# The Guild of Devonshire Ringers 

Annual Report for the year 2019


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## 145th Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2019

## A Message from our President

Dear members and friends,
A great deal has changed since the Guild General Committee met in January to consider the officers reports for inclusion in the 2019 Annual Report and so I wanted to write this note to explain the unusual format of this Report.

During these exceptional times we are having to deal with enormous changes in how everything is being done (or indeed not done), not least our distribution of the Guild Report this year.

A tremendous amount of work has been put into not only producing the large number of reports but gathering them together and editing them into the professional booklet we are used to seeing each year. So thanks go to all who have submitted a report and particularly to our Report Editor for his time and expertise in getting it all formatted ready to print for distribution to Branches and towers in May.

The draft report was ready for passing to the printer by Easter weekend but our General Secretary then asked us to consider the various ways in which we could manage distribution in a timely fashion whilst in lockdown. A virtual meeting was convened by the General Secretary to consider a long list of approaches and my thanks to both the General Secretary and Report Editor for the time spent getting that discussion together and pricing up the various options, which led us to conclude that unless we wished to commit a large sum towards postage - which the Officers considered the wrong use of Guild funds - we needed to either delay the distribution until we are all able to meet physically once more or look at electronic possibilities.

Branch Officers were all canvassed as to their preferences and the decision was taken to edit the report to be suitable for electronic distribution on our website with a view to perhaps producing a printed version from the finalised draft deferred to a later date.

Advice was taken as to the changes which were necessary to the report to adhere to GDPR (thanks to our Guild Safeguarding Officer for his expertise in this) before taking up our Report Editor's offer to edit the entire report to conform with GDPR recommendations.
I believe this document is a fantastic result under the current circumstances, which enables everyone to see a version of the Report whilst we are unable to distribute the printed version.

I look forward to seeing you in person once the current necessary restrictions have been removed but in the meantime I would recommend that you take advantage of the community building digital events, training and other initiatives which are being made available on a regular basis both by the Guild and branches.

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## General Secretary's Report

The Aylesbeare branch were the hosts for the Guild AGM in 2019 and arranged a varied and interesting programme of activities through the day, finishing with a very enjoyable quiz evening and supper. Very many thanks are due to all who worked so hard to make the day such a success.

In October we were guests of the East Devon branch for the Guild striking contests, which were held at Feniton, Farway, Sidbury and Honiton. The judges provided helpful and constructive comments to those who took part in the contest ringing and the refreshments were very welcome.

It was particularly pleasing that the project to find a more permanent and accessible home for our Library resources came to fruition during the year and I hope members will make good use of the improved facilities. The dates when the Library will be open is publicised on the Guild website and visitors will receive a warm welcome from our Librarian who will be on hand to answer any questions you have.

We heard with sadness of the death of a number of our long-standing Guild members during the last couple of months of 2019, including Vice Presidents Norman Mallett and Charlie Taylor.

We were pleased to be able to attend the North North West branch AGM at Bridgerule at the start of November and were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Davis Willis only a few weeks later. It is encouraging though to see some of the younger North North West branch members taking up leadership roles, no doubt encouraged to do so by David's enthusiasm.

I look forward to meeting many of you during the year and hope that you continue to find enjoyment and good friendship in your ringing in 2020.

## Bells and Belfries Advisors

2019 was not such a busy year with only one major inspection being carried out. This was at Lapford where advice and suggestions were given concerning the proposed restoration of the bells. However, we also assisted the DAC's Consultants on Bells with their inspections at Swimbridge, Plymstock, Shaugh Prior, Thurlestone, Winkleigh and Broadwoodkelly.

Working parties were organised to carry out essential maintenance on the bells at Feniton prior to the Guild competition held there in October, and also at Landkey where the bells had only been rung infrequently in recent years. During the year advice was given concerning the general condition and future of the bells at St Michael's, Honiton; the role of the steeplekeeper at St Paul's, Honiton; possible ways of improving the ring at Hatherleigh; painting the bell-frame at Brentor; damp issues at Walkhampton; and clapper issues at St Paul's, Tiverton. We were also asked to visit the former Syon Abbey at Rattery where a small bell had recently been removed from a collapsing cupola. Although we endeavoured to persuade the residents to keep the bell with a view to reinstating it as a clock bell, it was clear that it was their intention to sell

We can report that restoration work by the professional bell-hangers has been completed during the year at Beaford, where the six bells have been rehung with part new fittings; at Farway, where two cracked cannon-retaining headstocks have been repaired; at Northam, where the bearings have been serviced, the clappers re-bushed and the bell-frame painted; at Brentor, where the installation has been partially dismantled to allow galvanising of some of the steels and the frame and foundation painted; at Kingskerswell, where the ring of six has been totally restored and transformed into a ring of eight, now rung from a newly constructed gallery lower in the tower; and at Woodbury, where the former over-large cannon-retaining headstocks have been replaced with new headstocks of much lower profile, new pulleys have been provided and re-sited, and the ring generally improved. Other work is currently under way at Holbeton, Denbury, Bradford and Pilton.

No charge is made for tower visits or reports, though most make voluntary donations which are put into the DCBRF. Thanks are due to those who help with these inspections and maintenance sessions, freely giving their time and experience, with no financial reward. As always may we emphasize that we are always happy to visit any Guild tower to report on the condition of the bell installation, and to offer advice on any maintenance or restoration issue.

## Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund (Charity Number 276490)

During 2019 the Fund has been actively involved with 13 towers at some stage in their restoration projects. In addition to these, seven further towers have requested a grant application form, though have

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not as yet completed and submitted them. We have again, through the Diocese, been carrying out bell inspections alongside churches' routine quinquennial inspections. This year we have carried out inspections at Swimbridge, Plymstock, Shaugh Prior, Thurlestone, Winkleigh and Broadwoodkelly. Though not carried out specifically as a fund-raising measure, most churches receiving our reports have nevertheless made significant donations to the Fund.

During the year the usual two meetings were held, in April and November. We have not had a face to face meeting with our financial advisors this year, though have corresponded with them by letter and email. In spite of the uncertainty caused by "Brexit" we have been advised to sit tight with our investments and, so far, this advice has paid off, our quarterly dividends from the investment portfolio having been significantly higher than last year.

The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The aim of the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund remains to provide financial assistance to churches in the County of Devon and Diocese of Exeter for the purpose of restoring, maintaining and improving their bell installations, so as to ensure their continuing use both for religious purposes and for the ongoing development of the cultural art of English church bell ringing. Though bells are housed predominantly in premises of the Church of England the practice of church bell ringing is open to all regardless of age, creed or culture; and being a very public instrument may be heard by all.

The bulk of our financial assets remain in the form of the investment portfolio purchased from the William Smale Bequest, and continue to be managed through the Discretionary Portfolio Service of Cathedral Financial Management Ltd of Exeter, the value of the portfolio as at 31st December 2019 standing at $£ 362,033$, some $£ 29,324$ above its original purchase price. The continuing benefit of the investment portfolio is in the dividends received which have amounted to $£ 13,556$ for the year. Our other income has been slightly down on last year, though would have been significantly higher had the proceeds of the Devon Association's Annual Draw been received in time to have been included in the 2019 accounts. At the beginning of 2019 the liquid assets of the Fund stood at $£ 43,190$. Since that time six grants totalling $£ 20,980$ have been paid. $£ 280$ went to Farway towards the repair of cracked headstocks on the fourth and fifth bells, and re-bushing the tenor clapper; $£ 4,500$ to Beaford towards rehanging the bells with part new fittings; $£ 1,000$ to Brentor towards partially dismantling the installation, sending some of the steels back to the works for galvanising, and then rubbing down and painting the frame and support grillage; $£ 2,200$ to Northam towards servicing the bearings, re-bushing clappers and painting the bell-frame; $£ 7,500$ to Kingskerswell towards totally restoring the six bells, hanging in a new steel frame, augmenting to eight and constructing a new ringing room lower in the tower (the cost of the new bells and ringing room was not considered in the grant offer); and $£ 5,500$ to Woodbury for replacing the former over-sized cannon-retaining headstocks with headstocks of much lower profile, replacing and re-siting the pulleys and generally improving the ring.

Income during the year (excluding that from the investment portfolio) has amounted to $£ 9,208$, including $£ 3,099$ from the Guild and its Branches, $£ 517$ from peal and quarter peal ringers, $£ 814$ from personal and miscellaneous donations, $£ 25$ from the Devon Association following the Annual Draw (the remaining $£ 3,050$ was received too late to be included in the 2019 accounts and will be included next year), $£ 200$ from Cornworthy, $£ 1,500$ from Withycombe Raleigh, $£ 400$ from Ottery St Mary, $£ 108$ from the towers hosting the Devon Association 6-bell eliminators, $£ 155$ from various other individual towers, and $£ 400$ following tower inspections and talks. $£ 500$ was received from Tim Bayton from sales of the latest edition of the Devon Tower Directory. Thanks are due to all those from both Devon ringing societies who contributed to the enormous success of the National 12-Bell Contest at Exeter in June which resulted in $£ 1,000$ from the profits made being donated to the DCBRF. Tax refunds following gift-aided donations and bank interest make up the balance. At present the liquid assets of the Fund stand at $£ 44,928$.

Grants agreed this year include the $£ 280$ to Farway and the $£ 1,000$ to Brentor which have already been paid; also $£ 3,000$ to Pilton towards cleaning down and re-painting the bell-frame and support grillage, repairs to the treble, seventh and tenor clappers, removal of the old crown staple stumps, servicing of bearings, sliders and runner boards, and turning the second and fourth bells; $£ 1,200$ to Ermington towards investigating the sub-frame and repairing where necessary, cleaning down, de-scaling and painting all ironwork of the frame and fittings; and $£ 6,000$ to Cadbury towards rehanging the six bells in the existing frame with all new fittings, and tuning all but the mediaeval fourth and tenor bells. A further $£ 500$ (already paid) was awarded to Kingskerswell towards recasting the third bell (now the fifth) which, during tuning, was found to be a very porous casting with holes in it the size of a $£ 1$ coin.

Assuming that all of the agreed grants are taken up, the uncommitted liquid balance of the Fund stands at $£ 16,078$.

Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund Accounts for the Year 2019 (Registered charity no. 276490) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| INCOME | $\mathbf{2 0 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| DONATION | $£$ | $£$ |
| Guild of Devonshire Ringers and its branches | 3476.00 | 4461.67 |
| Devon Association of Ringers | 133.00 | 3479.00 |
| Other donations and fundraising | 5099.40 | 2512.10 |
| TOTAL DONATIONS | $\mathbf{8 7 0 8 . 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 4 5 2 . 7 7}$ |
| TAX REFUNDS: Gift Aid/income tax | 239.80 | 220.82 |
| BANK INTEREST: CBFCE deposit account | 259.31 | 154.67 |
| FROM THE SMALE BEQUEST |  |  |
| CFM discretionary investment account | 13556.42 | 11955.67 |
| TOTAL INCOME | $\mathbf{2 2 7 6 3 . 9 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 7 8 3 . 9 3}$ |

EXPENDITURE 2019

## GRANTS TO BELL RESTORATION PROJECTS

Farway 280.00
Beaford 4500.00
Brentor 1000.00
Northam 2200.00
Kingskerswell 7500.00
Woodbury 5500.00
TOTAL GRANTS 20980.00
38750.00
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Auditor's honorarium } & 25.00 & 25.00 \\ \text { Meeting expenses } & 20.04 & 19.08\end{array}$
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION 44.08
TOTALEXPENDITURE $21025.04 \quad 38794.08$
GAINS (LOSSES) $\quad \mathbf{£}$
Income less expenditure 1738.89 -16010.15
Increase (decrease) in value of investments 25763.08 -36417.81
NET GAIN(LOSS) AT YEAR END 27501.97 -52427.96
$\begin{array}{lrr}\text { TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD } & 379459.16 & 431887.12 \\ \text { TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD } & 406961.13 & \mathbf{3 7 9 4 5 9 . 1 6} \\ \text { BALANCE SHEET } & & \\ \text { ASSETS } & 2019 & 2018 \\ \text { INVESTMENTS } & 362032.69 & 336269.61\end{array}$

CASH ACCOUNTS
CBFCE (deposit account)
Lloyds bank (current account)
Debtors

| 35000.00 | 35000.00 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 9897.74 | 5690.53 |
| 55.70 | 2524.02 |

LIABILITIES
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { Creditors } & 25.00\end{array}$
NET CASH
44928.44
43189.55

TOTAL ASSETS
406961.13
379459.16

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## Annual Report for Denmisch Simulator 2019

The facility has been well used this year. There were 29 Cathedral School Sessions with an average attendance of six learners and three helpers. Many thanks to those regular helpers: Bobby, lan, David H, Wendy, David M. Four successful Guild Young Ringers' practices were held and, again, thanks to all helpers. A Guild peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was scored in April.

Two open ringing sessions were hosted during the National Twelve Bell Final with 28 visitors. Thanks, in particular, to lan and Wendy for all their hard work mending computers and stitching stays to keep this resource functioning.

## Devon Ringers' Council Report

The Devon Ringers' Council is presently undergoing a re-vamping period with much thought spent on its future role and purpose. Once again there have been no formal meetings held during 2019 but, as in previous years much informal talk takes place with both Guild and Association members on various topics including discussion surrounding the opening sentence in this report i.e. what format and use should the Council's business be in future?

The two well established events historically organised by the Council took place successfully during the year with the 10-bell call-change competition being held at Plymouth Minster in April and the Carol Service at Exeter Cathedral in December.

New officers have recently taken up posts within the Devon Association of Ringers and it is hoped that from within the new personnel, formal meetings of the DRC will be reinstated in 2020. If anyone wishes a topic to be included on our agenda for discussion, please let me know.

## Education Officer

In 2019 training at the basic level continued in the wake of the Ringing Remembers recruitment campaign. The October training day on ringing up and down in peal was especially popular and was an outstanding example of what can be achieved through cooperation with expert call change ringers. The introduction to ringing on higher numbers remained popular and will be repeated in 2020; the first session on 11th January will offer opportunity for basic method ringing on 12 bells. Learning to call touches and learning to ring handbells both offer useful insights into method construction, which facilitate better understanding for tower bell ringing: workshops on these areas will be offered again in 2020.
With plenty of training at the more basic level now available in the branches, the Guild programme is able to focus on offering additional, more advanced opportunities and on filling any demands that cannot be met at local level. Use of the Yellow Pathway proposed by the Ringing World will therefore be tried at a series of practices in 2020. A series of theory workshops will also be offered in addition to the practical training programme.

Branches and towers offering training on ringing up and down in peal are encouraged especially to draw on the expertise of our friends in the Devon Association of Ringers. In addition, please remember to keep an eye on the programme on the Guild website so that you can make use of all the opportunities available.

## Frank Mack Garage Ring

The Garage Ring continues to be used around the County as in previous years.lt gets increasingly difficult to find something new to comment on so please excuse the repetition of this report.
The bells are now well established as being a popular fund-raising attraction and for general recruiting of lapsed or new ringers. Apart from the well-established Devon County Show in May, the bells were also requested during the year for events held at Whitford, Manaton, Liskeard and Kingskerswell.

As many of you know, the bells being so light often prove to be problematical initially even for experienced ringers but apart from the fun side of this ring it's proved to be of unmeasured success in getting potential learners into a tower near them. Long may this continue. The lightness of the
bells and so quite an unrealistic comparison with tower bells, doesn't appear to put people off having a go. Indeed, there is almost a greater sense of achievement having conquered something so tricky. A visual plus for potential learners is being able to see both the bell and ringer simultaneously and therefore perhaps grasping a speedier understanding of what one is attempting to achieve.

If you would like to borrow them for an event, please use the on-line booking form, I hope they will continue to be well used during 2020 .

## Guild Librarian

2019 was a momentous year for the Library which saw the end of a decade-long search for a suitable home for the collection. The move into secure cupboard space at St Petrock's Church in the centre of Exeter finally gives us the opportunity to offer a real library service to members. The Guild is grateful to the St Petrock's Tower Captain, for brokering an approach to the church authorities and to the Rector and PCC for a very supportive response in accommodating our request. We only pay for the occasions when we book the church to open the Library and the annual cost is expected to be $£ 250$. The move to St Petrock's presented the opportunity to get the whole collection out in one place, sort it for duplicates, repair some items and complete the detailed accessioning and cataloguing of all the stock. A successful Library Open Day was held in December to coincide with the Devon Ringers Carol Service. The official opening was performaed by the former Central Council Librarian.

We now open the Library monthly and offer a book lending service, space for study and research and also a place which could accommodate meetings of Guild or Branch officers. A reserve collection of the unique manuscript items remains with the Librarian in Tiverton along with the travelling collections of current books and pamphlets for learners, teachers and conductors, but items can be made available in Exeter given adequate notice. A leaflet describing the services has been produced and the library pages of the Guild website updated.

Going forward we plan to make digital copies of more of the manuscript material, catalogue it and host the copies on the Guild website. We have also launched a "Friends of the Guild Library" scheme to encourage those interested to give financial and practical support and to promote research into Devon's ringing history. The Friends subscriptions and a profit made on lunches at the Open Day have raised a significant sum of money in the first year, some of which will be used to offset the additional costs of operating the Library at St Petrock's.

I do invite all members to make use of the Library. The revised catalogue will be available on the Guild website shortly and opening dates and times are advertised on Guild calendar.

## Ringing Round Devon Newsletter

Four issues of RRD were produced as usual, in March, June, September and December. Enough material was sent in to make them all 20 pages, and 24 pages for the December edition. As before full colour on-line versions have been made available on the Guild web site (including back issues dating to 1997) while the printed versions only have colour on the front, back and central pages to reduce the cost.

The production timings and distribution can be a little problematical. The June issue was produced just before the guild AGM which was rather old news by the September edition which was itself delayed by holiday clashes. The December issue could not be produced in time for distribution at the carol service, which was early this year, so distribution was initiated at the third Saturday practice at the Cathedral which was rather late, which meant that some members (and, indeed, branches) did not get their copy until after Christmas.

Nevertheless we are very grateful to all those who help with the distribution of copies to the towers (via the branches) and those to individual subscribers (currently 23). This enormously reduces the postal bill to the Guild. Thanks also go to John who does the page layout and arranges the printing, often at seemingly impossible timescales, and, of course, to all those who provide

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contributions from all over the county. High-resolution photographs are always welcome. I tend to be short of articles written for Guild events, such as the AGM, carol service, striking competitions, etc and would welcome any such articles.

## Publicity Officer's Report

It has been a quieter year for publicity, though I remain available to advise branches and towers who ask. There was publicity in June surrounding the Cathedral 12-bell final; and in December BBC radio Devon included a piece on ringing at Dawlish, in a Christmas programme.

The Guild Facebook Group, which now has 136 members, is being used by many ringers to share what is going on in their towers and branches. There is also a Guild Facebook 'page' which reaches out to the public and can be viewed by anyone.

The Guild display boards were used at the Devon County Show, and borrowed by a tower. The boards include updated material following up Ringing Remembers recruits from last year. Towers and branches are encouraged to borrow the boards and any of the display material for open days etc, adding local material as desired.

## Guild Striking Competitions

The Guild striking competitions were held on Saturday 19th October in the East Devon Branch. The results, giving faults, were as follows:

Farway: 6 bell competition for JP Fidler Cup
1st Exeter Cathedral 15
2nd Withycombe/Littleham 27
3rd Tiverton, St Peter 53
4th Withycombe/Littleham 78
5th Plymouth, St Andrew 106
Feniton: 6 bell novice competition for John Longridge Plate
1st Withycombe/Littleham 17
2nd Plymouth, St Andrew 45.5
3rd Topsham 73
Sidbury: 8 bell novice competition
1st North East branch 'B' 48
2nd North East branch 'A' 58
3rd Withycombe/Littleham 73
Honiton: 8 bell inter-branch Competition for the Andrews Trophy
1st Exeter 38
2nd East 43
3rd(joint) North-North West 58
3rd(joint) Aylesbeare 58
5th South West 66
6th Mid-Devon 75
7th North East 84

## Webmaster Report

During 2019 the website received an average of 74 (up from 62.6 in 2018) unique page views per day. The breakdown of page views is shown below for the 10 most visited pages:

| Page | Page views | Unique page views | Av time on page |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Home | $8,541(21.25 \%)$ | $6,169(22.84 \%)$ | $00.00: 58$ |
| ../towers | $3,388(8.43 \%)$ | $1,797(6.65 \%)$ | $00.00: 45$ |
| ../towers/practice-nights | $1,651(4.11 \%)$ | $1,010(3.74 \%)$ | $00: 01: 05$ |
| ..guild/newsletters | $1,448(3.60 \%)$ | $836(3.10 \%)$ | $00: 02: 57$ |
| ../cathedral-diary | $1,293(3.22 \%)$ | $1,081(4.00 \%)$ | $00: 03: 20$ |
| ../news-gallery | $1,139(2.83 \%)$ | $581(2.15 \%)$ | $00.00: 31$ |
| ../news-events/events | $835(2.08 \%)$ | $688(2.55 \%)$ | $00: 01: 59$ |
| ../contacts 736 | $(1.83 \%)$ | $447(1.65 \%)$ | $00: 01: 17$ |
| ../news-events | $733(1.82 \%)$ | $495(1.83 \%)$ | $00.00: 27$ |
| ../striking-competitions-2019 | $693(1.72 \%)$ | $460(1.70 \%)$ | $00: 01: 52$ |
| TOTAL | 40,193 | 27,010 | $00: 01.00$ |

The obvious pages such as tower listings and practice nights are at the top of the list. This shows how important it is to keep this information up to date. The high position of the newsletters page demonstrates the popularity of RRD.

The website for the National 12 Bell competition was setup on a subdomain of devonringers.org.uk and proved very useful in advertising the event. The site will remain for a while as future hosts are using it to help them design their site.

After some teething trouble with email lists I am now moving forward with the branch lists. The Northeast branch list was created in November and has 106 members. In December two lists for the Southwest branch were created: a branch list with 83 members and a tower captains list with 17 members. Exeter and Mid-Devon branches are next to be completed.

News stories continue to be added to the website by the Exeter and Mid-Devon branches; it would be good to see other branches updating their pages too.

If anyone wants help or guidance with email lists, email addresses or the website then please get in touch.

## Treasurer's Report

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019.
The General Fund shows a surplus of $£ 1,728.91$ (2018: $£ 1,845.41$ ). The surplus is lower than previous years. Three notable costs incurrered this year are highlighted below:

The expenses paid to CC representatives are higher this year due to the annual meeting being held in London, which this year, all our representatives attended. We would not expect expenses to be so high in future years.

After comments made last year by the Independent Examiner and in discussion with other Guild Officers, we have taken the decision to write down the value of Devon Ringers' Council loan.

There is a new cost of $£ 90$ in the accounts for the use of St Petrock's Church for the Guild Library. Going forward this cost will be $£ 240$ per annum. The Guild Librarian has set up a Friends scheme and monies raised from friends are shown in a new designated fund. This year the Library Fund has transferred $£ 90$ into General Fund which offsets the cost of the use of St Petrock’s Church.

At the last AGM, members agreed to top the Instruction and Education Fund back up to $£ 500$. This year the Fund has supported ART activities in Devon.

The Bell Restoration Fund shows that $£ 3,846.10$ (2018: $£ 3,573.24$ ) has been raised in the year which includes a $£ 2,100$ donation from the Guild.

I would like to remind members that all gift aid recovered on their membership subscriptions and donations made in the ringing festival are given to DCBRF, so I would like to encourage members to complete a Charity Gift Aid Declaration and to consider donating during the festival.

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## BELL RESTORATION FUND FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| INCOME | $\mathbf{f}$ | $\mathbf{f}$ |
| Transfer from General Fund | $2,100.00$ | $2,000.00$ |
| Gift Aid tax repayment claim | 260.00 | 260.00 |
| Branches: Aylesbeare | 380.00 | 206.00 |
| East Devon | 86.00 | 67.00 |
| $\quad$ Exeter | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Mid Devon | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| North East | 81.90 | 137.24 |
| North/North West | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| $\quad$ South West | 125.00 | 150.00 |
| St Brannock's Society | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Dittisham | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| Training Day | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| 2019 quarter peal events | 245.00 | 355.00 |
| Committee meeting | 46.40 | 15.00 |
| Mini Ring | 200 | 12.00 |
| Newsletter subsciptions | 30.00 | 0.00 |
| Other donations | 21.80 | 21.00 |
|  | $3,846.10$ | $3,573.24$ |
| Paid to Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund | $\mathbf{- 3 , 8 4 6 . 1 0}$ | $-3,573.24$ |
| SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0}$ |

INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

| INCOME | $\mathbf{2 0 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Donations | $\mathbf{£}$ | $\mathbf{£}$ |
| EXPENDITURE | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| ART course fees |  |  |
| Tower donations for recruitment open day | 0.00 | 80.00 |
| Eduction Officer travel expenses | 0.00 | 160.00 |
| Tower donation to Combe Raleigh | 0.00 | 85.80 |
| Tower donation to Pinhoe | 0.00 | 55.00 |
| ART assessor fees | 0.00 | 55.00 |
|  | 90.25 | 0.00 |
| DEFICIT OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE | -90.25 | 435.80 |

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

|  | 2019 | 2018 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INCOME | £ | £ |
| Donations | 17.50 | 37.81 |
| ART Award | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| Peal fees | 40.00 | 0.00 |
|  | 57.50 | 437.81 |
| EXPENDITURE |  |  |
| Maintenance and equipment | 0.00 | 408.00 |
|  | 0.00 | 408.00 |
| SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE | 57.50 | 29.81 |

The Balance Sheet shows that the Guild has total funds of $£ 9,043.27$. This is a decrease of £245.64.

It should be noted the Guild still has healthy liquid assets so I suggest that there are sufficient funds for a $£ 2,235$ donation to be made to DCBRF which includes a donation of $£ 235$ representing badge sales.

Thank you to all Guild members for your help and support in achieving these results.

| THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS, REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1002950 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GENERAL FUND |  |  |
| INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019 |  |  |
|  | 2019 | 2018 |
| INCOME | £ | £ |
| Ringing members' subscriptions | 2,803.80 | 2,629.20 |
| Affiliation fees | 600.00 | 558.00 |
| Non Resident Life Members | 24.00 | 30.00 |
| Peal fees | 958.80 | 950.80 |
| Newsletter sales | 185.00 | 246.50 |
| Report sales | 10.00 | 0.00 |
| Interest | 8.91 | 9:30 |
| Badge sales | 235.00 | 100.00 |
| Cost of badges sold | -193.73 | -82.44 |
| Surplus from Guild clothing sales | 0.00 | 2.64 |
|  | 4,631.78 | 4,444.00 |

## EXPENDITURE

Annual report
Less advertising income
Newsletter expenses
Central Council subscription
Central Council representatives' expenses
Administration expenses
Meeting expenses
Guild website
Insurance
Striking competition expenses
Ringing World adverts
Library acquisitions and materials
Library venue costs St Petrock's Church
Publicity costs
712.15
665.00

Tower handbook costs
Write down the value of the Devon Ringers' Council Ioan
Write down the value of library shelving

## SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE

| 712.15 | 665.00 |
| ---: | ---: |
| -136.00 | -89.00 |
| 576.15 | 576.00 |
| 708.34 | 655.33 |
| 160.00 | 160.00 |
| 459.68 | 139.20 |
| 84.13 | 29.05 |
| 42.00 | 36.00 |
| 86.00 | 70.00 |
| 369.61 | 361.20 |
| 76.20 | 32.82 |
| 48.32 | 61.45 |
| 109.94 | 45.00 |
| 90.00 | 0.00 |
| 0.00 | 35.85 |
| 0.00 | 140.54 |
| 92.50 | 0.00 |
| 0.00 | 256.15 |
| $2,902.87$ | $\mathbf{2 , 5 9 8 . 5 9}$ |
| $\mathbf{1 , 7 2 8 . 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 8 4 5 . 4 1}$ |

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## LIBRARY FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

| $\mathbf{2 0 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{£}$ | $\mathbf{£}$ |
| 70.00 | 0.00 |
| 88.20 | 0.00 |
| 158.20 | 0.00 |
| $\mathbf{1 5 8 . 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0}$ |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019
CURRENT ASSETS
Stock of Guild badges
Debtors and prepayments
Loan to Devon Ringers' Council
Cash held
Building Society account

## CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors and accruals

Financed by :-
GENERAL FUND
Balance at 1st January
Surplus for year
Transfer from Library Fund
Transfer to Education Fund
Transfer to Bell Restoration Fund
Balance at 31st December

| $8,982.17$ | $9,136.76$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $1,728.91$ | $1,845.41$ |
| 90.00 | 0.00 |
| -325.80 | 0.00 |
| $-2,100.00$ | $-2,000.00$ |
| $8,375.28$ | $8,982.17$ |

INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION FUND
Balance at 1st January
Transfer from General Fund
Deficit for year
Balance at 31st December
$174.20 \quad 610.00$
325.80
0.00

| -90.25 | -435.80 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 409.75 | 174.20 |

DENMISCH FUND
Balance at 1st January
Surplus for year
Balance at 31st December

| 132.54 | 102.73 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 57.50 | 29.81 |
| 190.04 | 132.54 |

## LIBRARY FUND

Balance at 1st January
Surplus for year
Transfer to General Fund
Balance at 31st December
TOTAL FUNDS

| 0.00 | 0.00 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 158.20 | 0.00 |
| -90.00 | 0.00 |
| 68.20 | 0.00 |
|  | $\mathbf{9 , 2 8 8 . 9 1}$ |
| $\mathbf{9 , 0 4 3 . 2 7}$ |  |

## Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers (Registered Charity No. 1002950) <br> Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2019

I report on the accounts of the Guild for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out in this report.

## Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed,

It is my responsibility to:
(a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
(b) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
(c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
(b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the
accounting
requirements of the 2011 Act
have not been met; or
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Timothy M Payne,
24/04/2020


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Guild of Devonshire Ringers, Summary of Branch Accounts, 2019

| Branch |  | East |  | Mid | North | North \& | South |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Aylesbeare | Devon | Exeter | Devon | East | N West | West |
| Year End | Sept | Dec | Oct | Nov | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|  | $£$ | $£$ | $£$ | $£$ | $£$ | $£$ | $£$ |
| INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subs and fees | 336.00 | 948.00 | 736.00 | 636.00 | 780.00 | 384.00 | 732.00 |
| Other income | 403.50 | 180.68 | 5.32 | 210.20 | 552.14 | 0.00 | 119.37 |
|  | 739.50 | $1,128.68$ | 741.32 | 846.20 | $1,332.14$ | 384.00 | 851.37 |

## EXPENDITURE

Subs paid to Guild
Paid to DCBRF/Ed Fund
Other expenses
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)
FOR YEAR
FUNDS AT YEAR END

| 265.20 | 693.00 | 540.40 | 468.60 | 580.20 | 315.00 | 553.20 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 380.00 | 86.00 | 150.00 | 100.00 | 162.14 | 100.00 | 125.00 |
| 354.40 | 188.93 | 41.60 | 139.00 | 327.57 | 15.85 | 175.17 |
| 999.60 | 967.93 | 732.00 | 707.60 | $1,069.91$ | 430.85 | 853.37 |
| -260.10 | 160.75 | 9.32 | 138.60 | 262.23 | -46.85 | -2.00 |


| 472.79 | $1,040.43$ | 393.03 | $1,477.78$ | $2,435.52$ | 295.05 | $2,099.36$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Guild of Devonshire Ringers, Summary of Members Paying Subscriptions by Branch

| Aylesbeare | East <br> Devon | Exeter | Mid <br> Devon | North <br> East |  <br> N West | South <br> West | Total |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  <br> 46 | 135 | 108 | 91 | 111 | 65 | 105 | 661 |
| 46 | 126 | 106 | 85 | 108 | 63 | 92 | 626 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 21 | 14 | 12 | 19 | 7 | 17 | 100 |
| 10 | 21 | 13 | 11 | 21 | 6 | 11 | 93 |



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## Aylesbeare Deanery Branch

This year has been a bit busier than usual due to the branch hosting the Guild AGM. It ended up being very much a group effort and I can only thank all the branch members who helped with the organising, planning and their hard work on the day. Thankfully all the training sessions were filled, bands were found for quarters and peals and tickets sold for the very excellent supper and quiz evening. We even had people racing around the branch completing a brilliant treasure hunt which provided an unexpected extra element for some, who could do it the fastest! Thank you also to all the Guild members who came to make the day such a success. It was heartwarming to receive so much praise from around the County. Both towers and branch took part in the October striking competitions with varying success, most notably winning the novice 6 -bell. The branch would appear to be very much back on its feet and a force to be reckoned with! Long may this continue.

## AYLESBEARE Blessed Virgin Mary, 6 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SYO38919

The work carried out last year has made a great difference to the ringing of the bells. We are very appreciative of the time and effort lan and his team put in to achieve this. We welcomed two visiting bands of ringers this year and had one quarter peal attempt. We rang for one wedding in June and were able to ring for other special services with the generous help of other local ringers.

BROADCLYST St. John the Baptist, 8 bells, tenor 20cwt, grid ref. SX982973
Sundays: 09:15 (4th). Practice: (3rd) Friday at 19:30 (door locked from 19:45).
Ringing continues for services, practice nights and weddings. The local band relies on the support of other local towers to maintain this. The bells remain popular with visiting ringers. Seven peals were attempted during the year of which five were successful, including the 200th in the tower.

CLYST HONITON St Michael \& All Angels, 8 bells, tenor 19cwt, grid ref. SX989935
Sunday: 9:30am (2nd) Ringing by arrangement
With help, we ring for the second Sunday service. We also have visiting bands for full peals and quarters

CLYST ST GEORGE St George, 6 bells, tenor 10cwt, grid ref. SX984889
Sunday: Alternate Months (starting February) 4th Sunday only 10:00 am. Practice by arrangement
With help from other local towers, we are able to ring for the 4th Sunday 10:30 am service, we also welcome visiting ringers.

LITTLEHAM St Margaret, 8 bells, tenor 7cwt, grid ref. SY029813
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Practice: Monday 7:30 p.m.
We have again managed to ring for Sunday morning services though still sometimes short of ringers. We had three weddings and a blessing to ring for and were grateful for help from other towers. Our learners are improving and some more are starting. We had a tower outing and some of us enjoyed volunteering at the 12 bell competition in Exeter.

LYMPSTONE Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 6 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SX993842
Sunday: 9:30am. Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm
We have been able to ring for all services and weddings during 2019, we also rang in the New Year with mulled wine and mince pies which made a pleasant social occasion. Peter is now ringing at Littleham and Tom has now retired from ringing but we have two new learners who are both making good progress, so our numbers remain steady.

We hope the learners will join the Guild in due course. We are aware that our striking needs to improve and any visitors who are able to come on practice night will be welcome to help and guide us in our efforts.

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SOWTON St Michael \& All Angels, 8 bells, tenor 9cwt, grid ref. SX97692
Sunday: 6:00pm (2nd and 4th)
A rare occurrence in Sowton, we had a wedding to ring for! And sadly a funeral too. Otherwise another quiet year, ringing for all services with the help of ringers from neighbouring towers. The bells have been enjoyed by various visiting teams during the year including hosting the branch AGM.

TOPSHAM St Margaret, 6 bells, tenor 10cwt, grid ref. SX965880
Sunday: 9:30am. Practice: Thursday 7:30pm
2019 has flown by at Topsham and was, if anything, busier than 2018! Once again, we have covered all church requirements along with various town events including Topsham Charter Day and the first 'Join the Club' event where we gave thirty-four people a go at ringing over a very busy couple of hours! On the back of this, we gained a new ringer who has joined the band alongside three other learners this year, all of whom are making great progress. We were also very pleased to welcome a competent ringer who has moved into Topsham.
A couple of first quarters have been achieved during the year for Hugh and Daniel who received a well-deserved Guild Certificate. We've once again held two training mornings on handling and striking and on method basics. In August, we ventured out on our annual outing which this year was to five towers in the Tiverton area; ringing all ten bells at Thorverton at the end of the day was a particular achievement.

We again entered the Guild Novice Striking Competition with a strong effort from Gay in her first competition. Practice nights have continued to be busy and productive, with our main focus this year being Grandsire Doubles. Towards the end of the year we have been able to ring plain courses of Grandsire on Sundays with our own band for the first time in a number of years. Our focus in the coming year is now to extend this to the newer members of the band as they progress and to begin to introduce calls. We have a wide range of abilities in the tower and practice nights promise a variety of ringing; visitors are always welcome. I am very grateful to our friends who come along and help on practice nights which allows us to progress so much quicker and my thanks to all the band for their enthusiasm and support throughout the year.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH St John the Evangelist, 12 bells, tenor 17cwt, grid ref. SY008818 Sunday: 9:30am. Practice: Monday 7:30pm

As in previous years, we provided regular service ringing for Sunday mornings and held weekly practices on alternate Mondays at our tower (1st, 3rd, 5th) and Littleham. We received occasional help on Sundays from the ringers at Littleham and Woodbury, and in turn helped augment their bands. The Exeter Cathedral Band practice here on alternate months; we like to think that this helped them win the National 12 bell striking competition! The Exeter Cathedral Band also arrange monthly quarter peals at Withycombe Raleigh to give 12-bell experience to the local ringers. Several firsts have been scored in this way.

Our major Guild activity was in hosting the AGM in June, on behalf of the Aylesbeare Branch, arranged with meticulous planning by Janet and support from a team of helpers (notably Sue Sturdy who conjured up the delicious food). Peal and quarter peal attempts were arranged in local towers together with an opportunity for the less experienced Branch members to ring on our 12. After lunch, the Guild Service with our Rector officiating was a very enjoyable occasion and well supported, as reflected in the hearty hymn singing. In the evening a quiz and supper rounded off the day. During the year we rang for four weddings;eight peals and 12 quarter peals were rung in the tower. We receive requests for peals, quarters and 'tower grabs' (including our mini-ring) from all over the country and welcome all enquiries.

WOODBURY St Swithin, 8 bells, tenor 23cwt, grid ref. SY009872
Sunday: 10:15-11:15am. (Generally no ringing on the 5th Sunday in any month)
The year started with the sad loss of Judy Bashforth, a long serving and loyal band member who is greatly missed, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in her memory, a first QP for Chris Lear. This proved to be the last quarter before restoration work began in early June and the church clock did not chime for six months. All the bells were taken down and the 4 th, 5 th, 6 th and tenor taken away by Whites of Appleton to have canon-retaining headstocks fitted. The tenor and 6th clappers were replaced. Chime hammers, chime pulleys, stays, main bearings and pulleys were replaced. The draws for the 2 nd, 4 th and 7th were revised without disturbing the ringing circle. The bell frame was cleaned and painted. Due to creaking of the tower roof beams when the 7 th and tenor were removed, temporary steel scaffolding was used for the replacement. The returned bells were rung before and after the service on 8 December by a total of 18 ringers. Peter, our secretary, has summarised the restoration for this report but it is important to acknowledge his tremendous efforts in initiating the project and seeing it through to completion, many thanks Peter. Thanks also to DCBRF, Viridor Credits, Woodbury Follies and the Friends of St Swithun's, whose generous grants made the work possible. Chris Lear requested that the first quarter peal following the work be rung in memory of Jonathan, her husband and former Tower Captain: at St Swithun's, to mark the tenth anniversary of his death.

Sadly, we lost another former tower Captain: when John H Glanvill passed away in September. The first quarter peal since restoration work was rung at the end of January, again Grandsire Doubles - this time with a "first as conductor", in memory of these two former Tower Captains.

On a happier note, the year has seen the return of Gordon, following a lengthy stint as churchwarden and choir member, and the arrival of Julia, a new recruit, both very welcome. Apart from the enforced break in the autumn, we have been able to ring for all Sunday services and are very grateful to our regular helpers from neighbouring towers.

Following last year's enjoyable outing (a first for many years for Woodbury), a really hot August bank holiday Monday saw a repeat performance with a 14 mile cycle trip along the Grand Western Canal and ringing at Halberton, Tiverton St Paul, Tiverton St Peter and Sampford Peverell. Barring lunch, this was another great day out and planning is already underway for an outing in 2020.

# Guild Annual General Meeting Saturday, 27th June 2020 

Due to the Corona Virus this year's AGM is be held online, members participating by either using the internet, a mobile phone or a landline (see details below). A redacted version of the Annual Report is available on the Guild website so that the officers reports and the Guild accounts can be viewed and ratified.

> 1.45pm Waiting room opens
> 2pm Annual General Meeting begins;
to be followed by Steve Coleman presenting a discussion on
"Acquiring Ropesight and Managing Without it."
Please note that to avoid interrupting the flow of the meeting and presentation there will be no admittance from the waiting room to the meeting after the start of the business meeting.

To join using the internet:
https://us02web.zoom.us/i/84240590994?pwd=bFpnZVFhSEkvYk9W

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## East Devon Branch

## Deaneries of Honiton and Ottery

There were a couple of highlights this year in particular the centenary of the branch celebrations at Ottery St Mary. In the Guild Striking Competition we surprised even ourselves by gaining second place in the eight bell competition held at Honiton, despite a last minute change in the band that rang. Thanks go to the towers that have hosted our meetings this past year: targeted practices are continuing very successfully, offering six-bell (Offwell), Plain Hunt (Sidbury) and Surprise Minor (Buckerell) and there have been some Surprise Major practices. Richard and Lisa organise a Friday Morning Group at Combe Raleigh ringing mainly doubles methods. A number of the Group have successfully rung their first quarter peals during the year. Our young ringers continue to amaze us and at the Branch Open Competition held at Dunkeswell, a band coached by Lisa deservedly walked away with the trophy beating many very experienced bands. Planning for the Guild 2020 AGM at Sidmouth is in hand and should provide an interesting day.


#### Abstract

AWLISCOMBE St Michael \& All Angels, 6 bells, tenor 19cwt, grid ref. ST133018 Sunday: 9:00-9:30 am (1st and 3rd). Practice: Tuesday 7:30pm (alternate with Buckerell) During the year we rang for four weddings. One of our young Ringers rang in the Young Ringers band that won the East Devon 6-bell open competition. It's always good to see young ringers doing well. Also during the year Kirstin rang her first Quarter Peal. On the evening of the 11th of November we rang the Devon peal for the Armistice and also for the centenary of the Awliscombe ex-servicemen's and women's association. We always get a good turnout for practice nights which we alternate between Awliscombe, Buckerell, Offwell and Gittisham.


AXMINSTER St Mary, 10 bells, tenor 23cwt, grid ref. SY296984
Sunday: 10:15 am. Practice: Wed 7:30pm - alternating with Kilmington (none in Jan or Aug)
2019 was a good year for the band. For the first time in many years we entered the East Devon 6-bell Striking Competition, which gave us a focal point to improve our general striking. We were rewarded with second place. A number of our ringers also rang their first quarter peals during 2019. We have been ringing regular monthly quarter peals, and have been relying on external support to achieve these. Several of our members regularly ring with other bands and Guild activities ensuring that Axminster contributes towards East Devon ringing. Our plan for 2020 is to recruit some more members and continue to promote ringing as a valuable art.

BUCKERELL SS Mary \& Giles, 6 bells, tenor 8cwt, grid ref. ST123003
Practice: Alternate Tuesdays 7:30pm (with Awliscombe, Offwell and Gittisham)
As a small village, we struggle to muster six local ringers for regular service ringing but we are able to ring for important events with the help of our friends in nearby towers. Our Tuesday practices alternate with the neighbouring parishes of Awliscombe and Offwell, and are lively and well attended. We are fortunate that between us we have a number of keen young ringers, and we are always looking to improve our ringing standards and eventually to broaden our repertoire of methods. Visiting bands are welcome and our thanks go to all who support us in so many ways.

On the second Friday of each month Buckerell continues to host a Surprise Minor practice which is open to all who would like to learn or advance their skills in these methods. We remain very grateful to all those who travel many miles to make these practices so enjoyable.

COMBE RALEIGH St Nicholas, 6 bells, tenor 6cwt, grid ref. ST158023
Sunday: 10:45-11:15am (1st and 3rd Sundays). Practice: Mondays 3:00pm
We have welcomed many visiting ringers during 2019. 14 quarter peals (four by our youngest ringer Sophie) and one peal were successfully rung. The Friday Group is on the point of being oversubscribed, it is so popular. Our six-bell simulator has been a considerable attraction. Lisa

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coaches a young ringers' band, from towers across East Devon, who won the Open Competition at Dunkeswell. Using the simulator as a strikeometer proved to be a great help in achieving that result. Together with visitors, the Friday Group, Lisa's teaching activities, hosting the Devon Association's prestigious South Qualifier competition, and our own ringing, the bells are used frequently! We thank Charles and Jean for joining our weekly practice regularly.
In October we enjoyed a trip to North Devon visiting old haunts of Sally and Trevor, ringing at four towers. Thanks are due to all who helped, especially Charles who drove the minibus.

COTLEIGH St Michael, 6 bells, tenor 7cwt, grid ref. ST206022
Practice: Irregular
With help from other neighbouring towers, we ring for special occasions and usually for Sunday service on the second Sunday of the month. We do however welcome visiting teams.

DUNKESWELL St. Nicholas, 6 bells, tenor 6cwt, grid ref. ST141077
Practice: Thursday 7:00-8:30 pm
Practices at Dunkeswell have been regularly held on Thursday evenings and well attended. We have had shared practices with Luppitt on their 8 bells, and joined them for their outing to Bournemouth in the spring. We hosted the Branch Striking Competition in July and supported the East Devon Branch celebrations in Ottery St. Mary. Tenders are now being sought for the tower structural works which have been in the pipeline for some time.

FARWAY St Michael \& All Angels, 6 bells, tenor 11 cwt, grid ref. SY173964
Sunday: 10:45-11:15am (not 1st Sunday). Practice: Thursdays 7:30pm (please ring to confirm)
Practice continues on Thursday evening with the help of our friends from Northleigh and Sidmouth. We have also welcomed two new novice ringers from the village who are progressing well and are joining us to ring for Sunday Services. We had 8 visiting bands, who completed one peal and two quarter peals, one wedding and hosted a Guild Striking Competition. Urgent expensive repairs were required to the headstocks of two bells, the works being carried out by Nicholson's of Bridport. A reminder to all towers of the need to carry out regular inspections of their installation.

FENITON St Andrew, 6 bells, tenor 9cwt, grid ref. SY109994
Sunday: No regular service ringing at present. Practice: Friday evening from 7:00-8:30pm
Having re-formed the band in 2018, to ring for Armistice 100, 2019 has seen ringing flourish. We have rung for the main Church festivals, weddings, funerals and some Sunday services with help from other towers.

Sadly we lost two of our members this year. We were honoured to ring for the funeral of Val Jones and offer our sympathy to her family. We also said goodbye to lan who has moved back 'up North,' he was a great support in getting our bells ringing again.

Practice evenings have been well supported with, on average, six or seven attending; however we would like more and aim to offer ringing for Sunday services regularly. We welcome any ringers, or potential ringers, who would like to join us.

GITTISHAM St Michael, 5 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. ST133984
Sunday: 10:30am. Practice by arrangement with Awliscombe, Buckerell and Offwell
We have struggled to ring regularly on Sundays and sometimes only managed with three bells. However, we remain ever optimistic and thanks to support from neighbouring towers, we rang with five bells for a wedding and for Armistice day, Christmas Eve and Christmas day we managed to ring with three and four bells respectively and by ringing for a brief amount of time and very quickly, joyously rang the old year out on two bells. Consequently, this year we are delighted to report that we have recruited two new members. We remain indebted to the skills and teaching expertise of Lisa who has tutored both Steve and Chris on a weekly basis using the simulator at Combe Raleigh. We look forward to all five bells ringing out in 2020.

HONITON St Michael, 6 bells (unringable), tenor 21cwt, grid ref. SY167999
HONITON St Paul, 8 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. ST163007
We held regular practices, rang almost every Sunday morning, often when we only had four, once for evensong, and twice for carol services, but sadly no weddings and no band for Xmas Eve or New Year's Eve. Theo got his Level 5 certificate for Learning the Ropes. We were nine on our outing, in June, to Bradpole, Fordington, Dorchester, Bradford Peverell and Cattistock. In July, we won the Branch Striking Competition, and we opened the tower on Charter Day for demonstrations and have-a-go sessions but, sadly, no recruits. Nevertheless, although we only occasionally ring all eight, our regular ringers often ring Plain Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor.

KILMINGTON St Giles, 6 bells, tenor 10cwt, grid ref. SY273980
Sunday: Times vary. Practice: 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday 7:30-9:00pm
2019 saw us ringing for all Sunday services, two weddings and some special events, albeit occasionally with help from some friends in the Axminster band. Practice nights continue to be shared with Axminster, as was our outing to four towers in the Tiverton area in March and our annual Dinner at the end of November, when we could celebrate with Peter (TC Axminster) who had rung his first Peal on that day. We have welcomed several visiting bands during the year. We are all looking forward to another happy year of ringing which our village seem to enjoy hearing!

LUPPITT St Mary's, 8 bells, tenor 11cwt, grid ref. ST169068
Sunday: 10:30am. Practice: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 7:30pm
We have no new ringers, but try to encourage others to join us. The outing took us to Bournemouth, visiting Bere Regis, St Peters Church in Bournemouth, St Georges' church in Oakdale and Bradford Peverell. It was a very enjoyable day. We have had five teams of visiting ringers and there has been one peal during the year. We rang for a BIG birthday of Barbara (can't tell you a lady's age, but it's between 60 and 80 ) and also for the 18th birthday of John and Barbara's granddaughter, Ashleigh. As normal we rang on Christmas morning and we are looking forward to ringing in May for the VE celebrations.

We now have a simulator set up are very happy to be able to help Dunkeswell members who feel they need extra practise. If anyone would like to come along and use it, please give us a call. A big thank you goes to Lawrence and Lisa for setting this up.

NORTHLEIGH St Giles, 4 bells, tenor 9cwt, grid ref. SY195959
Sunday: 10:45-11:15am (1st Sunday)
We ring the bells at Northleigh before the Church Service on the 1st Sunday of the month and for special occasions. This year we have had several bands of visiting ringers, it has been good to hear different methods being rung on the bells. We practise on most Monday mornings and continue to have fun with some newly discovered methods for 3 bells. Also our simulator has been a great success enabling Kathryn to practice for her first Quarter Peal. We continue to join Farway for their Thursday practice.

OFFWELL St Mary, 6 bells, tenor 8cwt, grid ref. SY194995
Sunday: 9:00-9:30am (Ist Sunday)
The two senior members, Jean (since 1988) and Pauline (since 1993) have both had health problems, but we look forward to them being back in 2020 . We have rung for 16 services and one wedding during the year and included 17 different ringers from nearby towers.

We continue to share practices with Awliscombe, Buckerell and Gittisham and also Feniton as required. We still have the target of recruiting at least one new ringer from our village each year.

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OTTERY ST MARY St Mary the Virgin, King Edward Confessor \& All Saints, 8 bells, tenor 18cwt, grid ref. SY098956

The church seems to be coming increasingly popular for weddings. 15 were held this year, and we were asked to ring for twelve of them. Luckily friends from other towers were able to help us out when some of our own band were not available. Fortunately we have recruited a lapsed ringer, and with his help we should be in good shape for the 23 that have been booked for 2020.

PAYHEMBURY St Mary the Virgin. 6 bells, tenor 16 cwt
Sundays: 10:30 am for 11:00 am services (usually one a month).
Practice: Thursdays: 8:00pm-9:00pm
During the year we managed to get a team for most of the Sunday services as well as for weddings and special occasions such as Armistice, the Carol Service and Midnight Mass. We only have five regular experienced ringers and one we call upon in emergencies. Fortunately we have recruited three new ringers who will shortly be able to ring call changes and one who is about to start to learn. Several groups of ringers have visited in the past year; it is always a pleasure to welcome visitors and hear them ring our beautiful bells.

SHUTE St Michael, 6 bells, tenor 6cwt, grid ref. SY252974
Sunday service varies each month, please use tower email contact for times. No Practice
We regularly have six ringers for the Sunday Services. We had a very successful ringers outing in September to Bath, which was enjoyed by 48 ringers and friends. Stopping at three Churches for the ringers we then spent a leisurely afternoon in Bath which was bathed in a beautiful September sun.

SIDBURY SS Peter \& Giles, 8 bells, tenor 16cwt, grid ref. SY140918
Sunday Please contact tower Captain: for information. Practice: Thursday 7:00pm, please phone first.

Everything in Sidbury keeps ticking along with Thursday night practices and Sunday services. We are a little thin on the ground for ringers but hopefully this will change soon.

SIDMOUTH St Nicholas \& St Giles, 10 bells, tenor 18cwt, grid ref. SY125873
Sunday: 9:30am. Practice: Tuesday 7:30pm
2019 was a very successful year; our recent recruits have been keen to learn and have regularly attended practice nights and Sunday ringing. The simulator continues to be very popular giving us valuable extra practice.

We hosted one Peal, four quarter peals and rang bells half muffled for Remembrance Day. All ringing events have been very well attended; one August practice night we had 16 local ringers and 9 visitors. It hasn't been all work however because we relaxed with a pizza night in March, celebrated Sylvia special birthday in August and had our traditional Pudding Night in December. In December Anne stepped down as Tower Captain: after five years of hard work; Paul is our new Captain: and Anne becomes Deputy Captain. Paul shares the same calm attitude as Anne so we're in good hands. In 2020 we hope to recruit new ringers and continue to improve our ringing.

TALATON St James the Great, 6 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SY067997
Sunday: 9:00am (1st Sunday of the month). Practice: none at present.
A shortage of ringers has meant that our practices are on hold for the moment.
UPOTTERY St Mary the Virgin, 6 bells, tenor 17cwt, grid ref. ST202706
Sunday: 10:00am
We usually manage a band for service ringing, but new blood would be welcome.

## Exeter Branch

## Deaneries of Cadbury, Christianity, Okehampton and part of Kenn with Pinhoe

The Branch has held six successful branch practices, with another two being cancelled due to insufficient numbers (as a result of heavy snow in one case). Attendance at the practices has been variable, with a good turnout at the practices held at St David's, St Mark's and Stoke Canon. These three practices saw plenty of opportunity for members to ring new methods for the first time or consolidate striking with the support of strong bands. The practices at Bramford Speke and St Petrock's were less well attended, but the smaller numbers meant that those who did attend benefitted from some intensive practice in the presence of experienced bands.

The branching outing on May 6 was organised along the Tarka Line, with ringing at Barnstaple, Pilton and Crediton. This was well attended and a good standard of ringing was achieved at all three towers, including three leads of Littleport at Crediton. The fine 12 at Crediton also gave many members a first opportunity to ring call changes or plain hunt on more than eight bells.

The first social event of the year was a ringing outing and barbeque in July. The two towers planned for the morning ringing became one when ringing at Whimple was cancelled because of mechanical problems. However, we had good ringing at Aylesbeare before heading back to Broadclyst for a barbeque. Like last year we had good weather. Our second social event was a skittles and supper evening at the New Inn pub in Broadclyst in October - the second year we have held it here and also the continuation of an Exeter Branch tradition.

The AGM was held at Thorverton where a new ringing master and deputy were elected as the previous incumbents have left Exeter for pastures new.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE St Peter, 6 bells, tenor 6 cwt , grid ref. SX927982
All ringing by arrangement. Please phone to confirm.
CREDITON Holy Cross, 12 bells, tenor 26 cw t, grid ref. SS836002
Crediton: Sunday: 8:45am and 5:30pm (1st). Practice: Tuesday 7:30pm
EXETER Cathedral of St Peter, 12 bells, tenor 72cwt, grid ref. SX920925
Sunday following 3rd Saturday: 2:30pm (quarter peals by arrangement on other Sundays). Practice: 1st, 2nd and last Mondays 7:00pm (alternate 2nd Mondays usually at Withycombe Raleigh at 7:30pm).
Sunday ringing and Monday practices for experienced 12 bell ringers only.
Open practice: 3rd Saturday 6:00pm (visitors welcome, although you must have a minimum experience of one year if you wish to ring)
2019 was an incredibly memorably year for Exeter Cathedral, as we hosted the National 12 Bell Striking Contest Final on Saturday 22nd June. Over a thousand people travelled to Exeter to listen to the bells and enjoy the hospitality on offer in the Bishop's Palace Gardens, all on a glorious summer's day. Without the support of over one hundred volunteers from around the county, along with the Bishop's Office and Cathedral staff, the day would never have been so successful, and that success was crowned as the Exeter Cathedral team won the Taylor Trophy. It was a wonderful day, and we look forward to competing to retain the trophy at Sheffield in 2020.

As ever, the Cathedral ringers have been kept busy, with thirty-nine quarter peals recorded during the year. One Society peal was rung at the Cathedral, and another notable peal of Stedman Cinques was specially arranged to mark the 650th anniversary of the death of Bishop John de Grandisson, Exeter's longest serving Bishop who was responsible for the completion of Exeter Cathedral; this was rung half-muffled preceding the Requiem Mass on Tuesday 16th July.

Membership increased still further, reaching 37, with the method repertoire ranging from Erin and Stedman Cinques through to Spliced Surprise Maximus and even Zanussi Surprise Maximus. Sunday service ringing continues to flourish on three mornings of each month, with thanks

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extended to our friends from the Devon Association for their help; the open practice on the third Saturday evening of each month remains popular, giving visitors the opportunity to gain experience ringing on twelve bells and develop their method ringing skills.

During the early autumn, all Cathedral members refreshed their CO online safeguarding training, three years after first taking the course. We were also delighted to be able to share a little of our art, skills, history and personal stories when the bellringers were invited to give a talk to the December 'Town Hall' staff and volunteer meeting. Following a successful and celebratory annual dinner in early October at the Mill on the Exe, with the Dean and his wife as our guests, we were pleased to host the Devon Ringers Carol Service at Exeter Cathedral as the year drew to a close. As always, we thank the Dean \& Chapter for their continued support, as we look forward to 2020, to good ringing, and to supporting the spiritual life of the Cathedral throughout the year ahead.

EXETER St Michael and All Angels, Church Street, Heavitree, 8 bells, tenor 26 cwt , grid ref. SX937922, postcode EX2 5EH
Sunday: 9:45am (5th Sunday usually 9:15am, but please check first). Practice: Thursday 7:30pm
We usually have enough visitors and our own ringers on a practice night to accommodate those learning Surprise Major and Double Norwich but also accommodate several learners who have the opportunity to progress quickly. Sunday ringing is a little more variable, with several regulars filling in at the cathedral and only able to get to Heavitree for the last few minutes. We are grateful to all those who help us out. Quarter peals were rung on several occasions, including Oxford Bob Triples, which was finally scored for Remembrance Sunday, and firsts for ringers both inside and as conductors. We had an unusual but very enjoyable Christmas dinner at the training restaurant at Exeter College for the second year running.

EXETER St David, Hele Road, 8 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SX915931
Sunday: 8:45am. Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm
A year of quiet progress. Just three quarter peals were rung on the bells this year. In June a peal was rung to wish our Curate, Christopher, best wishes on his move to the Diocese of Winchester. Wednesday practice nights continued throughout the year with Surprise Minor methods being a focus. Esme, aged 8, began to learn to ring this year having been a regular visitor to the tower since birth!

EXETER St Mark, Pinhoe Road, 10 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SX935934
Sunday: 8:45am. Practice: Wednesday: 7:30pm ( 6 bell practice from 7:00pm by arrangement)
Ringing at St Marks continues to be very active with 10 bells rung regularly for services We were sorry to lose three of our Armistice learners who moved away during the year to York and Oxford but they continue to ring in their new home locations. Several quarter peals have been rung either on our regular third Sunday evening or festive occasions to give various ringers the opportunity to ring a first of some sort and the tower remains a venue for about 10 peal attempts per year.
We held another successful cycle outing and a well-attended pre-christmas dinner at an Italian restaurant in Newton St Cyres. Practices range in methods up to London and Bristol Royal as well as occasional touches of Glasgow or Belfast S Major. All abilities are catered for.

EXETER St Thomas, Cowick Street, 8 bells, tenor 14cwt, grid ref. SX912918
Sunday: 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month, 9:15-9:55 am (Service has moved to 10:30 am).
Practice: Thursday 7:00pm. Please phone to check all ringing times.
HATHERLEIGH St John the Baptist, 8 bells, tenor 13cwt, grid ref. SS541046
Sunday: 10:30 am. Please phone to check first. Practice: Thursday 7:30 pm
We have enjoyed another good year's ringing at Hatherleigh and with our practice night changing to a Thursday evening, they have generally been well attended. We have been managing to ring for the majority of Sunday services alongside other important events which included two weddings
back in the summer. In July we enjoyed another well organised tour this time around North Devon. A lovely day was had by all culminating in a fish and chip supper on the beach.

We also managed to enter several local call change competitions through the summer months with mixed fortunes, something which we hope to continue and build on in the coming year. Our new vicar joined us back in February bringing some exciting ideas. With a potential project on the horizon hopefully good times are ahead for both the church and the bells at Hatherleigh.

LAPFORD St Thomas of Canterbury, 6 bells, tenor 13cwt, grid ref. SS731082
Sunday: 9:00 am (no ringing 4th Sunday). Practice: Friday 10:00 am
Lapford is delighted to have applied and been accepted as a church affiliated to the Guild. As ringers come and go, moving in and out of small villages like Lapford, individual method ringers might typically support their local call-change ringing tower while also travelling further afield to support a local method ringing group. Until this year method ringers living in Lapford tended to also ring and be affiliated to the Guild as members of Crediton. As luck would have it, and over a relatively short period, Lapford has suddenly found itself with five experienced method ringers living in the parish and three other 'locals' interested in progressing into method ringing. It seemed fitting that the tower should become affiliated to the Guild at the same time as maintaining the tradition of call-change ringing on Sundays and continued attachment to the Devon Association.

NEWTON ST CYRES SS Cyr and Julitta, 8 bells, tenor 13cwt, grid ref. SX879980
Sunday: 9:00am (4th). Practice by arrangement
PINHOE St Michael and All Angels, 8 bells, tenor 10cwt, grid ref. SX955949
Sunday: 1st and 3rd Sunday's 10:00-10:30am visitor's welcome. Practice: Tuesday 7:30-9:00pm
We have maintained Sunday service ringing through the year. The practice nights, with the help of David and lan, have seen the learner's progressing steadily. We also have three members of the Brampford Speke band come each week and progress is being made there, and Abby has just completed her Duke of Edinburgh Award. Again we have had several visiting bands through the year with seven peals, and fourteen quarter peals.

SHOBROOKE St Swithin, 6 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SS862011
Shobrooke: Sunday: 10:30am (2nd and 4th). Practice: Thursday 7:30pm (not January or February)
STOKE CANON St Mary Magdalene, 6 bells, tenor 10cwt, grid ref. SX939980
Practice: Monday 7:00pm (except Bank holidays). No ringing during school hours or after 8:30pm
THORVERTON St Thomas of Canterbury, 10 bells, tenor 15cwt, grid ref. SS924021
Sunday: 9:30am. Practice: Please contact tower captain to check.
2019 ringing practice continued with Thorverton ringers attending Stoke Canons Monday evening practice along with other Netherexe ringers, to make up for the low numbers at our individual towers. There were also arranged visits to the towers in the Netherexe parish. The Netherexe parish ringers continue to support each of our parish churches but new ringers are needed and hopefully this year will see another attempt to attract new ringers.

Thorverton continues to ring for the third Sunday family service. We also rang for four weddings. A bell was also tolled at the funeral of Thorverton local, John Mann who was the well-loved publican of The Exeter Inn. Twenty-two peals were rung at Thorverton in 2019 and the peal total at the end of the year stood at $1,177,988$ of which have been rung for the Devon Guild. Monthly quarter peals were also rung.
In November, Thorverton was also happy to host the Guilds Branch AGM which, along with the meeting, included tea and cakes and ended with a service conducted by our local vicar.

## Mid-Devon Branch

## Deaneries of Moreton, Newton Abbot \& Ipplepen, Torbay and Totnes, and part of Kenn

All events this year have run smoothly with good attendance at most practices. We have been delighted to welcome Bovey Tracey as a branch tower and look forward to their ringers joining us in the near future.

We have held two skill specific branch training events during the year; 'Raising and Lowering in Peal' run at East Ogwell and 'Towards Good Striking' run at Stokeinteignhead. Both events were well supported by members, with both courses being fully booked and those attending greatly benefitted from the training on offer. Our thanks should be recorded to our ringing master and his deputy for organising and running our training programme.

The surprise minor practices held in the early part of the year were well received by members, with opportunities to ring a variety of minor methods which may not be available at individual towers. It is planned to continue these next year. The practice at Stokeinteignhead in June was particularly well attended and successful, with several different methods rung, including Cambridge, York, Rossendale and London.

The joint 10-bell practice at Tavistock with the South-West Branch was well attended overall, although there were fewer Mid-Devon than SW members present as might be expected bearing in mind the distance involved, but those of us who did put in the miles enjoyed a well-run practice, ably led by SW Branch ringing master Phil Dunn, with methods rung ranging from rounds and call changes to Stedman Caters and concluding with a half course of Cambridge S Royal.

This year, thanks mainly to the enthusiasm and commitment shown by Don, the branch entered a band in the Guild 8-bell Striking Competition for the first time in many years. We chose to ring Grandsire Triples and following a couple of practices the previous evening at Kingsteignton and Wolborough the band rang in fine style, probably our best effort and were placed very creditably.

The branch AGM was held in November, this year at Dawlish. Special thanks were extended to Fiona who stood down as Branch Treasurer after many years on the committee. Regrettably there were no nominations, so Fiona kindly agreed to 'keep things afloat' until the committee identified a permanent replacement. Just a couple of weeks later we were delighted to welcome Karen to the branch (having transferred her Guild membership from the SW Branch) and she kindly agreed to take over the role. Great relief all round. Thanks Karen!

January 2020 saw the start of our year of celebration as the branch celebrates its centenary, the first meeting having been held in January 1920. To get things started, a peal of Cambridge S. Major was successfully rung on January 6th (the date of the inaugral meeting) by a Mid-Devon branch band at St Michael's, Teignmouth. Several branch towers were represented in the band and special thanks are due to Mike (unattached) for conducting.

We followed this up with a 'Centenary Celebration Day' held on January 11th with morning ringing at St Mary Magdalene, Upton. This was followed by an excellent lunch at The Drum Inn in Cockington, with around 20 members present. Afternoon ringing took place at St George's, Cockington, where the ringing room was packed and various methods enjoyed. These towers were specifically chosen as they were the first to be affiliated to the Branch. This was an excellent and happy occasion, enjoyed by all who attended. The Branch now looks forward to continuing the celebratory year following this exciting start, with plans to ring a quarter-peal at every current branch tower.

ABBOTSKERSWELL The Blessed Virgin Mary, 6 bells, tenor 10cwt, grid ref. SX856687
Sunday: 9:30am. Practice: Thursday 7:00pm-8:00pm
It's been a quiet year with not much to report. We try to ring for most of the morning (11am) services but with only four members we have struggled at times due to holidays and illnesses none of us are getting any younger!

We continue to keep the tower in good order with regular maintenance checks and we are committed to keeping the tradition of bells ringing alive in Abbotskerswell. We aim to practice every Wednesday evening ( $7 \mathrm{pm}-8 \mathrm{pm}$ ) and always welcome visitors or anyone new who is interested in learning to ring the bells.

BERRY POMEROY St Mary, 8 bells, tenor 14cwt, grid ref. SX828610 Sunday: 4th Sundays 10:30-11:15. Other services by arrangement. Practice: Monday 7:30-9:00pm

We continue to receive invaluable support from ringers from the surrounding area, both on practice nights and for wedding and service ringing. We rarely cancel Monday evening practices and I am grateful to those who stepped in to run the practices while I was away. Ringing ranges from call changes to Surprise Minor and Bob Major, plus most things in between, and all our regular attenders have made good progress. We still struggle to ring more than once a month on Sundays and do not currently have any new recruits.

The bell installation is in good condition, although it requires considerable effort to keep the ringing room clean owing to grit and flakes from the walls. Once again we had more than 20 people present at our Christmas meal at the Old Smokey House in Marldon

BOVEY TRACEY St Peter, Paul and Thomas of Canterbury, 8 bells, tenor 14-2-26, grid ref. SX820786 Sunday: Contact for arrangements. Practice: Monday 7:30pm
As a band, whilst having dabbled in method ringing, we have joined the branch in order to progress and look forward to the challenges, support of the branch and the Guild. We practice on a Monday night and all are welcome to join us.

BRIXHAM Blessed Virgin Mary, 10 bells, tenor 17-0-4, grid ref. SX921551
Sunday: 10:30am-11:00am. Practice: Thursday 7:30pm
It has been a busy year for the ringers of St Mary's, Brixham. We have rung for all services, with a little help from our friends and have had well supported and enjoyable practice nights each week.

Our band has increased by two experienced ringers who are new to the area and also two new recruits. Training has continued throughout the year to improve our standard of striking and to develop new skills including method ringing. We had a successful outing in July 2019 where we visited Rattery, South Brent and Harberton, finishing with a meal at the Old Inn, Halwell. A great day was had by all!

We were all saddened by the loss of one of our ringers and former Tower Captain, Lowrey Bell. We rang half muffled for Lowrey's funeral and at the request of the family, 'fired' the bells, a tradition here at Brixham. All in all a busy year ending with a party on New Year's eve, having rung out the old year and rung in the new by candle light!

COFFINSWELL St Bartholomew, 6 bells, tenor 11-0-5, grid ref. SX891684
Sunday: 8:30am. Practice: 1st Wednesday 7:30pm
KINGSKERSWELL St Mary, 8 bells, tenor 7-0-3, grid ref. SX875678
Sunday: 9.15am. Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm (except 1st Wed and in August).
The highlight of the year was the installation of our restored and augmented bells. What a difference! Gone is the very cramped ringing chamber with the clock and very odd-struck bells. What we now have is a superb ring of eight rung from our wonderful new balcony, with all the extra space. We are gradually getting used to the new bells as they are very different to the old ring. We owe John Rees a massive vote of thanks for all the work he put into the project.

The last quarter peal in the 'old' bells was rung on Thursday 4th April with four local ringers taking part, and the final ring on the 'old' bells was on Sunday 7th April when a full peal of 5040 Surprise Minor was rung. Refreshments were served while the ringing was in progress and a good number of people came to listen and say farewell to the bells.

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While our bells were out of action, we rang at various local towers for our practices. Sunday ringing continued as normal at Coffinswell.

In October, we visited Nicholson Engineering in Bridport to see our bells, and everything was installed by the end of November. The bells were first rung on 28th November when we had 20 ringers, including 12 of our own ringers. 19 ringers attended the official try-out on 29th November, and we were very pleased to welcome the bell hanger. We were so grateful for the attendance of the visiting ringers, who helped to make it such a very memorable occasion for us. We had our first practice the next morning, and the following day, the 1st December, all the works completed in Phase 1 of our church re-ordering were dedicated by the Bishop of Plymouth. So altogether we had a very exciting and memorable few days.

Trevor joined us at the end of June. He is very enthusiastic and is a valued member of our team. In March, we rang at Wolborough, Ugborough and Blackawton and held our annual dinner in the evening. In July or coach outing was to St Mellion, St Dominick, Stoke Climsland, Lezant and Lewtrenchard. We rang the New Year in as usual and had a get-together in church beforehand with over 20 people attending. 2020 is starting promisingly as we have six new recruits. It is very pleasing that we now have some younger people learning. We certainly need them.

DAWLISH St Gregory, 8 bells, tenor 11-2-21, grid ref. SX953766
Sunday: 9:15am, Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm
Dawlish has continued to thrive, with the best ringing possible for services and individuals progressing. We have had three existing ringers move in to join us and our teenagers come as often as they can!

We still have about 15 members. Analysis of the attendance book shows that of 49 recorded Sundays we had at least six on 35 occasions, and eight or more on 14 Sundays. Of the 45 recorded practice nights, we had at least six ringers on 40 occasions, and at least eight on 22 of them. These are the figures for Dawlish members and there were often more with visitors, especially our regulars on a Wednesday.

Methods rung were mostly Plain Bob or Grandsire Doubles, (occasionally Triples), sometimes Cambridge Minor and Stedman Doubles, and other Doubles methods. Call changes produce our best striking, sometimes very good indeed!

April saw the only wedding of the year, at which all eight bells were rung. September was the Heritage Open Day again, with visitors shown round the tower; and the same month saw the Kenn Deanery Competition at Kenton in which we entered a ' B ' team for 60 on 3 rds . We hosted the branch AGM in November.

Socially, we again enjoyed a Holy Week meal at the Elizabethan in Luton, and a Christmas party with handbells. One new venture was a private round of crazy golf in Dawlish before our practice and included supper.

In December, we were visited by broadcaster Toby Buckland who was shown the bells and had a go at ringing. This was included in his Christmas programme on local radio.

ST MARYCHURCH St Mary, Fore Street, 10 bells, tenor 17cwt, grid ref. SX18660
Sunday: 9:30-10:00am. Practice: Tuesday 7:30pm.
At this time last year, we had high hopes with three new recruits under training. Sadly, for various reasons they have all given up - one of them has joined our handbell tune ringing team where she has brought a friend so all is not completely lost, but not good news for the tower. Our very loyal band of ringers has continued to be very supportive and our returning ringer has made great progress. It means that our goal of 10 bell ringing each Sunday is often achieved.

Our ringers are keen supporters of the Mid-Devon Branch and we are delighted to say that we were awarded the Eddon Clapper Trophy for progress at the Branch AGM. A recent Ringing World article suggested that the clear sign of an active tower was a box of sweets in evidence - we have that but also a mascot (Telly Tubbies Dipsy) with an extensive wardrobe which is regularly changed according to the season! It has now been joined by a Toucan!

A Module 1 ART course was held at our tower in August and two of our ringers are hoping to find recruits to enable them to gain experience of teaching. Most weeks a Thursday morning "Clinic" is held in the tower when several bells are tied, and much useful work has been done. Participants come from several local towers and the emphasis is on a relaxed and supportive environment to work on any aspect of ringing from improving style to method theory. We also have a mini simulator which can be used as well.

Anyone interested in attending should contact the tower if they would like to join in - we try to limit numbers so that "one-to-one" contact is easily achieved. All we need now are more recruits.

STOKEINTEIGNHEAD St Andrew, 6 bells, tenor 10cwt, grid ref. SX915704
Stokeinteignhead: Sunday: 10:30am. Practice: Monday 7:30pm.
Over the last 12 months, our newer members of the band have continued to make very good progress. Nicola achieving her first quarter peal.

We continue to have very good support from ringers from local towers, such as Dawlish and St Marychurch on practice night, for which we are very grateful. This has helped the Stoke ringers to progress and also advance in their ringing, Surprise Minor is now a regular feature.

Ringing has been maintained on most Sundays, although this has been a little challenging at times due to illness, holidays and work commitments. A recruitment drive in 2020 is planned.

TEIGNMOUTH St James, 8 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SX939731
Sunday 10:00am. Practice: 7:00pm last Tuesday of the month.
TEIGNMOUTH St Michael the Archangel, 8 bells, tenor 22cwt, grid ref. SX944730
Sunday 9:30am. Practice: Tuesday 7:30pm except last Tuesday of the month.
Ringing has been quite steady throughout the year. Service ringing has carried out at both churches every Sunday, St Michael's 9:30-10:00, and St James' 10:00-10:30. Practice nights continue every Tuesday at St Michael's with St James' on the last Tuesday of the month. Ringing has been steadily improving throughout the year, with the usual Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

We had two outings this year, the first to Hampshire and Winchester Cathedral in May as a tribute to the life of Jane Austen. Then, four towers around the South Hams in the Autumn.

Our two recent recruits are making good progress, and both are now Guild members.
UPTON St Mary Magdalene, 8 bells, tenor 14cwt, grid ref. SX 913644
Sunday: by arrangement. Practice: Thursday 7:00pm
Thursday night practices have been well attended and we have welcomed the occasional visitor, which is always useful. Call changes continue to be on the menu to encourage accurate striking, leading and listening skills. Progress has been steady with method ringing, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Penultimus Doubles have all helped to instill the theory of half-pull ringing using the front six. We are increasingly using all eight bells and Plain Hunt Triples together with touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob have all been accomplished.

Our annual outing, on a beautiful sunny day in late August was in the Dartmoor area, ringing at Bickington, Ilsington, Buckland-in-the-Moor, Widecombe-in-the-Moor, Manaton and Lustleigh. Lunch at The Rugglestone Inn, Widecombe provided an excellent mid-day break. On 14th December, we rang for an exciting Dickensian Fayre held in the church car park which attracted a large number of people who praised the innovative event. Our band look forward with confidence for 2020.

WOLBOROUGH St Mary, 8 bells, tenor 16cwt, grid ref. SX855704
Sunday: 8.45-9:15am (2nd and 4th of month) \& by arrangement. Practice: Friday 7:30pm

## North East Branch

## Deaneries of Cullompton and Tiverton

The Branch continues to make great progress in all areas and again I extend my sincere thanks, as similarly conveyed in my 2018 report, to fellow Officers, Teachers, Helpers and Towers for facilitating the advances achieved within this reporting year. Our new ringers are now well established within the Branch and am pleased they support events when time allows them to. By example, we entered two teams into the Plain Hunt Triples Guild Striking Competition and took both first and second places, an exceptional result and our newer ringers should be justly proud of their efforts in achieving these outstanding results, underpinned by the support of their parents affording them additional practice sessions leading up to the competition.

Equally pleasing were the teams who keenly entered the St Peter's Shield Striking Competition, an event which hadn't been run for a couple of years. I must single out Silverton who entered two teams into the competition, a fantastic effort and it is hoped the Tower Striking Competitions within the Branch become the norm once more. It was a fun-filled night and was great to see the camaraderie it brokered. Well done to all teams who entered the spirit of the event and we hope to see more teams enter the 2020 competition.

The Guild Ringing Festival was well supported by our Branch and I thank all those who took part in the event. For some, firsts in method were achieved and I commend all those involved in supporting those to achieve this. Also, of noteworthy news, were ringers who achieved their Guild Certificates in ringing 120's of a method either on an inside bell or on the treble. Again, a fantastic accolade to be awarded the prestigious certificate. Making these initial steps into method ringing is by far the hardest stage moving on from rounds and call changes which can take many months or even years to master and so should not be brushed off lightly. Again, well done to those who have made this quantum leap!

Devon Call Changes is by far the most rung style within the Branch, but to strike call changes well is a unique discipline and art form of its own. I never look down on call changes as being a secondary style, far from it. It is extremely difficult to do well, maintaining the closed hand stroke leads whilst keeping the tail ends up and ringing almost metronome like with the band. I am a firm believer that call change ringing and method ringing go hand in glove, so far as the better struck call changes are, the better and more accurately struck method ringing will be. This has proven to be the case too with several Branch members now 'hooked' on ringing in the Association Call Change Competitions; the listening skills developed and ringers becoming acutely aware and selfcritical of unevenness in this discipline have immensely aided greater striking accuracy in method ringing. To conclude, I along with my fellow Officers, would like to convey our sincere thanks for your team effort within the Branch and the support equally afforded us and we look forward to the prospect of working with you in 2020 to achieve your ringing ambitions. We are extremely fortunate to have many exceptional ringers within the Branch and coupled with the revised Training Programme for the forthcoming year I am sure we can help achieve your goals.

## THE TROYTE RINGING CENTRE

Registered Charity 1179374
The Troyte Ringing Centre (TRC) became a registered charity on 01 August 2018 and is responsible for ringing the tower bells at Bampton and at Huntsham within the terms of written agreements between TRC and each Parochial Church Council.

BAMPTON St. Michael and All Angels, 6 bells, tenor 14 cwt with practice bell and simulator, grid ref. SS957222, postcode EX16 9QJ
Sundays: 10:15am (except 2nd and 5th) and 5:50pm (1st and 4th). General ringing: Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm.

HUNTSHAM All saints, 8 bells, tenor 8cwt, grid ref. ST001204, postcode EX16 7NA
Sundays: 08:45am (2nd only). General ringing: Mondays 7:30-9:00pm

Our general ringing programme: The timings of Sunday service ringing differ for almost every Sunday in the month and this is the consequence of having one Incumbent: and five churches within our mission community. We have difficulties getting enough ringers for the 08:45am ringing at Huntsham on the 2nd Sunday and the evening services at Bampton on the 1st and 4th Sundays. However, we are helped by Richard who joins us from Holcombe Rogus whenever possible and by our four adult learners. Unfortunately, our young ringers find ringing on Sundays difficult to arrange.

Weekday ringing is popular. On Mondays we have the After-School Bell Club from 3:45pm until 5:00pm at Bampton, followed by our 6-bell Call Change Workshop from 5:00pm until 6:00pm. We also have open ringing at Huntsham from 7:30pm with visiting ringers from other Devon towers joining us most weeks. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays we have simulator practices at Bampton during the early evenings. On Wednesday evenings Huntsham tower is used by the North East Branch for their evening practices and quarter peals. On Thursdays we have a regular weekly peal attempt at Huntsham in the morning and practice sessions of various kinds at Bampton from 6:00pm onwards. Saturdays are reserved for weddings, training related activities, coffee mornings and sometimes even parachuting teddy bears. Huntsham is now a popular venue for weddings on Saturdays and increasingly during weekdays. In addition, we have six days during the year when we ring at Bampton for significant community events in our calendars. These days include Holocaust Memorial Day, Bampton Fair day, the feast of St. Luke, which for several centuries was when Bampton Fair was held, the feast of St. Michael which is our patronal festival which is not celebrated with a church service and of course New Year's Eve. We also ring at Bampton and Huntsham at the request of parishioners to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and other special events.

Our training programme: As in previous years the emphasis in our Saturday morning "Extended Practices" has been on developing foundation skills - particularly those for raising and lowering, call changes, plain hunt and Plain Bob Doubles. However, a new venture in 2019 was an event for those wishing to ring the treble to Treble Bob or Surprise Major; by the end of the morning all three students were happily trebling to half a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major. In all eight events were run during the year with a total of 40 students attending.

Monthly quarter peals are arranged for North East Devon Branch members and nearly all of these included at least one "first", ranging from first as cover to first of Surprise Major or first as conductor. More than 40 peals were recorded during the year, many in Alliance or Delight Major methods and about half were the first peal in the method. Richard Barker and Mandy Burnett both rang their first peals during 2019.

Becoming a registered charity separate from the Bampton and Huntsham PCCs and the GDR North East Branch provides us with an opportunity for greater independence which will encourage us to offer our training programme more widely and to invite support from a wide pool of experienced ringers. This will enable us to maintain and, we hope, extend the range of training events we offer. Full details of these events can be found on the TRC website at the address above.

BICKLEIGH St Mary the Virgin, 6 bells, tenor 8cwt, grid ref. SS942071, postcode EX16 8RD
Sunday: 10:30 am every 3rd Sunday
We ring for family services and have hosted a number of visiting ringers throughout the year. We were pleased to be part of the team ringing for the Armistice on 11 November. Our alliance with neighbouring towers of Cadbury and Cadeleigh is proving useful and we have a joint practice and social on the first Tuesday of each month.

BURLESCOMBE St. Mary's 6 Bells Tenor 17cwt, grid ref. ST075166, postcode EX16 7JP
During the past year we have managed to ring at several services by 'begging' ringers from other towers in the Team to make up the numbers. Regular practices take place on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm at either Burlescombe, Holcombe Rogus or Halberton. New members are always welcome.

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CADBURY St Michael \& All Angels, 6 bells, Tenor 113/4 cwt, grid ref. SS911049, postcode EX5 5LA. Sunday: 9:30am (3rd). Practice: Tuesday 7:30pm

It is now over six years since the band was formed and we still have a core of enthusiastic ringers to which we have added one new member who is learning to ring. We continue to help other local Churches with weddings and Sunday services, as they do us. This year we had our annual Christmas dinner at the Ring of Bells in Cheriton Fitzpaine. We run our regular fund-raising events for the bell fund this year which have been a great success, we have also managed to get our faculty approved to refurbish our bells, which was really good news ,and have made several applications for grants. Our thanks go to the Cadbury community, the PCC and all the members of the guild for their continued help and support.

CADELEIGH, 6 bells, tenor 10cwt, postcode EX16 8HP
We ring for all services have hosted several visits throughout the year. Our alliance with neighbouring towers of Cadbury and Bickleigh is proving useful and we have a joint practice and social on the first Tuesday of each month.

CHERITON FITZPAINE St Matthew's, 6 bells, tenor 13cwt, grid ref. SS86750 06163, postcode EX17 4JB
Sundays: ad hoc \& Church Festival services
We ring for festival services and have hosted several visiting teams throughout the year.
CRUWYS MORCHARD Holy Cross, 6 bells, tenor 12-0-24, grid ref. SS87312, postcode EX16 8LD Sunday: variable. Practice: Mondays 7:30pm.

As usual we have rung for all Sunday services throughout the year, although there isn't one every week these days. We practice every Monday with variable numbers attending. We've been joined by quite a few learners from other towers, wishing to make use of the opportunity for extra rope time. We started a new project during the year, the aim being to visit all Devon's 5 -bell towers, of which there are currently 18 . We've been to most of them already with only a few left to go. An expedition usually takes place about once every other month, visiting two or three towers and enjoying a picnic or pub lunch as well. We've made it our target to learn and ring a different minimus method on each outing and this has certainly improved peoples ability to pick up new methods quickly, with rounds and call changes and Mexican waves too, we've had lots of fun on these occasions, and enjoy the chance to discover new places and try out our skills on different bells (often not as easy to ring as our own!) Thank you to all who have welcomed us to their churches.

CULLOMPTON St Andrew, 10 bells, tenor 19cwt, grid ref. SS022072, postcode EX15 1JU Sundays: 8:50am. Practice: Monday 7:30pm, Learners from 7:00pm (extra sessions as required)
During 2019 we were able to ring 8 or 10 bells on Sundays and for weddings. It has been lovely to see our band growing in numbers with training ongoing. We have welcomed visiting ringers and had successful peal attempts. We were able to ring in 2020, welcoming colleagues from other towers. In February we trialled the 10-bell evening service ringing on second Sundays. This has been well supported and has continued for nearly 12 months. On third Sundays between morning services, Chris has been widening his repertoire on the Ellacombe chimes!

Practice nights are Mondays at 7:30pm and if anyone wishes to join the band please contact Chris and Rachel Cozens cullomptonringers@outlook.com.

CULMSTOCK All Saints, 8 bells, Tenor 18-02-00, grid ref. ST102135, postcode EX15 3JD
Sunday: 9:15am on 1st, 8:45am on 3rd Sunday. Practice: By arrangement
We have again rung all eight bells with our own band for Christmas, Easter, Remembrance and weddings, and with help from Hemyock for combined Mission Community services, but usually
only six on other Sundays. Our regular band is now, after a long struggle, able to ring well-struck plain hunt doubles. Visiting parties are generally welcome, including for quarter peals, but a full peal during 2019 did lead to a complaint, despite advance publicity, and we are inclined to refuse further requests out of consideration for our neighbours.

HALBERTON St Andrew, 6 bells, Tenor 17 cwt, grid ref. ST005128, postcode EX16 7AR Sunday: 9:30am (1st and 2nd). Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm
We at Halberton, Holcombe Rogus and Burlescombe are finding our joint practices working well, we still have to cancel a few but in general we are having a practice nearly every week.

Charles and Alice can now ring a bell on their own. We have also had 2 teenagers learning for their D of E bronze, both have decided to continue and are learning raising and lowering in peal and call changes, they keep us on our toes as they learn so quickly.

Our tour last year took us into Somerset with Curry Mallet (6), this included being able to watch the bells ringing and some lovely top of tower views where we could see the other towers in the distance. Beercrocombe (5). Fivehead (6) and Curry Rivel (8) all very nice to ring and with lovely welcomes. The captain of Curry Mallet and her husband joined us for the first two towers and then came and joined us for a rather nice meal at The Drayton Crown, (they must have heard about us as we were put in a separate room to the other diners), lots of lively discussion and laughter followed with some very good food. Thank you to all our helpers for Services and Weddings, including the Carol Service ring with a distinct lack of lighting, congratulations to our teenagers on their first service ring under difficult conditions.

HEMYOCK St Marys, 6 bells, Tenor 17-3-12 cwt, Grid ref: ST 136 133, postcode EX15 3RA Ground Floor ring, with Toilet in church.
Ringing: 1st Sunday: 9:45am; 2nd, 3rd \& 4th Sundays: 10:30am; 5th Sunday: On a rota with Clayhidon, Culmstock and Culm Day. Patronal festivals may also change the rota so it is advisable to phone and check. The same applies to practice night which is usually Thursday at $7: 45 \mathrm{pm}$.
Once upon a time there were some villagers living in the country, all men. Amongst other things they rang the local church bells. They didn't particularly consider themselves as church people, but tell them there was a service taking place and they would be there ringing to announce it to the population, even when the service started at 6am.

Then they started teaching others and, encouraged by the Rector, started doing that "scientific" style of ringing. In the mid-1970s there were even ladies being taught! They cycled miles to try the bells at other towers. They later even went to the length of ringing quarter peals. In fact they rang so many that some years they rung more than any other tower in the county.

Yes indeed - Hemyock.
Fast forward 30 or so years and we have for 2019, Quarter peal attempts 1, quarter peals succeeding nil. (I blamed the conductor) So what caused the changes? Was it lack of ringers? lack of time? Training? Or other things? (Did you realise there is a sociological study to be gained from ringing, and you thought it was just maths, engineering and physics)

The band of the 1960s/early 1970s all came from the village, lived in the village, worked in local trades, mainly agriculture, and had known each other since school. Their life was the village. For example, a former Guild Vice president rang at Hemyock for 65 years.
There were regular Sunday evening services then, latterly down to one a month but still a good opportunity for quarters. There were fewer opportunities for leisure outside the village. Cars were not on every driveway. Teenagers had fewer activities they could try. And it seems, despite not having digital communication, because they met and talked to each other, significant events were known about before they happened. And they got those events rung for. Today we are often told about special occasions after they've happened. We obviously have not got our village as organised as those folks in Bampton.

So, do we start the New Year despondent? No. We are a tower in transition. Our youngsters need time to develop, the more elderly will try to keep up and we will all aim to ring to the best of

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our ability. We hopefully will make more use of today's training opportunities, and still take part in the various church and village activities.

2019? Oh yes. Rung for nearly every service, welcomed our lovely new Rector Becky, tried intensive training and took part in the Church Christmas Tree display. And ate a lot of chocolates!

PS We must say "au-revoir" to lovely Nellie from Cruwys Morchard. We hope you enjoy life in Mull. We will miss you, but you have given us ideas for a tower outing!

HOLCOMBE ROGUS All Saints Church, 6 bells, tenor 13 cwt, grid ref. ST056190, postcode TA21 OPE Sunday: 2nd and 4th. Practice: Wednesday at 7:30pm

We rang in the New Year as usual and Ringing at Holcombe Rogus has followed the usual pattern of service ringing for the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month. We have missed a few in 2019 as two of our ringers have work commitments. However we have had help from our friends at Burlescombe and Halberton which has enabled us to ring for some Sundays when we would have otherwise been forced to cancel. We have held some practices this year again on a rolling three-week cycle between Burlescombe and Halberton. We are fortunate that we have a ringer who has moved into the village at the end of the year and will hope Robin will carry ringing with us. We rounded off by ringing out the old year and we are supported by the villagers who are at the Church Door to welcome us when we come out.

OAKENFORD St Peter 6 bells, tenor 12-1-11 cwt, grid ref. SS91016 21346, postcode EX16 9ES. Sunday: We ring some Sundays for the $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ service and occasionally for a morning service. Bells are rung for practice most Mondays at 7:00pm

Oakford is currently fund raising to fully refurbish the tower and bells. We recently had a cream tea followed by two local authors each giving a talk, in the village hall and raised $£ 1000$. So far we have raised $£ 9,000$ from various events. Our regular donation appeal is going well, we will be in a position to apply for grants shortly.

RACKENFORD All Saints, 6 bells, tenor 14-2-8cwt, grid ref. SS850182, postcode EX19 8DT. Sunday: Bells are rung when requested. Practice: Occasional Wednesdays 7:00pm

We started the year, with the makings of a team, practising on Wednesday evenings, but due to some dropping out and myself being unwell our team is struggling. Early in the year we managed to get a working party to clear the bell chamber of many years' worth birds rubbish, sticks, nests etc. Our bells are in reasonable condition and other ringers seem to like them. So, we hope things will get better this coming year.

SILVERTON St Mary's, 8 bells, tenor 16 cwt , grid ref. SS956028 postcode EX5 4HS Sunday: 9:00 for 9:30am (4th Sunday: 9:30 for 10:00). Practice: Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm
Regular ringing for Sunday services and Thursday practice nights has been maintained throughout the year. Ringing has also taken place for weddings, special services, and on New Year's Eve.

Two of the original seven new ringers attracted by the Ringing Remembers recruitment drive in 2018 have regrettably decided, for various reasons, not to pursue continue ringing which is disappointing given the hours Albert, John and others have spent training. This loss has however been offset in part by another young recruit - Thomas, who has lots of enthusiasm and is keen to learn. The addition of Thomas and his elder brother James has helped to reduce the average age of the Silverton band!

We regularly now have good attendances on Thursday practice nights (visitors please note ringing hours are 1900-2030) and for Sunday ringing. Training in bell handling for Call Changes and the early stages of Method ringing has been ongoing throughout the year, culminating in a training course in the last quarter for Plain Bob Doubles tutored by a team of N E Branch volunteer helpers who visited Silverton on alternate weeks on Thursday practice nights. A "graduation" ring and meal is planned during the month of February at Brampford Speke.

In summarising our activities during 2019 it would be remiss of me not to report the loss of a long-standing member of the Guild and our former Vice Captain Ken Wannell who passed away in July after a long illness. Many former and present friends and ringing colleagues attended his funeral service at St Mary's Church Silverton. We extend our condolences to his wife Diane.

Finally, on a happier note, in addition to enjoying their ringing, band members have taken part in a number of social activities during the year this being recognised as an important dimension in helping to keep the band together in the hope that the bells of St Mary's continue to ring for church services long into the future.

STOODLEIGH St Margaret, 6 bells, tenor 7cwt, grid ref. SS922188, postcode EX16 9PH.
Sundays: As part of the Exe Valley Group of Churches with 9 parishes, the service pattern does get amended, but we try to ring when there is a Sunday Service, usually two but sometimes three times a month. Practice: Thursdays 7:30pm.
Some new ringers recruited but happy to welcome more as until they progress, numbers for Sunday services are still a bit thin. Times of services and practices do change so contact the Captain for details or if you would like to join us.

TIVERTON St Paul, 6 bells, tenor 8cwt, grid ref. SS951125, postcode EX16 5HZ
Sunday: 10:00am, and 1st \& 3rd 5:15-6:30pm call changes. Practice: Friday 7:30pm
We are very grateful to our friends at St Peters, who kept us ringing Sundays during the first half of the year. Our numbers have now increased to seven with the welcome addition of Julie and Richard. All our learners are making good progress and are working towards their Stage 3 ART awards.

As well as being a member of the Devon Guild, we are now affiliated to the Devon Association. Tim J has organised Sunday evening service ringing twice a month with a call change band, who are also enjoying increasing success in local competitions. We hosted several Branch and Guild events during the year and welcomed many visitors. We were pleased to be able to enter the St Peter's Shield Competition at Bickleigh in Sept but found the different bells and springy ropes a bit too difficult. I'm sure we'll do better next year. The Friday practices continue to be well attended with a mixture of call changes and methods. All are welcome.

TIVERTON St Peter, 8 bells, tenor 25 cwt , grid ref. SS95412
Sundays: 9:30am (weekly) and 17:15pm (normally 3rd Sunday only). Practice: Tuesday (Muffled 6:30pm-7:15pm); open: 7:15pm-9:00pm

We were pleased to welcome two new members to the band during the year. A new recruit, Bev, and Simon, an experienced ringer who has moved to Tiverton from Berkshire, have augmented our team. Glen and Jackie have hung up their ropes for the last time, so that we are left with 10 ringers at the end of 2019. At the AGM in November Mark stepped down as Captain after four years in the post. He was thanked for his drive and enthusiasm which has led to many achievements for individuals \& the band.

We continue to hold annual social events such as tower dinner in February and a tower outing, in April. This year we ventured to Brixham \& Churston Ferris, culminating with a curry in Newton Abbot. We resurrected the St Peter's Shield after a couple of years when it received little interest. This year we held the event in Bickleigh with 5 teams entering. St Peter's narrowly won with Silverton hot on our tails.

Heritage Open day, in September, continues to gain interest with 50 locals climbing 100 plus stairs to splendid views across the town. The weather on the day was the clearest ever.

We continue to ring Quarter Peal once a month, for the Evening service, and the band have plans to continue this by venturing into one of the RW Pathways. We host the Branch Triples and Major practice on the 1st Tuesday each month, welcoming many regular members who also support our QP attempts.

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UFFCULME St Mary the Virgin, 8 bells, tenor 21 cwt, grid ref. ST068127, postcode EX15 3AX Sunday: 10:30am except 5th Sunday in the month. Practice: Second Monday evening in the month with Cullompton Tower at Uffculme.

St Mary's offers a tuneful ring of 8 bells which were refurbished in 2011. We have a ground floor ringing chamber making access very easy and is a popular tower for visiting ringers.
We continue to ring for weddings and birthdays throughout the year, often calling on other Towers for help or lapsed ringers in the vicinity. It would be advisable to contact the Tower Captain on the number above to confirm where we will be ringing on specific dates.

The Tower encourages enquiries from potential new ringing members. We encourage and welcome visiting ringers of any ability or tradition when we ring, however please note we ring to Call Changes. It would be advisable to contact the Tower Captain for events, we will need at least two full months' notice for any booking with the Tower Secretary to avoid disappointment. Please note that as we are required to advise local residents of forthcoming Quarter or Full peal.

## Rotation of Branches to host the Guild AGM and Striking Competitions

At the Guild Committee meeting in January 2020, it was agreed to adopt the following Branch rotation for hosting the Guild AGM and Striking Contests in the coming years :

| Year | Annual General Meeting | Striking Competitions |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2020 | East | Aylesbeare |
| 2021 | North East | South West |
| 2022 | Exeter | Mid |
| 2023 | North / North West | Aylesbeare |
| 2024 | South West | East |
| 2025 | Mid | North East |
| 2026 | Aylesbeare | Exeter |
| 2027 | East | North / North West |

## North/North West Branch

## Deaneries of Barnstaple, Hartland, Holsworthy, Shirwell, South Molton and Torrington.

It is with great sadness that we have to report the sudden and unexpected death of David Willis. He was our ringing master and in the past has acted as bells advisor. He was an accomplished and experienced ringer with an encyclopaedic knowledge of bells and bell ringing. However he had all the patience in the world with those just starting out on their bellringing adventure and was very encouraging to everyone, irrespective of their achievements. He was a driving force behind our Branch and was well known and respected throughout the ringing world. His funeral at Shirwell was very well attended and it was followed by the ringing of a quarter peal in his honour. He will be sorely missed. It is with great regret that we must also report the death of George Tribe who has been a loyal and active member for many years and very supportive of Bratton Fleming.

Our weekly practice nights at Shirwell continue to be well supported and proving very useful both to more experienced ringers and those less experienced alike. (Or it could just be the enjoyable tea and biscuits!) As a change from our usual practice we are running a series of "mini bells tours" in conjunction with the St Brannock's Society. This means perhaps up to four outings during the year but only visiting two towers each time. Our first tour was very successful.

## REGULAR PRACTICES

Bridgerule Area: Method on 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:00pm; call changes on Tuesdays at 7:30pm October to March, both at Bridgerule.
Barnstaple area: The St Brannock's Society meet on Tuesdays at 7:00pm usually at Braunton 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Please check regarding locations for 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays and for other occasional practices in the area.
N/NW Branch practices are held each Monday 7:30-9:00 pm at Shirwell.
Chulmleigh area: Tuesdays at 7.30pm at East Worlington.

## TOWERS AND MEMBERSHIP

BLACK TORRINGTON St Mary, 6 bells, 9 cwt, grid ref. SS465057
Sunday: 10:45am on 3rd Sunday
We have dual affiliation - to the Guild and the Association - and there is an established call change practice.

BRATTON FLEMING St Peter, 6 bells, 14 cwt, grid ref. SS643378
Sunday: Meet at 8:45am (Check on 5th Sunday). Practice: Friday 7:30pm
The end of the year was overshadowed by the deaths of George Tribe and David Willis. For several years after ringing was restarted in Bratton Fleming, George regularly attended our ringing practices during which he always amazed us all with his ringing knowledge and memory. He had recently become rather unsteady on his legs, however, so had not been for a while. David had been coming to our Friday practices for many years, and was a great help, both here and at the Guild practices he ran at Shirwell. We continue to ring every Sunday and our Friday practices are well attended. We have one new learner who is progressing well.

BRAUNTON St. Brannock, 8 bells, 16 cwt , grid ref. SS489371
Sunday: Meet at 9:05am to ring for the 9:45am Parish Communion Service. Practices: See St. Brannock's Society under Barnstaple area above.
Usually the St. Brannock's practices are held at Braunton the first and third Tuesdays of the month starting at 7:00pm. Practices for less advanced ringers are held by arrangement on Monday evenings at 7:30pm

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In 2019 we have rung for the Parish Communion Service on the majority of Sundays and for one wedding. Practices on the first and third Tuesdays have been well attended by St. Brannock Society members and regular visitors. These practices embrace all needs from basic hunting to surprise major methods and all ringers are welcome.

BRIDGERULE St. Bridget, 8 bells, 10 cwt , grid ref. SS281031
Sunday and practices check in advance (see "regular practices" above)
Bridgerule method practice nights begin at 7.15pm and are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month. Call change and Grandsire Doubles practice nights begin at 7.30 pm and are held on Tuesday evenings during the winter months. The average attendance ranges from 8-10 ringers.

COMBE MARTIN St Peter ad Vincula, 8 bells, 11cwt, grid ref. SS586483
Sunday: 8:45am. Practice: Thursday 7:30pm Please check in advance.
Unfortunately in December our Rector Bill Cole and Jenny his wife retired for the second time and moved back to Cumbria. Jenny was a regular member of our band and always full of joy and happiness as she loved to ring the bells. They are both missed by us all.

In general, our quality of ringing is still continuing to improve and our Sunday ringing and practice nights are well attended. Our band also consists of two regular and enthusiastic members from our sister church St Philip \& St James Ilfracombe - Marilyn and Lydia who are a great asset to our Sunday ringing.

FREMINGTON St Peter, 6 bells, 9 cwt, grid ref. SS513326
Sunday: 10:00am ring for 10:30am service. Practice: Generally 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursdays at $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ and a practice is held at Westleigh on 1st Thursday each month at 7:00pm. We do occasionally ring at other towers, especially in summer so please to check venue.

It is seldom that we do not ring six on a Sunday so that is very encouraging. Practice nights are well supported with up to 14 attending on some nights. Although the bulk of the ringing is call changing the four Guild members do attend Guild practice nights so their method is making progress. We occasionally ring some method on practice nights if we have enough supporting ringers. We of course ring for weddings and special services.

SHIRWELL St Peter, 6 bells, 12 cwt, grid ref. SS597374
Sunday: meet at 9:00am. Practice: Monday 7:00pm
2019 has been our most difficult year in over 30 years. Our team has become quite depleted because of a number of reasons. Two of our most reliable Sunday service ringers have moved away, a third has been medically advised to reduce his level of ringing, a fourth was out of action because of hospital operations during the first 6 months and then a number just stopped ringing full stop. However, we remain optimistic for 2020 and hope to recruit the return of some of our previous ringers.

## South West Branch

## Deaneries of Plymouth Devonport, Plymouth Moorside, Plymouth Sutton, Tavistock and Woodleigh

2019 has been a year of steady progress for the South West Branch. Tower practice evenings have generally been well attended, mainly due to the help from some members actively supporting other towers for these practices. The Branch practice meetings during the year have been less well supported and some 10 -bell practices saw only 8-10 ringers attending.

This year the Branch celebrated the centenary of the founding of the South West Branch, providing a busy year, with plenty of ringing to celebrate the Branch Centenary. There was a total of seven Peals, 27 Quarter Peals, rung by 94 people ( 57 Branch members) in 19 towers, with a total of 16 different Methods. Congratulations go to all ringers for their achievements in this Centenary Year:

Particular thanks must go to John for all his hard work and research in writing the special Branch Centenary booklet and also to Elena for producing the Centenary logo and the ink drawings of all the Branch Towers for this publication.

The Branch welcomed the addition of Charleton and Walkhampton towers to the Guild this year, and the Branch will continue to promote and support ringing in these newly elected towers, as it does with all the other Branch towers. The AGM was hosted by St Mary the Virgin Church, Laira, Plymouth on Saturday 25th January, and attended by 27 Branch members and 5 Guild guests. The day began by open ringing and 'Learning to Learn' activities. After a bring-and -share lunch the day continued with the AGM. Many thanks to Laira for the light refreshments and hospitality.

In March there was a training morning using the simulator at Tavistock. The first session was on call changes, and the progression from call changes towards method ringing. After a break for coffee, the second session was for those ringers wanting to improve their plain hunt on 5 bells, and progress to simple doubles methods. In April there was an 8-bell method ringing practice at Emmanuel. This was very successful, and it was hoped to arrange a follow-on session later in the year, but unfortunately, this failed to materialise. Three Sunday Evening 10-bell practices were held throughout the year. These varied in levels of attendance, and the methods rung.

The Branch hosted a very successful Joint 10-bell Practice with the Mid-Devon Branch in August. So many ringers from both branches attended enabling the ringing to range from rounds and call changes to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The Branch Spring outing was held in the Newton Abbot and Teign Valley area, visiting five towers during the day. The Autumn Branch outing was held in the Dartmoor area, visiting five towers. Both outings were very successful and enjoyable (the ringing and the lunches!) and although there were enough ringers to ring at all the towers it was hoped there would have been a few more taking part. I would encourage those who have not been on a Branch outing to give it a try! Ringing in new Towers with other Branch members is usually very enjoyable and full of new ringing experiences!

It was not such a good year on the competition front. There was only one team from the branch entered into both the 6 -bell novice and 6 -bell tower competitions, coming 2 nd and 5 th respectively. In the inter branch 8 -bell competition, our band came 5th, though had they accrued $2 \%$ fewer faults, they would have been joint 3rd. Hopefully, this year, we will manage to improve on last year's performance.

On Saturday 9th November, the Branch held its Annual Service and Dinner. This was a very important event in the history of the Branch, with the founding of the Branch being 100 years ago on 8th November 1919. The Service was held at St Peter's Church, Peter Tavy, the venue for the founding of the Branch and the first Branch Peal 100 years ago. The Branch was honoured by the presence of the Bishop of Plymouth, who conducted the special Service, which was attended by a large number of Branch members as well as many local parishioners. The congregation were treated to a very relevant and light hearted address by the Bishop, along with a quartet of handbell ringers. The Service was followed by a very enjoyable Annual Dinner at the Moorland Garden

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Hotel, Yelverton, who provided us with a good choice of menu, good food and a very pleasant venue. Sixty members and partners attended the Dinner and it was an enjoyable evening, amongst good friends. My thanks go to all the Branch Officers and members for showing their support for the Branch this year and to those who have taken part in these activities throughout the year. It is pleasing to see that we all help to keep the tradition of bell ringing in the South West Branch alive and flourishing.

BRIDESTOWE St Bridget, 6 bells, 13 cwt, grid ref. SX513894
Sunday: 9:00 (4th). Practice: Friday 7:30-9:00pm
Regular Friday evening practices and monthly Sunday service ringing have been achieved during the year. Ringing at Bridestowe relies on the support of a number of ringers from other towers, without whom it would not be possible to hold weekly practices and to whom I am very grateful.

One quarter peal was rung in November as part of the branch centenary celebrations. The year was marked by great sadness when one of our ringers and friend to us all passed away.

BRENTOR St Michael de Rupe, 5 bells, 5cwt, grid ref. SX470804
Sunday: 5:30pm (Easter- Sept). Practice: Alternate Saturdays 10:00-11:30am Winter only. NB All ringing is weather permitting, it is essential to check first.

We managed to ring for most services throughout the summer and also several weddings with the help of ringers from neighbouring towers, and continue to be popular with visiting bands of ringers. We also rang for a commemorative service celebrating 700 years since St Michaels was rededicated. In late August the bell framework was painted by Taylor's, who did an excellent job in the space they had to work in! October saw us hosting a very well attended and successful Deanery Day. We continue to practice most Saturday's despite the weather. In December a quarter peal was rung to commemorate the life of Ian Hardy, former Tower Captain, who passed away in October.

GALMPTON Holy Trinity, 6 bells, tenor 6cwt, grid ref. SX686404
Sunday: 10:30am (1st \& 3rd).
It has been another year of consolidation. We rang for several weddings, and retained our place in the senior section at the local Deanery competition, which we hosted. We would like to thank Ernie, Luther, John and Carol from Salcombe, Maggie from Malborough, and Martin for their continued support on Sundays.

KELLY St Mary, 6 bells, tenor 8cwt, grid ref. SX395814
Sunday: 10:30am (2nd). Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm
During the year a number of visiting teams have rung both here and at St Nonna's Bradstone. Members from the Benefice have also rung at our joint services, which is always appreciated. Sadly John Gynn, our tower Captain: for many years, passed away in May, members from a number of parishes rang at his funeral.

LAIRA St Mary the Virgin, 8 bells, tenor 11cwt, grid ref. SX504560
All by arrangement
Visitors are very welcome. We held The Art of Devon Call Change Ringing event in July 2019 which was well supported, and we are grateful to The Devonshire Association for arranging it. We look forward to hosting more events and welcoming visitors over the coming 12 months.

LIFTON St Mary, 8 bells, tenor 21 cwt, grid ref. SX386850
Sunday: 9:00am. Practice: Monday 7:30pm
Sunday Service ringing has been well supported over the year as have practice nights, when occasionally we are trying to ring Westminster Chimes but not successfully as yet.

During the year we have rung two Quarter Peals with three of our own ringers and three from
other towers. The bells were rung for two weddings, the Scout Carol Service and our usual Christmas services. Muffled bells were rung for the Remembrance service. Once again, a Christmas dinner was enjoyed by the ringers and their families.

At the beginning of January 2020, our new Rector for the benefice, was licenced as Priest-incharge at Lifton and the bells were rung before and after the Service.

PLYMOUTH The Minster Church of St. Andrew, Plymouth, Royal Parade, 10 bells, tenor 30cwt Sunday: 9:00am. Practice: Tuesday 7:30pm

Sunday service ringing has continued to be well supported over the year and we have been able to ring all ten bells more often than not. Practice night ringing has continued with our learners making good use of the experienced ringers and also by those visiting from other towers. Progress has continued to be by several of the less experienced. We would like to thank all those ringers from other towers who support the practices.

Matt \& Jess both graduated this year and left for pastures new and we wish them well for their futures. Matt called a quarter of Bob Royal, his first on ten as conductor in March. Some of us travelled to Jess's home tower of Camberley to ring a peal of Yorkshire to mark their graduation and Matt's first as conductor. We welcomed Ben who joined us, having come to the University.

In December a quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung, called by Ben, his first as conductor and Jack ringing his first quarter on the tenor.

We look forward to continued progress next year with the aim to ring several quarters marking the continued progress of the band.

PLYMOUTH St Budeaux, The Green, Crownhill Road, 6 bells, tenor 12 cwt, grid ref. SX454593 Sunday: 10:00am. Practice: Monday 7:30pm

The numbers of ringers attending practice has continued to be stable. Most practice nights we are joined by some call change ringers wanting to try some method ringing.

The tower continues to be a popular venue with visiting bands from across the South West with bands from Devon, Cornwall

On the 4th July 1569, Sir Francis Drake married Mary Newman (450 Years ago) at our church. We did attempt a Quarter Peal close to the actual date, but unfortunately it was unsuccessful. On the 30th November another attempt was made which was successful. This was a first quarter for Harry on the Tenor and a first inside for Barbara, both from Emmanuel. Many thanks to Elena for organising both attempts. No teams rose to my challenge to ring a peal containing the method 'Sir Francis Drake St Budeaux Delight Minor', maybe next year.

I would especially want to thank Alena, Jo and others who help teach ringers at our church and the many members of the local towers who come to our practice nights.

PLYMOUTH Emmanuel, Mannamead Road, 8 bells, tenor 19 cwt, grid ref. SX487564
Sunday: 10:00am and by arrangement 6:00pm. Practice: Thursday 7:00-9:00pm
We are joined for practice nights by ringers from the surrounding area and this means that we have maintained a good mix of age, abilities and sense of humour in the tower and everyone has made good progress over the year. We have branched out into some different doubles and minor methods whilst continuing work on the more standard triples and major.

We are regularly ringing for morning service and less regularly for evening service, but it wouldn't happen without help, so thanks must go to all those from other towers who have supported Emmanuel for Sunday services, weddings and practices.

SALCOMBE Holy Trinity, 6 bells, tenor 8 cwt, grid ref. SX740392
Sunday: 9:30am. Practice: Friday 7:30pm
Salcombe had a fairly quiet year of ringing. We continue to ring for Sunday services, weddings and also funerals on request. An enthusiastic new learner joined the band and is making excellent progress.

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Several teams of visiting ringers came to ring in Salcombe during the year and we took part in the annual Deanery Competition which was held in Galmpton in May 2019, no amazing results but an enjoyable day out.

SAMPFORD SPINEY St.Mary, 6 bells, tenor 6cwt grid ref. SX534724
1st Sunday 2:30pm. Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm
Incumbent vacant.
We have had a very satisfying year in general at Sampford Spiney, well attended practices with local and visiting ringers and the standard of method ringing is continuing to improve, it is great to be a part of such an enthusiastic bunch. A new rector is soon to be inducted into our benefice and as he is also a ringer we are greatly looking forward to meeting him.

Our newest recruit is doing splendidly and is now able to ring with us for Sunday services. It would be good to expand our repertoire over the coming months, watch this space!

STOKE DAMEREL St Andrew \& St Luke, Paradise Road, Plymouth PL1 5QL, 8 bells, tenor 4.5 cwt, grid ref. SX463550
Sunday: 9:30am. Practice: Wednesday 7:15-8:45pm
Report for 2018: The highlight of our year was Ringing for Peace on 11th November. Our ringing chamber was crowded with students from Devonport High School for Boys and their families, as well as our own ringers. As part of our recruitment drive for Ringing Remembers, a member of our band who teaches at the school, started a bellringing club, so that half a dozen boys are now able to ring rounds.

A half-muffled peal of Cambridge S Major was rung on the eve of the Armistice Centenary, and members of our band also took part in quarter peals at Stoke and St Andrew's Minster next day. Earlier in the year Ed rang his first quarter peal, aged just 10. He and his dad David have been regular visitors, along with Fergus and Clare. Thanks to them, practices have been worthwhile, but our service ringing has been limited by lack of ringers. We are very grateful for the faithful few who come Sunday by Sunday. We are glad to have hosted the Guild 6-bell competition, and to be as active as possible in Tower, Branch and Guild.

Report for 2019: Last year's report was omitted in error. For the record, please see above. One of the DHSB students recruited in 2018 is still ringing with us; Logan has become an asset to the band. Many of our younger members lead very busy lives, so we depend on our veterans for service ringing.

Very many thanks to Fergus and Clare for their faithful support enabling us to have useful Wednesday practices. We are heartened by the active encouragement of Keith, including his taking part in the quarter peal rung before the Christmas Carol Service to welcome him as Rector, and hope to grow in numbers in 2020.

SYDENHAM DAMEREL St Mary, 6 bells, tenor 9 cwt, grid ref. SX409760
Sunday: 10:00am (2nd Sunday) 6:30pm (4th Sunday). Practice: Monday 8:00-9:00pm.
2019 was a year of consolidation for the St. Mary's bell team. We have a regular group of five ringers led by Captain: The band is very well supported by experienced ringers from Bere Ferrers and Mary Tavy (especially Sally, Sheila and Steve). Novice members of the team are now tentatively commencing the progression from call changes to plain hunt. Practice nights from 20:00 until 21:00 on Monday evenings are well supported and visiting ringers are warmly welcomed.

Notable events last year were ringing for a wedding, ringing for the hugely popular Sydenham Damerel annual Carol Service and, most importantly, the blessing service and reception to celebrate the installation of new bell ropes with sallies resplendent in the Devon colours of green, black and white. This latter event was attended by virtually everyone in the village who seem very pleased with the regular ringing sessions.

TAVISTOCK St Eustachius, 10 bells, tenor 24 cwt, grid ref. SX481744
Sunday: 9:00am and 5:30pm. Practice: Tuesday 7:30pm
We continue to maintain good Sunday service ringing at Tavistock, often with twelve or more in the morning and a few less in the evening. Practices are well attended and we now have a number of learners, making good progress and beginning to attend for Sunday services. The extra 'learners' practices' on Thursday evenings are clearly paying off.

Meanwhile, several of our ringers attend more advanced practices most weeks and we are usually able to ring several Surprise methods on Tuesday evenings, as well as plenty of rounds and call changes for our beginners. Some of our ringers also give considerable help in other towers such as Sampford Spiney, Bridestowe and Brentor.

We were also very pleased to have several of our ringers helping at the National 12-Bell Striking Competition in Exeter Cathedral, with one actually part of the winning team. Another great privilege was for several of our ringers to take part in both a peal and a quarter peal in Peter Tavy, to celebrate the centenary of the South West Branch, which was formed in that church.

Our outing this year took us to towers in the Exeter area and we followed this with a meal at the Peter Tavy Inn.

We are looking forward to another progressive and enjoyable year ringing in Tavistock.
WALKHAMPTON, St. Mary V, 6 bells, tenor 7cwt-3-12 in G, grid ref. SX536701, Postcode PL20 6LW 1st Sunday 09:00. Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm

No sooner was the reformed band getting to grips with basic bell handling and rounds, the tower was closed for nearly a year for repointing to take place. Our enforced shutdown was more successful than the repointing as we were welcomed to other towers to continue ringing. Now that we are back in business we have re-joined the Guild and hosted the South West Branch AGM. We are also looking forward to meeting our new Rector, a ringer from the north of the county.

WEST CHARLETON St Mary, 6 bells, 9cwt, grid ref. SX749426, Postcode TQ7 2BR
Sunday: Special occasions only when we can arrange a band
West Charleton holds practices on the first Tuesday of the month run by Bob Sanders and David White for method ringers and the fourth Thursday of the month for call change ringers and bell handling. We held on to our recent promotion to the senior section of the deanery competition at the competition last May and will be hosting the 2020 competition on 2nd May.

Visiting bands have rung a peal and a quarter peal in the last year and we continue to ring for weddings and funerals as required.

Visiting ringers are always welcome.
WHITCHURCH St Andrew, 6 bells, tenor 11 cwt, grid ref. SX492726
Sundays (except the 1st Sunday) 9:40am, 1st Sunday 6:00pm. Practice: Friday 7:30pm
We continue to be few in number relying on ringers from other churches to boost our practices, thanks Steve and Sally.

Overall progress has been made in Grandsire and on a good day everyone can cope with bobs and singles. It's not easy with several learning at the same time and two of the experienced ringers only being able to ring for short periods. Well done to everyone for persevering.

In March Tony Parry passed away, although he had not been able to ring for many years due to MND he kept a keen interest in what we are doing.

Unusually there were no weddings but we rang for the Whitchurch community fair, contributed a display, based on handbells in costumes knitted by Kath, to the church's nativity scene festival and rang in the New Year.

Thanks to everyone for their help throughout the year.

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## THE MODERN SOCIETY OF PLYMOUTH YOUTHS

Plymouth City Centre - A society for young ringers in the area aged 30 or under.
Practice: 3rd Sunday of the month 5:30-6:30. Date and time subject to change: email in advance
The Modern Society of Plymouth Youths has continued to grow in strength this year. 2019 included two Quarter Peals rung for the society in addition to more regular practices which have been well attended by young ringers from across Plymouth. Earlier in the year there was an outing to Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo, followed by a visit to the Clip ' n ' Climb centre near Derriford. We also enjoyed our 9th Annual Weekend Away to the Oswestry area to ring at five towers and to socialise with Plymouth Youths and associates who had gathered from across the country.

This year saw two members graduate and move away from Plymouth which has been quite a hit on the society, leaving two vacancies to be filled in 2020. We are all very thankful to their contributions to the society throughout their time here in Plymouth and we wish them every success in their futures. Thanks also to all the ringers who have continued to support our practices through 2019 and have made the progress of our members possible. We look forward to a great year ahead which will include the 10th Annual Weekend Away, for which very exciting plans are in motion!

## Peal Secretary Report

The Guild rang 217 peals in 2019, which is an increase of nine on the 2018 total. The total included 31 handbell peals, a decrease of two on the 2018 total. It was the thirteenth consecutive year that the 200 mark had been reached and at the end of the year the Guild total stood at 7,312.

Kings-Ting-Tong was the leading tower followed by Thorverton and Highweek, the first time since 1990 that Thorverton has not been the leading tower. Thorverton's Guild total now stands at 988, so I would expect it to reach 1000 sometime in 2020. The first peal was rung on the new bells at Ugborough and the Guild rang peals in Cumbria, The Isle of Man and Belgium for the first time.

Bristol S Major was again the leading method, followed by Seven Surprise Minor and Cambridge S Major.

There was a first peal as Conductor for Nathan and our guild secretary became the third person to call 200 peals for the Guild and also completed the calendar as Conductor, only the 26th person to do so.

Firsts in method rung for the Guild during the year

1st January Aragog S Major
3rd January
26th January
7th February
19th February
14th March
15h March
17thMarch
18th March
23rd March
16th April
23rd April
8th May
11th May
14th May
21st May
6th June
27th June
18th July
20th July
22nd July
25th July
1st August
22nd August
27th August
8th September
12th September
15th September
26th September
30th September
1st October
3rd October
4th October Golden Wedding D Royal
10th October Ama Dablam S Royal*
9th November New Highweek A Major*
22nd November Melton S Royal
2nd December Teignwick S Major*
3rd December Treble Dodging Minor (44 methods)

Highweek
Thorverton
Kingsteignton
Thorverton
Wobbly Bobs Campanile
Thorverton
Handbells
Wobbly Bobs Campanile
Littleham
Offwell
Wobbly Bobs Campanile
Broadclyst
St Columb Minor, Cornwall
Pinhoe
Handbells
Highweek
Buckfastleigh
Thorverton
Thorverton
Dawlish
Pinhoe
Thorverton
Newton Abbot
Thorverton
Kings-Ting-Tong
St Mawgan-in-Pydar, Cornwall
Thorverton
Little Orchard campanile, Somerset
Buckfastleigh
Thorverton
Kings-Ting-Tong
Newton Abbot
Exeter St Mark
Thorverton
Highweek
Exeter St Mark
Highweek
Kings-Ting-Tong

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7th December Wyville S Royal 17th December Verbigeration A Major* 19th December Corby S Major

* These methods were rung for the first time.


## Leading towers

Thorverton 988
Withycombe Raleigh 314
Exeter St Mark 273
Pinhoe 198
Bishops-Ting-Tong 189
Buckfastleigh 126
Newton St Cyres 117
Broadclyst 116
Kingsteignton 107
Wolborough 106
Brampford Speke 102
Heavitree 95
Kings-Ting-Tong 84
Exeter Cathedral 80
Highweek 79
Number of bells
Fourteen 1
Maximus 253
Cinques 62
Maximus \& Cinques $\quad 1$
Royal 825
Caters 251
Royal \& Caters 4
Major 3050
Triples 790

Withycombe Raleigh
Wobbly Bobs Campanile
Wolborough
Major \& Triples ..... 2
Minor ..... 1754
Doubles ..... 315
Minor \& Doubles ..... 3
Minimus ..... 1
Total ..... 7312
Leading methods
Grandsire Triples ..... 610
Surprise Minor (7 methods) ..... 443
Yorkshire S Major ..... 321
Bristol S Major ..... 239
Spliced S Major (8 methods) ..... 213
Plain Bob Major ..... 209
Plain Bob Minor ..... 196
Grandsire Caters ..... 194
Cambridge S Minor ..... 188
Cambridge S Major ..... 180
Grandsire Doubles ..... 172
Spliced S Minor (41 methods) ..... 149
Stedman Triples ..... 149

## Peals 2019

7096 BROMLEY, Kent, 19B College Road, Tue Jan 1, 1h 31, 5040 Plain Bob Minor
7097 HIGHWEEK, All Saints, Tue Jan 1, 2h 42, 5088 Aragog S Major.
7098 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Thu Jan 3, 2 h 14, 5056 Yorkshire S Major. (No 4)
7099 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Jan 3, 2h 54, 5024 Oaks-in-Charnwood S Major.
7100 EXETER, St Mark, Fri Jan 4, 2h 53, 5002 Rutland S Royal.
7101 COMBE MARTIN, St Peter Ad Vincula, Sat Jan 5, 2h 50, 5088 Kenninghall S Major.
7102 UGBOROUGH, St Peter, Tue Jan 8, 3h 17, 5024 Cambridge S Major.
7103 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Jan 10, 2h 52, 5088 Bristol S Major.
7104 ST WINNOW, Cornwall, St Winnow, Sat Jan 12, $2 \mathrm{~h} 53,5040$ Yorkshire S Royal.
7105 BOVEY TRACEY, Wobbly Bobs Campanile, Tue Jan 15, 1h 56, 5184 Zelah S Major.
7106 WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, St John The Evangelist, Thu Jan 17, 3h 12, 5040 Spliced S Maximus,
(3m: 1680 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, 35 com; atw).
7107 PINHOE, St Michael \& All Angels, Sat Jan 19, 2h 47, 5088 Yorkshire S Major.
7108 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Jan 22, 1h 51, 5040 Spliced S Minor
( 30 m : (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Chester, Alnwick, Newcastle, Munden (3) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth,
Rossendale, Annable's London, Stamford, Netherseale (5) Westminster, Allendale (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham
(7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)

7109 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Wed Jan 23, 2h 46, 5040 London No. 3 S Royal.
7110 PLYMOUTH, Emmanuel, Compton Gifford, Sat Jan 26, 2h 53, 5184 Turramurra S Major.
7111 KINGSTEIGNTON, St Michael, Sat Jan 26, 2h 54, 5024 Harry's D Major.
7112 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Jan 29, 1h 48, 5040 Surprise Minor
(18m: (1) London, Wells (2) Carlisle (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) York, Durham (5) Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham (6) Norwich
(7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)

7113 NYNEHEAD, Somerset, All Saints, Sat Feb 2, 2h 45, 5040 Surprise Minor,
(15m: (1) London, Wells (2) Westminster, Allendale (3) York, Durham (4) Annable's London (5) Surfleet Beverley, Berwick, Hexham (6) Norwich (7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)

7114 HIGHWEEK, All Saints, Mon Feb 4, 2h 44, 5088 London S Major.
7115 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Feb 7, 2h 56, 5040 Makalu D Royal.
7116 EXETER, Cathedral of St Peter, Sat Feb 9, 4h 6, 5060 Stedman Cinques.
7117 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings Ting Tong, Tue Feb 12, 1h 46, 5040 Spliced S Minor
(41m: (1-3) Carlisle, Wooler, Whitley, Newcastle, Chester, Northumberland, Morpeth, Sandiacre, Canterbury, Munden, Alnwick, London, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Wells, Cunecastre (4-7) Ipswich, Bourne, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Cambridge, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet, Norwich, Netherseale, Westminster, Allendale, Warkworth, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Bamborough, Annable's London, Rossendale, Stamford, Bacup).
7118 ST MARYCHURCH, St Mary The Virgin, Sat Feb 16, 3h 4, 5040 Bristol S Royal.
7119 BOVEY TRACEY, Wobbly Bobs Campanile, Tue Feb 19, 1h 52, 5184 Fanybedwell S Major.
7120 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Feb 21, 2h 52, 5056 Cambridge S Major.
7121 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Feb 26, 1h 48, 5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: (1) Norwich (2) York (3) Bourne (4) Ipswich $(5,6)$ Beverly, Surfleet (7) Cambridge)
7122 EXETER, 49 Widecombe Way, Wed Feb 27, 2h 18, 5152 Cooktown Orchid D Major.
7123 UPTON PYNE, Our Lady, Sat Mar 2, $2 \mathrm{~h} 48,5040$ Surprise Minor, (7m: Lincoln, Alnwick, Netherseale, Durham, Ipswich, Surfleet, Cambridge)
7124 PLYMOUTH, St Budeaux, Sat Mar 2, 2h 52, 5040 Minor, ( 4 m : 1440 Cambridge Surprise; 720 Kent Treble Bob, St Clement's; 2160 Plain Bob)
7125 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Mar 5, 1h 50, 5040 Surprise Minor
(19m: (1) London, Wells (2) Bacup (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Warkworth (5) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham (6) Norwich
(7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)

7126 PINHOE, St Michael \& All Angels, Thu Mar 7, 2h 47, 5088 Bristol S Major.
7127 HIGHWEEK, All Saints, Mon Mar 11, 2h 46, 5120 Aluminium S Major.
7128 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Mar 12, 1h 43, 5040 Spliced S Minor
(21m: Warkworth, Carlisle, London, Berwick, Morpeth, Bacup, Cunecastre, Primrose, Westminster, York, Lightfoot, Whitley, Cambridge, Chester, Northumberland, Hexham, Norfolk, Allendale, Netherseale, Ipswich, Munden).
7129 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Thu Mar 14, 2h 35, 5056 Plain Bob Major.
7130 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Mar 14, 2h 53, 5040 Manaslu S Royal.
7131 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Fri Mar 15, 2h 5, 5040 Treble Dodging Minor
( 5 m : (1) Westminster Surprise (2) Norwich Surprise ( 3,5 ) Cambridge Surprise (4) Oxford Treble Bob $(6,7$ ) Kent Treble Bob)
7132 BOVEY TRACEY, Wobbly Bobs Campanile, Sun Mar 17, 1h 53, 5100 Water-Ma-Trout Alliance Major.
7133 EXETER, Rose Duryard, Mon Mar 18, 2h 10, 5056 Kent TB Major.
7134 LITTLEHAM, St Margaret, Mon Mar 18, 2h 40, 5152 Arcadia S Major.
7135 BOVEY TRACEY, Wobbly Bobs Campanile, Tue Mar 19, 1h 46, 5056 Superlative S Major.
7136 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Tue Mar 19, 2h 23, 5154 Bristol S Major.
7137 WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, St John The Evangelist, Thu Mar 21, 3h 18, 5040 Spliced S Maximus, ( 3 m : 1872 Bristol; 1584 Cambridge, Yorkshire: 34 com, atw).
7138 YPRES, Belgium, St George, Sat Mar 23, 2 h 33, 5024 Yorkshire S Major.
7139 OFFWELL, St Mary The Virgin, Sat Mar 23, 2h 42, 5040 Spliced S Minor
(37m: (1-3) Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Newcastle, Morpeth, Alnwick, Canterbury, Chester, Munden, London, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Cunecastre, Wells (4) Annable's London, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth (5) Berwick,
Beverley, Durham, Hexham, Surfleet, York (6) Bourne, Cambridge, Hull, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose (7) Allendale, Westminster).
7140 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Mon Mar 25, 1h 48, 5040 Spliced S Minor
( 7 m : Norwich, York, Beverly, Bourne, Ipswich, Surfleet, Cambridge; rung in 240 change blocks)
7141 KINGSTEIGNTON, St Michael, Mon Mar 25, 3h 0, 5184 Kinver S Major.
7142 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Mar 26, 1h 50, 5040 Spliced S Minor
( 52 m : Wooler, Alnwick, Chester, Langleybury, Northumberland, Canterbury, Sandiacre, Munden, Brentford, Carlisle, Whitley, Morpeth, Blunsdon, Newcastle, Lincoln, Wells, Offley, London, Cunecastre, Kelso, Coldstream, Redbourn, Sedlescombe, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Wearmouth, Hathern Rossendale, Annable's London, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Bamborough, Bacup, Warkworth, Norwich, Stamford, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, York, Beverley, Durham, Caithness, Surfleet, Cambridge, Cranford, Hexham, Bourne, Hull, Flamstead, Berwick)
7143 DODDISCOMBSLEIGH, St Michael, Thu Mar 28, 2h 43, 5040 Surprise Minor
( 21 m : (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham
(5) Norwich (6, 7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet),

7144 EXETER, St Mark, Fri Mar 29, 2 h 48, 5088 Bristol S Major.
7145 CULLOMPTON, St Andrew, Sat Mar 30, 3h 25, 5040 Bristol S Royal.
7146 KINGSKERSWELL, St Mary, Sun Apr 7, 2h 35, 5040 Surprise Minor
(12m: (1) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning (2) Norwich (3) York, Durham (4) Caithness (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Bourne (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)
7147 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Tue Apr 9, $2 \mathrm{~h} 20,5088$ Yorkshire S Major.
7148 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Apr 9, 1h 48, 5040 Surprise Minor
(20m: (1) Lincoln, Coldstream (2) Bacup(3) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (4) Warkworth (5) Norwich (6, 7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet). )
7149 COMBE RALEIGH, St Nicholas, Thu Apr 11, 2h 31, 5040 Surprise Minor, (7m: Ipswich, Bourne, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge)

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7150 WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, St John The Evangelist, Thu Apr 11, 3h 14, 5040 Cambridge S Maximus.
7151 STAVERTON, St Paul De Leon, Fri Apr 12, 3h 4, 5040 Surprise Minor
(11m: (1) London, Wells (2) Westminster (3) York, Durham (4) Bourne (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)
7152 SWINDON, Wiltshire, Christ Church, Sat Apr 13, 3h 9, 5040 Swindon S Royal.
7153 LYDIARD TREGOZE, Wiltshire, St Mary, Sat Apr 13, 2h 45, 5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: Bamborough, London, Carlisle, Norwich, Beverley, Ipswich, Cambridge)
7154 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Mon Apr 15, 1h 52, 5040 Spliced S Minor
(41m: Norwich, Newcastle, Cunecastre, Durham, Northumberland, Berwick, Rossendale, Norfolk, Stamford, Kelso, Ipswich, Lincoln, Chester, Wearmouth, Carlisle, Alnwick, Wooler, Whitley, Hull, Bamborough, Surfleet, Warkworth, Canterbury, Coldstream, Cambridge, Wells, Netherseale, Beverley, Munden, Lightfoot, Sandiacre, Annable's London, Hexham, Allendale, Bourne, London, Westminster, Morpeth, Primrose, Bacup, York).
7155 BOVEY TRACEY, Wobbly Bobs Campanile, Tue Apr 16, 1 h 47, 5024 Kingsbridge S Major.
7156 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Wed Apr 17, 1h 47, 5040 Spliced S Minor
(41m: (1-3) Carlisle, Wooler, Whitley, Newcastle, Chester, Northumberland, Morpeth, Sandiacre, Canterbury, Munden, Alnwick, London, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Wells, Cunecastre (4-7) Norwich, Netherseale, Westminster, Allendale, Warkworth, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Bamborough, Annable's London, Rossendale, Stamford, Bacup, Ipswich, Bourne, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Cambridge, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet).
7157 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Thu Apr 18, 2h 40, 5080 Kent TB Royal.
7158 NEWTON ABBOT, St Leonard's Tower, Thu Apr 18, 2h 41, 5184 Kingsthorpe S Major.
7159 EXETER, Cathedral School, Denmisch Ring, Fri Apr 19, 2h 56, 5040 Yorkshire S Royal.
7160 EXETER, 64 Mount Pleasant Road, Sun Apr 21, 2h 16, 5040 Spliced S Minor
(41m: Morpeth, Canterbury, Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Newcastle, Alnwick, Chester, Munden, Wooler, Whitley, Cambridge, Durham, York, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet, Coldstream, Lincoln, London, Kelso, Cunecastre, Wells, Norwich, Bacup, Stamford, Rossendale, Bamborough, Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Westminster, Allendale, Annable's London, Warkworth)
7161 BROADCLYST, St John The Baptist, Mon Apr 22, 3h 10, 5024 Easter S Major.)
7162 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Apr 23, 1h 46, 5040 Spliced S Minor
( 21 m : (1) Lincoln, Coldstream (2) Bacup, Bamborough (3) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (4,5) Warkworth, Norwich (6, 7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Ipswich, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet)
7163 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Wed Apr 24, 2h 28, 5056 Cornwall S Major.
7164 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Apr 25, 3h 0, 5040 Winchester S Royal.
7165 HIGHWEEK, All Saints, Sat Apr 27, 2h 39, 5056 Bristol S Major.
7166 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Apr 30, 1h 48, 5040 Spliced S Minor
( 22 m : (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Westminster, Allendale (3) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (4,5) Warkworth, Norwich (6, 7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet)
7167 KENDAL, Cumbria, Holy Trinity, Sat May 4, 3h 22, 5040 Swindon S Royal.
7168 DALTON-in-FURNESS, Cumbria, St Mary, Sat May 4, 3h 22, 5040 Yorkshire S Royal.
7169 IRTON, Cumbria, St Paul, Sun May 5, 3h 6, 5024 Spliced S Major,
( 8 m : 672 London, Rutland; 640 Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative; 608 Bristol; 576 Cambridge, Yorkshire: 129 com; atw).
7170 LANCASTER, Lancashire, Priory Church of St Mary, Mon May 6, 3h 23, 5040 Cambridge S Royal.
7171 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue May 7, 1h 47, 5040 Spliced S Minor
(21m: (1) Lincoln, Coldstream (2) Bacup, Bamborough (3) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (4, 5) Warkworth, Norwich (6, 7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet).
7172 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Tue May 7, $2 \mathrm{~h} 25,5056$ Superlative S Major. )
7173 ST COLUMB MINOR, Cornwall, St Columba, Wed May 8, $2 \mathrm{~h} 58,5088$ Harpenden S Major.
7174 ST COLUMB MAJOR, Cornwall, St Columba, Wed May 8, 2h 52, 5024 Lessness S Major.
7175 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu May 9, 2h 52, 5040 Lincolnshire S Royal.
7176 PINHOE, St Michael \& All Angels, Sat May 11, 2h 46, 5096 Lancastria Alliance Major.
7177 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Tue May 14, 2h 20, 5152 St Clement's College Bob Major.
7178 EAST OGWELL, St Bartholomew, Sat May 18, 2h 34, 5040 Spliced S Minor
(41m: (1-3) Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Newcastle, Morpeth, Alnwick, Canterbury, Chester, Munden, London, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Cunecastre, Wells (4-7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, York, Durham, Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, Norwich, Warkworth, Netherseale, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Westminster, Allendale, Bamborough, Bacup).
7179 HIGHWEEK, All Saints, Tue May 21, 2h 43, 5060 Fustyweed S Major.
7180 BOVEY TRACEY, Wobbly Bobs Campanile, Tue May 21, 1h 46, 5088 Pudsey S Major.
7181 EXETER, 49 Widecombe Way, Wed May 22, 2h 28, 5056 Cornwall S Major.
7182 WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH St John The Evangelist, Thu May 23, 3h 17, 5040 Yorkshire S Maximus.
7183 CHARLETON, St Mary, Sun May 26, 2h 47, 5040 Cambridge S Minor.
7184 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue May 28, 1h 45, 5040 Surprise Minor
(12m: (1) London, Wells (2) Chester, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Norwich (5, 6) York, Durham (7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)
7185 EXETER, St Mark, Fri May 31, 2h 52, 5040 Lincolnshire S Royal.
7186 BROADCLYST, St John The Baptist, Sat Jun 1, 3h 7, 5088 Cambridge S Major.
7187 STOODLEIGH, St Margaret, Sat Jun 1, 2h 48, 5040 Spliced S Minor
(41m: (1-3) Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Newcastle, Morpeth, Alnwick, Canterbury, Chester, Munden, London, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Cunecastre, Wells (4-7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, York, Durham, Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, Norwich, Warkworth, Netherseale, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Westminster, Allendale, Bamborough, Bacup).
7188 PINHOE, St Michael \& All Angels, Mon Jun 3, 2h 43, 5152 Cambridge S Major.
7189 BUCKFASTLEIGH, Ruined Church of The Holy Trinity, Thu Jun 6, 2h 49, 5024 Malling Abbey S Major.
7190 EXETER, St David, Sat Jun 8, 2h 50, 5184 Turramurra S Major.
7191 BISHOPSTEIGNTON, St John The Baptist, Sat Jun 8, 2h 47, 5040 Spliced S Minor,
(14m: (1) Lincoln, Coldstream (2) London Wells (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth (4) Westminster, Allendale (5) York, Durham (6) Cambridge, Ipswich (7) Beverley, Surfleet)
7192 BISHOPS TAWTON, St John The Baptist, Sat Jun 8, 2h 50, 5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: London, Bourne, Norwich, Westminster, Ipswich, Beverley, Cambridge)
7193 BRADOC, Cornwall, Blessed Virgin Mary, Sun Jun 9, 2h 40, 5040 Doubles
(11m: 2 extents Grandsire; 4 extents St Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St Remigius, Huntley Place, Reverse Canterbury, St Simon, St Martin, St Osmund, Eynesbury, Plain Bob)
7194 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Jun 11, 1h 42, 5040 Surprise Minor
(22m: (1) Lincoln, Coldstream (2) Bacup, Bamborough (3) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre (4) Westminster, Allendale (5) Norwich (6, \& 7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet).
7195 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Jun 13, 2h 57, 5040 Albanian S Royal.
7196 LYMPSTONE, Nativity of The Blessed Virgin, Sat Jun 15, 2h 48, 5040 Surprise Minor
(17m: (1) London, Wells (2) Westminster, Allendale (3) York, Durham (4) Bourne (5) Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)
7197 TOPSHAM, St Margaret, Sat Jun 15, 2h 47, 5040 Surprise Minor, (7m: London, York, Bourne, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Cambridge)
7198 WOLBOROUGH, St Mary, Mon Jun 17, 2h 48, 5024 Spliced S Major
( 8 m : 672 London, Rutland; 640 Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative; 608 Bristol; 576 Cambridge, Yorkshire: 129 com; atw).
7199 HIGHWEEK, All Saints, Mon Jun 17, 2h 41, 5088 Cornwall S Major.

7200 BUCKFASTLEIGH, The Bowerdon Peal, Tue Jun 18, 1h 54, 5040 Surprise Minor
(11m: (1) London, Wells (2) Westminster (3) York, Durham (4) Bourne (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)
7201 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Jun 18, 1h 42, 5040 Surprise Minor
(10m: (1) Westminster, Allendale (2) Norwich (3) York, Durham (4) Beverley, Surfleet (5) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge (6) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet (7) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet)

7202 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Jun 18, 1h 45, 5040 Surprise Minor
(22m: (1) London, Wells (2) Bacup, Bamborough (3) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (4) Westminster, Allendale (5) Norwich (6, 7) Ipswich, Bourne,
Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Promrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet).
7203 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Tue Jun 18, 2h 29, 5088 Oxford TB Major.
7204 NEWTON ST CYRES, SS Cyr \& Julitta, Thu Jun 20, $2 \mathrm{~h} 39,5056$ Bristol S Major.
7205 KINGSTEIGNTON, St Michael, Mon Jun 24, 3h 0, 5090 Cambridge S Major.
7206 EXETER, St Mark, Tue Jun 25, 2h 53, 5040 Albanian S Royal.
7207 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Jun 25, 1h 48, 5040 Spliced S Minor
(41m: (1-3) Carlisle, Wooler, Whitley, Newcastle, Chester, Northumberland, Morpeth, Sandiacre, Canterbury, Munden, Alnwick, London, Kelso,
Lincoln, Coldstream, Wells, Cunecastre (4-7) Norwich, Netherseale, Westminster, Allendale, Warkworth, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Bamborough,
Annable's London, Rossendale, Stamford, Bacup, Ipswich, Bourne, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Cambridge, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet).
7208 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Jun 27, 2h 51, 5024 Duston S Major.
7209 LUSTLEIGH, St John The Baptist, Fri Jun 28, 2h 32, 5040 Surprise Minor
(12m: (1) London, Wells (2) Carlisle (3) York, Durham (4) Westminster, Allendale (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)
7210 BISHOPSTEIGNTON, St John The Baptist, Mon Jul 1, 2h 48, 5040 Surprise Minor,
(7m: London, Bourne, Norwich, York, Durham, Beverley, Cambridge)
7211 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Tue Jul 2, 2h 24, 5008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.
7212 HIGHWEEK, All Saints, Thu Jul 4, 2h 41, 5024 Spliced S Major
( 8 m : 640 Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire; 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London: 120 com; atw).
7213 DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, St George, Fri Jul 5, 3h 18, 5040 Yorkshire S Maximus.
7214 PEEL, Isle of Man, Cathedral of St German, Sat Jul 6, 2h 45, 5056 Bristol S Major.
7215 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Jul 9, 1h 42, 5040 Surprise Minor
(22m: (1) Lincoln, Coldstream (2) Bacup, Bamborough (3) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre (4) Westminster, Allendale (5) Norwich (6, 7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet)
7216 INWARDLEIGH, St Petroc, Thu Jul 11, 2h 28, 5040 Surprise Minor, ( 15 m : (1) London, Wells (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Westminster,
Allendale (4) York, Durham (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)
7217 BRENT TOR, St Michael de Rupe, Fri Jul 12, 2h 35, 5040 Doubles
(7m: Winchendon Place, St Nicholas, St Martin, St Simon, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire)
7218 LYDFORD, St Petrock, Fri Jul 12, 2h 44, 5040 Surprise Minor, (7m: London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Norwich, Cambridge)
7219 BROADCLYST, St John The Baptist, Mon Jul 15, 3h 11, 5024 Spliced S Major
( 8 m : 672 London, Rutland; 640 Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative; 608 Bristol; 576 Cambridge, Yorkshire: 129 com; atw).
7220 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Jul 18, 2h 56, 5040 Mountjoy S Royal.
7221 DAWLISH, St Gregory, Sat Jul 20, 2h 41, 5024 Hawkins D Major.
7222 PINHOE, St Michael \& All Angels, Mon Jul 22, 2h 46, 5024 Bar T'at S Major.
7223 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Jul 25, 2h 54, 5040 Annapurna S Royal.
7224 NEWTON ABBOT, St Leonard's Tower, Thu Aug 1, $2 \mathrm{~h} 43,5088$ Oxygen S Major. )
7225 LUNDY ISLAND, St Helen, Mon Aug 5, 2h 57, 5003 Grandsire Caters.
7226 LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, Old House South, Tue Aug 6, 2h 48, 5080 Kent TB Royal.
7227 HIGHWEEK, All Saints, Wed Aug 7, 2h 41, 5024 Spliced S Major
( 8 m : 672 London, Rutland; 640 Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative; 608 Bristol; 576 Cambridge, Yorkshire: 129 com , atw).
7228 LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, Castle Keep South, Wed Aug 7, 2h 32, 5088 The Moon S Major.
7229 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Aug 8, 2h 55, 5040 Yorkshire S Royal. )
7230 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Fri Aug 9, 1h 44, 5040 Surprise Minor
(8m: (1) Alnwick (2) Norfolk (3) Netherseale (4) Ipswich (5) Allendale (6) Norwich (7) Surfleet, Hexham)
7231 TAUNTON, Somerset, St Mary Magdalene, Sat Aug 10, $3 \mathrm{~h} 29,5040$ Yorkshire S Maximus.
7232 REWE, St Mary The Virgin, Mon Aug 12, $2 \mathrm{~h} 42,5040$ Surprise Minor, ( 7 m : London, Wells, York, Durham, Norwich, Beverley, Cambridge)
7233 KINGSTEIGNTON, St Michael, Tue Aug 13, 2h 53, 5056 Yorkshire S Major.
7234 CHAGFORD, St Michael, Tue Aug 13, 3h 6, 5056 Bristol S Major.
7235 BOVEY TRACEY, Sorrento, Tue Aug 13, 2h 25, 5152 Cambridge S Major.
7236 OFFWELL, St Mary The Virgin, Wed Aug 14, 2h 46, 5040 Surprise Minor
(21m: (1) London, Wells (2) Chester, Carlisle (3) Netherseale, Lightfoot (4) Wesminster, Allendale (5) Norwich (6, 7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet).
7237 SHUTE, St Michael, Wed Aug 14, 2 h 43, 5040 Spliced S Minor
(21m: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Carlisle, Northumberland (3) Chester, Munden(4) York, Durham (5) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose (7) Westminster, Allendale)
7238 EXETER, 49 Widecombe Way, Wed Aug 14, 2h 23, 5088 Cassiobury S Major.
7239 LAIRA, St Mary The Virgin, Thu Aug 15, 2h 42, 5088 Pudsey S Major.
7240 SIDBURY, Ss Giles \& Peter, Fri Aug 16, 3h 4, 5024 Spliced S Major
( 8 m : 640 Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire; 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London: 120 com; atw).
7241 YEOVIL, Somerset, St John The Baptist, Sat Aug 17, 3h 44, 5042 Cambridge S Maximus.
7242 BUCKFASTLEIGH, The Bowerdon Peal, Tue Aug 20, 1h 46, 5040 Spliced S Minor
(12m: (1) York, Durham (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne (3) Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham (4, 5) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose (7) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet).
7243 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Wed Aug 21, 2h 22, 5088 Bristol S Major.
7244 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Thu Aug 22, 2h 27, 5056 Kent TB Major.
7245 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Aug 22, 2h 57, 5040 Changabang S Royal.
7246 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Aug 27, 1h 50, 5040 Spliced Treble Dodging Minor
( $34 \mathrm{~m}: ~(1)$ Fountains Delight, Tewkesbury Delight, Tintern D (2) Melrose Delight, Evesham Delight, Sherborne D (3) College Bob IV Delight, Willesden Delight, Old Oxford Delight, Newdigate D (4-7 all Surprise) Norwich, Netherseale, Westminster, Allendale, Warkworth, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Bamborough, Annable's London, Rossendale, Stamford, Bacup, Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet). )
7247 OKEHAMPTON, All Saints, Thu Sep 5, 3h 7, 5120 Cambridge S Major.
7248 ST MICHAEL CAERHAYS, Cornwall, St Michael \& All Angels, Fri Sep 6, 2h 45, 5040 Surprise Minor
( 7 m : London, York, Norwich, Bourne, Ipswich, Beverly, Cambridge)
7249 PENZANCE, Cornwall, St Mary The Virgin, Sat Sep 7, 3h 22, 5024 Cambridge S Major.
7250 TAUNTON, Somerset, St Mary Magdalene, Sat Sep 7, 3h 29, 5016 Spliced Maximus,
(6m: 1056 Ariel Surprise, Bristol Surprise, Phobos Surprise, Zanussi Surprise; 704 Glasgow Little Surprise; 88 Slink Differential Little Treble Place: 109 com, atw).
7251 ST MAWGAN-in-PYDAR, Cornwall, St Mawgan, Sun Sep 8, 2h 42, 5088 Bovey Tracey S Major.
7252 HIGHWEEK, All Saints, Tue Sep 10, $2 \mathrm{~h} 44,5024$ Spliced S Major
( 8 m : 672 London, Rutland; 640 Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative; 608 Bristol; 576 Cambridge, Yorkshire: 129 com ; atw).

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7253 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Sep 10, 1h 41, 5040 Surprise Minor
(11m: (1) Westminster, Allendale (2) Norwich (3) York, Durham (4) Caithness, Bourne (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Cambridge, Ipswich (7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)
7254 EXETER, Flat 5, 155 Magdalen Road, Wed Sep 11, 2h 42, 5040 Pilton D Royal
7255 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Sep 12, 2h 56, 5040 Hampstead Hill S Royal. Comp.
7256 EAST HUNTSPILL, Somerset, The Little Orchard Tower, Sun Sep 15, 2h 8, 5032 Vorlus-Snorlus Alliance Major
7257 BACKWELL, Somerset, St Andrew, Tue Sep 17, 3h 9, 5040 Swindon S Royal.
7258 EXETER, 49 Widecombe Way, Tue Sep 17, $2 \mathrm{~h} 22,5088$ Ashtead S Major.
7259 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Sep 19, 2h 56, 5040 Cambridge S Royal.
7260 EXETER, St Mark, Fri Sep 20, 2h 53, 5024 Spliced S Major,
( $8 \mathrm{~m}: 640$ Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire; 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London: 120 com; atw).
7261 BRISTOL, St Stephen The Martyr, Sat Sep 21, 3h 21, 5040 Bristol S Maximus,
7262 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings Ting Tong, Tue Sep 24, 1h 45, 5040 Surprise Minor
(21m: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Norwich (5, 6) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)
7263 BUCKFASTLEIGH, Ruined Church of The Holy Trinity, Thu Sep 26, 2h 54, 5024 New Surfleet S Major
7264 COLYTON, St Andrew, Fri Sep 27, 3h 24, 5056 Bristol S Major.
7265 SOWTON, St Michael \& All Angels Fri Sep 27, 2h 41, 5056 Lincolnshire S Major
7266 WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, St John The Evangelist, Sat Sep 28, 3h 23, 5040 Swindon S Maximus.
7267 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Mon Sep 30, 2h 58, 5040 Boghead S Royal.
7268 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Oct 1, 2h 1, 5040 Spliced Treble Dodging Minor
( 42 m : (1) Fountains, Evesham, Tewkesbury, Sherborne, Melrose, Tintern D (2) Combermere, Vale Royal, St Werburgh, Crowland D (3) Neasden, Old Oxford, St Albans, College Bob IV, Wragby, Willesden, Charlwood, Newdigate D (4-7) Norwich, Netherseale, Westminster, Allendale, Warkworth, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Bamborough, Annable's London, Rossendale, Stamford, Bacup, Ipswich, Bourne, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Cambridge, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet Surprise).
7269 NEWTON ABBOT, St Leonard's Tower, Thu Oct 3, 2h 48, 5152 Fastnet S Major.
7270 EXETER, St Mark, Fri Oct 4, 2h 50, 5040 Golden Wedding D Royal.
7271 TIVERTON, St Peter, Sat Oct 5, 3h 19, 5088 Yorkshire S Major.
7272 EXETER, 64 Mount Pleasant Road, Sun Oct 6, 2h 24, 5088 Yorkshire S Major.
7273 KINGSTEIGNTON, St Michael, Mon Oct 7, 3h 2, 5024 Lessness S Major.
7274 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Oct 8, 1h 40, 5040 Surprise Minor
( 23 m : (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Bacup, Bamborough (4) Westminster, Allendale (5) Norwich (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne
7275 SAMPFORD SPINEY, St Mary, Thu Oct 10, 2h 41, 5040 Minor
( 7 m : Golden Wedding TP, Ipswich Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Beverley Surprise, York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise)
7276 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Oct 10, 2h 55, 5040 Ama Dablam S Royal.
7277 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Oct 22, 1h 43, 5040 Surprise Minor
(11m: (1) Westminster, Allendale (2) Norwich (3) York, Durham (4) Bourne, Caithness (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Cambridge, Ipswich (7) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet
7278 IDEFORD, St Mary The Virgin, Thu Oct 24, 2h 31, 5040 Surprise Minor
(23m: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre (3) Chester, Munden (4) Westminster, Allendale (5) Norwich (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)
7279 WOLBOROUGH, St Mary, Mon Oct 28, 2h 48, 5024 Bristol S Major.
7280 ILSINGTON, St Michael, Tue Oct 29, 2h 44, 5040 Surprise Minor
(21m: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) York, Durham (5) Norwich (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)
7281 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Nov 5, 1h 49, 5040 Spliced S Minor
( 41 m : (1-3) Carlisle, Wooler, Whitley, Newcastle, Chester, Northumberland, Morpeth, Sandiacre, Canterbury, Munden, Alnwick, London, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Wells, Cunecastre (4-7) Norwich, Netherseale, Westminster, Allendale, Warkworth, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Bamborough, Annable's London, Rossendale, Stamford, Bacup, Ipswich, Bourne, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Cambridge, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet).
7282 SILVERTON, St Mary, Wed Nov 6, 3h 4, 5088 Bristol S Major
7283 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Nov 7, 3h 0, 5040 Cambridge S Royal.
7284 PETER TAVY, St Peter, Fri Nov 8, 2h 47, 5040 Cambridge S Minor.
7285 HIGHWEEK, All Saints, Sat Nov 9, 2h 46, 5096 The New Highweek Alliance Major.
7286 DAWLISH, 17 East Cliff Road, Tue Nov 12, 2h 20, 5056 Cambridge S Major.
7287 HIGHWEEK, All Saints, Wed Nov 13, 2h 48, 5366 Yorkshire S Major.
7288 WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, St John The Evangelist, Thu Nov 14, 3h 14, 5040 Cambridge S Maximus.
7289 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Nov 19, $1 \mathrm{~h} 42,5040$ Spliced S Minor
( 22 m : (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4,5) Annable's London, Norwich ( 6,7 ) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet).
7290 DAWLISH, 17 East Cliff Road, Tue Nov 19, 2h 20, 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major.
7291 INWARDLEIGH, St Petroc, Thu, Nov 21, 2h 33, 5040 Surprise Minor
( 15 m : (1) London, Wells (2) Carlisle (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Netherseale, Lightfoot (5) Durham, Beverley, York, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)
7292 EXETER, St Mark, Fri Nov 22, 2h 56, 5040 Melton S Royal.
7293 CHURCHSTANTON, Somerset, SS Peter \& Paul, Tue Nov 26, 2h 44, 5040 Treble Dodging Minor
(7m: (1) Primrose S (2) Warkworth S (3) Edinburgh D (4) Norwich S (5) Durham S (6) York S (7) Cambridge Surprise
7294 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings Ting Tong, Tue Nov 26, 2h 12, 5760 Spliced S Minor
( 41 m : 240 Allendale, Beverley, Hull, Kelso, Northumberland, Warkworth, Wearmouth; 120 Alnwick, Annable's London, Bacup, Bamborough,
Berwick, Bourne, Cambridge, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, Coldstream, Cunecastre, Durham, Hexham, Ipswich, Lightfoot, Lincoln, London,
Morpeth, Munden, Netherseale, Newcastle, Norfolk, Norwich, Primrose, Rossendale, Sandiacre, Stamford, Surfleet, Wells, Westminster, Whitley, Wooler, York; all the work).
7295 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Nov 28, 2h 57, 5056 Bristol S Major.
7296 AXMINSTER, St Mary, Sat Nov 30, 2 h 54, 5003 Grandsire Caters.
7297 HIGHWEEK, All Saints, Mon Dec 2, 2h 43, 5024 Teignwick D Major.
7298 BROADCLYST, St John The Baptist, Tue Dec 3, 3h 9, 5056 Bristol S Major.
7299 KINGSTEIGNTON, Kings-Ting-Tong, Tue Dec 3, 1h 52, 5040 Spliced Treble Dodging Minor
(44m: (1, 2) Fountains, Evesham, Tewkesbury, Sherborne, Melrose, Tintern, Glastonbury, London Victory, Clarence, Kirkstall, Burnaby, Waltham, Burslem, Elston D (2) Combermere, Vale Royal, St Werburgh, Crowland D (4) Neasden, Old Oxford, St Albans, College Bob IV, Wragby, Willesden, Charlwood, Newdigate D (4) LIghtfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Annable's London, Stamford, Netherseale S $(6,7)$ Ipswich, Bourne, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Cambridge, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet Surprise).
7300 WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, St John The Evangelist, Sat Dec 7, 3h 9, 5040 Wyville S Royal.
7301 EXETER, 84 Whipton Village Road, Tue Dec 10, 2h 47, 5040 Kent TB Royal. )
7302 THORVERTON, St Thomas of Canterbury, Thu Dec 12, 2h 57, 5040 Yorkshire S Royal.
7303 EXETER, 49 Widecombe Way, Mon Dec 16, $2 \mathrm{~h} 37,5040$ Cambridge S Royal.
7304 BOVEY TRACEY, Wobbly Bobs Campanile, Tue Dec 17, 1h 50, 5054 Verbigeration Alliance Major.
7305 WOLBOROUGH, St Mary, Thu Dec 19, 2h 59, 5024 Corby S Major.
7306 EXETER, St Mark, Fri Dec 20, 2h 57, 5040 London No. 3 S Royal.

## Guild Ringing Festival 2020

This is scheduled to take place between Friday 16th October and Sunday 1st November (inclusive).

All proceeds will be forwarded to the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund. If you would like to take part in a quarter peal, require help in organising a quarter peal or require any further information please contact the quarter peal secretary.

A donation of $£ 1$ per ringer per quarter peal is requested, if possible please Gift Aid this.
Gift Aid forms are available from the useful documents page on the Guild website
(http://devonringers.org.uk/guild/useful-docs).
Please forward all donations (and Gift Aid forms) by 30th November. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Guild of Devonshire Ringers'.

Please publish all quarter peals through the online media linking them to the event 'Guild of Devonshire Ringers Quarter Peal Event' which has been set up on Bellboard.

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## Quarter Peal Secretary Report

This report is, as normal, a record of statistics for the year. The report records a total of 588 quarter peals. 538 of these rung within the county, a third of those by visiting bands. The remaining 50 were rung outside the county, by bands predominantly of Guild members. Quarters were rung at 226 separate locations involving 540 individual ringers and 130 conductors.

Leading Tower: Lundy - 61 (although 56 rung by visiting bands), Exeter Cathedral - 39, Kings-Ting-Tong - 22, Exeter HB at Mount Pleasant Road - 20, Huntsham-19.

Abbreviations used to denote handbell locations: Bovey Tracey S - Sorrento; Crediton MC - Mill Cottage; Cruwys Morchard - Woody Combe; Dawlish ECR - East Cliff Road; Exeter EU - Exeter University, MPR - Mount Pleasant Road, MR - Magdalen Road, WW - Widecombe Way; Kingsteignton LB Long Barton; Lundy H - Hanmer, OHS - Old House South, SH - S Helena Church; Paignton WA - Winsu Avenue; Torquay JL - Jack's Lane. Performances in italics were rung by non-resident bands

| January |  |  | March |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Exeter Cathedral | 1442 Bristol S Royal | 1 | Talaton | 1296 Spliced S Minor 12m |
|  | Widworthy | 1260 Doubles 3m | 3 | Cruwys Morchard | 1260 Double Oxford B Minor |
| 2 | Lundy | 1260 Grandsire Triples |  | Exeter Cathedral | 1312 Cooktown Orchid D Major |
| 4 | Ottery St Mary | 1280 Spliced S Major 10m |  | Exeter S David | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
| 5 | Exeter HB MPR | 1312 Norwich S Major |  | Sidmouth | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
|  |  | 1296 Little B Royal | 4 | Exeter S Petrock | 1272 Old Oxford D Minor |
|  |  | 1272 Gainsborough LB Major | 5 | Exeter HB MR | 1264 Plain B Major |
|  |  | 1282 Cambridge S Royal |  |  | 1344 Plain B Major |
|  |  | 1440 Kent T B Royal | 6 | Huntsham | 1260 Reverse Canterbury P P M |
|  |  | 1280 Yorkshire S Major | 8 | Lundy | 1344 Plain B Major |
|  | St Marychurch | 1264 Double Norwich C B Major | 9 | Lundy | 1312 Turramurra S Major |
| 6 | Cadeleigh | 1260 Plain B Doubles |  |  | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
|  | Exeter Cathedral | 1442 Bristol S Royal |  |  | 1260 Doubles 5m |
| 7 | Exeter S Petrock | 1320 Elston D Minor |  |  | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
| 10 | Pinhoe | 1280 Spliced S Major 7m |  |  | 1280 Bristol SMajor |
| 11 | Shobrooke | 1272 Rossendale S Minor |  |  | 1280 Original Major |
| 13 | Withycombe Raleigh | 1253 Stedman Cinques | 10 | Withycombe Raleigh | 1253 Stedman Cinques |
| 15 | Exeter HB MR | 1264 Plain B Major |  | Lundy | 1344 Spliced S Major 4m |
|  | Torquay HBJL | 1260 Plain B Minor |  |  | 1280 Felicity D Major |
| 18 | Combe Raleigh | 1260 Plain B Doubles |  |  | 1320 Annable's London S Minor |
|  | Exminster | 1280 Lessness S Major |  | St Budeaux | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
| 20 | Exeter Cathedral | 1346 Yorkshire S Maximus | 11 | Lundy | 1320 Kent TB Royal |
|  | Exeter S Mark | 1280 London S Major |  |  | 1440 Original Minor |
| 22 | Exeter HB MR | 1264 Plain B Major |  |  | 1260 Plain B Minor |
| 23 | Withycombe Raleigh | 1346 Cambridge S Maximus | 12 | Lundy | 1344 Superlative SMajor |
| 27 | Exeter Cathedral | 1344 Bristol S Maximus |  | Thorverton | 1280 Bristol S Royal |
| 29 | Thorverton | 1282 Fifty Fifty S Royal | 13 | Exeter HB MPR | 1296 Little B Major |
|  |  |  |  | Exeter HB EU | 1280 Oxford TB Major |
| February |  |  |  | Lundy | 1282 Cambridge S Royal |
| 1 | Broadclyst | 1280 Bristol S Major |  | Sampford Spiney | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
|  | Sampford Peverell | 1320 Doubles 3m | 14 | Lundy | 1280 Spliced SMajor 7m |
|  | Silverton | 1260 Grandsire Triples |  |  | 1344 Cooktown Orchid D Major |
|  | Tiverton SPaul | 1296 Cambridge S Minor |  |  | 1344 Spliced SMajor 6m |
|  | Tiverton S Peter | 1376 Plain B Major |  |  | 1282 Swindon S Royal |
| 2 | Axminster | 1260 Plain B Doubles |  |  | 1260 Plain B Triples |
|  | Buckfast Abbey | 1346 Yorkshire S Maximus | 15 | Combe Raleigh | 1260 Doubles 2m |
| 3 | Exeter Cathedral | 1360 London No.3S Royal |  | East Budleigh | 1280 Cornwall S Major |
| 4 | Broadwoodkelly | 1300 Plain B Doubles |  | Lundy | 1272 Norwich S Minor |
|  | Exeter S Petrock | 1296 Lincoln S Minor |  |  | 1280 Spliced SMajor 8 m |
| 9 | Lundy | 1344 Plain B Major |  |  | 1280 Cambridge SMajor |
| 10 | Withycombe Raleigh | 1346 Yorkshire S Maximus |  |  | 1296 Plain B Caters |
|  | Tavistock | 1344 Lincolnshire S Major | 17 | Exeter Cathedral | 1346 Spliced S Maximus 2m |
| 12 | Exeter HB MR | 1264 Plain B Major |  | Heavitree | 1260 Stedman Triples |
|  | Thorverton | 1280 Spliced S Royal 3m |  | Plymouth Minister | 1260 Plain B Royal |
| 13 | Combe Raleigh | 1260 Plain B Minor |  | Tiverton S Peter | 1260 Grandsire Triples |
|  | Sampford Spiney | 1260 Plain B Minor | 19 | Kings-Ting-Tong | 1272 Disley D Minor |
| 16 | Paignton HB WA | 1260 Plain B Minor |  |  | 1272 Shelford D Minor |
| 17 | Exeter Cathedral | 1277 Stedman Cinques | 24 | Exeter Cathedral | 1344 Bristol S Maximus |
|  | Heavitree | 1280 Cambridge S Major |  | Sidmouth | 1320 Cambridge S Minor |
|  | Hartland | 1296 SMinor 2m | 26 | Bampton | 1260 Bathern B Minor |
| 19 | Dawlish HB ECR | 1264 Spliced S Major 16m |  | Dawlish | 1280 Superlative S Major |
|  | Exeter HB MR | 1344 Plain B Major | 27 | Exeter HB MPR | 1272 Kent TB Minor |
|  | Exeter HB MR | 1264 Plain B Major | 28 | Withycombe Raleigh | 1280 RutlandSMajor |
|  | Huntsham | 1260 Plain B Doubles |  | Huntsham | 1280 Cambridge SMajor |
|  | Lundy HB H | 1308 Stedman Cinques |  |  |  |
| 20 | Exeter HB WW | 1280 Cassiobury S Major |  | Uffculme | 1260 Grandsire Triples |
|  | Lundy | 1259 Grandsire Caters | 31 | Dawlish HB ECR | 1280 Pudsey S Major |
|  | Lundy | 1280 Bristol S Royal |  | Exeter S David | 1312 Bristol S Major |
| 21 | Pinhoe | 1280 Spliced S Major 8m |  |  |  |
| 24 | Exeter Cathedral | 1258 Stedman Cinques | Apri |  |  |
|  | Rackenford | 1260 Doubles 2 m | 1 | Exeter S Petrock | 1272 Burnaby D Minor |
| 25 | Kings-Ting-Tong | 1440 S Minor 2m |  | Kingsteignton HB LB | 1260 Plain B Minor |
|  | Torquay HBJL | 1260 Plain B Minor | 3 | Huntsham | 1260 Plain B Minor |
| 28 | Kings-Ting-Tong | 1320 Skipton D Minor | 4 | Topsham | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
|  |  | 1296 Knutsford D Minor |  | Huntsham | 1280 Spliced S Major 3m |

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\hline \& Kingskerswell \& 1260 Plain B Doubles <br>
\hline 5 \& Heavitree \& 1280 London S Major <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{5}{*}{6} \& Dean Prior \& 1269 S Minor 2m <br>
\hline \& Ermington \& 1272 Norwich S Minor <br>
\hline \& Newton Ferrers \& 1272 Spliced S Minor 6m <br>
\hline \& Revelstoke \& 1260 Grandsire Triples <br>
\hline \& Yealmpton \& 1260 St Clement's C B Minor <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{7} \& Cruwys Morchard \& 1260 Pinehurst B Minor <br>
\hline \& Exeter Cathedral \& 1280 Double Dublin S Major <br>
\hline 8 \& Yealmpton \& 1296 Cambridge S Minor <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{9} \& Lundy \& 1260 Grandsire Triples <br>
\hline \& Thorverton \& 1440 Anglia S Royal <br>
\hline 10 \& Lundy \& 1272 London S Minor <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{5}{*}{11} \& Exeter HB MPR \& 1280 Kent T B Major <br>
\hline \& Kings-Ting-Tong \& 1320 Chepstow D Minor <br>
\hline \& \& 1320 Balmoral D Minor <br>
\hline \& Lundy \& 1260 Plain B Minor <br>
\hline \& \& 1260 Plain B Doubles <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{12} \& Lundy \& 1260 Grandsire Triples <br>
\hline \& \& 1250 Yorkshire S Major <br>
\hline 13 \& Lundy \& 1296 Grandsire Caters <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{14} \& Heavitree \& 1280 Lincolnshire S Major <br>
\hline \& Tiverton S Peter \& 1260 Single Oxford B Triples <br>
\hline 17 \& Exeter HB WW \& 1280 Cornwall S Major <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{18} \& Exeter HB MPR \& 1280 Superlative S Major <br>
\hline \& Tiverton S Peter \& 1260 Plain B Minor <br>
\hline 21 \& Exeter Cathedral \& 1313 Stedman Cinques <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{23} \& Clyst St George \& 1260 Doubles 6 m <br>
\hline \& Dawlish HB ECR \& 1312 Spliced S Major 6m <br>
\hline \& Exeter Cathedral \& 1311 Stedman Cinques <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{24} \& Colaton Raleigh \& 1260 Greenend Lodge B Minor <br>
\hline \& Lympstone \& 1260 Nordelph B Minor <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{25} \& Topsham \& 1260 Grandsire Doubles <br>
\hline \& Pinhoe \& 1280 Spliced S Major 8 m <br>
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{May} <br>
\hline 1 \& Huntsham \& 1250 Yorkshire S Major <br>
\hline 3 \& Combe Raleigh \& 1260 St Simon's Doubles <br>
\hline \& Cullompton \& 1282 Yorkshire S Royal <br>
\hline 5 \& Exeter Cathedral \& 1280 Bristol S Royal <br>
\hline \& Topsham \& 1260 Doubles 5m <br>
\hline 7 \& Heavitree \& 1250 Lincolnshire S Major <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{9} \& Kings-Ting-Tong \& 1320 Norfolk S Minor <br>
\hline \& \& 1272 Spliced S Minor 12m <br>
\hline 10 \& Cruwys Morchard HB \& 1272 Reverse B Minimus <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{12} \& Withycombe Raleigh \& 1282 Lincolnshire S Royal <br>
\hline \& Tiverton S Peter \& 1344 Plain B Major <br>
\hline 13 \& Exeter S Petrock \& 1320 Bogedone D Minor <br>
\hline 17 \& Ideford \& 1296 Spliced S Minor 3m <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{19} \& Exeter Cathedral \& 1313 Stedman Cinques <br>
\hline \& Heavitree \& 1250 Lincolnshire S Major <br>
\hline \& Tiverton S Peter \& 1260 St Clement's C B Minor <br>
\hline 22 \& Sidmouth \& 1260 Grandsire Doubles <br>
\hline 23 \& Luppitt \& 1260 Middlesex Triples <br>
\hline 24 \& Buckfast Abbey \& 1277 Grandsire Caters <br>
\hline 25 \& Woodbury \& 1260 Grandsire Doubles <br>
\hline 28 \& Thorverton \& 1282 Ramsbury Bitter S Royal <br>
\hline 29 \& Holcombe Rogus \& 1260 Windle Hall B Minor <br>
\hline \& Huntsham \& 1260 Plain B Doubles <br>
\hline 30 \& Buckfast Abbey \& 1250 Yorkshire S Major <br>
\hline \& Pinhoe \& 1280 London S Major <br>
\hline 31 \& Kingsteignton \& 1280 Zenzizenzizenzic D Major <br>
\hline \& Pilton \& 1344 Yorkshire SMajor <br>
\hline June \& \& <br>
\hline 1 \& Awliscombe \& 1260 Doubles 5m <br>
\hline \& Buckerell \& 1260 Little Stukeley B Minor <br>
\hline \& Combe Raleigh \& 1260 Hartford B Minor <br>
\hline \& Payhembury \& 1260 Doubles 8m <br>
\hline \& Stokeinteignhead \& 1260 Doubles 3m <br>
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9} \& Dawlish HB ECR \& 1312 Kent T B Major <br>
\hline \& \& 1260 Plain B Minor <br>
\hline \& \& 1312 Kent T B Major <br>
\hline \& \& 1260 Plain B Minor <br>
\hline \& \& 1296 Little B Royal <br>
\hline \& Exeter S Petrock \& 1296 Kirkstall D Minor <br>
\hline \& Buckfast Abbey \& 1282 Lincolnshire S Royal <br>
\hline 7 \& Newton St Cyres \& 1280 Zeus S Major <br>
\hline 8 \& Exeter S Mark \& 1260 Grandsire Doubles <br>
\hline 9 \& Exeter Cathedral \& 1313 Stedman Cinques <br>
\hline \& Withycombe Raleigh \& 1346 Lincolnshire S Maximus <br>
\hline \& Tiverton S Peter \& 1260 Plain B Minor <br>
\hline 10 \& Exeter HB MPR \& 1312 Kent TB Major <br>
\hline \& Paignton HB WA \& 1260 Plain B Minor <br>
\hline \& St Budeaux \& 1260 Plain B Doubles <br>
\hline 11 \& Thorverton \& 1282 Old Dragon S Royal <br>
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    16 Bovey Tracey HBS
Buckfast Abbey
Exeter Cathedral
Plympton St Mary
19 Bishopsteignton
Dartmouth S Saviour
Feniton
Cruwys Morchard
July

| 1320 St Michaels SMinor |  |
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| Pilton | 1296 Stedman Triples |

Shirwell 1272 Shirwell SMinor
Cheldon
Exeter Cathedral
Exeter S Mark
Rewe
Thorverton
8 Chagford
Chawleigh
Cheriton Bishop
Down St Mary
Drewsteignton
High Bickington
Morchard Bishop
Tedburn St Mary
9 Atherington
Chittlehampton
East Buckland
Filleigh
High Bray
North Molton
South Molton
West Buckland
10
Berrynarbor
Braunton
Heanton Punchardon
Iffacombe $H T$
Ilfracombe SSP\&J
Kentisbury
Kentisbur
West Down
11 Bridgerule
Buckfast Abbey
Pinhoe
Meeth
Merton
Sheepwash
Sutcombe
12 Abbotsham
Bideford
Bishops Tawton
Fremington
Littleham S Swithin
Northam
Tawstock
1260 Stanstead B Minor

| Loxhore | 1296 Cambridge S Minor |
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|  | 1320 St Michaels SMinor |

7 Brampford Speke 1296 Exeter International Airport Delight Minor
1260 Haylot Fell B Minor
1260 Golborne B Minor
1320 Golden Wedding Treble Place Minor
1260 Grandsire Triples
1344 Plain B Major
1260 Plain B Triples
1440 Lincolnshire S Royal
1260 Doubles 4m
1346 Spliced S Maximus $2 m$
1264 Plain B Major
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1260 Plain B Triples
1280 London S Major
1312 Spliced S Major 6m
1272 Norwich S Minor
1272 Plain B Minimus
1260 Plain B Doubles
1280 Spliced S Major 3m
1280 Cambridge S Major 1260 Stanstead B Mino
1260 Plain B Minor

1280 Spitfire LS Royal
1260 St Clement's C B Minor
1260 Grandsire Doubles
1260 Plain B Minor
1272 Pontefract D Minor
1272 Donottar D Minor
1260 Plain B Doubles
1312 Kent TB Major
1280 Superlative SMajor
1296 Cambridge SMinor
1296 Stedman Triples

1296 Briefcase and Mobile Phone T B Minimus
1344 Bristol S Major
1296 Stedman Caters
1299 Grandsire Doubles
1282 Cambridge S Royal
1280 Quedgeley SMajor
1272 Old Oxford D Minor
1440 Aladdin Doubles
1272 York SMinor
1320 Pitcher Plant SMinor
1260 Single Oxford B Triples
1296 Alnwick SMinor
1296 Surfleet SMinor
1271 Pythagoras SMinor
1344 Little B Major
1320 Ipswich SMinor
1260 St Clement's C B Minor
1296 Bourne SMinor
1260 All Saints Place Doubles
1250 Yorkshire SMajor
1272 Kent TB Minor
1320 Berrynarbor SMinor
1280 Devonshire SMajor
1260 Doubles $2 m$
1260 Grandsire Triples
1280 Spliced SMajor $8 m$
1260 Eynesbury Doubles
1320 Norwich SMinor
1272 London SMinor
1344 Gillett SMajor
1280 Yorkshire S Major
1280 Spliced S Major 6m
1272 Double Canterbury Place Minimus
1260 Single Oxford B Minor
1260 St Bartholomew's Doubles
1260 Doubles $2 m$
1260 Doubles $4 m$
1250 RutlandS Major
1296 Bishops Tawton S Minor
1296 Cambridge S Minor
1320 BeverleySMinor
1344 Lutetium SMajor
1260 St Peter Triples

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| 13 | Cullompton | 1295 Grandsire Caters |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Oakford | 1250 Lincolnshire SMajor |
|  | Stoodleigh | 1260 Pinehurst B Minor |
|  | Tiverton SPaul | 1260 Tiverton B Minor |
|  | Tiverton S Peter | 1344 Plain B Major |
| 14 | Ottery St Mary | 1260 Plain B Triples |
| 18 | Brent Tor | 1260 Grandsire Doubles |
| 19 | Clyst Honiton | 1280 Spliced S Major 5m |
| 20 | Bampton | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
| 21 | Exeter Cathedral | 1344 Bristol S Maximus |
|  | Tiverton S Peter | 1260 Plain B Minor |
| 22 | Cruwys Morchard | 1260 Double Platt Bridge B Minor |
|  | Tiverton SPaul | 1260 Upper Brow Top B Minor |
| 23 | Huntsham | 1260 St Clement's C B Minor |
| 24 | Cruwys Morchard HB | 1272 Double B Minimus |
|  | Exeter HB EU | 1280 Kent T B Major |
|  | Lundy | 1360 London No.3S Royal |
|  |  | 1440 Swindon S Royal |
| 25 | Huntsham | 1250 Yorkshire S Major |
| 26 | Paignton HB WA | 1260 Plain B Minor |
| 27 | Awliscombe | 1260 Doubles 2m |
|  | Buckerell | 1260 Stedman Doubles |
|  | Combe Raleigh | 1440 SMinor 2m |
|  | Dalwood | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
|  | Feniton | 1296 Cambridge S Minor |
| 28 | Exeter Cathedral | 1346 Spliced S Maximus 3m |
|  | Lundy | 1282 Yorkshire S Royal |
|  | Compton Gifford | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
|  | Rackenford | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
|  | Tavistock | 1250 Rutland SMajor |
| 30 | Lundy | 1503 Stedman Caters |
|  |  | 1280 Jenny's Cove S Major |
| 31 | Huntsham | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
|  | Lundy | 1344 Superlative S Major |
|  |  | 1282 Lundy Alliance Royal |
|  |  |  |
| 1 | Exeter HB MPR | 1260 Single Oxford B Triples |
| 2 | Combe Raleigh | 1260 Stedman Doubles |
| 3 | Lifton | 1260 Grandsire Doubles |
| 4 | Lundy | 1299 Stedman Caters |
|  |  | 1440 Cambridge S Minor |
| 5 | Exeter S Petrock | 1272 Morning Star T B Minor |
| 6 | Buckfast Abbey | 1313 Grandsire Caters |
|  | Lundy | 1259 Grandsire Caters |
|  |  | 1282 Cambridge S Royal |
| 7 | Huntsham | 1260 Double Oxford B Minor |
|  | Uplyme | 1296 Cambridge S Minor |
| 8 | Heavitree | 1260 St Clement's C B Minor |
|  | Huntsham | 1250 Yorkshire S Major |
|  | Lundy | 1260 Spliced Triples Major |
|  | Salcombe | 1260 Doubles 3m |
| 10 | Salcombe | 1260 Stedman Doubles |
| 11 | Bovey Tracey HBS | 1440 Spliced S Minor 23m |
|  | Withycombe Raleigh | 1346 Yorkshire S Maximus |
| 13 | Thorverton | 1282 Neville S Royal |
| 14 | Exeter HB EU | 1440 Plain B Minor |
|  |  | 1320 Cambridge S Minor |
| 15 | Huntsham | 1260 Middlesex Triples |
| 16 | Pinhoe | 1280 Spliced S Major 6m |
| 18 | Exeter Cathedral | 1259 Grandsire Caters |
|  | Exeter S Mark | 1260 Doubles 2m |
|  | Tiverton S Peter | 1288 Plain B Triples |
| 20 | Kings-Ting-Tong | 1320 Peveril D Minor |
|  |  | 1320 Beeston D Minor |
|  | Paignton HB WA | 1260 Plain B Minor |
| 21 | Lapford | 1260 Ribchester B Minor |
|  | Lundy | 1260 Grandsire Triples |
|  |  | 1280 Bristol S Royal |
|  | Morchard Bishop | 1260 St Clement's CB Minor |
| 22 | Clyst Honiton | 1250 Yorkshire S Major |
|  | East Budleigh | 1280 Spliced S Major 5 m |
|  | Exeter HB MPR | 1312 Kent TB Major |
|  | Pinhoe | 1280 London S Major |
|  | Lundy | 1260 Grandsire Doubles |
|  |  | 1299 Stedman Caters |
|  | Ottery St Mary | 1464 Stedman Triples |
|  | Sidbury | 1280 Cambridge S Major |
| 24 | Combe Raleigh | 1260 Doubles 3m |
| 25 | Exeter Cathedral | 1280 Spliced S Maximus 5m |
| 26 | Yarcombe | 1296 Surfleet S Minor |
| 28 | Feniton | 1260 Grandsire Doubles |
| 31 | Alwington | 1260 Plain B Minor |


|  | Braunton | 1260 | Grandsire Triples |
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|  | Cruwys Morchard HB | 1272 | Minimus 3m |
|  | Parkham | 1260 | Plain B Minor |
| September |  |  |  |
| 1 | Exeter Cathedral | 1282 | Yorkshire S Royal |
|  | Exeter S David | 1376 | Lincolnshire S Major |
| 2 | Exeter S Petrock | 1296 | College B IV D Minor |
| 3 | Kings-Ting-Tong | 1296 | Wath D Minor |
|  |  | 1296 | Carisbrooke D Minor |
| 4 | Huntsham | 1296 | Cambridge S Minor |
| 6 | Aylesbeare | 1296 | Bourne S Minor |
| 8 | Withycombe Raleigh | 1346 | Spliced S Maximus 2 m |
|  | Tavistock | 1260 | Grandsire Caters |
| 10 | Bickleigh | 1320 | Bickleigh B Minor |
|  | Cadbury | 1260 | Plain B Doubles and Minor |
|  | Cadeleigh | 1272 | Ipswich S Minor |
| 11 | Landkey | 1296 | Cambridge S Minor |
| 14 | Buckfast Abbey | 1280 | Cambridge S Major |
|  | Exeter Cathedral | 1263 | Stedman Caters |
| 15 | Exeter Cathedral | 1250 | Littleport LS Maximus |
|  | Exeter S Mark | 1344 | Plain B Triples |
|  | Lundy | 1260 | Plain BMinor |
|  |  | 1260 | Grandsire Triples |
|  | Laira | 1260 | Grandsire Doubles |
|  | Tiverton S Peter | 1344 | Plain B Triples |
| 17 | Exeter HB MPR | 1280 | Kent TB Major |
|  | Lundy | 1296 | Cambridge SMinor |
|  | Thorverton | 1282 | Ben Macdui S Royal |
| 19 | Paignton HB WA | 1260 | Plain B Minor |
| 20 | Cruwys Morchard HB | 1272 | Canterbury Place Minimus |
| 22 | Exeter Cathedral | 1440 | Bristol S Royal |
| 25 | Exeter HB EU | 1440 | Treble B Minor 2m |
|  | Exeter S Mark | 1280 | Plain B Major |
| 28 | Exeter Cathedral | 1257 | Stedman Cinques |
| 29 | Wolborough | 1260 | Grandsire Triples |
|  | Tiverton SPaul | 1260 | Plain B Doubles |
| October |  |  |  |
| 1 | Lundy | 1344 | Plain B Major |
| 3 | Pinhoe | 1280 | Bristol S Major |
| 5 | Stockleigh Pomeroy | 1260 | Singles 2m 2p |
| 6 | Exeter Cathedral | 1250 | Ely S Major |
| 6 | Tavistock | 1260 | Grandsire Triples |
| 7 | Exeter S Petrock | 1296 | Newdigate D Minor |
|  | Uplyme | 1260 | Plain B Doubles |
| 8 | Thorverton | 1282 | Dunton S Royal |
| 9 | Exeter S David | 1260 | Grandsire Doubles |
| 13 | Feniton | 1260 | Plain B Doubles |
|  | Compton Gifford | 1260 | Plain B Doubles |
| 14 | Exeter HB MPR | 1264 | Spliced Major 2m |
|  | Holcombe Burnell | 1260 | Single Boothby Graffoe Bob Minor |
|  | Whitestone | 1260 | Single Boothby Pagnell Bob Minor |
| 16 | Crediton HB MC | 1272 | Elston D Minor |
|  | Crediton HB MC | 1272 | Spliced D Minor 3m |
|  | Exeter S Mark | 1320 | Cambridge S Minor |
| 18 | Ottery St Mary | 1312 | Spliced S Major 6m |
| 20 | Exeter Cathedral | 1346 | Lincolnshire S Maximus |
|  | Heavitree | 1280 | Bristol S Major |
| 21 | Bere Ferrers | 1260 | Grandsire Doubles |
| 22 | Kings-Ting-Tong | 1320 | Castleton D Minor |
|  |  | 1320 | Bucknall D Minor |
| 25 | Exeter HB MPR | 1312 | Kent T B Major |
|  | Withycombe Raleigh | 1280 | Retirement D Major |
| 26 | Combe Raleigh | 1260 | Doubles 2m |
|  | Washfield | 1260 | Plain B Doubles |
| 27 | Exeter Cathedral | 1440 | Zanussi S Maximus |
|  | Tiverton S Peter | 1320 | Kent T B Minor |
| 28 | Buckfast Abbey | 1346 | Yorkshire S Maximus |
| 29 | Lundy | 1259 | Grandsire Caters |
| 30 | Buckerell | 1260 | Bluntisham B Minor |
|  | Combe Raleigh | 1260 | Grantchester B Minor |
|  | Huntsham | 1280 | Yorkshire S Major |
|  | Lundy | 1320 | London S Minor |
| 31 | Pinhoe | 1280 | Halloween S Major |
|  | Lundy | 1280 | Double Norwich CB Major |
|  |  | 1282 | Cambridge S Royal |
|  | St Marychurch | 1260 | Plain B Minor |
| N1 | mber |  |  |
|  | Buckfast Abbey | 1280 | Bristol S Major |
|  | Chulmleigh | 1260 | Grandsire Triples |
|  | Clyst St George | 1272 | Spliced S Minor 3m |
|  | Lapford | 1296 | Kwe Kwe SMinor |
|  | Lundy HB OHS | 1260 | Plain B Minor |
|  | Lundy | 1260 | Grandsire Triples |


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|  | North Tawton | 1250 Floccinaucinihilipilification SMajor |
|  | Shobrooke | 1296 Ebor SMinor |
|  | Winkleigh | 1280 Kenninghall S Major |
|  | Zeal Monachorum | 1272 Zeal Monachorum S Minor |
| 2 | Bickleigh | 1260 Bickleigh B Minor |
|  | Cheriton Fitzpaine | 1296 Boeing SMinor |
|  | Crediton HB MC | 1346 Cambridge S Maximus |
|  | Newton St Cyres | 1344 Nessless SMajor |
|  | Thorverton | 1440 Cambridge S Royal |
| 3 | Axminster | 1296 Grandsire Caters |
|  | Clyst Honiton | 1250 Snagglepuss SMajor |
|  | Exeter Cathedral | 1282 Cambridge S Royal |
|  | Pinhoe | 1344 Ghost S Major |
|  | Poltimore | 1296 North Luffenham S Minor |
|  | Sowton | 1312 Athelney Castle S Major |
| 4 | Exeter S Petrock | 1320 Duke of Norfolk T B Minor |
| 9 | Bridestowe | 1260 Grandsire Doubles |
|  | Peter Tavy | 1260 Grandsire Doubles |
|  | Sydenham Damerel | 1260 Grandsire Doubles |
| 10 | Exeter Cathedral | 1313 Stedman Cinques |
|  | Heavitree | 1260 Single Oxford B Triples |
|  | Withycombe Raleigh | 1346 Yorkshire S Maximus |
|  | Tiverton S Peter | 1260 Grandsire Doubles |
| 12 | Thorverton | 1282 Uga S Royal |
| 14 | Combe Raleigh | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
|  | Pinhoe | 1280 Bristol S Major |
| 15 | Exeter HB MPR | 1376 Kent T B Major |
|  | Withycombe Raleigh | 1280 Spliced S Major 4m |
|  | Huntsham | 1344 Superlative S Major |
|  | Tiverton S Peter | 1344 Stedman Triples |
|  | Witheridge | 1250 Yorkshire S Major |
| 17 | Cruwys Morchard HB | 1272 Reverse Canterbury Place Minimus |
|  | Exeter Cathedral | 1346 Yorkshire S Maximus |
| 19 | Kings-Ting-Tong | 1296 Hitcham D Minor |
|  |  | 1320 Danbury D Minor |
| 21 | Cotleigh | 1296 SMinor 2m |
|  | Exeter Cathedral | 1346 Cambridge S Maximus |
|  | Farway | 1320 Cambridge S Minor |
|  | Offwell | 1320 Norwich SMinor |
|  | Stockland | 1296 Ipswich SMinor |
| 22 | Bishopsteignton | 1260 Doubles 2m |
|  | Ideford | 1260 Grandsire Doubles |
|  | Kings-Ting-Tong | 1260 Plain B Doubles and Minor |
|  | Kingsteignton | 1280 Bristol SMajor |
|  | Newton Abbot | 1280 Northrepps L Alliance Major |
|  | Wolborough | 1280 Double Norwich C B Major |
| 23 | Charleton | 1440 Spliced S Minor 23m |
|  | Chivelstone | 1320 EkooriS Minor |
|  | Combe Raleigh | 1320 Plain B Doubles |
|  | East Portlemouth | 1296 Aloo Gobi S Minor |
|  | Sherford | 1296 Brinjal SMinor |
|  | Stokenham | 1320 Farsan SMinor |
| 24 | Exeter Cathedral | 1392 Spliced S Maximus 4m |
|  | Manaton | 1260 Childwall B Minor |
|  | Moretonhampstead | 1344 Kenninghall S Major |
|  | North Bovey | 1296 Spliced S Minor 12m |
| 25 | Exeter HB MPR | 1282 Spliced S Royal 3m |
| 26 | Huntsham | 1440 SMinor 2m |
| 27 | Braunton | 1260 Plain B Triples |
|  | Exeter S Mark | 1260 Plain B Royal |
| 30 | St Budeaux | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
|  | mber |  |
| 1 | Exeter Cathedral | 1282 Cambridge S Royal |
| 4 | Huntsham | 1260 Plain B Minor |
| 6 | Exminster | 1280 Bristol S Major |
| 7 | Compton Gifford | 1280 Zurich S Major |
|  | Laira | 1250 Nailstone S Major |
| 8 | Brent Tor | 1260 Grandsire Doubles |
|  | Honiton | 1260 Plain B Doubles and Minor |
|  | Plymouth Minister | 1260 Grandsire Doubles |
|  | Rackenford | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
| 9 | Exeter S Petrock | 1272 AC/DCD Minor |
| 10 | Combe Raleigh | 1260 Plain B Doubles |
|  | Thorverton | 1440 Enniskillen S Royal |
| 12 | Pinhoe | 1280 London S Major |
|  | Luppitt | 1280 Yorkshire S Major |
| 13 | Clyst St George | 1260 Doubles 2m |
| 14 | Lifton | 1260 Grandsire Doubles |
| 15 | Exeter Cathedral | 1344 Bristol S Maximus |
|  | Stoke Damerel | 1260 Grandsire Triples |
| 17 | Kings-Ting-Tong | 1296 Pattishall D Minor |
|  |  | 1296 Cadoxton D Minor |


| 19 | Heavitree | 1260 Stedman Triples |  |
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| 20 | Ideford | 1440 | Spliced S Minor 23m |
| 22 | Exeter Cathedral | 1311 Stedman Cinques |  |
|  | Exeter S Mark | 1259 Grandsire Caters |  |
|  | Tiverton S Peter | 1400 Plain B Triples |  |
| 24 | Exeter Cathedral | 1280 Cambridge S Royal |  |
| 25 | Crediton HB MC | 1344 Plain B Major |  |
| 26 | Exeter S Mark | 1272 Ipswich S Minor |  |
| 31 | Bere Ferrers | 1260 Plain B Minor |  |
|  | Shirwell | 1260 Plain B Doubles and Minor |  |

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## February

22 | Cardinham | 1250 Fancy S Major |
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| Lanhydrock | 1260 Grandsire Triples |
| Lansallos | 1250 Yorkshire S Major |
| Liskeard | 1250 G J Churchward S Major |
| Pillaton | 1280 Queen Eahlswith S Majo |

    Macclesfield CC 1296 Grandsire Caters
    Poynton 1272 Westminster S Minor
    Prestbury 1280 Scilly S Major
    Sutton, Cheshire 1260 St Clement's C B Minor
    3 Brown Edge 1260 Doubles (3m)
Cheddleton 1296 Bourne S Minor
Horton, Staffordshire 1296 Cambridge S Minor
Kingsley 1260 Doubles ( 5 m )
4 Alsager 1280 Yakky Doodle S Major
Biddulph 1296 Beverley S Minor
Church Lawton 1250 Xenodocheionology S Major
Tunstall 1280 Oakwood Park S Major
22 Ypres 1250 Lincolnshire S Major
29 Jacobstow 1260 Plain B Minor
Lesnewth 1260 Grandsire Doubles
Poundstock 1260 Paisley B Minor
April
4 Wedmore Bakery 1296 S Minor (2m)
12 Coity 1260 Bescot B Minor
Laleston 1272 Primrose S Minor
Pen-y-fai 1272 Carlisle S Minor
13 Baglan 1296 Wearmouth S Minor
Cadoxton juxta Neath 1296 Wooler S Minor
Neath 1260 Cockshute B Minor
St Brides Major 1296 Sandiacre S Minor
May
Lanreath 1296 Cambridge S Minor
Morval 1260 Armitage-is-the-name
St Veep 1260 Double Brookhouse B Minor
4 Farmborough 1260 Ramsey B Minor
High Littleton 1260 Holywell-cum-
Needingworth B Minor
Stanton Drew 1296 Cambridge S Minor
Timsbury BVM 1260 Doubles (5m)
September
6 Frampton Cotterell 1320 Carlisle S Minor
November
8 Llanedeyrn 1272 Sandiacre S Minor
Ulanwern 1260 Doubles (4m)
Redwick 1260 Bollington B Minor
9 Dyffryn 1296 Wearmouth S Minor
Llanelly $\quad 1260$ Brimton Common B Minor
Llanover 1260 Doubles (8m)
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Llanover } & 1260 \text { Doubles (8m) } \\ \text { Llantilio Pertholey } & 1320 \text { Canterbury S Minor }\end{array}$
24 Curload Clappers 1296 Cambridge S Minor
29 All Cannings 1272 Sleepy D Minor
Corsham 1260 Doubles (7m)
Heddington 1272 Doc DMinor
Lacock 1272 Grumpy D Minor

