

HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN

Invite you to the 9th UK BRONZE

Wednesday 23rd – Saturday 26th October 2024

This international ringing event is intended for advanced level ringers using staff notation in a massed ringing setting to ring large sets of bells and chimes under the direction of Fred Gramann. Rehearsals will run from Wednesday to Saturday followed by a concert on Saturday afternoon that will be open to the public. Delegates are expected to source their own copies of the music repertoire and it is important that each ringer arrives prepared to ring his or her bell assignment at the first rehearsal.

The event will be held in the **Holiday Inn Hotel** in Farnborough, Hampshire. It is between Guildford to the east, Basingstoke to the west, Reading to the north and the M25 motorway to the south. The British Rail station is 10 minutes from the hotel (collection can be arranged) and London's Waterloo Station is 40 minutes on a fast train. Heathrow and Gatwick Airports are within easy reach. The hotel has air-conditioned rooms, plenty of free parking spaces.. and a gym, We shall be using the Hotel's conference facilities for rehearsals and the concert will take place in North Camp Methodist Church, just 5 minutes walk away.

Delegates are asked to complete a Personal Evaluation form detailing their experience and proficiency in techniques associated with music making with handbells. The form concentrates on the most relevant areas to ensure the success of the event, so that all delegates can enjoy the challenge and the music. **BE OBJECTIVE.**

Participants will pay a registration fee of £450, which includes use of a shared room for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights; breakfast, lunch, tea and coffee on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; the evening meal on Wednesday, and Friday. (2 extra meals). Single occupancy rooms are available.

A £50 non-refundable deposit is required with your Registration Form. Full payment is required by the end of July 2024 to receive your ringing assignment. Payment can be made via HRGB.org.uk/sales page (PayPal, BACS, debit or credit card.)

Applications will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis. Ringing assignments will not be confirmed until full payment has been received. You are expected to spend time practising your part before you arrive in Farnborough – rehearsal time is for making music not learning the notes.

I hope I have provided sufficient information for you to decide to attend this prestigious event. We are very pleased to have Fred Gramann join us again for the ninth running of this event. Not only is Fred an accomplished organist, he is a highly respected director, and has many published choral and handbell works.

DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND 4 DAYS WITH FABULOUS FRED.

Contact **KEITH ROWLAND** at ukbronze@acorncottage.org.uk or 07912-352634 for a Registration & Evaluation Form. *You are guaranteed a great musical experience.*

For further information and to reserve your place at this unique event please complete the form (below) and send it together with a non-returnable deposit of £50.00 per person (cheques to be made payable to **HRGB Events**) to:

UK BRONZE, 50, Star Lane, Ash, Hampshire, GU12 6RH.

You do not need to bring any instruments, just yourself! If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or any previous attendee.

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2024 UK Bronze Application Form

Name:

Address:

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Postcode: Country:

Telephone: E-mail:

For UK based ringers:

HRGB team number: Team name:

Please copy information above for additional participants and keep a copy for your records.

Enclose a non-returnable deposit of £50 per person (cheques to be made payable to **HRGB EVENTS) and send to:** UK Bronze 2022, 50, Star Lane, Ash, Hampshire, GU12 6RH.

PayPal / BACS / Debit & Credit Card facilities will be available for all payments.