Kling, Glöckchen", or "Ring, Little Bell" is a Christmas song in what language?
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Answers from the quiz in the last eNEws - World Cup country flags

1 - Uruguay, 2 - Argentina, 3 - Qatar, 4 - Poland, 5 - Belgium, 6 - Germany, 7 - Iran, 8 - Ghana, 9 - Senegal, 10 - Costa Rica, 11 - Croatia, 12 - Brazil