

OYEZ



FEBRUARY 2020

NUMBER 21

IN THIS ISSUE:

REGIONAL CHAIR'S CORNER

SHE'LL BE COMING ROUND THE WHAT? (MAGHULL NOVEMBER RALLY)

NORTH WEST SPRING RALLY & AGM

PERFORMING RIGHTS

QUICK CROSSWORD NO.2

NOVEMBER QUICK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

REGIONAL CHAIR'S CORNER

By the time you read this 2020 will be well underway, but nevertheless I wish everyone a Happy New Year.

I suspect that many teams have a break at some point after the Festive Season but hope that having filed away Christmas music, you enjoy returning to familiar pieces or even starting something completely new. During December, some teams are hectic with concerts and performances two or three times a week (sometimes even more), others maybe have things at a more leisurely pace. Whatever time you spent with your team by way of entertaining audiences or enhancing worship, I hope things went well and you enjoyed your ringing opportunities.

The North West Region's Spring Rally and AGM is now on the horizon and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Saturday 14th March at Bury Grammar School, details of which will have been received by your team correspondent and are to be found elsewhere in this edition of 'Oyez'. This is usually the largest gathering of our teams in the year and a chance to see ringing in different styles and hear a good variety of tunes. There will also be a couple of pieces of Massed Ringing and an opportunity to have a go at a piece in some depth and see how the expertise of a conductor can create order out of chaos (well maybe that's a bit of an exaggeration but you get the gist!). As usual, there will be spare bells for those 'significant others' who aren't part of a whole team on the day. During the Rally there will be a break to have our Regional AGM. Why is it that a groan always goes up when an AGM is mentioned? We do our best to keep things moving and do as much of the correspondence as we can beforehand. This is an opportunity for you, as HRGB members, to put forward ideas and suggestions which will deepen our enjoyment of tune ringing and provide

opportunities for developing and learning the skills to do our best for ourselves and our fellow team members.

The vast majority of us tend to be much more focused on belonging to our team than the wider issues of belonging to the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. Within the national organisation we have people with a whole range of expertise who willingly share their time and talents to further handbell ringing. We have Regional Reps who attend National Executive Meetings when many items are discussed and planned and ever changing legal requirements are discussed (often at great length!). Any organisation has to look to the future and members of the regional committees have recently spent a considerable amount of time discussing issues to do with safeguarding, copyright/performing and what HRGB may look like well into the 21st Century. All of these subjects are very important but so is what is happening now with you and your teams and events close to home. We should be showing off tune ringing up here in the North West so that our audiences can see how much fun ringing can be and maybe want to be part of it. Think back to what made you decide to join a team, hope that others will follow and spare a thought for how you can play your part in that.

The North East Regional Committee has the extra responsibility of organising and delivering a successful National Rally weekend at Sheffield in April. Like the North West, they have 'old hands' at this unenviable task and I am absolutely certain that those of you who have booked to attend will have a brilliant time. Do remember that those of us who aren't able to be there would love to see/hear about what you did. There's space for photographs on our web-site and facebook group page or how about being brave enough to write an article for our own *Oyez* or even *Reverberations*?

Finally, the eagle-eyed among you will have noticed that the heading of my part of this publication/magazine has changed. All national and regional officers have been requested by Tim Willetts, National Chair, to have gender-neutral titles which reflect life in the 21st Century and so we comply with this. You may, or may not, be comforted to know that when a) I can't get a word in edgeways at a Committee meeting or b) someone hasn't done what they were asked or promised I may just temporarily revert to being the Madam Chairman...

With very best wishes

Linda

Linda Parkington

SHE'LL BE COMING ROUND THE WHAT?

At our (November) mini rally teams were given the challenge of writing a verse to the tune of '*She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain*'. This resulted in a 9 verse rendition with entertaining lyrics and percussive additions making it a very enjoyable performance! We thought we'd share the lyrics with you, to make it more interesting I won't label the verses with the team name; most are self-explanatory anyway!

We started out from Marple before nine,
Confident that we, Maghull, would find.
Although we lost the parish hall
Couldn't find the place at all.
Here we are and having a good time.

We were coming down the motorway from Sale
We battled through the wind and rain and hail
Our team of five survived
We finally arrived
To play our tunes and hope we do not fail.

We really do not want to sing this song
But everyone else is so we'll sing along
We would rather be in bed
But we are here instead
We're just glad the song isn't very long!

We can have significant others on the day
But without the loan of bells we could not play
When orphans they did call us
We all kicked up a rumpus
But we're pleased to say they got it right today.

We've come all the way from Gresford in our van
The practice and the packing went to plan
We didn't need a visa
The new bridge made it easier
We've come all the way from Gresford in our van.

We've all come down from Kinder to be here
'Coz taking part in rallies we hold dear
We expected to be ringing
But now we're flippin' singing
If you like it you can give us all a CHEER!

We'll be eating all the oranges today
We'll be eating all the oranges today
We'll be mixing them with lemons
We're the bells of St Clement's
Ringing oranges and lemons all the day

We'll be going home shortly when we've played
We'll be going home shortly when we've played
We've made music oh so gladly
And now we're leaving sadly
But hope to see you shortly come what may!

We're Maghull Handbell Ringers from Liverpool
And we've welcomed you to our parish hall
We've enjoyed the handbell ringing,
Cake eating and tea drinking
We really hope good fun was had by all!

Beth McCord

THE SPRING RALLY

The Spring Rally & AGM is at Bury Grammar School (Boys' Department - a change from previous years but only across the road). The hall & car park will be open from 10.30.

HRGB NORTH WEST REGION

SPRING RALLY AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, 14TH MARCH, 2020 AT BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The Calling Notice and Nomination Form for the AGM has been sent out to all teams and independent members in the last few days. If you have not received a copy, please let Irene Merson know – irene@mersons.co.uk, tel 01663 308621.

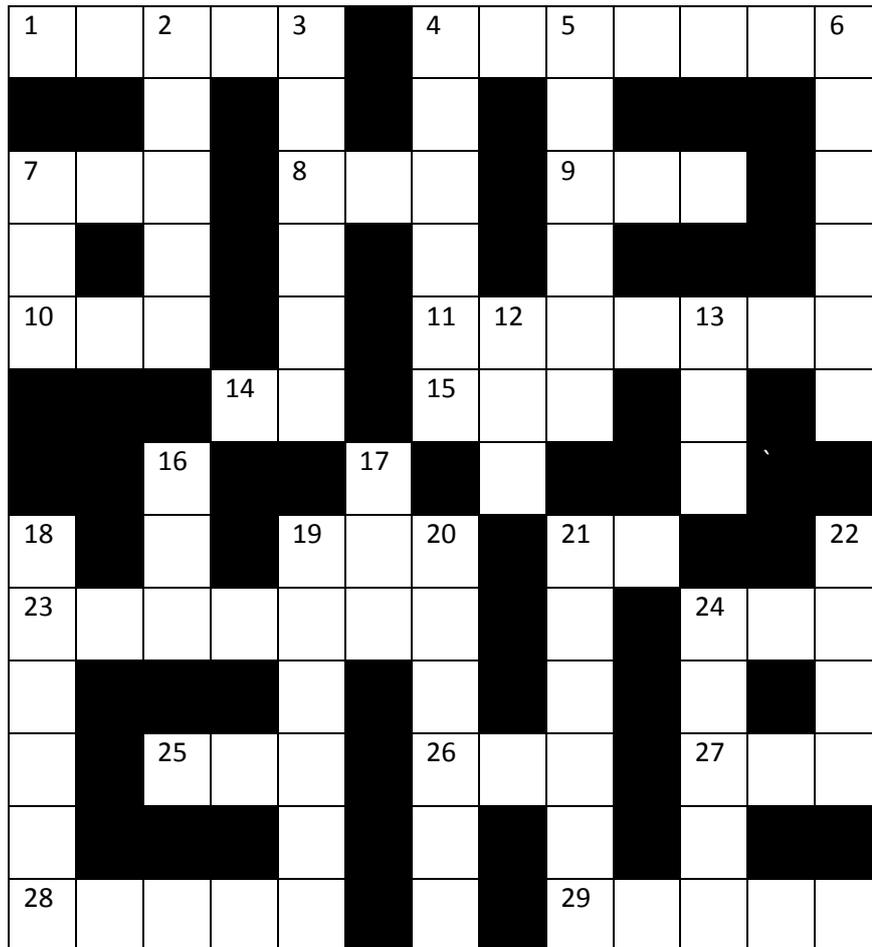
Spring Rally – times will be: Doors open at 10.30 am, Rally starts at 11.00 am, AGM will be in the middle of the Rally starting at 1.15 pm, and we aim to finish by 4.30 pm. More details and the Booking Form will be sent out in the next few days.

NEW GUIDANCE ON PERFORMING RIGHTS

HRGB has just added advice on Performing Rights to the website – go to the Home Page and click on the link. It is important to read this, so you can ensure that your team is complying with the law when you perform.



QUICK CROSSWORD No.2



Across

1. A lively dance
4. Brussels is its capital
7. A powerfully built short-legged horse
8. Girl or young woman
9. This organisation could really make your career take off.
10. Royal Leamington ...
11. One of a number of countries whose names begin with New.
14. Short mother
15. Consume
19. At or near the centre of a range

21. Small business
23. A smith who shoes horses
24. Large
25. A large African antelope with a long head, a beard and mane, and a sloping back
26. By way of
27. It has a cathedral
28. A set of facts or figures systematically displayed, especially in columns.
29. Finally over. Finished.

Down

2. African country, with Tripoli as its capital
3. Another African Country, with Luanda as its capital
4. Belmopan is this country's capital
5. A rope used as a lasso or for tethering
6. A sequence of single notes that is musically satisfying .
7. A variety of lettuce
12. The seed bearing head or spike of a cereal plant.
13. In addition
16. The usual or expected level
17. Achieve the same score.
18. A vigorous attempt
19. A small amount of time
20. Pure as the snow
21. A line or ridge produced on paper
22. Unpleasant in appearance
24. Mix and combine

NOVEMBER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

1	R	A	2	L	3	Y		4	P	A	5	S	S	I	V	6	E
			A		E			R		O							M
7	V	A	R	I	A	T	I	O	N	S							B
	E		G		R			N		N							E
8	R	I	O		L			9	C	R	E	A	10	T	E		D
	B			11	B	Y		12	E	A	T			E			S
			13				14			W				A			
			W				L										
15	N		A		16	S	E	17	A		18	M	E			19	A
20	A	N	D	Y	C	A	P			A			21	A	S		P
	T					R		P			L			N			E
	I			22	L	E	G	E	R	L	I	N	E				S
	O				E		A			E			U				
23	N	O	M	I	N	A	L			24	T	A	L	E			S

The clues were:

Across

- Bell ringing get-together that's really motoring
- Accepting what happens without response or resistance
- Enigma types
- De Janiero
- Brought into existence
- Near to
- Consume
- Oceans of water – but a bit smaller
- In tonic sol-fa the third note of a major scale
- Old cartoon character with a flat cap, drinks beer and used to smoke
- An Egyptian cobra
- (5 and 6 letters) Short lines added for notes above or below the range of a stave
- Existing in name only
- Stories

Down

- In a slow tempo and dignified in style
- Annually
- Male relative of a monarch
- A poem of fourteen lines
- Fixes firmly and deeply in the surrounding mass
- A word used to describe an action
- A bundle of soft material
- An open area of grassy or arable land
- A large body of people
- An upright partition
- Be attractive or interesting
- A bell ringer's small hammer
- Copies, mimics
- Declare invalid

.And a reminder about Regional Events –

If you usually attend events and find for some reason that you won't be able to manage one, it would be useful if you could let Irene Merson or the host team know straight away. Just a quick email or phone call is very helpful, to save us wondering whether we will receive a last-minute booking.

Finally – **PLASTIC OUT, CUPS IN** – This was so popular at the Spring Rally that we decided at the AGM to make it the Region's policy for all future events.

SUBMITTING ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL DEADLINES

To submit articles and photographs you can contact me, David R. Kerry at
blitzen@btinternet.com

EDITORIAL DEADLINES

Oyez will be issued three times a year at the beginning of February, June and November.

The absolute last dates to get items to me will be the 20th January, 20th May and 20th October.

Please don't leave it to the last minute.

NORTH WEST REGIONAL COMMITTEE, 2019 - 2020

REGIONAL CHAIR Linda Parkington 50 Belbeck Street Bury Lancs BL8 2PX Tel 0161 797 6325 lindaparkington@btinternet.com	SECRETARY Irene Merson 9 Bowfell Drive, High Lane, Stockport, SK6 8HZ Tel 01663 308621 irene@mersons.co.uk	TREASURER Chris Ellison Park View, Putnam, Greystoke, Penrith, CA11 0UP Tel 01768 483361 chrisghr@btinternet.com
SALES MANAGER & NEC REP Margaret Hubbard magshubbard05@hotmail.co.uk	COMMITTEE & NEC REP Beth McCord bethmccord@hotmail.com	JUNIOR LIAISON Derek Jackson dereknjackson@sky.com
COMMITTEE MEMBER Alan Cox stedmanhse@gmail.com	COMMITTEE MEMBER Sheila Harris sheilaharris436@gmail.com	COMMITTEE MEMBER Anne Hopley anne.hopley@clara.co.uk
COMMITTEE MEMBER Sue Hunter suecrofthouse@gmail.com	COMMITTEE MEMBER Jennifer Jackson jenniferjackson915@gmail.com	COMMITTEE MEMBER Norma Parke johnparke333@btinternet.com
COMMITTEE MEMBER Kate Worthington kate@lakesideneedlecraft.co.uk	NEWSLETTER EDITOR David R. Kerry blitzen@btinternet.com	REGIONAL WEBSITE MANAGER Jeanette Jenkins jeanette.jenkins1@ntlworld.com