

## 2019 Guild AGM and Ringing Festival Treasure Trail

Welcome to the Guild AGM Treasure Hunt/Whodunit!

### The Mystery of the Lone Ringer\*

Following a recent branch practice, the band retired to the local pub. However, after a few pints, one ringer decided to return to the church to perform a solo ring, waking the local people! When the local constabulary arrived, the culprit made a swift getaway. With the clues on the treasure hunt, can you solve the mystery of who the culprit was and which speedy getaway vehicle was used?

\*This story is entirely fictitious!

Follow the trail to six of the Aylesbeare branch towers, solving clues and eliminating names of suspects and modes of transport (using their corresponding numbers) until you discover the culprit and getaway vehicle. All the churches should be open should you wish to look inside but just in case they're not, the clues can all be found outside the churches and in the nearby area.

Attached is a list of towers and clues. I have not provided directions but there is a postcode with each tower. You can visit the towers in any order but the order below will take you on a logical route from junction 29 of the M5 to finish at Withycombe Raleigh. All the towers have on-street parking nearby.

If you get stuck, feel free to message me (Matt Pym) on 07814 348751 and I will provide extra clues in exchange for a small donation to Guild funds!

When you've completed the quiz and discovered the culprit and the mode of transport, hand in your answer sheet to a member of the Aylesbeare branch at Withycombe Raleigh. There will be a prize for the winner which will be drawn at random from all correct entries on the day of the AGM.

## Clues

### Tower 1 - Sowton (EX5 2AF)

- Clue 1: Locate the phone number of the local telephone box and rearrange the first four digits to dismiss a mode of transport.
- Clue 2: Locate the prominent graves of the Froom family in Sowton churchyard, match the first name of Henry's wife and eliminate a suspect of the same name.

### Tower 2 - Clyst Honiton (EX5 2ND)

- Clue 3: On the right of the path between the lychgate and the church, locate the appropriately marked grave of George Retter, captain of the tower here for many years. Take one of his wife's names and remove a suspect who shares it.
- Clue 4: Locate the object in the picture below and rearrange the letters in the two words on it to eliminate another suspect.



### Tower 3 - Clyst St George (EX3 ORE)

- Clue 5: Find out who the lantern in the porch is given in memory of and eliminate a suspect who shares one of the names.
- Clue 6: The Gibbs family has a long association with Clyst St George, playing a significant part in the life of the church and particularly its post war restoration. Follow the path around the church, find the grave of Antony Gibbs and eliminate the year his daughter Elizabeth died.
- Clue 7: Eliminate a suspect who shares a name with a location ¼ mile away from the church.

## Tower 4 - Woodbury (EX5 1HW)

- Clue 8: Around the back of the church, locate a bench dedicated to a past tower captain at Woodbury, John Glanvill. Take the first word of each line on the plaque, rearrange the letters and remove a suspect.
- Clue 9: Standing at the base of the tower by the large red door, locate the grave of local bell hanger Harry Stokes. Cross off a suspect who shares the name of Harry's relative who lived for 68 years.
- Clue 10: Locate the memorial to the first president of the Woodbury branch of the Mothers' Union. Using the last two words on the memorial, rearrange the letters to eliminate a suspect.

## Tower 5 - Littleham, Exmouth (EX8 2RF)

- Clue 11: Locate the name of a Lieutenant who fell at Suvla Bay and eliminate a suspect of the same name.
- Clue 12: Find a security device named after a Plymouth river. Take the last four numbers and remove a mode of transport.
- Clue 13: Locate the plaque in the picture below. Remove the suspect who shares the initials of the person mentioned.



## Tower 6 - Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth (EX8 3AE)

- Clue 14: Find a telegraph pole in the car park. Rearrange the numbers etched into it to eliminate a mode of transport.
- Clue 15: Near the church, locate a pair of plant pots decorated with animals and remove a final suspect who shares his name with something carved on them.