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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

What can I say? One minute we were all merrily ringing bells and then suddenly activities ceased. This issue is less "Oyez" and more "Oh Dear".

When the bell ringing stopped it wasn't the only silence I noticed. There was a lot less traffic, hardly any aircraft etc. You could actually hear yourself think, hear bird song and the air smelt fresher too.

My wife and I started tidying the house and cleaning it more frequently. The garden is the best it has ever looked and, we are lucky, we can still go and visit our horses - although we chose not to ride during lockdown in case we had an accident and ended up in hospital. As I write this we have started going out for short quiet hacks (this afternoon in sunshine and with the temperature at 23C in Cumbria!!)

The absence of vehicles did make me wonder how many unnecessary vehicle journeys people were making before the lockdown.

I am sure a lot of you will be missing your handbell ringing sessions and one can only hope that it won't be too long before we can return to some sense of normality.

I send you all my very best wishes and hope that you remain safe and well.

David



**During our house cleaning we found a number of bottles –
so something nice has come out of this crisis!**

FROM OUR REGIONAL CHAIR

Hello to you all in these strange times,

I hope that you are all coping as best as your circumstances allow. As we will have had at least 10 weeks of the Lockdown by the time this is circulated, and more for those who have been self-isolating for longer than that, we have all had to adjust to very different routines. There's a lot of distress, worry and sadness about but we can also see the remarkable resilience, kindness and compassion our families, friends, key workers and total strangers have shown in our communities and neighbourhoods.

When I first started handbell ringing way back in 1984, I used to so look forward to Monday night's handbell practice at St Stephen's, Bury. Of course this was in the days when teachers had a life and could, at least one evening a week, go out with a clear conscience regarding marking and preparation of lessons. There was no doubt that the thoughts of being with friends, enjoying our ringing, having performances to work towards and hearing the difference practice makes, made the first working day of the week very much more bearable. The same can be said for most, if not all, music groups and choirs but also for any social groups through church, sport, U3A, crafts, literary things and the like. Even if we're a bit under the weather, the anticipation of company, improving a skill or knowledge and just being sociable can make us feel better. Then, when we get there, aren't we glad we bothered? As members of HRGB with handbell ringing in common, I hope that many of you feel the above is true for you. For most of us and for the majority of time, following the rhythm and pattern of our lives with our families and beyond makes us what we are. I think that the last weeks have given me time to appreciate that and know that, eventually, that contact we've missed so much will be there again, albeit at a distance for some time to come.

So, what have you missed most about not meeting as a team? Maybe you'll share an idea or two and send them to David Kerry for the next edition of 'Oyez'. We could have a couple of pages of 'Ringers' Regrets' or 'Troublesome Teams' (views from a team leader!!) or 'Priceless Practices'. They could be profound or funny and give the rest of us a little hint as to the dynamics of your practice times. Don't worry - you could be anonymous!! I'd be interested to know who got round to cleaning their bells. Was it in the same flush of enthusiasm as cleaning the car, weeding the garden and shredding all that unwanted paperwork were at the beginning of it all?

I am the storer of a few bells which came to the region from the estate of our late regional President, John Partington. Those of us who are 'Significant Others' at events use them, along with others bells and chimes, to join in Massed Ringing. Well, I can tell you that the F12 (Whitechapel numbering, don't know what that is in other money) has been used by me on the Thursday evening 'Clap for Carers'. My neighbours have got used to it competing with spoons on pans! Should we need a prolonged note at the next Rally, I'm your man (or woman. I shall be standing up and not sitting on a Chair but let's not go there with all that!).

Who's looked at our Regional web-site in the last few weeks? Jeanette Jenkins has been busy with that and our facebook page, if that's your thing. It would be really good to see that the number of people accessing either or both shot up dramatically. You may even get round to posting something yourself or sending a contribution to her. I am certain that David will have written something similar in another part of this rather 'limited edition'. Thanks to both of them for their important roles in our region.

Finally, to the next few months. Who knows??? We need to have a regional AGM sooner rather than later and it would be wonderful to have a ringing event in the late Autumn. However, as this is 22nd May and there's too much speculation in the world as to what may happen and when, your regional committee is not adding to it. Whenever teams generally get going again and we are reassured that the time is right to hold those events, we shall do so.

With very best wishes for the coming weeks,

Linda

THOUGHTS FROM SHEILA HARRIS (TANTONY & DEAN)

May 2020

2020 is a year we will never forget. We all have our different memories of this time. The main thing for us all is we have not been ringing bells, they have been packed away and we have had to find something else to occupy ourselves.

Even though I only ring twice a week, with Tantony on a Tuesday morning and Dean on a Thursday evening, my time seemed to be fully occupied. There was also Pony Club, for which I am treasurer so there was always money to sort. So what has my time been occupied with? Organising the garden, me advising and husband, Tony, carrying out instructions. It eventually has been tidied up. Had a problem in getting plants to give a bit of summer colour, eventually got some from our local tyre depot, which daughter picked up for us.

We didn't want to put too many plants in as it was getting to be a daily chore to water the plants, because up until a couple of days ago the last lot of decent rain was on 10 March. We have of course been kept busy with the horses, mainly poo picking field, that is a twice a week job, but we have a Hoover for that!!

I keep to a routine so that I know what day of the week it is, Monday washing, Tuesday vacuuming, Wednesday clean bathrooms, then I lose track. I even clean the kitchen surfaces everyday mainly because I like to see the shine.

Decorating inside is being done when it is cool outside, we were going to paint the stables but can't get the paint!! (Tony is happy about that).

My next job is to check the bells and see if there is any maintenance to be done. It will be interesting to see how on earth we ring bells when we are social distancing!!

No one knows what normal will be like in the future, we will no doubt have to adapt to different ways. As long as we keep safe.

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SESSION 2:

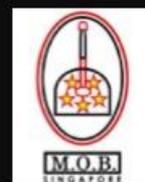
7pm (SIN / PER / HKG)

5am (Edmonton), 12pm (GMT), 8pm (Tokyo), 9pm (Brisbane)

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Please note that the 12pm GMT quoted is actually midday

TV AND RADIO QUIZES, GAME AND PANEL SHOWS OLD AND NEW

From the cryptic clues work out the names of the programmes

1. Large amounts of money made by this group of related persons.
2. Muffled under bed clothing? This shot's not live.
3. Can't write – my pencil broke.
4. This friend of Sooty goes shopping.
5. The retail value is correct.
6. A somewhat sexist brain or "My Lord, be careful"
7. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Lift off.
8. Gratuities location?
9. "I always tell you the truth."
10. Hang on a tick. Only sixty seconds.
11. Choose your digging implement.
12. £100 multiply by 2.
13. Getting into Oxford or Cambridge is tricky.
14. Sledgehammers, stone crushers?
15. What actors might say at an early rehearsal?
16. It's solely about joining up.
17. More than nine are capable.
18. "Is it football or is it cricket?"
19. Not feasible.
20. Firing at celestial bodies.
21. Well known saying.
22. Spare tyre – that's lucky.
23. Money cage.
24. Bovine optic.

25. Sell it like a dead horse.
26. Latest information, might I be in a position to impart it to you?
27. Getting the best price in the last 100 years.
28. The Pursuit.
29. Clever top hens?
30. The cleverest person in this land.

FUNNY OR NOT?

Henry VIII liked his Queen to be athletic but she wouldn't run, she wouldn't stroll, she was simply Ambling (Anne Boleyn).

Earl Mountbatten was the Viceroy of India replacing the original ROY.

The infamous words that started the Russian revolution were, "Is Len in"?

Did you know Judy Garland sang about pie weighing in the film The Wizard of Oz?
If you listen carefully you can hear the line "Somewhere over the rainbow weigh a pie...".

FEBRUARY 2020 QUICK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

QUICK CROSSWORD No.2

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The clues were

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

SUBMITTING ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL DEADLINES

To submit articles and photographs you can contact me, David R. Kerry at
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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.

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