

## **St LAWRENCE CHOBHAM HANDBELL RINGERS**

2004 was an active and successful year for the team, beginning on St Valentine's day, 14th February, by hosting a very successful rally for handbell teams from all over the South East Region. Further details of our activities may be found on our website (<http://handbells.chobham.org/>) and here we just provide some of the highlights.

During a concert in East Sussex in May we performed the "world premiere" of ***RING OUT***, an original composition commissioned by the team from Sandra Winter to celebrate 26 years leadership of the team by Alan Collings. Alan and Sandra were both there and received presentation copies of the score.

*Ring Out* again featured as our solo piece at the International Handbell Symposium in Toronto in August, which we followed up with our own post-symposium tour in Quebec and Ontario.

Our usual participation in the Chobham Festival in September included a practical workshop for all ages to "have a go". We also ran handbell workshops for years 2 and 4 at our local primary schools in Chobham parish.

Throughout the year we have given our usual range of concerts, raising money for charities and for our own funds, as well as playing for clubs and residential homes in west Surrey and north east Hampshire. These activities peak during December when we aim to bring some Christmas cheer to many people in the area and raise money for The Children's Society.

We have said farewell during the year to Georgina Carfrae, Ginny Edwards, Lorraine Lyter-Read, and Maureen Speller. We welcome Ansgar Aldridge, Helen Flockton, Ann McHale, Daniel Pelling and Adrienne Prinsen as new members.

Sandra Bedford joined the committee as a representative of St Lawrence Church. We are particularly grateful to the PCC, both for allowing us to use the hall (and occasionally the church) for practices, and for providing a secure storage facility for our equipment in the old organ case. We also thank Paul and Claire Reed for housing our new trailer pending more permanent arrangements.

We are looking forward in 2005 to participating in a variety of events organised by the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, including the national rally in Manchester in April, as well as our usual local activities.

**Tim Willetts, Musical Director**

**Steve Edwards, Chairman**