Brumdingers

ST MARTIN’S GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
EST. BIRMINGHAM 1755

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Brumdingers format

- Weekly dedicated practice
- Not with the local band (but with their blessing)
- 6.30 to 7.45
- Half time snack break
- £2 charge
Learning the Ropes

- All following LtR
- Learning handbells in parallel
- Certificate focus
- Weekly Simba award
Recruitment methods

Charlie  - hereditary!
Esther - Mum was a ringer at Harborne and Clare told her
Sonny - parent saw note put in church school newsletter
Orson - Sonny brought his friend
Caoimhe - Sonny’s mum brought her along
Sara - Charlie found her school friend’s dad was a bellringer
Robbie - Caoimhe brought her friend
James  - Sonny’s mum recommended it to his mum
One year on...

- Average attendance 7 of the 8
- No one has given up
- Parents are very happy
- More ‘playtime’ than ‘lesson’
- Debut at Christingle service
- Monthly ‘Church Parade’
- RWNYC entry!
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Other activities!

- We build Jenga towers out of caramel wafer bars
- We give each other piggy backs
- We play tickle monster
- Play the piano
- Piggy in the middle
- We drop Caomhhe on the hard stone floor
It's the highlight of the week and I can't wait to come.

It's fun.

I look forward to the caramel wafers.

It's brilliant and I like it.

You can't rush perfection.

" (a boy of few words)"

It's marvellous and magnificent.

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#simbaawarriors!
Challenges

• Keep them all at same level of let some get ahead?
• Starting another batch
• Bells too difficult!
• Not really enough rope time, but balancing fun
• Integrating different ages