## Autumn greetings from the Ringing World team!

At the end of a busy summer producing your magazine while leapfrogging each other's holidays, we were delighted to spend a weekend in Sheffield at the Central Council AGM and Roadshow. We met lots of readers and other creators in the world of ringing – seeing an eBell being 3D-printed in front of us was quite something!

Our big news of autumn is the *Little Blue Ringing Book*, which will be printed in just a few weeks and is already available to pre-order. It focuses on methods ranging in difficulty from Plain Bob Doubles to Little Bob Major. Like its companions, the "green book" and the "purple book," it aims to contain everything you might meet at this stage of ringing, and much more besides – with explanations, diagrams, and tips aplenty.

We're already looking ahead to our **Christmas special issue** of the Ringing World which is a bumper triple issue in full colour - and we'd love your help to make it sparkle! Anything happening in the first ten days of December is especially welcome, as the issue goes to press mid-month. If your tower is planning a carol service, Christmas tree festival, or any other festive ringing, please send us your photos and short write-ups. If you get early snow or a picturesque frost, don't forget us, and help us share the joy of Christmas ringing!

Start preparing for Christmas and the next year for yourself as well. Don't forget the annual **Ringing World Diary** (<u>link</u>) and **Ringing World Calendar** (<u>link</u>), both ideal for planning and for gifts. We would be thrilled to see a copy of the calendar on every tower noticeboard – please send us a photo of yours! We've also launched a brand-new "**Bell Ringers' Outing" Tea Towel**, illustrated by award-winning children's illustrator Sarah McIntyre. It's a fun and colourful addition to any kitchen, and makes a perfect stocking filler, or a thank-you for the ringing organiser in your life.

Other stocking-sized ideas include:

- Methodoku Mayhem a puzzle book full of ringing-themed Sudoku-style challenges that will stretch both ringers and puzzle-lovers. Sit by the fire at Christmas and learn how methods fit together at the same time!
- The First Hundred Years USB stick a digital archive of the first century of *The Ringing World*, perfect for anyone who wants to explore the history of ringing in their family or village at the click of a button.

Looking further ahead, the **2026 RWNYC** is already very much on the horizon, and we're really looking forward to zipping around Nottingham on the trams! And beyond that, we've started preparing for the **6,000th issue of** *The Ringing World*, a major milestone for the magazine shortly after Easter.