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Chatter from the Chair

Welcome to this predictably reduced December edition of Oyez as we come to the end of the year which surely most of us would prefer to forget. Still, whatever the timescale of things in the new year, the prospects of returning to the things in our lives which mean so much to us are definitely brighter and looming on the horizon.

Amongst the media negativity, we have all seen the kindness and generosity of families, neighbours, friends and indeed strangers, across communities near and far. Most clubs, societies, sports teams, congregations – and handbell teams - have used their own networks of communication to keep isolation at bay and for members to show the value of friendship where we share skills, talents and interests. I'm not the greatest fan of social media but I have seen some brilliantly funny and clever posts and cartoons which have made me laugh out loud and want to pass on. How often some rather silly but witty and deliciously tongue-in-cheek things have brightened up a dismal day!

There are no national handbell events planned for 2021 but it looks likely that we shall be able to have a regional gathering, even if we wait for the late summer or early autumn. Any suggestions about what would be a good theme or focus would be welcome – just contact me or our esteemed Secretary and we'll see what we can do. The members of the North West Committee will be pleased to have a purpose again (Oh yes, they will...) and get on and do what they have always done – organise!

I hope that as we move towards the spring and early summer teams will be able to plan for regular practices once again and have concerts to consider. No, some of that won't be in the short term but how lovely it will be to have something to work towards. I am sure our *Oyez* editor David (and readers of future editions) would be delighted to hear how your team's return goes and how you get back into the swing of things. Go on, share some of the things your fellow ringers find challenging when you eventually get back. No names or clues, just anecdotes which may just cheer us all up.

Whatever your Christmas looks like and despite whatever we are allowed to do – or encouraged not to do – I hope that the festive season brings its own pleasures. Alongside that, I am aware that we will all have absent friends and family who we will miss or mourn and our memories of times with them to look back on will be very precious.

With very best wishes for an improving picture in 2021 and a sincere hope that it won't be too long before we as the wonderful and valued members of our North West Region, ring together again.

Linda Parkinson

DEREK JACKSON

It was with great sadness that we heard from Jennifer Jackson that Derek died suddenly on Sunday 20th December. This was, of course, after Linda's piece was written and submitted for this edition of *Oyez*.

Derek was an Honorary Life Member of the Region, a longstanding member and ex-Chairman of the NW Committee, and was well known to members throughout the Region – his team, Bishops School Handbell Ringers, attended almost every regional event.

A full tribute will appear at a later date.

THANK YOU TO NBO MEMBERS

Editor: *Kate Sawallisch, who runs the Northern Bell Orchestra has asked for the following to be included in this issue of "Oyez" to thank NBO members. The "thank you" has gone into the NE newsletter and onto their website, and she's asked us to do the same because some of our NW ringers are in the NBO. Kate says,*

I want to thank the Northern Bell Orchestra for a wonderful performance last Monday afternoon of Alex Guebert's *The Lord Is My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*. You'll be thinking we didn't perform last Monday. Well, the answer is we did. You played at the funeral service of my dear brother-in-law, Dan Farrell, husband of my sister, Marie.

Dan had a sudden and catastrophic stroke the week before last and died a few days later in hospice. Marie asked me to help her with choosing the music for the funeral. It occurred to me that a special gift to Dan and Marie from me would be to share with them something of my handbell music. Marie was delighted and the performance received a number of lovely comments & appreciative applause.

Thank you NBO for performing at my lovely brother-in-law's funeral. It was very special and I will never forget it.

XX Kate

TV AND RADIO QUIZES, GAME AND PANEL SHOWS OLD AND NEW

THE ANSWERS

- 1. Large amounts of money made by this group of related persons - FAMILY FORTUNES**
- 2. Muffled under bed clothing? This shot's not live - BLANKETY BLANK**
- 3. Can't write – my pencil broke - POINTLESS**
- 4. This friend of Sooty goes shopping - SUPERMARKET SWEEP**
- 5. The retail value is correct - THE PRICE IS RIGHT**
- 6. A somewhat sexist brain or "My Lord, be careful" - MASTERMIND**
- 7. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Lift off - COUNTDOWN**
- 8. Gratuities location? - TIPPING POINT**
- 9. "I always tell you the truth." - WOULD I LIE TO YOU?**
- 10. Hang on a tick. Only sixty seconds - JUST A MINUTE**
- 11. Choose your digging implement - TAKE YOUR PICK**
- 12. £100 multiply by 2 - DOUBLE YOUR MONEY**

13. Getting into Oxford or Cambridge is tricky - UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE
14. Sledgehammers, stone crushers? - BLOCKBUSTERS
15. What actors might say at an early rehearsal? - WHAT'S MY LINE?
16. It's solely about joining up - ONLY CONNECT
17. More than nine are capable - TENABLE
18. "Is it football or is it cricket?" - A QUESTION OF SPORT
19. Not feasible - IMPOSSIBLE
20. Firing at celestial bodies - SHOOTING STARS
21. Well known saying - CATCHPHRASE
22. Spare tyre – that's lucky - WHEEL OF FORTUNE
23. Money cage - CASH TRAP
24. Bovine optic - BULLSEYE
25. Sell it like a dead horse – FLOG IT
26. Latest information, might I be in a position to impart it to you? - HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU
27. Getting the best price in the last 100 years - SALE OF THE CENTURY
28. The Pursuit - THE CHASE
29. Clever top hens? - EGG HEADS
30. The cleverest person in this land - BRAIN OF BRITAIN

SUBMITTING ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL DEADLINES

To submit articles and photographs you can contact me, David R. Kerry at
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EDITORIAL DEADLINES

Our editorial deadlines have been suspended. When it is appropriate (and when we have enough material) the next issue of Oyez will appear. In the meantime, please keep sending me articles and photos.

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