



Handbell Ringers of Great Britain - Registered Charity No 298945(England) and SC0038918 (Scotland)

North East Region eNEws - October 2022 -1

Welcome to our first October issue of eNEws, which sadly includes an obituary for Joan Speak, a founder and past member of Market Weighton Handbell Ringers, our condolences to all Joan's friends and family. We also have news of the new date for Mottram with Bells On! which was postponed due to the death of Queen Elizabeth and a couple of dates you might want to add to your diary for future concerts, further details will be given nearer the time. Please let me know the details of your own concerts so that I can include them in the next issue together with any team news.

Rona - NE Secretary

Joan Speak (April 1934-August 2022)

Joan & Bob Speak were the founders and mainstay of Market Weighton Handbell Ringers for many years, so it was sad to learn of Joan's death on 23rd August.

Officially, the team's handbells belong to All Saints Church, Market Weighton, but Joan and Bob gave them life and, over the years, taught many people not only to ring, but to enjoy and appreciate handbell music. As well as being an excellent ringer, Joan was also the team's Treasurer, utilising skills learned during her time at Barclays Bank. As a 'thank you' to the Church for storing and ensuring the bells as well as allowing the team to practice their rent free, Joan and Bob organised a "Music and Mince Pies" concert each December, the proceeds from which were donated to the church.

For their Jubilee Concert of 2012, the team was joined by Beverley Town to perform a concert in St John's, Market Weighton. Together, the two teams played Bob's arrangement of "Elizabethan Serenade", which remains part of MWHR's repertoire.

Although they retired from the handbell team in 2013, both Joan and Bob retained an interest and continued to give their support by attending concerts. Joan took advantage of audience participation sessions to show that she could still ring and enjoy ringing. Joan even enlisted members of the Speak family to ring with the team and was always happy to help when newcomers to handbell ringing came along.

Bob moved into residential care earlier this year, leaving Joan alone in the house they had shared for over 60 years. When Joan fell and broke her hip she was admitted to hospital, where she died in August. MWHR were pleased to ring at Joan's memorial service at All Saints, playing "Marche Militaire" and remembering the many years that both Joan and Bob had given to the team and to handbell ringing.

Janet Peacock

Market Weighton Handbell Ringers

Announcing a new Mottram with Bells On! concert date Saturday 15th October 2022. Doors open 7pm.

You are warmly invited to a delightful evening of live music in Mottram-in-Longdendale now on Saturday 15th October 2022. 7.30pm.

We're fundraising to help meet costs of replacing the bell frame and rehanging the bells at St Michael and All Angels, Mottram Parish Church by hosting an evening concert Mottram with Bells On! See poster attached. Support is appreciated to help promote the concert!

Music programme:

John LeGrove (Organ)
Adrienne Pyne (Soprano)
Tameside Junior and Youth Orchestras
Music Together in Mottram
The Martinis (Guitar duo) Kinder Quartet (Handbells)
Cait Walker (Show tunes)
Tickets available here via quick links, or by visiting Mottram Parish Church

www.mottramparish.org.uk/concert

www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=mottram

Tickets £10 for adults, U18 accompanied by an adult free



Save the Date

Saturday 20th May 2023

Northern Bell Orchestra and
The New Chamber Choir.

St Mary's Church, Bramall Lane, Sheffield



Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers Christmas Concert 2022

Saturday, 10th December at 3pm.

Gatty Hall, Ecclesfield, Sheffield, S35 9XY

Hosted by Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers and the Ecclesfield Early Bird Handbell Team guests Deepcar Brass Band and High Green Primary School Choir.

Tickets £7.00

