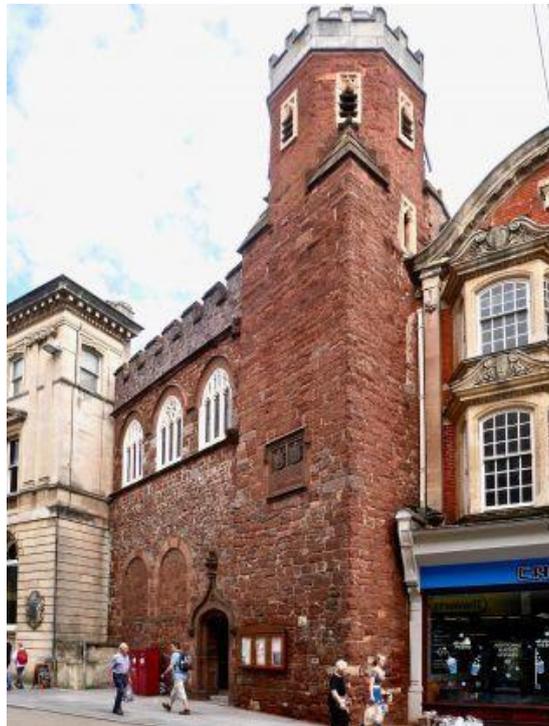




A brief guide to the Guild Library



St. Petrock's Church, High Street, Exeter, EX4 3LN

WHAT'S IN THE LIBRARY?

There are several types of material in the library:

- About 200 general books on bells and bell ringing, many available to borrow.
- 3 travelling collections of books and pamphlets currently in print containing “see-before-you-buy” copies of titles suitable for learners, trainers and conductors. These can be made available to towers and branches to display at meetings.
- DVD and print copies of *The Ringing World* and other ringing journals including *Ringing Round Devon* and *Devon Calls*.
- A complete set of the Guild Annual Reports from 1877.
- A collection of manuscript minute books and other original records.
- Files of leaflets, pamphlets and articles about Devon towers and ringers including the H.T. Ellacombe archive.

Not all these items are kept at St Petrock's and intending visitors are advised to contact the Librarian before visiting to view any particular items. A catalogue of the collection is available on the Guild website.

WHEN CAN I VISIT THE LIBRARY?

The library is open once a month, normally on the third Saturday afternoon. Opening times are varied to fit in with major Guild events and are displayed on the Guild Calendar at: <https://devonringers.org.uk/news-events/events>.

CAN I ACCESS MATERIALS ON-LINE?

You can consult some ringing journals and Guild Annual Reports on-line from your home computer through links on the library pages of the Guild website at: <https://devonringers.org.uk/guild/library/on-line-publications>. It is planned to add further materials to the online collections in the future.

BORROWING LIBRARY MATERIALS

Guild members may join the library and borrow many items in person without charge. Two items can be held on loan at any one time and the normal loan period is one month with automatic renewal for a further month unless an item is required by others.

Two free postal loans can be made each year – the borrower pays the return postage. Extra postal loans cost £3.00 each.

If visiting the library to borrow a specific item, please contact the librarian with details before your visit (librarian@devonringers.org.uk). You will be advised whether the item is available.

STUDY & RESEARCH FACILITIES

St Petrock's offers a small space to consult materials which are not available for borrowing or to undertake research using the collections. Power sockets are available for the use of laptop computers. Members of the Friends and Guild officers may also use the space for small meetings in library opening hours – please book the space with the Librarian in advance.

TRAVELLING TO THE LIBRARY

The library is situated in St Petrock's Church which is entered from the pedestrian-only High Street. It is 10 minutes' walk from St. David's Station and 5 minutes from Central Station.

It is on many local city bus routes and near the terminal stops of country buses.

Car parks are located nearby in Mary Arches, the Guildhall and Harlequin Shopping Centres and Smythen Street. A small number of disabled parking spaces are located in the Cathedral Yard outside Edinburgh Woollen Mill's shop, about 300 yards from St Petrock's.

ENQUIRIES

Requests for information or photocopies or scans of items in the library can be made by email to the Librarian (librarian@devonringers.org.uk) as can enquiries about the Friends of the Library and the Devon Ringing History Group.

MORE INFORMATION

More information can be found on the Guild website at: <https://devonringers.org.uk/guild/library>, including a pdf version of this guide. Additions to the library are notified in *Ringing Round Devon* from time to time.

Friends of the Library

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The primary purpose of the “Friends” scheme is to enable interested persons to support the library through financial contributions and promoting the library.

SUBSCRIBERS

Members of the Friends give a minimum subscription of £5 per year which can be Gift Aided through the Guild. All monies raised by the Friends are Guild funds, but allocated to a designated Library fund. The fund helps to meet the running costs of the library.

BENEFITS FOR FRIENDS

In addition to the normal library membership benefits available to all Guild members, subscribers to the Friends receive:

- An annual newsletter updating on latest developments and sharing research done in the Library.
- Two additional free postal loans each year.
- An invitation to join the Devon Ringing History Group run by the Friends.
- The opportunity to book space at St Petrock’s for research or small meetings during normal library opening hours at no extra charge.
- Opportunities to volunteer and act as Ambassadors for the Guild Library.

Friends may, if they wish, assist the Librarian with staffing library opening and collection maintenance and development tasks such as book repair, digitisation of records and research.

Subject to the approval of the Guild Committee, the Friends scheme will be open to interested persons who are not Guild members. Requests to be a Friend should be sent to the Librarian (librarian@devonringers.org.uk).

DEVON RINGING HISTORY GROUP

The Friends are setting up a group to facilitate and encourage research into the history of bells and ringing in Devon. The ability to contact others interested in similar topics will be a key benefit of membership of the Group and marking the 150th anniversary of the Guild through promoting its history will be a key focus. An email list (and possibly a Facebook page) will be established to facilitate this. Enquiries about joining the Group should be directed to the Librarian.