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This is the first stage of work to preserve the HRGB Audio Collection.

The HRGB Archive has collected many audio items in various forms. The oldest of these is a selection of reel-to-reel tape recordings made in the 1970's. All the tapes were made by members. The quality of the recordings varies but it should be remembered that the technology on audio recording has advanced considerably since the time of recording.

The tapes are beginning to show signs of their age and therefore it was necessary to transfer these recordings into a format that would not degrade and that would be more easily accessible. Each of the tapes has been transferred into digital format, thus creating an archive that should not degrade but retaining the original tapes.

In the process of making this transfer it was also necessary to catalogue the contents as any of the tapes did not contain the details of either the event at which they were recorded, the teams taking part or the music played. With the help of past copies of Reverberations, regional newsletters and records obtained from members' personnel archives it has been possible to provide the majority of this detail. There are still occasional gaps in the names of participating teams and music played.

The Archive has a number of video recordings which are currently being transferred into digital format in order to preserve the history of HRGB.

The Archive also has a not insignificant number of cassette tapes and these will be reviewed for their suitability for digital transfer.

Alan Hartley
Acting Archivist.

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Cassette 1 – HANDBELL CASS 1 A

- BBC Radio Two, Brian Blessed, 'The Bells, The Bells' broadcast. The history of bells and their sounds. **27 minutes 28 seconds.**
- Alan Hughes from Whitechapel Bell Foundry.
- St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, bells ringing.
- Brief history of Change Ringing, Methods and Maths.
- Gillian Stecklin? Editor of Ringing World.
- Cambridge Royal.
- Fabian Steadman produced bell ringing manuals and methods are named after him. Brief history.
- Bear Northcott, Steadman Caters. St Sepulchre Holden Viaduct in London, College Youths. Ring at St Paul's Cathedral.
- Brief history of Carillon from Europe. Tunes on Loughborough Carillon with Peter Shepherd.
- Taylors Bell Foundry.
- Brief History of Handbells. Steadman Triples. Gnosall Ringers and William Tell. Dr Alan Hartley from HRGB.
- Benjamin Brittain's Noah's Flood.
- Bear Northcott - Harpsicord early music by William Byrd for the virginals instrument called 'The Bells' about 1600.
- L' Allegro Ed Inpenserioso – Handel's Oratoria.
- Peter Grimes Opera by Benjamin Brittain.
- Jonathan Harvey, Mortuas Plango Vivas Voco 1980 – engraved on great tenor bell in Winchester Cathedral.
- Bells and noise complaints
- Millennium, teaching and tower bells.
- Alan Hughes – about 40,000 Change Ringers in Britain.
- Claire Watson, Tower Grabber, 5000 plus.



CD 1 HBR

Ring Those Bells CD (Minor faults on track 16 on original CD). All arranged and conducted by Steve Carvucco. Promotional CD with copies available from information pack (not included).

From Alan Hartley: CD conducted by Steve Carvucco is probably 'The Inn Ringers' from Stone in Staffordshire. They are now Stone HR and are no longer members of HRGB.

- 1. Zacatacus 2:47**
- 2. American Patrol 3:14**
- 3. Radetzky March 2:52**
- 4. Forces Favourites 6:36**
 - **Mr Hitler**
 - **Run Rabbit**
 - **White Cliffs of Dover**
 - **Lili Marlene**
 - **Wish me Luck as you Wave me Goodbye**
 - **Bless 'em All**
 - **We'll Meet Again**
- 5. Variation on a Canon in D 3:38**
- 6. Skaters Waltz 2:54**
- 7. Ragtime Dance 4:42**
- 8. Carmen Overture 3:53**
- 9. Liberty Bell 2:39**
- 10. Theme from 'A Summer Place' 2:38**
- 11. Match of the Day 2:25**
- 12. Big Spender 2:39**
- 13. Seventy-Six Trombones 2:04**
- 14. Lara's Theme 3:14**
- 15. On Parade 3:00**
- 16. William Tell Overture 6:27**



Tape 1 (Reel to Reel)

On Saturday 8th October 1966, a gathering of Handbell ringers was held at Norbury School, Hazel Grove, Cheshire. This was the first gathering that any of the attendees could remember. At the conclusion of the event, it was agreed that a similar event should be held in 1967 and this was the event that resulted in the formation of Handbell Ringers of Great Britain.

Notes are taken from the programme with the tape from the audio and from the original documents in the Archive of William Hartley.

1. 1.01a – compered by William Hartley 17 minutes, 26 seconds.

- **All Saints Church HBR** from Marple.
'Danny Boy'.
12 bells, mixed. Normally they are Change Ringers and have to leave at 4pm to go peal ringing.
- **Ashton Grammar School.**
'Glorious Apollo' by late William Vaughan from Stockport.
17 bells, not known. Led by John Partington who is also an active Change Ringer and member of St Thomas' Moorside.
- **Ealing HBR, London.**
'Trumpet Voluntary (Stanley)', Captain: AA Fulwell.
42 bells, (M&S).
- **Ecclesfield HBR.**
'Tango "Tonight"', Secretary Mr Gregory.
50 bells, (M&S).
- **Hunshelf Secondary Modern School.**
'Serenade in F Sharp', Mr King.
50 bells, (mixed). Original bells from Ecclesfield at last competition.
- **Kingsbury Parish Church HBR, Warwickshire.**
'Bobby Shaftoe'. Four-in-Hand led by Mr Lane
26 bells, (M&S).

2. 1.01b – compered by William Hartley 52 minutes, 53 seconds.

- **Norbury.**
'Waltz "La Sarabande"', Directed by Jack Tate
140 bells, (M&S).
- **Silverdale** near Lancaster.
'Ding Dong Merrily on High'. Mr Bolton
57 bells, (T). Used to compete at Belle Vue.
- **Skipton Parish Church.**
'Caller Herrin'.
53 bells, (S).
- **The St. Mary Ringers, Loughborough.**
'The Bells of St. Mary'. Mr White.
36 bells, (mixed).
- **St. Thomas's, Moorside.**
'Spanish Chant'.

Mixed bells. One lady from the Grammar School only had one week to learn her part.

- **Thurlstone.**
'Belphegar March'. Mr Proud
120 bells, (mixed), (recently overhauled by T) Used to take part in Belle Vue Contest.
- **Warburton, Lymm.**
'Captain Morgan's March'.
14 bells, (S). A ringer from Silverdale has stepped in to fill a place.

M&S = Mears & Stainbank, London.

S = Shaws of Bradford.

T = J. Taylor, Loughborough.

INTERVAL

- **Ashton Grammar School.**
'The Green Hills of Tyrol'.
- **Ealing.**
'Piece for Musical Clock No. 21' Haydn.
- **Ecclesfield.**
'Classical Extracts'.
- **Hunshelf Secondary Modern School.**
'English Country Gardens'.
- **Kingsbury Parish Church.**
'Come Landlord'.
- **Norbury.**
'Mozart's "Minuet and Trio" from 39th Symphony'.
- **Silverdale.**
'Jug Rock'.
- **Skipton Parish Church.**
'Napoleon's Grand March'.
- **The St. Mary Ringers.**
'Selection "The Sound of Music"'. Inc. Edelweiss.

3. 1.01c – compered by William Hartley 23 minutes, 43 seconds.

- **St. Thomas's Moorside.**
'Ash Grove'.
- **Thurlstone.**
'Blue Bells of Scotland'.
- **Warburton.**
'When There's Love at Home'.
- **Ashburton Grammar School.**
'The Alpine Waltz'.
- **Ealing.**
'Minuet in "G"' Bach.
- **Ecclesfield.**
'Skater's Waltz'.
- **Hunshelf Secondary Modern School.**

- 'Rule Britannia'.
- **Kingsbury Parish Church.**
- 'Crimond'.

4. 1.02a – compered by William Hartley 31 minutes, 22 seconds.

- **Norbury.**
- 'Lead Kindly Light'.
- **Silverdale.**
- 'American Patrol'.
- **Skipton Parish Church.**
- 'Home Sweet Home.'
- **The St. Mary Ringers.**
- 'Men of Harlech'.
- **Thurlstone.**
- 'Cubley Brook'.
- **Ealing.**
- 'Heather Bell Polka'.
- **Ecclesfield.**
- 'The Heavens are Telling'. *Stunning! - Ed*

5. 1.02b – compered by William Hartley 40 minutes, 45 seconds.

- **Hunshelf Secondary Modern School.**
- 'On Ilkla Moor'.
- **Norbury.**
- 'Trudi'.
- **Silverdale.**
- 'Plough Boy'.
- **The St. Mary Ringers.**
- 'Soldiers Joy'.
- **Thurlstone.**
- 'Auld Scotch Songs'.
- **Ealing.**
- 'Harmonious Blacksmith'.
- **Ecclesfield.**
- 'Swanee River'.
- **Hunshelf Secondary Modern School.**
- 'English Country Gardens'.
- **Silverdale.**
- 'Jingle Bells'. *With audience singing!*
- **The St. Mary Ringers.**
- 'My Grandfather's Clock'.
- **Thurlstone.**
- 'Standchen Serenade'.
- **Norbury.**
- 'Sovereignty'.

6. 1.02c – compered by William Hartley 31 minutes, 43 seconds.

- Chatting with the handbell ringers and audience with some demos.

Tape 2 (Reel to Reel)

In the 1960's and 70's there was an annual festival held the village of Randwick, Gloucestershire. As part of the festival, a handbell 'rally' was organised. Members of the then newly formed HRGB attended. Apart from this tape recording there are no other details of attendees and music played.

7. 2.01 – 1 hour 20 minutes, 57 seconds.

Introducing own items:

Winterbourne on 12 bells.

1. All Folk Tunes – Farmer's Boy.
2. Grandfather's Clock
3. Heyken's Serenade

Longford School - Younger ringers, 14 bells, practise once a week under guidance of Mr Brian James.

1. Jingle Bells.
2. Russian Folk Tune, name unknown, set to words of O Great Thou Art.
3. Morning Town Ride - Modern tune
4. Bells of St Mary's

Bredon in Worcestershire

1. D'ye ken John Peel
2. Forgotten Dreams
3. The Ash Grove
4. Brahms' Lullaby
5. Elizabethan Serenade
6. Bells of St Mary's
7. Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly (Tis the Season to be Jolly)

Whitminster Team (0041/SW) 12 bells, unique colour system, mixture of hymn and folk tunes.

1. All Glory Lord and Honour (O Glory Lord)
2. ?
3. ?
4. ?
5. ?
6. Folk?
7. O Claire de La Lune (Say I won't be there?)
8. Bells of St Clements with recorder
9. Polly put the Kettle on
10. Hymn Tune
11. ?
12. Let there be love?
13. London's Burning with recorder
14. Bobby Shaftoe
15. ? with recorder
16. All Creatures that on Earth do Dwell (On Heaven Earth Do Dwell?)

17. Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Small Carillon with four hands

1. Church is One Foundation
2. We love the Place O God
3. Holy, Holy, Holy
4. Fight the Good Fight

Big Carillon

1. Bells of St Mary's
2. The Meeting of the Waters
3. Loch Lomond
4. Men of Harlech
5. Rule Britannia

?

1. Peals
2. St Gilligan's Diner?
3. Danny Boy
4. Drink to me Only
5. Bells of St Mary's

English Medley by Whom?

1. English Country Gardens
2. Four Sitting Plump
3. Old MacDonald
4. Ilkley Moor
5. D'ye ken John Peel
6. Bells of St Mary's

?

1. Grandfather's Clock
2. John Brown's Body (Glory, Glory, Hallelujah)

? unscheduled and unsure who they are

1. English Country Gardens
2. Early in the Morning
3. Scotland the Brave (introduced as 'Scotland in the Rain')
4. The Three Bells (Les Trois Cloches) also known as 'The Ballad of Jimmy Brown'
5. Crimond (The Lord's My Shepherd) (Hymn – Down to Lie - for the people from Plymouth)
6. Peal

Worcestershire group again – 12 bells, Mr Barnett, bells once belonged to Assistant Rector of Worcester Mr R Nicholas, Chairman of Stroud Club?

1. Peal
2. Under the Bridges of Paris
3. Cockles and Mussels

4. Mocking Bird Hill
5. Soldier's Joy – Scottish Reel
6. Bluebells of Scotland with variations on 8 bells



Tape 3 (Reel to Reel)

HRGB Rally Cambridge 1972 with programme.

**Handbell Ringers of Great Britain Sixth Annual Rally at The Guildhall, Cambridge on Saturday, 6th May 1972. Opening Ceremony at 2.00 p.m. by Brian Cooper, Deputy Mayor of Cambridge.
Chairman: William Hartley**

3.01a – 30 minutes, 31 seconds.

1. The Sound in Brass

- **March – Belphegor (Brepnant)**
- **Wiegenlied (Brahms)**
- **Selection from Stephen Foster (arr Hudson)**

2. Norbury Handbell Ringers

- **Minuet & Trio – Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (Mozart)**
- **Waltz – Les Patineurs (Waldteufel)**

3. Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers

- **March – Radetzky (J. Strauss)**

3.01b – 1 hour 6 minutes, 4 seconds.

- **Minuet (Boccherini)**
- **Les Cloches de Noce**
- **Wedding Bells (arr K. Cooke)**

4. S. George, Wilton Taunton

- **Bells of S. Mary**
- **Sandon – with variations**
- **Love's Old Sweet Song**
- **Medley of well-known tunes**

5. Thurlstone Handbell Ringers

- **March – The Thunderer (J. Sousa)**
- **White Horse Inn (Benatzky & Stolz)**
- **Air & variations – The Bluebells of Scotland**

6. Ecclesfield School Handbell Ringers

- **Valse – Pomona (Waldteufel)**
- **Norwegian Dance (Grieg)**
- **Two Melodies from Chopin (arr Mitchell)**
- **Petite Valse (Schubert)**
- **Two well-known Airs**
- **Jingle Bells – (arr Mitchell) (45 minutes in)**

Presentation to John P. Partington following his retirement as Secretary and speeches.

7. The Sound in Brass

- **March – The Washington Post (Sousa)**
- **On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn)**
- **Waltz – Carousel (Rodgers)**

8. Norbury Handbell Ringers

- **Overture – Zampa (Herold)**

The Programme also included performances by Colchester Handbell Society, Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers and Thurlstone Handbell Ringers but these are not recorded. Available in the written Archive is a full listing of all the music played during an extensive afternoon's ringing programme.

Tape 4 (Reel to Reel)

HRGB Eighth National Rally Preston, 4th May 1974

4.01a – 44 minutes 58 seconds

Afternoon session 1

- 1. Men of Harlech – Ashover Ladies**
- 2. When the Saints – Ashton Grammar School**
- 3. With Cat-Like Tread From 'The Pirates of Penzance' – St Barnabas, Morecambe**
- 4. Selection of Music Hall songs – Gnosall HR**
- 5. Country Gardens – Beaux Bells**
- 6. I Want to be Happy – Beaux Bells
(With Organ Accompaniment)**
- 7. Early on Morning – Bedford Family**
- 8. Heigh Ho, Heigh Ho – Bollington HR**
- 9. The Wombles – Bollington HR**
- 10. Raindrops Keep Falling – Bollington HR**
- 11. Song without Words – Ecclesfield Grammar School**
- 12. Tallis Canon – Grassington Bells**
- 13. Where E're You Walk – Gresford HR**
- 14. March from Scipio – Barnwood, Glos**
- 15. O. for the Wings of a Dove – Kingsbury HR**
- 16. Minuet by Fernando Sol – King's Norton HR**
- 17. Napoleon's Grand March – St Thomas, Moorside**
- 18. General Grant's March – St Thomas, Moorside**
- 19. Heyken's Serenade – New Parks' School Juniors**

4.01b – 50 minutes 12 seconds

- 1. Bells Across the Meadow – St Mary's, Reddish**
- 2. Ständchen Serenade - Silverdale**
- 3. Selection 'Disneyland' – Thurlstone Juniors (Wish Upon a Star; Heigh Ho; With a smile and a song; ?; Whistle while you Work; Once upon a Dream; Wish Upon a Star)**
- 4. Radetzky March – Warnham HR**
- 5. Wild Hemony – Windscape HR (Philip Bedford's Team) *Incredible Piece!***
- 6. Kumbaya – Wheelwright HR**

Country Gardens and To Wild Rose – St Wulfram's HR listed in the programme but not recorded.

Afternoon session 2

- 7. Amazing Grace – Ashover HR**
- 8. The Lord is my Shepherd (Crimond) – Ashover HR**
- 9. Muss I Denn (Wooden Heart) – Ashton Grammar School**
- 10. Tallis Canon – St Barnabas HR**

11. Ropesight – Gnosall HR
12. Anchors Aweigh – Gnosall HR
13. Waltz Espana – Beaux Bells (With-Organ)
14. You are my Sunshine – Bedford Family Ringers with guitar (I think it's with Banjo!)
15. Glory to Thee (or 'Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow') – Bollington HR
16. Eye Level – Bollington HR
17. Classical Extracts – Ecclesfield Grammar School
18. Twinkle Twinkle Little Star (Mozart's French Melody variations) - Grassington HR

4.01c – 1 hour 8 minutes 59 seconds

1. Men of Harlech – Gresford HR
2. Schubert's Cradle Song – Gresford HR
3. Jingle Bells – Barnwood HR
4. The Farmer's Boy – Kingsbury HR
5. Come Landlord – Kingsbury HR
6. Gavotte from 'The Gondoliers' – King's Norton HR
7. Brahms Waltz – King's Norton HR
8. Yorkshire Bells – New Parks' Juniors
9. Lady Marjory – Reddish HR
10. Motet – Trinity Ringers, Morecambe
11. Chester Lullaby – Trinity Ringers
12. Eye Level – Trinity Ringers
13. The Thunderer – Thurlstone Juniors
14. Championship Polka – Warnham HR
15. Bob's Blues - Windscape HR
16. Hoi Harmonica - Wheelwrights
17. Morris Dance - Wheelwrights
18. So early in the morning (etc!) – St Wulfram's, with laughter!
19. Sleepy Shores – Hunshelf HR
20. Colonel Bogey – Hunshelf HR
21. Cwm Rhondda – Hunshelf HR

Evening Concert

HIGHER WALTON HANDBELL RINGERS

22. The Ash Grovearr W Gordon
23. Spanish Chant c1570 1600arr Gordon
24. Air from NormaBellini arr Mansley

NEW PARKS RINGERS

25. Serenade.....Heykens
26. Minuet and Trio (Symphony No 39)Mozart
27. Elves DanceEnglish Folk Dance
28. GavotteGossec

ECCLESFIELD HANDBELL RINGERS

29. The Lancer.....arr Whitham

30. Standchen (Serenade).....Schubert
31. Gipsy Queen.....Hemann

4.02b – 22 minutes 25 seconds

SOUND IN BRASS HANDBELLS

1. Parade of the Tin Soldiers.....Jessel
2. Nola.....Arndt arr Hudson
3. Quicksilver Polka.....J Strauss (applause before the end)

THURLSTONE BELL ORCHESTRA

4. The Stars and Stripes Forever.....Sousa
5. Overture: Orpheus in the Underworld.....Offenbach

EMMANUEL HANDBELL CHOIR, NAPOLEON, OHIO, USA

6. Parade of the Tin Soldiers

4.03a – 55 minutes 31 seconds

EMMANUEL HANDBELL CHOIR (Cont)

1. Bells of St Mary's
2. Swiss Yodel Song with Yodeling

PRICE FAMILY RINGERS (All with Guitar accompaniment)

3. Winchester Cathedral
4. Buttons and Bows
5. Wonderful to Know
6. Theme from Moulin Rouge
7. Tulips from Amsterdam
8. Wonderful Copenhagen

SOUND IN BRASS HANDBELLS

9. Original Rags.....Scott Joplin
10. Waltz: Tales from the Vienna Woods.....J Strauss
11. March: Washington Post.....Sousa arr Hudson

ECCLESFIELD HANDBELL RINGERS

12. Overture: The Caliph of Baghdad.....Boieldieu
13. To a Wild Rose.....Macdowell
14. Les Patineurs.....Waldteufel

THURLSTONE BELL ORCHESTRA

15. Sons of the Brave.....Bidgood arr Dyson
16. Melodie d'Amour.....Engleman arr Dyson
17. Oklahoma - selection.....Rodgers and Hammerstein arr Dyson

Tape 5 (Reel to Reel)

Source of this recording is unknown

HANDBELL 5A

- Silent Night, Norbury Reserve 46 mins 43 secs
- Toccata in D on organ
- Piano
- Strings
- Orchestral
- Orchestral
- Orchestral
- Orchestral
- O Little Town of Bethlehem (Choir)
- Orchestral
- The Lord is my Shepherd (Reading)
- Orchestral
- Singing and Piano
- Handbells – Silent Night
- Orchestral
- Once in Royal David's City (Choir)
- Orchestral
- Orchestral

Tape 6 (Reel to Reel)

HBR 6 A

In 1975, Mr Ted Cribley asked if he could make a special recording of Norbury HR. The recording was made in Norbury's rehearsal room, School Street, Hazel Grove.

34 minutes 1 second

- Love's Sweet Song
- Chopin Étude
- Heather Bell Polka
- Trudi (Jo Henderson arranged by Wm Hartley)
- Blue Bell Polka
- Cubley Brook
- Lead Kindly Light (arranged by Wm Gordon)
- Silent Night (from an arrangement given to Norbury by Dr Robert Heiber of AGEHR)
- Life Let Us Cherish (arranged by Wm Gordon)
- Minuet and Trio from Mozart Symphony No 39
- March from Wagner's 'Tannhauser'



Tape 7 (Reel to Reel)

HBR 7 A

Also believed to be a private recording by Mr Ted Cribley, made at the team rehearsal room, The Gatty Hall, Ecclesfield

48 minutes 8 seconds

- **Overture 'The Caliph of Baghdad'**
- **Minuet and Trio from Mozart's Symphony No 39**
- **I love to go a wandering, val de re, val de ra with singing and trumpet**
- **? includes organ**
- **Trumpet Voluntary (with organ)**
- **'God Bless the Prince of Wales' with organ**
- **Chopin Étude**
- **?**
- **Prince of Denmark's March**
- **Skater's Waltz (Les Patineurs)**
- **It's a Long Way to Tipperary, – old tune medley (with singing)**
- **Overture 'William Tell'**
- **Blue Bell Polka**

Tape 8 (Reel to Reel)

HBR 8 A

From card inside case: Beacon Hill Bell Ringers July 1958?

Sarabanda Waltz ? Norbury Ringers

German Dance by Beethoven

Margaret H. Shurcliff – leader (founder of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers)

6 minutes 1 second

Tape Recording Speed 7 ½

Tape 9 (Reel to Reel)

HBR 9 A 49 Minutes 14 Seconds

These items are all taken from the 6th National Rally (but the 5th as HRGB) held in Ashton Hall, Lancaster on Saturday 1st May 1971. It is not the full concert.

- **Under Freedom's Flag – Thurlstone Handbell Ringers**
- **Mendelssohn's Spring Song – Thurlstone Handbell Ringers**
- **Grandad, we love you - Thurlstone Handbell Ringers**
- **March from Boccaccio – Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers**
- **Donauwellen – Waltz – Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers**
- **Le Rêve Passe - Thurlstone Handbell Ringers**
- **Selection of Airs by Gilbert and Sullivan - Thurlstone Handbell Ringers**
- **Russian Parade – Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers**
- **Serenade – Schubert – Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers**
- **Excerpts from Strauss Waltzes - Thurlstone Handbell Ringers**
- **Heyken's Serenade – Ecclesfield (not listed in the programme)**
- **Plantation Melodies – Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers**

HBR 9 B 16 Minutes 27 Seconds

- **Tower Bells ringing and talking about Taylor's bells**
- **Pause**
- **Talking with tower bell ringers and chime notes**

Tape 10 (Reel to Reel)

HBR 10 A 1 hour 24 Seconds

Taken from the 7th National Rally and Concert, Town Hall, Birmingham, 5th May 1973.

The tape contains items from the Rally Sessions interspersed with the evening concert. For convenience of cataloguing and referencing, the playing order on the tape for the Evening Concert is shown first and the items from the afternoon are listed at the end. Note also that the programme was played in the order shown here which is not the same as in the printed programme. There are also two encores from Thurlstone that are not in the printed programme.

- **Side 1 Evening Concert**
- **Thurlstone Bell Orchestra**
Cubley Brook
March - The Great Little Army
Themes from Great Overtures
- **Rich's Ringers**
How Great thou Art
Harmonious Blacksmith
Where is Love?
Be Back Soon
Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon
Londonderry Air
Cwm Rhondda
- **The Windscape Ringers**
Brahms Lullaby
Schottische Antique
Eton Boating Song
Allegretto by Scarlatti
Home Sweet Home
Bob's Blues
- **Norbury Handbell Ringers**
Forgotten Dreams
Elizabethan Serenade
Minuet and Trio, Mozart Symphony No 39
Pizzicato Polka

HBR 10 B 1 hour 3 minutes 6 seconds – Side 2: Concert Continues:

- **Norbury Handbell Ringers (cont)**
Gavotte from 'The Gondoliers'
Trudi

- **Coppenlea Handbell Ringers**
 Old Fashioned Medley – ('Whispering while you cuddle near me', 'Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag', 'Underneath the lamplight (Lily Marlene)', 'Land of Hope and Glory
- **Ashton-Under-Lyne Grammar School Handbell Ringers**
 Euterpe Mazurka
 The Huntsman's Chorus
 The Rataplan – Daughter of the Regiment
 Silent Night Variations
- **Ealing Handbell Ringers**
 March – The Occasional Overture
 Minuet by Mozart
 Waltz in A flat by Brahms
- **The Thurlstone Bell Orchestra**
 Under the Double Eagle
 Don't Be Cross (Sei Nicht Böse)
 Old Comrades
 Encores:
 Themes from Great Overtures
 Bluebells of Scotland

Taken from Side 1:

The first three items on the tape are the last three pieces played from the Afternoon Programme.

- **Charnwood – Wedgewood Blue**
- **St Barnabas, Morecambe – Abide with Me**
- **Sound in Brass – Liberty Bell**

Taken from Side 2

Beginning of the Afternoon Programme: (these items are repeated on Side 1 of the tape)

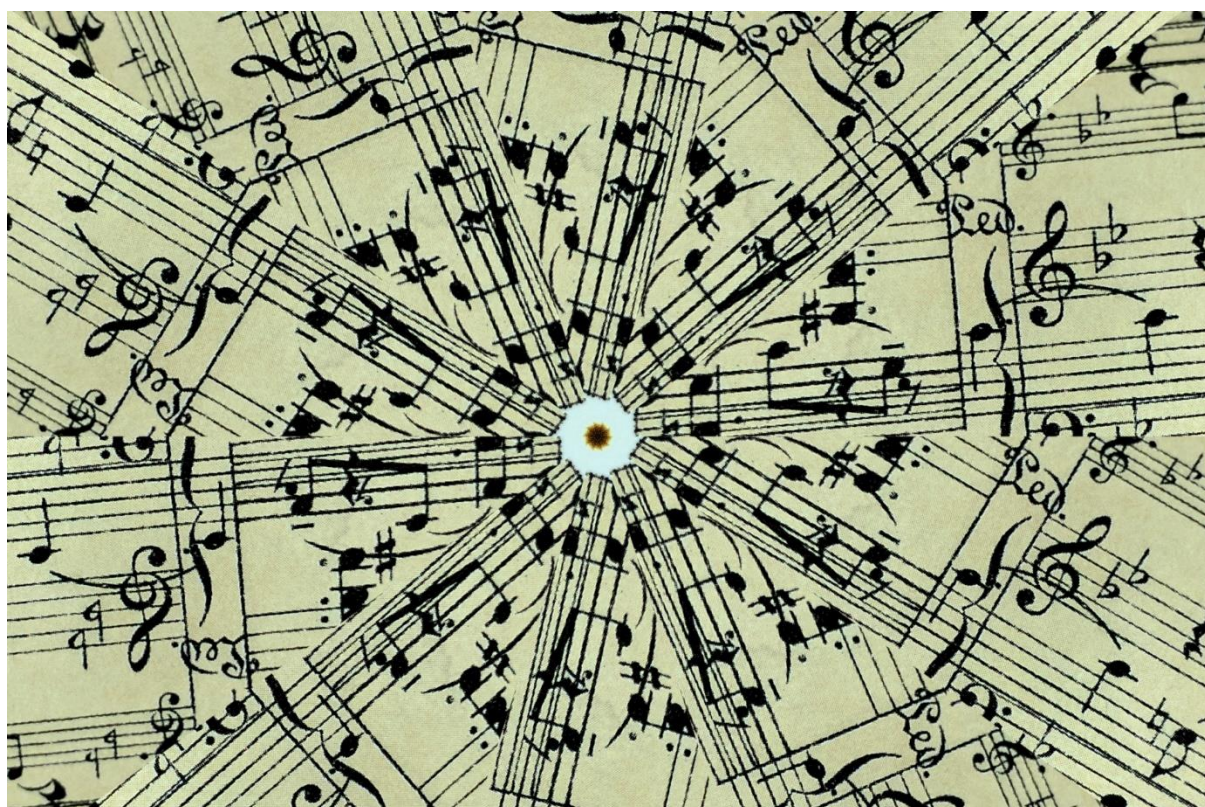
- **Ashton Grammar School Juniors – La Sarabande**
- **Silverdale – Deep Harmony**
- **Thurlstone Juniors – Pedro the Fisherman**
- **Reddish Seniors – In a Persian Market**

Tape 11 (Reel to Reel)

HBR 11 A 8 minutes 51 Seconds

Origin not known but believed to be extract from a concert by the team.

- Sei Nicht Böse (Don't be Cross) – Thurlstone
- Sousa March



Tape 13 (Reel to Reel)

HBR 13 A 1 hour 26 minutes 1 second

Side 1 A Track 1:

Thurlstone 19.10.74 – This may be a private recording of the Thurlstone Bell Orchestra

- 1. March. Old Comrades**
- 2. Waltz. Over the Waves**
- 3. Selection. Oklahoma**
- 4. Forgotten Dreams**
- 5. March. Sons of the Brave**
- 6. Selection. Strauss Waltzes. Melodie. D'Armour**
- 7. Themes from the Great Overtures**
- 8. March. Under the Double Eagle**
- 9. Selection. Gilbert and Sullivan**
- 10. Operatic. Classical Moments**
- 11. March. Stars & Stripes Forever**
- 12. Overture. Orpheus in the Underworld**
- 13. Swiss Yodel Song (recorded twice!)**

The following appear to be items selected from various places and are not related to the other events recorded on this tape.

Taken from the first EM Region Rally held in Grantham on 8.2.75 (this was the first occasion that massed ringing was tried in the UK conducted by Don Bedford)

- **Bluebells of Scotland massed ringing**

Norbury

- **Loves Sweet Song (Gypsy Princess)**
- **Trudi. Joe Henderson**
- **Life Let Us Cherish (Mozart)**

Windscape

- **Bobs Blues (Whitechapel)**
- **Bobs Blues (Dutch)**

HBR 13 B 1 hour 33 minutes 48 seconds

Tape 13B and 13C are from the first Rally and Concert of the newly formed East Midlands Region. This was the first regional event to take place after the formal decision at the 1974 AGM to create local organisations. The outlines of the event are reported in the March 1975 edition of Reverberations.

Teams present:

- **St Mary's Ringers, Sileby (0019/EM)**
- **St Peter's, Henley (0035/EM)**
- **New Parks (0065/EM)**
- **Spalding Parish Church (0075/EM)**
- **Bedford Family (0097/EM)***
- **Raymar (0102/EM)**
- **Beaux Bells (0121/EM)**
- **Windscape (0139/EM)**
- **St Wulfram's Church (0142/EM)**
- **St Wulfram's School (0148/EM)**
- **All Saints, Seagrave (0151/EM)**
- **Thurnby St Luke (0155/EM)**
- **Moulton (0179/EM)***
- **Northampton Grammar School (0188/EM)**
- **Croxton Kerrial (0195/EM)***

Teams marked * did not ring. Teams rang a ten minute programme, order or ringing decided by draw. Windscape played last.

There are no details of the evening ringing except to say that Teams were limited to a five minute programme and that Kirkby Muxloe WI Team joined and rang their new Petit and Fritsen bells.

Track 2

(Short recording of unknown piece for 17 seconds, then tape is blank until 1:20 when there is a voice, then blank until 2:05)

- **Afternoon Session (labelled Evening on the tape)**

Spalding Parish Church Handbell Ringers

- **Country Gardens**
- **Alpine Waltz**
- **Edelweiss**
- **Bells of Aberdovey**

Northampton Grammar School

- **Gavotte by Handel**
- **Ase's death from Peer Gynt Suite**
- **Morning from Peer Gynt Suite by Grieg**

- Overture from 'Carmen'

St Mary's, Sileby

- Extract from 'William Tell' also known as 'Green Hills of Tyrol'
- Cradle Song
- Theme from Finlandia (or the hymn tune 'Be still my soul')
- Edelweiss
- Raindrops Keep Falling

St Peter's, Henley, Handbell Ringers

- My Bonny Lies Over the Ocean
- Ye Banks and Braes O'Bonnie Doon
- Chimes leading into: Jingle Bells
- Vicar of Bray

All Saints, Seagrave, Campanologists

- Londonderry Air
- Grandfather's Clock
- Bluebells of Scotland
- Edelweiss
- 'With cat-like tread' from Pirates of Penzance

St Wulfram's School

- Onward Christian Soldiers
- Bobby Shaftoe
- Heyken's Serenade

Beaux Bells, accompanied by electronic organ

- Beaux Bells with organ and singing
- Marching through Georgia
- Yorkshire Bells
- Yup-I-Dee
- 'I belong to Glasgow'

Thurnby St Luke Handbell Ringers

- Sound of Music/My Favourite Things/ Edelweiss/The Hills are Alive
- Merry Peasant
- As I was going to Strawberry Fair

New Parks Ringers

- Yorkshire Bells
- Humoresque by Dvorak
- Belledera?
- Jingle Bells/Silent Night/Ding Dong Merrily

St Wulfram's Church, Grantham

- **Barcarolle by Offenbach**
- **Theme from 2nd Movement of Dvorak Symphony No9 (Largo)**
- **Largo by Haydn**
- **'Pirates of Penzance'**

The Raymar Handbell Ringers

- **The Bells of St Mary's**
- **Hymn The Lord is my Shepherd (Crimond)**

Windscape Handbell Ringers

- **Windscape**
- **Bach Prelude**

This event was the first occasion that Massed Ringing was attempted within HRGB. Music arranged by Don Bedford had been circulated in advance and was conducted by Don.

- **Massed Ringing - Bluebells of Scotland**

HBR 13 C 45 minutes 53 seconds

Track 3

No record of pieces played in this session, just a ringing order. Therefore, there is some guesswork on the music by each team, based on a time limit of 5 minutes per team (see Reverberations report March 1975). Also Kirkby Muxloe W.I. joined the evening ringing.

- Massed Ringing – Bluebells of Scotland

St Peter's, Henley

- The Entertainer
- From the 'Dolly Suite'

Beaux Bells

- 'I want to be Happy' with organ
- 'Hock Diggitty' with organ

Windscape Handbell Ringers

- ? Distorted (something by Philip Bedford)
- ? Distorted (ditto above comment)

St Wulfram's Church, Grantham

- Gavotte from 'The Gondoliers'
- Bluebells of Scotland

Spalding Parish Church Handbell Ringers?

- Glory, Glory, Hallelujah (John Brown's Body)
- Morningtown Ride (by The Seekers)
- Elizabethan Serenade

Kirby Muxloe W.I. (on new Petit and Fritsen Bells)

- ? Distorted
- ? Distorted
- ? Distorted

All Saints Seagrave Campanologists?

- Overture to 'The Mikado'
- 'Ode to Joy' from Beethoven's 9th Symphony
- Elizabethan Serenade

St Wulfram's School?

- Hymn Tune?

St Mary's Ringers, Sileby?

- Minuet and Trio from Mozart's Symphony No 39
- ?
- Bells of St Mary

HBR 13 D 1 hour 16 minutes 49 seconds

Track 4

This concert is a concert given by Norbury HR with a local unidentified folk group at Ashton-under-Lyne on 1st March 1975.

- Trudie*
- Chopin Étude*
- Fiddle and Singing
- Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*
- Cubley Brook*
- Folk Song
- Folk Song with Guitar
- Blue Bell Polka*
- The Ash Grove*
- Brahms's Waltz in A flat major*
- Guitar and singing
- Guitar and singing
- Guitar and singing (Flowers of the Forest?)
- Folk Song
- Heather Bell Polka*
- Forgotten Dreams*
- Hymn Tune: Sovereignty*
- Flowers of Scotland Folk Song
- Norwegian Wood (Lennon & McCartney) Popular Song
- Life Let Us Cherish*
- Tango Tonight*
- ??*?
- American Patrol*
- Gaudete Folk Song
- Streets of London (Ralph McTell) song
- Minuet and Trio from Mozart Symphony No 39*
- April Come She Will (Simon and Garfunkel) Folk Song
- Clapping and Popular Song (Rave On - Buddy Holly)
- Harmonious Blacksmith*
- Doll Dance (in Ragtime)

*Norbury Handbell Ringers

Other items by?