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Voice Male

The news from **Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir**

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Christmas Festival

**St Michael's Church
Galmington**

Paul Scoble, of St Petroc's Church, Bodmin and The Handbell Ringers of Great Britain (South West) Chairman, led us into an amazing handbells concert in St Michael's church, Galmington on Saturday 10th December.

This most gentle and melodious sound echoed around the church for an exceptional two hour concert.

There were five octaves of handbells, augmented by chime bars to give a different depth of sound, and enabling



a variety of advanced techniques to be used.

Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir were invited to entertain the packed hall in

two slots during the concert. The audience clapped along with the jaunty Casatschok thanks to Nick Thomas's excellent accordion playing. On an evening when a certain major football event was

taking place and it was freezing outside, it was delightful to see such an enthusiastic audience.

Handbells were first introduced in Western European music around the 13th century.



Singers favoured bells to check intonation due to the bells' accuracy of pitch. During the middle ages and the early Renaissance, handbells were mainly used during processions, where their exceptional timbre was especially effective.

By the end of last century there were many large sets of handbells being used as serious musical instruments by a considerable number of groups up and down the country.

The concert was in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Vivary Park

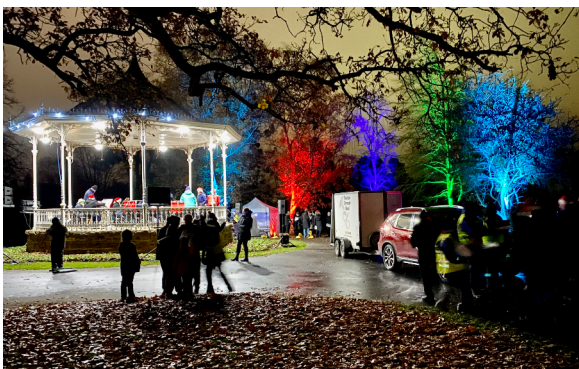
Carols around the bandstand

It was no surprise that Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir were asked to join in with the annual *Carols Around the Bandstand*.

The Mayor of Taunton, Councillor Susan Lees together with Adrian Prior-Sankey hosted the traditional carols with a full crowd of followers.



The Park was beautifully illuminated by *BRIGHT* the entertainment and event lighting specialists and this really added to the festive atmosphere.



In the near freezing weather, the music was bravely provided by *Taunton Concert Band* conducted by Musical Director Martin Wills.



Taunton Concert Band

Joining *Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir* were *West Somerset Singers*, *Rock Choir* and *Lets Sing*.

Bar drinks and mince pies were greatly appreciated.

The concert was held in aid of Cancer Research UK, one of the Taunton Mayor's charities.



Adrian Prior Sankey with The Mayor of Taunton, Councillor Susan Lees



Taunton Deane Motorway Service Area

Carols in aid of Cancer Research

The Mayor of Taunton, Councillor Sue Lees joined Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir together with volunteers for Cancer Research UK to sing during lunchtime at the Taunton Deane Services.

On the day before Christmas eve, the bemused travellers were treated to a rendition of their favourite carols for a couple of hours.



Taunton Service Area

The event raised a terrific £423 for Cancer Research. Very well done to all who turned up to support this vital cause.



Taunton Mayor, Councillor Sue Lees with members of Cancer Research UK



Castle Hotel Taunton

Carols in aid of Cancer Research

Not had enough carol singing? Well on Christmas Eve, the choir answered an urgent request to sing at the Castle Hotel because the people who were originally booked for this event were too ill to come along.



Several choir members, along with the ever versatile Nick Thomas, with his accordion joined in to make this half-hour performance a great success. The choir sang well and the event was enjoyed by the guests of the hotel and staff.



Afterwards the choir was rewarded with refreshments supplied by the hotel in the penthouse suite on the third floor.

A really excellent way to prepare for Christmas.

Pictures show the choir singing on the main staircase of the Castle Hotel. The traditional place for this regular Christmas spectacle.



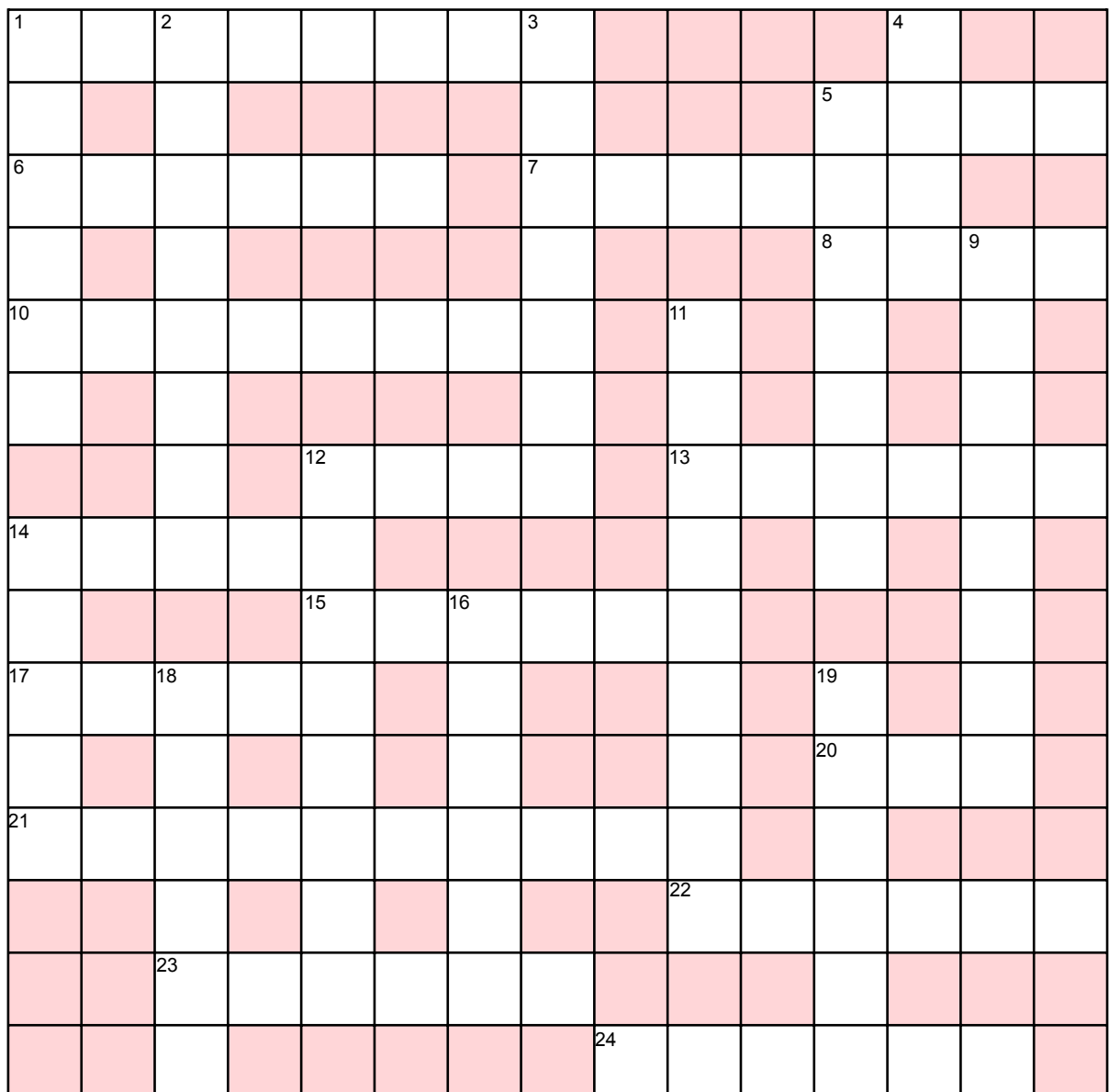
Musical Crossword

Across

- 1 Type of guitar (8)
- 5 Performed by single singer (4)
- 6 Getting older (6)
- 7 In no particular order (6)
- 8 Crescendo (4)
- 10 Pause for a drink (8)
- 12 Members Fee (4)
- 13 Type of musical composition (6)
- 14 A serious poem of reflection (5)
- 15 Not too fast. Not too slow (6)
- 17 A semitone higher (5)
- 20 Bach's 'G' (3)
- 21 Lack of harmony, discordant (9)
- 22 Deserving religious veneration (6)
- 23 Musical regular beat (6)
- 24 Frequently up and down (6)

Down

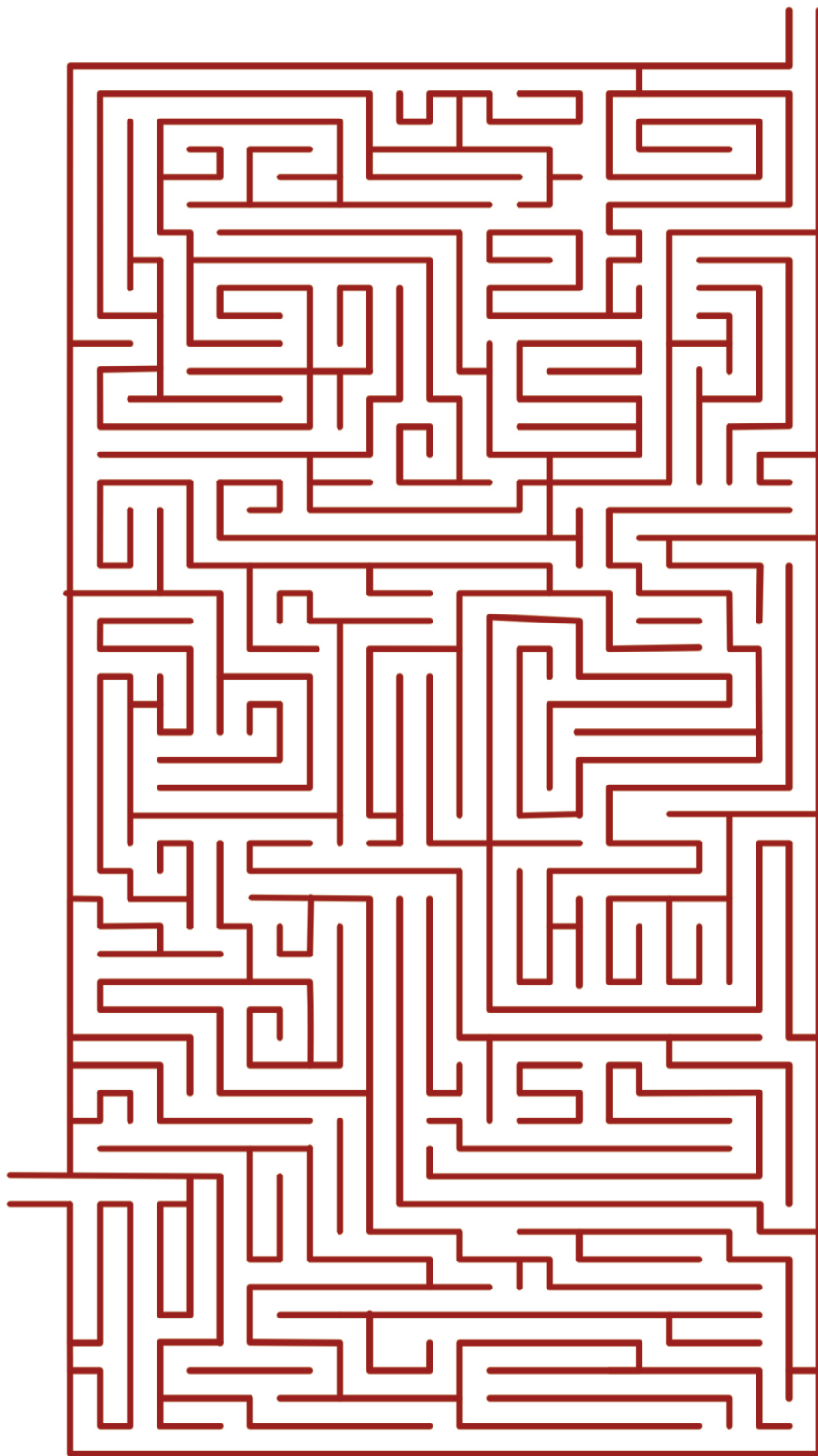
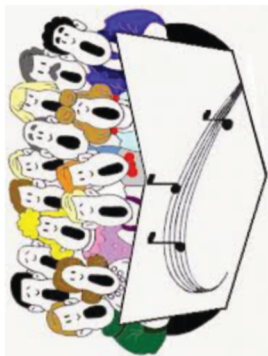
- 1 Slow smooth musical piece (6)
- 2 Opening orchestral piece (8)
- 3 Round and round (7)
- 4 Millennium building (4)
- 5 Female singing voice (7)
- 9 Every singer the same voice (male) (3-5)
- 12 Long orchestral piece (8)
- 14 Made easier (5)
- 16 Disengage (6)
- 18 Wildly illogical (6)
- 19 Scandalous French dance (6)































One for the Grandchildren



Help the singers to find their music






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Solutions

Crossword

Icon Quiz

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	Japanese Yen		Sum Total
	Creative Commons license		Less than or equal to
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	Extinction Rebellion symbol		Main Beam (Headlights)
	File share/export		Oxidising
	Flammable		Recycle
	Play		Ozone Hazard

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