

THE PARISH OF DUNKELD HANDBELL RINGERS



Dunkeld Handbell Ringers outside Little Dunkeld Parish Church

The group, formed in October 2002, is now one of the most active and well-known in Scotland. The ringers perform locally in Nursing Homes and Day Centres, for Guilds, Rurals and disability groups, at craft fairs and flower festivals and participate in church services.

Further afield, they have performed in St. Giles Cathedral and The National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, at Pitlochry Theatre, Scone Palace, Perth Concert Hall, Falkland Palace and Innerpeffray Chapel. They have featured in The Scots Magazine and been recorded for Hospital Radio, Perth.

In 2007 the group visited the Island of Iona to ring in the Abbey. 2009 took them to Stromness and Kirkwall in Orkney and to Dornoch Cathedral. 2011 will see the ringers performing in Oban, in Duart Castle and Tobermory on Mull and, again, in Iona Abbey.

Concerts on tour are all in aid of charity, the group having raised over £1000 each year for various charities since it was formed.

Concerts always include solo ringing by the group's leader, Heather I. McLean, who is one of the U.K.'s few accomplished handbell soloists.



*Dunkeld Handbell Ringers
at Falkland Palace
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Dunkeld Handbell Ringers outside Innerpeffray Chapel

Solo and small ensemble ringing is performed weekly in Dunkeld Cathedral on Wednesdays (2.00 – 4.00pm) from Easter through to October. (Dunkeld Tourist Information Office is always informed of the few occasions when there will be no ringing. Please check before travelling. Tel: 01350 727688)

The group has produced two CDs and two DVDs, 15% from the purchase price of each being donated to The Macmillan Cornhill Centre Patient Support Group, Perth.

DVDS at £10 each

“The Parish of Dunkeld Handbell Ringers’ DVD”, with three sections:-

1. General information about handbells and the techniques of handbell ringing.
2. Group ringing.
3. Solos and Duets.

Interspersed throughout are views of the Cathedral, Little Dunkeld Kirk and their beautiful surroundings.

“A Journey to the North”, which includes views of Orkney and Dornoch Cathedral together with excerpts from concerts on tour.

CDs

“Iona Farewell”, solo and group ringing of familiar tunes. Priced £8.

“Christmas Bells”, familiar carols. Priced £7

Details of forthcoming performances and contact details on www.dunkeld-handbells.co.uk

The group is registered with The Handbell Ringers of Great Britain.