

## Secretary's Report 2020

The committee has met five times since the last AGM.

The region has 496 members, including 18 juniors and 18 Founder and Honoured Life Members. There are 8 youth teams of varying sizes. Sadly we have heard of the deaths of some of our region's members. But on a happier note, we've had a number of new members and teams joining HRGB in the South West.

There was a successful Ringing Round the Region event at Ottery St Mary, the usual rallies in Cornwall and Wincanton, the Regional Rally at Stalbridge in Dorset and a Small Ensemble Taster Day. The Christmas events, the Prelude held at Woolavington and the Festival at the Beacon Baptist Church in Kilmington, went well. The concert by the Sou'westers Ensemble also went well and was appreciated by those who came.

Some of our members attended the National Residential Ringing Week which is held in August every other year, organised by Aidan Fozard. Ringing with others from around the country is always good but this year was special as Kevin Ko, one of the conductors for the week, brought his Hong Kong Youth Elite team with him. They are spectacularly good and inspired us to ring at a higher level. We were also able to see them perform which was a real treat. It was sad to learn of their worries for family and friends back in Hong Kong and they asked for our prayers.

Amanda Jones has been working hard to encourage young people to ring handbells. She is trying to organise a get-together for young ringers from the region, so that those in youth teams and those who may not meet many other young ringers can ring and have fun together.

Several teams took part in Fun Palaces, introducing handbell ringing to other people and getting them to join in.

I hope that we can now look forward to another year of enjoyable handbell ringing, both in our own teams and at the events being planned for the coming year.