

Bells Beyond Belief XV

Friday, 20th to Sunday, 22nd February 2026

Worcester Whitehouse Hotel, Worcester,
WR1 1EA

Work intensively for an extended period on challenging music for five octaves of handbells with possibly optional hand chimes.

This is an opportunity for players to immerse themselves in rehearsal and raise their own standards, while simultaneously being rewarded by creating quality music with like-minded individuals. At the end of the weekend, a short concert of this music will be given in the hotel for the public.

You should be familiar with handbell music written in conventional staff notation; you will be expected to spend time beforehand working on your bell part.

We will study six pieces written for five octaves of bells.

Rehearsal sessions will begin on Friday at 4.30 pm and run through Saturday and Sunday. The concert will take place on Sunday afternoon, starting at 3.30 pm.

The Worcester Whitehouse Hotel is located in the heart of Worcester, a two-minute walk from Worcester Foregate Street station, offering free parking for guests. It features a mix of high-class double and twin en-suite rooms, all equipped with TV and internet access.

The cost of this event is £330 per person, sharing a double or twin room, £390 for a double room as a single occupant, or £280 if not playing. This covers full bed and board from Friday evening to Sunday lunchtime, tea/coffee breaks and all music. A **£50 non-refundable deposit is required by Sunday, 30th November**, with the final non-refundable payment of **£280 (£340 for single occupancy) by the end of December**. BACS payment: West Midland Region HRGB, sort code 30-94-99, account no. 00823979, or cheque payable to West Midland Region HRGB.

Complete and return the application form to Richard Hartnell, The Dairy, Bush Street, Darlaston, West Midlands, WS10 8JY with a deposit, or email to chordringer@tiscali.co.uk if you would like to attend.