

HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN



11th National Residential Ringing Week
The Edge, Sheffield University, South Yorkshire
Monday 31st July – Saturday 5th August 2017

The 11th National Residential Ringing Week will be returning to the wonderful Sheffield University for another exciting week of handbell ringing. The week brings together learning a set of music with some of the world's best conductors, and having a fun holiday with friends new and old. The music is accessible, with possibly a few challenges along the way!

For the 11th edition, we shall be bringing in the main man of the Singapore music scene, **Damien Lim**, a 3rd visit for one of the most enjoyable advanced conductors in America, **Michael Glasgow** and our very own maestro, **Helen Secker**.

Besides being the founder of the award winning Ministry of Bellz, Damien has been a professional musician since 1994. He is one of the best travelled musicians in the handbell world having performed, taught and adjudicated in over 23 countries. He will bring this depth of knowledge and for the first time, a flavour of Singaporean music. Michael has been a big draw for NRRW since his first visit in 2013. He brings a fun approach to rehearsal while drawing out the musicality from the simplest piece. He composes music from simple to the most difficult, is a regular conductor at the Anathonsis handbell festival and has conducted in the majority of states in America. Helen brings a wealth of musical knowledge to the podium from her experience both within and outside of handbells. A regular masterclass and massed ringing conductor, Helen's direction is full of musicality, precision and humour.

The week takes place at 'The Edge', a purpose built conference facility situated in the middle of the Sheffield Universities student accommodation known as 'The Endcliffe Village'. The dining room is on the ground floor of The Edge with the ringing on the lift accessible first floor. It is a fantastic setting for the week. Accommodation is single en-suite bedrooms with complimentary WiFi internet access, essential toiletries, fresh linen, towels and a hospitality tray. The catering is a highlight, with varied, plentiful meals and fresh homemade cakes.

Starting Monday afternoon to Saturday breakfast, the week consists of a mix of handbell ringing, a laid back holiday, a finale concert and an optional excursion. It is designed to be a relaxed and fun holiday, while learning new techniques and musicality. Each year, HRGB select at least 2 youth members to attend paid for by the Vaughn Evans Memorial Fund. Please contact your regional committee if you wish to be put forward for this bursary.

A break from the music will come on Wednesday afternoon with an optional coach excursion to National Trust Hardwick Hall. Built in the 16th century, it is full of tapestries, embroideries, furniture and architecture. This will be followed by a BBQ and a traditional night of non-handbell entertainment from the delegates.

Registration will be from 12:00 noon until 14:00 on Monday 31st July followed by introductions to the conductors. Ringing will commence from 14:30 until 17:15 at which time you will be able to access your accommodation. Dinner will be 18:00 – 19:00.

All 9 pieces of music will be performed in a public concert on Friday evening in the same room as we rehearse in. Please invite your friends to come and watch.

Cost:

Residential Ringer	Non-residential Ringer	Residential Non-ringer
£475.00	£350.00	£275.00

NB Costs held at 2015 rate. Some double bedrooms may be available for a reduced combined rate.

What is included:

Residential ringers have all meals from Monday evening meal to Saturday breakfast provided. Non-residential ringers have all meals except breakfasts. Residential non-ringers have all meals except lunches.

Event branded polo shirt.

All day use of the ringing hall.

Where relevant, accommodation.

Free permit car parking.

Use of the handbells and handchimes generously lent by yourself and other delegates.

What is not included:

Music copies (although cost effective music packs will be available).

Monday lunch due to varying arrival times.

Optional Wednesday afternoon excursion including coach.

Anything you need to ring, e.g. gloves, mallets, split back folders, music risers etc, however there may be the ability to borrow from others.

Application forms are available on www.HRGB.org.uk now.

Ringing places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis, so to reserve your place please complete the application form and send together with a **non-returnable deposit of £50.00 per person**. Details of how to pay can be found on application form. **The balance must be paid in full by Sunday 9th April 2017** – payments received after this date will incur a £50.00 surcharge. You are advised to take out insurance against the possibility of having to cancel.

Sheffield is centrally located and can be reached by direct train from London St Pancras and it is also on the cross-country line from Penzance to Scotland: stations en route include Exeter, Bristol, Birmingham, York, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen. The closest airport is Manchester with an hourly direct train link to Sheffield. If travelling by car, Sheffield is just 15 minutes from Junction 29 on the M1.

For non-ringing partners there are many places to visit locally which include, Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, The Winter Garden, Millennium Gallery and Sheffield Botanical Gardens (in walking distance from the venue) a little further away are a number of Halls including Brodsworth, Renishaw (home of the Sitwell family) and Eyam.

All ringing styles are accommodated. Please bring with you gloves to wear during rehearsals, appropriate mallets for your allocated assignment, a black split-back folder to act as your music stand and a perspex riser for your music, if you wish to use one. Assignments will be sent after applications close on 9th April 2017 (National Rally Sunday).

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to get in contact.

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