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HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all the very best for 2023.

Here are a couple of write-ups from our Beverley and Bradfield teams, please send any more you may have.

May I remind you that team membership is now due if you haven't already done it.

Also, if anyone has any spare foams that they no longer need and would be willing to sell, please contact me.

Thank you

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From Gill Quick and the Bradfield Handbell Ringers

Here are a few photos of our mulled wine and mince pie evening at St Nicholas Church High Bradfield. We had two new ringers with us, Sally who has been with us about 18 months and Jane who literally joined a few weeks before the concert. We should have had 8 ringers but due to illness the day before we were down to only 7! Fortunately everything went well and we had a lovely evening which everyone enjoyed. A huge thanks to Sally and Jayne for a great performance and the rest of the team for adapting to a few changes on the evening. Happy New Year.



Christmas Round-up from Beverley

The Christmas season started with two events on 3rd December when John, Claire and I attended a Christmas Fayre with the Hedon Team, leaving Hedon for a bite to eat before heading for Beverley's first event, a Christmas Street Event in Aldbrough.



Unlike last year where we almost became frozen to the ground we stood on we were to ring in the church together with Father Christmas and hot drinks though it was still cold as there was no heating in the church.



To finish the day off we beetled back to Beverley for a quick wash and change before heading off to a surprise party being held for Pauline - without giving her age

away it was, in musical terms, three scores!

Monday 5th saw us performing for the residents once again at Cedar Grange in Cherry Burton where the audience joined in singing Christmas carols. To me this is the start of Christmas.

Thursday 8th saw a return visit to the Parklands and to again entertain the guests with ringing and singing festive music.

Sunday 11th we were outside again, this time in the grounds of St. Mary's Church for the Beverley Festival of Christmas.

Tuesday 13th our only evening event was back to the Laureates in Cottingham. This small group are always very enthusiastic about the team and unlike the last two years they were able to take part in audience participation by ringing Good King Wenceslas followed by drinkies and mince pies.



Unfortunately our next two events at the Parklands had to be cancelled due to a breakout of Covid.

Saturday 17th most of the team joined company and enjoyed a Christmas meal at the Highfield in Beverley. Great food and company leaving just one day of Christmas ringing left.



Our last day of Christmas ringing was at the Beverley Tesco's who, over the years, have been loyal supporters of Beverley Town Handbell Ringers.

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Beverley Town Handbell Ringers

Answers from the Christmas Bells Trivia Quiz

1. The line "and friends are calling yoo-hoo", comes from the Christmas song Sleigh Bells.
2. "In heav'n the bells are ringing" is a line from Ding Dong Merrily on High.
3. "as the shoppers rush home with their treasures" is from the song Silver Bells.
4. The bells mentioned in Winter Wonderland are sleigh bells.
5. I heard the bells on Christmas day is the song based on a poem by Henry Longfellow?
6. Jingle Bell Rock was written by J.C. Beal James Ross Boothe.
7. James Pierpont wrote Jingle Bells.
8. Kling, Glöckchen", or "Ring, Little Bell" is a German Christmas song German.