

# ♦ Devon Calls ♦

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## **DEVON CALLS "SUCCESS" FOR NEW MAGAZINE!**

**I**t seems that "Devon Calls" is going to be a success! We've had a number of favourable responses to our new venture. A big thank you to all of you who have sent in items for publication in this issue. The next issue will probably be after the Annual General Meeting in November to report on the meeting itself and let you know the date of the Annual Carol service - unless you come up with news or information that just can't wait until then.

**I**n this issue you will find the results of the five Annual competitions, together with the prize winners in the Grand Draw which took place on Major Final Day at Morebath.

**D**on't forget that this year the Association are holding a new competition for Novice Ringers. You should all have received recently an invitation to the Competition



**Fancy an evening out!**  
Come to a Skittles and ringing event at Pinhoe on 28 th August (see page 2).

which is being held at Throwleigh on Saturday 9 October 1999. If you haven't, or if you know of any new towers who would like to take part but haven't yet joined us in the Association, the Man to contact is Jeremy Darke on 01935 863293 (Eves). There is no rise or lower in this competition and you can enter a round ringing only section. There's nothing to be afraid of and you might even enjoy yourselves. Go on give it a try, you might win!

## **GRAND DRAW RESULTS**

**A** very big thank you to all of you who helped to make the Grand Draw at Morebath on 22nd May such a huge success. We made a little over £3,000.

Prize winners were:

- 1 Mr. G Clarke, Horns Cross, Bideford
- 2 W H Pascoe, Ashburton
- 3 R Richard, Lewdown
- 4 Martin Fowler, Kentisbeare
- 5 Tony Eames, Plymtree
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Morris Kenton
- 7 David Blount, Kenton
- 8 R Roach, Lustleigh
- 9 Rowlands, Starcross
- 10 Frim Boulton, Chudleigh
- 11 D Knight (ticket 20329)

This ticket had only a phone number and no STD code. To claim the prize please ring me on 01647 432550 and I will forward it to you. Thank you all again for your help, and don't forget I'll be calling on you again next year.

Julia Endacott

## Skittles & Ringing!

**A**s many of you will be aware, Ben Trout from Eggbuckland is hoping to join a conservation project with the Frontier organisation in Vietnam later this year. The team will spend 10 weeks in the rainforest, evaluating flora and fauna and helping to establish programmes to protect this threatened environment. He has been busy trying to raise the money to enable him to participate in this venture and as part of these fund raising activities a "**Skittles and Ringing**" evening has been arranged. This will take place at **St. Michael and All Angels church, Pinhoe, near Exeter on Saturday 28th August**, meeting at the "Heart of Oak" inn at 3.30pm.

It is intended to be an occasion of light hearted fun open to ringers of all standards and non-ringers alike (there will be a prize for the best skittle score and the lowest ringing faults as well). The entrance fee will be £2.50 per head and teams will be selected by pulling names from a hat (trebles

and tenors separately). The weight of the tenor is 10cwt. It would be useful to have an idea of numbers beforehand, or else just turn up on the day, there is no pressure on this occasion!! The ringing will consist of the normal "Devon" peal of 66 changes with a rise and fall on the back six, but with no time limit: followed by a round of skittles by the same team. The number of faults will then be subtracted from the skittle score, the winners being the team with the highest score overall.

We hope our fellow ringers will come along and enjoy themselves while helping Ben in his worthwhile cause. Please contact Ben or Hilary on 01822 853040 for more information.

Hilary Trout

## Diary Dates

There are some amendments for your competition diary dates:

### JULY

1st Sat Appledore

3rd Sat Shirwell

### AUGUST

3rd Sat Romansleigh

### SEPTEMBER

3rd Sat Mariansleigh

### OCTOBER

4th Sat St. Giles in the Wood

### NOVEMBER

3rd Sat South Petherwin

Any further amendments please let me know.

## Association Clothing

**A**s many of you will know we now have a range of clothing embroidered with the Association badge. The choice is as follows:

Polo shirts	£12.50
Rugby shirts	£20.00
V neck Sweaters	£20.00
Sweatshirts	£14.00
Baseball caps	£5.00

Most items available in the following colours: White, Black, Sky Blue, Bottle Green, Navy, Yellow, Royal Blue and Bright Red. (Rugby shirt is not available in Royal Blue). Your tower name can be put below the badge for £1 extra. Size XXL is also £1 extra. Anyone wishing to purchase contact Janice/ Andrew Gist on 01805 624690. Prices may drop with a large order. If so any money over will go to the Bell Restoration fund.



## Memories from the archives

**O**n March 10th 1967 the following article appeared in the Western Times about the late Herbert Pidler's ringing career. Mrs Pidler has kindly allowed us to share in Herbert's story.

### Bitten by the ringing bug when still a boy.

Devon farmer Mr Herbert Pidler (59) expects to reach a milestone in his bellringing career this summer. A visit to just five more towers will see him reach the 200-mark in entries in the little red book which lists the different towers he has rung at since he started bell ringing as a teenager way back in 1923.

It was ringing at Exeter Cathedral early in 1924, followed by visits to the towers at Chudleigh, Newton Abbot, Highweek and Upton (Torquay) soon afterwards which saw him firmly established as a regular member of the High Bickington team, and today, over 40 years later, he is still to be found regularly in his place in the High Bickington tower.

It was no surprise really that Mr Pidler should take up

bellringing for his father, the late Mr R G Pidler, was an enthusiast before him, and he followed in his footsteps three years ago (1964) when he was elected chairman of the Devon Association of Ringers. There are few towers in the westcountry which have not had a visit from Mr Pidler, and he has also rung in Cornwall, Somerset and Dorset and as far afield as South Wales.

Each June High Bickington ringers have their annual outing, leaving their women folk behind, and strike out towards new territory and new towers. "Finding new towers now is beginning to get a little difficult" says Mr Pidler, "but we always have a great time." Every new tower goes down in the record book, which in itself is almost a local history of bellringing, for in each case the weight of the tenor bell is carefully listed.

**Judge as well.** In the same book is the beginning of a record of the towers visited by Mr Pidler in his capacity as a judge, starting at Morchard Bishop in 1938, but this record later peters out. "It got to be so many that I just couldn't bother to keep

track of them" explained Mr Pidler. In recent years he has tried to cut down his judging commitments.

Being a judge of course, requires staying in one vantage listening spot for hours on end and an additional hazard, if that is the right term these days is that most competing teams turn up with their own tape recorder at the ready.

**What of the future?** Mr Pidler's father was also a judge and also captained High Bickington ringers before his son. Another family link is that Mr Edgar Cole of Ashreigney currently the secretary of the Association is a cousin of Mr Pidler. Mr Pidler firmly believes that despite the present day tendency to unite church livings, which sometimes leads to a less service ringing and a subsequent lack of interest, overall there will always be keen enthusiasm to keep the art alive. "Once you've got the bug that's it. As long as the older ones are prepared to teach, youngsters will come along to learn."

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*If anyone has memories like this to share with us please send to the address on page 4.*

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# Annual Competition Results



s we said on page 1 here are the results of the Annual competitions held by the Association. Results will be shown on this page as 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. with the full listing to follow on subsequent pages. The first festival was the Eight bell competition held at Barnstaple on 24 April 1999. Results were as follows:

1	Tavistock	24.25
2	North Tawton	26
3	Kingsteignton	26.75
4	Georgeham	28.25
5	Chittlehampton	30
6	Exeter Cathedral	36.75
7	Paignton	40
8	Chagford	45.25
9	Exminster	78

The North and South Devon 6 Bell qualifiers were held on the same day, 8 May 1999 at Bradford and Marlton respectively.

## North Devon - Bradford

1	West Down	12
2	Molland	13
3	Mortehoe	31
4	Littleham	31
5	Iddesleigh	33.75
6	Warkleigh	43.75
7	Burrington	45.75

8	Heanton Punchardon	50.25
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9	Shebbear	56
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## South Devon - Marlton

1	Eggbuckland	13.75
2	West Alvington	16
3	Kenn	17.75
4	Stoke Gabriel	23.5
5	Dunsford	24.75
6	Lamerton	27.5
7	Exeter St. Petrock	47.5

8	Broadhempstone	52.5
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9	Halwell	60.75
10	Ide	94.5

The first five in each of the above competitions qualified for the Major Final held this year at Morebath on 22 May 1999.

## Major Final - Morebath

1	Eggbuckland	13.75
2	Mortehoe	18.25
3	Dunsford	22
4	Molland	22.25
5	Kenn	26.25
6	West Alvington	26.5
7	West Down	34.5
8	Stoke Gabriel	41.75
9	Iddesleigh	43.25
10	Littleham	46.75

The second five in the two qualifiers went forward to the Minor Final at South Milton on 12 June 1999.

## Minor Final

### -South Milton

1	Halwell	33.5
2	Lamerton	36
3	Broadhempstone	36
4	Shebbear	39.25
5	Exeter St. Petrock	44
6	Burrington	58
7	Warkleigh	58.75

It does seem a shame that there are available places all of the competitions that are not filled. Why not think about putting a team in the competitions next year. You will find your ringing will improve and you will meet and make new friends. New teams are always welcomed and with all the new ringers being trained for the millennium there should be plenty of you out there. Give it a try!

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**EIGHT BELL FESTIVAL RESULTS**

		<b>JUDGES</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>TEAMS</b>		<i>I Hookway</i>	<i>M Phillips</i>	<i>S Martin</i>	<i>J Cole</i>			
<i>Exminster</i>	Full	76	85	80	71	312	78	23.27
	Top	26	34	34	25	119	29.75	
<i>Tavistock</i>	Full	28	26	26	17	97	24.25	22.49
	Top	10	8	8	6	32	8	
<i>Georgeham</i>	Full	35	26	30	23	114	28.5	21.40
	Top	11	8	9	4	32	8	
<i>Kingsteignton</i>	Full	32	27	32	16	107	26.75	21.30
	Top	17	9	8	7	41	10.25	
<i>North Tawton</i>	Full	27	24	26	27	104	26	22.05
	Top	11	10	8	12	41	10.25	
<i>Chagford</i>	Full	44	48	45	45	182	45.5	22.11
	Top	20	21	22	15	78	19.5	
<i>Exeter Cathedral</i>	Full	40	36	38	33	147	36.75	23.50
	Top	18	15	19	13	65	16.25	
<i>Chittlehampton</i>	Full	35	26	30	29	120	30	20.00
	Top	13	12	14	10	49	12.25	
<i>Paignton</i>	Full	43	43	40	34	160	40	23.20
	Top	19	17	19	17	72	18	

**NORTH DEVON QUALIFIER**

		<b>JUDGES</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>TEAMS</b>		<i>S Facey</i>	<i>B Drake</i>	<i>I Hookway</i>	<i>J Ward</i>			
<i>Warkleigh</i>	Full	50	43	42	40	175	43.75	15.07
<i>Heanton Punchardon</i>	Full	49	52	52	48	201	50.25	17.40
<i>Molland</i>	Full	16	10	13	13	52	13	15.37
<i>West Down</i>	Full	17	10	11	10	48	12	15.58
<i>Iddesleigh</i>	Full	33	37	34	31	135	33.75	15.31
<i>Littleham</i>	Full	36	30	30	28	124	31	15.44
<i>Shebbear</i>	Full	57	59	57	51	224	56	17.22
<i>Burrington</i>	Full	49	47	47	40	183	45.75	17.19
<i>Mortehoe</i>	Full	33	32	32	27	124	31	17.08

**SOUTH DEVON QUALIFIER**

		<b>JUDGES</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>TEAMS</b>		<i>I Avery</i>	<i>P Johnstone</i>	<i>J Cole</i>	<i>W Avery</i>			
<i>Exeter St Petrock</i>	Full	67	44	44	35	190	47.5	18.00
<i>Lamerton</i>	Full	27	22.5	18	43	110.5	27.5	16.00
<i>Ide</i>	Full	129	75	89	84	377	94.5	16.00
<i>Broadhempstone</i>	Full	67	45	43.5	55	210.5	52.5	17.00
<i>Stoke Gabriel</i>	Full	23	25.5	20.75	25	94.25	23.5	17.00
<i>Dunsford</i>	Full	25	26	18.5	30	99.5	24.75	18.00
<i>Halwell</i>	Full	68	42	58	75	243	60.75	17.00
<i>Kenn</i>	Full	17	20	16	18	71	17.75	16.00
<i>West Alvington</i>	Full	15	23	13	13	64	16	16.00
<i>Eggbuckland</i>	Full	13	18	13	13	57	14.25	16.00

**MAJOR FINAL FESTIVAL RESULTS**

TEAMS		JUDGES				Total	Ave	Time
		I Avery	P Johnstone	J Ward	B Drake			
Iddesleigh	Full	43	40	43	47	173	43.25	16.12
	Top	30	23	27	29	109	27.25	
West Down	Full	44	19	40	35	138	34.5	16.22
	Top	32	11	23	23	89	22.25	
Eggbuckland	Full	16	10	16	13	55	13.75	15.05
	Top	9	4	10	8	31	7.75	
Littleham	Full	55	31	52	49	187	46.75	15.20
	Top	40	15	31	36	122	30.5	
Kenn	Full	31	22	26	26	105	26.25	17.55
	Top	18	8	14	15	55	13.75	
Mortehoe	Full	22	16	20	15	73	18.25	15.22
	Top	11	7	11	8	37	9.25	
Stoke Gabriel	Full	46	30	46	45	167	41.75	16.58
	Top	33	16	31	33	113	28.25	
West Alvington	Full	33	19	33	21	106	26.5	17.40
	Top	22	8	20	13	63	15.75	
Molland	Full	25	23	24	17	89	22.25	16.15
	Top	15	11	17	12	55	13.75	
Dunsford	Full	27	19	22	20	88	22	17.25
	Top	17	8	12	13	50	12.5	

**MINOR FINAL FESTIVAL RESULTS**

TEAMS		JUDGES				Total	Ave	Time
		I Hookway	M Phillips	S Martin	J Cole			
Warkleigh	Full	79	54	47	55	235	58.75	16.30
Burrington	Full	80	57	42	53	232	58	15.14
Lamerton	Full	49	32	30	33	144	36	16.38
Exeter St. Petrock	Full	50	55	35	36	176	44	16.47
Shebbear	Full	39	46	34	38	157	39.25	15.59
Broadhempstone	Full	50	37	28	29	144	36	15.25
Halwell	Full	39	38	26	31	134	33.5	17.03

**SCRUTINEERS:**

Eight Bell	J Ward
North Devon Qualifier	J Wickett
South Devon Qualifier	S Martin
Major Final	I Hookway
Minor Final	H Bardens