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Dear Friends

Welcome to our winter edition of e-News. By the time you receive this edition I guess your Christmas ringing season will be drawing to a close. I hope many of you were able to undertake some concert work and enjoyed the experience. Handbells at this time of the year are very special.

In two weeks it will be New Year and what a special time 2017 will be for HRGB. The 50th anniversary of the organisation and the 40th birthday of the North East Region. We shall be sending a letter to your team correspondent very soon outlining our ideas for celebrating during the year and a copy of the letter is included in this edition of e-News. I do hope you will be able to join us at these very special occasions.

In the meantime, your Regional Secretary, Christine Lazenby (Treble 8 Ringers) has a couple of announcements. Bingley's HBR supported Heritage Day by taking the opportunity to promote both their tower bell and handbell groups. Hot off the press comes a report from Hazel Bradey (Ecclesfield HBR) about the annual Christmas concert promoted by Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers. Helen Foley (Dronfield HBR) writes about the fourth Yorkshire Dales Handbell Gathering; hopefully not the last such event!

In January, HRGB (NE Region) joins forces with the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers to hold a second Joint Ringing Event on Saturday 28th January 2017. Solna Burnham (Bingley HBR) gives details of the activities for the day.

Do remember to send articles on your team ringing events, including Christmas engagements, for inclusion in the next edition of e-News so we can all share in your successes!!

I send my best wishes to you, as always, and look forward to meeting many of you in 2017!

John Atkinson
North East Region Chairman

**All items for the next issue of eNews should be sent to - aford11@aford11.karoo.co.uk.
by 28 February 2017**

Don't forget, if you are sending pictures out of a newspaper or magazine, you will need to know the name and address of the newspaper or magazine as well as the date of publication.



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Dear Friends

HRGB Birthday Celebrations

I am sure you will be aware that 2017 sees the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the formation of Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. The first rally was held in Ashton under Lyne on 7th October 1967.

There are, already, plans to celebrate this milestone, not least of which will be the National Weekend Rally to be held in Exeter in April 2017.

In addition to national events, all regions are planning their own celebrations and the North East Region is no exception. Indeed, we have a double celebration as the North East Region was established in 1977 so it is our 40th anniversary as well so our Spring Rally at Grassington will have a 40th birthday theme.

Your committee has been considering the form our celebrations will take and have decided to hold a number of 50th anniversary birthday parties (mini rallies) to cover all areas of the region. The exact dates and venues for our 50th birthday gatherings will be decided in due course, depending upon interest shown by teams.

Our main 50th anniversary of HRGB will be our autumn rally, in Sheffield, on Saturday 7th October 2017; the actual 50th anniversary date of the first formal rally for HRGB.

Whilst arrangements for both celebrations are in the early stages our detailed planning can only progress if we have an early indication of the teams who would like to attend any of the proposed celebratory events.

It is with this in mind that I write to you. I would be most grateful if you could discuss attending any of these events with your team members and let the committee know, in principle, whether you will join us on these very special occasions.

I do hope you will feel able attend and I am asking if you would be good enough to relay your expression of interest to your Regional Secretary, Christine Lazenby, by e-mail at christine.lazenby@hrgb.org.uk
An indication by the 31st January, 2017 would be helpful.

Should you have any specific queries, at this stage, about the proposals, please do not hesitate to contact John (01482 862551) or Christine (0113 267 7711)

I send my very best wishes to you and your team members.

John Atkinson
Regional Chairman

Notes from the Regional Secretary



Honoured Members

Nominations of members to be considered as Honoured Members of the North East Region need to be sent to the Secretary by 15th January 2017.

National Residential Ringing - Week - 31st July – 5th August 2017

You will have seen information about this in Reverberations. Once again it is being held in our Region, at Sheffield University. In spite of the name non-residential ringers can also attend, which may be an option for some of our South Yorkshire based ringers.

Christine Lazenby
North East Region Secretary

Heritage Open Days at Bingley September 2016

Bingley joined in the challenge made by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to open up 500 of England's bell towers in September.

We took advantage of the publicity to not only open the tower, but also to put on a display about the history of the Bingley Bells dating back to the 1600s, tell the history of the tower and introduce visitors to some of the bell ringers who have rung the bells over the centuries. We also told the history of our hand bells, their rediscovery and restoration over the past 6 years. Our exhibition included the new North East Region display boards which advertise handbell ringing in general and the HRGB in particular.



The trial run was on Wednesday 7th September when 20 members of the church ladies group and their friends joined us at our regular handbell practice. A number of them 'had a go' at handbell ringing and some also ventured up the tower - having been previously fortified by drinks and nibbles.

The tower was officially opened to visitors on the afternoons of Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September. The weather was kind to us and we had a steady flow of visitors over the three days.

Some were local having been attracted by our flyers and others who had heard of the event in the press, on social media or on the radio came from further afield. Because we

were one of the few events taking place on the Friday we had our photographs taken and appeared in the weekend edition of the Bradford Telegraph and Argus.

People enjoyed the handbell demonstrations and tours of the tower and most had a go either on mobile bell or at tune ringing on the bells and chimes. Refreshments were provided by the congregation in aid of the Church Path Project which also benefited from the sale of raffle tickets, plants and crafts.

As a result of the week end we have gained a new recruit to the handbell ringers, Kathy, who has taken to it like a duck to water and took part in her first performance with us only a few weeks later.

**Solna Burnham
Bingley Handbell Ringers**



Joint Handbell and Tower bell event



**The event will be held on Saturday 28th January 2017 from 10am
based around Christ Church, Ossett and should include:**

10am – 12 noon

*Opportunities for tower bell ringers to try handbells
and for handbell ringers to try the Wombel (model bell) and tower bells (under strict supervision)*

Demonstration and workshop of change ringing on handbells by Elaine Scott

12noon – 2pm

HRGB and YACR sales stalls

Advice on restoring and fundraising for dilapidated sets of handbells

2 - 5pm

Workshops for handbell ringers on Fundraising, Handbells in schools & Recruitment

General massed ringing for handbell ringers

Three open towers for tower bell ringing (at Sandal Magna, Crofton & Wragby)

All activities and tower fees included

Please put this date in your diary - 28th January 2017

For more details contact Solna Burnham on 07884 233382 or rnsburnham@talktalk.net

**Solna Burnham
Bingley Handbell Ringers**

The Yorkshire Dales Handbell Gathering, The Green Dragon, Hardraw Friday 30th September – Sunday 2nd October, 2016

The fourth – and final - Yorkshire Dales Handbell Gathering was held at the Green Dragon pub at Hardraw in Wensleydale at the end of September. This year's gathering was smaller than in previous years, but the participants were a friendly and happy crowd, and thoroughly enjoyed ringing some excellent music – a mixture of straightforward and more challenging pieces. The majority of the music was arranged by Philip and Don Bedford and conducted by Philip, and there were five pieces from Vic Cox's Dronfield Collection, conducted by Helen Foley.

Friday evening saw a friendly welcome to ringers arriving from diverse areas of the country, including Cumbria, South Wales, Kent, South Yorkshire and Glasgow, and the ringing consisted of carols and Christmas pieces in lovely arrangements.



Saturday was a long day, with massed ringing, teams ringing party pieces and workshops during the day, followed by a very informal concert in the evening. The concert had a very different format from previous years. Dronfield and Canterbury Handbell Ringers played some of their favourite party pieces. Judy Gees played the cello, accompanied on the keyboard by Philip Bedford. Don Bedford and his son David played a medley arranged by Philip. Peter Fawcett, who was one of the original instigators of these gatherings, sang an unaccompanied folk song. Glyn Foley played a bassoon solo, accompanied again by Philip Bedford. Everyone played a wonderful compilation of dances from the Nutcracker, arranged by Don's daughter and practised

during the day (one of the favourite pieces we played all weekend), and a fantastic arrangement of Skyfall – with Judy on cello, Alasdair Habuki- Bedford on viola and Elliot Habuki- Bedford on keyboard – for many, the highlight of the weekend. During the morning the handbell ringers had struggled valiantly with an accompaniment to Fauré's Elegie, accompanying Alasdair on viola and Judy and Elliot on cello. The same three soloists played this piece in the concert, accompanied on keyboard by Philip, so we could all hear the piece in its entirety. Drinks and socialising in the pub brought the evening to a close.

Sunday morning saw a later start, with the opportunity to go to church for those wishing to do so; informal ringing in the hall; and Qi gung in the car park for those who preferred a little exercise before starting ringing. More massed ringing followed after morning coffee, and the weekend finished after lunch.

Although the majority of the ringers were 'mature' there were five very keen young ringers, who must not be forgotten. Philip and Akane's sons Alasdair and Elliot were joined by their friends and team-mates Tilly Phillips, Charles Blümers and Ellie Box. It is wonderful to see young people enjoying handbell ringing, and these five youngsters were delightful to be with.

These four weekends have been a real pleasure for all taking part in them. Huge thanks must go to Philip and Don Bedford who, once again, worked enthusiastically and tirelessly to put the whole weekend together. Philip always said there would only be four gatherings – he has now run out of music to use! – but there is a chance that a certain lady (not me!) might take on the challenge at some point in the future. The future of the pub may be a deciding factor, but regular attenders are certainly keen for it to continue. All one can say is: Watch this space!



Helen Foley
Pictures by Philip Gregory
Dronfield Handbell Ringers

Autumn Rally - Brighouse

The Autumn Rally took place on Saturday 29 October 2016 at the Central Methodist Church in Brighouse and was organised by the Clifton Handbell Ringers. Beverley Town couldn't attend as a team as too many people seemed to have other things on that day but several other teams attended from around the Region and took part in the usual team ringing and massed ringing. The Clifton Ringers had also set a 'fun' quiz based on places in Yorkshire - there was one about a building in Hornsea which is only 13 miles away from us but we'd never heard of it.



The use of the dining room proved interesting as the Church had also arranged a Halloween treasure hunt for that morning so we had to drink our tea whilst being visited by witches and ghosts dropping off their answer sheets.

It was nice to go to an event and just be able to listen to other teams without the stress of having to ring ourselves and hoping that we'd get it right. However, that's not a luxury we'll have in Grassington as we are already working on some new pieces we hope to ring there.

Claire Ford **Beverley Town Handbell Ringers**



Here's a photo of Bingley handbell ringers in action at the handbell rally held in Brighouse on Saturday (29/10/16) The band performed along with nine other bands from all over the North of England.

Solna Burnham said that despite it being half term and numbers being low there was a good turn out from the region and it was a good opportunity to meet many people from other towns.

Peter Fawcett **Independent Member**

Ecclesfield Christmas Carol Concert - 10th December 2016

If there's one thing that is guaranteed to add to the stress of Christmas, try organising a concert.

There's been a longstanding tradition of a village carol concert since at least the 1950's and probably earlier - always bells, brass and voices. Originally organised by the local Toc H group ladies choir, supported by the Ecclesfield Silver Prize Band and the Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers. Then one year the ladies choir decided that there just too few of them to continue and the Toc H group retired. That left the Ecclesfield Band and us. The band took over the running of the concert, with the bells and various choirs and singers for a few years.

Unfortunately the Band's membership dropped and one year, in the autumn, they dis-banded. This left the Gatty Hall booked and the handbells, but no-one to organise it. So it was down to us. I well remember that first year - in addition to the handbells, we had a group of musicians from my son's school and we sang a lot of carols! We still had the original Toc H Carol sheets - well-thumbed.

Come January we had chance to book another band and a choir ready for the next Christmas. Liaise with the band and choir as to how long they are to perform and how much they charge. Can someone print tickets and posters and distribute them round the village. Make refreshments, buy biscuits, tea, coffee, disposable polystyrene cups, squash cups. Buy a boiler so that there is ample hot water for the teas. Table cloths/decorations. Make sure Band and choir members get drinks. Raffle prizes, raffle tickets, a bucket to shuffle the tickets in. Who has a loud enough voice to shout out the numbers. Who can man the door to take money and sell tickets, preferably with a friend to volunteer to help. Can someone sell CD's. Set up an Archive display. All hands on deck to set up the hall with chairs in the afternoon - Christmas decorations. Programme running order for the band, choir, accompanist and kitchen. Light for the pianist - extension lead needed and lamp.

Then on the day the dreaded phone call. Without fail, every year, my phone will ring between 8.30am and 9am. I know before I even pick it up that someone is ill. I distinctly remember one year when we had three people ill. How did we cope? I telephoned a past ringer to see if there was any chance he would enjoy standing in at the last minute, on bells he'd never rung, with music he'd never seen. The expression 'the show must go on' was very appropriate that year. This year the concert team already had one ringer substituted, whilst a ringer was recovering from an operation. Then we needed a last minute substitute for a member of the U3A team, which was now actually half U3A and half concert team ringers. Another ringer was in a car accident.

Did the audience notice a difference - I doubt it. The concert went very well, the hall nearly full. We had a new singing group called 'Humble Swain', who were a great success. All the usual audience participation including Schneewalz. All that was left was to clear all the chairs, lock up and go to the pub for a well earned drink.

You'll have to come one year and just join in the atmosphere. Put it in your diary.

Next year's concert is Saturday 9th December at 7 pm Gatty Hall, Priory Road, Ecclesfield.



Hazel Bradey
Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers



YouTube and You!



HRGB Guidelines (www.hrgb.org.uk/index.php/copyright) - banging on about copyright and performance licences again!

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Forthcoming Events

2017

Saturday 28 January - Joint Ringing Day - Christ Church, South Ossett, WF5 0BE

Further details to follow - or contact Solna Burnham on 07884 233382 or rnsburnham@talktalk.net

Saturday 20 May - NE Spring Rally & AGM - Grassington

Further details to follow -

Tuesday 20 June - Summer Ring - St. Chad's Parish Centre, Leeds

Further details to follow or contact christine.lazenby@hrgb.org.uk

Saturday 7 October - Autumn Rally - St.John's Church Hall, Sheffield is on the A621,

Postcode : S17 3LE - Further details to follow or contact christine.lazenby@hrgb.org.uk

Saturday 9 December - Ecclesfield Christmas Concert - Gatty Hall, Priory Road, Ecclesfield,.

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