



Brumdingers

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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



Learn to ring the bells with
BRUMDINGERS



Young Ringers' Group
Thursday evenings 6.30–7.45

Starting Thursday 12 January 2017

£2 per session

Want to find out more?

Contact Simon Linford:

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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!

'Church Parade'



BRUMDINGERS LEVEL 1 PLANNER

Caoimhe

Charlie

Esther

James

Orson

Robbie

Sara

Sonny

Ring bell up and down unaided



Stand x10 at handstroke



Stand x10 at backstroke



Stand x10 alternative strokes



Change speed at handstroke



Change speed at backstroke



Ring rounds on at least 4



BRUMDINGERS LEVEL 2 PLANNER	Caoimhe	Charlie	Esther	James	Orson	Robbie	Sara	Sonny
Call changes at handstroke		☺	☺		☺		☺	☺
Call changes at backstroke		☺						
Leading		☺			☺		☺	☺
Place making at Handstroke		☺			☺		☺	☺
Place making at Backstroke		☺						
Dodging over at hand		☺						
Dodging over at back		☺						
Mexican wave !		☺						
Call call changes to Queens and back		☺						

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 Caoimhe on the hard stone floor



Its brilliant and I like it

I look forward to the caramel wafers

You can't rush perfection

“ ”
(a boy of few words)

Its fun

it's the highlight of the week and I can't wait to come

Its marvellous and magnificent

#simbawarriors!



Challenges

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