



British Officers Club Washington DC

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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 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 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.

From 'Ring Out the Bells' by Alfred Lord Tennyson

1. Happy New Year to one and all.

2. Programme for 2026

- a) As we put ideas together for 2026, there is one date for your diary, **October 31st**. We have, again, booked the Country Club of Fairfax but note this is a Saturday. No Monday blues to worry about. We have also booked the Swinging Silver Tones, so let's make this the biggest Trafalgar (or will it be Pickle?) Night ever. We need you to bring your friends and colleagues to boost the numbers.
- b) Among ideas for visits, we are looking at the National Army Museum and the US Marine Corps Museum.

3. Holiday Supper

I think for those who came, it was a lot of fun. The British style crackers, with their hats, games and corny jokes made the evening.

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