



Handbell Ringers of Great Britain - Registered Charity No. 298945 (England) and SC038918 (Scotland)

## North East Region eNews 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue

Dear Friends

Welcome to this **VERY IMPORTANT** edition of e-News.

We are fast approaching our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration to be held in Grassington on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017. There has been an excellent response from teams wishing to attend this important event and the committee have faced some challenges in arranging the day for your enjoyment. Not least of all has been the need to allocate sufficient space to accommodate 16 teams, the ringers and their bells in the Grassington Town Hall.

In this edition you will find some useful ***“Notes for Guidance”*** for those attending the Grassington Rally. Please do take time to read them carefully. Also take this opportunity to print and complete your ***“Ringing Slips”*** in advance of the rally. As it says at the end of the note – “Help us to Help You!.

Don't forget! The Annual General Meeting takes place as part of the Grassington Rally. The agenda, minutes and financial statements are included here for you to print off and bring to the meeting!

Also included is the first article to appear in “Reverberations” reporting on the regional rally held in Selby on 12<sup>th</sup> November 1977; a lovely reminder of how it all began!

As many of you will know 2017 is the Golden Jubilee of HRGB and we have received a good response for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary mini rallies. In this edition you will find details of the four rallies with dates and venues. Please make a diary date; more information will follow soon.

As well as these celebratory events the HRGB Golden Jubilee teddies are touring the region throughout the year. For more information and a teddie pic, read on!

It is only a matter of weeks before our annual “Summer Ring”. Christine has provided information and application forms for this very enjoyable occasion. Book a place now to avoid disappointment!

We are in for a busy year! I hope to see many of you at our events; the first being Grassington 2017.

With my very best wishes to you all!

**John Atkinson**  
**North East Region Chairman**

# ***40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rally – Grassington*** ***20<sup>th</sup> May 2017***

## ***IMPORTANT NOTES FOR GUIDANCE***

- ***Car Parking*** There is no dedicated car park for users of the Town Hall. Parking spaces nearby are very limited. There is some parking both in front of, and at the rear of, the hall; both being full by late morning.
- If you are not bringing bells and equipment in your car it is advisable to park in the main town car park (on the left as you enter Grassington from Pately Bridge). The Town Hall is at the top of main street through the market place; a walk of approximately 10 minutes.
- Please note the hall will not be open for “set up” until 9.30 am.
- It is ***very important*** that the organisers are made aware of any team which needs to leave before the official end of the rally (e.g.) between 4.30 – 5.00 pm.
- There will be a Reception Desk in the main foyer where members can obtain information on all aspects of the rally organisation. There will also be Stewards at the Stage Door access at the rear of the hall.
- Please ***do not*** start setting up tables without first registering your arrival at the Welcome Desk and then making contact with ***Andrew Ford*** and his Stewards who will supervise the setting up arrangements.
- Please note it may be necessary to “hold” your bells and equipment in the corridor space, at the side of the hall, prior to having access. Please be patient.
- Due to space restrictions this year, it has not been possible to place chairs round the tables. Some Chairs will be available round the perimeter of the hall and additional seating is available on the stage and it will be necessary for some members to move to their tables when it is their turn to perform.
- Please ensure that your completed ***“Ringing Slips”*** are handed in to the Steward at the Welcome Desk as soon as possible after arrival.
- Tea / coffee and light refreshments will be available in the separate dining area from 9.30 am onwards. Please note that, with the exception of the period when the AGM is taking place, ***refreshments will be available continually throughout the day. It is not proposed to have a rota for the kitchen this year***
- There will be the usual table in the foyer for donated raffle prizes. Please note that HRGB ***do not*** hold a licence to allow donations of alcohol.
- Some teams have kindly made spare bells available for Massed Ringing, Those members who have expressed a wish to participate in massed ringing, only, do not need to bring bells and foam; however if you need to ring a particular pairing of bells it may be as well to bring these with you to use as we cannot guarantee everyone their first choice of bells. Please remember to bring your music scores with you. Details of which team (bell set) you have been allocated to will be available at the reception desk.

At the end of the rally please start to pack your bells and equipment but wait for instructions before leaving the hall. It will be necessary to ensure everyone leaves the hall in an orderly manner.

***Help us to Help You***

## **RINGING FORM for GRASSINGTON RALLY**

*We have added an extra section to the forms this year. A number of groups have difficulty finding pieces to ring - on music websites it is almost impossible to decide how difficult or suitable a piece is in advance of purchase - so this information would help others. If however you wish to keep this information close to your chest then in is up to you.*

**PLEASE HAND THIS IN TO THE WELCOME TABLE IN ADVANCE OF THE RINGING SESSION**

### **Session 1**

Team Name:

Piece to be rung:

Composer/Arranger:

Where did you get the music from:

Anything else you'd like us to know about the piece or your team?

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### **Session 2**

Team Name:

Piece to be rung:

Composer/Arranger:

Where did you get the music from:

Anything else you'd like us to know about the piece or your team?

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### **Extra Piece**

Team Name:

Piece to be rung:

Composer/Arranger:

Where did you get the music from:

Anything else you'd like us to know about the piece or your team?

**HRGB (North East Region) 2017 Regional 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Parties**  
**Dates & Venues**

**GROUP 1 (North)**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017**

***Wylam Methodist Church  
Chapel Lane  
WYLAM  
Northumberland  
NE41 8DF***

Tyne Valley HBR (*Host Team*)  
Glendale HBR  
Bells of ST M  
Lynesack HBR  
Sedgefield HBR  
St Anne's Ringers  
Northallerton HBR  
Trinity (Ripon) HBR  
Peter Sotheran (Cleveland HBR)  
Embleton HBR  
Bells Up  
Ruth Milne (Individual Member, Silver Chimes)

**GROUP 3 (Central / West)**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

***St Paul's Methodist Church  
Tower Hill  
SOWERBY BRIDGE  
West Yorkshire  
HS6 2EQ***

Ryburn Ringers (*Host Team*)  
Otley Bell Orchestra  
Grassington HBR  
Bingley HBR  
Treble 8 HBR  
Bolton Percy HBR  
St Matthew's Handbell Choir  
Chevin HBR  
Clifton HRB  
Ackworth St Cuthberts HBR  
Ackworth HBR  
Pontefract – The Buttercross Ringers  
Wharfedale Junior HBR  
Dewsbury HBR  
Oxenhope HBR  
Janie Grabham (Individual Member)  
Ex Eastbrook Mission  
Peter Fawcell (Individual Member)

**GROUP 2 (East)**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

***Ganton Village Hall  
Woodside Road  
GANTON  
Scarborough  
YO12 4NS***

Filey Parish Church HBR (*Host Team*)  
Bridlington Priory HBR (*Host Team*)  
Scarborough HBR  
Market Weighton HBR  
Lockington Beaux & Belles  
Beverley Town HBR  
Hessle HBR  
Hedon HBR  
Holy Trinity Messingham HBR  
Harlaxton Chimes  
Gerry Bacon (Individual Member)

**GROUP 4 (Sheffield / South)**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (from 1.00 pm)**

***The Gatty Memorial Hall  
Priory Road  
ECCLESFIELD  
Sheffield  
S35 9XY***

Ecclesfield HBR (*Host Team*)  
Ecclesfield U3A  
Bolsterstone HBR  
Amber Bells  
Bradfield HBR  
Stannington HBR  
Broomhill Bells  
Portercroft School  
Trinity (Sheffield) HBR  
DoubleTreble HBR  
Dronfield HBR  
LindseyTrevarth(IndividualMember)

## HRGB North East Region AGM

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the North East Region of HRGB will be held at  
The Town Hall, Grassington  
On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at 11.30

### Notes from the Regional Secretary



#### Mid-Summer Evening Ring, Leeds, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017

The North East Region of HRGB is holding a 'Mid-Summer Evening Ring' in Leeds on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, hosted by the Treble Eight Ringers.

This will be a massed ringing event in which members can partake as individuals or with other members of their team. The idea is to have an informal evening making music together.

This year we are trying something slightly different as we will use mainly 12 bell music. Bells and music will be provided. Marked copies of the music (i.e. pairs of bells highlighted) can be provided for less fluent music readers if requested. If required, the music can be provided in advance for converting in to number notation.

The venue is St. Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Far Headingley, Leeds. Doors will open at 7 pm and ringing will begin at 7.30 pm. A light supper will be provided.

The evening will cost £8.00 per person. Cheques payable to 'HRGB North East Region'. Numbers are limited, so please apply early. Closing date June 6<sup>th</sup>.

We may need some teams to bring along a 12 bell set (C15/ C5 – G4/G6) plus a couple of accidentals). Please indicate on the form if you are willing to bring these and we will let you know nearer the date if they are required.



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Please return this form and send it with a cheque made payable to HRGB North East Region to:

Mrs. C. Lazenby, 2 Holt Park Approach, Leeds. LS16 7PW

Team Name: .....

Number of members attending @ £8.00 each: .....

Total: £.....

Please indicate how many members require marked music: .....

We would be willing to bring a set of bells Yes /No

**Christine Lazenby**  
**North East Region Secretary**

## NORTH EAST REGIONAL RALLY (1977)

The Hawdon Institute, Selby, was the meeting place for handbell teams from North East England on Saturday 12th November. One of the hopes for the occasion was that as a result of the rally a North East Region could be formed. Altogether ten teams rang and the afternoon was most enjoyable.

The programme below shows the wide range of music we heard. We also saw that there is no 'standard' way of ringing handbells. The teams varied considerably in size, in their number of bells, in their handling of the bells, in their method of writing out the music, and in their overall presentation. This fact often comes as a surprise to those who have never been to a rally before and its discovery is one of the excellent reasons for holding a Rally. In addition, a rally is a meeting of like-minded people and an opportunity to perform to a discerning audience. This in itself does wonders in helping to improve a team's standard.

After the first ringing session, tea was provided most ably by the parents and friends of the Selby Abbey Handbell Ringers. Quite a number of people took advantage of the opportunity of a conducted tour of the abbey. Next came a short business meeting; we were glad to welcome John Partington and other members of the Executive Committee. The North East Region came into being with the election of:

*Chairman:* Thomas H. Foster, Selby  
*Secretary:* Rosalind Rogerson, Durham  
*Committee:* Hazel Bradey, Ecclesfield  
Michael King, Ecclesfield School  
Peter Fawcett, Clifton, Brighouse

Several messages of good wishes came from teams and individuals who could not attend and the Grassington W.I. team unfortunately had to withdraw.

The second ringing session gave teams a further chance to entertain the large audience and a few teams embarked on a third round. The afternoon was a happy occasion and thanks go to Thomas Foster and his helpers at Selby Abbey for their organisation and thought. The next North East Regional Rally will be at Huddersfield on Saturday 20th May and details will be sent to all North East teams.

R. Rogerson  
*Regional Secretary*

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### Golden Jubilee Teddy Bear



We are hoping to get a photo of every team in the Region with the Golden Jubilee Teddy Bear. These will be collated and displayed at the Autumn Rally and also put on the web-site.

Please take a photo of your team with the bear and send it to [christine.lazenby@hrgb.org.uk](mailto:christine.lazenby@hrgb.org.uk)

Each of the bears will have a list with them of teams in their area and a contact number or email. When you have had your team photo taken, please contact another team on the list and arrange to take the bear to them, or for them to collect the bear from you.

Otherwise, please return it to the designated person on your list.

The bear needs to be at Grassington (20/5/17), the Summer Ring (20/6/17), the four mini-rallies and the Autumn Rally (7/10/17)

If you have any special event that you would like to have the bear for, then please let the designated person know and we will try to arrange it.

# Forthcoming Events

## 2017

**Saturday 13 May - Lunchtime Spring Concert** - Northern Bell Orchestra Lincoln Cathedral  
[further details follow link](#) or Contact Judy Gees 01623 883705 - [hsocello@btinternet.com](mailto:hsocello@btinternet.com)

**Saturday 20 May - NER Spring Rally & AGM** – Grassington

**Tuesday 20 - June Summer Ring** - St. Chad's Parish Centre, Leeds  
Further details to follow or contact [christine.lazenby@hrgb.org.uk](mailto:christine.lazenby@hrgb.org.uk)

**Saturday 1 July - Northern Bell Orchestra** - Open Day, Ashover - further details  
Contact Judy Gees 01623 883705 - [hsocello@btinternet.com](mailto:hsocello@btinternet.com)

**Saturday 15 July – 50<sup>th</sup> Regional Birthday Party Rally** – Gatty Memorial Hall, Ecclesfield  
Further details to be confirmed

**Saturday 8 July - Northern Bell Orchestra** -Evening Concert, Lord Street West United Church, Southport.  
Further details Contact Judy Gees 01623 883705 - [hsocello@btinternet.com](mailto:hsocello@btinternet.com)

**Saturday 2 September – 50<sup>th</sup> Regional Birthday Party Rally** – Wylam Methodist Church, Wylam  
Further details to be confirmed

**Saturday 7 October - Autumn Rally and 50th Anniversary Celebrations** -  
Further details to be confirmed

**Saturday 28 October – 50<sup>th</sup> Regional Birthday Party Rally** – St Paul's Methodist Church, Sowerby Bridge  
Further details to be confirmed

**Saturday 4 November – 50<sup>th</sup> Regional Birthday Party Rally** – Ganton Village Hall, Ganton  
Further details to be confirmed



# The Northern Bell Orchestra at Lincoln Cathedral



Lunchtime Concert  
13<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
1.10pm-2.00pm

Music will include:

"What a Wonderful World" made famous by Louis Armstrong,

"Largo" from Dvořák's New World Symphony,

"And All That Jazz" from "Chicago!"

"Waltz No 2" by Shostakovich,

Plus music written especially for handbells.

