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- WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR -**



MABLETHORPE'S TIME & TIDE BELL

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As the New Year dawned with many signs of our world becoming more unstable, this 1850 poem by **Alfred Lord Tennyson** certainly “rings bells” so to speak...

IN MEMORIAM

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes
But ring the fuller minstrel in.
Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

It is said that Tennyson was inspired to write **“IN MEMORIAM”** after the death of his sister’s 22-year-old fiancée. He had come to love her “madly” while staying with Tennyson at Somersby. The poem’s bells were those of Epping’s Waltham Abbey... but on other occasions Tennyson would have been able to listen to the bells of St Mary’s Mablethorpe...

THE TIME & TIDE BELL



The chime of our Time & Tide bell is far gentler than the peal evoked in Tennyson’s poem. As waves lap around it there come magically enchanting tones, well worth the walk northwards from the Ferry Boat Inn and the wait to catch the right time & tide.

The above photo comes from our website www.mablethorpe.info where other photos & further info can be found... but the remarkable photo on this issue’s cover & the one below were taken by **Tony Gaskins** who adds this explanatory note about the one on our cover:

I must confess to a little Photoshop jiggery pokery with this image, but just a little. The moon was in the shot but would be moving far too much during the 8 minute exposure I used to calm the boiling tide. I took a 1/8th second shot of the moon using a long focal length & then made the 8 minute exposure for the effect I wanted to create:

the relatively simple technique of using a layer mask in photoshop to paint the moon from the short exposure into this image. This is a planned image. I've been waiting for a high tide around sunset & I used the Photographer’s Ephemeris app to find the time of moonrise at a full moon over the bell...



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His funeral took place at Alford Crematorium on Friday 16th January 2026. Nearly 200 people attended including the Royal British Legion Bikers who led the procession to the crematorium after first halting at the Mablethorpe war memorial. Arriving at the crematorium the funeral cortege was met with a full military Guard of Honour including twelve standards.

Dave was born in Sheffield and moved to Mablethorpe in 1989. His life was one of service. After serving in the army with the Royal Engineers (a Sapper) including the 9th battalion of Parachute Regiment, he quickly devoted his time to helping others. As vice chairman of the Mablethorpe and District Branch of the Royal British Legion he was regularly seen around the town & eventually was elected to the Town Council.

Having travelled the world with the army & taking part in active service in places like Northern Ireland during the conflict there.

During his lifetime Dave trained at university as a special needs teacher & counsellor which meant he had a good understanding of the needs of children & young adults. This led him to assist in establishing the Youth & Community Hut in what was the A.T.C. base in Sherwood Fields.



Dave knew the value of family life and endeavored to pass on his philosophy of love friendship and service.

Dave leaves behind his beloved wife Babs, his daughter Lisa, & his grandchildren, Josh, Jasmin & Sophie.

~ Terry Stow



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The new contracts will see Parkwood working closely with all three councils to enhance leisure provision, improve customer experience, & support health & wellbeing initiatives for local communities. Minimal change is expected to the existing staffing & operation across the facilities.” ~ ELDC



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~ Sam Ramsden

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