

Last year at the end of my report I wrote: "I'm hopeful that we will be able to attract new ringers who will allow us to expand again soon" and we have indeed been very lucky that during the past twelve months two new ringers have joined the team both bringing handbell musicianship skills with them. We continue to look for new members who enjoy making music.

Once again we have had a very busy year. Our calendar has included:-

- 30 Jan Ringing workshop for the Trefoil Group organised by Linda Scrivener
- 14 Feb Induction and Installation of new Vicar
- 29 June Concert for Ellie raised £1,700 for the Helen and Douglas House Children's Hospice. Included the first known joint performance of steel pans with handbells in the UK
- 6 July HRGB Rally at Sanderstead
- In August several of the team attended the National Residential Ringing Week
- 21 Sept HRGB Rally in Petham (East Kent)
- 29 Sept Chobham Church – Songs of Praise
- 26 Oct Performed in Guildford Cathedral
- 10 Nov Performed in Benjamin Britten's "Noye's Fludde" at St Michael's Church, Bray
- Christmas performances included high profile concerts in Bookham, High Cross Church Camberley, Clandon House, Woking and Chobham Church, in addition to a number of retirement homes and other performances. Several team members performed on the ITV programme "Text Santa" in collaboration with ringers from two other local teams, but sadly we had no return trip to the Chris Evans Show.

In addition, the 12 bell group has met every week and has performed three concerts, all very well received.

During the year the team has developed well musically – partly as a result of our good performance in the November 2012 Woking Festival – we have become more confident and listen to each other better.

One exciting event, of course, was ringing in the new Vicar! We were invited to lead the procession through the Church, and we chose a new processional piece by Sandra Winter called "Ring In The New" (written for the new year, but very appropriate for a new Vicar!) We also took part very successfully in another performance of Noye's Fludde (it was the 100th anniversary of Britten's birth). Many of us particularly enjoyed the Concert For Ellie, commenting on how well we had worked together to achieve an excellent event. Particular thanks go to team member Pippa for the initial idea and her daughter Zoe for her organisational support.

The work of our Secretary, Margaret, our Treasurer, Renée and our Bookings Manager, Lance, is crucial to the on-going success of the team and we are grateful that they give their time to carry out these tasks. We are also continually grateful to the Vicar, Assistant Priest and the Churchwardens and other members of the Church for all the support they give to the team.

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