

# The Guild of Devonshire Ringers

Annual Report for the year 2021





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## General Secretary

Guild activities were confined to virtual meetings using teleconferencing services during the first months of 2021 because we were unable to meet physically. A varied program of events was held online including training, talks and a virtual beer festival. Up to the end of May our members and invited guests had collectively used 140,986 minutes (98 days) of time on the Zoom virtual platform. We were not able to meet to hold our Guild Annual General Meeting in Tiverton, but I was delighted when it became possible for us to begin ringing more normally for services and at practice nights in July.

Following consultation with branch and tower leaders it was decided to go ahead with the Guild 6-bell striking competition at Laira on 16th October. Five teams took part and a number of those present tried their hand at marking competition ringing as part of a listening skills workshop which was running simultaneously. During the autumn I've been really pleased to be able to ring with some of you again at your branch Annual General Meeting and also to attend a couple of the Young Ringer practices during the latter half of the year. This newly revitalised group shows promise and I hope that more of our younger ringers will join in as we prepare to host the Ringing World National Youth Contest in Exeter on 2nd July. I look forward to seeing many of you during 2022.

## Bells and Belfries Advisors

Again, due to Covid restrictions the activities of the Guild Bell Advisors were somewhat restricted during 2021, though we have ventured out a bit more this year.

In May a post-lockdown inspection was carried out at Broadhembury to ensure that the bells could be rung for a forthcoming wedding, only to find that the bell chamber had been invaded by jackdaws – a salutary lesson to regularly inspect the integrity of the mesh over your sound-exit louvres and to carry out any necessary repairs immediately.

In June a comprehensive inspection was carried out at Musbury, another former Guild tower, and in October a follow-up visit was made to Yarnscombe on behalf of the DCBRF. Finally, in December, an inspection was carried out at St Peter's, Tiverton, to advise on any issues needing to be addressed during major maintenance planned to coincide with the centenary of the bells in 2023.

Verbal advice has been provided to Crediton, Hatherleigh, Newton St Cyres and Princetown, brief visits also being made to both Crediton and Princetown.

Work has been completed by the professional bell hangers during the year at Axminster, Dunkeswell, Pilton and Shaugh Prior, and is currently under way at Butterleigh, Cadbury, Denbury, East Anstey and Milton Abbot, and is about to commence at Bigbury.

As ever, may we emphasize that we are always happy to visit any Guild tower (current restrictions permitting) to report on the condition of the bell installation and to offer advice on any maintenance or restoration issue. No charge is made for these visits.

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

During 2021 the Fund has been actively involved with 14 towers at some stage in their restoration projects. In addition to these, a further eight towers have requested grant application forms, though have not as yet completed and submitted them. With the easing of coronavirus restrictions, we have been able to restart our quinquennial bell inspections and this year have carried out a long overdue inspection at Musbury. We also paid a return visit to Yarnscombe, following up our quinquennial of 2016. Inspections of completed restoration work have been carried out at Axminster, Shaugh Prior, Pilton and Dunkeswell.

Due to the restrictions then in force, our March meeting was conducted using the "Zoom" facility, whereas we reverted to our normal face-to-face format for our November meeting. Later in

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November the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Secretary-elect met with our financial advisors to review recent performance of our investment portfolio and to discuss future strategy.

One major change in our ranks is that James, having resigned as Consultant on Bells and Clocks to the Exeter DAC at the beginning of the year, chaired his last meeting in March and has now been replaced by his successor, the change formally taking place on 1st July. Furthermore, the secretary, Ian, expressed a wish to stand down from that position and will be replaced by Janet early in the new 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 an 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 2021 standing at £361,840, having almost regained its value prior to the covid lock-down. The continuing benefit of the investment portfolio is in the dividends received which have amounted to £8,095 for the year. As was to be expected, this was significantly less (by about 40 per cent) than the income received pre-Covid, and it is difficult to see this recovering in the immediate future.

A significant portion of our income normally comes as a result of the activities of the two Devon ringing societies. Clearly, on account of the continuing Covid restrictions, this was anticipated to be much reduced, as has indeed been the case. Though activities have been gradually increasing, it is difficult to see income from this area getting back to anything like normal for some considerable time. The trustees have therefore continued to take initiatives to offset this, and again a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the work of the DCBRF was made prior to the 'virtual' Devon Ringers' Carol Service in December. Members of the two societies have again been encouraged to use AmazonSmile for their on-line purchases, nominating the DCBRF as their chosen charity. Also, the links on both societies web-pages to the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) Donate service have proved quite lucrative.

At the beginning of 2021 the liquid assets of the Fund stood at £59,479. Since that time five grants totalling £7,950 have been paid. £1,200 went to Ermington for cleaning down and descaling the sub-frame and repairing where necessary, and repainting all the frame ironwork and fittings; £900 to Shaugh Prior for sand-blasting and galvanising some of the frame's cross-bracing, repainting the rest of the frame, sub-frame and headstocks, re-facing the clappers and repairing the cracked bell-pad on the fourth bell; £950 to Axminster for overhauling the bearings, re-profiling the clappers and fitting new hinge pins and bushes, new pulley sheaves for the third and tenor bells, and new runner boards for the treble, second and third bells; £3,000 to Pilton towards cleaning down and repainting the bell-frame and support grillage, repairs to the treble, seventh and tenor clappers, removal of old crown staple stumps, servicing the bearings, sliders and runner boards, and turning the second and fourth bells; and £1,900 to Dunkeswell for descaling, treating and painting the beam ends of the frame foundation and inserting new padstones, also improving the access to the ringing room and bell chamber. Income during the year (excluding that from the investment portfolio) has amounted to £7,520, including £4,212 from the Guild and its Branches, £395 from Devon Association towers, £919 via the CAF Donation Buttons, £1,400 from other donations and fundraising, and £425 from tax refunds and bank interest.

Having taken off administration expenses, the liquid assets of the Fund currently stand at £66,930. Grants agreed this year include the £950 to Axminster (as mentioned above); £6,250 to Bigbury towards a complete rehang of the six bells in the existing frame, but on completely new and re-positioned supporting grillages; £5,300 to SS Philip and James, Ilfracombe towards rehangng the eight bells with new or refurbished fittings in the existing strengthened bell-frames, the upper frame being provided with new steel support beams; and £8,100 to Hatherleigh for

rehanging the bells in a new steel frame. (At Hatherleigh, as part of a major church re-ordering scheme, a new ringing floor will be provided some eleven feet higher in the tower which, together with an improved rope circle, will make the bells far easier to ring.). Assuming that all of the agreed grants are taken up, the uncommitted liquid balance of the Fund stands at £13,980.

### Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund Accounts for the Year 2021

Registered charity no. 276490

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>DONATIONS</i>		
Guild of Devonshire Ringers and its branches	4,211.58	5,153.10
Devon Association of Ringers	395.00	3,620.00
Donation Button: via CAF	918.80	
Other donations and fundraising	1,400.31	2,875.08
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>6,925.69</b>	<b>11,648.18</b>
TAX REFUNDS: Gift Aid/income tax	390.23	220.05
BANK INTEREST: CBFCE deposit account	34.55	194.80
SMALE BEQUEST: CFM investment account	8,095.10	10,262.80
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>15,445.57</b>	<b>22,325.83</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>GRANTS TO BELL RESTORATION PROJECTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Ermington	1200.00	
Shaugh Prior	900.00	
Axminster	950.00	
Pilton	3000.00	
Dunkeswell	1900.00	
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>7,950.00</b>	<b>7,750.00</b>
<i>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</i>		
Auditor's honorarium	25.00	25.00
Meeting expenses	19.85	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>44.85</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>7,994.85</b>	<b>7,775.00</b>
<b>GAINS (LOSSES)</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income less expenditure	7,450.72	14,550.83
Increase (decrease) in value of investments	16,272.64	345,567.22
<b>NET GAIN(LOSS) AT YEAR END</b>	<b>23,723.36</b>	<b>360,118.05</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>405,046.49</b>	<b>406,961.13</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>428,769.85</b>	<b>405,046.49</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<i>INVESTMENTS</i>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Value of investments at 31 December	361,839.86	345,567.22
<i>CASH ACCOUNTS</i>		
CBFCE (deposit account)	35,000.00	35,000.00
Lloyds bank (current account)	29,077.66	24,456.07
Debtors	2,877.33	48.20
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors	25.00	25.00
<b>NET CASH</b>	<b>66,929.99</b>	<b>59,479.27</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>428,769.85</b>	<b>405,046.49</b>

## Denmisch Simulator

Ian and Oliver inspected the Denmisch simulator on Sunday 9/1/22. There has been no ringing here since early 2020. It was positive to re-establish contact with the Cathedral School staff. Since we last used the facility the room has been redecorated and the rather tired metal lockers removed. The space is now being used as a locker and gown room for choristers rather than a Year 8 locker room and generally feels more wholesome, but still poorly ventilated by its intrinsic nature. A framed pealboard and a framed picture will be rehung by the school handymen. Both the PC and laptop failed to function. Ian has removed them and if he is unable to revive them has a supply of possible replacements. Thank you Ian. Without the computers it was not possible to tell whether the sensors, wiring and speaker are all functional. The display screen and webcam are both working. All simulators were rung up. A broken stay was identified and replaced. Pulleys on all simulators were seized up, possibly a result of damp (pulleys are part housed in MDF) although in other respects, functionally and visually, the installation appears in good condition. Ropes are slightly stiff but functional.

To do list:

- Mend / replace computers
- Return visit to check sensors, wiring and speaker
- Free pulleys somehow. Ian to think about pulleys, perhaps contact David to find out best way of freeing them.
- Consider some form of timed heating / dehumidifying in belfry
- Oliver to re-establish contact with the Headmaster regarding access, the possible resumption of an after school club and use of the facility during the National Youth Competition. We currently have access to the Belfry but not the ringing room from Bear Street.

## Devon Ringers' Council

Due to the continuing Covid pandemic and along with thousands of other events being cancelled up and down the country, the 10-bell call-change competition for the second year in succession did not take place. The 2022 competition is planned to take place on 23rd April.

The Carol Service however, and again, for the second year in succession, did take place via the zoom facility. Many people worked extremely hard once again in putting this service together and are all to be congratulated with the result.

The DRC held it's only meeting of the year in February. The main item on the agenda related to future Church closures where bells are concerned and how to ensure satisfactory negotiations are in place to deal with such sad endings. Various key people were invited to this meeting and a satisfactory conclusion was reached in which the DRC are to be notified of future closures and to be fully involved in any necessary negotiations.

If anyone wishes a topic to be included on our agenda for discussion, please let me know.

## Devon Young Ringers

Devon Young Ringers began meeting monthly at Pinhoe in August 2021. Pinhoe was selected as an easy, ground floor ring of 8 in a central location to Devon. It has been great for the Young Ringers events as there is plenty of parking, the church and tower is easy to ventilate to comply with COVID regulations. The number of young ringers at practices has varied between 6 and 4. There are 10 ringers in total who have attended at least one Young Ringers Practice.

The focus for 2022 will be to reach more young people in Devon. We are aware that a number of ringers are unable to make the Sunday afternoon slot, so we are in the process of arranging additional events such as outings, run during half term breaks for example, to help catch those who cannot make the regular sessions.

The Modern Society of Plymouth Youths has currently a good cohort of university aged ringers who are willing to help support practices and run outings, extending invitations to the Devon Young

Ringers group. There is also opportunity to link up with Young Ringing activities happening in Truro. Young Ringers in Devon will receive personal invites to these events as well as reminders of the monthly practices.

With the RW National Youth Contest coming to Exeter this year, we hope to be able to raise at least one team to enter the competition. This will need a focused approach such as additional practices targeted to the selected team. Young Ringers in Devon (regardless of their attendance to young ringers practices so far) will be asked to complete a questionnaire which will give us an idea of when to run these practices and how much interest we might have in raising a band. I would be grateful if branch representatives could look out for this and distribute to young ringers in their areas. The monthly practices will continue through 2022, on the 2nd Sunday of the month from

2-4pm. All abilities are welcome, we have young ringers who are just learning to handle a bell right up to ringers who have rung peals and the mixture of abilities creates a nice environment where the young people can support one another. Our sessions are a chance for young ringers to meet one another and make new friends, and to push themselves in a friendly and nurturing environment. The sessions have helped many of them to progress outside of their comfort zones.

The budget for Young Ringers Events has been spent on tower donations to Pinhoe, refreshments for the practices, and gifts for the young ringers at our Christmas party – each young ringer received a '50 Ringing Things' book from ART. Through 2022, much of the expenses will be similar, although may also include additional expenses related to raising a band such as producing team T-shirts.

## Frank Mack Garage Ring

In normal times the bells are now well established as being a popular fund-raising attraction and for general recruiting of lapsed or new ringers. With thousands of events cancelled up and down the country once again because of the continuing uncertainties surrounding the Covid pandemic, the bells have not been used during 2021. They were booked on occasions but government guidelines coming out immediately prior to an event meant these sadly had to be cancelled at the last minute. 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 has in previous years 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 therefore quite an unrealistic comparison with tower bells, does not appear to put people off having a go. Indeed, there is 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.

Our main annual event at the Devon County Show had a disappointing outcome for us in that the Devon Churches stand, of which we were part of, had a change in style and presentation and therefore we didn't have a place in which to set-up. Negotiations are taking place to have a separate stand-alone position at the DCS and to visit other shows around the county.

If you would like to borrow them for an event, please use the on-line booking form or contact me. I hope 2022 will bring about a climate whereby the bells can once again cover many miles and attend numerous events.

## Guild Librarian

COVID restrictions continued to prevent the Library operating normally in the first half of 2021, but nevertheless there is plenty to report.

The collection at St Petrock's, Exeter. During maintenance visits in the early part of the year a problem with dampness in one of the cupboards housing our books was discovered. This has been kept under control with the use of dehumidifier packs and is being monitored. It emphasises the need for the collection cupboards to be opened and aired regularly.

Regular openings to members resumed in July. Through the good offices of the Rector, we now have internet access in the Library, courtesy of the St Petrock's Centre. Our grateful thanks go to the Rev'd Sheila Swarbrick for her enthusiastic support of our occupation of St. Petrock's. We only pay for hiring the facility for the hours we open the Library and in return have excellent facilities. This includes the small chancel area which can be used by Guild or Branch officers for small meetings during Library opening times.

**Acquisitions and Usage.** A festival was held in July celebrating the 200th anniversary of Ellacombe chimes. The Commemorative book of the bicentenary, 1821- 2021 by the Bitton Parish History Group has been purchased for the Library. Opportunities to fill gaps also arise from time to time. David Cressy's book *Bonfire and bells: National memory and the Protestant calendar in Elizabethan and Stuart England* was originally published in 1989 and is now out of print. We were pleased to find a reasonably-price secondhand copy to fill the gap in our collection. Describing how the ringing of church bells played a major part in popular civic celebrations in late medieval England, it has many Devon references. The author catalogue of the Library was updated in September, is available on the Guild website and now runs to 32 A4 pages, showing just how extensive and rich our collection is.

We are grateful to Lynne, Brian, John and Trevor for their donations to the collection. We were especially pleased to receive Lynne's specially-prepared photobook of Devon Young Ringers, 2006-2014 and Trevor's Combe Raleigh Bell Project: a short history. Enquiries and loans were inevitably reduced during the year, but still ran at one every two months.

**Devon Ringing History.** These latter two donations emphasise the importance of recording and preserving Devon's ringing history. We suggested in the year that towers and branches send the Library their records of activity (or the lack of it) during the COVID pandemic. We are still open for contributions describing the alternative activities run by groups in the last 21 months in what has been an "unprecedented" period for ringing since the Second World War.

Two important manuscript items came to light early in the year. We have several copies of Troyte's Change Ringing and, sorting through duplicate copies in Tiverton, we were about to put a fifth copy on the disposal pile when we found two letters. The first was from the son of Troyte's printer in Exeter, explaining how all the remaining copies and the printing plates for Change Ringing were destroyed in enemy action in WW2. The second was from a friend of Dorothy L. Sayers, explaining some of the background to the writing of *The Nine Tailors*. Both are now available to read on the Devon Ringing History page of the Guild website.

## Guild Striking Competition

During the afternoon members were also offered the chance to develop listening skills and find out about what is involved in judging a striking contest.

We were delighted that Tim (Guild Education Officer) agreed to facilitate this opportunity, which begun with an introductory talk. Tim described some things you might listen for, offered tips on making constructive observations, and introduced various systems you might employ to assess the accuracy of the striking.

There was then the opportunity to listen to performances of the teams competing in the inter-tower striking contest for the JP Fidler Cup, and to have a go at marking and taking notes on them - with no pressure. In a relaxed and sociable format, members of competing teams were also able to have a go at assessing one another's performances and reviewing their own.

Results:	1st Exeter Cathedral (10.5 faults)
	2nd Tavistock (12.25 faults)
	3rd Emmanuel, Plymouth (48 faults)
	4th Tiverton, St Peter (52 faults)
	5th Withycombe Raleigh (59 faults)



# Ringling Recruitment Workgroup

Summary of Discussions and Recommendations January 2022.

Workgroup members:

Tim, Exeter, Guild Education Officer  
 Les, North East, Guild Librarian  
 Daniel, South West  
 Phil, South West  
 Margaret, Aylesbeare  
 Nicola, Mid Devon, Branch Treasurer  
 Sheila, North East, Ringing Champion

The Guild Recruitment Workgroup has so far held two meetings, one on the 11th December 2021 and one on the 8th January 2022. The workgroup consists of 6 Guild members, representing four branches, and it is being helped and supported by Guild Education Officer Tim. The unrepresented branches have been encouraged to send a representative to the workgroup but no further members have been forthcoming.

## Decisions of Workgroup

The key decision of the workgroup is to develop a continuous and regular model of recruitment, which will be administered at branch level. The model can be tailored to meet the needs and respond to the local conditions of each branch, with the aim of recruiting a manageable number of new ringers every year. It was noted that whilst recruitment campaigns such as Ringing Remembers can be very successful, they are also very time-consuming and the amount of work involved can lead to burn-out among teachers. Such campaigns are then often followed by several years of little or no active recruitment, with the result that recruitment lurches from peaks to troughs and the lack of ringers remains a problem in the long-term.

It is recognised that teaching usually falls on the shoulders of tower captains and a few other experienced ringers. In order to implement a continuous recruitment model successfully, there is therefore also a need to recruit and support new teachers.

# Ringing Round Devon Newsletter

While COVID restrictions have remained in force and many towers are not ringing regularly the decision was taken (in conjunction with the Guild Secretary and Treasurer) to continue without printed copies of RRD, producing only the Internet version which can be downloaded (and printed if required) by members and non-members. Anyone who has taken out a subscription for printed copies will have their payment held over until printed copies are produced.

Issues have been produced for March (18 pages), June (19 pages), September (19 pages) and December (14 pages). The observant among you will notice that these are no longer constrained to a multiple of four pages, a requirement that is only needed for printed copies.

I am very grateful to all those who continue to send in articles of various types. Special thanks go, as always, to the Report Secretary who does the page layout and produces the final version.

# Report Secretary

After discussions with members of the committee it was agreed to produce a printed report, as well as a redacted on-line version, combining the 2019 and 2020 Annual Reports. A few sample pages were produced and approved, with the branch secretaries being asked to submit tower reports for 2020, these being added to the existing 2019 Report (which was only published as a redacted version on-line).

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The Guild Secretary polled members to gauge how many people would be happy with just an on-line version, and those who would prefer a printed copy, with a total of 200 copies were printed. With the number of Quarter peals and Peals being down from the two previous years, and a new format used, it was possible to reduce the number of pages down to 64 thereby achieving a reduction in printed costs. This saving, over the two years, is reflected in the Accounts for 2019 and 2020. As the numbers of Quarters and Peals will be down again for 2021 the number of pages will be less than usual and we will be printing copies for those who ask for them, with a redacted version available on the Guild website. We could also consider sending an unredacted copy to those who would like an electronic version via e-mail.

## Webmaster

During 2021 the website received an average of 65 (up from 41 in 2020) page views per day. The breakdown of page views is shown below for the 10 most visited pages:

Page	Page views	Av time on page
Home	5,225	00:00:43
/towers	1,296	00:00:45
/guild/newsletters	1,257	00:01:37
/guild/guild-membership-subscription-form	1,209	00:02:57
/guild/agms	640	00:01:11
/contacts	591	00:01:12
/branches/exeter/cathedral-diary	531	00:01:27
/news-events	473	00:00:35
/guild/useful-docs	434	00:01:18
/branches	407	00:00:21
TOTAL	3,736	00:01:42

Total hits on the website are back up to pre-pandemic levels with the towers, newsletters and the subscription form taking the top spots for number of page views. The Ringing Recovery primary page had 384 page views (11th in the most visited list) so members were hopefully using the resources made available.

At the beginning of the year all branch treasurers were allocated an email address to ensure potentially sensitive information received from members is kept secure. In September an email address was created to be used by the group organising the 150th anniversary events.

In May the analytics system was upgraded to v4 of Google Analytics.

The Aylesbeare branch and East Devon branch email lists were created in April and the NNW branch email list in May, all of them using data received from the member subscription forms. Other branches took the opportunity to update the membership of their lists using the collected information.

The issue with sending to Plusnet hosted domains was resolved by Plusnet in April. Our domain had been blocked by them. It took a long time to convince them that the issue was with their system. If anyone wants help or guidance with email lists, email addresses or the website then please get in touch.

# Treasurer

## Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

The General Fund shows a surplus of £1,980.47 (2020: £2,094.58). We have seen a decline in members which has led to a reduction in our subscription income.

The Zoom account was well used in the first six months of the year, however on reviewing the use of the Zoom account for the remainder of 2021, this no longer appears to be value-for-money, so we stopped our subscription in mid-January 2022. If we need to hold a large meeting a one-off payment can be made.

Following a review of the insurance policy we were advised to add Employees liability insurance to the policy which will provide insurance cover for volunteers. This has resulted in an increase to the annual cost.

The Guild library, housed in St Petrock's, Exeter, was open for several sessions during the year. We would normally expect to pay £240 each year for the monthly access to the library. The Library Fund is making a transfer of £90 to the General Fund to help cover these costs.

The Bell Restoration Fund shows a total of £3,827.58 (2020: £4,358.60) was raised for the DCBRF. This includes the transfer from the General Fund of £1,625 agreed at the June 2021 AGM. Members have donated generously to the Guild Bell Restoration Fund through the subscription process and because more members have completed the Gift Aid declaration on the subscription form, we are able to claim more funds back from HMRC than ever before.

At the June AGM, we agreed financial support to Young Ringers Activities for the twelve months through to June 2022. Activities commenced in August with a monthly practice held at Pinhoe. Costs include the tower donations; a kit box containing items such as a first aid kit, hand sanitiser, stationery, refreshments and so on; and the cost of travel from Plymouth for the practice leaders, which is matched by a donation. The remainder of the £500 transfer agreed at June 2021 AGM will be utilised in the period up to the June 2022 AGM.

There has been no movement on the Instruction and Education Fund and a donation of £5 to the Denmisch Fund. The Library Fund collected £106 in subscriptions and donations.

Assets held by the Guild at 31 December 2021 were £9,261.37 (2020: £8,977.85) with the General Fund balance standing at £8,255.33 (2020: £8,309.86).

Last year I noted that we should consider how we can use some of our reserves to improve the health of ringing once we emerge from the Covid 19 crisis.

I therefore propose the following:

- a transfer of £90.25 to top the Education Fund up to £500;
- a transfer to the Young Ringers Fund of £500 to support activities to June 2023;
- a transfer to the Bell Restoration Fund of £2,035 which I hope will help to boost funds in the DCBRF's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year.

Thank you to all Guild members for your help and support in achieving these results which mean we have a healthy level of reserves to invest in ringing.

**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS, REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1002950****GENERAL FUND****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Ringing members' subscriptions	2,464.20	2,838.50
Affiliation fees	606.00	612.00
Non Resident Life Members	0.00	6.00
Peal fees	261.00	157.80
Newsletter sales & advertising income	0.00	47.50
Interest	3.06	6.48
Bag sales	6.00	0.00
Badge sales	35.00	0.00
Cost of badges sold	-28.85	0.00
	<hr/> 3,346.41	<hr/> 3,668.28
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Annual report	331.00	274.00
Printing reduced version	22.26	42.46
Less advertising income	-85.50	0.00
	<hr/> 267.76	<hr/> 316.46
Newsletter expenses	0.00	175.21
Central Council subscription	160.00	160.00
Central Council representatives' expenses	0.00	0.00
Administration expenses	20.00	20.00
Meeting expenses	0.00	45.00
Guild website	90.00	90.00
Insurance	460.04	381.01
Striking competition expenses	20.00	0.00
Ringing World adverts	0.00	9.10
Library acquisitions and materials	51.46	112.23
Library venue costs	100.00	60.00
Library venue donation to St Petrock's Church	0.00	50.00
Zoom subscription	196.68	154.69
	<hr/> 1,365.94	<hr/> 1,573.70
<b>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<hr/> <b>1,980.47</b>	<hr/> <b>2,094.58</b>

**BELL RESTORATION FUND FUND****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Transfer from General Fund	1,625.00	2,235.00
Gift Aid tax repayment claim	619.25	253.20
Branches : Aylesbeare	0.00	55.00
East Devon	0.00	100.00
Exeter	0.00	150.00
Mid Devon	0.00	600.00
North East	25.99	36.50
North/North West	0.00	100.00
South West	173.00	525.00
St Brannock's Society	0.00	100.00
Ringing Festival donations	327.50	0.00
Committee meeting	0.00	25.00
Donated as part of the 2021 subscription process	971.50	98.00
Other donations	85.34	80.90
	<u>3,827.58</u>	<u>4,358.60</u>
Paid to Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund	<u>3,827.58</u>	<u>4,358.60</u>
<b>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION FUND****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

No movement reported in current year or prior year

**DENMISCH FUND****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donation	5.00	0.00
	<u>5.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**LIBRARY FUND****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Library subscriptions	90.00	75.00
Other donations	16.00	0.00
	<u>106.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>106.00</b>	<b>75.00</b>

**YOUNG RINGERS****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations	48.00	0.00
	<u>48.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Tower costs	75.00	0.00
Other expenses	155.95	0.00
	<u>230.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>-182.95</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stock of Guild badges and books	462.82	461.67
Debtors and prepayments	1,475.97	1,283.76
Cash held	195.04	190.04
Building Society account	8,618.48	8,506.13
	10,752.31	10,441.60
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors and accruals	1,490.94	1,463.75
	9,261.37	8,977.85
<b>Financed by :-</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Balance at 1st January	8,309.86	8,375.28
Surplus for year	1,980.47	2,094.58
Transfer from Library Fund	90.00	75.00
Transfer to Bell Restoration Fund	-1,625.00	-2,235.00
Transfer to Young Ringers Fund	-500.00	0.00
Balance at 31st December	8,255.33	8,309.86
<b>INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION FUND</b>		
Balance at 1st January and 31 December	409.75	409.75
<b>DENMISCH FUND</b>		
Balance at 1st January	190.04	190.04
Income for year	5.00	0.00
Balance at 31st December	195.04	190.04
<b>LIBRARY FUND</b>		
Balance at 1st January	68.20	68.20
Income for year	106.00	75.00
Transfer to General Fund	-90.00	-75.00
Balance at 31st December	84.20	68.20
<b>YOUNG RINGERS FUND</b>		
Transfer from General Fund	500.00	0.00
Deficit for year	-182.95	0.00
Balance at 31st December	317.05	0.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>9,261.37</b>	<b>8,977.85</b>

**Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers**  
**(Registered Charity No. 1002950)**  
**Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

I report on the accounts of the Guild for the year ended 31 December 2021, 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



**Guild of Devonshire Ringers, Summaery of Branch Accounts, 2021**

Branch	Aylesbeare	East Devon	Exeter	Mid Devon	North East	North & N West	South West
Year End	Sept	Dec	Oct	Nov	Sept	Nov	Dec
INCOME	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Subs and fees	354.00	888.00	516.00	630.00	600.00	419.00	768.00
Other income	212.46	75.12	257.00	213.48	256.00	31.00	464.12
	566.46	963.12	773.00	843.48	856.00	450.00	1,232.12
EXPENDITURE							
Subs paid to Guild	265.80	697.20	384.60	464.40	450.60	271.10	571.80
Paid to DCBRF/Ed Fund	210.00	35.00	365.00	731.00	220.00	31.00	482.00
Other expenses	0.00	250.00	13.34	266.29	40.41	0.00	43.44
	475.80	982.20	762.94	1,461.69	711.01	302.10	1,097.24
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	90.66	-19.08	10.06	-618.21	144.99	147.90	134.88
FOR YEAR							
<b>FUNDS AT YEAR END</b>	<b>504.98</b>	<b>1,248.13</b>	<b>442.16</b>	<b>1,091.91</b>	<b>2,342.33</b>	<b>449.35</b>	<b>1,757.93</b>

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

	Aylesbeare	East Devon	Exeter	Mid Devon	North East	North & N West	South West	Total
2021	49	128	72	92	81	57	109	588
2020	51	138	108	104	109	64	110	684
Towers								
2021	10	20	14	13	17	7	20	101
2020	10	21	14	13	19	6	18	101

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## Aylesbeare Deanery Branch

Ringling is finally back in every tower in our branch to some extent, ranging from every Sunday and practice night for some towers to the odd Sunday service at others. Despite our numbers staying very static in 2021 we have lost several members this year with numbers in the low 30's making the officers wonder if the branch will remain sustainable. We have always been small but having lost some of our more active members, for all sorts of reasons, in the last couple of years we may find it difficult to do little more than ensure most services are rung for in some way. We have been in this position before and come out the other side so let's see what happens during the year and hope we can get the numbers up again

**AYLESBEARE** Blessed Virgin Mary, 6 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SY038919.

**BROADCLYST** St. John the Baptist. 8 bells, tenor 20cwt, grid ref. SX982973.

Sundays: by arrangement.

Service ringing relies on the support of ringers from other towers so may vary from month to month but usually on the third and/or fourth Sunday of the month. A single bell was tolled to mark the passing of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. The tower hosted one visiting band and three peals were rung during the year.

**CLYST HONITON** St Michael & All Angels, 8 bells, tenor 19cwt, grid ref. SX989935.

Sunday: 9.30am (2nd) Ringing by arrangement.

We are back ringing for the 2nd Sunday morning service with the help from neighbouring towers in the branch.

**CLYST ST GEORGE** St George, 6 bells, tenor 10cwt, grid ref. SX984889.

Sunday: 10.30 am (4th only). Practice by arrangement.

Now the services have settled down within the Mission, we are managing to ring for the monthly morning service with help from other towers. The branch came here for our AGM in October and two quarter peals were rung by branch members in October and December.

**LITTLEHAM** St Margaret, 8 bells, tenor 7cwt, grid ref. SY029813.

Sunday: 9.30 am. Practice: Monday 7.30 pm (by arrangement).

We rang three bells on Easter Sunday and from then on Sunday ringing was two or three, occasionally one until the summer holidays. In September one of my '2019 improvers' went off to college but has continued ringing but the other decided not to continue and my learners were no longer interested. Since then, one bell is regularly chimed on Sundays and were grateful for a team from Lancashire who rang one Sunday morning during their visit to Devon.

On Christmas Day, with a former member returning, we only rang three bells. Sadly, our previous Captain, Neville Wright died in October and due to larger numbers than could be accommodated at Littleham his funeral was held in a church without bells though we tolled the appropriate number for him at Littleham before the service. Quarter Peals were also rung by Aylesbeare branch members at Littleham and Clyst St George in Neville's memory. I was grateful to ringers from Withycombe Raleigh who helped me fulfil the request for a ring of muffled bells at the funeral of Revd Margaret in September.

**LYMPSTONE** Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 6 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SX993842.

Sunday: 9:30am. Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm.

We have, with some help from Withycombe ringers, been able to ring for most services that have taken place. Our three learners are progressing well. Holly is now able to ring call changes and will soon be working on raising and lowering though she is taking a break from ringing for a few weeks

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to give birth to what we hope will be one of the next generation of ringers. Jeff is ringing rounds and can raise and lower a bell (not in peal) and is working on call changes. Alison, who started later, is learning to handle a bell and will soon be ringing rounds. I hope to propose all three for Guild membership very soon. We have often struggled to ring 5 bells in the last year but look forward to better times ahead.

**SOWTON** St Michael & All Angels, 8 bells, tenor 9cwt, grid ref. SX97692.

Sunday: 6.00pm (1st and 3rd).

Ringling restarted for the fortnightly evening services late in the year, limiting the ringing to six bells to achieve adequate spacing in the very cramped ringing chamber. The regular support from ringers in our mission community and local area is invaluable and keeps the bells at Sowton rung, thanks to you all.

**TOPSHAM** St Margaret, 6 bells, tenor 10cwt, grid ref. SX965880.

Sunday: 9.30am. Practice: Thursday 7.30pm.

We started 2021 meeting virtually and by March, we were allowed one ringer or family back in the tower which allowed Keith and Daniel to ring a couple of bells for Sunday service. For Easter Sunday, a group of us got together to ring handbells outside the church which was well received by both the parishioners and the ringers so we began to meet regularly outside on a Thursday night for handbells. In April came the sad news of the death of the Duke of Edinburgh and the tenor was tolled on a number of occasions to mark this event. By mid-May, we were able to ring together back in the tower, initially with only four ringers. On the 26th June, we were very proud to take part in the international celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the invention of the Ellacombe chimes, ours having been installed by the Revd Ellacombe himself. We entertained a small crowd outside the church during the afternoon, playing tunes, call changes and methods on our chimes.

We were very pleased to finally be able to ring all six bells for the patronal festival on the 18th July, a day of great celebration with a confirmation service led by the Bishop of Exeter and in August a ringer's tea was held to catch up with ringers and their families. Later in August, we also rang for two local events; firstly, 14 year old Katie sailed back into Topsham completing her bid to become the youngest person to sail single handed around Britain, and at the end of the month, we rang for Topsham Charter Day, now a regular event in the town and ringing calendar. We rang out for climate change at the end of October and for Remembrance in November. Amongst ringing for the Christmas services, we took the opportunity to commemorate the first peal in the tower (24/12/1921) and rang a centenary peal on the 23rd December with the help of Neil and Janet and previous Topsham ringer, Harry. This was a first peal for Daniel as well as for Harry and was Neil's first as conductor. A great achievement all round. We ended the year in traditional fashion by ringing in the New Year.

I was drafted away with work in September, therefore, I can only make occasional practice nights at present so I must thank Keith in particular for running the tower so ably in my absence. As ever my thanks to all of the band for their support and enthusiasm, particularly over the past couple of years.

**WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH** St John the Evangelist, 12 bells, tenor 17cwt, grid ref. SY008818.

Sunday: 9.30am. Practice: Monday 7.30pm.

With the gradual easing of Covid restrictions, we provided occasional and then more regular service ringing for Sunday mornings and held weekly closed practices on Mondays. Although the Exeter Cathedral Band usually practice here on alternate months, this was suspended until all restrictions had been removed. No weddings took place but we are hopeful these will return. During the year significant events were marked by our tower: in February, Janet tolled the tenor 100 times in memory of centenarian Capt. Sir Tom Moore, on the day of his funeral, in April Roger tolled the tenor 99 times in memory of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who died the previous day and in December, a peal was rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Ian, recording a first on 10 for Mark; in April a virtual quarter peal was rung in Ringing Room in celebration of the

life of Mary Mack, Vice President of GDR, former tower Treasurer and who contributed so much to the ringing at Withycombe Raleigh. Oliver has become a regular Sunday visitor which makes a huge difference to what we are able to ring.

**WOODBURY** St Swithin, 8 bells, tenor 23cwt, grid ref. SY009872.

Sunday: 1st: 10.30am, 3rd: 5.45pm, 4th 9.45am, 5th: check for details. Practice by arrangement.

Until May, ringing in 2021 was largely performed on the Ellacombe chimes, with the exception of a Coldrick family bubble for Easter day. Since May we have ventured back up the tower and rung at least five bells for a total of 26 services and 2 weddings. All regular ringers have returned at some point, though not all at the same time. Another two have now joined the choir, bringing the total of singing ringers to five and leaving us a bit thin immediately before service. We were pleased to welcome Catherine, a ready-made ringer who recently moved from Newcastle who we hope has no choral ambitions! We no longer ring every Sunday morning as part of the White Cross Mission services are rotated. It remains to be seen whether this is a temporary post-Covid arrangement or becomes the norm. Please check with Peter before visiting to ring.

## Guild Ringing Festival 2022

This is scheduled to take place between Friday 21st October and Sunday 6th 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 James (contact details at front of the report).

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) to James 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 will be set up on Bellboard.



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# East Devon Branch

## Deaneries of Honiton and Ottery

Unfortunately, no Branch meetings were held during 2021. Our AGM in February was held via email communication. The new Branch email list has ensured that all members (who completed the 2021 Guild Subscription form) received all Guild and Branch communications direct. So, despite not being able to meet to ring for a large part of the year and get news through Tower Captains, members were kept up-to-date with changes from the Central Council and Church of England as well as ways in which the Guild tried to support towers in their return to ringing. Depending on incumbent and PCC views on restrictions many towers returned to a semblance of normal ringing by the end of the year. The increase in Guild membership to £10 for 2022 has caused some disquiet but an explanation of benefits of membership is given on the Guild website which also leads you to the 2022 online membership form. As a result of the restrictions we have lost members who have found other interests in the meantime and after several years of struggle Talaton resigned from the Branch. We hope for good ringing opportunities in 2022 and some new ringers to join with us.

**AWLISCOMBE** St Michael & All Angels, 6 bells, tenor 19 cwt, grid ref. ST133018.  
Sunday 9.00-9.30am (1st and 3rd). Practice Tuesday 7.30pm. (alternate with Buckerell).

We've had no ringing for almost two years now which leaves nothing to report.

**AXMINSTER** St Mary, 10 bells, tenor 23 cwt, grid ref. SY296984.  
Sunday: 10.15 am -11.00am. Practice: Monday 7.30pm.

Throughout 2021 we continued to ring the bells as often as we could whilst remaining within the varying guidelines; for most of the year ringing our front six for Sunday services. Our connection with the local community remains strong and we were delighted to be asked to ring for a number of town events. We were looking forward to hosting the Devon Ringers' 10 bell call change competition in April, but this was postponed. During the year we lost several regular ringers and gained three experienced ringers who moved into Axminster, bringing our regular Sunday band number to seven. 2022 has started with a recruitment campaign to bolster our numbers, this is going well. Our regular weekly practice has moved to Monday nights, held each week apart from bank holidays. Method ringers now outnumber call change ringers so we are happy to offer method ringing at our practices.

**BUCKERELL** SS Mary & Giles, 6 bells, tenor 8 cwt, grid ref. ST123003.  
Practice: Alternate Tuesdays 7.30pm (with Awliscombe and Offwell).

Lockdown restrictions meant we struggled to mark some of the usual events with ringing. Mothering Sunday, Easter and the Carol service all lacked bells, and our newest ringer lost their confidence during the enforced break so gave up. However, we did manage to resume practice ringing with our friends from Awliscombe and Offwell, rang for a joyous wedding and had a special ring for Remembrance on half muffled bells. A first for some of us. We also had an amazing festival week in early September which involved a full peal being rung by a visiting band from Exeter, ringing for St Giles Day and for a community service with Bishop Jackie of Crediton. Our Tuesday practices alternate with the neighbouring parishes of Awliscombe and Offwell and are lively and well attended. New ringers always welcome, of any experience level. Visiting bands are also welcome (Covid restrictions permitting) and our thanks go to all who support us in so many ways.

**COMBE RALEIGH** St Nicholas, 6 bells, tenor 6 cwt, grid ref. ST158023.  
Sunday: 10.45-11.15am (2nd and 4th Sundays). Practice: Mondays 3.00pm.

Covid has had a very adverse effect on ringing generally. We have sadly lost some ringers with little opportunity to bring on any replacements. With the lifting of restrictions our regular practices recommenced leaving some of us surprised at how much we had forgotten, but it's slowly coming

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back. The Friday Group has come back strongly even if it is with slightly reduced numbers. Hopefully we will be back to pre-covid levels before too long.

**COTLEIGH** St Michael, 6 bells, tenor 7 cwt, grid ref. ST206022.

Sunday (1st in month only) 9-00am to 9-30am (when we can get a band). Practice: Irregular.

Sadly, with just one ringer resident in the village we currently are not ringing.

**DUNKESWELL** St. Nicholas, 6 bells, tenor 6 cwt, grid ref. ST141077.

Practice: Thursday 6.30-8.00pm.

Weekly practices have resumed and we have moved the practice time a little earlier. We are ringing for Sunday church services but on the 3rd Sunday of the month, the services are held in the community hall. On some Thursdays, we can arrange to ring at Luppitt, and also, we hope to continue to make use of the Plain Hunt practice which is at Sidbury on the 2nd Thursday of the month. It will be advisable to check before coming along to a Dunkeswell Thursday practice.

The ringing chamber now has access by a bespoke staircase and a new ladder installed for easier and safer access to the bells and roof. Our tower open event was generously supported by villagers with the Guild demonstration bell being manned for the afternoon and also demonstration ringing in the tower. A camera set up in the bell chamber for viewing in the church, caused much interest as did the Guild publicity boards/material.

**FARWAY** St Michael & All Angels, 6 bells, tenor 11 cwt, grid ref. SY173964.

Sunday: 10.45-11.15am (3rd Sunday in month only). Practice: Thursdays 7.30pm (please ring to confirm).

Due to ongoing concerns with covid and long term injuries sustained by two of our ringers very few practice nights have taken place and the bells have only been rung for one wedding and two Sunday services. We have been fortunate to have two novice ringers attend the tower though only for three sessions due to the covid lockdown. We would like to thank Roger, who has recently moved away from the village, for all the help he has given over the years. He will be missed by all. We will continue to ring with help from fellow ringers from nearby villages and hope to encourage some new arrivals in Farway to join us once we are back to normal.

**FENITON** St Andrew, 6 bells, tenor 9 cwt, grid ref. SY109994.

Sunday: ringing when possible for services. Practice: Friday evening from 7-30pm to 9-00pm

Although Covid hampered our ringing, as everywhere else, we are very pleased to say that since returning to the ringing chamber, practice evenings have been very well attended. With the help of many, and most namely Tim, we have seen a gradual but definite improvement in the quality and content of the ringing. We have continued to ring for special services, but I'm pleased to announce we have started to ring for the few Sunday services that are being held. There was even one Sunday when we had seven ringers turn up for six bells!

We welcomed a brand new recruit at the end of the summer, Barbara. With Tim's one to one instruction she has made extremely good progress and has already joined our band for service ringing. Our illustrious previous Tower Captain of good few years, Jo, hung up her rope in the summer and handed over the baton to Lesley. There has been a Chown ringing or in an official ringing capacity at St Andrews for many years. I'm sure you will all wish Jo a fond adieu, however she has not gone far and still taking an active interest in the ringing here in Feniton. A big act to follow for Lesley! We welcome any ringers, or potential ringers, (training is always available,) who would like to join us. Please contact Lesley if you or anyone you know, may be interested. Thank you.

**GITTISHAM** St Michael & All Angels, 5 bells, tenor 12 cwt, grid ref. ST133984.

Thanks to Covid 19 Gittisham ringers have endured yet another disruptive and disappointing year culminating in the all time low of only two bells ringing out on Christmas morn.



In the year a single bell tolled 97 times to commemorate the years of life granted to a much loved resident of Gittisham, Hazel Snell. Contrastingly, five bells joyfully rang out in early November to celebrate a wedding postponed on three occasions in 2020. Thank you to ringers from Combe Raleigh and Offwell for making this possible. Fortunately, in spite of all set-backs my loyal team remain optimistic and enthusiastic. We very much look forward to delighting the villagers of Gittisham with a more successful ringing year throughout 2022.

**HONITON** St Paul, 8 bells, tenor 12 cwt, grid ref. ST163007.

Sunday: 9.00-9.30am. Practice Wednesday 7.30pm.

COVID restrictions have brought changes: The AGM was held on Zoom, all Ringing was suspended at times, Charter Day ringing, our annual outing and Xmas dinner were all cancelled. Sadly, most of the year we have had only two regular Honiton ringers, relying on help from other towers, but we often have to cancel. We rang for 15 minutes on Easter Sunday. From August we were ringing 6 bells on Sundays and Wednesday practices, and 8 bells for two Weddings in August. Then Ali resigned and Derek took over.

In Honiton, Derek has been teaching three young learners from Dunkeswell and four (more recently five) older learners from Broadhembury. In October, Derek and Theo launched a recruitment drive and welcomed three learners who, despite good progress, have dropped out, but we hope Vivien and Elizabeth will return soon.

**KILMINGTON** St Giles, 6 bells, tenor 10 cwt, grid ref. SY273980.

Sunday: Times vary. Practice: 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday 7.30-9.00pm.

2021 Was a mixed year for ringing everywhere but I am very thankful that most of our team returned enthusiastically when services resumed in the summer. Sadly, Ian Gladstone a ringer in the Kilminster and Axminster bands died after a long illness – we miss him.

We joined in the Ellacombe centenary ringing celebrations in June and after two years without a Vicar we welcomed the Revd Julie in October, when we also held a Tower Open morning - three people showed an interest in learning to ring. Thanks to all the band and especially to Richard Norman for his invaluable help with maintenance and training. We finished the year with a lovely meal with partners just before Christmas.

**LUPPITT** St Mary's, 8 bells, tenor 11 cwt, grid ref. ST169068.

Sunday: 10.30am. Practice: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 7.30pm.

We have not rung the bells much this past year but we did have a visiting band between lockdowns. In the Autumn we rung for a local baby's christening and started using the simulator again on a weekly basis. Ringing for the christening resulted in a new recruit.

**OFFWELL** St Mary, 6 bells, tenor 8 cwt, grid ref. SY194995.

Sunday: 9.00-9.30am (1st Sunday).

Service ringing has been maintained with between three and six bells thanks to help from other towers. The tenor was tolled half-muffled on the announcement of the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and also on the day of his funeral. The Ellacombe chimes were operated at noon on June 26th for half an hour as part of the international celebration of the 200th anniversary of their invention. Much use of them was made by children on the church open day on 11th September, but sadly the day hasn't encouraged any more ringers to volunteer. The chimes were also sounded when possible to mark the lay-led services on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The year ended with a good ring before the 4pm carol service on the Sunday before Christmas.

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

Although we have lost two ringers - one of them to another town – we still have a reasonably strong band, and have been ringing as soon as we were allowed to. This is just as well, as we had 18

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weddings to ring for and in a number of cases we had to call in help from other towers as sometimes not all of our band were available. One of them remains etched in our minds, as an accident on the A30 resulted in all the traffic being diverted through Ottery, resulting in a huge jam. Being without a vicar at the time, the officiating clergyman from Exeter did not arrive until 4.00 pm. – for the wedding which was originally timed for 3.00 pm.. Unusually, the bride had arrived well before time. On another occasion, the car in which the bride was being carried broke down, and she had to hitch a lift, leaving the driver – her grandfather – to arrive half way through the service. With fewer weddings booked for 2022 there is every chance that they will all be less memorable.

**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 8.00–9.00 pm.

We rang for weekly practices obeying the various restrictions in force at the time re testing, sanitising, masks, social distancing and ventilation, (sometimes quite chilly!) We were able to ring for four weddings which was quite joyful. We also rang for Remembrance Sunday, the Carol Service and New Year's Eve. Our novices have come on well and are now able to ring in, so we have a possible band of eight to call on – what a luxury. From the comments we have received we know that the village has welcomed hearing the bells, which makes it all worthwhile.

**SHUTE** St Michael, 6 bells, tenor 6 cwt, grid ref. SY252974.

Sunday service varies each month, please use tower email contact for times.

St Michael's regular Sunday Services have been suspended since the National Lockdown of March 2020, accordingly our bells have remained silent.

**SIDBURY** SS Peter & Giles, 8 bells, tenor 16 cwt, grid ref. SY140918.

Please contact tower captain for information on Service and Practice ringing times and dates.

In February Paul and Jill joined the band having moved to the area from Great Stanmore, North London. We were able to ring until the first lockdown during which time Andrew decided to retire as tower captain. Paul was appointed the new tower captain. We welcomed two new learners to the band and have another potential new recruit in our sights. We rang for services, held practices and rang for one wedding when permitted. We look forward to resuming a full programme of ringing when allowed.

**SIDMOUTH** St Nicholas & St Giles, 10 bells, tenor 18 cwt, grid ref. SY125873.

Sunday: 9.30am. Practice: Tuesday 7.30pm.

We rang when we could legally do so – wearing masks, ringing with doors and slatted window open, limiting the number of ringers. Challenging, to say the least. Fortunately a band of about 8 ringers felt safe enough to ring and some bells were rung for most Sunday services as well as extra services over Christmas. On the sad news that the Duke of Edinburgh had died the tenor was tolled. Sadly in July we lost Heather – we'll miss her smiling face and her ability to make everyone feel welcome. The simulator continues to be well used by several members of the band.

We're delighted an experienced ringer has joined us and we are also training a new member of the band: the future looks positive.

**UPOTTERY** St Mary the Virgin, 6 bells, tenor 17 cwt, grid ref. ST202706.

Sunday: 10.00am.

A blank year with nothing to report.



# Exeter Branch

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

The early part of 2021 saw no ringing activity at branch level. We held our first branch ringing in September once most of the towers had recommenced regular practices. Since September we have had a branch practice at Heavitree which was well attended. We have resumed the monthly ten-bell method practices at St Mark's on the first Wednesday of each month and the first two practices were reasonably well attended. Some towers in the branch contributed performances to the Guild Ringing Festival at the end of October and start of November with quarter peals at Exeter Cathedral and Brampford Speke. The AGM was held at Lapford. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions we were unable to hold any of our usual social events.

**BONDLEIGH** St James the Apostle, 4 bells, tenor 9cwt, grid ref. SS651048. Postcode EX20 2AN.  
Sunday: By arrangement. Practice: Saturday 10.00-11.45am.

**BRAMPFORD SPEKE** St Peter, 6 bells, tenor 6cwt, grid ref. SX927982.  
All ringing by arrangement. Please phone to confirm.

You will not be surprised to learn that 2021 was a very quiet year for ringing at Brampford Speke. We currently have two ringers in the parish, both of us only started ringing in 2018. Nevertheless, we have linked up with others from surrounding areas and have a weekly practice session on Mondays, usually at Newton St Cyres. Since last autumn we have been managing to ring for Sunday services at Brampford Speke, Newton St Cyres and Thorverton. The only other ringing at BS last year was for a wedding ceremony on 17th July, and on 31st October, we hosted a band of visiting ringers.

**CREDITON** Holy Cross, 12 bells, tenor 26cwt, grid ref. SS836002.  
**SHOBBROOKE** St Swithun, 6 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SS862011.  
Crediton: Sunday: 8.45am and 5.30pm (1st). Practice: Tuesday 7.30pm.  
Shobrooke: Sunday: 10.30am (2nd and 4th). Practice: Thursday 7.30pm (not January or February).

**EXETER** Cathedral of St Peter, 12 bells, tenor 72cwt, grid ref. SX920925.  
Sunday: 8.30am (1st, 2nd and 3rd all by prior arrangement); 2.30pm (3rd, 4th and 5th).  
Practice: 1st, 2nd and last Mondays 7.00pm (alternate 2nd Mondays usually at Withycombe. Raleigh, Exmouth at 7.30pm). Sunday ringing and Monday practices for experienced 12 bell ringers only. Open practice: 3rd Saturday 6-8pm (all welcome, with a minimum experience of one year if you wish to ring and must contact the Ringing Master or Secretary prior to attending).

The Exeter Cathedral bells have been more silent than we would have liked during 2021, but we were able to recommence service ringing at the end of May and have rung ten quarter peals this year. As well as our usual service ringing we tolled the 11th 99 times for the funeral of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh - where we were joined by the BBC Spotlight team in the ringing room. We also rang to welcome Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall for their visit to the Cathedral, and also for the COP26 conference where we had a interesting mix of continental style ringing, firing, ringing on the minor 10 before finishing with Stedman cinques.

**EXETER** St Michael and All Angels, Church Street, Heavitree, 8 bells, tenor 26cwt, grid ref. SX937922.  
Sunday: 9.45am (5th Sunday occasionally 9.15am, but please check first). Practice: Thursday 7.30pm.

**EXETER** St David, Hele Road, 8 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SX915931.  
Sunday: 8.45am. Practice: Wednesday 7.30pm.

The National Day of Reflection and the death of the Duke of Edinburgh were marked with chiming on the Ellacombe Chimes. On 26th June our chimes rang out as part of the world-wide celebrations of the

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Bicentennial of the invention of the Ellacombe Chimes. They were also in use when social distancing rules precluded normal ringing.

Over lockdown, Steph took over as ringing master as it was felt that she was better able to discuss ringing arrangements with the vicar (as a member of the congregation) and to progress the band's skills. Sunday morning ringing recommenced as soon as it was allowed, with a rota to keep within the guidance. As restrictions were relaxed ringing returned to something like normal on both Sunday and Wednesday. On practice nights, with Steph's guidance, we now regularly ring touches of Stedman Triples and have started to ring some surprise major. We welcomed learners Emily and Taihei; James and Kathryn's daughter, Esme, started to learn to ring, something she has wanted to do since she was old enough to tell us! The Christmas Dinner was an enjoyable end to the year.

**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).

**EXETER** St Thomas, Cowick Street, 8 bells, tenor 14cwt, grid ref. SX912918.

Sunday: 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month. 9.15 - 9.55am (Service has moved to 10.30am).

Practice: Thursday 7pm. Please phone to check all ringing times.

**LAPFORD** St Thomas of Canterbury, 6 bells, tenor 13cwt, grid ref. SS731082.

Sunday: 9.00am. Practice: Friday 10am

**NEWTON ST CYRES** SS Cyr and Julitta, 8 bells, tenor 13cwt, grid ref. SX879980.

Sunday: 9am (4th). Netherexe. Practice: Monday 7-8.30pm, sometimes at this tower

Netherexe ringers (and wider) have banded together under Mark leadership to ring some of the towers in the group where individual towers may not have a full band. We are a group of not very expert call change social ringers who welcome (and attract) learners and visitors. We are committed to the towers in our group remaining in use.

**PINHOE** St Michael and All Angels, 8 bells, tenor 10cwt, grid ref. SX955949.

Sunday: 1st Sunday 9:00-9:30am, please check first. Practice: None.

Pinhoe is now part of the Pinhoe and Poltmore team ministry. Ringing stopped at the outbreak of lockdown, and has not got going again. We do try to ring 1st Sunday of each month at Pinhoe and Poltmore, which allows ringers to get to Broadclyst, Clyst Honiton and Clyst St George on other Sundays.

**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.

# Mid-Devon Branch

## Deaneries of Newton Abbot, Torbay, Totnes and Kenn

2021 turned out to be a positive year for the Mid-Devon Branch. Following many months of ringing being suspended due to Covid, five new members were elected at the AGM in November and a further three since. Following the lifting of lockdown restrictions in the summer, we began in September by holding a 'Return to Ringing' event at Stokeinteignhead, which was very well supported by branch members eager to get back on the end of a rope. Fortunately, it was a warm day and the doors and windows were left open, allowing a steady flow of ringers in and out of the ringing room, enjoying a good variety of methods. In the church, there were plenty of opportunities to ring handbells and make use of the St. Marychurch simulator, where surprise major was heard for the first time ever in Stoke!

Although not specifically a branch event, members were well represented at an 'Open Ringing Day' organized by the Teignmouth Band of Ringers in memory of their Tower Captain (and former Branch Ringing Master) Martin Dodd, who sadly passed away on Good Friday 2021, this being the first opportunity to celebrate his life. Ringing took place at several local towers throughout the day and concluded with a plaque dedication at St Michael's, followed by tea. A fitting tribute to a well-known and much loved ringer who will be sadly missed.

We had hoped to hold our AGM at Kingskerswell last year, so we were pleased to finally meet there for our 2021 AGM. The newly augmented and re-hung bells were enjoyed by all with a good variety of methods being on offer. An uplifting service was led by the vicar and was punctuated by the usual enthusiastic hymn singing. A lovely tea provided by the Kingskerswell ringers was enjoyed by all and was followed by the business meeting.

All Branch officers were re-elected and an up to date photograph was taken for inclusion on the Guild website, where it is now good to see several new faces. The re-introduction of evening ringing this year was a great success, with a good number of ringers moving on to Coffinswell to end a very enjoyable day.

As we move into 2022, the Branch is in good spirit with a full calendar of events planned. Please do join us if you are ever in the area - see the Guild website for full details.

**ABBOTSKERSWELL** The Blessed Virgin Mary, 6 bells, tenor 10cwt, grid ref. SX856687.  
Sunday: 9.30am. Practice: Thursday 7.00pm-8.00pm .

**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 re-started weekly practices at the end of July and were immediately back to the pre-Covid situation - busy practices with support from several towers, inability to muster a band for Sunday ringing more than once a month and difficulty in finding new recruits. Following a risk assessment, a number of issues have been addressed, including installation of emergency lighting and provision of a fire extinguisher. Relations with the church authorities are good and this benefits all parties. We had an enjoyable Christmas meal attended by around 20 people.

**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.

Since ringing recommenced in June 2021, we have rung for a Sunday service (normally 9.30am service) and Monday practice (7.15pm) every week. As a result of a number of ringers moving into the area during the past two years, we have been able to ring all 8 bells most Sundays which we had been unable to do with any frequency previously. We have also had two outings over the autumn and winter period. In keeping with the tower's tradition, all the ringing organized as a tower has been call change ringing. A few individual members of the tower also take part in method ringing elsewhere and in handbell ringing.

**BRIXHAM** Blessed Virgin Mary, 10 bells, tenor 17-0-4, grid ref. SX921551.  
Sunday: 10.30am–11.00am Practice Thursday 7.30pm.

**COFFINSWELL** St Bartholomew, 6 bells, tenor 11-0-5, grid ref. SX891684.

**KINGSKERSWELL** St Mary, 8 bells, tenor 7-0-3, grid ref. SX875678.

Coffinswell: Sunday: 8.30am. Practice: By arrangement.

Kingskerswell: Sunday: 9.45am. Practice: Wednesday 7.30pm.

We were able to return to ringing on 18th April, but only on four bells. From 16th May we were allowed to ring six bells and start practising again after over 14 months. We were very pleased that most of our ringers felt able to return to ringing. We were finally able to return to some sort of normality on 28th July, and after 16 months three of our learners returned, together with a further 2 youngsters later in the year. James made very rapid progress, quickly mastered call changes and became a valued Sunday service ringer at Kingskerswell.

We were shocked and saddened when Geoff Williamson, a Guild member, died at the age of 80 in September, after a short illness. He learned to ring late in life. He was taught to ring by Don at Upton, but quickly wanted to become more involved in local ringing. He joined us at the start of 2013 and became an enthusiastic and reliable ringer at both Coffinswell and Kingskerswell. His funeral was on 7th October at Ipplepen and the bells were rung by ringers from the local area. He is sorely missed. A quarter peal was rung in his memory at Kingskerswell on 11th September at the end of the Devon Historic Churches Day, and a peal at Coffinswell on 14th October.

We had a very successful tower open day in September in conjunction with the Devon Historic Churches Day. We thought we had three recruits, but that came to nothing. We rang for seven weddings, a funeral and a memorial service, and we hosted the branch AGM in November. We rounded off the year by ringing in the New Year.

Kingskerswell's restored bells are, as expected, proving more popular than previously. We had six visiting bands which included three quarter peals and one peal.

**DAWLISH** St Gregory, 8 bells, tenor 11-2-21, grid ref. SX953766.

Sunday: 9.15am, Practice: Wednesday 7.30pm.

During the lockdown of the first few months of 2021, we continued with weekly 'Ringing Room' sessions online, and the Holy Week 'meal' was replaced by a social Zoom with drinks and puddings. Single-bell tolling was allowed, and performed, for the National Day of Reflection in March, and for the funeral of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh in April.

In May, we reinstated practice night and Sunday service ringing under the 'rule of 6' indoors, with safety measures in place. This went on until all restrictions were lifted in July. Full practices and Sunday ringing have continued since then, with the window and door still open for good ventilation. Post-practice drinks in The Swan have restarted after several years' break!

We are very fortunate to have been joined by several existing ringers: Deborah, Michael, Russell, Becky and Carolyn; and new learners Hannah (age 13) with Mum Ria. In addition to Kevin and Anne who joined us before the pandemic, and with regular visitors John and Lynette, practice night in particular has taken a very good step forward. Standard fare includes Stedman Doubles, Surprise Minor and Grandsire Triples. Others have developed in call changes, Kaleidoscope, hunting and Plain Bob Doubles, or simply regained confidence on the end of a rope. Five or six ringers have not returned since ringing resumed, but I'm sure we've not seen the last of them all. We rang for the NHS Carers and Key Workers Day in July, one wedding, and had an open tower for the Heritage Open Day in September. Our tower was also open as part of the memorial ringing day for Martin Dodd, and many of us attended the short service and plaque unveiling in Teignmouth.

**ST MARYCHURCH** St Mary, Fore Street, 10 bells, tenor 17cwt, grid ref. SX18660.

Sunday: 9.30-10.00am. Practice: Tuesday 7.30pm.

As soon as we were allowed, ringing returned with Sunday service and practices. In general, we are back to pre-Covid attendance and occasionally higher numbers, especially at practice. At the same time, we are aware that we are an aging group, and we are desperately in need of "new blood".

We are delighted to welcome several ringers new to the area who have greatly helped our repertoire at practices. Surprise Major including spliced has been regularly on our menu. Cornwall has been on the list for learning for some time and we have recently been successful. Grandsire and Stedman Caters have also appeared occasionally. The Thursday bell handling clinics which were an important feature pre-Covid are gradually starting again. Recruitment is the main focus for 2022.

**STOKEINTEIGNHEAD** St Andrew, 6 bells, tenor 10cwt, grid ref. SX915704.

Sunday: 10.30am. Practice: Monday 7.30pm.

We have managed to maintain ringing on most Sundays and practice nights, once COVID restrictions allowed. Thanks to those from other towers for their support, which meant we have managed to progress our ringing to Surprise on most practice nights. We have recently had 2 new recruits who are progressing well. All visitors are very welcome! I would also like to thank all the ringers here at Stoke for their support over the year and we look forward to a busy 2022.

**TEIGNMOUTH** St James, 8 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SX939731.

**TEIGNMOUTH** St Michael the Archangel, 8 bells, tenor 22cwt, grid ref. SX944730.

St James, Sunday 10.00am. Practice: 7.00pm last Tuesday of the month.

St Michael, Sunday 9.30am. Practice: Tuesday 7.30pm except last Tuesday of the month.

The Teignmouth Band of Ringers serves both St James' and St Michaels. We have suffered two very sad losses in the past twelve months with the sudden passing of our longstanding Tower Captain, Martin Dodd on Good Friday 2021 & then in January 2022 after a long period of ill health, our treasurer Jean Wilson. Due to Covid restrictions, we couldn't ring for Martin at his funeral, other than have a single bell tolled. However, in September, a special open day and service was organized and very well attended and we were very grateful that several other local towers also opened that day in Martin's memory. Despite our losses, Teignmouth has a close-knit band and as soon as Covid restrictions started to relax, we recommenced Sunday service ringing at both St Michaels & St James and weekly practice nights were restored. We were pleased to be able to welcome Rev Carol to chair our AGM following her recent appointment as Priest in Charge of the Haldon Mission Community which includes the Teignmouth churches. We have also been pleased to welcome Martin and Erica as new members of the guild & our tower. We're also delighted that Fiona has joined our tower. Her experience is invaluable.

Due to Covid, we haven't had a tower outing in the last year, however we did take part in the Kenn Deanery Ringing Day in October. On Remembrance Sunday, for the first time in many years, we rang the bells at St Michaels half muffled and received many positive comments. We were also able to provide a band for all the extra services at Christmas, including on Christmas Day at St James, again, the first time this has been possible for many years.

**UPTON** St Mary Magdalene, 8 bells, tenor 14cwt, grid ref. SX 913644.

Sunday: by arrangement. Practice: Thursday 7.00pm.

Progress at Upton has been slow and numbers at practices depleted due to essential shielding of elderly and vulnerable family members. The team did come together, without practice, for the Gilbert Shield on 5th February held at Coffinswell and amassed 57 faults in coming 4th out of 4! The band is grateful for the constancy of Wendy and Tim on practice nights and I am delighted that Wendy has mastered ringing 120 s of Grandsire Doubles on the 3rd. It is with great sorrow we report the passing of Geoff Williamson who learnt here at Upton and gave us and Kingskerswell unstinting service. We miss him greatly, a true friend and accomplished ringer. The recent rise in Covid cases in our area means that it will be sometime before things return to normal, but an outing in late summer is not yet ruled out. Heather, our new and enthusiastic recruit is progressing well and hopes to become a Guild member soon.

**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

Covid-19 still dominated throughout the reporting period interspersed with periods of ringing, albeit in the main, still quite restrictive (time limitations, social distancing coupled with then having to limit the numbers of bells rung as a direct consequence & of course, the wearing of mouth and nose coverings. I refrained from inserting the now common phrase 'face coverings' here as that does conjure up an image best not suited in combination with ringing a bell and could quite easily send anyone into a frenzied state should they know no better).

It was refreshing during the summer months when the Covid rules were relaxed, and we could all get back to a degree of normality. Many of the Branch Towers rang out, ringing once more for services, celebratory rings and of course quarter peals and the more demanding peals, something which had not happened for a considerable length of time.

The Branch managed to hold its AGM in person, and we thank St Paul's, Tiverton for facilitating this. Whilst not big in number, we made up for in spirit and it was great to see some of our members in the flesh, opposed to zoom meets. The Guild held an inter-tower six bell ringing competition in Plymouth with a background activity of scoring the striking. St Peter's, Tiverton entered and rang well. It was not an easy event, with plenty of background noise coupled with many prying eyes due to the openness of the ring: in the side chapel at Laira; but again, it was great to get amongst people and have a catch-up. Plenty of cake and tea was consumed before heading back. Guild Ringing Festival fortnight was held once more and was supported by a few Branch members.

My thanks to all those participants/donors as well as those who worked tirelessly in the background aiding us to ring (Tower Captains/Reps/Churchwardens & Clergy). We did score two notable firsts: Elaine – first QP on the treble and Tom, first in method ringing a QP of Kent Treble Bob Minor. This is a key event in the Guild calendar, and I hope many more ringers will step forward next year, helping to raise needed funds for the restoration of the bells in Devon. We collectively raised £200.00 from this event, and I thank you for your considerable generosity in achieving this sum.

Bells sounded out during the festive period across the Branch. Spirits were high once again and we could see a glimmer of hope at the end of quite a long and dark tunnel that had been the norm for almost two years due to Covid and the restrictions it brought with it. I am cautiously optimistic looking ahead to 2022 that we will be in a far better and stronger position with Covid and are able to knuckle down to some serious ringing once again. We will tread carefully of course and will host events when the opportunities arise. Please check the Guild website regularly for updates of the Branch Programme and lastly, my thanks to all fellow Officers and members of the Branch who make all things possible, even in the face of adversity!

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The Troyte Ringing Centre (TRC) is the registered charity responsible for ringing the tower bells at Bampton and at Huntsham within the terms of written agreements between the TRC and each Parochial Church Council. The TRC trustees are Leslie, Mandy, Jenny, Michael and Sheila.

**BAMPTON** St. Michael and All Angels, 6 bells, tenor 14 cwt, grid ref. SS957222, Postcode EX16 9QJ. Sundays: 10.15am (except 4th). General ringing: Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm.

**HUNTSHAM** All saints, 8 bells, tenor 8cwt, grid ref. ST001204. Postcode EX16 7NA. Sundays: 08.45am (4th only).

**Ringing:** In the earlier part of the year ringing was limited to a single bell at Bampton before Sunday services and on Thursday evenings for the N.H.S. Once restrictions eased in May a rota of six ringers rang for Sunday services at both churches and weekly peals resumed at Huntsham.

Thursday night practices restarted at Bampton from November and ringing for weddings also restarted in the summer. Inevitably, training events and the After School Bell Club had to be suspended for the year, but a bell maintenance workshop led by Chris Cozens was held in Tiverton in December.

**Tower Maintenance:** Much work was done this year. At Bampton a mechanical ventilation system was installed to address a long-standing problem in the ringing room. This is supplemented by an air purifier to reduce the risk of COVID infection. Dr. David, adviser to the Central Council, came in April to conduct CO2 test measurements and these showed that the system is effective in changing the air in the ringing room. The installation made it necessary to improve the electricity supply to the tower and new external and emergency lights were fitted. The floor of the ringing room was sanded and resealed.

At Huntsham Nicholson Engineering did work on the clappers and main bearings in the spring assisted by volunteer TRC members. Headstocks were also painted, and the wood floor of the bell chamber treated.

**People:** Three ringers have been lost to the band through moves away from the area and three others had yet to return to ringing at the end of the year. Inevitably this has impacted on our ringing, but all ringing commitments were met. Pat and Richard stood down as trustees and the Chairmanship of the charity passed from Mike to Les. We thank those who have relinquished office for their work and support for the TRC.

**Fundraising:** TRC ringers supported an August Bank Holiday fundraising event for Christian Aid by parachuting teddy bears from the top of Bampton tower. A coffee morning for TRC funds was held in September, and a small regular income is received from Easyfundraising through online purchases made by members.

**BICKLEIGH** St Mary the Virgin, 6 bells, tenor 8cwt, grid ref. SS942071, Postcode EX16 8RD.  
Sunday: 10.30am every 3rd Sunday.

We have rung for a couple of weddings and have entertained four visiting teams in 2021. Unfortunately, we have lost our small band of dedicated ringers. One of our members, Derek Norrish, who had been ringing in Bickleigh for 70 years passed away and our others have decided not to return. There are one or two villagers keen to learn so we are hoping to build up again as 2022 progresses.

**BURLESCOMBE** St. Mary's 6 Bells Tenor 17cwt, Grid ref. ST075166 Post Code EX16 7JP.

We have rung for a few services and practice between the towers of Holcombe Rogus, Halberton and ourselves on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. We now only have two regular ringers from Burlescombe.

**CADBURY** St Michael & All Angels, 6 bells, Tenor 11 3/4 cwt, Grid ref. SS911049, Postcode EX5 5LA.  
Sunday 9.30am (3rd). Practice Tuesday 7.30pm.

Here at Cadbury our efforts to raise funds have been rewarded as due to a large promise of funds from Viritor Credits we have been able to move forward dramatically. Our bells were removed from the tower by Taylors of Loughborough in the week beginning the 18th of October 2021 and are now at their foundry being made ready to return in the early spring (subject to hibernating bats).

Practice has been sporadic due to covid, and we are having to use other local Churches in the absence of our own bells but we have several of our tower member that are still ringing for weddings. I would like to thank the Guild for their help and guidance through the last year of trying times and hope that the next year is a happier one for all of us.

**CRUWYS MORCHARD** Holy Cross, 6 bells, tenor 12-0-24, grid ref. SS87312, Postcode EX16 8LD  
Sunday: Variable.

We no longer run a practice night. We are hoping to start some social practising at times to suit those of us who are interested.



**CULLOMPTON** St Andrew, 10 bells, tenor 19cwt, grid ref. SS022072, Postcode EX15 1JU.  
Sundays 9.00-9.39am. Practice: Monday 7.00pm-8.30pm (additional sessions as required).

During 2021 Ellacombe Chimes were rung for Sunday Services and occasional weddings, until September when we were able to resume full circle Sunday ringing on a few bells. Practice nights resumed mid-November, along with information leaflets to church neighbours regarding practice times and fundraising for volume control and simulator equipment (for training purposes). This also resulted in media features on BBC Radio Devon, BBC Spotlight and interest from potential new ringers! Christmas ringing for the Donkey Services, Carol Service and Christmas Day rounded off our year.

**CULMSTOCK** All Saints, 8 bells, Tenor 18.02.00, grid ref. ST102135, Postcode EX15 3JD.  
Sunday: 9.15am for 10.00am service. Practice: 7.15pm on the last Wednesday of the month.

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. 2022 We are, as others, back to ringing regularly.

**HALBERTON** St Andrew, 6 bells, Tenor 17 cwt, grid ref. ST005128, Postcode EX16 7AR.

We started ringing again in October with our 3 towers taking turns to host. We have 2 new D of E teenagers learning with us. One is using ringing as a service for 3 months, the other a skill for 6 months. Both girls are doing very well and are ringing rounds and starting call changes.

**HEMYOCK** St Marys, 6 bells, Tenor 17-3-12 in E, grid ref: ST136133, Postcode EX15 3RA.  
Ringing Sunday normally 10.15am. 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 7.45pm.

Like many towers Hemyock had an unusual time during 2021. When gathering was permitted we did have a slight advantage in having 3 doors into the ringing room so we did not have any problems with ventilation, just got chilled. The Covid outbreak though did affect both the more elderly members of our band and also the congregation we serve, so ringing four or five for a service became more usual than we would like it to be. But we did keep ringing, missing only one service. After many date changes, we rang for a wedding too!

One thing which also happened towards the end of the year was our PCC's decision to start the preparatory investigations for the work needed in the tower. The work had been agreed before Covid struck but paused whilst we all isolated. So we have begun the long trawl through builders, bellhangers, funders etc. It won't be quick, but we hope to have it all completed by 2024 when our oldest bell has its 400th birthday. Some ringers we know think teaching teenagers is a waste of time – they frequently move on to other things. Indeed the 3 teenagers we had 3 years ago are now pinned to the demands of A levels and Uni entrance. Still they have been replaced by two more delightful young ladies. We always ask a parent to come with young trainees, and when one Mum said she had been taught to ring but never rang for a service, she was asked if she would like to try again. The result – almost as if she had never been away. Commenting on how well she had done brought forth the reply “Well you taught me – 30 years ago!” Now she is going to ring for a congregation, one that will include the Bishop of Exeter and two calves. One slightly older ringer meanwhile is wondering what's happened to his memory! Why the Bishop and two calves? Because (one year late) we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Young Farmers Clubs. This international organisation started life as the Hemyock Calf Club and first met in the Old Market opposite the Hemyock Church gate. And our Guild Patron, Bishop Robert, speaks on agricultural matters in the House of Lords.



**OAKFORD** St Peter 6 bells, tenor 12cwt 1qtr 11lbs, grid ref. SS91016, Postcode EX16 9ES.

Sunday: We ring some Sundays for the 6.30pm service and occasionally for a morning service. Bells are rung for practice most Mondays at 7.00pm.

Due to Covid restrictions fund raising has been limited, but thanks to Brenda and Mary's Crafty Fundraising Group which operates on Oakford Massive (Facebook), over £3000. has been raised. This is a small group on Facebook who to date have 205 members who produce items to sell. The group has customers not only in Oakford parish but county wide, country wide and even as far away as Australia.

Our total funds raised to date amount to £ 26,000. We will be applying for grants soon. For more information on how to donate or to help in any way please contact the PCC secretary.

**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 7.45pm.

Ringling at Silvertown resumed in May when covid restrictions were relaxed. Prior to May, ringling was limited to one person chiming bells before the Sunday zoom service! Since May, ringling for Sunday church services and weddings has been by roster following CCCBR coronavirus guidelines and to avoid too many persons being in the ringling chamber.

At a pre-resumption meeting of our ringers in May we were pleased to welcome our new (2019) Rector Paul and his wife Wendy who are both ringers and who are now regular members of the band. On the "down-side" however, the length of the lockdown period brought its toll on ringling numbers in that we are sad to report the death earlier in the year of Derek Norrish (formerly Captain at Bickleigh who was well known in local agricultural and ringling communities). Also three of our band (Ann, Jane and James) opted not to return to ringling. The loss of James has however been in part offset by the aspiring participation of his younger brother Thomas and additionally we were fortunate to attract a recruit, Mike who started training later in the year.

Thursday evening "practice nights" were in general well attended albeit the ringling period was reduced to one hour but which it is hoped to increase early in 2022 as things get back to normal.

Social activities, have, for obvious reasons been limited in nature and scope. We did however arrange a tour of three other towers where Derek often rang (Bickleigh, Pinhoe and Thorverton where we had lunch) and towards the end of the Summer we enjoyed a BBQ in the garden of Brian & Liz. Finally, tradition was maintained by at midnight on New Year's Eve by "ringling out" the old and "ringling in" the New Year. May 2022 prove to be a better year than 2021.

**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.

We started ringling again in October. We are looking for a few more recruits to teach and we have kept our pre-COVID learners who are now moving forward. Our treble bell is cracked, and we are hoping to raise enough to get her fixed as soon as possible.

**TIVERTON St Paul**, 6 bells, tenor 9cwt, grid ref. SS951125, Postcode EX16 5HZ.

Sunday: 10:00am, and 1st & 3rd 5:15-6:30pm call changes, Practice Friday evenings.

Losses and new learners - that just about sums up the past two years of ringling and non-ringling. As mentioned in last year's report, Lynda retired from ringling and Tim moved away. The two other learners decided not to re-start ringling after lockdown. Early in 2022 Hazel expects to move out of the area, leaving just two of us. However, we have been actively recruiting, and now have two others who ring on Sundays, and two more learning. Let's hope for more. We have also benefitted from Martin, whose wife is an ordinand at St Paul's, who rings on Sundays, Uffculme's loss is our gain. As ever we also work closely with the ringers at St Peter's to whom we are grateful for support and encouragement. Friday practices have resumed but are centred around the learners at the moment. We use the simulator system for teaching, using recordings of our actual bells from speakers in the ceiling. Being also affiliated to the Association we have become something of a hub

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for call change ringing. Our Sunday evening ringing draws call change ringers from around the area and we hope to be re-joining the competition circuit once that re-starts.

**TIVERTON St Peter**, 8 bells, tenor 25cwt, grid ref. SS95412.

Sundays: 9:30am from January 2022 (weekly). Practice: Tuesday (Muffled 6:30pm-7:15pm; open: 7:15pm-9.00pm).

We chimed bells for Sir Tom Moore, Marie Curie, Prince Philip & all services held until May 17th. When we were able to resume ringing 6 of the bells we held practices with 6 ringers, on Tuesdays, prior to the service ring on Sunday. From July, when restrictions were lifted, we have been ringing all 8 for services and holding open practices for local ringers. We continued to use Ringing Room before we were able to ring the tower bells.

Quarter Peals were rung in July as a farewell to Rev Robert as he took up a new position in Crediton and in October in memory of Jean Parkinson, one year after her death.

We have been pleased to welcome Tom, Jean and Andy as new members to the tower and Guild during 2021.

We held a very successful Open Day, as part of Heritage Open Days, in September, with 50 visitors. Views from the tower were clear, demonstration rings applauded, and the clock received lots of interest.

The Guild Bell Advisors inspected & reported on the bells & tower in December. This resulted in some constructive suggestions for maintenance for the steeple keeper and useful insight for the planned centenary overhaul in 12-24months time.

**UFFCULME St Mary the Virgin**, 8 bells, tenor 21 cwt, grid ref. ST068127, Postcode EX15 3AX.

Sunday: 10.30am Except 5th Sundays. Practice: Second Monday 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. Please contact the Tower Captain or Secretary for events, we will need at least two full months' notice for any booking to avoid disappointment. Please note we are required to advise local residents of forthcoming Quarter or Full peals. We try to ring for weddings and birthdays throughout the year, often calling on our colleagues at St Andrew's, Cullompton for help or from lapsed ringers in the vicinity. It would be advisable to contact the Tower Captain on the number above to discuss the viability of the request. Due to COVID, retirement of members and individual's work commitments there has been no general ringing at all over this past year and it this situation will continue through for this year. I am hopeful that next year will prove to be a better one..."

# North/North West Branch

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

We have all faced an extremely difficult 2021. Ringing has been very severely affected as we all know. The regular N/NW practices at Shirwell still have not resumed, however weekly practices have resumed at Braunton.

As a group we are struggling. We attempted twice to hold our AGM via Zoom. The first one failed and the second was attended by just two people. Consequently we still haven't held our AGM. There are so many people who have stepped away from ringing or are still being very cautious that it is difficult to say when "normal service" will resume.

Sadly we have lost Bridgerule, Braunton and Shirwell towers as members due to falling numbers. It is to be hoped that we can welcome them back into the Guild family in the not too distant future.

### REGULAR PRACTICES

**Bridgerule area:** Method on 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7.00pm; call changes on Tuesdays at 7.30pm October-March, both at Bridgerule. Please check for current information about these or other practices in the area.

**Barnstaple area:** The St Brannock's Society meet on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Currently the weekly practice is at St Brannock's Church but under normal circumstances alternate Tuesdays are at a variety of other towers. The regular Guild Practice at Shirwell is temporarily in abeyance.

### TOWERS MEMBERSHIP

**BLACK TORRINGTON** St Mary, 6 bells, 9 cwt, grid ref. SS465057.  
Sunday: 10.45am on 3rd Sunday.

**BRATTON FLEMING** St Peter's, 6 bell, 14 cwt, grid ref. SS643378.  
Sunday: Meet at 8.45am (but check on 5th Sunday as service might be elsewhere.)  
Practice: Friday 7.30pm.

**COMBE MARTIN** St Peter and Vincula 8 bells 11 cwt grid ref. SS586483.  
Sunday: 9.15am. Practice: Thursday 7.30pm. Please check in advance with Mike Squire.

For obvious reasons there is little to report for 2021. However we have started ringing again when it's possible to get sufficient ringers to do so. As expected we did have various degrees of hesitation to start with, but like riding a bicycle as soon as they had the rope in their hands they were away.

**FREMINGTON** St Peter, 6 bells, 9 cwt, grid ref. SS513326.  
Sunday: 10.30am for 11.00am service. Practice: Thursday 7.30pm. (Last Sunday at Westleigh).

We are coming back to life. We ring most Sundays and the Thursday Practices are well attended. The good news is that we have three learners starting so that is most encouraging.

## South West Branch

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

Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions, the Branch AGM was held on 22nd January as a virtual meeting on Zoom. The day began with open ringing in Ringing Room in the morning, led by the Ringing Master. Fifteen members took part, with the ringing split between two Ringing Rooms, according to ability. The AGM started at 2.30pm and was attended by 39 Branch members and 4 guests.

Due to restrictions all ringing from January until May was confined to on-line Ringing Room. Several towers held practice evenings on-line during each week, and the Branch Practices in the early months of the year were also held on Ringing Room. The Branch Practices in March and April offered open ringing for all members and an Introduction to the Blue Pathway. The April, May and June Branch Practices were originally for learning Cambridge Minor and an introduction to the Red Pathway. However, due to the Covid restrictions and the lack of ringing opportunity in towers, it was decided that these practices would continue to focus on the Blue Pathway methods. All the Branch practices were well attended, with two Ringing Rooms being used at most practices to allow for plenty of ringing by the ringers. Although it did not totally replace the face-to-face ringing in Towers, the sessions gave everyone the opportunity to learn more and extend their method ringing knowledge and understanding. In all, Ringing Room practices also provided a source of mirth and merriment to others when individual ringers lost their internet connection! Many thanks to those that attended the practices, especially those who organised and ran the sessions. Unfortunately, the Branch Spring Outing had to be cancelled due to the restrictions but was replaced by an afternoon Ringing Room session, followed by an evening on-line quiz, which was very well attended. An enjoyable and competitive evening was had by all!

On 17th May, restrictions were lifted to allow a maximum of six ringers in a Tower, and so the return to 'normal' ringing was starting, hopefully. It was decided, at Branch level, to organise the ringing so that ringers would attend only one practice evening per week, thus allowing everyone who wanted to ring to do so. With the lifting of the 'maximum of 6' rule in July, 'normal' ringing was beginning to return. There was an understandable reluctance and concern to returning to ringing by some ringers, and as such, this resulted in the cancellation of the Joint Branch practice with mid Devon in August. The Autumn outing in September was the first chance for people from different towers to ring together for a long while. It was a most welcome opportunity to meet people in person, from a wide range of towers, rather than on Zoom and in Ringing Room! The ringing took place at Sampford Spiney and Walkhampton, both selected for offering good ventilation and ground floor ringing, given the on-going Covid situation. It was a very social occasion, offering facilities for a picnic lunch with people bringing their own lunch.

11th September saw the first face-to-face Branch Practice of the year, held at Laira. Originally billed as Red Pathway, it was replaced with a Blue Pathway practice due to the lack of practice available in towers before then. It was very well attended with approximately 18 members present.

The Branch were due to host the Guild Annual Striking Competition in October. Following consultation with Guild members, and given the ongoing pandemic, it was decided to hold a more social gathering with a workshop type opportunity to help members develop the skills needed to judge future striking contests. This, coupled with the Guild six bell inter-tower striking contest, was held at Laira and was very well attended by members from across the county.

The Branch Annual Service and Dinner were held on 13th November. The Annual Service was held at Sheepstor Church, with open ringing beforehand, followed by the Dinner at the Burrator Inn at Dousland. Given the pandemic, both events were well attended, even if the government's social distancing advice made things a little different than in the past. Many thanks to the Revd Andrew for conducting the service and giving us an excellent and very appropriate address. Many thanks also to Ben, the young ringer who played the organ for us, and to the Church for hosting the occasion.

The final Branch Practice of the year was held at Laira in November. Again, it was well attended and was aimed at those who could Plain Hunt and beyond, and included methods in the Blue Pathway. Thanks go to Josephine for organising and hosting all the practices at Laira this year. My thanks, as usual, 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 this trying year. Hopefully 2022 will prove to be the year when ringing within the Branch, and beyond, returns to its previous levels and indeed, goes forward from strength to strength.

### **Notable peals and Quarter Peals**

First Peal inside: Elena.

First Peal of Minor inside: Elena.

First Quarter on a working bell: Chris.

First Quarter on 10 bells: Chris.

### **BERE FERRERS** St Andrew, 6 bells, 7-3-21, grid ref. SX459634.

Sunday: 10:30am. Practice: Monday 7:45-9:00pm

As a tower, we were able to mark the passing of Captain Tom and HRH Prince Philip by tolling the tenor. When ringing resumed in May, we restricted numbers and rang only for services due to our small ringing chamber; however, by the summer of 2020, we welcomed our beginners back to practice nights (they had only rung from January to March 2020) and steady progress was made.

Now our beginners can ring unaided, we can muster six ringers for Sunday service ringing and on a Monday practice night. Visitors are more than welcome to join us but it is probably advisable to check if we are ringing before making a special journey.

### **BRIDESTOWE** St. Bridget, 6 bells, tenor 13 cwt, grid ref: SX513894.

2nd and 3rd Sunday 09:00am. Practice: Friday 19:30-21:00pm.

Lockdown was the main feature of the year for Bridestowe ringers, but when we eventually started ringing again, we were lucky enough to have a full complement of ringers. By the end of the year, we had gained two new ringers, one ab initio and one more experienced, who recently moved to the village having learnt to ring at her previous tower. The post-lockdown service schedule at St. Bridget's changed and we rang for the two monthly services whenever possible even if we were unable to ring all of the bells.

During lockdown ringing was limited to pre-service chiming of one bell. Special occasions were limited; however, bells were rung for one wedding service, and to mark the death of The Duke of Edinburgh. They were also rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

### **BRENTOR** St Michael de Rupe, 5 bells, tenor 5cwt, grid ref. SX470804.

Sunday: service ringing 5.30pm (Easter-Sept). Practice: Saturdays 10.00-11.30 am Winter only.

NB All ringing is weather/numbers permitting. It is essential to check first.

Due to ongoing restrictions there no winter practices at the beginning of the year. On 10th April a half-muffled bell was tolled 99 times following the death of HRH Prince Philip and again prior to the funeral service. Under the rule of 6, service ringing resumed at the end of May until the end of September. On Saturday 31st July an early start marked ringing for the launch of the "Archangel Way" a 38-mile pilgrimage walk across Dartmoor between St Michael de Rupe, Brentor and St Michael the Archangel, Chagford. We hosted two branch "leading up and down " practices which were very well attended. Winter practices continue on Saturday mornings when we can gather enough ringers.

### **CHARLETON** St Mary, 6 bells, 9cwt, grid ref. SX749426, Post code TQ7 2BR

Practice: Methods - 1st Tuesday 7:30pm. Devon call changes - 4th Thursday 8:00pm.

The church is closed to regular worship and its future uncertain. We aim to keep the bells ringing as long as we can and between Covid lockdowns we have kept practices running assisted by ringers from local towers. Ringers are very welcome to join us.

**GALMPTON** Holy Trinity, 6 bells, tenor 6cwt, grid ref. SX686404.

Sunday: 09.30am (1st & 3rd).

It has been quiet year but ringing on Sundays has now resumed. We rang for several weddings, and I'm sure would have retained our place in the senior section at the local Deanery competition, had it not been cancelled due to the pandemic. Sadly, John and Carol have decided to 'retire' from ringing, and they are sorely missed, not only at Galmpton but in the Deanery as a whole. We would like to thank Luther from Salcombe, Maggie and Sharon from Malborough, and Martin for their support on Sundays.

**KELLY** St Mary, 6 bells, tenor 8cwt, grid ref. SX395814.

Sunday: 10.30am (2nd). Practice: Wednesday 7.30pm.

No ringing has taken place in 2021. There is some work required before ringing recommences.

**LAIRA** St Mary the Virgin, 8 bells, tenor 11cwt, grid ref. SX504560. All by arrangement.

Visitors are very welcome. We were pleased to hold the Guild Striking Competition in October 2021 and saw many familiar friendly faces who we had only seen over zoom in the previous 18 months. We look forward to hosting more events and welcoming visitors over the coming 12 months.

**LIFTON** ST Mary 8 bells, tenor 21cwt.

Sunday 9.00am. Practice Monday 7.30pm.

We started ringing again for Sunday services and Practice evenings as soon as we could after restrictions were lifted. We are making progress in learning methods, and helping out at Benefice Services when required. Muffled bells were rung at 11.00 on Remembrance Day and at the Remembrance Sunday service. At Christmas, we rang for the Scouts Carol Service, the Church Carol Service and Christmas Day. We also rang for the Christingle Service which was held in the immediate period after Christmas.

We were unable to hold our Christmas Dinner owing to the pandemic, but we do socialize in a local pub after ringing. We hope to hold a get together in the Summer.

**PLYMOUTH** Emmanuel, Mannamead Road, 8 bells, tenor 19 cwt, grid ref. SX487564.

Sunday: 10.00am and by arrangement 6.00pm. Practice: Thursday 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Since resuming ringing in the early part of the year we have had a good number turning up for practice night and good progress is being made by all, picking up from where we left off in March 2020. Sunday morning service ringing has regularly been taking place and the Plymouth Youth's have been making use of the evening service slot once a month. Thanks must go to all who have been supporting the practice and the service ringing throughout the year.

**PLYMOUTH** St Budeaux, The Green, Crownhill Road, 6 bells, tenor 12 cwt, grid ref. SX454593.

Sunday: 10.00am. Practice: Monday 7.30pm.

Following the lifting of Lockdown restrictions, the number of ringers attending practice has almost returned to pre-Covid levels. During the year the bell were rung for a few weddings and a funeral. In December there was the welcome return of a visiting band from Devon Guild to ring a peal. They were originally booked for March 2020. Sadly, during the lockdown Joanna has decided to give up ringing and will be really missed. However, on a better note we have now gained five new ringers, three of which are under 11. Hopefully, another young learner will be joining in the new 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** 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. Practice night ringing has continued with our learners and those from other towers making good use of the experienced

ringers. We welcome some South Hams ringers who join our practices once a month. We would like to thank all those ringers from other towers who support the practices. Hannah has joined us for a year whilst on placement in Plymouth as part of the University course.

Unfortunately, the tenor clapper broke in the autumn and the replacement took longer than anticipated to be made, in the meantime, we made good use of the front eight.

Two quarters were rung during the year, after the pandemic restrictions were lifted and we congratulate Elena on ringing her first peal inside in December.

As we look forward to a productive year it has become apparent that it is essential for some of the younger element to improve on their conducting skills whilst there is able assistance available

**PLYMPTON** St Mary, Market Road, Plympton. 8 bells, tenor 26cwt.

Sunday ringing from 9.00am. Evensong first Sunday of the month, ringing from 5.45pm.

We're very pleased to have been members of the Guild for a year now, and have been enjoying the benefits of membership, from attending extra teaching practices to hosting our Branch AGM. We lost a few of our ringers due to illness and infirmity during the past couple of years, and so we're heavily reliant on help from our sister church in the parish.

Although historically a call-change tower, we're making valiant attempts to learn plain hunt, sometimes even on four bells, with two covers. Any visitors who might be able to help and or encourage would be made very welcome. We rang out with 60 on thirds for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Plans to launch a New Ringers campaign are slowly taking shape.

**SALCOMBE** Holy Trinity, 6 bells, tenor 8 cwt, grid ref. SX740392.

Sunday: 9.30am. Practice: Friday 7.30pm.

The first part of 2021 was disrupted by Covid 19 restrictions but we continued to ring at least 4 bells for Sunday services and on occasions when this wasn't possible a bell was chimed for 15-20 minutes prior to the service to call people to church.

There were at least half a dozen weddings over the summer months and the bells were rung for these when requested. The team still has one learner who is very keen and making excellent progress. Unfortunately for Salcombe ringers two of our longstanding team members, Carole and John, decided to retire during Covid and so have not returned to ringing. They are very much missed by all of us.

**SAMPFORD SPINEY** St Mary, 6 bells, tenor 6cwt, grid ref. SX534724.

Sunday: pm as required, 2.30pm. Practice: Wednesday 7.30pm.

Things are ticking along quite nicely at Sampford Spiney and we continue to enjoy our ringing. We have Elaine, a previously experienced ringer, who is returning to ringing after a very long absence, and Ali who is an impressive newcomer, and already mastering call changes with confidence, they are both attending branch team practices so we have high hopes for the future!

We have managed to cover all weddings and funerals as required, as always with a little help from our very loyal friends who also help us with service ringing when we need it. We look forward to the future and as always welcome any visitors.

**STOKE DAMEREL** St Andrew & St Luke, PL1 5QL, 8 bells, tenor 4.5 cwt, grid ref. 463550.

As soon as covid restrictions were lifted we resumed ringing for services, though rarely on eight bells. Of our reliable service ringers, we lost Gordon Ruming who died and Logan who moved to university in America. A third has been reluctant to return because of the risk of infection. Fortunately, one member has returned to active service after a long absence, another is coming more regularly to join the ranks, and we have two who have begun learning to ring.

We are very grateful for the many visitors who are now coming to help make our practices so enjoyable. Ringing is therefore in the process of recovering from the setbacks of the past two years, and we look forward to the future with hope.



**SYDENHAM DAMEREL** St Mary, 6 bells, tenor 9 cwt, grid ref. SX409760.

Sunday 10.30am (2nd Sunday) 6.30pm (4th Sunday). Practice: Monday 8.00-9.00pm.

The past year has seen something of a return to normality with only a few Covid related stoppages. The regular sound of the church bells has been much appreciated by our Village as something optimistic in these uncertain times. Weekly practice has been well attended with our core of five ringers and three learners (now working on call changes). All services during the year were announced by 30min ringing (mainly rounds but occasionally plain hunt on four with treble lead and tenor covering).

In addition, we rung for Armistice, Christmas, New Year and the anniversary of our Queen's Accession. Our ringers helped to make up the numbers for no less than three weddings at our sister Church in Lamerton (St Peter's) and five of our ringers attended the Deanery Ringing Festival. We had begun visiting St Andrew's (Bere Ferrers) again on alternate Mondays before Christmas but that was unfortunately halted by you know what! We look forward to less interruption and more ringing in 2022.

**TAVISTOCK** St Eustachius, 10 bells, tenor 24 cwt, grid ref. SX481744.

Sunday: 9.00am. Practice: Tuesday 7.30pm.

We started ringing as soon as we were allowed in 2021. We opened the windows and rang bells so as to keep 2 metres apart until we were allowed to ring all the bells in June. I would like to thank Phil for arranging the rota system so that we could all ring but not all together. It was great when we could ring all the bells once again.

Our longest serving member George Boucher died during the year, he was tower captain during the eighties and a member of the winning band of the Devon 8 competition held at Barnstaple in 1999. He has the President of the Association in 2005. He did so much, helping to raise money for our augmentation and worked tirelessly to do anything he could do for our tower. We are very pleased that Sarah and Peter have moved to the area and joined our band; they are a great asset. Jo and Elizabeth are making good progress and now ring on some Sunday mornings

We took part in the Guild 6 bell competition in October and came a very close second to the Cathedral, a very creditable performance. We rang handbells at Lydford House Hotel in November and at our Carol Service. We were due to ring handbells at a care home but unfortunately it was cancelled at the last minute with the changing regulations.

Chris rang his first quarter on a working bell in the Autumn and is making good progress on an inside bell. We rang a few quarters including a very good one of Grandsire Caters for Remembrance Sunday. Unfortunately, Geoff has not been well and only been able to ring a few times with us this year. He is due to have a procedure, hopefully to be done soon and we wish him well and look forward to seeing him in the tower as soon as he is able. Recently we are once again back to ringing Surprise Major and Stedman and Grandsire Caters. We look forward to good ringing in the year ahead.

**WALKHAMPTON** St Mary V, 6 bells, tenor 7-3-12 in G, grid ref. SX536701, postcode PL20 6JY.

Currently 1st and 2nd Sundays 09.00am. Practice: currently Wednesday 19.00-20.00pm.

Needless to say, the first half of 2021 continued as before: church closed, followed later by three bells rung before a service; but no practices. Zoom meetings and Ringing Room provided welcome contact with other ringers and the chance to learn new methods for those keen to progress, and we are very grateful to Alena and all the others who kept the Plymouth and South West Branch Ringing Rooms operating on such a regular basis and who made our virtual ringing such fun.

However, some members of our novice band were unable to join Ringing Room, even when we set up our own Walkhampton version, and when we were finally able to resume practices in July several had other commitments. So now we are once more working at building up a competent band. We have acquired two new learners and on occasion receive much-appreciated support from other ringers in the area. We persevere – surely a situation shared by many towers at present? On a more positive note, we were delighted to host the SW Branch autumn outing in early September and the Tavistock Deanery Ringing Festival in late October, and we look forward to welcoming a



branch practice at the end of February. With ample parking, a kitchen area and a loo, Walkhampton church is well set-up for such events, and the well-ventilated ringing platform has proved a boon in these times.

**WHITCHURCH** St Andrew, 6 bells, tenor 11 cwt, grid ref. SX492726.

1st Sunday 6.00pm, other Sunday's 9.40am. Practice Friday 7.40pm.

We rang for Sunday services when we could throughout the year, which was dependent on Richard, Kath, Judi and Michael, many thanks. Friday night practices started again at the end of June, focusing on Bob Minimus, Bob Doubles and Grandsire depending on who was available. Practices have been patchy due to holidays, work commitments and ill health. We love to have visitors but please check if we are ringing. Socially we were limited to a BBQ in August, hosted by the Turners.

### THE MODERN SOCIETY OF PLYMOUTH YOUTHS

Plymouth City Centre – A society for young ringers in the area aged 30 or under.

Practice: 3rd Sundays of the month 5:30-6:30pm. Date and time subject to change: email in advance.

The Modern Society of Plymouth Youths met for some virtual practices when restrictions prevented us from meeting in person. We are happy to report that we were able to resume our in-person practices at Emmanuel in September. We have been meeting on the last Sunday of the month for mixed ability practices which have been very well attended by young ringers and PYs associates. I would like to thank all those who have supported our practices in 2021! Highlights have included a Halloween practice (ringing in fancy dress!) and a Christmas practice followed by a small Christmas party which we held in lieu of being able to do an outing this year. The Christmas event was a great success and one that we now plan to make an annual tradition.

We are very pleased to welcome a number new ringers to Plymouth Youths - a mixture of university students and ringers under 18, this has boosted our numbers and we now have an impressive cohort of young ringers under 30!

In 2022 we hope to build on the momentum of last year, with regular practices and more outings. Although we feel that our weekend away may need to be much more local due to the ongoing situation, there are lots of ideas about places we could visit. We are also excited about opportunities to get involved in planning events to include the newly formed Devon Young Ringers group for ringers under 18 in Devon, with our members in the 18-30 age range helping to lead and inspire the younger ones. We are also excited about the Ringing World National Youth Contest coming to Exeter. While it is unlikely that PYs will enter a band, we plan to support and enjoy the activities in Exeter

Practices will continue on the last Sundays of the month at Emmanuel church from 5pm – 6:30pm. All abilities are welcome, from bell handling right up to Surprise Major!



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## Peal Secretary's Report

The Guild rang 70 peals in 2021, which is an increase of 34 on 2020. There were 24 handbell peals, 16 more than the 2020 total, 19 of which were rung in Matt's garden or garage. At the end of 2021 the Guild total stood at 7418. Peals on six and eight seemed to recover reasonably well but there were not many on the higher numbers.

Exeter St Mark and Kings-Ting-Tong were the joint leading towers and seven Surprise Minor was at the top of the method list, followed by various Royal and Major methods.

There were two first pealers, in the same peal at Topsham. There were firsts as conductor calling handbells, and the peal at Topsham with the two first pealers. The main peals of note were the peal at Topsham, mentioned above, which was also for the centenary of the first peal on the bells, and the handbell peals by the Bovey band, ringing 41 Surprise Minor and 76 Treble Dodging Minor.

### Firsts in method rung for the Guild during the year 2021

20th August	Horlock S Royal*	Exeter St Mark
30th August	Newton Abbot A Major*	Newton Abbot
2nd September	Oodwail A Major*	Huntsham
9th September	Hwange D Major	Highweek
13th September	Maze As A Brush A Major*	Pinhoe
23rd September	Otterburn S Major	Buckfastleigh
4th November	Barcote S Major	Highweek
1st December	Devon Square D Major*	Wolborough
23rd December	Snishums A Major*	Huntsham
27th December	Bovey Tracey Christmas D Major*	Bovey Tracey
31st December	Causey Arch D Major	Wolborough

### PEALS rung in 2021

**7349 BOVEY TRACEY**, Sorrento. Sat Feb 27, 1h 58, 5040 Spliced S Minor

(41m: Warkworth, Annable's London, Coldstream, Lincoln, London, Kelso, Cunecastre, Wells, Morpeth, Canterbury, Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Newcastle, Alnwick, Chester, Munden, Whitley, Wooler, Cambridge, Durham, York, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet, Norwich, Bacup, Stamford, Rossendale, Bamborough, Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Westminster, Allendale). Comp. J Warboys and P A B Saddleton.

**7350 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Fri Apr 2, 2h 17, 5056 Cambridge S Major.

Comp. Charles Middleton.

**7351 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Sun Apr 18, 2h 49, 5120 Kent TB Royal. Comp. T J Hinks.

**7352 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue May 4, 2h 40, 5040 Yorkshire S Royal. Comp. R O Hall.

**7353 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Sun Jun 6, 2h 25, 5056 Cambridge S Major.

Comp. Charles Middleton.

**7354 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Jun 8, 2h 40, 5040 Cambridge S Royal. Comp. P Border.

**7355 EXETER**, 64 Mount Pleasant Road. Sun Jun 13, 2h 18, 5056 Rutland S Major.

Comp. Ian R Fielding.

**7356 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Jun 15, 3h 5, 5072 Spliced Maximus (2m: 4896 Kent Treble Bob; 176 Bastow Little Bob: 20 com). Comp. Donald F Morrison (Arr Matthew J ).

**7357 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri Jun 25, 2h 33, 5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: London, Norwich, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge).

**7358 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Jun 29, 2h 18, 5088 Kent TB Major.

Comp. D F Morrison (No 7502)

**7359 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Jul 6, 2h 42, 5120 Kent TB Royal. Comp. Thomas J Hinks.

**7360 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Jul 13, 2h 21, 5120 Spliced S Major

(4m: 1440 Yorkshire; 1280 Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 1120 Rutland: 144 com, atw).

Comp. D F Morrison (No 179).

- 7361 KINGSTEIGNTON**, Kings Ting Tong. Thu Jul 15, 1h 45, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(14m: (1) London, Wells (2) Carlisle (3) York, Durham (4) Westminster (5) Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham (6) Norwich (7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge).
- 7362 HIGHWEEK**, All Saints. Mon Jul 19, 2h 48, 5088 Yorkshire S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7363 HUNTSAM**, All Saints. Thu Jul 29, 2h 43, 5152 Lincolnshire S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7364 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri Jul 30, 2h 57, 5040 Yorkshire S Royal. Comp. J H Fielden
- 7365 KINGSTEIGNTON**, Kings Ting Tong. Tue Aug 3, 1h 45, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(24m: (1) London, Wells, Cuneastre (2) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth (5) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne).
- 7366 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Aug 3, 2h 22, 5088 Kent TB Major.  
Comp. Donald F Morrison (No 7502).
- 7367 EXETER**, 84 Whipton Village Road. Sat Aug 7, 2h 40, 5056 Plain Bob Major.  
Comp. Roger Baldwin.
- 7368 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Sun Aug 8, 2h 39, 5040 Lincolnshire S Royal.  
Comp. David G Maynard.
- 7369 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Mon Aug 9, 2h 37, 5040 Spliced S Royal (3m: 1680 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire: 16 com, atw) Comp. Peter C Randall.
- 7370 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Aug 10, 2h 23, 5184 Bristol S Major.  
Comp. David G Maynard.
- 7371 BUCKFASTLEIGH**, The Bowerdon Peal. Tue Aug 17, 1h 50, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(12m: (1) London, Wells (2) Norwich (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) York, Durham (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Bourne (7) Cambridge, Ipswich).
- 7372 EXETER**, 64 Mount Pleasant Road. Tue Aug 17, 2h 19, 5056 Turramurra S Major.  
Comp. D F Morrison (No 6834).
- 7373 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri Aug 20, 2h 52, 5040 Hurlock S Royal. Comp. Robert D S Brown.
- 7374 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Aug 24, 2h 21, 5088 Kent TB Major. Comp. Robert W Lee.
- 7375 BROADCLYST**, St John the Baptist. Fri Aug 27, 3h 25, 5024 Yorkshire S Major. Comp. J F Young.
- 7376 NEWTON ABBOT**, St Leonard's Tower. Mon Aug 30, 2h 42, 5100 Newton Abbot Alliance Major.  
Comp. Robert D S Brown.
- 7377 BUCKERELL**, SS Mary & Giles. Tue Aug 31, 2h 47, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(14m: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland (2) London, Wells (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth (4) Westminster, Allendale (5) York, Durham (6) Beverley, Surfleet (7) Cambridge, Ipswich).
- 7378 HUNTSAM**, All Saints. Thu Sep 2, 2h 44, 5054 Oodwail Alliance Major.  
Comp. Robert D S Brown.
- 7379 KINGSKERSWELL**, St Mary. Fri Sep 3, 2h 47, 5184 Turramurra S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown, Donald F Morrison (No 229).
- 7380 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Sun Sep 5, 2h 39, 5040 Spliced S Royal (3m: 1680 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire: 73 com; atw). Comp. Thomas J Hinks (arr Matthew J ).
- 7381 HIGHWEEK**, All Saints. Thu Sep 9, 2h 46, 5184 Hwange D Major. Comp. Donald F Morrison (No 2013b).
- 7382 PINHOE**, St Michael & All Angels. Mon Sep 13, 2h 48, 5184 Maze As A Brush Alliance Major.  
Comp. Robert D S Brown from Middleton's.
- 7383 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri Sep 17, 2h 57, 5040 Cambridge S Royal. Comp. C Kenneth Lewis.
- 7384 BUCKFASTLEIGH**, Ruined Church of The Holy Trinity. Thu Sep 23, 2h 54, 5088 Otterburn S Major. Comp. Donald F Morrison (No 6114).
- 7385 WEMBURY**, St Werburgh. Fri Oct 8, 2h 40, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(7m: Lightfoot, Westminster, Annable's London, Bourne, Beverley, Norwich, Cambridge).
- 7386 COMBE RALEIGH**, St Nicholas. Sat Oct 9, 2h 35, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(15m: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland (2) London, Wells (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth (5) York, Durham (6) Beverley, Surfleet (7) Bourne, Cambridge, Ipswich).
- 7387 WOLBOROUGH**, St Mary. Sat Oct 9, 2h 58, 5024 Cambridge S Major. Comp. Donald F Morrison (No 7926).
- 7388 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Oct 12, 2h 18, 5056 Spliced S Major (4m: 1344 Yorkshire

- 1312 Cambridge; 1280 Lincolnshire; 1120 Rutland: 80 com, atw). Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7389 COFFINSWELL**, St Bartholomew. Thu Oct 14, 2h 47, 5040 Surprise Minor (18m: (1) London, Wells (2) Westminster, Allendale (3) York, Durham (4) Annable's London (5) Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne).
- 7390 CALVERLEIGH**, St Mary the Virgin. Fri Oct 15, 2h 34, 5040 Surprise Minor (7m: London, Wells, York, Durham, Bourne, Beverley, Cambridge).
- 7391 BUCKFASTLEIGH**, The Bowerdon Peal. Sat Oct 16, 1h 53, 5040 Spliced S Minor (29m: Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Annable's London, Stamford, Netherseale, Coldstream, Lincoln, London, Kelso, Cunecastre, Wells, Norwich, Bacup, Bamborough, Westminster, Allendale, Beverley, Cambridge, Berwick, Surfleet, Primrose, Hexham, Durham, York, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne
- 7392 NORTH BOVEY**, Piglet Cottage. Tue Oct 19, 1h 58, 5040 Spliced Treble Dodging Minor (76m: Wells Surprise, London Surprise, Kelso Surprise, Lincoln Surprise, Combermere Delight, Vale Royal Delight, Crowland Delight, St Werburgh Delight, Southwark Delight, Coldstream Surprise, Cunecastre Surprise, Abbeyville Delight, Canterbury Delight, Chester Surprise, Whitley Surprise, Sandiacre Surprise, Glastonbury Delight, Sherborne Delight, Tewkesbury Delight, Canterbury Surprise, Munden Surprise, Evesham Delight, Tintern Delight, Alnwick Surprise, Wooler Surprise, Northumberland Surprise, Carlisle Surprise, Melrose Delight, Morpeth Surprise, Fountains Delight, Newcastle Surprise, Wearmouth Surprise, Westminster Surprise, Lightfoot Surprise, Bamborough Surprise, Warkworth Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Rossendale Surprise, Netherseale Surprise, Annable's London Surprise, Stamford Surprise, Old Oxford Delight, Bacup Surprise, Merton Delight, Neasden Delight, College Bob IV Delight, St Albans Delight, Braintree Delight, Humber Delight, Allendale Surprise, Newdigate Delight, Charlwood Delight, Hull Surprise, Berwick Surprise, Clarence Delight, Norfolk Surprise, Durham Surprise, Burnaby Delight, Burslem Delight, York Surprise, Kirkstall Delight, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Bourne Surprise, Hexham Surprise, Primrose Surprise, Elston Delight, London Victory Delight, Waltham Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Marple Delight, Taxal Delight, Wragby Delight, Willesden Delight, Bedford Delight). Comp. John S Warboys (TD0702).
- 7393 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri Oct 22, 2h 53, 5040 Lincolnshire S Royal. Comp. J H Fielden.
- 7394 WHITCHURCH**, St Andrew. Wed Nov 3, 2h 53, 5040 Spliced S Minor (25m: (1) London, Wells (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth (5) Annable's London, Rossendale, Stamford (6, 7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet).
- 7395 HIGHWEEK**, All Saints. Thu Nov 4, 2h 46, 5024 Barcote S Major. Comp. D F Morrison (No 4361).
- 7396 SAMPFORD SPINEY**, St Mary. Sat Nov 6, 2h 37, 5040 Spliced S Minor (16m: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland (2) London, Wells, Cunecastre (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth (5) York, Durham (6) Beverley, Surfleet (7) Bourne, Cambridge, Ipswich).
- 7397 STAPLEGROVE**, Somerset, St John the Evangelist. Mon Nov 8, 2h 38, 5040 Surprise Minor (18m: (1) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (2) Netherseale (3) York, Durham (4) Westminster (5) Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne).
- 7398 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Nov 9, 2h 21, 5056 Spliced S Major (5m: 1056 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Yorkshire; 832 Rutland: 76 com, atw). Comp. Emma J Southerington.
- 7399 KINGSTEIGNTON**, Kings Ting Tong. Tue Nov 9, 1h 41, 5040 Surprise Minor (7m: York, Netherseale, Bourne, Westminster, Beverley, Norwich, Cambridge).
- 7400 EAST STOKE**, Somerset, Ringmore 21. Sat Nov 13, 2h 1, 5040 Surprise Minor (7m: (1) Norwich (2) Bourne (3) York (4) Ipswich (5,6) Beverly, Surfleet (7) Cambridge).
- 7401 BROADCLYST**, St John the Baptist. Sat Nov 20, 3h 11, 5024 Lessness S Major. Comp. B D Constant.
- 7402 KINGSTEIGNTON**, Kings Ting Tong. Mon Nov 22, 1h 45, 5040 Spliced S Minor (14m: 720 Carlisle, Cunecastre, Durham, York; 408 Chester, Westminster; 312 Allendale, Munden; 216 Cambridge; 144 Ipswich, Norfolk; 72 Bourne, Hull, Primrose). Comp. Peter G C Ellis.
- 7403 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Nov 23, 2h 23, 5088 Yorkshire S Major.

Comp. Graham A C John.

**7404 KINGSTEIGNTON**, Kings Ting Tong. Thu Nov 25, 1h 46, 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. Comp. P G C Ellis.

**7405 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri Nov 26, 2h 52, 5088 Rutland S Major. Comp. T Hooley.

**7406 WOLBOROUGH**, St Mary. Wed Dec 1, 3h 1, 5088 Devon Square D Major.

Comp. Robert D S Brown.

**7407 HARTLAND**, St Nectan. Sat Dec 4, 3h 16, 5040 Surprise Minor

(17m: (1) London, Wells (2) Carlisle (3) Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth (4) York (5) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet (6) Annable's London (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne.

**7408 LUSTLEIGH**, St John the Baptist. Mon Dec 6, 2h 42, 5040 Spliced S Minor

(24m: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Annable's London, Rossendale, Stamford (4) Durham, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet (5-7) Cambridge, York, Ipswich, Hull, Norfolk, Bourne, Lightfoot, Allendale, Bamborough, Westminster). Comp. John S Warboys (SUO301) 5-7.

**7409 KINGSTEIGNTON**, Kings Ting Tong. Thu Dec 9, 1h 48, 5040 Spliced S Minor

(16m: (1) Westminster, Allendale (2) York, Durham (3) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge (4, 5) Annable's London, Norwich (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne).

**7410 WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH**, St John the Evangelist. Sat Dec 11, 3h 7, 5040 Cambridge S Royal.

Comp. J Clatworthy.

**7411 BICKINGTON**, St Mary the Virgin. Tue Dec 14, 2h 38, 5040 Surprise Minor

(12m: (1) York, Durham (2) London, Wells (3) Chester, Munden (4) Westminster, Allendale (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Bourne).

**7412 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Dec 14, 2h 28, 5152 Lessness S Major.

Comp. Emma J Southerington.

**7413 KINGSTEIGNTON**, St Michael. Sat Dec 18, 2h 57, 5088 Turramurra S Major.

Comp. Robert D S Brown.

**7414 KINGSTON ST MARY**, Somerset, Blessed Virgin Mary. Mon Dec 20, 3h 2, 5040 Spliced S Minor

(22m: (1) London, Wells (3) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth (5) York, Durham (6) Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne).

**7415 HUNTSHAM**, All Saints. Thu Dec 23, 2h 34, 5000 Snishums Alliance Major.

Comp. Robert D S Brown.

**7416 TOPSHAM**, St Margaret. Thu Dec 23, 2h 41, 5040 Doubles

(7m: 720 Winchendon Place, St Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, St Martins, St Simons, Plain Bob, Grandsire).

**7417 BOVEY TRACEY**, SS Peter, Paul, & Thomas of Canterbury. Mon Dec 27, 2h 52, 5184 Bovey

Tracey Christmas D Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown.

**7418 WOLBOROUGH**, St Mary. Fri Dec 31, 3h 13, 5152 Causey Arch D Major.

Comp. George H Campling.

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**BELLBOARD**

## 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
2022	Exeter	Mid
2023	North / North West	Aylesbeare
2024	South West	East
2025	Mid	North East
2026	Aylesbeare	Exeter
2027	East	North / North West
2028	East	Aylesbeare
2029	North East	South West



# Quarter Peal Secretary Report

The report records a total of 226 performances (4 rung outside the county by Guild bands, indicated with an ‘\*’). The report includes on-line performances (those indicated with ‘CCC’ being rung with motion controllers).

Performances were rung at 82 separate locations involving 240 individual ringers and 63 conductors.

**Leading Towers:** Exeter, Mount Pleasant Road (HB) 23; Lundy 20; Exeter, St Mark 16; Kings-Ting-Tong 13; Exeter Cathedral 10.

**Leading Methods:** Plain Bob Minor 14; Grandsire Doubles, Cambridge Surprise Minor 12; Bristol Surprise Major 11; Grandsire Triples, Yorkshire Surprise Major 10.

Abbreviations used to denote handbell locations: Bovey Tracey S – Sorrento; Exeter HA - Hoopern Avenue, MPR - Mount Pleasant Road, WD – Woodland Drive, WR – Weirfield Road, WVR - Whipton Village Road; Kingsteignton LB - Long Barton; Landscope OE – Orchard End; Lundy OHS - Old House South; Lynmouth BH – Bay Hotel; North Bovey PC - Piglet Cottage; Paignton WA - Winsu Avenue; Torquay B – Bartcombe; West Raddon RC - Rose Cottage; Whimble BG - Bramley Gardens; Woolacombe WBH – Woolacombe Bay Hotel.

Quarter peals shown in *italics* were rung by visiting bands.

## January

9	HB Bovey Tracey S	1440 Spliced Surprise Minor (2m)
10	Distributed	1260 Grandsire Doubles
20	HB North Bovey PC	1440 Spliced Delight Minor (8m)

## February

6	Distributed	1400 Kent Treble Bob Royal
7	Distributed CCC	1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major
12	HB Kingsteignton LB	1272 Plain Bob Minimus
17	HB North Bovey PC	1440 Spliced Delight Minor (14m)

## March

5	Distributed CCC	1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal
23	HB North Bovey PC	1320 Spliced Treble Bob Minor (8m)
30	HB West Raddon RC	1260 Plain Bob Minor

## April

4	HB West Raddon RC	1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major
6	HB Exeter WVR	1280 Kent Treble Bob Royal
11	HB Exeter WD	1260 Plain Bob Minor
	HB Whimble BG	1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal
		1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal
13	Distributed CCC	1312 Bristol Surprise Major
16	HB Exeter HA	1312 Kent Treble Bob Major
		1280 Plain Bob Major
17	HB Exeter MPR	1280 Spliced Surprise Major (8m)
		1280 Bristol Surprise Major
18	HB Exeter WD	1260 Plain Bob Minor
25	HB Exeter WD	1260 Plain Bob Minor
	HB Whimble BG	1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major
		1312 Kent Treble Bob Major
30	Distributed	1260 Grandsire Doubles

## May

1	HB Exeter HB MPR	1312 Kent Treble Bob Major
		1260 Double Bob Minor

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	3	HB Exeter MPR	1296 Kent Treble Bob Maximus
15		HB Exeter MPR	1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major
17		HB Exeter WD	1264 Plain Bob Major
23		Exeter St Mark	1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor
27		HB Torquay B	1260 Double Bob Minor
30		Exeter St Mark	1272 Norwich Surprise Minor
		<i>HB Lynmouth BH</i>	<i>1320 Spliced Surprise Minor (2m)</i>
		HB Whimple BG	1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal

### June

2		Exeter St Mark	1296 Spliced Surprise Minor (2m)
3		HB North Bovey PC	2160 Spliced Surprise Minor (16m)
6		Exeter St Mark	1272 London Surprise Minor
		HB Exeter WVR	1264 Plain Bob Major
9		Exeter St Mark	1260 St Clement's Court Bob Minor
11		<i>Lundy</i>	<i>1320 Plain Bob Doubles</i>
12		HB Exeter WD	1280 Plain Bob Major
		<i>HB Lundy OHS</i>	<i>1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor</i>
13		Exeter St Mark	1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor
		<i>Lundy</i>	<i>1296 Spliced Surprise Minor (2m)</i>
		<i>HB Lundy OHS</i>	<i>1280 Cambridge Surprise Major</i>
			<i>1260 Plain Bob Minor</i>
14		<i>HB Lundy OHS</i>	<i>1344 Plain Bob Major</i>
16		<i>HB Lundy OHS</i>	<i>1344 4m Spliced Surprise Major</i>
19		HB Exeter MPR	1272 Norwich Surprise Minor
			1272 Cambridge Surprise Minor
20		Exeter St Mark	1272 Carlisle Surprise Minor
		HB Exeter WD	1264 Plain Bob Major
22		Northleigh	1296 Minimus (3m)
		St Marychurch	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
		Widworthy	1260 Grandsire Doubles
		HB Exeter WR	1260 Plain Bob Minor
27		Exeter St Mark	1272 Spliced Surprise Minor (2m)
29		Exeter Cathedral	1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

### July

4		Exeter St Mark	1272 Kent Treble Bob Minor
		Distributed	1280 Kent Treble Bob Royal
		HB Exeter MPR	1280 Spliced Surprise Major (4m)
			1312 Bristol Surprise Major
10		HB Exeter WD	1264 Plain Bob Major
11		Exeter St Mark	1296 Netherseale Surprise Minor
13		St Marychurch	1260 Plain Bob Minor
15		<i>Bampton</i>	<i>1260 Doubles (6m)</i>
17		HB Exeter MPR	1312 Bristol Surprise Major
			1280 Spliced Surprise Major (4m)
18		Exeter St Mark	1272 Chester Surprise Minor
20		<i>Lundy</i>	<i>1272 Westminster Surprise Minor</i>
			<i>1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major</i>
21		<i>Lundy</i>	<i>1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal</i>
22		<i>Lundy</i>	<i>2021 Spliced Royal (4m)</i>
23		<i>Lundy</i>	<i>1280 Bristol Surprise Major</i>
		Tiverton St Peter	1260 Grandsire Doubles
24		<i>Lundy</i>	<i>1280 Bristol Surprise Royal</i>



27	Kings-Ting-Tong	1440 Spliced Surprise Minor (9m)
28	Sampford Spiney	1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor

**August**

1	Exeter Cathedral	1263 Stedman Caters
6	HB Exeter MPR	1280 DNCB Major
	HB Landscope OE	1264 Plain Bob Major
8	Heavitree	1260 Grandsire Triples
9	HB Landscope OE	1260 Spliced Plain Minor (2m)
14	Bickington	1272 Norwich Surprise Minor
	Highweek	1320 Surprise Minor (3m)
	Kingskerswell	1260 Plain Bob Triples
	Lustleigh	1272 Cambridge Surprise Minor
	HB Bovey Tracey S	1272 Spliced Surprise Minor (10m)
15	Exeter Cathedral	1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal
	HB Exeter MPR	1280 Turramurra Surprise Major
16	HB Torquay B	1260 Spliced Plain Minor (3m)
17	Huntsham	1344 Yorkshire Surprise Major
19	Kings-Ting-Tong	1272 Beverley Surprise Minor
		1272 Ipswich Surprise Minor
21	HB Exeter MPR	1260 Grandsire Triples
		1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major
22	Exeter St Mark	1263 Stedman Caters
23	HB Paignton WA	1260 Spliced Plain Minor (2m)
24	<i>Lundy</i>	<i>1275 Stedman Caters</i>
25	<i>Lundy</i>	<i>1377 Bristol Surprise Major</i>
26	<i>Lundy</i>	<i>1312 Bristol Surprise Major</i>
28	HB Bovey Tracey S	1440 Spliced Surprise Minor (23m)
	HB Landscope OE	1344 Little Bob Major

**September**

1	HB Landscope OE	1260 Spliced Plain Minor (2m)
5	Exeter Cathedral	1280 Yorkshire Surprise Royal
6	HB Torquay B	1260 Spliced Plain Minor (3m)
10	Bickington	1260 Grandsire Doubles
11	Kingskerswell	1260 Grandsire Triples
12	HB Exeter MPR	1260 Grandsire Triples
		1312 Spliced Surprise Major (6m)
13	Exeter St Petrock	1272 Ipswich Surprise Minor
16	HB Paignton WA	1260 Plain Bob Minor
21	<i>Broadclyst</i>	<i>1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major</i>
	Kings-Ting-Tong	1272 Westminster Surprise Minor
		1296 Wilmslow Delight Minor
	<i>Silverton</i>	<i>1260 Single Oxford B Triples</i>
26	Exeter Cathedral	1263 Stedman Caters
	Exeter St Mark	1280 Bristol Surprise Major
	Plymouth Minster	1260 Grandsire Doubles
28	Tavistock	1260 Grandsire Doubles

**October**

1	<i>Kenton</i>	<i>1320 Hexham Surprise Minor</i>
	<i>Powderham</i>	<i>1296 Brunsworth Surprise Minor</i>
2	<i>Dawlish</i>	<i>1344 Canterbury L B Major</i>
	<i>Kingsteignton</i>	<i>1280 Kent Treble Bob Major</i>

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	<i>Wolborough</i>	<i>1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major</i>
3	<i>Bishopsteignton</i>	<i>1269 Cambridge Surprise Minor</i>
	<i>East Ogwell</i>	<i>1320 Pythagoras Surprise Minor</i>
	<i>Ideford</i>	<i>1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor</i>
	<i>Ilington</i>	<i>1272 Berwick Surprise Minor</i>
4	<i>Berry Pomeroy</i>	<i>1260 Plain Bob Triples</i>
	<i>Exeter St Petrock</i>	<i>1296 Barham Delight Minor</i>
	<i>Ipplepen</i>	<i>1280 Reverse Dublin Surprise Major</i>
	<i>Kingskerswell</i>	<i>1344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major</i>
8	<i>Tiverton St Paul</i>	<i>1260 Doubles (3m)</i>
12	<i>Kings-Ting-Tong</i>	<i>1296 Berkeley Delight Minor</i>
		<i>1272 Surfleet Surprise Minor</i>
17	<i>Exeter St Mark</i>	<i>1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major</i>
	<i>Tavistock</i>	<i>1260 Grandsire Doubles</i>
22	<i>Littleham (Exmouth)</i>	<i>1260 Plain Bob Doubles</i>
27	<i>Feniton</i>	<i>1272 Kent Treble Bob Minor</i>
	<i>HB Woolacombe WBH</i>	<i>1260 Plain Bob Minor</i>
29	<i>Kentisbeare</i>	<i>1260 Plain Bob Doubles</i>
	<i>HB Bovey Tracey S</i>	<i>2160 Spliced Treble Bob Minor (13m)</i>
30	<i>Brampford Speke</i>	<i>1296 Antarctica Delight Minor</i>
	<i>Clyst St George</i>	<i>1260 Plain Bob Doubles</i>
	<i>Cruwys Morchard</i>	<i>1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor</i>
	<i>HB Exeter MPR</i>	<i>1440 Kent Treble Bob Royal</i>
		<i>1296 Little Bob Royal</i>
31	<i>Brent Tor</i>	<i>1260 Grandsire Doubles</i>
	<i>Plympton St Mary</i>	<i>1260 Plain Bob Minor</i>
	<i>Tiverton St Peter</i>	<i>1260 Grandsire Triples</i>
	<i>HB Exeter MPR</i>	<i>1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major</i>

## November

1	<i>HB Torquay B</i>	<i>1440 Minor (2m)</i>
4	<i>Langford Budville*</i>	<i>1260 Plain Bob Doubles</i>
5	<i>Rackenford</i>	<i>1260 Plain Bob Doubles</i>
	<i>Barnsley (Glos)*</i>	<i>1320 Barnsley Treble Bob Minor</i>
	<i>Bibury (Glos)*</i>	<i>1320 Bacup Surprise Minor</i>
	<i>Windrush (Glos)*</i>	<i>1296 Bourne Surprise Minor</i>
7	<i>Exeter Cathedral</i>	<i>1280 Lessness Surprise Major</i>
	<i>St Budeaux</i>	<i>1260 6 m Doubles</i>
	<i>Tavistock</i>	<i>1260 Grandsire Triples</i>
8	<i>Exeter St Petrock</i>	<i>1272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor</i>
10	<i>Huntsham</i>	<i>1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major</i>
12	<i>Bondleigh</i>	<i>1296 Kermit Treble Bob Minimus</i>
	<i>Broadwoodkelly</i>	<i>1272 Fancy Delight Minor</i>
	<i>Combe Raleigh</i>	<i>1260 Grandsire Doubles</i>
	<i>Iddesleigh</i>	<i>1440 Le Quesnoy Surprise Minor</i>
	<i>Inwardleigh</i>	<i>1260 Chopping Block Bob Minor</i>
	<i>Tiverton St Paul</i>	<i>1260 Doubles (4m)</i>
	<i>HB Bovey Tracey S</i>	<i>1440 Spliced Surprise Minor (23m)</i>
14	<i>Heavitree</i>	<i>1260 Grandsire Triples</i>
	<i>Tavistock</i>	<i>1259 Grandsire Caters</i>
	<i>HB Exeter MPR</i>	<i>1280 Spliced Surprise Major (6m)</i>
16	<i>Kings-Ting-Tong</i>	<i>1272 Abbeyville Delight Minor</i>
		<i>1272 London Surprise Minor</i>

21	Exeter St Mark	1296 Spliced Surprise Minor (2m)
23	Lundy	1260 Grandsire Triples
	HB Lundy OHS	1277 Grandsire Caters
24	Clyst Honiton	1250 Ariel Surprise Maximus
	Heavitree	1250 Spliced Surprise Major (3m)
	Lundy	1260 Stedman Triples
	Sidmouth	1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major
	Woodbury	1277 Grandsire Caters
25	Lundy	1260 Grandsire Triples
		1280 Bristol Surprise Major
		1260 Grandsire Triples
		1260 Stedman Triples
		1259 Grandsire Caters
	HB Lundy OHS	1260 Plain Bob Minor
		1260 Plain Bob Minor
26	Highweek	1250 Jellystone Park Surprise Major
	Kingskerswell	1250 Strike Back Surprise Major
	Lundy	1260 Grandsire Doubles
	Wolborough	1260 Single Oxford B Triples
27	HB Exeter MPR	1280 Spliced Surprise Major (3m)
28	Exeter Cathedral	1344 Bristol Surprise Maximus

## December

2	Kings-Ting-Tong	1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor
5	Exeter Cathedral	1280 Bristol Surprise Major
5	Plymouth Minster	1260 Doubles (11m/v)
6	Exeter St Petrock	1320 Dunedin Delight Minor
10	Combe Raleigh	1260 Grandsire Doubles
11	Berry Pomeroy	1250 I Can't Believe It's Not Cambridge Surprise Major
	Highweek	1344 Old Superlative Surprise Major
	Newton Abbot	1280 Rutland Surprise Major
	Babbacombe	1280 Bristol Surprise Major
12	Clyst St George	1260 Doubles (7m) N Deem
	Tavistock	1260 Plain Bob Minor
14	Kings-Ting-Tong	1320 Cambridge Delight Minor
15	Culmstock	1296 Stedman Triples
	Huntsham	1344 Spliced Surprise Major (2m)
	Uplowman	1296 Spliced Surprise Minor (2m)
19	Exeter Cathedral	1344 Spliced Surprise Major (4m)
	Exeter St Mark	1259 Grandsire Caters
	HB Whimble BG	1280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major
		1280 Lessness Surprise Major
20	Kings-Ting-Tong	1272 Spliced Surprise Minor (8m)
21	Kings-Ting-Tong	1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor
24	Exeter Cathedral	1344 Spliced Surprise Major (4m)
28	Bridestowe	1320 Ipswich Surprise Minor
	Broadwoodwidge	1272 Spliced Surprise Minor (6m)
	Hartland	1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor
	Lewtrenchard	1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor
	Lydford	1272 Norwich Surprise Minor
	Stowford	1296 Wearmouth Surprise Minor

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