

# The Guild of Devonshire Ringers

Annual Report for the year 2022





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## General Secretary's Report

2022 was a year of transitions as the last pandemic restrictions were lifted and we were gradually able to meet again to ring. In June we were able to meet at Crediton for our first in-person Annual General Meeting since 2019. It was good to see many of you during the day and to welcome some new Guild officers, elected at the meeting.

It was particularly pleasing to see the Devon Young Ringers' team taking part in the Ringing World National Youth Contest in Exeter at the start of July; this was the culmination of several month's hard work by our Guild Youth Co-ordinator and the team of helpers.

In October we were delighted to be the guests of the Mid Devon branch for the Guild striking contest, held at Bishopsteignton and Dawlish. Three contests were held and the David Willis plate, the new trophy for the novice 8-bell striking contest was awarded to the Aylesbeare branch.

I've also been pleased to be able to join some of you at your branch meetings during the autumn and I look forward to seeing many of you during 2023.

## Bells and Belfries Advisors

Following the lifting of Covid restrictions, 2022 proved to be a busy year with a good number of inspections being carried out, and also the completion of several restoration schemes by the professional bell hangers.

Major inspections were carried out at Romansleigh (January), Holcombe Burnell and Walkhampton (March), Broadhembury (April), Peter Tavy and Newton St Cyres (August), Stoke Gabriel (September) and Rackenford (November). Return visits were made to both Broadhembury and Peter Tavy to correct the sets of their bells, several of which were setting far too deeply. Follow-up inspections, which concentrate on the progress of work recommended in a previous report, were carried out at Cadeleigh and Clayhidon (May) and East Portlemouth (October).

At Romansleigh we found the foundation beams to be in poor condition and the west side of the bell-frame to be somewhat unstable. At Holcombe Burnell the steel sub-frame is heavily corroded and is in urgent need of rubbing down and painting. At Walkhampton the main issue is of water entering the tower through the very porous stonework of the south face. The intermediate floor is now extremely decayed and rotten; so much so that the church authorities have sadly declared that the bells should not be rung until the floor is replaced.

Our visits to Broadhembury and Rackenford mainly highlighted just maintenance issues, while at Peter Tavy we found everything very loose and spent much of our visit tightening up the bell-frame and headstock nuts. At Newton St Cyres the main issue is that the sound tube system bringing sound down from the bells in the upper tier has collapsed and requires rebuilding. At Stoke Gabriel the treble clapper needs either re-profiling or replacing as it is causing a severe indentation in the soundbow of the bell. Also, the head of the rider frame for the second bell is extremely close to the tower wall such that it bounces on it when the bell is rung.

Despite the valiant efforts of the tower captain, we have to say that Cadeleigh bells are now well overdue for a rehang. At Clayhidon the main issue is lack of ringers, and we spent some time advising the churchwarden on the reinstatement and method of use of the Ellacombe chiming system. We are pleased to report that East Portlemouth bells remain in excellent order.

During the year we also visited Plympton St Mary to advise on minor cracks appearing in two of the bell pads, and Roborough, to investigate the poor going of the second and third bells. Here we found the south side of the bell-frame to be quite unstable such that the outer frame head is moving significantly in relation to the inner head. We strongly recommended contacting the professional bell-hangers with a view to remedying this.

A more unusual inspection involved a visit to Sampford Peverell Primary School to check the condition of the school bell with a view to bringing it back into use, as reported in 'Ringing Round Devon'. We also responded to enquiries from Upton Pyne, Westleigh, Thurlestone and Feniton, the latter requesting a follow-up inspection which we hope to attend to in the new year. We can report that restoration work by the professional bell-hangers has been completed during the year at Milton Abbot, where the six bells have been rehung with all new fittings in a new steel frame; at

Cadbury, where the bells have been rehung in the existing frame; at East Anstey, where the bells have been rehung in the repaired existing frame; at Butterleigh, where the three bells have been rehung as a fixed electronically-operated chime; at Denbury, where the ring of five bells has been transformed into a very pleasant six by adding a new treble and replacing the former very poor second and tenor bells which have been retained for display in the church; and at Cotleigh, where major maintenance has been carried out including repairs to the frame. In each case your advisors assisted the Diocesan Consultant on Bells with the inspection and final signing off of the work.

Work is currently under way at Bigbury, where the bells are being rehung on new sub-frames; at Stoodleigh, where the cracked treble bell is to be welded; and at Huntshaw, where the three bells are being rehung for swing-chiming with a view to possibly augmenting and hanging for full-circle ringing in the future. In association with this latter scheme Ian Campbell gave a well-attended and very well received talk, as was reported in 'Ringing Round Devon'.

We were pleased to be joined for our inspection one of our team at Newton St Cyres and Stoke Gabriel by, and look forward to being accompanied by her in the future – a future Guild Bell Advisor perhaps!

As always, when carrying out inspections, maintenance is carried out at the same time, taking the view that, rather than just reporting that a nut is loose, it makes sense to put a spanner on it and tighten it if at all possible. No charge is made for tower visits or reports but most have made voluntary donations which are put into the DCBRF. As always may we emphasize that we are always happy to visit any Guild (or indeed any other) tower to report on the condition of the bell installation, and to offer advice on any maintenance or restoration issues.

## Central Council Representatives Report

We recently received a debrief from our Central Council representatives following their attendance at the 2022 CCCBR meeting in Nottingham. A recording is available for those who weren't able to attend. <https://youtu.be/l3joCmilVIs>.

The Central Council meeting in 2024 will be held in Devon and as you will hear (about 20 minutes into the recording) we have an opportunity to influence some of the additional activities which will



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take place over the course of the weekend. The Guild officers would be very interested to hear any opinions or requests you may wish to put forward to the Central Council organising team in readiness for the 2024 visit.

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

During 2022 we have seen several projects finally conclude after the shut down and restrictions of Covid meaning the Fund has paid out some £33,500 in total.

Inspections continue to be a large part of our work. Quinquennial bell inspections have been completed at Cadeleigh, Clayhidon, Stoke Gabriel, Holcombe Burnell and East Portlemouth. Other inspections have taken place at nineteen towers in the County and on top of this, completed restoration work has been checked and signed off at Butterleigh, East Anstey, Milton Abbot, Cadbury, Denbury and Cotleigh. This means that during the year the Trustees have inspected the bells at thirty towers, so between two and three per month. All of this is done in our own time and at no cost to the Bell Fund, Guild or Association.

We held our usual two meetings during the year, in April and November. The changes in Chairman, and Secretary have been completed and both are busy fulfilling their various duties.

The bulk of our financial assets remain in the form of the investment portfolio purchased from the William Smale Bequest, and continue to be managed through the Discretionary Portfolio Service of Cathedral Financial Management Ltd of Exeter. The value as at 4 January 2023 was £327,410, as you can see from the accounts this value is ever changing and is unlikely to stabilise for some time to come. As anticipated the dividends received from the investment portfolio this year are lower than pre Covid at £11,365 but heading in the right direction.

Income during the year (excluding that from the investment portfolio) has so far amounted to £7,543, including £863 received from Association towers and events. £3,774 from the Guild and its Branches, £1,302 from personal and miscellaneous donations and £320 following tower inspections. Personal donations made through the CAF donation facility on both the Guild and Association web pages has amounted to £401, and donations via AmazonSmile raised a further £113. Tax refunds following gift-aided donations and bank interest make up the balance.

At the beginning of 2022 the liquid assets of the Fund stood at £66,929. Since that time six grants totalling £33,500 have been paid. £6,000 to Cadbury where the bells were rehung in the existing frame with all new fittings plus tuning of all but the mediaeval fourth and tenor bells. £9,000 to Milton Abbot where the bells were rehung in a new frame with mainly new fittings, the bells were turned and tuned. A new belfry floor was built and a new rope guide was added. £5,700 to East Anstey where a total rehang of the six bells with mainly new fittings has been completed. £2,400 to Butterleigh where the three bells have been conserved and restored to allow for automated chiming, also trapdoors were cut in the floors to allow the bells to be removed and returned. £9,200 to Denbury for a complete rehang in a refurbished frame, the ring was augmented to a six. Two of the old bells were “retired” so the tower has three new bells. A new ringing chamber has been created upstairs making the whole ringing experience so much more enjoyable. £1,200 to Cotleigh where a general renovation has taken place, including replacing part of the frame then rubbing down and repainting the rest of the existing frame.

Grants agreed this year include £3,700 for Huntshaw where all three bells are to be rehung on new headstocks with all new fittings. The 2nd needs to be welded. The treble is to be hung to allow swing chiming by rope, and all bells to be hung for chiming with electromagnetic hammers. The creation of trapdoors which will allow access to the bells for removal and repairs to the intermediate chamber including the insertion of two steel beams. £1,200 to Cotleigh (already paid, see above), £300 to Tiverton St Paul who wish to replace all 6 clappers to improve the sound and go of the bells, £900 to Stoodleigh to have the cracked treble bell removed, welded and rehung, £380 to Sampford Peverell where new gudgeons are required in the tenor headstock and £950 to Uplyme where the frame needs scraping down and repainting plus a general overall of the bells and fittings. Assuming the outstanding eight grants agreed to date are taken up, the uncommitted liquid balance of the Fund stands at approximately £29,758.



**Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund**  
**Registered charity no. 276490**  
**Accounts for the Year 2022**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>DONATIONS</i>		
Guild of Devonshire Ringers and its branches	3,773.93	4,211.58
Devon Association of Ringers	862.89	395.00
Donation Button: via CAF	401.02	918.8
Other donations and fundraising	1,901.54	1,400.31
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>6,939.38</b>	<b>6,925.69</b>
TAX REFUNDS: Gift Aid/income tax	438.79	390.23
BANK INTEREST: CBFCE deposit account	233.18	34.55
SMALE BEQUEST: CFM investment account	11,365.24	8,095.10
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>18,976.59</b>	<b>15,445.57</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>GRANTS TO BELL RESTORATION PROJECTS</i>		
Milton Abbot	9000.00	1200.00
Cadbury	6000.00	
East Anstey	5700.00	900.00
Butterleigh	2400.00	950.00
Denbury	9200.00	3000.00
Cotleigh	1200.00	1900.00
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>33,500.00</b>	<b>7,950.00</b>
<i>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</i>		
Auditor's honorarium	25.00	25.00
Meeting expenses		19.85
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>44.85</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>33,525.00</b>	<b>7,994.85</b>
<b>GAINS (LOSSES)</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income less expenditure	-14,548.41	7,450.72
Increase (decrease) in value of investments	-35,560.28	361,839.86
<b>NET GAIN(LOSS) AT YEAR END</b>	<b>-50,108.69</b>	<b>369,290.58</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>428,769.85</b>	<b>405,046.49</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>378,661.16</b>	<b>428,769.85</b>

**BALANCE SHEET**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>INVESTMENTS</i>		
Value of investments at 31 December	326,279.58	361,839.86
<i>CASH ACCOUNTS</i>		
CBFCE (deposit account)	35,000.00	35,000.00
Lloyds bank (current account)	13751.83	29,077.66
Debtors	3654.75	2,877.33
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors	25.00	25.00
<b>NET CASH</b>	<b>52,381.58</b>	<b>66,929.99</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>378,661.16</b>	<b>428,769.85</b>

## Denmisch Simulator Report

Following COVID the after-school club has not yet restarted, despite a few suggestions to the school. The simulators were booked for the Ringing World National Youth Competition at the start of July. When checking them out a month or so beforehand it was found that both of the computers which had been left there to control the bells were inoperable, and that most of the wooden pulleys below the bells had seized up or were very reluctant to turn, presumably because of the uptake of moisture into the woodwork. One of the sensors on the bells had also failed. It was replaced by a spare. The main faulty computer was repaired and a spare computer programmed and installed. In addition my laptop was configured so that it could be used if necessary. Each of the simulators was unscrewed from the floor and screws holding the frame together were released so that the pulley could be removed together with its supporting blocks. The blocks were then planed down a little to prevent them from rubbing against the pulley when reinstalled.

The security of the gate at the top of the stairs, which gives access to the ringing chamber, has been tightened up by the school. Special arrangements have to be made in advance of every ringing session. The request was actually overlooked by the school on the day of the youth competition and access was only possible just before the event started when a member of staff was called out to unlock the gate. In the event it was disappointing that only a few teams made the walk across from the cathedral to try out the bells but all seemed to enjoy them – as always ringing with the ‘sheep’ sound was most popular although several budding heavy-bell ringers enjoyed ringing with the bell sounding like Grandisson (the cathedral tenor)!

The simulators are available for any bands that would like to try them out or ring quarter or full peals at any time when the school is not in session including evenings and weekends.

## Devon Ringer's Council Report

The ringing festival arranged by the DRC on the 4 Saturday in April was reinstated after a gap of two years due to the Covid Pandemic. There were insufficient entries to run the 10-bell scheduled to take place at Axminster. However, many ringers were present including members from the host tower. Call changes were rung on 6, 8, and 10 bells throughout an enjoyable morning. Several people ringing at Axminster for the first time and others their first on the 10. The 8-bell took place at Honiton and the 6-bell at Clyst St. George. Thanks to all clergy and tower captains for allowing the DRC the use of their bells and thanks to all entrants who helped raise £200 for the DCBRF.

The Carol Service took place during the pandemic via the Zoom facility and thanks must go to all who made this possible. It went ‘live’ once again and for the first time in its 30-year history was held at the Parish Church of St. Michael, Kingsteignton on Saturday 17th December. Thanks to the retiring collection on the day, a cheque for £100 was sent to the Children's Hospice South- West.

The DRC was formed in 2001 and consisted of members from both the Guild and Association. Circumstances have evolved and progressed over the past 20 years, and it is felt that the original reason for the forming of the DRC has been addressed to a large degree – that of bringing the two ringing fraternities close together. It will be proposed that its future membership be re-designed. To this end, meetings will be held and hopefully bring us even closer together. Who knows, we might even have one ringing association one day? In so doing the plan for future membership of the Council could change to invite specific people who have a specific interest and expertise in a specific agenda item. An excellent agenda item example of how things will now move forward will be the forthcoming 150- and 100-year celebrations due to take place in 2024 and 2025. Another will be ‘Ring for the King.’ Although work is already underway with this, there may be ways in which the DRC can be helpful to all towers in the County whether Guild or Association affiliated. Watch this space.

## Devon Young Ringers Report

Devon Young Ringers has continued to meet monthly at St Michael and All Angels, Pinhoe throughout 2022 with generous support from volunteers. The tower is ideal for the group as an easy, ground floor ring of eight in a central Devon location, with ample parking. Attendance of young ringers to these practices has been low and efforts are continuing to reach more young people in Devon from both the Guild and Association.

Several Devon Young Ringers joined a mini outing organised to Dunkerswell and Churchstanton (Somerset) which was a brilliant day out and a great chance for our ringers to get to know one another. 2022 saw the Ringing World National Youth Contest hosted in Exeter. Devon Young Ringers entered a band of six into the call change competition and were delighted to come 4th place out sixteen bands, with a special mention from the judges for ringing Devon-style changes with closed handstroke leads. On the competition day, the ringers enjoyed a fantastic and inspiring day out in Exeter, with a chance to ring at several towers and mini-rings.

In 2023 the RWNYS will be held in York on 8th July 2023. York will be a significant challenge compared to Exeter however we are aiming to raise a band to compete and plans are underway to achieve this. This will be an exciting and inspiring weekend for our ringers and will be a highlight of the year. Monthly practices will continue at Pinhoe on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 2-4pm (except for April which has been moved to 16th April so as not to clash with Easter Sunday). We will also hold a Young Ringers mini-outing on the week commencing 10th April, full details to be confirmed. All abilities are welcome at our practices and outings. We have young ringers who are just learning to handle a bell right up to those who have rung peals. The mixture of abilities gives our more able ringers the opportunity to practice their mentoring skills, and the atmosphere is extremely supportive. The sessions support young ringers in Devon to meet one another, make new friends and try new challenges together. I would be grateful to branches and towers for encouraging your young ringers to attend our practices as we attempt to build our numbers this year. The budget for Young Ringers events has been spent on tower donations to Pinhoe, refreshments for the practices and on costs associated with our entry to the RW National Youth Contest. Through 2023 our expenditure for practices will be similar, however expenses for travel and accommodation in York will be more significant.

## Education Officer report

Soon after taking up office, I sent out a survey to all the Branch Education officers. The replies received suggested that those particular branches were doing a good job of managing their learners and teaching; they are making good use of the ART materials, as well as using their competent ringers to help out at other towers from time to time when required. This seems to be an effective way of meeting local needs, although not so easy with far flung towers, and we must be aware that this could result in the overworking of a valiant few. A guild event/day course might be helpful in such a case.

Some branches are able to offer a more centralised format, collecting together in one tower for a few weeks' practice of specific skills. There were a couple of requests for some Guild sessions for practicing Surprise major methods, as not many towers or groups of towers have their own SM bands. I've also had requests that we organise some practices of plain hunt on 'bigger' numbers, and arrange some 10-bell practices Guild-wide.

Most recently with the impetus of Ring for the King, branches have been very proactive about attracting more ringers, some brand new, others previously lapsed. Well done if this includes your branch. How are you managing these extra people? Are you holding separate sessions for beginners, getting together with another tower to hold special sessions, absorbing them into your normal practice night? Give me a call if you need some ideas.

There is a thought that we could join with the Association in their desire to ring every bell in the County to celebrate a special anniversary in 2024/5. Some ideas have been put forward about teaching centres/ ringing schools, and wondering about using St Petrock's Exeter as such?



Having come from Sussex to Devon, I'm wondering whether it would be possible to run a weekend of courses as they do very successfully, offering two-day intensive courses at a variety of levels, each level lasting the two days, from Plain Bob Doubles onwards.

I've been trying to get out and visit branch practices, in order to meet new faces, put names and faces together, and generally introduce myself. Thank you to those of you who have made me so welcome. It's been fun and I look forward to meeting many more of you.

## Frank Mack Garage Ring

I am pleased to report that the FMGR have bounced back into use after a period of inactivity due to the pandemic. During the year the bells have been put to good use at events around the County including, Exeter Cathedral, Killerton, Branscombe, Kingskerswell and Membury. Whilst it looks unlikely we will be attending the Devon County Show in the near future, an event that was extremely successful was the Brixham Steam Fair. This was arranged by the Mid-Devon Branch where we had an excellent turn-out attracting many people over three days.

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.

If you would like to borrow them for an event, please use the on-line booking form or contact me direct on 07966 700423.

## Guild Librarian

**Library Opening and Usage.** The Library's main book and pamphlet collection is housed at St Petrock's in Exeter. The Library was opened 10 times, approximately monthly, during the year. This has ensured that the small damp problem reported last year has been kept well under control and meant that members have a regular opportunity to visit. While the number of loans and visits is relatively small, email enquiries continue to come in at least monthly on average. In 2022 seven of these were from Guild members, two from the Central Council Library and two from other enquirers. The Friends of the Library enjoyed a subscription holiday in 2022 recognising the limits imposed on library use by the pandemic, but subscriptions for 2023 are now due and a new Friends Newsletter is in preparation.

**New Acquisitions, Donations and Disposals.** A major new ringing publishing initiative is being developed by *The Ringing World*. Copies of the *Little Purple* and *Little Green* Ringing Books and the *Criblines* series have been purchased for the "Learner's Library" collection and Simon Linford's *The Core Seven and Beyond: A Guide to Treble Dodging Major* has been added to the main collection. We were pleased to accept two significant donations to the Library. We omitted to report that in 2021 we were approached by the family of E.V. Cox and offered a postcard album. Inscribed "Views of towers in which I have rung. Ernest V. Cox", the album contains postcards and photographs of churches across the country, and some have messages and postmarks on their reverse. Prebendary E.V. Cox was the Guild's President from 1934 to 1961 and had previously been Guild Secretary, Chairman of Exeter Branch and the first Secretary and Treasurer of the newly formed North East Branch. Naturally, we were pleased to accept the offer and are grateful to the great nephew and niece of "E V", for the generous gift. We are also grateful to a former Guild member, who gave useful modern facsimile editions of classic ringing titles such as *Tintinnalogia* and Morris's *History and Art of Change Ringing*. Being able to lend the modern editions protects some of the originals we have in the Library.

In line with the decision of the Guild we have disposed of some of the duplicate copies of titles

where there is no special reason to keep them. Book sales were held at the Guild AGM in Crediton and at the Guild Striking Competitions in Dawlish. A total of £165 was raised for library funds.

**Digitising our records.** A further batch of older Guild Annual Reports were scanned and digitised during the year. Reports from 1910 to 1961 are now available through a link on the library pages of the Guild website and are a valuable first starting point for many enquiries. We are grateful to a Guild member for the considerable work involved in making the scanning possible and preparing the resulting files in an OCR format which allows textword searching of each report.

**Reminder of how you can use the Library.** Details of library services are given on Guild website at: <https://devonringers.org.uk/guild/library>. Much information is available online as well as by visiting St Petrock's on open days. The Librarian is happy to receive email enquiries to: [librarian@devonringers.org.uk](mailto:librarian@devonringers.org.uk).

## Guild 150 Celebrations

### RINGING WORLD 2024 CALENDAR PROJECT

**The Project Team** consists of the RW Editor, along with five other Guild and Association representatives. We were sad to lose one of the team in the summer, but pleased to welcome a member from Kings Nympton with wide TV & film experience, to replace him.

**Progress so far.** Discussions have taken place with about the format and technical issues related to the publication of the calendar. A long list of about 30 possible locations to include have been identified and the six most iconic and those most relevant to Guild or Association history have been selected. The team is currently capturing photographs and collecting information for captions and brief histories of both societies. This work needs to be completed by April this year for the publication to go to press in June.

**Costs and Sales.** Travel expenses are likely to be the largest cost for the project and a budget has been agreed with the Guild Treasurer. We have been offered copies of the finished publication at £2 each for sale in Devon. This is a substantial reduction on the expected full price of £10. If we succeed in selling 100 copies between the two societies (at a reduced price for advance and by collection sales) and locally in Devon, we will generate a small profit for the DCBRF. Copies are expected to go on sale in August.

### 2024 ACTIVITIES

The 150 committee has recently lost two members. If you're interested in joining please contact one of the remaining committee members.. Meetings have been held by zoom. The activities suggested for 2024 now need to be moved forwards, these include:

- A dinner during March 2024.
- A celebration weekend in March 2024.
- A greater presence at various shows throughout Devon.
- A revised history of the Guild.
- Commemorative items.

## Guild Insurance Officer

The Guild insurance is provided by Ecclesiastical who also cover the majority of churches in the UK. Consequently, as an insurer, they have a good understanding of the risks associated with churches including bells. Ecclesiastical have an excellent reputation and the cover adequately meets the Guild's insurance requirements.

We currently have the following covers:

- Public Liability – to cover bodily injury or damage to third parties at Guild events
- Employers' Liability – to cover injury to people acting under instruction (the definition of Employee includes volunteers)
- Trustee' and Management liability – to protect trustees and the management committee against liability for wrongful (inadvertent) acts/omissions

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I think these are the core cover requirements for the Guild and although we could look at other cover aspects such as cyber liability cover for breaches of data and material cover for theft of Guild assets etc, I think the risk is minimal and my recommendation is the cover remains as it is.

The primary purpose of the insurance is to cover Public and Employers' Liability at Guild Events Only. Insurance is a requirement to hold Guild events and the membership fees go towards allowing these events to happen not as a private insurance arrangement for members.

Although we have previously discussed the fact it can extend to protect members if they were involved in an incident which is not specifically a Guild event but could be considered a general Guild activity (i.e. pretty much most ringing by Guild members), this is not what the cover is in place for and should only be used as a "emergency" last resort if there is no other cover in place. Apologies if I did not explain this clearly previously.

In practice, most incidents will be covered by the insurance of the Church in which they occur unless there is a specific Guild event being held there in which case it depends on the circumstances i.e. was it the Guild's fault (perhaps a someone tripped over a Guild sign) or Church's fault (perhaps poor maintenance etc) that led to an incident occurring. It is highly unlikely that a Church would make a liability claim against an individual member for damage to the property etc such as breaking a rope. Further, most people's domestic home policies will have personal liability cover, so if an individual causes an incident themselves whilst on a ringing trip for instance (which isn't specifically a Guild event), a claim may be more applicable with them directly rather than to the Guild or host church. The amount of claims scenarios for individual members are endless and it is very difficult to say whether the Guild would be liable or whether cover would operate in each instance. It is much better to keep things simple and note that the cover is primarily in force for Guild events.

As insurance officer, I am very happy to answer queries regarding claims, events being organised and further, advise the Guild on the most suitable cover for its needs.

The one potential claim was for an incident which occurred at St Andrews, Plymouth and is a good example of what I am trying to convey above. From memory, I think a slider failed and a ringer was taken up quite some distance and suffered an arm injury. Now although this occurred at a Guild tower, it was not specifically a Guild event. This was a local practice and the ringers are practising to maintain standards for Sunday ringing at that church. As the incident was as a result of a failure of church property, the logical claim would be made against the church insurance policy (also most likely with Ecclesiastical). If the tutor was blamed for the incident, again in the first instance, the claim would go through the church insurance as they are a (voluntary) employee of the church. However, if for whatever reason the church policy would not operate (I cannot see any reason why it wouldn't), the Guild cover would almost certainly protect that member for bodily injury caused whilst an individual was injured under their instruction (under the recently added Employers' Liability section). It is also worth noting that at a local practice, there may be a mix of Guild and non Guild members so again, in the first instance the church insurance should be relied upon. The key point is that members should really be relying on the Church insurance for most things in the first instance unless specifically at a Guild/branch event.

I hope this summarises the key aspects of the cover in force. Should you have any further queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Ringing Recruitment & Retention

### Workgroup

Following the workgroup report submitted to the Guild AGM on 18th June 2022, the workgroup has held three further meetings, the most recent on the 4th January 2023. The workgroup continues to receive feedback from the branches represented regarding recruitment activities held during the second half of 2022. In general, the most successful approach to recruitment seems to be the holding of taster sessions, which are advertised locally via various social media channels.

### Guild Recruitment Resources

1. *Learn to Ring to Crown a King* The ringing of the bells across the UK to mark the death of Queen

Elizabeth has helped to bring ringing back into the spotlight. The forthcoming coronation of King Charles has been taken as a recruitment opportunity by the Central Council. In line with this, the workgroup has developed a specific recruitment leaflet called, "Learn to Ring to Crown a King" which encourages people to sign up to learn the basics of bell ringing in time to ring for the King's coronation. The workgroup designed the leaflet, using the logo provided by the Central Council and contains space to insert details of local taster sessions or practice nights. It also has a QR code which links to a Guild contact form where they can leave their details and be directed to their nearest teaching tower. This resource was sent as a PDF to all Branch Secretaries in mid-November and is also available on the Guild website to download and print locally. Several towers are using the recruitment leaflet and they have received a number of enquiries to attend the taster sessions.

**2. General recruitment resources** The workgroup has revised and modernised the Devon Ringing tri-fold leaflet and created an accompanying A3 or A4 poster for display. The tri-fold leaflet contains information about the basics of ringing and what learning to ring entails, plus information on both traditions and signposts to the Guild and the Association for more information. There is space for local contact details and taster sessions to be added. It also contains the Guild QR code which links to the Guild contact form where people can register their interest in learning to ring. There is also signposting to ART and CCCBR. This leaflet is intended to be given out at events and can be used alongside the CCCBR leaflet.

The A4/A3 poster (2 pages) has virtually the same content as the trifold but it has been designed to be displayed in towers, in church porches, information boards etc. There is a small space for local contact details and the Guild QR code for the Guild contact. This resource will be available to download from the Guild website and can be printed locally.

The contact information on the poster can be changed by request to the Publicity Officer and can be updated at any time. A simple A5 recruitment flyer which outlines the basics of learning to ring, along with the QR code which links to the Guild contact form and the Guild Education Officer's email has also been created. Information about local taster sessions can be added to the reverse side. This resource will be available to download from the Guild website and can be printed locally. The contact information on the poster can be changed by request to the Publicity Officer and can be updated at any time.

The draft versions of these leaflets have been shared with the Association to see if they would be interested in using these resources and what information they would like to be included. The Association has confirmed they are happy with the proposed text and if they want to use the leaflets they will be able to buy some from the Guild. Quotes have been received from Pollards, who print our Guild Report for review by Guild Officers. The workgroup also created a GDPR compliant individual sign-up sheet. This is for people to express an interest in learning to ring and to provide their contact details. This is available on the website.

### **Guild Drop in Taster Sessions and Ringing Courses**

The workgroup will begin to look into the feasibility of holding some Saturday drop in taster session at St Petrock's in Exeter. This has been chosen because of its location, the ease of access to the church, the encouraging and supportive relationship with the church itself and the fact that the church holds the Guild's Library. In the first instance the idea is to hold some scheduled taster sessions on the 3rd Saturday of the month, which is the day the Guild Library is open in the afternoon. The Cathedral ringers typically practice on this 3rd Saturday evening and some of those ringers may be willing to help out. Ringers from the Exeter Colleges Guild may also be willing to help. The workgroup will also look into the possibility of organising day courses, or holding a ringing weekend/residential course to cater for different levels of ringing. One idea is to hold this during the October Ringing Festival

### **The Big Ding**

As 2024 and 2025 are significant years in the history of the Guild and the Association, the workgroup is considering having a joint bash, with the Association and Guild joining together to make a big noise. The workgroup will look into the feasibility of organising an open tower day and inviting 20 or 30 towers that are rarely rung to open their doors and to advertise the opportunity

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for tower grabbing. It could also be used to fundraise for the DCBRF and also to encourage method and call change ringers to ring together.

#### **A Guild Vision and Strategy**

Recruitment and retention and the need for more trainers are the key issues facing ringing in Devon. This is true for Guild and Association towers and at present we do not have a clear picture of the health (or otherwise) of ringing in Guild Towers. The Central Council have identified the next seven years as a critical time for ringing, in that if we don't make a concerted and sustained effort to recruit and retain learners and train teachers, by the time we get to 2030, in many places we will have lost the critical mass needed to keep ringing going.

Given the demographic of the majority of ringers in Devon (outside the urban centres of Plymouth and Exeter), we would concur that the next 7-10 years are critical to future of ringing across our county. In light of this the workgroup will start to work in collaboration with the Guild's branches and towers to begin to gather data to create a "heat map", that is an activity map showing the numbers of active ringers in towers, towers with learners and teaching activities, towers which provide training for improvers and so on, so we can see where there are hubs and hotspots of activity. From this we can start to make some recommendations for the future structure of the Guild and its branches. The basic vision of the workgroup therefore, is that the Guild and its branches are structured to work in such a way as to help facilitate the recruitment and distribution of ringers to where they are needed for service ringing.

#### **On-going Recommendations from Work Group Discussions**

1. The Guild, having now recruited a Publicity officer, will start to look at developing a comprehensive communications strategy to complement local level advertising. The Publicity Officer will do this in conjunction with the workgroup and branch publicity officers and start to compile a list of publications which the Guild might pay to advertise in. This also includes making better use of Ringing Round Devon and any other ringing focused publications/medial channels.
2. With new recruitment resources available, the Guild will now look to develop a recruitment page on the website aimed a learners and those with no knowledge of bell ringing.

#### **Next Meeting**

The date of the next workgroup meeting will be the 8th March at 7.30pm on Zoom. The workgroup currently lacks representatives from the Exeter and North/ North-West branches. If a ringer from these branches would care to join us it would improve communication and make the workgroup more representative. Anyone interested should contact the Guild Secretary.

## **Ringing Round Devon Newsletter**

Four issues of *Ringing Round Devon* were produced in 2022. The decision was taken to restart the provision of printed copies (which had been suspended during COVID) in addition to the provision of the downloadable web version. The March and June issues were each 16 pages, with covers and centre pages in colour, and the others only black and white. For the September version I was provided with a large number of illustrated articles covering the summer activities, including the Ringing World Youth Competition and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee so it was decided (in conjunction with the Guild officers) to print this with colour photographs throughout (24 pages), despite the slightly larger cost. This continued with the December issue (20 pages). All personal subscriptions for printed copies have been extended to cover those issues which were only made available on-line. The number of personal subscribers has reduced since COVID, with the death of more than one and several who are happy to read the on-line version. This does not affect the viability of the printing as, with modern printing techniques, there are no setup costs and we only pay for the number of copies printed. Postage costs however, are increasing so an effort is made to distribute as many copies as possible through the Branch Officers, who also distribute copies to



their towers. Thanks are due to them for this service. I am very grateful to all those who continue to send in articles and pictures.

## Report Secretary

The production of the 2021 Report went very smoothly, no bumps on the way and without any major re-editing. There was a turn-down in the number of advertisers, probably due to the cost of living affecting almost everything. Whilst this may have reduced the income from this source, it was offset by the reduction in number of pages, less peals and quarters being rung, leading to a lower printing cost.

The move to publishing a redacted version has now become a fixture for the future, as has the reduced number of printed copies required. This has all helped towards keeping the print bill down, streamlined the distribution of reports, and keeping the postage lower. The 2022 report will most likely be a larger issue as the number of quarters and peals have risen from 2021 and will play a key factor in how it is printed. Once I have a good idea of the size of the 2022 Report I will obtain print prices and let our Treasurer know the relevant costing.

## Striking Competition

### Results

#### 6-bell Competition for JP Fidler Cup - Bishopsteignton

Joint 1st Exeter Cathedral and Tavistock, 4 faults

3rd Exeter, St Mark, 6 faults

4th Withycombe Raleigh, 25 faults

Judges: Michael Cannon and Ian Campbell

5th Plymouth, Emmanuel, 29 faults

6th Dawlish, 38 faults

7th Topsham, 55 faults

#### 8-bell Novice competition – Dawlish

1st Aylesbeare Branch, 33 faults

2nd South West Branch, 59 faults

Judge: Richard Johnston

3rd Dawlish, 101 faults

#### 8-bell inter-branch competition for the Andrews Trophy - Dawlish

1st Exeter Branch, 10½ faults

2nd South West Branch, 17 faults

3rd North East Branch, 41 faults

Judges: Carolyn Howell, Hayley Young, Jonathan Young

4th East Devon Branch, 42½ faults

5th Mid Devon Branch, 47 faults

6th Aylesbeare Branch, 70 faults

## Webmaster Report

During 2022 the website received an average of 89 (up from 65 in 2021) 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
TOTAL	32,767	00:02:22
Home	2,469	00:00:50
/towers/tower	1,294	00:01:14
/home/striking-competition-2022	813	00:01:26
/towers	776	00:00:54
/guild/newsletters	541	00:00:22
/branches/exeter/cathedral-diary	495	00:01:12
/contacts	325	00:01:14
/news-events	287	00:00:36
/towers/practice-nights	279	00:00:45
/guild/useful-docs	235	00:01:27

The total number of hits on the website has increased from 23,736 in 2001 to 32,767 in 2022 with the usual pages appearing in the top 10 most viewed list. Throughout the year there have been the usual requests from branch secretaries to help with adding/removing people from the branch email lists and updating contact information on the website.. As branch officers change at AGMs the mailboxes have been moved to new people.

Work is underway for a minor revamp of the website to include the Guild logo. If anyone wants help or guidance with email lists, email addresses or the website then please get in touch.

## Treasurer's Report

### **Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.**

The General Fund shows a surplus of £2,440.87 (2020: £1,980.47).

Subscriptions and Tower Affiliation fees increased from £6 to £10. These accounts show 70% of subscription income as your branch retains 30% of your subscription. The accounts also include a few late payments from last year. The number of affiliated towers has reduced by one to 99 and our membership has reduced by 58 to 531 paying members.

You will see donation income of £200 and a matching cost for the David Willis Trophy for the Novice 8 Bell Striking Competition which was generously donated by one of our members.

Peal ringing fees have increased as more peals have been rung. Our towers have received quarterly printed copies of Ringing Round Devon, with the last two splendid publications of 2022 printed in full colour. Our four Central Council representatives attended the Nottingham meeting, and their expenses came in below budget. Printing costs for the Annual Report are as expected. The 2019 & 2020 reports were printed in one document so therefore the printing cost attributed to 2021 are exceptionally low.

The Bell Restoration Fund shows a total of £4,109.18 (2020: £3,827.58) was raised for the DCBRF. This includes the transfer from the General Fund of £2,035 agreed at the June 2022 AGM. Members have again donated generously to the Guild Bell Restoration Fund through the subscription process. Other fund raising and donations is disappointingly low.

We agreed financial support to Young Ringers Activities for the twelve months through to June 2023. They held regular practices and entered a team in the Ringing World National Youth Contest (RWNYC) which was held in Exeter in July 2023. The team came fourth out of 16 teams in the call change category. Congratulations to the team and the adult helpers.

There have been small movements on the Instruction and Education Fund and the Denmisch Fund. The Library Fund, which has increased due to the sales of surplus stocks, is making a transfer of £180 to the General Fund to help cover the costs of the library.

Assets held by the Guild at 31 December 2022 were £9,503.74 (2021: £9,261.37) with the General Fund balance standing at £8,250.95 (2021: £8,249.12).

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 and regrow our membership.

**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1002950****GENERAL FUND****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Ringing members' subscriptions	3,737.50	2,464.20
Affiliation fees	996.00	606.00
Non Resident Life Members	30.00	0.00
Peal fees	474.00	261.00
Newsletter sales & advertising income	199.00	0.00
Interest	1.83	3.06
Misc sales (net of costs)	0.00	12.15
Donation for trophy	200.00	0.00
	<u>5,638.33</u>	<u>3,346.41</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Annual report	440.90	331.00
Printing reduced version	0.00	22.26
Less advertising income	-131.00	-85.50
	<u>309.90</u>	<u>267.76</u>
Newsletter expenses	762.60	0.00
Central Council subscription	160.00	160.00
Central Council representatives' expenses	709.14	0.00
Administration expenses	74.02	20.00
Purchase of trophy	200.76	0.00
Guild website	90.00	90.00
Insurance	543.28	460.04
Striking competition expenses	51.76	20.00
Library acquisitions and materials	89.61	51.46
Library venue costs	180.00	100.00
2024 RW Calendar photography costs	12.00	0.00
Zoom subscription	14.39	196.68
	<u>3,197.46</u>	<u>1,365.94</u>
<b>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<u><b>2,440.87</b></u>	<u><b>1,980.47</b></u>

**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1002950****BELL RESTORATION FUND FUND****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Transfer from General Fund	2,035.00	1,625.00
Gift Aid tax repayment claim (2022 estimated)	700.33	619.25
Branches: East Devon	53.50	0.00
Exeter	200.00	0.00
North East	35.00	25.99
South West	136.35	173.00
Ringing Festival donations	380.80	327.50
Donated as part of the subscription process	463.00	971.50
Other donations	105.20	85.34
	<u>4,109.18</u>	<u>3,827.58</u>
Paid to Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund	-4,109.18	-3,827.58
<b>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<u><b>0.00</b></u>	<u><b>0.00</b></u>

**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1002950****INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION FUND****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
ART Course fees	100.00	0.00
	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>-100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**DENMISCH FUND****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donation	50.00	5.00
	<u>50.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>

**LIBRARY FUND****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Library subscriptions	0.00	90.00
Library sales	165.50	0.00
Other donations	20.00	16.00
	<u>185.50</u>	<u>106.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>185.50</b>	<b>106.00</b>

**YOUNG RINGERS****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	73.00	48.00
	<u>73.00</u>	<u>48.00</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Tower costs	165.00	75.00
Other expenses	207.00	155.95
	<u>372.00</u>	<u>230.95</u>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>-299.00</b>	<b>-182.95</b>

**THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1002950**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stock of Guild badges and books	462.82	462.82
Debtors and prepayments	2,193.25	1,475.97
Cash held	195.04	195.04
Building Society account	8,033.93	8,618.48
	<u>10,885.04</u>	<u>10,752.31</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors and accruals	1,381.30	1,490.94
	<u>9,503.74</u>	<u>9,261.37</u>
<b>Financed by :-</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Balance at 1st January	8,255.33	8,309.86
Surplus for year	2,440.87	1,980.47
Transfer from Library Fund	180.00	90.00
Transfer to Instruction and Education Fund	-90.25	0.00
Transfer to Bell Restoration Fund	-2,035.00	-1,625.00
Transfer to Young Ringers Fund	-500.00	-500.00
Balance at 31st December	<u>8,250.95</u>	<u>8,255.33</u>
<b>INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION FUND</b>		
Balance at 1st January	409.75	409.75
Deficit for the year	-100.00	0.00
Transfer from General Fund	90.25	0.00
Balance at 31st December	<u>400.00</u>	<u>409.75</u>
<b>DENMISCH FUND</b>		
Balance at 1st January	195.04	190.04
Income for year	50.00	5.00
Balance at 31st December	<u>245.04</u>	<u>195.04</u>
<b>LIBRARY FUND</b>		
Balance at 1st January	84.20	68.20
Income for year	185.50	106.00
Transfer to General Fund	-180.00	-90.00
Balance at 31st December	<u>89.70</u>	<u>84.20</u>
<b>YOUNG RINGERS FUND</b>		
Balance at 1st January	317.05	0.00
Transfer from General Fund	500.00	500.00
Deficit for year	-299.00	-182.95
Balance at 31st December	<u>518.05</u>	<u>317.05</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>9,503.74</b></u>	<u><b>9,261.37</b></u>



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### 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 2022

I report on the accounts of the Guild for the year ended 31 December 2022, 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:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- 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
- 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:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 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,  
Blakes Cottage, Halse,  
Taunton A4 3AG  
6/05/2023



#### Guild of Devonshire Ringers, Summary of Branch Accounts 2022

Branch	Aylesbeare Sep £	East Devon Dec £	Exeter Oct £	Mid Devon Nov £	North East Oct £	North & N West Nov £	South West Dec £
<b>INCOME</b>							
Subs and fees	430.00	1,500.00	804.00	920.00	1,006.00	429.34	1,270.00
Other income	820.39	72.12	249.40	676.48	409.99	0.00	368.26
	<u>1,250.39</u>	<u>1,572.12</u>	<u>1,053.40</u>	<u>1,596.48</u>	<u>1,415.99</u>	<u>429.34</u>	<u>1,638.26</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
Subs paid to Guild	331.00	1,074.00	616.20	683.00	744.20	328.00	953.00
Paid to DCBRF/Ed Fund	15.00	0.00	369.00	190.00	319.99	0.00	311.65
Other expenses	0.00	0.00	16.20	399.25	13.05	9.26	95.76
	<u>346.00</u>	<u>1,074.00</u>	<u>1,001.40</u>	<u>1,272.25</u>	<u>1,077.24</u>	<u>337.26</u>	<u>1,360.41</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<u>904.39</u>	<u>498.12</u>	<u>52.00</u>	<u>324.23</u>	<u>338.75</u>	<u>92.08</u>	<u>277.85</u>
<b>FUNDS AT YEAR END</b>	<u>1,409.37</u>	<u>1,746.25</u>	<u>494.16</u>	<u>1,416.14</u>	<u>2,681.08</u>	<u>541.43</u>	<u>2,035.78</u>

#### 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
Members paying by subscription								
2022	33	128	66	79	80	36	109	531
2021	49	128	72	92	81	57	109	588
Towers								
2022	10	22	13	13	18	4	19	99
2021	10	20	14	13	17	7	20	101

## Aylesbeare Deanery Branch

This year has seen the branch continue very much as last year with service ringing occurring in most towers, with many branch members ringing at more than one tower to achieve this. Regular practices happening in just a few towers, Withycombe Raleigh, Lymptstone and Topsham. However, after a very successful recruitment day in June, Woodbury now has a thriving band and they are having weekly practices for the first time in years. The new recruits are also taking part in branch activities which is fantastic. At the striking competition in October, the branch was successful in winning the 8-bell novice competition taking the new David Willis plate for the first time. After a large prod from me, our AGM was very well attended as was our branch practice in November with some 26 ringers filling the tower and church! We have taken the decision to try Saturday morning practices during the winter months for 2023 so it will be interesting to see whether these take off or not. Numbers are still low within the branch but they are going in the right direction thankfully.

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

There hasn't been a lot of ringing at Aylesbeare during the year, however, we did manage to toll a bell for an hour on the death of Queen Elizabeth in September, the day of the Queen's funeral and on Armistice Day in November. We also welcomed visiting ringers in November. Ringers from neighbouring towers helped us ring for the Carol Service on Christmas Eve for which we are grateful. Both Liz and I have helped out other branch towers during the year.

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

Sunday: 3rd and 4th at 09:30 by prior arrangement.

Ringing continues on Sundays when sufficient ringers can be found. A number of visiting bands were welcomed during the year, this included one quarter peal and four peals.

**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 second 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.

We are continuing to ring for the monthly morning service on the 4th Sunday with help from ringers at Withycombe Raleigh. Quarter peals were rung by branch members in June and October.

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

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Practice: Learners only Tuesday 7:00–8:00 pm.

During 2022 a bell has been chimed before the 10:00am Sunday service by one ringer apart from Easter Sunday and Pentecost when there was three ringers and Christmas Day when two from Lymptstone joined us to make five. One learner started to learn to ring in June and from August was able to chime on Sundays, at first under supervision but later under his mother's eye to stand in for me when I was away. He achieved full circle ringing on Christmas Day having had extra support at the branch practice held here in December. He has brought some other learners to the tower and our aim is to ring for the King's Coronation. I was grateful that one of our previous ringers was able to toll the tenor 96 times on the evening of the death of the Queen just before he went back to university, and I tolled it on the day of her funeral. I am also grateful for the chance to join Withycombe Raleigh at their practice night to keep up and improve my skills.

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

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

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During the year we have rung for all regular Services and a number of weddings. We still need to call in friends from Littleham and Withycombe Raleigh occasionally to help with weddings. Our newer ringers are all progressing well and we have three more new learners at present working hard to be able to ring for the Coronation.

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

Sunday: 6:00pm (1st and 3rd).

We ring for the fortnightly evening service with help from local ringers from the mission community. Other than that, it's been a quiet year apart from two village weddings that we rang for in June.

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

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

Our band has seen some changes during 2022 with three of our longer serving members retiring as well as a couple more ringers moving away. We thank them all for their support and companionship amounting to over sixty years of ringing between them! Whilst the band is a little diminished, we have new learners coming through and have still been able to cover events due to the dedication of the current ringers.

Throughout the year, we have supported the usual church and town events including Topsham Charter Day, another Join Our Club event, ringing half muffled for Remembrance, a busy Christmas and the usual New Year's ringing, although the usual gathering outside the tower didn't brave the weather! Of course, there was a number of national events, with ringing in celebration of HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and then ringing fully muffled for her funeral in September. We held a successful outing in July, our first since Covid, keeping it local and visiting the towers of Woodbury, Otterton, Sidmouth and Harpford. Along with the Topsham band, a number of our friends from the Aylesbeare branch also came along which was particularly appreciated, especially to ring all ten bells at Sidmouth!

We held a retirement party at the start of September in The Bridge Inn which was a lovely opportunity to get together with ringers past and present and catch up with partners and families too. Along with attending branch events and hosting the AGM, we once again took part in the Guild striking competition. Not having anyone ready to ring in the novice competition, we decided to take the plunge and enter the six bell competition, ringing plain courses of Grandsire. We came seventh out of seven but it was still a significant achievement for an all Topsham band and I'm willing to bet the smiles at the end were unmatched by any other team on the day! We look forward to taking part again next year. Practice nights continue to be well attended, run very ably by Keith when I'm unable to get back from work and my thanks to our friends from other towers who continue to support us, as well as to the Topsham band for all their support and enthusiasm throughout the year. Our members have diminished with three people all deciding to let their membership lapse now they're not ringing, however I hope to replace them with three new members later in the year!

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

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

We are finally back to normal, ringing every Sunday and virtually every Monday for practice. The Cathedral have also resumed their regular visits, every other month on the 2nd Monday. We have taken this opportunity to ring at other towers in the area followed by a visit to the pub.

During the year only three peals were rung including one in February for the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne and also for an 80th birthday. We also rang on each of the occasions following Her Majesty's passing in September. We took the opportunity of Guild Festival week to have a practice where everyone tried something for the first time, such as a new method, calling a touch or calling the call changes. This helped us raise £40 during the evening. Our qualifying novice ringers were successful at the Guild Striking Competition winning the 8-bell plate. Whilst we

haven't got any new learners, something we know we must address soon, with a very stable band we have slowly but surely been able to progress in both our striking and method capabilities.

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

Sunday: 1st: 10:30am, 2nd: 10:30am, 3rd: 5:45pm, 4th: 9:45am, 5th: check for details.

Practice by arrangement.

Ringing has continued as normal for all major services, mostly on the front six. The pattern of services established last year seems set to continue (see ringing times above). Joyful royal milestones earlier in the year were celebrated with ringing on eight. The Thursday bank holiday for the Platinum Jubilee saw a major village celebration on the green. Having previously identified this event as a recruitment opportunity we arranged to borrow the Devon Association's portable simulator bell and saw non-stop interest between 10:00am and 4:00pm. This is a really useful resource – thoroughly recommended for such events.

As a result, we have three new recruits, whose keenness has led to the restarting of regular evening practices (after a break of at least 20 years) and whose competitive streak has led them to progress to the threshold of Guild membership in the space of six months. Practices are usually Friday 7:30-9:00pm but various village events sometimes force us to move to Wednesday at 8:00 pm. Visitors are most welcome but spare a wasted trip by checking in advance with Peter.

Late summer saw a revival of our outing, this time to Whimple, Clyst Hydon, Payhembury, Feniton and Gittisham. Thanks to correspondents from those towers for making us welcome. We were pleased to welcome Topsham ringers to Woodbury on their outing. During the period of national mourning for HM Queen Elizabeth our homemade muffles proved effective and our first piece of muffled ringing ended up on Chris Evans' breakfast show courtesy of one of the band's son being a sound-engineer. Three members of the tower were elected to Guild membership in October. We are eyeing up the Coronation as another event to generate interest and possible further recruits, perhaps even some younger ones.

## East Devon Branch

### Deaneries of Honiton and Ottery

A year of recovery here in East Devon. Ringing and meetings have resumed and towers are recovering slowly. Some towers have managed to increase their numbers, through the hard work of those involved, while others are struggling to get enough ringers to keep going. Towers that have managed to increase, or at least solidify their numbers have used various means to advertise, generally the most successful seem to use local online sites and word-of-mouth. We welcomed Colyton and Broadhembury to The Guild.

The Ringing year has been dominated by Royal events with many towers able to ring for the Platinum Jubilee as well as the funerals of both Prince Philip and Queen Elizabeth II.

Successful quarterly meetings were held at Broadhembury and Shute with the branch AGM at Ottery Saint Mary. Thanks to all concerned, especially for the excellent teas! The years striking competition was held in Combe Raleigh in July. Congratulations are due to Honiton, first in class one, and "It's a Surprise", the winners of class two.

Branch practices have continued successfully, with plain hunt in Sidbury, surprise major in Honiton, and surprise minor in Offwell. Finally, a big thank you to the teachers and tower captains whose enthusiasm and support keep East Devon ringing.

**AWLISCOMBE** St Michael & All Angels, 6 bells, tenor 19cwt, grid ref. ST133018.

Sunday 9:00-9:30am (1st and 3rd). Practice: Tuesday 7:30pm (alternate with Buckerell).

The year started very slowly with Covid still around, but gradually we managed to get back to Ringing. We rang for the funeral in May of one of our past ringers. Mr F Letten who rang for Awliscombe for over 30 years. We rang The Devon Peal for the Queens reign and we rang for her funeral, fully muffled. We have had three weddings to ring for, one, in December, was for one of our own ringers daughters. We still get six or more ringers plus a couple of learners on practice nights between our four towers. Until this year we have only had one set of muffles, but now we have two. One of our band had made a new set for us and he also made a new set for other towers around this part of East Devon.

**AXMINSTER** St Mary, 10 bells, tenor 23cwt, grid ref. SY296984.

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

It started in 2022 with a recruitment drive, attracting five new people. By June four were proficient and we reached a peak of 14 ringers for the Queens Jubilee. Our next focus was on the branch striking competition. To include as many of our 2022 recruits as possible, we entered two teams, the spring chickens put on in a superb effort, and were really encouraged by the experience. The action band has in recent years focused on six bell ringing, partially due to the back bells being too heavy for many of the band, with some younger ringers now in the band we worked as much as possible on 10 bells to develop our ability to strike them well. For a number of significant services we were able to put in a respectable call change performance on 10. Towards the end of the year we lost three people bringing our number to 11 ringers. We now have a majority of method ringers in the band so we are able to ring a mix of call changes and simple doubles methods. All our ringers are now guild members and most regularly take advantage of guild ringing opportunities.

**BROADHEMBURY** Church of St Andrew Apostle and Martyr, 6 bells, tenor 20cwt, EX14 3NF.

We are a new team, having formed about one year ago, and are extremely grateful to everyone who is helping us. Through 2022, we have rung for three weddings, the platinum Jubilee, the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, the new year (at midnight), some Sunday services, and a few village events. Bringing the tower back to life, after a small number of years has presented us with the interesting experience of dealing with the inevitable bird debris, broken parts, seized bolts and rope splicing.



**BUCKERELL** SS Mary & Giles, 6 bells, tenor 8cwt, grid ref. ST123003.

Practice: Alternate Tuesdays 7:30pm (with Awliscombe and Offwell).

We have enjoyed a lot of Ringing in the last year, with the help of our supportive ringing neighbours and have hosted several visiting bands, which is always a joy. We have managed to mark several of the main events in the church calendar, two weddings, and of course celebrated her Majesty's platinum jubilee. Little did we know there would be more sorrowful ringing required so soon after. On the announcement of her death, we managed to toll a tenor on the day, and then set to with full muffles for more ringing and tolling in the period of mourning. A unique event for most of us. Our Tuesday practices alternate with the neighbouring parishes of Awliscombe, Offwell and Gittisham and are lively, and well attended. New ringers, always welcome, of any experience level. Learners, especially welcome, as these are lovely bells to learn – practice on.

**COLYTON** St Andrew, 8 bells, tenor 24cwt, grid ref. SY246941.

Sunday: 8:45-9:30. Practice: Thursday 14:30-16:00 (contact to confirm).

Colyton rejoined the Guild at the branch AGM in 2022. We ring the front six bells to call changes most Sunday mornings with the support of neighbouring towers, and we entered a band into the striking competition in May where we rang call changes. We rang all eight bells for the Colyton Re-enactment, the Platinum Jubilee and the Queen's funeral.

**COMBE RALEIGH** St Nicholas, 6 bells, tenor 6cwt, grid ref. ST158023.

Sunday: 10:45-11:15am (2nd and 4th Sundays). Practice: Mondays 15:00pm.

After the depredations of Covid, there are signs that we may be on the path to recovery. To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we invited villagers to chime a bell. After brief tuition on our third bell they were given the opportunity to chime the tenor. The response was amazing, so many turned up that we were there for almost two hours. New learners came forward, two of whom have now rung for Sunday service, others we hope, will join us in the coming year. By contrast Ringing for the Queen's funeral, just a few weeks later, was an especially sad occasion.

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

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

Cotleigh's six bells have been looked at and passed fit by Nicholsons. Unfortunately, at present, there is only one ringer in the village, our churchwarden, and is very keen to get ringing going in the village. He is happy to open up for visiting ringers and welcomes them, and hopes that, on hearing the bells there will be further interest from villagers wanting to learn.

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

Practice: Thursday 6:30-8:00 pm.

We have maintained regular practices, with the earlier time proving to be better for all, especially during the winter months. Our new learner is now a regular ringer with our band, having launched into Ringing in April. We are grateful to him for lowering the average age of our ringers! We rang for all the milestone national occasions. Also, we were able to arrange a Ringing outing to six local towers with a lunch break at the Greyhound in Fenny Bridges. We have had several joint practices with Luppitt ringers and attended the plain hunt practice at Sidbury. A Big thank you to those who support us on these occasions.

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

Sunday: 10:45-11:15am (3rd Sunday in month only). Practice: Thursdays 7:30pm (please ring to confirm).

We continue to practice on a Thursday evening with the help of our friends from Northleigh and adjoining towers although two of our novice ringers have decided not to continue. We have rung

for two weddings and church services and tolled our tenor for the late Queen Elizabeth. We have welcomed new member, Gerald Phillips, to our tower and are hoping to encourage new residents into the village to come along and try their hand at Ringing.

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

Sunday: Ringing when possible for services. Practice: Friday evening beginners from 7 pm, Main practice 7:30 to 9:00 (please telephone if you are thinking of attending).

I was recently touched here. "Feniton is a Phoenix tower, vibrant, fun, and going from strength to strength."

We are becoming a cohesive band, and a great deal of the improvement is down to good tuition from the Guild President, with one of the band starting to help teach new learners. Under the Guild President's tuition, the band is working towards Ringing up and down in peal and more method ringing. We very much appreciate the support we have from ringers from other towers. We are now able to ring for more Church/special services, with the Ellacombe chimes being rung on Sundays, when unable to raise a band. We rang to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee and, after gratefully securing a grant for muffles from Feniton Parish Council, and were able to ring fully muffled for her funeral, RIP. A publicity campaign has started to raise awareness to "Ring for the King" to mark King Charles III coronation, which is starting to bear some fruit. 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, we have seen a gradual but definite improvement in the quality and content of the ringing, which includes change and method ringing. We have continued to ring for special services, but I'm pleased to announce we are starting 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!

To kick off celebrations of the Queen's platinum Jubilee, a quarter peal was rung at Saint Andrew's Church on the 6th of February to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the day that King George VI died and Princess Elizabeth became Queen. Congratulations to one of our ladies ringing the treble for her inaugural quarter peal! The quarter peal included 1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles, taking 43 minutes. We welcomed and brand-new recruit the end of the summer, and with one to one instruction, she's made extremely good progress and has already joined our band for service ringing. We are now instructing a new learner wanting to ring for Talaton. Sadly, one of our band has hung up his rope and we wish him well. Gone, but definitely not forgotten. He has been a steady member of the team for many years and he will be sadly missed. Our illustrious previous tower captain of a good few years, has also hung up her rope in the summer and handed over the baton. There has been a Chown ringing or in official ringing capacity at Saint Andrews for many years. I'm sure you will all wish her a fond farewell, however, she has not gone far and is still taking an active interest in ringing here in Feniton. A big act to follow! On the 6th of February, members of the tower participated in the East Devon branch annual general meeting held at St Mary's in Ottery St Mary.

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

Gittisham tower and ringers still very much welcome and enjoy the support of Awliscombe, Buckerell, Offwell and Southleigh ringers. This valued assistance has enabled us to ring for all the significant events over the past year. In particular, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and with sadness, the marking of the Queen's death, when we rang call changes on our five bells, which were half-muffled for this most solemn occasion.

Most encouragingly, on Wednesday evenings one member of Awliscombe tower and one from Southleigh tower have been instructing four members from Gittisham village wishing to learn ringing. This is such a boost to the morale of our existing team and we are very grateful for the time and patience of the two teachers. Hopefully, our new ringers will be able to join us in ringing some rounds for the King's Coronation on 6th May

**HONITON** St Michael, 6 bells (unringable), tenor 21cwt, grid ref. SY167999.

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

Sunday: 9:00-9:30am. Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm.

We hosted a few surprise minor practices and branch surprise major practices on Saturdays, hoping to discourage the “preacher” outside.

We rang for the anniversary of the Queen’s accession, subsequently mourning her death, and for the accession of King Charles III.

Also, in March, one of the band in support of the Ukrainians against the invasion by Russian forces. We also welcomed a new member, who has recently been elected tower captain, giving us three regular Honiton ringers and with the help from other towers, We now often ring on alternate Sundays. We did a lot of leafleting in spring and summer and supported the spring market day and Charter Day, with ringing demonstrations and have a go sessions leading to lots of teaching, but sadly no more ringers, nevertheless, we often have 10 or more on practice nights. We won the branch six Bell striking competition. The annual outing and our Christmas dinner at Upottery were both a great success.

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

Sunday: Times vary. Practice: 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday 7:30-9:00pm.

With a good team of 10 (including one who started his Ringing journey last year) we have rung for Sunday services throughout the year. All members took part in the platinum Jubilee at some point during the weekend, and then sadly again for the morning of the late Queen, and to welcome our new King Charles. A Thursday morning practice now takes place fairly regularly. We have had several visiting bands (thank you!) ringing a couple of quarter peals and a full peal (Postponed due to Covid) was rung in the spring. A small handbell group was set up with mostly non-tower ringers to play carols before some of the Christmas services, which was great fun. We enjoyed a pre-Christmas meal in early December before several of us went down with flu or Covid.

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

Sunday: 10:30am. Practice: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 7:30pm.

Since the pandemic we have been very short of ringers, but have managed to ring for some Sunday services and for special services. Our practice nights were put on hold, but we welcomed the team from Dunkeswell when they could make it. For the Queen’s Jubilee, we raised a team and rang for one hour and it was lovely to hear the bells ringing out over the valley once more. During the summer of 2022, we purchased a new set of muffles for our tower, and we were very proud of this when we rang for the passing of Her Majesty. The tenor was tolled for one hour on Sunday 17th of September and on Monday 19th of September at 10 am we rang with full muffles and open backstroke tenor, again for one hour. Later that day a team rang a quarter peal at 4 pm. We have one new member who has recently moved to the village and we hope to find more interested parties during 2023. Here’s to 2023 and we hope a year when we can return to regular Ringing and lots of new members.

**NORTHLEIGH** St Giles, 4 bells, tenor 9cwt, grid ref. SY195959.

Sunday: 10:45-11:15am (1st Sunday).

During the past year, we have regularly rung for the first Sunday service, had one visiting band and rung for a funeral. We practice with the simulator on a Wednesday afternoon, but as yet have not resumed on Monday morning practice. In June we fitted a complete set of new ropes, thanks to generous donations.

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

Sunday: 9:00-9:30am (1st Sunday).

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We have continued to ring for the first Sunday of the month. We are regularly joined by a very experienced cathedral ringer, who now lives in Honiton. We have welcomed two ladies who are making good progress as learners and will be ringing with us to celebrate the coronation. We had one visiting band who rang a quarter peal, and rang for two weddings, two funerals, the platinum, jubilee, to mark the death of the late Queen on the 13th and 19th of September, and to mark the induction of our new incumbent. Offwell primary school has started a bell ringing club as a lunchtime activity and the children are enthusiastic and increasing in competence.

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

Sunday: 9:00-9:30am, 6:00-6:30pm. Practice: Monday 7:30-9:00pm.

Unfortunately, we have lost three of our regular Sunday morning ringers, so we can only ring all eight bells if everyone is available. However, practices are usually fairly well attended, and we sometimes attract one or two other ringers as well, one of whom usually remarks what a friendly group we are. Two promising recruits have decided that they do not have enough time to commit the amount of time to carry on with us, though there is the possibility they may return if time permits.

**PAYHEMBURY** St Mary the Virgin, 6 bells, tenor 16cwt.

Sunday: 10:30 am for 11:00 am (usually one a month). Practice: Thursdays 8:00–9:00pm.

During the year we kept up our Thursday practice nights which everyone appreciates. We went for three weddings which is always a pleasure. We, of course, followed the guidance in operation Tower Bridge, and tolled a half muffled bell on the day after her Majesty's death, with everyone taking a turn. Then we removed the muffles and rung for King Charles' accession, and then half muffled on the day of the funeral. A lot of to-ing and fro-ing up and down the tower, but something we all wanted to be a part of. The sound half muffled bells was particularly moving. We are fortunate to have recruited two new ringers who are coming on well, and now have a total of nine potential ringers, which is helpful to cover any absences. We also welcomed several visiting groups.

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

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

No Practice night at present.

We are a small band, although we regularly call on other ringers to help out and we do ring whenever there is service at Saint Michaels, which is now usually once a month.

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

We started 2022 with five regular ringers. But unfortunately one decided it was not for them. However, we managed to recruit two more ringers earlier in the year, one of whom is a young ringer who has made excellent progress in the short time. Late in the year, we recruited another new ringer and a ringer returned after a break of a few years. The bells were rung in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and tolled in remembrance of the Queen's death, and then rang for the accession of King Charles III. Three visiting bands came and rang during the year. The monthly plain hunt practices for the local area have continued, and have gone from strength to strength. Three of our improving ringers have accessed the six weeks course enabling them to visit other towers and ring with others at similar level. This year we are planning to recruit some more trainee ringers.

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

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

Our loyal band ringers continue to ring for Sunday services, principally the 10 am sung Eucharist, and Tuesday practice nights are well supported. Several of our ringers support ringing at other local

towers when necessary. Encouraging progress has been made over the past year with our newer recruits. We rang with joy in February to celebrate 70 years since the late Queens accession and again in June for her Platinum Jubilee; we rang in sorrow on fully muffled bells at her passing in September. Sadly, we lost one of our regular ringers to cancer in November: we rang on half muffled bells in her memory- A moving experience for us all. In the late summer a quarter peal was rung to celebrate 50 years since the back eight bells were rehung and tuned by Taylor's of Loughborough and also to celebrate the Golden Wedding Of two of our stalwart and long serving ringers. We enjoyed an outing organised by the our vicar to some towers in his previous West Somerset parishes. This was a joyous day, and our ringers did exceptionally well on unfamiliar bells. Our traditional pudding night took place as usual. The quinquennial report indicated some work that needs to be done to the bell frame in the near future and this needs to be set within the PCC maintenance schedule. For 2023, we are looking to recruit another ringer or two to enable us to continue to bring all 10 of our wonderful bells.

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

Sunday: 10:00am.

Sunday ringing continues with five or six ringers in attendance.

## 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
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
2030	Exeter	Mid

## Exeter Branch

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

We held four branch practices during the year, along with regular 10-bell practices. We had a branch train outing on the May Day bank holiday to towers between Bristol and Taunton. The Exeter branch organised the Guild AGM at Crediton in June, which included two open towers in the morning, a service followed by tea and meeting in the Boniface Centre. Many branch members were involved in the running of the Ringing World National Youth Contest which was held in Exeter. We had a successful branch ringing outing and summer barbecue in July. The AGM was held at St Marks in November.

**BONDLEIGH** St James the Apostle, 4 bells, tenor 9cwt, grid ref. SS651048, 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.

**CREDITON** Holy Cross, 12 bells, tenor 26cwt, grid ref. SS836002.

**SHOBROOKE** 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 7:00-9:00pm (alternate 2nd Mondays usually at Withycombe Raleigh at 7:30pm). Sunday ringing and Monday practices for experienced 12 bell ringers only.

Open practice: 3rd Saturday 6:00-8:00pm (all visitors welcome, with a minimum experience of one year if you wish to ring). All visitors must contact the Ringing Master or Secretary prior to attending.

Following the disruption of the past couple of years, the ringing at the Cathedral has returned to a relatively normal level. On 14th May, we were involved with an 'Open Cathedral' event and had an area demonstrating ringing which included the Frank Mack mini ring, dumb bell and handbells. This provided much interest with most people handling a bell for the first time – including many youngsters who didn't want to leave. On 2nd July, we hosted the Ringing World National Youth Contest, which attracted hundreds of young ringers from all over the country. This involved the Cathedral being the main 'hub' for the day, with workshops, demonstrations, refreshments and even its own Pizza van. All teams rang on the Cathedral bells with competitions being held at St Mark's and St David's, with other towers being open for general ringing across the city all day.

Quarter peals were rung on the front eight or ten for Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month and on the full twelve for the fourth Sunday evensong, so together with the Devon Association (ringing on the second and fifth Sundays) we continue to ring at the Cathedral on each Sunday in some form. On the method front the repertoire was extended at the beginning of the year to include Zanussi, both on its own and in spliced, with the other methods rung regularly being Erin, Stedman, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol and Littleport.

A total of twenty-nine quarter peals were rung on the bells during the year. In February the Cathedral Society rang a peal of 5070 Spliced Royal on the Jubilee Ten to mark the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II and in September a fully muffled peal of Grandsire Caters on the minor ten to mark her passing.

Operation London Bridge came in to force following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II in September and kept us busy. At noon on the day following the announcement the 11th was tolled ninety-six times and fully muffled ringing (with the tenor open at backstroke) took place on the full

twelve and the minor ten (11th as tenor) for memorial services. In between all this the muffles were removed, and all 12 were rung 'open' for the proclamation of the new King outside the west front, before the muffles were replaced again.

In the National 12 Bell Striking Competition we came in third eliminator at Chester, ringing Stedman Cinques, having required some last minute changes to the team membership due to Covid. We had similar issues in the run up to the final at Guildford and were placed eight. The South-West 12 Bell Contest resumed in 2022, this year held at Taunton, where we finished in third place. The GDR 6-bell competition was held at Bishopsteignton where we rang London S Minor and were placed joint first.

During the display of 'The Moon' in the nave we took the opportunity to do some public handbell ringing. A peal of Kent TB Major was rung whilst other Society members spoke to the public to explain about ringing and hand out some information. And in October, 30 Society members and friends enjoyed a weekend in York sampling the many rings of bells available in the city and local area and enjoying time to socialise together – this included a peal, four quarters and ringing for Evensong at York Minster.

As the Cathedral returns to normal, we have been asked to start our talks again at the end of a roof tour which will now include the belfry and the bells - now that we have the protective cage around the bells to allow this access.

**EXETER** St Michael and All Angels, Church Street, Heavitree, 8 bells, tenor 26cwt, grid ref. SX937922.

Sunday: 9:45am. Practice: Thursday 7:30pm.

Ringing has gradually got back to normal. We are very dependent on the regular visitors on Thursdays but are usually able to ring Surprise Major, while often ringing only five or six bells on a Sunday. All visitors are very welcome.

The clapper on the fourth broke during the first muffled ringing session following the death of her Majesty the Queen. Fortunately we had a spare which was put in while a new clapper is being made. The regular Christmas dinner was attended by sixteen members and friends. It was held again at Exeter College, where the trainee chefs and waiting staff treated us to a multi-course meal.

**EXETER** St David, Hele Road, 8 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SX915931.

Sunday: 8:45am. Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm.

Like most towers, 2022 saw a complete resumption to ringing for St David's. We have continued to progress with Stedman Triples and started attempting to ring simple Surprise Major on a more regular basis, as in 2022 we benefited significantly from the presence of a couple of experienced ringers.

In September we had an influx of four student ringers and one student returner. We have also taught two students since September. We are very pleased that the Exeter University Change Ringing Society has been revived and once again has a presence at the Freshers' Fair.

We hope to continue to maintain strong links with the University now that the student society has been re-established and look to continue to improve our ringing as a band going forwards.

**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).

It has been a busy year at St Marks and feeling that at last, we have got back to "normal" after COVID. We continue to host the Exeter branch 10-bell practice on the first Wednesday of each month – everyone is very welcome to join us.

The passing of HM The Queen was solemnly marked by the tolling of the tenor bell.

St Marks hosted the method ringing section of the national youth striking competition which went very well. It was a very busy day and the tower stayed open in the afternoon to welcome other teams who wanted to "grab" the tower.

Whilst ringing member numbers continue to be a challenge at St Marks, we are very grateful for



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the support we receive from fellow ringers in the area. This enables us to ring 8 and 10 bells on most practice nights and for Sunday service ringing.

We continue to challenge ourselves to learn new methods, meaning that our repertoire includes normal methods up to and including Surprise Royal on practice nights and Sunday mornings.

**HATHERLEIGH** St John the Baptist, 8 bells, tenor 13cwt, grid ref. SS541046.

Sunday: 10:30am. Please phone to check first. Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm.

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

Sunday: 9:00am (4th). Netherexe Practice: Monday 7:00-8:30pm, sometimes at this tower.

**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

Poltimore is now a festival church with services only at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. Rob Franklin has stepped down as tower captain so the position is currently vacant.

**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.

Ringing life is moving on ok, picking up a few ringers along the way. For the platinum celebrations, the Netherexe group rang at seven churches equalling seven decades of the queen's reign. Finished with a picnic at Newton St Cyres with our new priest Tim Collins. With the queen's death, bells were rung in memory & for the funeral, now looking towards the coronation. Please contact Mark Bertram beforehand if you're thinking of joining us, we're not always at Stoke Canon but may be somewhere else in the valley.

**THORVERTON** St Thomas of Canterbury, 10 bells, tenor 15cwt, grid ref. SS924021

Sunday: 9:30am. Practice: Please contact tower captain to check.

2022 saw the bells at last being rung on a more regular calendar after the COVID restrictions of 2021 were lifted. Along with Netherexe ringers we band together to ring one Sunday each month at Thorverton, Brampford Speke and Newton St Cyres parish churches. Thorverton is usually on the first Sunday of the month. We currently are not running practice nights but hope to resume with new novice ringers later in the year. Our good news for 2022 was the arrival of the new vicar who was licenced and installed at Thorverton on 2nd February by the Archdeacon of Exeter. Our new vicar was able to toll the bell with gusto during his installation ceremony. With the passing of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the bells were tolled on each of the days arranged around "Operation London Bridge". We also rang for two weddings last year and, had two visiting bands visit to ring peals. We hope 2023 will see a return to a more normal ringing calendar and welcome visitors to our tower.

## Mid-Devon Branch

With towers from the Deaneries of Newton Abbot, Torbay, Totnes and Kenn

2022 was another busy year for the branch, with the usual program of practices, training and outings. Our numbers this year have recovered well following the pandemic and most events were well attended, especially the two outings. The first of these was a tour including the local mini-rings, starting at Bowerdon and ending at Kings-Ting-Tong (via Rattery, where we rang at these rarely visited five) and the second tour to towers in Exeter. This was to have been by train, but the announcement that there was to be a rail strike on 1st October led to it being rapidly re-arranged by car instead. Nonetheless, a good day was had by all, with visits to St Thomas, St David, St Mark and Topsham, ending with a meal in The Lighter Inn in Topsham.

A major highlight of the year was the branch stand at the Torbay Steam Fair. This was the first time we had attended and the purpose of the venture was to highlight the joys of bell ringing to the public, in a similar way to the Devon County Show has done in the past. The Guild mini-ring formed the showpiece attraction, along with displays and working models. We enjoyed a steady flow of folk wishing to have a go and over the three days around 150 people had a ring, with varying degrees of success. The thing that struck us most was how many conversations we had with people who said either their father or grand-father or uncle or somebody in their family used to ring! Several conversations led to us suggesting if they wished to learn they could simply present themselves at their local tower. Whether they ever did or not we will probably never know, but from little seeds....

Bovey Tracey hosted the AGM in November, the first time we have been there for a meeting since they joined the Guild in 2019. The service was well attended and besides a thought provoking sermon based on the Ringer's Hymn, we were treated to three leads of Bristol rung on handbells, another first for the branch. Following a fantastic ringer's tea provided by the Bovey ringers, the business meeting progressed smoothly and efficiently, with a few changes to the committee.

**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 continue as we have previously - busy practices, but a struggle to ring more than once a month on Sundays. The ringers and the church are very grateful for the donation of a redundant set of muffles. A thorough clean-up in the belfry is on the agenda for the coming year. We are very fortunate that the church maintains a contract for annual inspection of the bell installation. The tenor clapper was found to need tightening and in the summer we replaced some bolts which had fallen out of wheel spokes in the very dry weather.

**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.

We have continued to ring each Sunday, and in 2022 managed to ring eight bells most weeks. In addition, we rang for weddings and funerals as required and for public events, in particular the platinum jubilee and for the various occasions associated with the Queen's death and King Charles' accession.

Some enthusiastic members of the tower have made my job much easier as (in addition to finding themselves in Branch positions) they have on their initiative developed our ringing:

Since late 2021 we have had quarterly outings in various parts of Devon, each taking in 5 or 6 towers. We have for the first time for several years entered a team in a couple of striking competitions

We have had a set of handbells which have long been in the tower restored to ringing condition

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and they are in use before to our normal Monday practice. We have set up a recruiting project under the 'Ring for the King' banner using posters and Facebook adverts which has produced a dozen responses.

**BRIXHAM** Blessed Virgin Mary, 10 bells, tenor 17cwt, grid ref. SX921551.  
Sunday: 10:30am–11:00am. Practice: Thursday 7:30pm.

**COFFINSWELL** St Bartholomew, 6 bells, tenor 11cwt, grid ref. SX891684.

**KINGSKERSWELL** St Mary, 8 bells, tenor 7cwt, grid ref. SX875678.

*Coffinswell:* Sunday: 8:30am. Practice: By arrangement.

*Kingskerswell:* Sunday: 9:45am. Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm.

We rang for almost all of the main services at Kingskerswell and Coffinswell and our practices have been generally well supported, with up to 20 ringers attending. We rang for seven weddings and four funeral/memorial services. We welcomed two ringers to our practices in November 2021 and they became tower members at the start of the year. Their help with our method ringing has been invaluable. The only outing we had was three local towers in March, followed by our annual dinner to mark 35 years since the present band was formed. We held another successful tower open day in September as part of the Devon Historic Churches Day. We had a lot of interest, but no new recruits were enlisted.

For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June, 16 local ringers rang rounds and call changes before the Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Cathedral. Also, a quarter peal was rung at Coffinswell and a peal at Kingskerswell. On the death of the Queen in September, call changes were rung at Kingskerswell both on the day after her death, and prior to the funeral service at Westminster Abbey. A quarter peal was also rung to mark the accession of King Charles III.

**DAWLISH** St Gregory, 8 bells, tenor 11-2-21, grid ref. SX953766.  
Sunday: 9:15am. Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm.

This year it feels like we have finally put Covid behind us, rung as normal, and with a thriving band too. We have about 18 regulars, so there's usually a dozen or so at practice, and enough on Sundays. Our regular repertoire includes call changes, Kaleidoscope, Bastow, Plain Hunt, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman Doubles, and Cambridge Minor. Kevin rang his first quarter on the treble, and Anne her first covering. Of our 'Learning the Ropes' ringers, four of them achieved level 1, two achieved level 2, and two achieved level 3. Three members renewed their membership for the striking contests, and five more joined in November!

On 3rd June twelve of us rang for 70 minutes non-stop in relays, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This, and other posts on 'Eyes of Dawlish' Facebook group, brought much positive engagement with the community and resulted in our two new recruits. We responded to the sadder news of the Queen's death in September by ringing fully muffled both on the day it was announced, and for St Gregory's memorial service; and tolling on the day of her funeral. We also rang for six weddings. Kenn Deanery ringers joined a practice night in August, and the Mid Devon Branch the following month. In September, we hosted the Guild Striking Competitions, making and serving cake to over 80 people. Taking part in this, we came 6th in the 6-bell contest, and 3rd in the Novice 8-bell. There were no other visiting bands this year.

In Holy Week, we enjoyed a meal at the Ship Inn at Cockwood; and in June we contributed to the church's Jubilee display with photos and memorabilia. In September, Taylors' Bellhangers made their three-yearly inspection (no major problems found), and we held our annual open day as part of the Heritage Open Days, with over 40 people visiting the tower. A bird enthusiast was shown the bell chamber for a safety briefing, before making a set of swift nesting boxes, which are now in place behind the louvres.

**STOKEINTEIGNHEAD** St Andrew, 6 bells, tenor 10cwt, grid ref. SX915704.  
Sunday: 10:30am. Practice: Monday 7:30pm.

We have lost some ringers during the year as the years advance, so we have missed a number of Sunday services and practice nights. We are most grateful for support from other towers that enables us to ring Surprise Minor on a few occasions at our practices. We have one learner who is making progress, and we are trying hard to recruit new ringers for the Coronation.

**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.

We suffered the sad loss with the passing of Alan Furse in May. Together with his wife, Alan was a long-time member of the band. For many years, he was tower secretary and secretary of the Teignmouth Bells Project (TBP). Indeed, Alan was still in situ in the latter role at the time of his death. His passing meant that in a period of just over a year we had lost all three key members of the TBP (Martin Dodd, Chairman; Jean Wilson, Treasurer and Alan). We were therefore pleased to be able to ring a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Doubles on the back six at St. James in memory of all three of them the following Sunday by an all Teignmouth band. In addition, at the end of July, a memorial service was held for Alan, following which we able to ring a quarter of Alans favorite method - Grandsire Doubles with three covers.

Throughout the year, we have practiced weekly and been able to consistently provide Sunday service ringing at both St Michael and St James. In February, the times of the morning services at both churches were altered, the effect of which meant that we now had an hour to hang around between finishing at one & starting at the other. It turned out that this had a couple of unforeseen benefits for the ringers. Firstly, the extra time has given us the opportunity to attempt a few quarter-peals at St James before service. Secondly, courtesy of the team, when not attempting a quarter, it's been back to their place for a bacon bap and a cuppa! Other social activities during the year have included an indoor BBQ in September and a Christmas meal, when 22 of us took over the Oyster Catcher in Teignmouth. We also had a very successful and well attended tower outing to the Exmoor in July.

At the start of the year we purchased a new set of muffles. This proved to be a prescient move. Following the announcement of the death of Queen on Sept 8th, eleven of us congregated at St Michael's that evening where we rang the Queens Peal fully muffled. The following day we tolled the tenor at both churches and subsequently rang for the announcement of the new King's succession and half-muffled on the day of the Queen's funeral. On Remembrance Sunday, we were able to ring at both churches half-muffled, thought to be the first time this has happened in over twenty years.

Earlier in the year we rang a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Doubles with three covers at St Michael's and the Queens Peal at St James as part of the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. At Christmas, we could provide a band for all but one of the extra services, including this year on Christmas Day at St Michael's - the first time this has been possible for many years. Finally, we were delighted to be presented with the Edden Clapper trophy at the Mid-Devon Branch AGM in November.

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

Sunday: 10:30am. Practice: Tuesday 7:30pm.

Sadly, we lost one of our regular Sunday ringers with the death of Keith Fursdon. Although the church where his funeral was held do not have any bells, we rang a well struck course of Bob Minor on handbells to make sure ringing was included in his send-off. Practices have been well attended and this has enabled us to ring all the Standard 8 surprise major methods apart from London during the year. The Sunday picture is less optimistic, and we often only manage six bells. The advent of our new parish priest is an ideal time to mount a recruitment drive. He has already instigated a program of repairs to the tower to try and reduce water ingress.

We rang for both the platinum jubilee and the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Un-fortunately, with

only a few leads to go we lost a half-muffled quarter peal on the day of the funeral, following some excellent striking. The tower continues to be strong supporters of the Mid-Devon Branch.

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

Sunday: By arrangement. Practice: Thursday 7:00pm.

We have maintained our Thursday evening practices throughout the year, missing only two sessions due to the complete failure of the lighting system in the stairway and in the belfry. It is good to report that new lighting is now in place which requires no switching on and off, it is all automatic and illumination in the belfry is excellent.

We ring mainly on the front 6, methods including Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles and there is always time for a call-change peal where we aim for excellence. Our recruit is progressing well and we have welcomed a number of visitors during the year. Over the years, we have been fortunate to have the help of two people who visit fortnightly. Their last appearance was on 10th November 2022 and it is sad to learn that Madeline finally lost her battle with cancer on 11th February 2023. We will miss her very much.

A planned annual outing to the Teign Valley had to be cancelled as the date coincided with the passing of the Queen, but we were fortunate the re-arranged date, 6th October 2022 proved a lovely autumn day. We rang at Trusham, Christow and Doddiscombsleigh before lunch (which was taken at The Nobody Inn) and at Bridford, Dunsford and Holcombe Burnell in the afternoon. We look forward with confidence to 2023 with two new recruits learning the ropes to Ring for the King in May.

**WOLBOROUGH** St Mary, 8 bells, tenor 16cwt, grid ref. SX855704.

Sunday: 8:45-9:15am (2nd and 4th of month) and by arrangement. Practice: Friday 7:30pm.

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## North East Branch

### Deaneries of Cullompton and Tiverton

The Branch events calendar for 2022 was launched at the end of November following the 2021 AGM: this being a pared back and moderated schedule, largely reflecting the requirements of individuals and tower bands to re-group following the Covid pandemic. This has proven to be the best method in encouraging ringers back, without making them feel 'swamped' with events, instead, gently easing them back into ringing following quite large gaps in their ringing routine, building on both their stamina and confidence in equal measure.

Monthly Branch Open 6-Bell Ringing practices have been held at a variety of towers within Branch which have proven to be popular and beneficial, ringing anything from rounds to Surprise Minor with anything between! I will not continue to steal the thunder from the Ringing Master here, but I do encourage you all to take advantage of events which the Branch organises to further polish those ringing skills.

I decreed last year ahead of the 2021 AGM that I would not be standing for re-election as Chair, the post which I did indeed take back on for continuity purposes in the absence of another person. A key post such as this cannot and indeed should not be 'bridged'. This has the potential for the Branch to meander aimlessly and without purpose.

Due to personal commitments in the latter part of this year, I cannot afford the time the post and the Branch deserves and so whatever the outcome at the AGM, I will not be standing for Chair. I therefore look to fellow Branch members to volunteer their services to fill gaps within the Branch Officer roles as they arise; it would be healthy to have a more even spread of Officers from across the whole Branch and not from just the few tower pockets currently.

Lastly, may I take this opportunity in thanking you all for your support during my tenure and hope you extend the same level of support to my successor; it has been a real pleasure to serve you all.

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**BAMPTON** St. Michael and All Angels, 6 bells, tenor 14cwt, grid ref. SS957222, EX16 9QJ.  
Sunday: 10:15am (except 4th). General ringing: Thursdays 7:30-9:00pm.

**HUNTSHAM** All saints, 8 bells, tenor 8cwt, grid ref. ST001204, EX16 7NA.  
Sunday: 8:45am (4th only).

**Ringings:** Most ringing activities resumed in 2022 with bands ringing for nearly all services and weddings and a weekly practice held at Bampton. Training events were offered to 18 ringers from other towers from May. Demand for help with raising and lowering in peal is strong and was met with four extended practices. Plain Hunting sessions have been run for Feniton ringers. Regular weekly peal attempts at Huntsham resulted in 32 successful peals and one was rung at Bampton. The After School Bell Club has yet to restart, but two keen Year 7 pupils have been taught since the autumn.

**People & Recruitment:** The ringers lost during the pandemic have yet to be replaced and this has meant that on occasions bands have been short or unavailable for a few events. Recruitment is therefore a priority. A successful tower open afternoon was held in September linked to Heritage Open Days and teddy bear parachuting from the top of Bampton tower on the August Bank Holiday. These events were good for public relations for the Centre but have not yet resulted in

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new recruits. Mandy Burnett stepped down as a trustee and Chris Bolt and Mike Ward joined the trustee group.

**Fundraising:** Coffee mornings for TRC funds were held in February and October and a cream tea in the churchyard in August. A small regular income is received from Easyfundraising through online purchases made by members. Peel fees and donations have also raised significant income. As a result of all the fundraising, donations were made to support both churches and money invested for future major work on the bells.

**BICKLEIGH** St Mary the Virgin, 6 bells, tenor 8cwt, grid ref. SS942071, EX16 8RD  
Sunday: Occasionally with no fixed dates.

We have rung for a couple of weddings and have entertained two visiting teams in 2022. Unfortunately, we have lost our small band of dedicated ringers and have entertained a couple of potential recruits who have decided not to continue. We are actively looking for new members for 2023.

**BURLESCOMBE** St Mary's, 6 Bells, tenor 17cwt, grid ref. ST075166, EX16 7JP.  
Practice: Wednesday at 7:30pm

We continue to ring for a few services with outside help. Practice between the towers of Holcombe Rogus, Halberton and ourselves. We now have only two ringers from Burlescombe.

**CADBURY** St Michael's and All Angels, 6 bells, tenor 11 1/2cwt, grid ref. SS911049, EX5 5LA.  
Services: 11:15am on first and third Sunday in the month. Practice: Tuesday 7:00pm.

Well year 2022 has been quite an eventful year. Our bells were returned from Taylor's of Loughborough in March after being completely refurbished and were reinstalled by them with much help from members of our community. Since then, we have had several bands visit to try out the bells, including one full peal and two quarter peals.

The bells were rededicated by Robert Bishop of Exeter on 23rd of November 2022 which was attended by a good number of Bell Ringers and officials from the ringing community as well as Simon Adams from Taylor's and of course many from the Cadbury congregation.

It has taken a long time to get to this stage, but we have had a great deal of help and advice from the Guild. After a good sum was raised from local events, Viridor Credits, The Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund, The Baron Bell Fund, Devon Historic Churches Trust, and the Sharp Trust. It then made it possible to go ahead with the project. I would like to thank all who have helped us in 2022.

**CADELEIGH** St Bartholomew, 6 bells, tenor 10cwt, EX16 8HP.

The Cadeleigh bells have rung at every service, for three weddings, at the Platinum Jubilee and on the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

Six new bell ropes have been donated in memory of loved ones. A set of muffles have also been donated.

**CRUWYS MORCHARD** Holy Cross, 6 bells, tenor 12cwt, grid ref. SS87312, EX16 8LD.  
Sunday: Variable. Practice: By arrangement.

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, EX15 1JU.  
Sunday: 9:00am-9:30am. Practice: Monday 7:00pm-8:30pm (additional sessions as required).

During 2022, bells were rung for Sunday Services, weddings, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and State Funeral. We also welcomed visiting bands and have re-started the 10-bell service ringing (second Sundays) from November, which is open to other ringers. Practice nights continue to be on



Mondays with additional sessions as required for learners. Christmas ringing for the Donkey Service, Carol Service, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve rounded off our year.

**CULMSTOCK** All Saints, 8 bells, tenor 18-2-00, grid ref. ST102135, EX153JD.

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 a number of events and with help from Hemyock for combined Mission Community services, but usually only six on other Sundays. Our regular band is now, able to ring plain hunt doubles.

Visiting parties are generally welcome, including for quarter peals, but a full peal led to complaints, and so we are inclined to refuse further requests out of consideration for our neighbours. We are ringing most Sunday mornings and at this time are practising the last Wednesday of the month.

**HALBERTON** St Andrew, 6 bells, tenor 17cwt, grid ref. ST005128, EX16 7ARS

We started ringing again in October with our three towers taking turns to host. We have two new D of E teenagers learning with us. One is using ringing as a service for six months, the other a skill for six months. The young lady doing ringing for a service has completed her part for D of E and has moved on to other things although she may rejoin us in the future. The other is turning into a very competent ringer and is an asset to the team.

**HEMYOCK** St Marys, 6 bells, tenor 17-3-12, grid ref. ST136133, EX15 3RA

Ringing Sunday 10:15 first 4 Sundays of the month. 5th Sundays, some Festivals and Saints' days in rota with Clayhidon and Culmstock at 9:45. Phoning advised to save a wasted journey, and also for practices which are normally Thursdays at 7:50pm.

Not the most exciting of years. Like many towers we struggled to get a full band of ringers, sometimes due to Covid but also due to work demands and family needs. However, we did ring at every service, bar one, and are now quite good at 4-bell ringing. Not so tuneful on three bells. We did try a poster campaign for new ringers which has born fruit - not a lot, but one good apple is better than a handful of mouldy ones.

As well as service ringing, we joined in the Church's main social events of the summer and winter Fairs. The Church also had day called "Here for you" which was a demonstration of the various church groups' activities, so we were asked to "demonstrate". This was where the demonstration bell and our set of handbells came into use. And like most towers we were involved in the joyous and then sad events surrounding our former Queen.

So, were there good memories besides the ringing for the Queen? Oh yes, the centenary of the Young Farmers saw us ringing to two calves (and a Bishop) who all seemed to enjoy being rung to, and the novelty, for the cows, of being inside a church. And the Bishop came to see us in the ringing room! We think this might have been the first time we had a Bishop in the tower since 1908. July saw us celebrate one of our band reaching the age of 90 and who is still ringing for services. He was joined in the celebrations by a Guild Vice President (age 94) and ringers from Culmstock and Clayhidon and our Rector. Then we had a variety of animals for our pet service all seemingly untroubled by the sound of the bells. We finished the year by surprising our congregation, and ourselves, at the Carol Service by bursting into ringing carols - on handbells! Well, it made people talk bells!

**OAKFORD** St Peter 6 bells, tenor 12-1-11, grid ref. SS91016 21346, EX16 9ES.

Sunday: We ring some Sundays for the 6:30 pm service and occasionally for a morning service.

**RACKENFORD** All Saints, 6 bells, tenor 14-2-8cwt, grid ref. SS850182, EX19 8DT.

Sunday: Bells are rung when requested. Practice: Occasional Wednesdays 7:00pm.

**SILVERTON** St Mary's, 8 bells, tenor 16cwt, grid ref. SS956028, EX5 4HS.

Sunday: 9:00 for 9:30am (4th Sunday 9:30 for 10:00). Practice: Thursdays 7:45pm.

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

At a pre-resumption meeting of our ringers in May we were pleased to welcome our new (2019) Rector and his wife 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 ringing 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 ringing communities). Also, three of our band opted not to return to ringing. The loss of has however been in part offset by the aspiring participation of a younger brother and additionally we were fortunate to attract a recruit, who started training later in the year.

Thursday evening "practice nights" were in general well attended albeit the ringing 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 garden BBQ held by one of the band. Finally, tradition was maintained by at midnight on New Year's Eve by "ringing out" the old and "ringing in" the New Year. May 2022 prove to be a better year than 2021.

**STOODLEIGH** St Margaret, 6 bells, tenor 7cwt, grid ref. SS922188, EX16 9PH

Sunday: As part of the Exe Valley Group of Churches with nine 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.

Currently we are regularly ringing with just the five bells Our treble bell is cracked, but we do now have the funds and also the relevant faculty in place. Just waiting for "Taylors" to give us a date to proceed with the repair.

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

Sunday: 10:00am, and 1st & 3rd 5:15-6:30pm call changes. Practice: Friday 7:30pm plus simulator session on most Tuesday early evenings.

We now have nine regular Sunday morning ringers including five young people, plus others who are regulars at practice or the call change sessions on Sunday evenings. Things have definitely looked up since last year! Our best recruiting tactic has been ringing with the door open to the street and engaging passers-by. We have dual affiliation to Guild and Association.

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

Sunday: 9:30am. Practice: Tuesday, muffled 6:30pm-7:15pm, open: 7:15pm-9:00pm.

In 2022 we were able to ring for every Sunday service and for some special events. Practices were held regularly along with tied bell practices for learners and additional mid-week bell handling sessions. We continue to host the branch Triples & Major practice each month and are grateful to those attending which enable us to ring additional methods.

During 2022 we rang six Quarter Peals and hosted the Heritage Open day in September with 60 visitors. This proves to be a great PR event and occasionally produces new recruits. We had a excellent outing in the South Hams area which is to be repeated this coming summer when we hope more of the band will be able to join in. Our new recruits are now ringing for services but unfortunately one has moved to North Devon. Due to illness over the New Year, we were unable to ring at Midnight, but publicity on the local Facebook page has generated three new recruits.

After receiving the Guild Bell advisors report in Dec 2021, we have since had Taylor's inspect and

advise on the 'overhaul' of the bells in advance of their centenary in 2024. We have started to fundraise, and plans are afoot to celebrate the centenary with special events in March 2024.

**UFFCULME** St Mary the Virgin, 8 bells, tenor 21cwt, grid ref. ST068127, EX15 3AX.  
Sunday: 10:30am, by arrangement. Practice: Thursday.

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 an extremely 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 and Full peals.

We have been fortunate that two experienced ringers have moved into the village and they have brought a breath of fresh air to the tower!

With the support of ringers from St Andrew's, Cullompton we have rung for weddings and national celebrations. Through the promotion of that ringing in the parish magazine and village Facebook group we have recruited a number of learners. Regular practices have resumed, and we are working to rebuild the band.

It would be advisable to contact the Tower Captain to discuss the viability of a request to ring.

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## North/North West Branch

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

Currently the N/NW Branch is Moribund. There are no officers and no official branch activities.

### Regular Practices

The only regular practice is on a Tuesday at 7:30 pm and held at St Brannock's Church Braunton. This is a remnant of the St Brannock's Society and not eventan official Guild. However everyone is welcome.

### TOWERS MEMBERSHIP

**BLACK TORRINGTON** St Mary, 6 bells, tenor 9cwt, grid ref. SS465057

Sunday: 10:45 am on 3rd Sunday.

**BRATTON FLEMING** St Peter's, 6 bells, tenor 14cwt, grid ref. SS643378.

Sunday: Meet at 8:45 (but check on 5th Sunday as service might be elsewhere).

Practice: Friday 7:30 pm.

**COMBE MARTIN** St Peter and Vincula, 8 bells, tenor 11cwt, grid ref. SS586483.

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Practice: Thursday 7:45 p.m. Please check in advance with Mike Squire.

Unfortunately due to Covid we are still not ringing on a regular basis. This is due to illness and other problems. However are still trying to encourage others to join us so they can ring for the Coronation.

**FREMINGTON** St Peter, 6 bells, tenor 9cwt, grid ref. SS513326

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. for 11 a.m. service. Practice: 2:30 pm. (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 now have six learners. One has started ringing regularly on Sundays and they will all be ringing for the coronation. Our Thursday practices are well attended. We frequently get 10-14 attendees.

## South West Branch

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

2022 was the year when ringing in the Branch returned to some level of normality following two years of restrictions due to Covid. It was very pleasing to see so many ringers face-to-face again, although locally and nationally the numbers ringing still has to return to its pre-Covid levels. There are national and local initiatives to recruit new ringers, to be competent in time to ring for the coronation of King Charles III in June 2023.

The Branch AGM was held on Saturday 22nd January. The day began with open ringing at St Budeaux in the morning, led by the Ringing Master. Twenty-two members and guests took part, with the ringing ranging from rounds to Grandsire Doubles and Stedman doubles.

The AGM, at St Mary's Church Hall, Plympton started at 2:00pm and was attended by 26 Branch members and two guests. Due to ongoing Covid concerns, the meeting was conducted accordingly, with suitable spacing between members and plenty of fresh air, with doors wide open, even though it was quite cold outside. These conditions helped to concentrate the minds of members, leading to an expeditious meeting, which closed at 3:05pm. This was followed by open ringing at St Mary's Church. As Covid restrictions and concerns continued to ease during the year, so the Branch were able to hold more Practice meetings during the year. It was decided to hold blocks of three practices on consecutive Saturdays in order to consolidate learning of particular skills and methods. In February these practices covered learning Plain Hunt to Bob Doubles and July practices covered Triples to Major. General Branch practices took place in March, April and November.

The Branch held a Spring Outing to five towers in Cornwall in May, and it was very well attended. It was very good to see many familiar faces amongst the ringers, many not seen since the outbreak of Covid. A long, but enjoyable, day was had by all.

The sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September, meant that the Branch Autumn outing to towers in the South Hams and south Devon, due to take place on Saturday 10th September was cancelled. However, the Branch marked the passing of the Queen with a whole series of commemorative half muffled peals, quarter peals and general ringing in the following days up to, and including, the day of the State Funeral. It has proved to be a very memorable time of ringing for so many Branch members.

The Branch Annual Service was held on Saturday 12th November at St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum, preceded by open ringing. Approximately thirty-five people attended the Service and many thanks goes to Reverend Andy Bowden for conducting the Service and giving an excellent and appropriate address. The Branch Annual Dinner, held at the Yelverton Golf Course, followed the service and was attended by 36 people. It was a new venue for the Dinner and the relaxed, impressive surroundings and excellent meal was very much enjoyed by everyone. The Golf Club has already been booked for next year's Annual Dinner!

The final Branch Practice was held on Saturday 26th November at St Bridget's Church, Bridestowe. There was a very good turnout of ringers from all parts of the Branch, and the ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor. Special thanks go to our Ringing Master, for organising the Branch practices, throughout the year and my thanks go to all the other Branch Officers and members for showing their support for the Branch and its activities throughout the year. Hopefully 2023 will be the year when we will recruit many new members and the ringing within the Branch continues to go forward from strength to strength.

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

Sunday: 10:30-11:00 (except 3rd Sunday). Practice: Monday 7:45-9:00pm.

Our ringers have continued to make good progress during 2022. We managed to ring for most services and practice nights, although we often had less than six ringers present. We rang for a total of five weddings and several of our members joined the South-West Branch outing in May. Like

many towers, we rang the bells in celebration for Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, followed by half-muffled ringing to mark her passing in September. In the usual style, the end of 2022 was marked by ringing the New Year in, joined by loud cheering from many villagers in the churchyard.

**BRIDESTOWE** St. Bridget, 6 bells, tenor 13cwt, grid ref. SX513894.  
Sunday: 09:00 (2nd and 3rd Sunday). Practice: Friday 19:30-21:00.

2022 was a notable year for the number of occasions, both happy and sad, that were marked by the sound of the Bridestowe bells. It was a year unique for the number of nationally significant events in which Bridestowes' ringers were able to participate. The band were able to ring for them all, starting with the anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth 11 in February, and followed by her platinum jubilee celebrations in June. Later in the year the sad occasion of the Queen's death was marked by muffled tolling, as well as half-muffled ringing at her commemoration service. Finally, we rang for the happier occasion on the accession to the throne of King Charles 111 on September 11th. A unique year for us all.

The remainder of the year was not without its moment, when Storm Eunice caused one practice to be cancelled. However, we practised most Friday's and we rang for most of the routine Sunday: services. There was one wedding during the year, and we were pleased to welcome visiting ringers on two occasions, as well as a peal band in August, and a branch Practice in November.

Finally, my thanks to those ringers from other towers who regularly came along during 2022, in all weathers to support our practices and services. Your help was greatly appreciated.

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

We were able to hold our winter practices most weeks, ring for the summer services and eight weddings due to the continued support of ringers from nearby towers. Brentor proves to be popular with visiting bands of ringers, one of whom rang a full peal.

In June we joined the nationwide ringing of bells to coincide with the lighting of beacons to celebrate the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II. A bell was tolled following the announcement of the death of The Queen in September. The bells were rung for King Charles III on his accession to the throne. A bell was tolled for the state funeral of The Queen. We have now completed the purchase of the all synthetic (including sally) ropes, hopefully seeing an end to the problem of rotting ropes caused by the tower being very wet.

**CHARLETON** St Mary, 6 bells, tenor 9cwt, grid ref. SX749426, TQ7 2BR.  
Practice: Monthly, Methods 1st Wednesday 7:30, Devon call changes 4th Thursday 8:00.

The church remains closed to regular worship and its future uncertain. We aim to keep the bells ringing as long as we can and have kept practices running assisted by ringers from local towers. Ringers are very welcome to join us but if you are not on our regular ringers' email list, please call to check if we will be ringing.

**GALMPTON** Holy Trinity, 6 bells, tenor 6cwt, grid ref. SX686404  
Sunday: 09:30am (1st & 3rd).

It has been a quiet year. We tolled the tenor half muffled on the death of Queen Elizabeth, and rang half muffled for the normal service on the following Sunday, and then tolled the tenor half muffled for the State Funeral. Earlier in the year we lost our place in the senior section at the local Deanery competition and were relegated to the junior section. Hopefully, we'll go back up again this year. We would like to thank Luther and Tim from Salcombe, Maggie and Sharon from Malborough, and Martin for their support on Sundays.



#### **45 The Guild of Devonshire Ringers**

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

Sunday: 10:30am (2nd). Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm.

The team from Lifton rang the bells a couple of times in 2022. We have no team at present, but are trying to interest younger people in our community. The bells still need some maintenance work.

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

All ringing by arrangement.

It has been a difficult year at Laira. We have had several disruptions including a series of breaks ins, vandalism and police involvement, pastoral reorganisation, plus the treasurer and church wardens stepping down. We are still determined to keep our church open and operating. We held some ringing practices at Laira during 2022 and hosted a Branch Triples and Major training session. We look forward to hosting more events and welcoming visitors over the coming 12 months.

**LIFTON** ST Mary 8 bells, tenor 21cwt, grid ref. SX386850.

Sunday: 9:00am. Practice: Monday 7:30pm.

We continue to have a strong band of ringers being able to ring six bells most Sundays and sometimes eight bells on practice nights. Our numbers are regularly boosted by ringers from other towers.

We have gained two competent ringers who have relocated to West Devon and a new learner joined us earlier this year. We are pleased that we are able to support other towers by helping out for weddings and funerals. Although the tower has been predominantly call change ringing in recent years, we are currently working hard teaching Plain Bob Doubles to our inexperienced ringers in preparation for the King's Coronation in May 2023. All of this makes for busy practice nights which are followed by much needed refreshments afterwards in our local hostelry.

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

Sunday: 10:00am and by arrangement 6:00pm. Practice: Thursday 7:00pm-9:00pm.

2022 was much more of a return to normal, the tower Christmas Meal took place in February, as usual at the Hunting Lodge and was attended by over 20 of the regular attendees and partners. The ringing at practice sessions has seen good progress being made by all attendees, with the ringing ranging from rounds and plain hunt to some surprise and all sorts in between. Sunday morning service ringing has regularly been taking place and the Plymouth Youths 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 12cwt, grid ref. SX454593.

Sunday: 10:00am. Practice: Monday 7:30pm.

Ringing levels have now just about returned to pre-pandemic levels and we were able to practice on most Mondays, with the help with visiting ringers from Plymouth and the surrounding area. On the ringing front, a peal was rung in January by South West Branch members. Also, there was an open practice on the day of the SW AGM. We only had one visiting band this year and only two weddings. Hopefully, numbers will pick up in 2023.

This year was a bitter sweet year; as we both commemorated the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum jubilee and her death, after 70 years of faithfully serving our Country and Commonwealth. We rang rounds for the State Funeral, and during that evening's practice a grand total of 14 different ringers rang on the muffled bells. On the day of the proclamation for King Charles we also rang a bell. Following lockdown, one of our ringers decided to give up ringing and will be missed. However, another has decided to return to ringing. We also have four other adult learners and one youngster, who comes when he is not at school in Somerset. Hopefully, the newcomers will be able to ring for services sometime in 2023.

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

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

Sunday service ringing has continued to be well supported over the year. We welcomed one recruit to our ranks in the autumn and look forward to her becoming a Guild member in the not-too-distant future. We were also joined by two new students who have begun their university courses. Sadly, we said goodbye to one University student who graduated during the year & wish him well for the future.

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 to our practices once a month. We would like to thank all those ringers from other towers who support the practices and Sunday service ringing. Seven quarter peals were rung during the year, including one from a visiting band. These enabled various ringers to gain experience both in some longer and steadier ringing as well as in the methods. A first of Stedman Doubles for one lady, a ringer from Plympton rang her first quarter peal and one ringer, from Emmanuel, rang her first on eight bells.

Following the demise of the late Queen, the tenor was tolled at 12:00 noon on the day after the announcement and also before the start of her funeral. The first event was live streamed on Facebook by the local paper, along with a broadcast by the BBC on the Sunday morning following her death. One of the quarter peals was for the proclamation of the King (immediately after the local announcement) and one was rung after the Queen's funeral. As we look forward to the new year, we hope our ringers and those visiting us on a regular basis continue with the development of their skills, one of the most important of which is accurate striking.

**PLYMPTON** St Mary, Market Rd, Plympton PL7 1QW. 8 bells tenor 25cwt, grid ref. SX537563.  
Sunday: Ringing 9:00 for 9:30am Eucharist, 5:45pm first Sunday in the month for Evensong.  
Practice: Monday 7:30pm.

We usually have enough ringers on a Sunday to ring the front five, and often have six. Visitors help us out with Evensong. Our ages range from 19 to 70+, and we are trying hard to recruit new ringers. We are traditionally a call-change tower, but we're working on learning to do some method ringing. A few of us visit other local towers during the week for a 'method fix'. Equally, other ringers come to assist us at many of our practices. Two of us have done the ART Teachers' Course. Practices are a mix of doing the level three requirements for the Call Change Challenges, and trying some Kaleidoscope and plain hunt exercises. All our ringers are being encouraged to take part in calling the changes, from different bells. One of our ringers has recently rung in her first QP at a different local tower, and is being encouraged to complete the method ringers' level three.

The bells are checked regularly by a quarterly maintenance team- we are very lucky to have a professional engineer as our steeple keeper - we have CCTV available to congregation. The team enjoys supporting the church on fundraising occasions, most recently dressing a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival.

We ring for weddings, and occasional services, including funerals, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas and Easter Services. This year we rang for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, to mark her death, and to celebrate the announcement of the new King. Some of our ringers are enthusiastic about handbells, and rang for services when our own bells were temporarily out of action. They also visited one of the local Residential Homes before Christmas.

Thank you to all the local people who encourage and support us.

**SALCOMBE** Holy Trinity, 6 bells, tenor 8cwt, grid ref. SX740392.  
Sunday: 9:30am. Practice: Friday 7:30pm.

Salcombe ringers have continued to ring the bells for Sunday services, weddings, funerals when requested and other special events.

In 2022 we had the highest ever number of weddings to ring for – at least one on most Saturdays between the beginning of May and mid-September. Many of these were the final post Covid ‘catch up’ weddings postponed from 2020/2021. We also rang the bells in accordance with national guidelines for the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

**SAMPFORD SPINEY** St Mary, 6 bells, tenor 6cwt, grid ref. SX534724, What3words:

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Sunday: 2:30pm as required. Practice: Wednesday 7:30pm.

We continue to hold regular practices on Wednesday evenings which, thanks to the highly welcome support of experienced ringers from Tavistock, enable us to maintain a good standard of change ringing and call changes. Walkhampton tower problems have also been fortunate for us as three of their band have become regulars at our tower. We regularly ring Plain Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. We hope to extend our repertoire during this coming year after attending the Branch training programme.

Regrettably one band member, a stalwart at Sampford Spiney since the bells were rehung in 2008, has had to cease ringing due to health and mobility issues. She is sorely missed.

We are hoping to reinstate a regular 3pm Evensong Service on the first Sunday of the month, which will enable us to resume a regular Sunday ring.

We rang a half muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles as a token of respect to her late majesty Queen Elizabeth II following her death and we have welcomed several visiting bands during the year.

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

Sunday: 9:30am. Practice: Wednesday 7:15-8:45pm.

Royal events had most effect on our ringing this year. We rang on the day of the Accession of King Charles III but it took us three attempts to ring a peal for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, having rung peals for each of her previous jubilees. Compensation for one of those losses was a quarter of Grandsire Triples on 28th May. We eventually succeeded, combined with celebration of the Accession of the new monarch, with a peal of Plain Bob Major on 19th November. Four members of the band were present or former Stoke ringers, and we are grateful as ever for the help of friends from neighbouring towers, including one, for whom it was her first on eight. We said a sad farewell to Yvonne Porter, who died aged 90 in October. She learnt to ring in Wales in 1950, became a member of Plymouth St Andrews (now the Plymouth Minster) band in 1955, and moved to Stoke in 1982, where she was a loyal member for forty years.

Our Sunday ringing has been modest but committed, so we are very grateful for the consistent support of the friends who come week by week to make our practices worthwhile for all, including our two recruits. We hope for more, and to build on past efforts, including with appropriate celebration of the Coronation of King Charles in 2023.

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

Sunday: 10:30am (2nd Sunday), 6:30pm (4th Sunday). Practice: Monday 8:00–9:00pm.

2022 has seen a return to normal ringing at St Mary's. The regular sound of the church bells continues to be much appreciated by our village and missed practices are normally commented upon. Weekly practice has been well attended by our five regular ringers and one improver. All Church services during the year were announced by 30min ringing of rounds, call-changes and plain hunt (more complicated method is still beyond our grasp!). In addition, we rang for the Platinum Jubilee, the Queen's Passing and Funeral (fully-muffled of course), Armistice, Christmas and New Year. We are looking forward to ringing for two weddings at St Mary's in March and June. We joined forces with St Andrews (Bere Ferrers) for the Deanery Ringing Festival to ensure that we could ring all of the bells at the four towers visited on the day. We also hosted three visiting bands over the course of the year.

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

Sunday: 9:00am. Practice: Tuesday 7:30pm.

Ringling slowly returned to 'normal' this year, thanks to more vaccinations and improved ventilation in the Tower. Along with the Sunday ringing and Tuesday practices we have rung for weddings, funerals and of course joyfully for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, sadly on the occasion of the Queen's death and then for the Proclamation of King Charles. Ringling has gradually returned to pre covid levels with Stedman Caters on Sunday morning and Cambridge Surprise Royal on practice night.

Tavistock has hosted several visiting bands and training sessions for SW Branch. We enjoyed an outing to East Devon and a lovely lunch together.

The Thursday 'Learner's practice', utilising the simulator, is doing well with learners coming for surrounding Towers as well as Tavistock, with some now ready to progress to Sunday ringing at various Towers. Following on from hosting a Taster session in December for the 'Ring for the King' there are a new set of learners. Various ringers at Tavistock continue to support local towers.

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

Ringling currently suspended due to water damage to ceiling of ringing chamber.

A year ago, things were looking up for the Walkhampton ringers. We had three keen learners on Wednesday evenings and help from other towers. We were able to host a Branch Practice in late February, ring on Easter Day with assistance from Sampford Spiney, and ring for a wedding in June with help from Whitchurch and Bere Ferrers. We also rang a bell 70 times to commemorate the Queen's jubilee. Then came an instruction to cease ringling.

Ever since the repointing in 2018, the ringers had been reporting excessive water ingress through the south wall of the tower. By January 2022, mushrooms were growing from the floor above the ringing chamber and a bells inspection in March confirmed that, although the bells were in good condition, the intermediate timbers showed signs of decay. Subsequent expert investigation revealed extensive rot in the ceiling of the ringing chamber and, in July, advice recommended that ringling should stop. One exception was made for the tolling of the tenor to mark the Queen's death.

Since then a core of ringers has been welcomed at Sampford Spiney's and Plymouth Emmanuel's practice evenings and we are very grateful for this support. The need for further repointing and the repair of the rotten timbers means that we are unlikely to return to ringling in the near future.

**WHITCHURCH** St Andrew, 6 bells, tenor 11cwt, 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 four people being available, 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 ringling.

Socially we were limited to a BBQ in August.

## **THE MODERN SOCIETY OF PLYMOUTH YOUTHS**

A society for young ringers in the area aged 30 or under.

Practice: 3rd Sundays of the month 5:30-6:30pm at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth.

Date and time subject to change: email the chairperson in advance.

The Modern Society of Plymouth Youths held regular practices on the fourth Sunday of the month throughout 2022. Attendance at these sessions has been lower than in previous years. However the sessions have been helpful for those who have attended and we are aware of a number of young ringers in the area who we hope will be able to join us for future sessions.

In 2022 we warmly welcomed two new student ringers who joined us in September. We also bid

farewell to three of our Plymouth Youths, one who joined us in Plymouth in 2021 for her placement year, one who served as secretary for the Society until the completion of his studies and one who has now moved to Brighton to start a new career. We wish them all well in the future and thank them for their contributions to the society while they were with us.

A highlight of the year for the Modern Society of Plymouth Youths was achieving the second ever Quarter Peal rung by the Modern Society of Plymouth Youths where all the band were under the age of 30. The last one was over 10 years ago in 2011. The band rang 1300 changes of Plain Bob Doubles on 8th March 2022.

In Summer 2022, finally free of Covid restrictions, we resumed our annual tradition of a weekend away, this time headed to Somerset where we rang at five towers – Woolavington, Pawlett, Burnham-on-Sea, Lympsham and Uphill. Many thanks to our secretary for organising a fantastic outing, and for the Plymouth Youths and friends who joined us on the day.

We hope that 2023 will see a boost in numbers of young ringers in the area owing to the 'Ring for the King' recruitment efforts. A number of members of The Modern Society of Plymouth Youths also plan to continue to support Devon Young Ringers at their monthly practices at Pinhoe.

I would like to thank all those who have attended and supported our practices in 2022 and I would like to encourage tower captains in the local area to advertise our practices to any young ringers under 30 who would like to join us. We are a friendly and welcoming group who meet at Emmanuel Church on the 4th Sunday of the month from 5:00pm–6:30pm and we cater to all abilities and levels of experience. Please contact the Chairperson, for any further details.

## Peal Secretary's Report

The Guild rang 110 peals in 2022, of which 16 were on handbells. There was an overall increase of 40 on 2021, however, as 2022 was the first complete year since lockdown, it is difficult to compare with previous years. At the end of 2022 the Guild total stood at 7528.

Huntsham was the leading tower followed by Exeter St Mark and Wobbly Bobs Campanile. First peal on the bells was rung at Landkey and only the second at Teignmouth, St James, both for the platinum jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Yorkshire S Major was the leading method followed by seven Surprise Minor and twenty-two Surprise Minor

Disappointingly there were no first peelers or firsts as Conductor. However there was good progress made by some younger ringers, including Elena Brake ringing her first peal of Minor inside and her first on eight. Mark Pring rang his first peals of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major, Steph Hills rang her first of Bristol S Maximus while there was a peal in the same method on handbells for Andrew Digby and Oliver Coldrick.

John Hill rang in a peal of Stedman Caters at Exeter St Mark for the platinum jubilee, thus becoming one of the few to ring a peal for the Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II and for all the jubilees. Roger King rang a peal of Yorkshire S Royal at his home tower, Withycombe Raleigh, to mark his 80th birthday.

Various milestones were reached during the year, including John Martin ringing his 2000th peal and Tim Bayton and Roger King ringing their 500th.

There were several noteworthy peals, some for the platinum jubilee, and one on the Minor ten at Exeter Cathedral with the bells fully muffled, with the Tenor open at backstroke, to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Handbell peals of note included Bristol S Maximus by the Guild for the first time and sixty-four Spliced Treble Dodging Minor.

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

1st January	Iceland S Major	Highweek
10th February	Lord Edgefield of Shepton A Major*	Huntsham
17th February	Flickets A Major*	Huntsham
17th March	Grockles A Major*	Huntsham
24th March	Lent Rosums A Major*	Huntsham
26th March	Ulking A Major*	Huntsham
31st May	Buachaille Etive Mor D Major	Wobbly Bobs Campanile
7th June	Withyam S Major	Wobbly Bobs Campanile
26th August	Duryard S Royal*	Exeter St Mark
7th September	Kingskerswell A Major*	Newton Abbot
2nd September	Oodwail A Major*	Huntsham
13th September	Grey Mare S Major*	Wobbly Bobs Campanile
1st October	Johnstone Castle S Major	Moretonhampstead
22nd October	Quockerwodger S Major*	Broadclyst
8th November	Rattling Bones S Major*	Wobbly Bobs Campanile
29th November	Bickington D Major*	Wobbly Bobs Campanile
20th December	Tom Pearce S Major*	Wobbly Bobs Campanile
27th December	Hukeley S Major*	Huntsham

\* These methods were rung for the first time.

### Milestones reached during the year

4000th peal for the Guild	Michael Mears	29th April
3400th peal	David Hird	30th August
3200th as Conductor for the Guild	Michael Mears	2nd December
2000th peal	John Martin	2nd April
1600th peal	Lester Yeo	9th June

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1500th peal for the Guild	Robert Brown	1st October
1350th peal	Peter Bill	5th April
1350th peal as Conductor	David Hird	28th January
1100th peal	John Foster	28th January
1100th peal	Matthew Hilling	17th September
1000th peal for the Guild	Peter Bill	20th May
900th peal as Conductor	John Martin	22nd December
600th peal	Ian Campbell	2nd April
600th peal for the Guild	David Hird	7th June
500th peal	Roger King	26th February
500th peal	Tim Bayton	18th April
500th peal for the Guild	James Kirkcald	7th June
450th peal for the Guild	Wendy Campbell	22nd November
400th peal	Fred Sage	13th January
400th peal	Lynne Hughes	19th November
400th as Conductor for the Guild	Matthew Hilling	10th June
250th peal	Revd Christopher Renyard	10th February
200th peal on the bells	Broadclyst	29th January
300th peal on the bells	Ting-Tong (both towers)	1st February
100th peal on the bells	Wobbly Bobs Campanile	15th April

### Leading towers

Thorverton	992	Major & Triples	2
Withycombe Raleigh	319	Minor	1823
Exeter St Mark	288	Doubles	316
Pinhoe	201	Minor & Doubles	3
Bishops-Ting-Tong	193	Minimus	1
Buckfastleigh	127	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>7528</u></b>

Broadclyst	122
Newton St Cyres	118
Wolborough	110
Kingsteignton	110
Brampford Speke	103
Kings-Ting-Tong	100
Heavitree	96
Highweek	87
Exeter Cathedral	83

### Number of bells

Fourteen	1
Maximus	260
Cinques	62
Maximus & Cinques	1
Royal	859
Caters	253
Royal & Caters	4
Major	3151
Triples	792

### Leading methods

Grandsire Triples	611
Surprise Minor	456
(7 methods)	
Yorkshire S Major	334
Bristol S Major	243
Spliced S Major	214
(8 methods)	
Plain Bob Major	211
Plain Bob Minor	196
Grandsire Caters	195
Cambridge S Minor	189
Cambridge S Major	187
Grandsire Doubles	172
Spliced S Minor	150
(41 methods)	
Stedman Triples	150

### Leading conductors

Michael Mears	3202
Matthew Hilling	411
John Martin	275
Paul Pascoe	173
Ian Smith	168
Robert Brown	161
John Longridge	146
Fergus Stracey	136
David Hird	116
Charles Lilley	110
Brian Mountjoy	98
Thomas Myers	80
Timothy Bayton	71
Pauline McKenzie	65



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- 7419 HIGHWEEK**, All Saints. Sat Jan 1, 2h 42, 5088 Iceland S Major. Comp. D F Morrison (No 6816)
- 7420 PLYMOUTH**, St Budeaux. Sat Jan 8, 2h 53, 5040 Cambridge S Minor. Comp. D G Salter (No 3)
- 7421 EAST OGWELL**, St Bartholomew, Sat Jan 8, 2h 22, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(7m: Norwich, York, Ipswich, Bourne, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge)
- 7422 HUNTSAM**, All Saints. Thu Jan 13, 2h 39, 5088 Yorkshire S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7423 FONTMELL MAGNA**, Dorset, St Andrew. Wed Jan 26, 2h 53, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(17m: (1) London, Wells (2) Carlisle (3) York, Durham (4) Lightfoot (5) Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)
- 7424 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri Jan 28, 2h 56, 5040 Swindon S Royal. Comp. D F Morrison
- 7425 BROADCLYST**, St John the Baptist. Sat Jan 29, 3h 8, 5056 Cambridge S Major. Comp. James Clatworthy
- 7426 KINGSTEIGNTON**, Kings-Ting-Tong. Tue Feb 1, 1h 48, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(20m: (1) London, Wells (2) Chester, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Netherseale, Lightfoot (5) York, Durham (6) Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)
- 7427 WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH**, St John the Evangelist. Sat Feb 5, 3h 9, 5080 Yorkshire S Royal.  
Comp. D F Morrison (No 7291)
- 7428 KINGSTEIGNTON**, Kings-Ting-Tong. Tue Feb 8, 1h 42, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(19m: (1) London, Wells (2) Carlisle (3) Westminster, Allendale (4, 5) Annable's London, Norwich (6, 7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet)
- 7429 HUNTSAM**, All Saints. Thu Feb 10, 2h 38, 5004 Lord Edgefield of Shepton Beauchamp Alliance Major.  
Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7430 EXETER**, Cathedral of St Peter. Sat Feb 12, 3h 31, 5070 Spliced Royal (2m: 5040 Cambridge S Royal; 30 Platinum A Royal: 1 com) Comp. Alan G Reading
- 7431 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Feb 15, 2h 21, 5088 Spliced S Major  
(5m: 1376 Superlative; 1120 Yorkshire; 960 Cambridge, Rutland; 672 Bristol: 54 com, atw). Comp. P G K Davies and D F Morrison
- 7432 HUNTSAM**, All Saints. Thu Feb 17, 2h 38, 5088 Flickets Alliance Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7433 EXETER**, Cathedral of St Peter (Under the Moon). Mon Feb 21, 2h 20, 5088 Kent TB Major. Comp. Robert W Lee
- 7434 KINGSTEIGNTON**, Kings-Ting-Tong. Tue Feb 22, 1h 44, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(22m: (1) London, Wells (2) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre (3) Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth (4, 5) Annable's London, Norwich (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, Durham, York (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)
- 7435 DURWESTON**, Dorset, St Nicholas. Wed Feb 23, 2h 44, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(10m: (1) London, Wells (2) Primrose (3) Annable's London (4) Bourne (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)
- 7436 HUNTSAM**, All Saints. Thu Feb 24, 2h 40, 5024 Spliced S Major  
(4m: 1280 Yorkshire; 960 Rutland; 1344 Lincolnshire; 1440 Cambridge: 58 com, atw). Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7437 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri Feb 25, 2h 55, 5040 Prittlewell S Royal. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7438 HIGHWEEK**, All Saints. Sat Feb 26, 2h 44, 5088 Turramurra S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7439 KINGSTEIGNTON**, Kings-Ting-Tong. Tue Mar 1, 1h 42, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(20m: (1) London, Wells (2) Chester, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4, 5) Annable's London, Norwich (6, 7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet)
- 7440 ALLER**, Somerset, St Andrew. Wed Mar 2, 2h 38, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(22m: (1) London, Wells, Cuneastre (2) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre (3) Westminster, Allendale (4, 5) Annable's London, Norwich (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)
- 7441 HILLFARRANCE**, Somerset, Holy Cross. Wed Mar 2, 2h 42, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(17m: (1) Durham, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth (4, 5) Annable's London, Norwich (6) Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose)
- 7442 KINGSTEIGNTON**, Kings-Ting-Tong. Tue Mar 8, 1h 45, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(18m: (1) Durham, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet (2) Carlisle (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) York (5) Netherseale, Lightfoot (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)
- 7443 HUNTSAM**, All Saints. Thu Mar 10, 2h 37, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(7m: London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge)
- 7444 HUNTSAM**, All Saints. Thu Mar 17, 2h 41, 5040 Grockles Alliance Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7445 THORVERTON**, St Thomas of Canterbury. Fri Mar 18, 3h 1, 5040 Albanian S Royal. Comp. Peter Border
- 7446 STOURPAINE**, Dorset, Holy Trinity. Wed Mar 23, 2h 54, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(12m: (1) London, Wells (2) York, Durham (3) Primrose (4) Annable's London (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)
- 7447 HUNTSAM**, All Saints. Thu Mar 24, 2h 41, 5004 Lent Rosums A Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7448 HIGHWEEK**, All Saints. Sat Mar 26, 2h 54, 5076 Ulking Alliance Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7449 BROADCLYST**, St John the Baptist. Sat Apr 2, 3h 9, 5040 Stedman Triples. Comp. Arr. John Pladdys (No 9)
- 7450 TIVERTON**, St Peter. Sat Apr 2, 3h 38, 5024 Bristol S Major. Comp. John S Warboys
- 7451 KINGSTEIGNTON**, Kings-Ting-Tong. Tue Apr 5, 1h 43, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(26m: (1) London, Wells, Cuneastre (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)
- 7452 BOVEY TRACEY**, Wobbly Bob's Campanile. Fri Apr 15, 1h 51, 5024 Yorkshire S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7453 HEAVYTREE**, St Michael & All Angels. Mon Apr 18, 3h 34, 5040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Comp. Anthony J Cox
- 7454 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Thu Apr 21, 2h 26, 5120 Spliced S Major  
(6m: 1120 Rutland; 896 Superlative; 800 Pudsey; 768 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire: 98 com, atw)  
Comp. Marcus C W Sherwood

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- 7455 SYDENHAM DAMEREL**, St Mary. Wed Apr 27, 2h 37, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(7m: Carlisle, London, Norwich, York, Bourne, Beverley, Cambridge)
- 7456 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Thu Apr 28, 2h 22, 5088 Spliced S Major  
(5m: 1152 Bristol, Yorkshire; 960 Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 864 Rutland: 75 com, atw) Comp. Philip G K Davies
- 7457 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri Apr 29, 2h 54, 5002 Oakham S Royal. Comp. John R Ketteringham
- 7458 UPLOWMAN**, St Peter. Wed May 4, 2h 44, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(22m: (1) London, Wells (2) 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)
- 7459 KINGSTEIGNTON**, St Michael. Sat May 7, 2h 58, 5024 Lincolnshire S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7460 HUNTSHAM**, All Saints. Thu May 12, 2h 46, 5024 New Cambridge S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7461 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Thu May 12, 2h 20, 5056 Yorkshire S Major. Comp. Anthony J Cox
- 7462 COMBEINTEIGNHEAD**, All Saints. Fri May 20, 2h 44, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(22m: (1) London, Wells, Cunacastre (2) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre (3) Westminster, Allendale (4, 5) Annable's London, Norwich (6, 7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet)
- 7463 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri May 27, 2h 55, 5040 Yorkshire S Royal. Comp. J H Fielden
- 7464 KILMINGTON**, St Giles. Sat May 28, 2h 52, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(23m: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland (2) London, Wells, Cunecastre (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford (4) Westminster, Allendale (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham (6) York, Durham (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk)
- 7465 TAUNTON**, Somerset, St Mary Magdalene. Sat May 28, 3h 28, 5040 Cambridge S Royal. Comp. James Clatworthy
- 7466 BOVEY TRACEY**, Wobbly Bob's Campanile. Tue May 31, 1h 51, 5152 Buachaille Etive Mor D Major.  
Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7467 HUNTSHAM**, All Saints. Thu Jun 2, 2h 44, 5088 Yorkshire S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7468 LANDKEY**, St Paul. Thu Jun 2, 2h 54, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(12m: (1) London, Wells (2) Carlisle (3) York, Durham (4) Westminster (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)
- 7469 TEIGNMOUTH**, St James the Less. Fri Jun 3, 3h 8, 5024 Yorkshire S Major. Comp. J H Potter
- 7470 EXETER**, St Thomas the Apostle. Sat Jun 4, 2h 57, 5056 Cambridge S Major. Comp. James Clatworthy
- 7471 KINGSKERSWELL**, St Mary. Sun Jun 5, 2h 48, 5056 Jubilee S Major. Comp. D F Morrison (No 442)
- 7472 BOVEY TRACEY**, Wobbly Bob's Campanile. Tue Jun 7, 1h 58, 5088 Withyham S Major. Comp. D F Morrison (No 979)
- 7473 BISHOPSTEIGNTON**, Bishops-Ting-Tong. Thu Jun 9, 1h 42, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(7m: Durham, Ipswich, Bourne, York, Beverley, Norwich, Cambridge)
- 7474 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri Jun 10, 3h 0, 5070 Stedman Caters. Comp. Mark R Eccleston
- 7475 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Jun 14, 2h 21, 5056 Spliced S Major  
(6m: 1216 Rutland; 960 Superlative; 768 Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 704 Pudsey; 640 Cambridge: 137 com) Comp. D F Morrison (No 6702)
- 7476 LITTLEHAM**, St Margaret. Sat Jun 18, 2h 38, 5056 Yorkshire S Major. Comp. Alan G Reading (No 3)
- 7477 CRUWYS MORCHARD**, Holy Cross. Tue Jun 21, 2h 51, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(19m: (1) London, Wells (2) Carlisle (3) Westminster, Allendale (4,5) Annable's London, Norwich (6,7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet)
- 7478 HIGHWEEK**, All Saints. Fri Jul 1, 2h 49, 5024 Spliced S Major  
(8m: 672 London, Rutland; 640 Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative; 608 Bristol; 572 Cambridge, Yorkshire: 129 com, all the work). Comp. N R Aspland
- 7479 EXETER**, Cathedral of St Peter. Sun Jul 3, 3h 8, 5040 Bristol S Maximus. Comp. Alan G Reading (No 6)
- 7480 HUNTSHAM**, All Saints. Thu Jul 14, 2h 46, 5088 Mauretania S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown & D F Morrison (No 6164)
- 7481 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Thu Jul 14, 2h 38, 5040 Lincolnshire S Royal. Comp. David G Maynard
- 7482 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Thu Aug 4, 2h 21, 5184 Spliced S Major  
(5m: 1344 Rutland; 1152 Cambridge, Yorkshire; 960 Lincolnshire; 576 Bristol: 114 com) Comp. D F Morrison, Arranged by Peter R King
- 7483 BRIDESTOWE**, St Bridget. Fri Aug 5, 2h 52, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(7m: London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)
- 7484 NEWTON ABBOT**, St Leonard's Tower. Thu Aug 11, 2h 50, 5184 Jonah S Major. Comp. Dd F Morrison (No1430)
- 7485 KINGSTEIGNTON**, St Michael. Sat Aug 13, 2h 52, 5088 Yorkshire S Major. Comp. D F Morrison (No 7351)
- 7486 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Thu Aug 18, 2h 24, 5152 Jubilee S Major. Comp. Philip A B Saddleton
- 7487 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Thu Aug 25, 2h 38, 5040 Upwood S Royal. Comp. James Clatworthy
- 7488 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri Aug 26, 3h 2, 5040 Duryard S Royal. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7489 BOVEY TRACEY**, Sorrento. Fri Aug 26, 2h 25, 5056 Bristol S Major. Comp. T W Griffiths (No 108)
- 7490 BOVEY TRACEY**, Wobbly Bob's Campanile. Tue Aug 30, 1h 48, 5056 Widcombe-in-the-Moor D Major.  
Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7491 DORDRECHT**, Netherlands, Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekerk (Grote Kerk). Fri Sep 2, 3h 19, 5040 Yorkshire S Royal.  
Comp. J H Fielden
- 7492 DORDRECHT**, Netherlands, 'T Klokhuis. Sat Sep 3, 2h 29, 5024 Hookergate S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7493 BISHOPSTEIGNTON**, Bishops-Ting-Tong. Tue Sep 6, 1h 42, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(13m: (1) London, Wells (2) Westminster, Allendale (3) York, Durham (4) Annable's London (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)
- 7494 KINGSKERSWELL**, St Mary. Wed Sep 7, 2h 45, 5100 Kingskerswell A Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7495 BOVEY TRACEY**, Wobbly Bob's Campanile. Tue Sep 13, 1h 50, 5088 Grey Mare S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7496 EXETER**, Cathedral of St Peter. Mon Sep 19, 3h 56, 5039 Grandsire Caters. Comp. Albert M Tyler
- 7497 MILBORNE ST ANDREW**, Dorset, St Andrew. Wed Sep 21, 2h 45, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(21m: (1) London, Wells (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4,5) Annable's London, Norwich (6,7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet)

- 7498 MORETONHAMPESTEAD**, St Andrew. Sat Oct 1, 2h 56, 5088 Johnstone Castle S Major. Comp. Anthony J Cox
- 7499 SHEEPSTOR**, St Leonard. Wed Oct 5, 2h 37, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(26m: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre (3) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (4) Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth (5) Annable's London, Rossendale, Stamford (6,7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet). Comp. John S Warboys (6,7)
- 7500 COMBE RALEIGH**, St Nicholas. Tue Oct 11, 2h 33, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(13m: (1) London, Wells (2) Westminster, Allendale (3) York, Durham (4,5) Annable's London, Norwich (6) Beverley, Surfleet (7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)
- 7501 BOVEY TRACEY**, Wobbly Bob's Campanile. Tue Oct 11, 1h 54, 5058 Spliced S Major  
(4m: 1312 Superlative; 1280 Yorkshire; 1250 Cambridge; 1216 Lincolnshire: 124 com, atw) Comp. D F Morrison (No 57)
- 7502 CADBURY**, St Michael & All Angels. Fri Oct 14, 2h 53, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(7m: Carlisle, London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet)
- 7503 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Oct 18, 2h 41, 5040 Cambridge S Royal. Comp. CUG Collective, Arr David G Maynard
- 7504 BROADCLYST**, St John the Baptist. Sat Oct 22, 3h 14, 5088 Quockerwodger S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7505 YORK**, St Wilfrid. Fri Oct 28, 3h 3, 5000 London No.3 S Royal. Comp. John S Warboys
- 7506 WHIMPLE**, 17 Bramley Gardens. Tue Nov 1, 2h 29, 5184 Bristol S Major. Comp. David G Maynard
- 7507 BOVEY TRACEY**, Wobbly Bob's Campanile. Tue Nov 1, 1h 45, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(10m: (1) London, Wells (2) York, Durham (3) Beverley, Surfleet (4) Norwich (5) Netherseale (6) Bourne (7) Cambridge)
- 7508 CREDITON**, Holy Cross. Sat Nov 5, 3h 26, 5040 Cambridge S Maximus. Comp. Alan G Reading
- 7509 COLLATON ST MARY**, St Mary the Virgin. Tue Nov 8, 2h 39, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(22m: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Chester, Newcastle, Munden (3) Sandiacre, Northumberland, Carlisle (4) Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth (5) Annable's London, Rossendale, Stamford (6) Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham (7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)
- 7510 BOVEY TRACEY**, Wobbly Bob's Campanile. Tue Nov 8, 1h 54, 5184 Rattling Bones S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7511 LEIGH**, Dorset, St Andrew. Wed Nov 16, 2h 34, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(11m: (1) London, Wells (2) Primrose (3) York, Durham (4) Bourne (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)
- 7512 WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH**, St John the Evangelist. Sat Nov 19, 3h 22, 5040 Bristol S Maximus. Comp. John S Warboys
- 7513 STOKES DAMEREL**, St Andrew. Sat Nov 19, 3h 2, 5184 Plain Bob Major. Comp. Richard F B Speed
- 7514 BISHOPSTEIGNTON**, Bishops-Ting-Tong. Tue Nov 22, 1h 50, 5040 Spliced S Minor  
(21m: (1) London, Wells (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4,5) Annable's London, Norwich (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)
- 7515 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri Nov 25, 3h 0, 5040 London No.3 S Royal. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7516 BOVEY TRACEY**, Wobbly Bob's Campanile. Tue Nov 29, 1h 59, 5088 Bickington D Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7517 PINHOE**, St Michael & All Angels. Thu Dec 1, 2h 55, 5056 Cornwall S Major. Comp. D F Morrison (No 4779)
- 7518 BICKINGTON**, St Mary the Virgin. Fri Dec 2, 2h 41, 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
- 7519 IWERNE MINSTER**, Dorset, St Mary. Wed Dec 7, 3h 1, 5040 Surprise Minor  
(11m: (1) London, Wells (2) Primrose (3) York, Durham (4) Bourne (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)
- 7520 KINGSKERSWELL**, St Mary. Fri Dec 9, 2h 51, 5088 Yorkshire S Major. Comp. James Clatworthy
- 7521 BISHOPSTEIGNTON**, Bishops-Ting-Tong. Tue Dec 13, 1h 41, 5040 Treble Dodging Minor  
(7m: Edinburgh D, London S, Carlisle S, Kent TB, College Bob IV D, Cambridge S, Norwich S)
- 7522 BOVEY TRACEY**, Sorrento. Fri Dec 16, 2h 5, 5760 Spliced Treble Dodging Minor  
(64m: British Scholars' Pleasure TB, Nelson TB, Woodcock's Victory TB, Chadkirk TB, Chiltern TB, Cheviot TB, Mendip TB, Pennine TB, Cotswold TB, Norton-le-Moors TB, Glastonbury D, Tintern D, Tewkesbury D, Evesham D, Sherborne D, Melrose D, Fountains D, Berwyn TB, Killamarsh T, Waterford TB, Trinity Sunday TB, Kent TB, Quantock TB, Snowdon TB, Combermere D, Abbeyville D, Vale Royal D, Southwark D, Canterbury D, Crowland D, St Werburgh D, Morning Star TB, Rochester TB, Burton TB, Sandal TB, London Scholars' Pleasure TB, Capel TB, Kingston TB, Oxford TB, Duke of Norfolk TB, College Exercise TB, Ockley TB, Norbury TB, Elston D, Kirkstall D, London Victory D, Burnaby D, Waltham D, Clarence D, Burslem DM, Bedford D, Merton D, Neasden D, St Albans D, Charlwood D, Wragby D, Humber D, Braintree D, Old Oxford D, College Bob IV D, Newdigate D, Willesden D, Taxal D, Marple D). Comp. J Warboys (TD0802)
- 7523 WOODBURY**, St Swithun. Mon Dec 19, 2h 29, 5184 Spliced S Major  
(7m: 1344 Rutland; 768 Superlative, Yorkshire; 576 Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey: 132 com) Comp. D F Morrison (Arr R D S Brown)
- 7524 BOVEY TRACEY**, Wobbly Bob's Campanile. Tue Dec 20, 1h 55, 5088 Tom Pearce S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7525 HUNTSHAM**, All Saints. Thu Dec 22, 2h 41, 5152 Hukeyley S Major. Comp. G B Thompson
- 7526 EXETER**, St Mark. Fri Dec 23, 3h 1, 5040 Cambridge S Royal. Comp. Roderick W Pipe
- 7527 BOVEY TRACEY**, St Peter. Wed Dec 28, 2h 54, 5024 New Cambridge S Major. Comp. Robert D S Brown
- 7528 UFFCULME**, St Mary the Virgin. Sat Dec 31, 3h 6, 5024 Cornwall S Major. Comp. Anon

## Quarter Peal Secretary's Report

The report records a total of 397 quarter peals. 364 rung within the county, approximately a third were rung by visiting bands; with the remaining 32 rung outside the county, by bands where the majority are Guild members. The overall total remains lower than the last pre-pandemic year total of 558.

Quarters were rung at 162 separate locations involving 442 individual ringers and 105 conductors.

**Leading Towers:** Lundy 68 (all rung by visiting bands), Exeter Cathedral 29, Bishops-Ting-Tong 14, Exeter, St Mark and Pinhoe 12.

**Leading Ringers:** Sue Sawyer 170, Ian Campbell 79, Graham Tucker 74, Wendy Campbell 72, Lesley Tucker 68.

**Leading conductors:** David Hird 43, Tim Bayton 21, Matthew Hilling 20, Mike Wigney 6, Donald Carter 16.

**Personal milestones** are as follows, congratulations to you all.

**First:** Allen Shan, Jinny Jeffery, John Stern, Oliver Lucas, Sarah Clinton\*, Seymour Street, Shane Yuen, Simon Steer, Taihei Baker (\*reported as at first attempt).

**First on treble:** Kevin Feaviour, Moira Bell, Peter Lake.

**First inside:** Thomas Selley-Steer.

**First as conductor:** Robert Law, Theo Millard.

**First in hand:** Robert Law.

**First of Treble Bob:** Thomas Selley Steer (and inside), **In hand:** Charlotte Boyce.

**First of Surprise:** James Selley-Steer, **Surprise Major:** Theo Millard.

**First of Minor:** Fergus Kettleborough, Susan King.

**First on 8:** Thomas Selley-Steer.

**First on 10: Royal:** Peter Simpson.

**Completes standard 41 S Minor as conductor:** Graham Tucker.

**2300th:** David Hird.

**2500th:** Neil Williams.

**5500th:** Graham Tucker.

## Quarters Peals 2022

Abbreviations used to denote handbell locations: Bovey Tracey S - Sorrento; Dawlish ECR - East Cliff Road; Exeter MPR - Mount Pleasant Road, WOP - Well Oak Park; Kingsteignton LB - Long Barton; Lundy CK - Castle Keep, OHS - Old House South, SH - St Helena; Lynmouth BH - Bath Hotel; Paignton WA - Winsu Avenue; Shaldon SP - St Peter; Torquay B - Bartcombe; Uffculme AR - Ashley Road; West Raddon RC - Rose Cottage; Whimble BG - Bramley Gardens; Winkleigh WC - Wagtails Cottage.

### January

2	Exeter Cathedral	1280 Turrumurra S Major
	Lundy	1282 Cambridge S Royal
3	HB Exeter MPR	1280 Spliced S Major (8m)
		1260 Double Bob Minor
		1296 Kent TB Maximus
		1320 Little Bob Maximus
		1320 Norwich S Minor
4	Huntsham	1260 Grandsire Triples
	Uplowman	1320 Old Oxford D Minor
9	Heavitree	1280 Bristol S Major
10	Exeter St Petrock	1320 Dunkerton S Minor
11	Pinhoe	1260 Plain Bob Minor
14	HB Kingsteignton LB	1272 Minimus (2m)
16	Exeter St Mark	1264 Plain Bob Major
23	Exeter Cathedral	1313 Stedman Cinques
	Tiverton St Peter	1260 Plain Bob Minor
25	HB Exeter WOP	1260 Minor (2m)
26	Yarcombe	1440 Spliced S Minor (6m)

### February

4	HB Bovey Tracey S	1440 Spliced S Minor (23m)
5	HB Bovey Tracey S	2160 Spliced S Minor (16m)
	HB Exeter MPR	1260 Grandsire Doubles
6	Compton Gifford	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
	Exeter Cathedral	1280 Yorkshire S Royal
	Feniton	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
	Heavitree	1280 London S Major
	Honiton St Paul	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
	Lustleigh	1260 Doubles (3m)
	Tiverton St Peter	1260 Grandsire Triples
7	Exeter St Petrock	1272 Munden S Minor
8	Pinhoe	1260 Plain Bob Minor
10	Dalwood	1440 Plain Bob Minor
11	Lundy	1312 Felicity D Major
12	Lundy	1250 Cambridge S Major
		1280 Kent TB Major
13	Lundy	1280 Bristol S Major
		1250 Superlative S Major
14	Lundy	1280 Spliced S Major (7m)
15	Bramford Speke	1296 Old Oxford D Minor
	Lundy	1260 Doubles (5m)
		1260 Grandsire Doubles
		1344 London S Major
		1260 Plain Bob Royal
		1299 Stedman Caters
	Pinhoe	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
	Thorverton	1440 S Minor (2m)
	Upton Pyne	1440 Primrose S Minor
17	Lundy	1260 Doubles (2m)
		1280 Spliced S Major (8m)
		1280 Rook and Gaskill S Major

19	Lundy	1344 <i>Spliced S Major (5m)</i> 1280 <i>Swindon S Royal</i>
20	Exeter St Mark Lundy	1260 <i>Stedman Triples</i> 1280 <i>Spliced Major (2m)</i> 1282 <i>Cambridge S Royal</i> 1260 <i>Stedman Triples</i>
22	HB Lundy OHS HB Torquay B	1344 <i>Plain Bob Major</i> 1272 <i>Oxford TB Minor</i>
23	Huntsham Lundy	1260 <i>Grandsire Triples</i> 1260 <i>Stedman Triples</i> 1296 <i>Spliced Plain Minor (3m)</i> 1260 <i>Single Oxford Bob Triples</i>
24	Lundy	1440 <i>Spliced S Minor (11m)</i> 1260 <i>Double Norwich Court Caters</i> 1287 <i>Stedman Caters</i>
25	Rackenford	1260 <i>St Simon's Bob Doubles</i>
26	Lundy	1344 <i>Spliced Major (3m)</i> 1289 <i>Stedman Caters</i>
27	Exeter St David Lundy	1260 <i>Grandsire Triples</i> 1280 <i>Exmoor Gold S Royal</i>
28	Lundy Lundy	1263 <i>Stedman Caters</i> 1260 <i>Stedman Triples</i>

**March**

1	Silvertown	1260 <i>Plain Bob Minor</i>
6	Exeter Cathedral	1260 <i>Stedman Triples</i>
7	Exeter St Petrock	1296 <i>Caithness S Minor</i>
8	Compton Gifford Pinhoe	1300 <i>Plain Bob Doubles</i> 1260 <i>Plain Bob Doubles</i>
11	Lundy	1296 <i>Cambridge S Minor</i>
12	HB Exeter WOP	1312 <i>Kent TB Major</i>
13	Heavitree Lundy	1280 <i>Belfast S Major</i> 1272 <i>Norwich S Minor</i> 1250 <i>Yorkshire S Major</i> 1280 <i>Bristol S Major</i>
14	Lundy	1280 <i>Bristol S Major</i>
15	Lundy	1280 <i>Lundy S Major</i> 1312 <i>Silver D Major</i> 1376 <i>Yorkshire S Major</i>
16	Lundy	1296 <i>Beverley S Minor</i> 1320 <i>Cambridge S Minor</i>
17	Lundy	1344 <i>Spliced S Major (6m)</i> 1280 <i>Oldenburg S Major</i>
18	Axminster Lundy	1344 <i>Grandsire Triples</i> 1288 <i>Grandsire Triples</i> 1280 <i>Jenny's Cove S Major</i> 1296 <i>Little Bob Royal</i> 1440 <i>Soay S Minor</i> 1260 <i>Stedman Doubles</i>
19	Colyton Kilmington Lundy	1280 <i>Cambridge S Major</i> 1272 <i>London S Minor</i> 1320 <i>Cambridge S Minor</i> 1259 <i>Grandsire Caters</i> 1280 <i>Yorkshire S Royal</i>
19	Seaton Shute	1280 <i>Superlative S Major</i> 1320 <i>Hull S Minor</i>
20	Heavitree Lundy	1280 <i>Jorvik S Major</i> 1280 <i>Double Norwich C B Major</i> 1280 <i>London S Major</i> 1344 <i>Rocket Pole Alliance Major</i>
22	Pinhoe	1296 <i>Spliced Plain Minor (3m)</i>
26	Abbotskerswell Lymptone	1296 <i>Cambridge S Minor</i> 1260 <i>Double Oxford Bob Minor</i>
27	Exeter Cathedral	1259 <i>Grandsire Caters</i>

**April**

3	East Teignmouth Exeter Cathedral	1260 <i>Plain Bob Doubles</i> 1360 <i>London No.3 S Royal</i>
4	Exeter St Petrock	1296 <i>Rostherne D Minor</i>
5	Kings-Ting-Tong	1272 <i>Drogo Castle D Minor</i> 1272 <i>Why are there no aspirins in the jungle?</i> paracetamol Treble Place Minor
	HB Exeter MPR	1280 <i>Bristol S Major</i>
10	HB Uffculme AR	1312 <i>Kent TB Major</i>
17	Exeter Cathedral	1280 <i>Cambridge S Royal</i>

19	Huntsham Pinhoe	1280 <i>Spliced S Major (4m)</i> 1264 <i>Plain Bob Major</i>
21	Exeter Cathedral	1296 <i>Stedman Cinques</i>
24	Exeter Cathedral Tiverton St Peter	1440 <i>Zanussi S Maximus</i> 1260 <i>St Clement's Court Bob Minor</i>
26	Pinhoe	1260 <i>Plain Bob Doubles</i>
30	Georgeham Uplyme	1273 <i>Grandsire Triples</i> 1320 <i>Cambridge S Minor</i>

**May**

1	Exeter Cathedral HB Lynmouth BH	1250 <i>Superlative S Major</i> 1280 <i>Kent TB Major</i>
2	Chittlehampton	1260 <i>Doubles (4m)</i>
4	HB Torquay B	1272 <i>Kent TB Minor</i>
5	Dalwood	1260 <i>Plain Bob Minor</i>
8	Pinhoe	1260 <i>Plain Bob Doubles</i>
10	Kings-Ting-Tong	1320 <i>Arthur Dent TB Minor</i> 1320 <i>Ford Prefect TB Minor</i> 1280 <i>Yorkshire S Major</i>
15	HB Exeter MPR Exeter Cathedral	1313 <i>Stedman Cinques</i> 1296 <i>Cambridge S Minor</i>
16	Exeter St Petrock	1296 <i>Francis Genius D Minor</i>
17	Kentsbeare Payhembury	1272 <i>Ipswich S Minor</i> 1320 <i>S Minor (2m)</i>
	Talaton St James	1320 <i>S Minor (2m)</i>
	HB Dawlish ECR	1280 <i>Bristol S Major</i>
19	Heavitree Offwell	1250 <i>Lincolnshire S Major</i> 1440 <i>S Minor (2m)</i>
20	Luppitt	1250 <i>Cambridge S Major</i>
21	Exeter Cathedral	1346 <i>Cambridge S Maximus</i>
22	West Teignmouth	1260 <i>Plain Bob Doubles</i>
26	HB Whimble BG	1664 <i>Spliced S Major (6m)</i>
28	Stoke Damerel	1260 <i>Grandsire Triples</i>

**June**

1	HB Shaldon SP	1260 <i>Plain Bob Minor</i>
2	Abbotskerswell Brixton	1270 <i>Doubles (2m)</i> 1296 <i>Hari Matar S Minor</i>
	Coffinswell	1260 <i>Plain Bob Minor</i>
	East Teignmouth Ermington	1260 <i>Plain Bob Doubles</i> 1320 <i>Chapati S Minor</i>
	Holbeton	1320 <i>Dhansak S Minor</i>
	Modbury	1296 <i>Gushtabah S Minor</i>
	Wembury	1296 <i>Quinoa Laksa S Minor</i>
3	Bickington Buckfastleigh	1296 <i>Balmoral D Minor</i> 1312 <i>Truro S Major</i>
	Highweek	1289 <i>Jubilee S Major</i>
	Holne	1296 <i>Queen Elizabeth II S Minor</i>
	Moretonhampstead	1344 <i>Spliced S Major (4m)</i>
	North Bovey	1272 <i>Queen Bess D Minor</i>
	Tavistock	1260 <i>Platinum Bob Triples</i>
	Tiverton St Peter	1260 <i>Plain Bob Triples</i>
4	East Worlington Morchard Bishop	1296 <i>Northumberland S Minor</i> 1296 <i>Wooler S Minor</i>
	Poughill	1320 <i>Primrose S Minor</i>
	Washford Pyne	1260 <i>Fradsham Bob Minor</i>
	West Worlington	1296 <i>Windermere Bob Minor</i>
5	Axminster Exeter Cathedral	1282 <i>Cambridge S Royal</i> 1313 <i>Stedman Cinques</i>
	Exeter St David	1260 <i>Doubles (3m)</i>
	Exeter St Mark	1282 <i>Yorkshire S Royal</i>
	Farway	1317 <i>Wells S Minor</i>
	Seaton	1280 <i>Bristol S Major</i>
	Tavistock	1259 <i>Grandsire Caters</i>
6	Exeter St Petrock	1296 <i>Ashton-under-Hill S Minor</i>
11	Lundy	1280 <i>Bristol S Major</i>
14	Bishops-Ting-Tong	1320 <i>Pangalactic Gargle Blaster TB Minor</i> 1320 <i>Slartibartfast TB Minor</i>
	Kilmington	1320 <i>Norwich S Minor</i>
	Offwell	1320 <i>S Minor (2m)</i>
	Shute	1320 <i>Bourne S Minor</i>
	HB Lundy SH	1344 <i>Plain Bob Major</i>
15	HB Winkleigh WC	1260 <i>Minor (2m)</i>
16	HB Lundy CK HB Lundy SH	1312 <i>Kent TB Major</i> 1320 <i>Spliced S Minor (7m)</i>
19	Plymouth	1260 <i>Stedman Doubles</i>



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26	Clyst St George	1260 Grandsire Doubles
28	Pinhoe	1320 Kent TB Minor
29	Exeter Cathedral	1346 Yorkshire S Maximus
<b>July</b>		
2	Bishops-Ting-Tong	1296 Cambridge S Minor
4	Exeter St Petrock	1296 Conisborough D Minor
	Newton Abbot	1250 Yorkshire S Major
	Wolborough	1280 London S Major
5	Bishops-Ting-Tong	1320 Pizpot Gargravarr TB Minor
		1320 Zaphod Beeblebrox TB Minor
	Tiverton St Peter	1296 Cambridge S Minor
6	Burlescombe	1320 Doubles (8m)
	Halberton	1320 Doubles (41m)
	Halcombe Rogus	1320 Doubles (20m)
9	Lundy	1260 Grandsire Doubles
	HB Uffculme AR	1312 Kent TB Major
10	Heavitree	1280 Glasgow S Major
11	Buckfast	1320 Grandsire Cinques
13	Lupitt	1346 Spiced S Major (5m)
16	Tiverton St Paul)	1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor
	Uplwman	1272 Cambridge S Minor
17	Plympton St Maurice	1280 Cambridge S Major
	Topsham	1320 Cambridge S Minor
	Woodbury	1260 Grandsire Doubles
24	Exeter Cathedral	1299 Stedman Caters
25	HB Paignton WA	1260 Minor (2m)
26	East Teignmouth	1260 Grandsire Doubles
27	Morebath	1440 Minor (2m)
	HB Exeter MPR	1280 Spiced Major (2m)
31	Kingskerswell	1290 Doubles (2m)
<b>August</b>		
1	Exeter St Mark	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
	Exeter St Petrock	1320 David Hird's Wallet S Minor
6	Bowderdon Peal	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
	Lifton	1260 Grandsire Triples
	Tavistock	1265 Stedman Caters
7	Exeter Cathedral	1344 Kenninghall S Major
		1320 Little Bob Maximus
	Exeter St Mark	1320 Wrath D Royal
9	HB Torquay B	1260 Plain Bob Minor
13	Laira	1260 Plain Bob Triples
	Plymouth	1259 Grandsire Caters
	Plympton St Mary	1250 Pistorf Treble Place Major
	Plympton St Maurice	1250 Cambridge S Major
	Ugborough	1344 Rutland S Major
14	Tiverton St Peter	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
16	Chulmleigh	1260 Grandsire Triples
	North Tawton	1260 St Simon's Triples
	Pinhoe	1260 Bristol S Major
	Winkleigh	1400 Single Oxford Bob Triples
	Zeal Monachorum	1320 Reverse Zeal Monachorum S Minor
17	Exeter St David	1260 Stedman Doubles
23	Bishops-Ting-Tong	1272 Norwich S Minor
		1272 York S Minor
	Lundy	1320 Plain Bob Minor
28	Exeter Cathedral	1346 Yorkshire S Maximus
	Topsham	1260 Stedman Doubles
31	Sidmouth	1260 Grandsire Triples
<b>September</b>		
4	Exeter Cathedral	1344 Spiced Triples (2m)
7	Exeter St Mark	1282 Yorkshire S Royal
10	Kingskerswell	1260 Grandsire Triples
11	Plymouth	1260 Grandsire Triples
13	HB Torquay B	1272 Kent TB Minor
14	Exeter St Mark	1296 Cambridge S Minor
15	Heavitree	1260 Doubles (6m)
17	Sampford Spiney	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
18	Compton Gifford	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
	Exeter St Mark	1260 Stedman Triples
	HB Bovey Tracey S	1320 Balmoral D Minor
19	Exeter Cathedral	1263 Stedman Caters
	Lupitt	1260 Doubles (3m)
	Plymouth	1344 Plain Bob Triples
	Tavistock	1259 Grandsire Caters

20	Broadclyst	1296 Stedman Triples
	Silverton	1456 Plain Bob Triples
25	Exeter Cathedral	1311 Stedman Cinques
29	HB Lundy OHS	1280 Yorkshire S Major
<b>October</b>		
1	Clyst Honiton	1280 Yorkshire S Major
	Woodbury	1280 London S Major
2	Exeter Cathedral	1344 Spiced S Major (2m)
4	Bishops-Ting-Tong	1272 Ipswich S Minor
		1320 Marvin the Paranoid Android TB Minor
	Newton Abbot	1280 Superlative S Major
6	Bishops-Ting-Tong	1320 Bourne S Minor
	Bowderdon Peal	1320 Spiced S Minor (4m)
	Frank Mack Ring	1272 Cambridge S Minor
	Wobbly Bob's	1250 Yorkshire S Major
7	Chivelstone	1272 Norwich S Minor
	East Portlemouth	1296 Cambridge S Minor
11	Lundy	2022 Spiced S Royal (4m)
		1376 Cambridge S Major
13	Exeter Cathedral	1346 Yorkshire S Maximus
	Lundy	1792 Spiced S Major (8m)
14	HB Bovey Tracey S	1260 Plain Bob Minor
15	Lundy	1287 Stedman Caters
16	Plymouth	1312 Plain Bob Major
	West Teignmouth	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
22	HB West Raddon RC	1280 Spiced S Major (3m)
23	Clyst St George	1260 Doubles (5m)
	Exeter Cathedral	1344 Bristol S Maximus
	Lundy	1282 Cambridge S Royal
	Plymouth	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
24	Lundy	1250 Yorkshire S Major
	Pinhoe	1312 Yorkshire S Major
26	HB Exeter MPR	1272 Cambridge S Minor
28	Colaton Raleigh	1260 Stedman Doubles
	Combe Raleigh	1260 Doubles (3m)
	East Budleigh	1250 Lincolnshire S Major
	Kentisbeare	1260 Doubles (5m)
	Lundy	1282 Cambridge S Royal
	Lupitt	1280 Platinum S Major
29	Dartmouth St Saviour	1260 Grandsire Triples
	Dittisham	1272 Westminster S Minor
	Harberton	1260 Doubles (5)
	Stoke Fleming	1250 Yorkshire S Major
	Townstall	1320 Cambridge S Minor
30	Highweek	1250 Cambridge S Major
	Kenn	1320 Cambridge S Minor
	Kenton	1260 Grandsire Doubles
	Powderham	1260 Doubles (2m)
<b>November</b>		
1	Bishops-Ting-Tong	1296 Bourne S Minor
		1272 Norwich S Minor
	Lundy	1260 Grandsire Triples
2	Aylesbeare	1440 Oxford TB Minor
	Farway	1296 Bourne S Minor
	Lundy	1260 Doubles (3m)
	Lundy	1280 Spiced S Major (4m)
	Lundy	1280 Lessness S Major
	Lundy	1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles
	Whimble	1259 Minor (2m)
3	Lundy	1296 Grandsire Caters
4	Axminster	1282 Lincolnshire S Royal
	Cadbury	1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor
	Combe Raleigh	1320 Beverley S Minor
	Dawlish	1260 Grandsire Doubles
6	Exeter Cathedral	1344 Cornwall S Major
	Huntsham	1260 Plain Bob Minor
7	Exeter St Petrock	1272 A Dangerous Mind S Minor
12	Laira	1320 Cambridge S Minor
		1260 Grandsire Doubles
	Lifton	1260 Grandsire Triples
	Whitchurch	1260 Plain Bob Minor
	HB Exeter MPR	1280 Spiced S Major (4m)
13	Exeter Cathedral	1313 Stedman Cinques
15	Axminster	1440 Kent TB Royal

	<i>Seaton</i>	<i>1280 Yorkshire S Major</i>
20	Exeter St David	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
	Exeter St Mark	1272 Kent TB Minor
21	Exeter Cathedral	1311 Stedman Cinques
	HB Whimble BG	1760 Spliced S Major (7m)

**December**

4	Exeter Cathedral	1250 Superlative S Major
5	Exeter St Petrock	1272 All Right D Minor
	HB Paignton WA	1260 Plain Bob Minor
6	Bishops-Ting-Tong	1272 Carlisle S Minor
		1320 Trillion TB Minor
7	Pinhoe	1250 Pudsey S Major
10	Cockington	1440 Yellow Dragon S Minor
	Denbury	1296 Cambridge S Minor
	East Ogwell	1260 Plain Bob Minor
	Marldon	1260 Doubles (4m)
13	Dawlish	1260 Plain Bob Doubles
	HB Bovey Tracey S	1360 Plain Bob Major
14	Exeter St Mark	1282 Lincolnshire S Royal
	HB Bovey Tracey S	1272 Spliced S Minor (6m)
16	Bishopsteignton	1260 Grandsire Doubles
18	Exeter St Mark	1259 Grandsire Caters
	Plymouth	1260 Doubles (2m)
21	HB Paignton WA	1260 Minor (2m)
24	Exeter Cathedral	1360 London No.3 S Royal
30	Buckfastleigh	1280 London S Major
	Buckland in the Moor	1250 Lincolnshire S Major
	Ipplepen	1250 Cambridge S Major
	Kingskerswell	1280 Spliced S Major (4m)
	Widcombe	1280 Bristol S Major

**Rung outside the county by bands where the majority are resident members****March**

4	Bromsberrow	1260 Bromsberrow D Minor
	Coddington (Heref)	1320 Cambridge S Minor
	Mathon	1296 Netherseale S Minor
5	Bishops Frome	1272 Thurrock S Minor
	Holmer	1296 Surfleet S Minor
	Marden (Heref)	1296 Bourne S Minor
	Sutton St Nicholas	1260 St Clement's C B Minor
	Withington (Heref)	1260 Grandsire Doubles

6	Fownhope	1260 Pinehurst Bob Minor
	Hereford All Saints	1260 Grandsire Triples
	Woolhope	1272 Withington D Minor
	Tarrington	1296 Tarrington S Minor
7	Earls Croome	1320 Stamford S Minor
	Birlingham	1296 Beverley S Minor
	Bredon's Norton	1272 Bredons Norton S Minor
14	North Weston, Baler	1296 Cambridge S Minor
	Twine Ring	
	North Weston	1250 Lincolnshire S Major
	Wyatt's Yard	

**July**

12	Tewkesbury	1296 Cambridge S Minor
	Abbyfold Ring	
	Wotton under Edge	1320 Norwich S Minor
	Joynson Ring	
17	Tealby	1296 Surfleet S Minor
18	Kirton in Lindsey	1250 Bristol S Major

**September**

2	Dordrecht Grote Kerk	1282 Cambridge S Royal
		1259 Grandsire Caters
3	Dordrecht Grote Kerk	1280 Bristol S Royal
	Dordrecht t'Klockhuys	1250 Yorkshire S Major
4	Dordrecht t'Klockhuys	1260 Stedman Triples

**October**

28	Huntington	1280 Yorkshire S Major
	York All Saints	1260 Grandsire Triples
	York Spurriergate	1320 Cambridge S Minor
	York St Olave	1320 Bourne S Minor
	York St Lawrence	1344 Bristol S Major

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29	Lyme Regis	1282 Yorkshire S Royal
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Dunkeswell, 27  
Farway, 27  
Heavitree, 35  
Hemyock, 46  
Payhembury, 31  
Plymouth Emmanuel, 56  
Shobrooke, 33  
Silverton, 47  
Stoodleigh, 48  
Topsham, 23  
Uffculme, 48  
Upton, 42

## Friday

Bratton Fleming, 50  
Bridestowe, 54  
Feniton, 28  
Salcombe, 58  
Tiverton St Paul, 48  
Whitchurch, 60  
Wolborough, 42

## Saturday

Bondleigh, 33  
Brentor, 55  
Exeter Cathedral, 33

## Sunday

Fremington, 51

## By arrangement

(Please ring first to check if practice is going ahead)

Aylesbeare, 21  
Bickleigh, 44  
Black Torrington, 50  
Brampford Speke, 33  
Broadclyst, 21  
Broadhembury, 26  
Cadeleigh, 45  
Clyst Honiton, 21  
Clyst St George, 22  
Coffinswell, 39  
Cotleigh, 27  
Cruwys Morchard, 45  
Galmpton, 55  
Gittisham, 28  
Halberton, 46  
Huntsham, 44  
Laira, 55  
Northleigh, 30  
Oakford, 47  
Offwell, 30  
Pinhoe, 36  
Shute, 31  
Sidbury, 31  
Sowton, 22  
Thorverton, 36  
Upton, 32  
Woodbury, 24



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