

HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN

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THE 'CRESCENDO' SCHEME

'Crescendo' is a staged programme to encourage you to develop your handbell ringing skills which will, we hope, generate enthusiasm for all the aspects involved.

Who is it for?

It's meant for new, young ringers – although existing ringers are very welcome to join in too.

We've even had some adults doing the scheme too and they are most welcome.

Why is it called the 'Crescendo' Scheme?

We had to call it something! It seemed to be like some music, starting softly, building up to a big finish, so 'Crescendo' it is.

Do I have to be a member of HRGB?

No. We hope that you will want to be in due course, but it's not necessary at the start.

How does it work?

We have identified 70 different aspects of handbell ringing which can be achieved. Some targets are easy, some are hard. Work through them at your own pace, in any order.

Who checks to see if I've achieved each one?

Your teacher or team leader. There are notes on the website for him or her, describing the standards required. We will ask him or her to let us know as you complete each stage.

What do I get?

You get recognition all the way through. There are 4 certificates to be achieved – for 10, 20, 40 and 60 targets achieved.

Do I have to do anything else?

Well, it's probably a good idea to tell your teacher or team leader in advance - after all, he or she will have to check things off as you progress.

Also, if there are several junior ringers in your team, they might want to be involved in planning everyone's progress.

How do I start?

Just go to www.hrgb.org.uk and look for 'Crescendo'. From there you can download two record sheets on which you mark the targets off as you achieve them.

I've been ringing for several years - would I have to start at the 10 target level?

No. If you're an experienced ringer, some of the 'easy' stages won't be appropriate for you. Just go through the sheet with your teacher or team leader and mark off those in which you both agree that you are proficient.

That will set the level you are on; if you want the certificates for those you have already passed, ask your leader to send us an email as below – and start working for the next one!

How do I get the Certificates?

Ask your teacher or team leader to send an email to us at sales@hrgb.org.uk including your name as it should appear on the

certificate and the level you have achieved (i.e. *pp*, *mp*, *mf* or *ff*) and we will email your certificate to him or her.

Are there any badges?

Yes, there is a lapel badge to go with each stage - together with a presentation certificate. If you would like the badges and presentation certificates, order them from our online 'shop' - they cost £2.50 for each stage (including postage).

How much does the 'Crescendo' Scheme cost?

Everything is **free of charge** (unless you want the lapel badges and presentation certificates)

For those who prefer not to use the web site and/or email we can post you a pack for £7.50 which includes pre-payment for all the certificates and badges as you earn them.

Contact us at:

**HRGB National Sales,
'Lyndhurst',
Prospect Hill,
Okehampton,
Devon
EX20 1JD**

Email sales@hrgb.org.uk

*HRGB: to advance, provide and encourage
for the public benefit the art of handbell tune
ringing in all its forms*

*Handbell Ringers of Great Britain
William Hartley Memorial Fund*

This Certificate was awarded to:

pp
A Ringer
who has reached the *pp* standard
described in the HRGB/WHMF
'Crescendo' Scheme

*Alan Hartley – Patron, WIMF
Tim Willetts – Chairman HRGB
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Stage 1 completed?

- a *pp* certificate can be ordered by your leader and delivered by email

The four lapel badges can be ordered from our online 'shop':

pp for 10 targets

mp for 20 targets

mf for 40 targets

ff for 60 targets



