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Happy
Christmas



We Wish
You A Merry
Christmas



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THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



I wish you all a very
Merry Christmas
and a peaceful year
to come.

Brian Buttery

Cover Picture

Dot Williams of
Grantham Town
Handbell Ringers
and Pauline Avey
and Freda Jones
of Stanwick
Handbell Ringers



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H.M. Queen Elizabeth II



Her Majesty The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral Castle on Thursday 8th September 2022. We mourn her passing and thank God for her life and work during seventy years as Queen of the United Kingdom.

H.M. Charles III



Regional Chair's Report



Hello everyone. Well, we finally got to have our "Get Back to Ringing" rally on 29th October, nobly supported by representatives from teams and independent members from the East Midlands region.



It was really nice to welcome the three ladies from Brailsford HR (see picture left) and the independents as well as members of Grantham Town HR and Stanwick HR. I think everyone enjoyed the day. It gave me great pleasure to present Jane Heald and Brian Buttery with their Honorary Region Member certificates. They were awarded in recognition of their many years service in a variety of roles for the benefit of the Region. This was a rare occurrence and to be able to present two at the same time is something that has never been witnessed in this Region before. It was a bit of a challenge for me,



**Brian Buttery: Mike Johnson
Jane Heald**

and I had to be careful what I said to who, as neither Jane nor Brian was aware that they were to be awarded, but both knew that the other was! I must thank Nichola and her helpers for what was a truly wonderful spread of food and drink. Our thanks too to Marie Allen for her absorbing and entertaining quiz, The cost for the whole event, including the hall hire fee,

provision of music and food and drink was all covered by a grant from HRGB so attendees were able to attend free of charge. So, thank you to HRGB for supporting our region (and all the other regions) by providing the funds for the event.

The other past event that I need to mention is the Joint rally with the West Midlands Region at Kenilworth on 15th October. Unfortunately, only 2 teams from the East Midlands were represented: Stanwick HR and Carillon. It was brilliant to see Sue and Ian Young from Carillon there – they had a round trip of about 180 miles to be there! That's dedication for you. It's a shame that only 6 from this region were able to attend as it was a good day and nice to meet HRGB members from the adjacent Region and see and hear how some different teams operate.

I do appreciate that some teams in our Region are not very interested in either Region or National handbell events and that some teams are finding it difficult to get back to where they were before the pandemic had such an impact on everyone's lives. But Handbell ringing is still going strong across this country and in many countries around the world, so it would be a shame if you miss out on the worldwide fellowship that is Handbell Ringing. So, even if, as I said at the beginning of this paragraph, your team is not bothered about Region or National events, it would still be interesting to hear a bit your team and/or it's members, by submitting an article for the Region Newsletter.



Future events: At the time of writing, the Carousel concert, hosted by the East Midlands Region Team, is to be held at ChristChurch in Finkin Street in Grantham on Saturday 10th December. You should have been notified about this event via the HRGB emailing system. If you haven't received that notice, it may be because you don't yet have an email



address registered on the system. It really is a good idea to have your email address on "the system" as you will then be notified directly when an event is publicised. HRGB are still running on-line webinar sessions and while the information is available on the National website, the details can be sent straight to you via that emailing system. These notifications will not fill your inbox with rubbish. You will only receive an email when a Handbell related event is being organised for the benefit of members.

A bit more in the future is our Region rally and AGM being hosted by the Bretherton Handbell ringers to be held on Saturday 29th April 2023 at the Methodist Church in Ruskington. Please put the date in your diary, as we would love to see as many teams and independent members as possible attending. More details will follow in the new year. Please don't be put off by the "AGM" part of the day. Usually this is a very short interlude in the day's proceedings, but it is required to allow the Region committee to report on the activities and financial status etc for the preceding year and to elect/re-elect the officers and committee for the coming year.

I think that is probably more than enough from me, so in closing I would like to wish you all a good Christmas and let's hope that 2023 will bring some sunshine and hope that there is some light at the end of the tunnel (Maybe difficult to believe at the moment!)

Mike Johnson
Chair - East Midlands Region

AGM
Annual General Meeting
Saturday 29th April 2023
Ruskington Methodist Church



**Crescendo Scheme
Badge
See article opposite.**

Minster Minis Handbell Team



I am very pleased with how committed the handbell ringers are and how well the rehearsals have gone, especially since we had a few new members join us in September. The handbell team consists of twelve ringers and we have been practising two carols and two pieces from our repertoire from last year. Our Musical Director at school, Mrs Wallis-Windle, has asked us to perform at a concert on 19th December, to entertain some senior citizens from our local town, Southwell. We intend to perform the carols and both pieces, *Clare de Lune* and *Frère Jacques*, if time allows. The concert will be held in our Main Hall.

Our new members have strengthened the team and allow us a little flexibility if one or two ringers cannot attend a rehearsal. One ringer with a broken hand, even comes to rehearsals and rings one handed each week!

We have embarked on the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain's Grægendo training scheme. This involves showing aptitude in many different aspects and covers notation, ring styles, music theory as well as proficiency in ringing handbells. Most team members have qualified in the level 1 programme (called pp) and will be receiving a badge and a certificate in due course from the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. There are four stages (pp, mp, mf and ff) with seventy areas of musicality to cover. I am confident that all ringers will be able to gain at least level three by the end of July 2023.

Due to increased demand, we have started a junior training group with our Head of School, Mr Dring, and this group is learning to play *Belleplates*. We had a mini concert this week with both teams giving a performance to each other. I was so impressed with the standard of ringing from both teams. Well done all.

Judy Gee
The Minster Junior School
Southwell Nottinghamshire.

National Residential Ringing Week



Monday 31st July

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Saturday 5th
August 2023

International Conductors

Nick Hanson (USA)
Emily Li (Hong Kong)
Kate Sawallisch (UK)



Venue

The Edge
Sheffield University
South Yorkshire

Booking details may be found
online at handbells.org.uk

Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III



Saturday 6th May 2023



Diary

**DATES
FOR YOUR
DIARY**

2023

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| 22nd January | ERMT Rehearsal 1.30 pm Grantham |
| 28th January | NEC |
| 26th February | ERMT Rehearsal 1.30 pm Grantham |
| 26th March | ERMT Rehearsal 1.30 pm Grantham |
| 14th-26th April | NATIONAL RALLY — Stirling |
| 23rd April | ERMT Rehearsal 1.30 pm Grantham |
| 29th April | Rally and AGM at Ruskington Methodist Church |
| 28th May | ERMT Rehearsal 1.30 pm Grantham |
| 25th June | ERMT Rehearsal 1.30 pm Grantham |
| 1st July | NEC |
| 23rd July | ERMT Rehearsal 1.30 pm Grantham |
| 31st July - 5th August | National Residential Week |
| 27th August | ERMT Rehearsal 1.30 pm Grantham |
| August | 21st International Symposium - Japan |
| 30th September | NEC |
| 24th September | ERMT Rehearsal 1.30 pm Grantham |
| 22nd October | ERMT Rehearsal 1.30 pm Grantham |
| 26th November | ERMT Rehearsal 1.30 pm Grantham |

2024

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| February | NEC |
| 5th - 7th April | NATIONAL RALLY - WM Region |



Regional Secretary's Report



Being able to write to the region members knowing that the region has finally found its footing after the pandemic is a great relief. Teams across the region will be performing Christmas concerts, meeting for practice sessions, and attending rallies once again.

The West Midlands/ East Midlands regional rally in Kenilworth became a solo event for the West Midlands, as only six of our members attended. However, I am told that it was a very enjoyable day of ringing.

The East Midlands committee were also successful in organising their 'Get Back to Ringing' event. The day was full of massed ringing, performances from Grantham Town Handbell Ringers and Stanwick Handbell Ringers, and a bell-related quiz. Along with a generous spread for lunch, the day was enjoyed by all.

I would like to wish Jane Heald and Brian Buttery huge congratulations for both achieving the status

of "Honorary Region Member". What a fantastic achievement awarded due to their long-lived commitment to the region; an enormous well-done to both.

The East Midlands Regional Team are going strong, with increasing membership. After a very successful November practice, the team are now ready to perform their Christmas Carousel on the 10th December. To those interested in joining or just wanting more information, please feel free to contact me.

I wish you all the best in your ringing ventures until I write to you next.

Samuel Davies
Contact samueljd79@gmail.com



Stanwick
Handbell
Ringers
Four-in-Hand
Ensemble
Gill, Marie &
Sam

Webinar Question Time



QUESTION TIME PANEL

Anthea Slark (Biddenham HR) (EAR)
Philip Bedford (Bedford Family Ringers and other groups) (SE)
Rob Willis (Ockment Valley HR, Tor Bells and the regional team the Sou'westers) (SW)
Wendy Walters (Alton Handbells) (WM)

Held on Saturday 30th July 2022.

The meeting was hosted by Mike Johnson (EM) and Keith Meader (EAR)

The panel introduced themselves and each gave a short CV of their history in handbell ringing

There was a a wide range of questions:

- Tips for integrating a new member into a team
- How to handle a ringer who was late on the beat
- How to attract new members
- New music is expensive. How do you decide to introduce a new piece of music without buying a full set of music
- How do you decide what to charge when ringing a concert.
- Chimes Pros and Cons
- HRGB Membership
- Panel members asked to recommend a piece of music.





A total of 38 tuned into the Zoom Meeting

We were was privileged to have such an enormous amount of ringing experience among its panellists and they did not disappoint in their replies to questions. I am sure that everyone at the meeting benefitted in some way from their tips and experiences.

A repeat webinar Question Time will be well worth the arranging.

We thank our hosts for leading us through the many questions and express our appreciation to our panellists for their time in being with us. As expected the meeting overran its time slot but we all were happy to play extra time.



West Midlands Rally ***Kenilworth***



On the 15th October, the West Midlands Region held an autumn regional rally at the Upper School in Kenilworth. Unfortunately, only six members from the East Midlands attended, which prevented the rally from functioning as a joint one. However, those who attended thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Upon arrival, ringers were warmly welcomed to the event by the West Midlands Chairman Richard Hartnell. Once all the teams had set up their equipment, the order of events began, starting with 'T'was in the Moon of Wintertime', an arrangement of a French folk tune by Cathy Moglebust. After she introduced the piece, Wendy Walters directed the ringers from behind the baton, taking the time to iron out inconsistencies (especially those of rhythm). After tackling the music sectionally, Wendy built up the ringers' confidence, allowing a musically cohesive end product to emerge.



Richard Hartnell



Upper School Kenilworth

It was now the turn of individual teams to participate in a round of rally ringing. There were many teams of different sizes ranging from a full five octaves to Stanwick's twelve bell ensemble. It was lovely to hear all the teams play.

Lunch gave everyone the opportunity to recharge their batteries and exchange handbell experiences with other ringers. It was interesting to hear such a variety of different bell ringing stories and to be able to share our own. Meanwhile, tickets were being drawn and prizes distributed from the intriguing Chinese raffle.

Our second piece of massed ringing music was the 'Berceuse' from the 'Dolly Suite', composed by Gabriel Fauré and arranged by Robin Benton. This took many of us back to the halcyon days of "Listen with Mother". This time it was the turn of Richard Hartnell to wield the baton. There were two tricky modulations that we had to look out for and other sections with ranging dynamics; practising these in isolation ensured a more musical performance.

During the final section of the day, the ringers relaxed and listened to each other playing in their teams, during a second set of rally ringing. Once again, a fantastic spread of ringing was provided by all. A welcome tea and cake break preceded our massed ringing final performance, where we played both pieces that we had been rehearsing with Richard and Wendy throughout the day.



Stanwick Handbell Ringers

The East Midlands region sends its thanks to the West Midlands for being such accommodating hosts during a fantastic day of ringing.

Gill Crowe

Stanwick Handbell Ringers

The Real Father Christmas?

1

*Saint Nicholas -
born in Greece in
270 AD.
As Bishop of
Myra he was
known for giving
gifts
anonymously*



2

*Pagan Festivals
In ancient
Britain he was
represented by a
man wearing a
green cloak with
holly and
mistletoe*



5

*16th Century
The Lord of
Misrule was
more evident
than Father
Christmas. He
presided over the
Feast of Fools*



6

*17th Century
During the
Commonwealth
Period of 1649 -
1660 Christmas
was forbidden
until The
Restoration*



8

The Modern Father Christmas

*Since the 19th Century our Jolly Giant has evolved
and flourished and remains part of this festive
season. He continues to keep alive our tradition and
will endure in our hearts and minds this and every
Christmas.*





3

King Frost or King Winter was of Saxon origin. He was welcomed into homes and given food and drink in the hope of a milder winter



4

*Medieval England
In the 15th century the first representations of Father Christmas appeared.*



18th Century

7

Father Christmas was in decline but David Garrick's production of "A Christmas Tale" of 1774 helped keep him alive.



Webinar Change Ringing

Saturday 15th October 2022



An excellent explanation of the mysteries of change ringing was the subject of Judith Frye's Webinar. Some 30 members of HRGB joined Judith on Zoom.

Judith is the Tower Captain at Dunblane Cathedral in Scotland where there is a ring of eight bells

Her presentation with animated pictures, videos and carefully arranged visual explanations of how tower bells are rung and produce changes gave us a fascinating insight into the world of change ringing.



The equivalent switch to change ringing on handbells was equally lucid and finished with a video by the Society of Cambridge Youth* of ringing on handbells that left her audience gasping in admiration.

Forthcoming Webinar presentations may be found on the HRGB website



**"What's this I hear
about wearing a
uniform?"**

Webinar Damien Lim



A fascinating meeting on a Zoom Webinar was held on Saturday when Tim Willett was in conversation with Damien Lim of Singapore. A select membership of 13 members joined the meeting but were entertained by Damien whose passion for handbells shone like a beacon.

It would be worth repeating to allow more members to meet with Damien.

This New Year I
resolve to be less
awesome....

Since that is really the only thing I
do in excess!



Over the Border!



On Saturday 19th November three of us from the Stanwick Handbell Ringers crossed the border between HRGB East Midlands region and the East Anglia region to attend a massed ringing rally at Great Denham, near Bedford. The venue was an attractive, modern community centre and the rally attracted approximately 50 ringers from the following teams: Biddenham, Broxbourne, Ivel Ringers, Sound Appeal, Sawston, Barking, Royswood Bronze, Phoenix, Walland Express and North Ockendon along with a few 'orphans' including Alan & Margaret Hartley. We were made very welcome and greatly enjoyed the afternoon playing four different pieces of music.



Aidan Fozard conducted the first piece, 'Song of Gladness' by Arnold B Sherman published by Red River Music. The score was written for 2-6 octaves of handbells with optional parts for handchimes. Copies of the music were handed out on arrival so it was sight reading for all! I found this piece a challenge, but Aidan helped us to tackle some tricky sections first before trying to play it through. At least we had an advantage with the next three pieces as these had been sent out via e-mail before the rally, enabling ringers to familiarise themselves with 'their notes' etc.

John Thompson then took us through William Gordon's arrangement of 'The Ashgrove'. It was a relief to play a familiar



Aidan Fozard

tune but our timing and rhythm skills were tested in the second and third variations!

'Danse Macabre' by Camille Saint-Saens arranged for handbells by Robert Willis came next. Hilary Holt conducted this, introducing hand chimes on page two. We also practised mart lifts under her supervision to minimize damage to the bells.



Great Denham Community Hall

Finally it was Paul Fricker's turn to conduct one of his own compositions, 'Fanfare for Handbells in D minor'. He wrote the Fanfare when he was Director of Music at St Stephen's school in Hong Kong. The pupils learnt it off by heart to play on the recorder while they processed on Speech Day. All the children were taught to play the recorder before they moved on to learn a wide variety of other instruments. Paul seemed to enjoy our performance of his arrangement for handbells.

Partway through the afternoon we had a break for tea and delicious home-made cakes before a final performance of the four pieces. Thank you to the East Anglia Region for organising the rally and allowing us to attend. We really enjoyed our time 'Over the Border'. On a dark, wet and windy afternoon we considered ourselves very fortunate to have such a short journey home!

Marie Allen
Stanwick HBR



"GET BACK TO RINGING"

**Saturday 29th October Ashby School,
Ashby de la Zouch**



This was the Region's second attempt to organise a rally to celebrate being able to join with other teams and enjoy playing handbells together again. Grantham Town, Stanwick and Brailsford teams met up with independent members from Washingborough, Stamford and Cambridge.

The East Midlands Chairman, Mike Johnson, welcomed everyone, underlining the fact that although we may be small in numbers, we were nevertheless anticipating a great day of ringing and socialising. We had already been greeted with coffee, tea, biscuits and goodies, so the day was off to a good start!

Our first massed ringing piece came as rather a shock! Samuel Davies had taken 'Swanee', composed by George Gershwin, and arranged it for handbells. Small step by small step, under his patient guidance, the sounds gradually began to resemble the tune we recognised. More practice would be needed later!!

Grantham Town HBR



During the day Grantham Town and Stanwick played a variety of tunes on their bells and handchimes. These were much appreciated and applauded by the audience.

The next mass ringing

Swanwick HBR



'Swanee' and we had chance to concentrate on the feelings and dynamics of the music under Jane's guidance.

An excellent lunch was provided by Nicola Wright and her helpers from Ashby School. When we were already full, large slices of delicious cake appeared!! Would we really be able to play the bells again in the afternoon? Mike thanked Nicola and her friends for their hard work and presented them with small gifts.

Raffle tickets were drawn during lunch. Thanks to all those who had donated prizes.

As we settled down for the afternoon session, Mike sprung a surprise on two members present. A framed certificate was presented to Jane Heald in recognition of the years of hard work and commitment she has given to the region. She is now an Honorary Regional Member, an honour she certainly deserves. Brian Buttery has this year celebrated 50 Years PPlaying and working for the East Midlands Region. He too was presented with a certificate by Mike and granted

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Jubilee Edition of Newsletter

A Souvenir Jubilee Edition of the Region's Newsletter will be published in 2025 to celebrate 50 years since the founding of the East Midlands Region.

I should be grateful if all members would peruse their photo albums etc. and let me have any that you think suitable and would like to be included together with dates, event, names etc.

Articles concerning the founding/history of the Region would also be welcome. Please send to me by email or to the address at front of the Newsletter.



Editor

**First HRGB Residential
Weekend at Burgh le
Marsh 1978**

**Went for a meal
with a load of
electricians**



**None of them
wanted starters
they just went for
the mains.**

**When life gives
you melons,**



**you
might be
dyslexic**

NEC MEETING



NEC Meeting 1st October Meeting held on Zoom

Resumé of minutes.

1. Chair welcomed Rona Gager of NER
2. There were 6 apologies
UK Bronze. The hotel had been cancelled at short notice for refurbishment. An hotel at Croydon had been hired as a replacement, 55 members attending to date. Not thought to affect fees.
3. **Minutes** of the last meeting (25.8.22) were agreed after amendments:
 - Reverberations Editor had resigned due to ill health. New editor required.
 - Ringers Road show held at Nottingham University. No obvious benefit to HRGB
- 4 & 5 **Regions,**
Regions reported on regional matters and events including East Midlands:
 - Back to Ringing event on 29th October 22
 - Judy Gees reported on progress of her Minster School team.
- 6 **Team Leaders Weekend Seminar.**
10 delegates enjoyed a successful weekend.
A subsidy of £1500 was agreed.
- 7 **HRGB Secretary.** The work of the secretary had been split into five
Minute Secretary - Judy Gees
AGM & Diary Secretary - Kate Worthington
Correspondance Secretary - Sandra Winter
International Secretary - Vacant
- 8 **Succession Planning** - held over to January meeting
It was agreed that The Chair should write a letter of condolence to King Charles on The death of The Queen.
- 9 **Strategic Development** - Discussed in breakout groups
 - Membership - Use of membership cards
 - Webinars - future subjects
 - National Event
 - 2023 Progressing well 16 workshops

- 2024 NW Region 5-7th April
 - NRRW 2023 - - Update at January meeting
 - 22ND International Events—UK Three venues under review,
 - HRGB /website
 - Webinars
 - Outreach Team
 - Profesional Handbell Team
- 10 Money Matters 2021 accounts submitted. Regional rebates being sent to Regions. Online banking being encouraged.
- 11 Rule Changes - Minor changes were discussed and will be distributed.
- 12 Charity Commission - deferred to next meeting.
- 13 Trustees Induction Session - 1st November
- 14 Charity Commisson News - None
- 15 Membership Update - New teams in SW and Scottish Regions
- 16 HRGB Sales - Postal strike affected delivery of Reverberations. Bedford Music to be discussed by Chair and Phillip Bedford
- 17 Website update
- 18 Social Media Update - deferred. Reverberations. Chair to write to Amanda thanking her for her work as Editor.
- 19 Archives: Alan to curate an exhibition at Kirklees in 2023.
- 20 WHMF - Update report.
- 21 Correspondence 40 enquiries
- 23 AOB Mike Johnson (EM) requested financial assistance for EM regional Zoom Licence. Not granted. The policy would be reviewed in the event of a further lockdown.

Next meeting 28th January 2023.





*All Things
Bright and Beautiful*

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

The purple headed mountains.
The rivers running by,
Are filled with deadly toxins,
Cascading from the sky.

.....Chorus

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
Is tainted with the plastic,
We've thrown into our bins.

.....Chorus

The typhoons in the winter,
The burning summer sun,
The changes to the climate,
Have only just begun.

.....Chorus

The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at the gate,
All humans high and lowly,
Will suffer the same fate.

.....Chorus

God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
The choices we are making,
To turn the world to hell.

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Christchurch HBR
Linton and Gresley



HRGB - SCOTLAND

National Rally
14th - 16th April 2023



STIRLING COURT
HOTEL

The Scottish Region is looking forward to hosting the UK National Rally 2023 at the Stirling Court Hotel, Stirling.



Look for details in Reverberations

Obituary



Brian died on Saturday 24th July 2022. He was 77 years. A NHS AMB. Technician (Ambulance man to you and me) he retired in 2016. Among his interests as well as handbells were motorcycles and shooting.

Together with his wife Janice they were among five volunteers that joined The Saint Wulfram's Handbell Ringers after Vaughan Evans (MD) had called for recruits. He rang in the bass section during when the team were able to ring five octaves of bells. He enjoyed his ringing and at rehearsal the final choice of music was always chosen carefully as Brian carried the tune in his mind during the following week.

A memorable picture of Brian was at a Rally at Washingborough which had a pirate/nautical theme. Brian certainly looked the Navy Captain.



May He Rest In Peace

EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL TEAM

EMRT The Regional Team meets at Grantham on the fourth Sunday of each month. If you would like to join the team and experience ringing on 5 octaves of bells please contact Jane Heald



janeheald@hotmail.co.uk



Obituary

Mrs Sun-Joo Shin



Tim Willets, HRGB Chairman said, "I'm very sad to have to let you know that Mrs Sun-Joo Shin has died, at home in Japan. Many of you will know that she has not been well for some time."

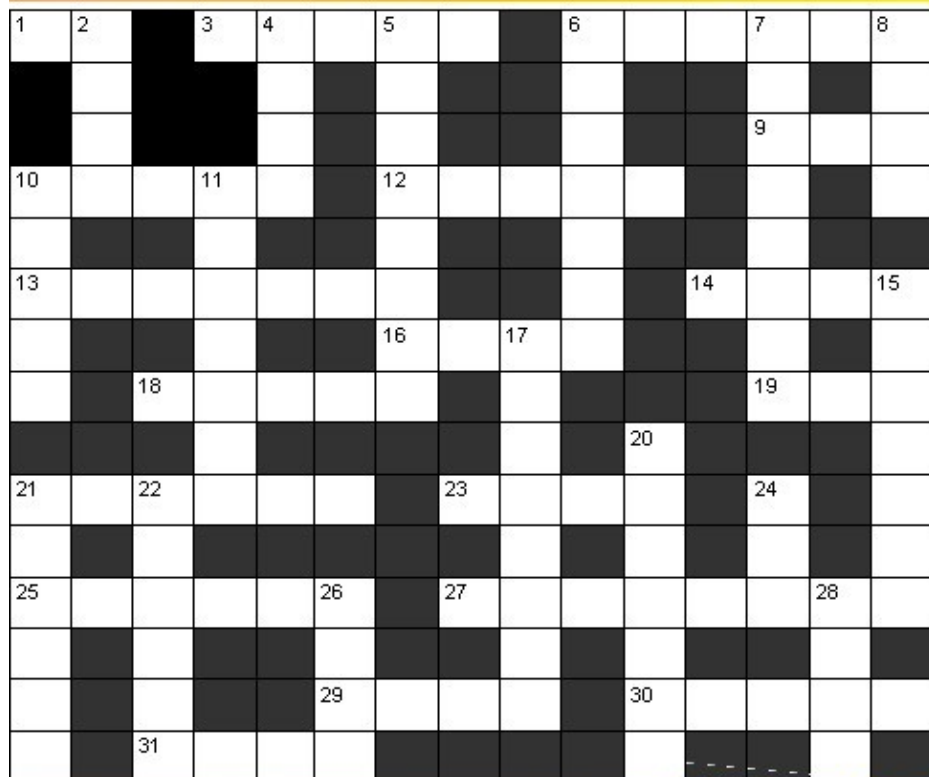
She was Executive Director of Handbell Ringers of Japan for many years, and latterly Executive Director of the International Handbell Committee.

Carmel Daveson, President of the Handbell Ringers of Australasia, has written *"One of my most vivid memories of (Mrs Shin) was in Canada at an International Handbell Committee. (She) was asking the members of the International Handbell Committee to view handbell ringing as more than a cultural activity. She stated very clearly that she saw the International Handbell Symposium's primary purpose was to foster peace and understanding between nations. (Her) motion then became the stated vision for the International Handbell Committee: 'World Peace through the Spirit of Music'."*

We offer our condolences to her family.

May She Rest In Peace

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



Hymns and carols are hiding among
this year's Christmas Crossword
clues.

Results in the Spring Edition 2023.



CROSSWORD CLUES



Across

- 1 & 6d : With clouds descending (2, 2, 5)
3 Fear Not - he said (5)
6 Hark—This one sang (6)
9 Old saying (3)
10 For those at risk at sea (5)
12 Church's Parliament (5)
13 See 2 down (4.2.5)
14 Tree fruit Proverbs 27:18 (4)
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My attempts to combine nitrous oxide and Oxo cubes made me a laughing stock.



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Massed Ringing at Raunds Rally - "Be Still My Soul"



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