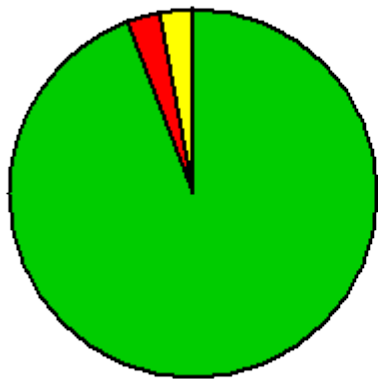


About bells & ringing

most towns and villages in England

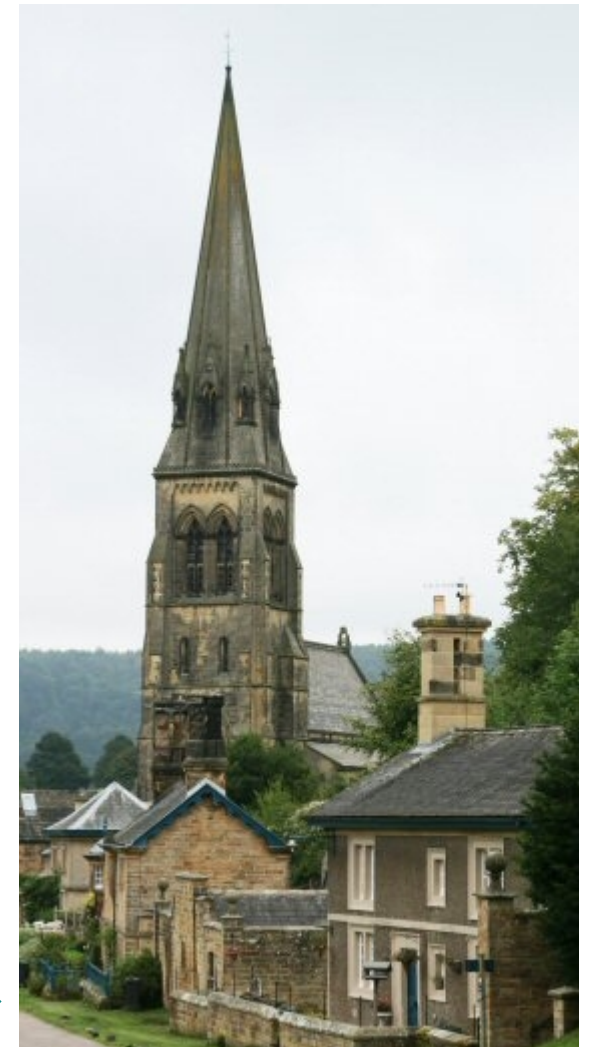
There are 7135 rings of 3 or more bells in the world mostly in **churches in England**

also rest of UK, USA, Canada, South Africa, Australia & New Zealand

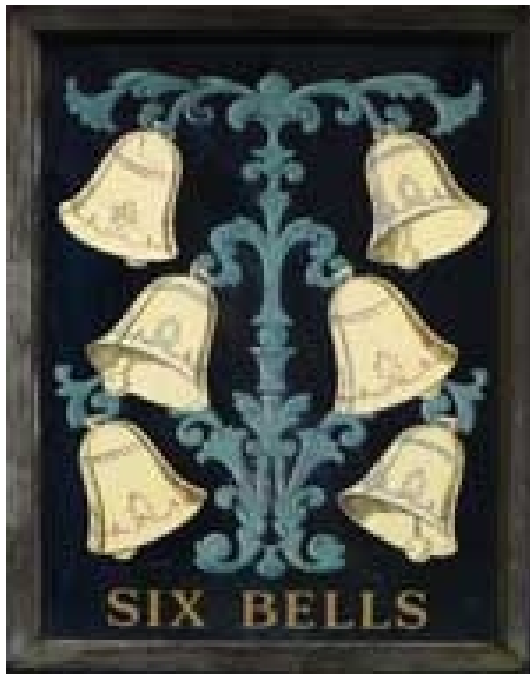


In England you are never far away from some bells!

There are 6 bells at Chatsworth in St Peter's Church Edensor ⇨

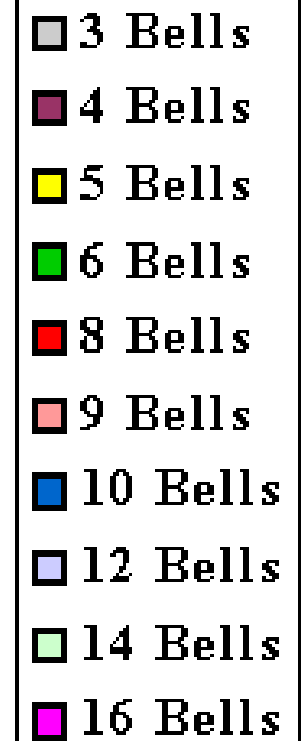
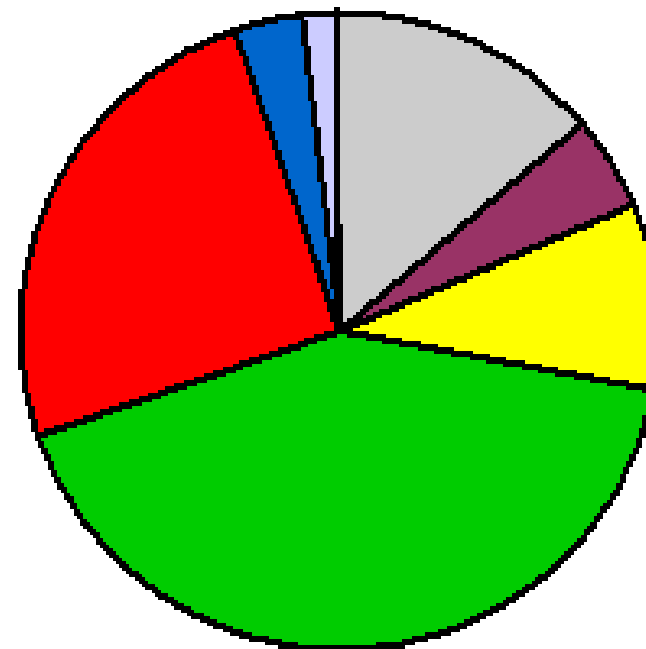


how many bells in a ring?



Most rings (sets) have
6 or **8** bells

but there can be as
few as **3** or
as many as **16!**



how heavy are bells?

The heaviest weighs **82cwt (4171kg)**
(Liverpool Cathedral tenor)



Anything between
1cwt (50kg) and
35cwt (1778kg) is
normal for a bell!

useful terminology

treble = lightest/smallest bell **tenor** = heaviest/biggest bell



down = bell mouth downwards

up = bell upside down ready for ringing

set = bell stopped in the up position

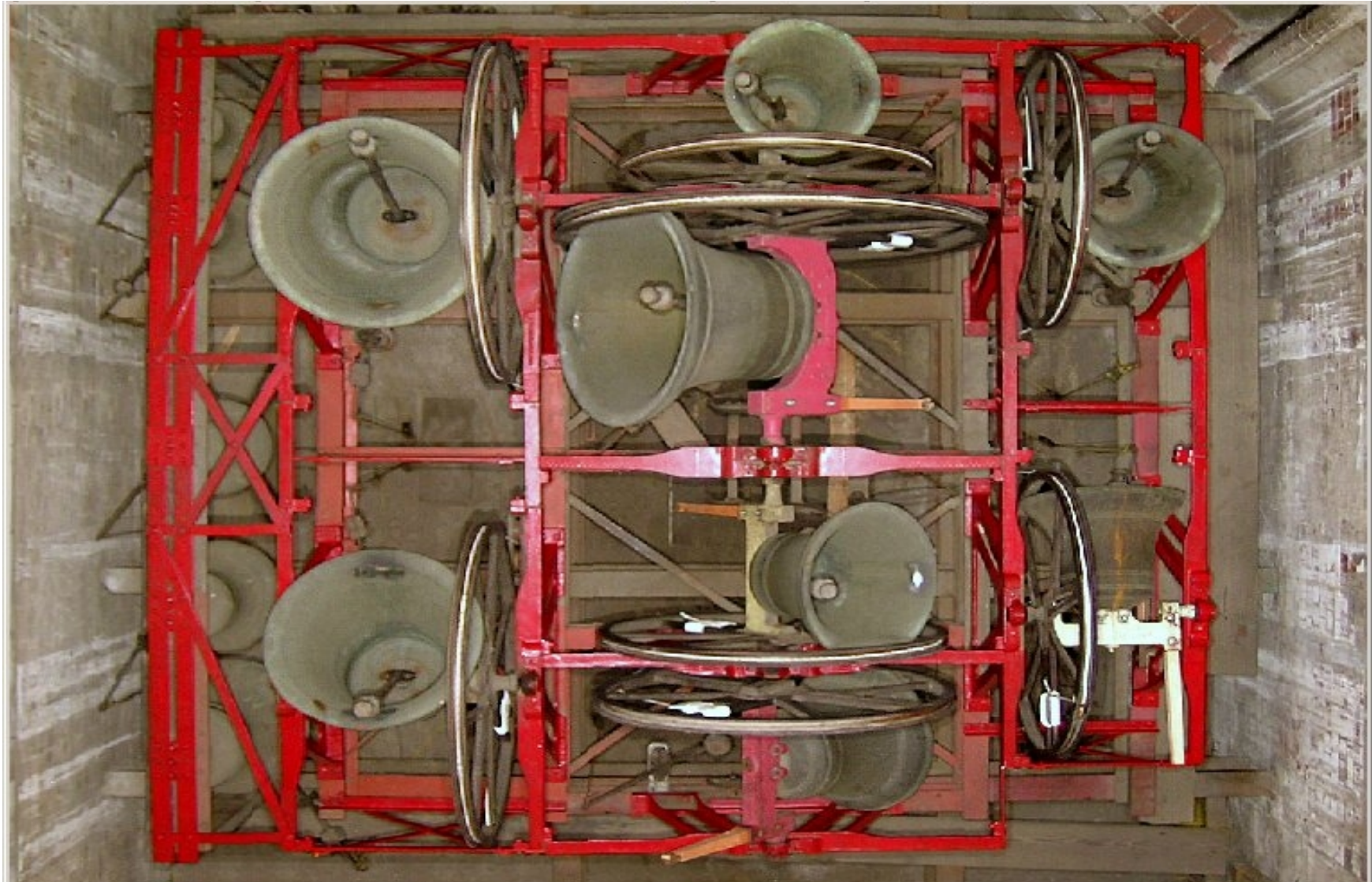
look to, treble's going, she's gone = command to start ringing

stand = command to set the bell and stop ringing

go = command to start ringing a method

that's all = command to stop ringing a method

8 bells ringing viewed from above



a ringing chamber viewed from above



ringing in action



in a **bell chamber** (bells down)



history and future of ringing

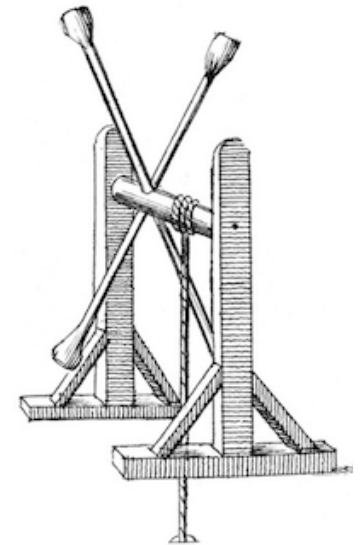
Bells have been in churches for over a thousand years

In the **1600s change ringing** was invented in England and became the 'in' thing to do

- called '**The Exercise**' - ringers invented exercising!

Silent 'dumb' bells were invented to 'ring' for exercise ⇨

- now **dumb bells** are used in gyms everywhere!



Ringing has **continued to grow** through the centuries, even spreading to other countries, and is enjoyed by young and old alike

The future - **would you like to become a ringer** and continue this ancient tradition?