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Year 2000: That was the year that was!

This issue is intended to be a review of the year 2000 - the Millennium year and also the 75th year of our existence.

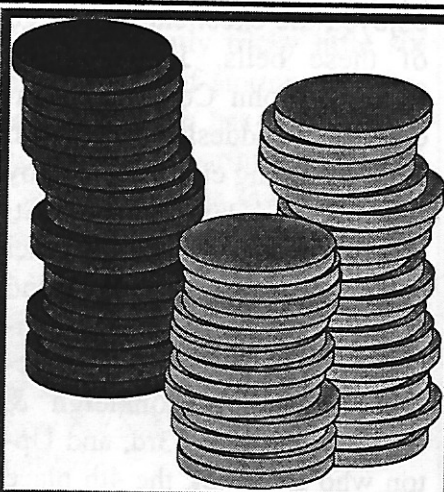
However before we get into reminiscing about times past we need to talk a little about the immediate future due to the foot and mouth outbreak.

Foot & Mouth

Due to the outbreak the Novice competition at Belstone on March 10th has been cancelled as has the Association Dinner on March 26th. It is hoped to hold these events at some point in the future and we will let you know as and when the outlook is a bit more stable. The Devon 8 Bell on April 28 is not yet affected but we will be monitoring the situation and will let you know what is to happen as soon as possible.

Y2K Review

The following accounts of the various festivals held during the past year were originally submitted by the Associations publicity officer



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(Jonathan Bint) to the Ringing World. For reasons unknown these never made it to publication. It therefore came as something of a shock when the Editorial of RW of October 27th confessed that the journal "... should strive to achieve much better coverage of events in the call change country of the South West," and asked the readership for "... any ideas or suggestions about how we may improve coverage in this area...". Our JB duly made strong representation and he is pleased to report that subsequently, having received a

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most positive & encouraging acknowledgment from the Editor, a report of the Associations AGM 2000 was published in the Ringing World of January 12 (2001). Still that aside, it seemed a shame to let all the hard work go to waste - so we thought we'd print 'em yer - & after all, someone's loss is another one's gain... Enjoy!

Novice

The weather may have detained early summer migrants, but the first signs that spring was a-coming & winter a-going were evident in the Teign Valley as this year's competition season got off to a well-supported start in the middle of March. Following last year's inaugural success at Throwleigh, the Devon Association Novice Competition again proved popular, with an overall total of 25 teams from all parts of the county entered to ring changes or rounds, teams in both classes pulling off the stay. This time, competition organiser Mr Jereme Darke opted for an earlier date in the calendar, with Dunsford's lovely, easy going, Whitechapel six being the enticement. A Dartmouth double

ensued: from the top end of that town, Townstall (St. Clement) were judged winners of the round ringing section, taking home the T H Priddle Shield, with 35 1/3 faults, followed by Brixton (40 1/3) & Christow (46 1/3): Dartmouth St. Saviour, topped the pile in the call change section, collecting 1st certificate & the Percy Rice Shield on 20 1/3, three faults less than last years winners, Chivelstone in 2nd. Pyworthy took 3rd place on 25 1/3 with Lydford only 1/3 fault behind them in 4th. Indeed, congratulations are due to all teams in making the competition such a close run affair as only 10 faults covered the first 11 places. Thanks go to hosts Maurice Sharland and family; to the judges Miss V Holloway & Messrs. N Holloway and S Herniman; to the hard working organiser & to all the teams for their support - from Upplowman in the east to Clawton in the west; from Salcombe & West Charleton in the south to the 3 teams from various sides of Dolton Beacon in the north. here's looking to this time next year (or not at present!).

Chamber Pot

The following Saturday, teams were welcomed to the next parish upstream, where the St. Petrock's Chamber Pot Competition - now in it's 9th year - was reaching its climax. Here on Drewsteignton's fine Pennington six, two sections were also being rung, with teams

opting to ring changes from off the stay, or to ring the peal with rise and lower. As these bells are not the easiest to get away in the bottom, teams were offered the services of a strapper. However, in the event, all managed admirably without such help and enjoyed the excellent tone & go of these bells. Judges Percy Pester & John Coulthurst concluded that Iddesleigh had won the top-ringing class, pursued by the two Dartmouth's St. Clement and St. Saviour. In fact St. Saviour might need to extend their trophy cabinet as they triumphed in the rise & lower section, ahead of Monkleigh & Clawton in 2nd & 3rd, and Upton who also took the 4th place in the topringing section. Congratulations & thanks go to David Trist, supported by Stephanie & Ryan, for all their continued labours in keeping this now well established event running throughout the winter months & again to all 22 original entrants for their involvement. Both the Devon Novice and Chamber pot are vital to the future health of the Association & thus to the health of ringing in much of this county, so it is very encouraging to see so many towers involved.

Devon 8 Bell

Once again, through the April rain-clouds, the sun shone on the righteous as ringers from across Devon's expanse assembled in the old Stannary town of Ashburton,

birds singing overhead, attentive listeners a-leaning on many a churchyard monument below. After the luxury of a ground floor ring last year, teams this year had to negotiate one or two steps to reach the ringing chamber, with the Hon. Secretary Mr Frank Bye, ushering ringers up the tower during each lower to ensure that things all "rinned sueant". The judges, Messrs. Hookway and Phillips from the north & Messrs. Darke and Whyddon from the south, upstairs in the church rooms, had no difficulty in hearing the bells this year; ringers however did find it something of a problem in picking out the trebles, & tactics varied widely as to how far the ringing chamber door was ajar during the various parts of the peals. So too, whilst some teams employed a strapper, the Cathedral's no 8 apparently made mincemeat of the tenor here.

Perennial favourites Kingsteignton, having rung third, gained the vote of the churchyard judges as the afternoon progressed, but in the event, local blood prevailed, as Buckland (in the Moor), having drawn to ring last but one, prevailed by just 2 1/2 faults to take the title with 39 1/4. Nevertheless, Kingsteignton went home far from empty handed, taking the top-ringing prize with 1/4 fault less than Buckland's 16. Plymstock's fine rise was rewarded with third place on 52, ahead of reigning champions Tavistock with 55 1/4. North Tawton added this year's fifth certificate to their

large collection, while Exeter's Cathedral team now have another 6th certificate to squeeze somewhere in between peal boards: Kingsbridge, Chittlehampton, Paignton, Chagford & Exminster completed an almost full complement of teams.

With the judges enjoying their well-earned tea downstairs in the church rooms, ringers gathered in church for their customary hearty rendition of the Association hymn, spurred on by the stunning accompaniment of the resident organist.

When teams later reconvened for the results & presentations, they witnessed the unique sight of a non-ringing 83-year old captain Pickles Pascoe receiving the Shield, Cup and 1st certificate on behalf of a Buckland team containing his son & grandsons, from big brother and retiring Ashburton tower captain, Henry (86). All in all, a proper way to end the festival, in this the Association's 75th Anniversary year. Thanks are due to Mr. Allan Brown & all the other Ashburton folk for accommodating the 8 Bell Festival 2000. The show now heads off in opposite directions to the 6 bell qualifiers...may the sun continue to shine.

6 Bell Qualifiers

Mid-May sunshine seemed to encourage a good turn out in the year's Devon Association 6 bell qualifiers. Nestling in the folds beneath Haldon's heather hills, Ideford's semblance of being a village way off the beaten track belies its proximity to the "Devon Expressway" (commonly known as

the A38). Despite the best efforts of local boy (& girl) racers it refused a suitable bucolic air as 15 teams from South Devon assembled for the day's ringing. For the first time in several years, one tower entered two teams, with Egg Buckland showing a Man Utd-esque strength in depth of their squad. Ringing a lucky 13th, the A team duly made a mockery of an apparently tricky little six with the sort of storming performance that one has come to expect of these worthy champions. A miserly 8 faults saw the rest of the field trailing - rather akin to this year's premiership. The B-team - fruits of a flourishing youth policy - extended their good habits by gaining 15th place in the draw; but had they done enough to qualify?...

Come decision time, Brent (17) edged out the men of Kenn in the race for runners up spot by a single fault, the latter's problematic rise (probably due to an overdose of pastry at tea time) proving costly & spoiling any hopes they harboured of pressurising the favourites. But there was drama in the offing... allegations of ringing under time being bandied about...and a mistake in totalling the marks which, when recognised, subsequently denied West Alvington the chance of a short trip to Churchstow, & enabled the Egg Buckland boys to do so instead, with Stoke Gabriel completing the South's contingent going on to the Major final. Bickington were unfortunate to ring in 14th place in the Egg Buckland sandwich & even more unfortunate to miss out on a place in the Minor final by 3/4 fault. Dunsford were unable to repeat last year's

feat, while two lapses of concentration dented neighbours Drewsteignton's hopes of making the cut; and Lydford, encouraged by their doings in the Novice contest to make a welcome appearance here, will hopefully have enjoyed the experience if not the result.

Up in Morchard Bishop, last year's roles were reversed as it was the North's turn to wrestle with the more heavy-going & lumpier set of bells in a semi-final, which would largely account for a generally higher set of marks. Nevertheless, in an encouraging field of a dozen teams, Molland (27 1/4) put some space between themselves and their pursuers with Morte-hoe closest on 32 3/4. West Down, Littleham and Burrington filled out the other 3 top places, while a most laudable performance from Iddesleigh saw them miss out on a place in the Major final by but 1 1/4 faults. Congratulations to Lapford, Heanton, Shebbear and Mariansleigh on qualifying for the Minor Final, and to Zeal Monachorum & Monkleigh for making the step up from previous St. Petrock's Chamber Pot & Devon Association Novice experiences, showing the value of these events.

Major Final

Down in the South Hams, a fortnight later, the blustery conditions made warmth & sunshine something of a distant memory, as the rain slowly closed in on Churchstow. Ringers edged warily back

down the perilous road from the field car park, as passing tunnel vision motorists seemingly viewed the 30 mph signs as some sort of irrelevant decoration either end of the village (how dare those pedestrians trespass on their road!). History was in the making: Association Assistant Secretary Mrs Gist took another giant step for the Associations womankind in running the day's proceedings (& extremely efficiently (Thanks. Ed)) due to Mr Bye's absence through work commitments. The weight & go of the bells here proved suitably challenging for a Major Final, with the tenor often proving reluctant to speak in the bottom of the rise & the 4th causing many a dot on the judges cards. Egg Buckland A pulled a low number out of the bag & with a workmanlike rise, set the benchmark before the break, despite a rather rocky first change... that 4th again!

The service saw the local incumbent in good humour with well chosen words, and in response the assembled company were in fine singing voice. Following on, the fine tea, provided in two sittings by the local ringers, was avidly consumed. Back to the tower, & things were hotting up, as Egg Buckland B fixed the A team firmly in their sights. The draw ticket folding team inside the Church listened more closely through the vents in the leaded glass, & then Molland, carrying over their good form from the qualifiers produced a wonderfully assured piece of ringing.

By now, the large sack of tickets was bulging & in the hiatus while all & sundry awaited the appearance of the judges, the prize draw in aid of the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund was carried out. Hard working promoter Mrs Julia Endacott in thanking all distributors, acknowledged logistical problems inherent in the task; on account of this, & with an increase in prize money, profit this year would be a little less than the previous year's magnificent effort, but a tremendous effort nonetheless - in excess of £2,500. In pondering on how it might be increased, she mused on how one 8 bell tower within the county's largest conurbation could return a small allocation of but 5 books, unsold, whilst a 5 bell tower with many more sheep than than people in one of the county's smallest parishes could sell in excess of 30 books...

Enter the procession of Judges and Scrutineer: a loud gasp quickly followed by a triumphant roar as Mr John Cole announced the winners with 18 1/4 faults, which meant the Ross Shield would be making the long trek north to Exmoor in Molland's steady hands: & as Mr Adams (resplendent in Presidential Sash) carried out the presentation, Mr Pugsleys countenance said it all!...& just for good measure, the top ringing prize went home with his team too! The gasps kept on coming as Egg Buckland A came in second by just 1/2 fault... and close on their tails - only 3 1/2 behind - the young Trouts of the B Team hooked third certificate, an excep-

tional result which met with enthusiastic approval - & one that reflects so well on the ringing standards maintained by all of the members of this most talented family. Morteohoe & West Down in 4th & 5th respectively, completed a rewarding sortie into the South for the representatives from the North - perhaps a fitting result during this 75th Anniversary year, when one considers the early years of the Association's history & how they were dominated by teams from North Devon villages.

Minor Final

So it was, a further fortnight later, that the Minor Final returned to the spiritual home of the Association, out to Zeal M'knacker'em, final resting place of the Association's first Secretary/Treasurer and founding father, Rev. Augustine Florence Mc Carthy - those were the days... they don't make rectors with names like that any more! The significance of the occasion was recognised by the present day minister in his remarks & following the service, all present gathered round Rev. McCarthy's grave (specially tidied by host captain Mr Down) for a photographic memento. Inside Zeal Church, the stonework awaited new rendering following the ravages of the damp, while the dismantled organ, stacked in the side chapel, awaited its rebuilding ... as no doubt did the organist, Mrs Down, who per-

formed heroically on a pocket sized electric keyboard to a full church (the effect rather akin to a rugby crowd being accompanied in their singing by the musical chimes of an ice-cream van); & her fine work extended over the road to the village hall where, along with her small team of ladies, she provided a proper ringers tea, well appreciated by all of us fortunate folk who sat down to it.

The ringing?... well, all ringers knew that they would have to work for a decent result, the slightly tricky Zeal bells not permitting any slacking in their handling, being liable to drop in on the ends if sallies weren't handled firmly enough. Come the final reckoning, the South's three representatives on the day (West Alvington & Halwell having withdrawn) gained some revenge for the Major Final result, Lamerton (44 1/2) coming home first overall in a tight finish amongst a top four with a spread of 8 1/2 faults. They were pursued by the Sharland clan of Dunsford (47) who steadied themselves following an indifferent rise to snatch second, Broadhempstone (48) and Iddesleigh (53). The field was completed by Heanton, Lapford & Mariansleigh; sadly Shebbear were deemed to have rung under time.

As I left, I acknowledged the old Rector's deeds of 75 years ago, & reflected on whether or no, with so many detrimental changes affecting rural life, such a gathering might take place in Zeal 75 years hence? Walking back towards the car parked in the farmyard, the odds against it somehow seemed greater as I learned of another herd of milking cows being dispersed. The afternoon had started with bright sunshine; now it was grey

and blowing in a bit cold. Looking out over yonder towards the moor one could appreciate the local adage overheard that "if you can zee Dartmoor tiz gwain to rain, an' if you can't well then 'tiz rainin' already"; and sure enough time I got home, the washing on the line was beginning its second rinse... must be flaming June...

JMGB

Getting to know the ropes

(This poem was sent in a while ago & I would like to apologise for the delay in publishing it. Thanks again for sending it & sorry!)

To learn bellringing is very good fun,
If the experts show how it is done.

So check your bell's down before taking coils,

If the bell takes you up, your features it spoils.

That soft, fluffy yard is known as the sally,

You can grip her quite hard, but don't let her dally.

You pull on the rope until the bell speaks,

But tension upon it you must always keep.

On it's leading edge the clapper must strike,

It must speak at each pull to get this just right.

For the false clappered bell will sound quite wrong,

And on setting it makes a double dong.

You let out more rope, so that it can swing,

Up higher and higher as it starts to ring.

And when at last the bell is right up

It's rim points Heavenwards, just

like a cup.

To stand your bell up requires great care,

So ease it back slowly or else beware!

The stay is now resting against the slider,

Which must always be a gentle glider.

Your bell now up is ready to ring,

So you pull on the sally & let it swing,

But all the time you hang on to the tail,

And to check your bell gently, you must not fail.

Then you pull on the tail & the bell swings back,

And in catching your sally there is quite a knack.

Don't pull too hard on the sally or tail,

Or the stay will break & up you'll sail.

For the bell falling over will take you right up,

And you'll bang your head hard upon a strut.

But in pulling don't let the rope go slack,

Or it'll slip the wheel & the bell could fall back.

When you've mastered your bell, you start ringing rounds,

And try hard to produce a musical sound.

You must count the sequence to get into the beat,

Because really good striking is a difficult feat.

To learn to ring changes requires bell control,

And doing them cleanly's the ultimate goal.

That unpleasant firing is hard on the ear,

And only good teamwork will make them strike clear.

Keeping track of your bell as the changes progress,

Takes a rather keen ear & a lot of

finesse.

Then, each bell has a character all of its own,

So in learning it's foibles, you won't be alone.

Perhaps you'll have mastered some of these cares,

By the time you've been ringing for 25 years.

Though you ring all your life, you'll no doubt discern,

That in handling of bells, there's still more to learn.

But, such joyous sounds make the hobby worthwhile,

When they glorify God in such wonderful style.

They've called folk to worship from thousands of towers,

And they're part of the heritage of this land of ours.

Long may they ring out their songs of great mirth,

And bring love and peace to the land of our birth.

Long may the skills passed down through the ages,

Inspire future ringers' till they become sages.

Judith Barnes

Carol Service

The collection at the Devon Ringers Carol Service was £267 & has been sent to Children's Hospice South West.

Wendy Campbell

Paignton Handbells

The ringers of Paignton have again been out charity fundraising. During Christmas 2000, their handbell ringers raised £1250 for the Dame Hannah Rogers School with £84 for Paignton Hospital.

John Kelly (Snr)

Devon Guild Festival

This year the Devon Guild Festival & AGM was quite different from any that have gone before it. For many years the Guild AGM has had a similar format - several towers open for general ringing during the day followed by a service, tea & business meeting. This had worked well in the past but for some years the attendance has been dropping until 1997 the number at the business meeting was only 55. It was felt that members were "voting with their feet" & it was time for a rethink. A small sub-committee was formed & it was decided to try a quite radical approach. It was felt that events which had an element of training in them had proved popular so it was decided to include training workshops in the new format. Over the last 2 years the meeting has evolved into a Festival of Ringing with the AGM thrown in. Each year one of the 7 territorial branches plays host & this year it was the turn of the North East Branch which is based on the deaneries of Tiverton & Cullompton.

From an early stage in organisation, it was felt important that some provision for Call Changes should be made as many of the towers in this area may be affiliated to the Guild but in fact ring mainly call changes. In the end it proved that the participation of the Association played a very important part in the success of the day.

The Festival was based on the Castle School at Tiverton and from 10 o'clock ringers were arriving to register for the various

groups. At 11.15 Guild President, George Mudge welcomed everyone & immediately the first groups of the day got underway. In this session David Trist had organised one of the St. Petrock's Masterclasses at St. Pauls, Tiverton. This proved popular & a capacity group enjoyed finding out more about the fine points of call changes. At the same time Preb. John Scott was giving a lecture about his experience of the bells and ringers of Devon; the St. Marychurch handbell ringers were running a workshop on tune ringing; & Ian Campbell of Exeter ran a group which explored the many ways computers can be used in ringing these days. A superb lunch ably masterminded by Pat Hatchet, who seemed to have cajoled help out of most of the members of the branch was very much enjoyed & it was time to get on with the business meeting. This was swiftly dealt with & we soon seemed to be into the next session of workshops. In this session the Call Change group was somewhat different in that it concentrated on the history & construction of call change peals with contributions from Stephanie Ewings & Paul Pascoe among others. Other groups at the same time concentrated on Method ringing with subjects from Plain Hunt up to the more advanced Surprise Major methods in various towers in the area. The 1 1/4 hours allowed flew by & it seemed no time before everyone was returning to the Castle School for tea & cakes. The Guild service was preceded by a fine call change peal by a Devon Association Band. At the service of Prayer & Praise, the Association was represented by a number of members including Chairman Brian Drake & Secretary

Frank Bye. The service included intercessions led by Lester Yeo & two tunes by the St. Marychurch Handbell Ringers - Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring & the Spanish Chant.

Although this was the end of the formal proceedings, the skittle alley at the Queen's Head had been booked & there was a chance to "let our hair down" and reflect on a day which had been immensely rewarding. Very many thanks to all those whose hard work made it possible.

Martin Mansley

Recruiting Leaflet

For some time the Ring in 2000 committee has been planning a recruiting leaflet so that the work of training new ringers can continue well into the new century. The decision was taken following a sight of those used by the Oxford & Winchester, and Portsmouth Guilds.

We are now pleased to say that a good supply of these leaflets is available to anyone in the Devon area who needs them. The leaflet gives a taste of what ringing is about & also describes the unique position of ringing in Devon. The Guilds mentioned have been contacted for their experiences when using their leaflets. Both of them emphasised that it is important to stress that the least important place to use them is in the tower. Libraries & information offices are good but they report that the best places for recruitment seem to be Doctor's & Dentist's waiting rooms!

We are very grateful to those involved with the project who were

initially David Trist and Wendy Campbell who were later joined by Andrew Nicholson whose company Nicholson Engineering were major sponsors. Andrew's expertise behind a camera is well illustrated in the art work. Please show how grateful we are by making full use of this leaflet when you need to recruit more ringers. Copies available from Frank Bye or David Trist.

M Mansley

Tolerance

Over the last few years the co-operation between our two ringing traditions in Devon has increased tremendously. Initiatives such as Ring in 2000 have shown how much common ground we have. However, we must never forget that a comment (which could easily be made unconsciously) can cause untold damage to our relationships with each other. On behalf of all those who have worked so hard over recent years to improve the situation can I make a plea to all ringers to show tolerance especially when we are in the company of ringers of the opposite tradition to the one we usually practice. A thoughtless sentence when visiting another tower can cause deep offence. Both our ringing societies in Devon have a past to be proud of and a future to look forward to, but tolerance and co-operation are important to ensure that they both continue to thrive. We must remember that in the greater church and secular community the differences between our ringing styles can seem very difficult to understand and our disputes can appear petty.

This article is being submitted to the newsletters of both the Guild and Association. There is no suggestion that one tradition is more prone to intolerance than the other.

Martin Mansley

Judging

Judging ringing is a thankless task. The judges are never right, unless of course the result comes out in your favour & then there will always be someone who tells you that you had more than you were given! The poor judge is usually mobbed after the result has been announced by ringers demanding to know where he managed to get all those marks from, unless of course he has perfected the quick getaway.

I have dabbled with judging over the years, usually marking a peal or two on a tape after a poor result at a competition! It was out of this desire to understand what had gone wrong, that I started to put down the offending bell instead of a dot, so that at the end of the peal I could identify more easily who was marking. Two or three lines of dots on a page told me nothing about which bells were marking or indeed when they occurred. It is usual for a judge to mark the rise up to the first change, & then indicate this point in his book. He may well mark the halfway point in the changes and of course the end of the top ringing.

To give a clearer idea of when the faults occurring, I indicate the start of a lead by putting down the number of the bell with a circle around it and when the treble resumes the lead mark an X where this occurs. This not only helps to

show when faults are occurring but keeps the mind focused on the job in hand, something that after ten or a dozen peals can be very hard to do!

Having got used to putting down the offending bell instead of just a dot, the next obvious step was to indicate whether that bell was wide or tight, and so this I now try and do, by putting a dot in front of the number if it is tight, or a dot behind if it is wide. I now also try to mark off each minute of the peal by putting it down within a square. It's just another aid to concentration and quite interesting to see if the peal improves as time passes.

As a final point I would urge everyone to have a go, even if it is only to improve your own listening skills which will help your ringing, which is of course why we enter competitions in the first place.

Graham Sharland

Are there any other judges out there who would give us their version of how its done. It would be of great interest to a large number of our members. Please send your thoughts to myself or Jonathan.

Janice Gist

Judging Workshop

A judging workshop was set up by the St. Petrock's Ringing centre on 24 February 2001. The following item is from the "poor chap" who was picked on to run it! (Although I don't think he minded that much

from the sound of things).

I have no doubt that you will hear comments about the judging workshop from various sources over the forthcoming weeks. I hope that they will be reasonably favourable!

May I take a little of the valuable space in "Devon Calls" to express my grateful thanks to all of those brave bellringers who plucked up the courage to come to the Judging Workshop organised by David Trist on behalf of the St. Petrocks Ringing Centre. I was "shanghaied" by David some weeks ago to put together and run the workshop on the day. I was very encouraged by the enthusiasm of all those who took part - some had virtually no experience of judging whatsoever. It was an indication of their dedication that they were willing to carry on with some "extra curriculum" activities after the advertised finishing time of 3pm. They had been hard at it from 10.45 am (with a short break for lunch) following a welcoming dose of caffeine on their arrival at 10.30am. Overall we had twelve participants during the course of the day. (Two had to go early but a couple more came to take their place). We were especially delighted to have Bill Avery with us for most of the day to give sage advice and a number of humorous anecdotes and tips.

I think that one important conclusion they collectively arrived at was that judging is incredibly difficult and that there can be no "right" result. (Some are just a bit righter than others!) Another point that came through loud and clear was the need for judges to give constructive encouragement espe-

cially for the less experienced teams.

All in all it was an enjoyable day with the full participation of all - with no obvious inhibitions about asking some searching questions for all to hear and discuss. There were a number of suggestions arising from our discussions which I for one shall be "floating" in the future. However, I can well remember Colin Adams saying to me on a previous occasion when a suggestion I made was turned down flat, "You don't sow seed and reap the harvest in the same day".

Last but by no means least, my thanks to David on behalf of all who came, for organising the event and for his dogged persistence in getting participants.

Maurice Sharland

Thanks

Just enough space for me to say thanks to all those who sent articles for this issue. It made my job a lot easier. Items for future issues should be sent to one of the addresses below. All items will be published, even if its not in the issue you expect!

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DEVON ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS

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SCHEDULE

NOTE:
Please send your cheques for subscriptions & entry fees made payable to "Devon Association of Ringers" to Mr I Hookway at the address noted on page 1 of Devon Calls.

The Devon Association of Ringers will hold the following Bell Ringing Festivals in 2001.
The thanks of the Association are due to the respective Clergy for their kind permission to hold these Festivals and the Ringers and helpers who have made it possible for these invitations to be extended.

The Eight Bell Festival for the "Laurie Passmore" shield "George Campbell Grills" cup "William Barrow" cup "Walter Mortimore" trophy and ten certificates will be held at the Church of St. Peter NORTH TAWTON on Saturday 28th April 2001.
Tenor bell 18.00.0 in E.
Limited to twelve entries.
Teams must ring the peal known as "Sixty on Thirds".
Applications for practice should be made to Mr B Drake telephone number 01837 82411.
The tower will be closed for practice from Saturday 14th April 2001.
THE FESTIVAL WILL COMMENCE WITH THE DRAW FOR RINGING PLACES AT 2pm PROMPT.
The Church service will be at 4pm.
Tea from approx. 4.30pm.

The South Devon six bell qualifying Festival for the "George Facey" shield "Archie Furzeland" memorial trophy and ten certificates will be held at the Church of St. Michael KINGSTON on Saturday 12th May 2001.
Tenor bell 10.00.26 in G.
Limited to twenty entries.
Teams must ring the peal known as "Sixty on Thirds".
Applications for practice should be made to Mr V Freeman telephone number 01548 810255.
The tower will be closed for practice from Saturday 28th April 2001.
THE FESTIVAL WILL COMMENCE WITH THE DRAW FOR RINGING PLACES AT 2pm PROMPT.
The Church service will be at 4pm.
Tea from approx. 4.30pm.

The North Devon six bell qualifying Festival for the "George Facey" shield and ten certificates will be held at ALL HALLOWS Church BROADWOODKELLY on Saturday 12th May 2001.
Tenor bell 09.14.03 in A.
Limited to twenty entries.
Teams must ring the peal known as "Sixty on Thirds".
Applications for practice should be made to Mr D Elstone telephone 01837 83506.
The tower will be closed for practice from Saturday 28th April 2001.
THE FESTIVAL WILL COMMENCE WITH THE DRAW FOR RINGING PLACES AT 2pm PROMPT.
The Church service will be at 4pm.
Tea from approx. 4.30pm.

The Minor six bell Final for the "Thomas Oatway" shield "John P Fidler" cup and four certificates will be held at ALL SAINTS Church CHARDSTOCK Saturday 26th May 2001.
Tenor bell 12.01.27. in F#.
The competing towers will be the second five towers placed in the North Devon qualifying festival and the second five towers placed in the South Devon qualifying festival.
Teams must ring the peal known as "Sixty on Thirds".
There will be **NO PRACTICE** allowed at this tower prior to the Minor Final.
THE FESTIVAL WILL COMMENCE WITH THE DRAW FOR RINGING PLACES AT 2pm PROMPT.
The Church service will be at 4pm.
Tea from approx. 4.30pm.

The Major six bell Final for the "Ross" shield "Shelley" cup "Jack Hine" perpetual trophy and four certificates will be held at the Church of St. Peter SHIRWELL on Saturday 9th June 2001.
Tenor bell 11.02.00. in F#.
The competing towers will be the first five towers placed in the North Devon qualifying festival and the first five towers placed in the South Devon qualifying festival **plus the first two towers placed in the MINOR FINAL**.
Teams must ring the peal known as "Sixty on Thirds".
There will be **NO PRACTICE** allowed at this tower prior to the Major Final.
THE FESTIVAL WILL COMMENCE WITH THE DRAW FOR RINGING PLACES AT 2pm PROMPT.
The Church service will be at 4pm.
Tea from approx. 4.30pm.

All entries for these Festivals complete with the appropriate entrance fee. Eight Bell £8.00 Six bell £6.00
WHICH IS NON-RETURNABLE must be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer on or before 1st APRIL 2001.

N.B. Please note that the Minor Final, this year, will be held before the Major Final.