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Summer Ring 22 June 2022

After three years of waiting, the HBRG NER finally met for their summer ring on a lovely warm evening at the Gatty hall, Ecclesfield on Wednesday 22nd June, hosted by the Ecclesfield ringers. The evening started with a cup of tea and a chat as ringers arrived from Beverley, Holy Trinity, Bradfield, Broomhill, Treble Eight and Bingley. John Atkinson, chairman of NER, then started proceedings by welcoming everyone and outlining the intentions of the evening.....ringing, socialising and fun!



Ringling commenced with "Over the Rainbow" which was expertly conducted by Tom from Beverley. Ringers had the opportunity of ringing with a team of their choice or by playing the chimes and bell plates that had been set up around the hall.

This was followed with a tune called "The Irish Washerwoman" arranged and conducted by Rona, our newly elected N.E. region secretary. This was a slightly more challenging piece being in 6/8 time and we managed to make the Irish Washerwoman dance after repeating the piece several times!



Our third piece, "Lara's theme", was conducted by Steve from Ecclesfield who was making his debut as a conductor, after agreeing to conduct whilst on holiday in Spain after having a few beers! This was our most challenging piece of the evening, being arranged by Vic Cox in 6/4 time.



Then it was time for the delicious buffet supper provided by Ecclesfield. Sandwiches, snacks and cream cakes were gratefully received and of course more time was spent socialising with friends.

Ringling resumed with a grand performance of the three pieces of music, played in reverse order, resulting in some excellent ringing and lots of fun.

All too soon the evening was closed by John who reminded us that the nights are now drawing in and we would meet again on 8th October at Silsden with a promise of lots of exciting treats to look forward to!

Rosie Davenport - Ecclesfield HR

Platinum Jubilee

Several North East Region teams took part in celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Here are two of them:



Gargrave Handbell Ringers

Here in Gargrave we had numerous events including 'Peals, Puddings and Prosecco' from 2-4pm on Friday. The tower bells, the handbells and the choir accompanied a 90-strong happy audience enjoying puddings and prosecco. The puddings included the winning masterpiece that won the competition on TV.

Two Grassington players helped us complete our team. We played the National Anthem, the Ukrainian National Anthem, and 7 tunes from the 'Wedding Rings' book which includes Prelude from Te Deum, Trumpet Tune, Fanfare for Spring, all arranged by John Mitchell. We were pleased with our performance.

Sedgefield Handbell Ringers

Sedgefield in County Durham held their Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Saturday 4th June. We started with an ecumenical church service followed by musical entertainment, provided by local groups, at Ceddesfeld Hall from 11 am to 4 pm plus other activities. Sedgefield Handbell Ringers took part wearing our new scarves which we bought from our competition prize money awarded by New Moon Insurance. We played a variety of songs finishing with the Ukrainian and the UK national anthems.



Please let us hear any of your news to include in the next eNEws.

Rona
