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Association Dinner

This year's event to be held on Sunday 27 October at 1pm is to follow the successful Sunday Dinner at the Libbaton Golf Club last year when money was raised to add to the amount Jereme Darke, and his mother, Sally, had raised for the ICU, Frenchay Hospital. Tickets for this year's dinner are available from Chris Ley.

Royal Birth

On 22 July 2013, after a long wait, the Duchess of Cambridge, wife of Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge, gave birth to the couple's first child, Prince George of Cambridge, at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington at 4.24 pm weighing 8 pounds and 6 ounces. Many towers throughout Devon rang in celebration of such a joyous occasion.

Eggbuckland win Major Final

Congratulations to Eggbuckland on a convincing win at the Major Final held at Cornwood on 8 June 2013. James Kerslake reminds us that this is the 22nd time since 1980 that the Eggbuckland team have won the Ross Shield. Eggbuckland also won the South Qualifier at Yealmpton on 11 May 2013. On the last page of the insert, Results, you will see that under James' League Table, Eggbuckland, are understandably, at the top.

Devon Ringers' Council

The Council are considering making another CD of ringing to be sold at the Ringers' Roadshow to be held at Newbury on 6 September 2014. If you have any suggestions or recordings, especially older recordings, where the bells have since been retuned, please contact Ian Avery or Michael Webster.

Proposal to change rules

The minutes attached show that the Committee on 26 September received proposals to change a number of rules. The Committee recommended two amendments and rejected a third proposal. These proposals will now be put forward to the AGM for members to vote upon. For the details please see the AGM papers at page 15.

Voting for Judges

A letter is included with this newsletter to allow towers to vote for judges for 2014. The information is also available on the Association's website. Towers will only be able to vote for Judges for the competitions that they are eligible for, e.g. the 8 bell, or 6 bell North or 6 bell south. All towers can vote for Judges for the Novice. There can only be one entry from each tower and the votes must be received by 2 November 2013, by post or email.

A new editor is required to ensure the continuation of Devon Calls. Please contact the General Secretary or any Committee Member if you are interested or have any suggestions.

Obituaries

Bernard Miners, after a debilitating illness, passed away on 10 October 2013.

Richard Trehern, captain of South Molton, passed away on Monday 23 September 2013 suddenly but peacefully at home, aged 66 years. The funeral service took place at St. Mary Magdalene Church, South Molton, on Monday, October 7th 2013 at 1:30pm followed by a private cremation. Donations in memory of Richard, were in aid of the Church Tower Fund and the British Heart Foundation (cheques payable to W.H. Squires & Son Ltd, Donations Account), 11 Wellbrook Street, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 5JW.

John Woods, tower captain at Stoke Canon, had been struggling with an illness for some time. He can be proud to have overseen the re-hanging of the bells. His funeral was at Stoke Canon church on Monday 5 August 2013 at 10:30, and there was ringing beforehand from 9.50. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Mandy Plumridge is the vice-captain and will ensure that the bells are kept ringing.

Royston Johns rang at Clovelly, up until a few years before he died on Thursday 16th May 2013. His funeral was held at All Saints Church Clovelly on Friday 31st May 2pm.

Ray Mugridge died on 13 April 2013. His funeral was held at South Brent church on 26 April 2013. There was a lot of ringing and this was before and after the service followed by splendid refreshments in the Village Hall. Ray was married to Joan at Diptford church in 1960 and they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 2010. Ray had played an important part in ensuring the continuation of ringing at South Brent and this seems to be inherited by his daughter, Suzanne, who is leading a very successful team of ringers and continually encouraging newer ringers.

Jack Watts, a former captain of Marwood, passed away in Barnstable aged 92. His funeral service was held at Barnstaple Crematorium on Tuesday April 9th 2013 at 10:20 followed by a thanksgiving service at St Michael and All Angels church at Marwood.

Brian Langworthy a ringer at St Saviour's and St Petrox, Dartmouth died in April 2013. Tim Chapman, the current Captain, states, "this had been another sad time for the town ringers with the loss of Brian Langworthy. He was a reliable member of our team for who nothing was too much trouble. He played his part in the ringing chamber and also behind the scenes. Brian was one of my greatest supports when all of those odds and ends jobs needed doing. His vast knowledge and experience was

very useful when we needed to re-work our displays in the tower, or when some work needed doing on the bells. I have lots of photographs of Brian ringing and working in the tower but my favourite has to be the one from when we had pigeons in St Saviour's tower. He is stood straddled across the fifth bell in his blue boiler suit waving a huge feather duster in the air trying to scare the pigeons out through the hatch in the roof! But the best bit of the picture is Brian's smile. Nothing was ever too much trouble. It is the loss of his warm personality, friendship and sense of humour that we will all miss so much".

Robin Burnham, stated that Brian was a sad loss as he was also the curator of the Dartmouth Museum and will be much missed there.

Clive Pearson, again of St Saviour's and St Petrox, Dartmouth died in March 2013.

Tim Chapman, the current Captain states, "Clive Pearson, the President of the Dartmouth Town Ringers and long time ringer at St Saviour's and St Petrox Churches in Dartmouth died and his funeral was on Thursday 21st March 2013 at 2.30pm at St Saviour's church. Ringing had been arranged before and after the service. Many people will remember ringing with Clive at the Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta.

It has been a sad time for the Dartmouth Town Ringers. We not only lost our Tower President, but also a fellow ringer and, most importantly, a good friend. The tower was always a much more interesting place when we used to sit down at 8pm on a Wednesday practice evening for our tea break and were treated to a story from Clive. He always managed to keep the attention of the ringers, and visitors, much more than I ever could when we were ringing! Clive knew the art of entertaining a group. As a bell ringer, Clive put in over a half of a century of hard work. I'm sure that he would have been the first to agree with me when I say that I often had to give him a little "nudge" in the right direction just to keep things going. But it was his commitment to the Dartmouth ringers that shone through. If ever anything needed explaining someone could be heard saying: "Where's Clive?" He had many more uses than your typical bell ringer. He also taught me bell maintenance, how else would I be able to repair things and replace stays!?!

We rang the bells muffled for Clive for a week to remember him by but then they were removed. And it was with great pleasure that we were able to ring open-peace for him before and after his funeral. In total we rang for over two hours. The team put in a great effort on the day. But then they

would, we were ringing for one of our team and a dear friend. As I left the church Laurie came over to see me. She said that Clive would have been very pleased with our efforts. That's all we needed to hear.....

Jill Southwood, widow of Bob Southwood who had been Arch priest of Hacombe, Rector of Stokeinteignhead and Past President of our Guild among many other things! Jill had died suddenly following a fall while out walking. This was tragic news. Jill's funeral was on Thursday 21st March 2013 at Torquay Crematorium, 1.30pm

David Pope was a Sampford Courtenay ringer, as was his wife Lyn and as his daughter, Charlie, now is. David had suffered from Alzheimer's for many years. His Funeral was held at Sampford Courtenay Church, Monday 4th March, 2013 at 3pm.

Howard Egglestone's funeral was held at Crediton on Friday 1st March 2013 at 2pm. Howard died on the morning of 17 Feb 2013. He had been ill for some time, but all were shocked and saddened and wished Margaret and the family every blessing. Howard had formerly been ringing master at Holy Cross, Crediton, and was the driving force behind the recasting and augmentation of the bells as well as the local organiser of the twelve bell competition there in 2010. He had also been secretary of the Exeter Cathedral Society, a prominent member of the Cumberland Youths and the chairman of the Ringing World. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Eric Abrahams sadly passed away on 31st December 2012. He was Captain of the bellringers at St Swithun's, Sandford for over 30 years, where he himself, learnt to ring. Eric taught many learners to ring over the years and was dedicated in his task of keeping the bells ringing regularly. Eric was a true gentleman who we were all privileged to have known and rung beside.

The funeral was at Sandford Church on Friday 11th January at 3pm. Donations in memory of Eric were shared between Dogs for the Disabled and Hospice Care. Any further donations can be made to A White & Sons, Albert Road, Crediton, EX17 2BZ. 01363 772043.

Roy Cleal died on 12 December 2012. See full article on page 3.

Gerald Fisher of Georgeham passed away and his memorial Service was held at St George's Church, Georgeham on Friday October 19th 2012.

Richard John Quick, aged 85 of East Budleigh. The funeral took place on 2 Oct 2012. See article on page 6.

Dennis Reeves' funeral was held on Friday 28th September 2012 at Churchstow Church.

OBITUARY - Roy Cleal

With the death occurring last December of Roy Cleal bell-ringing has lost yet another faithful, long standing, and traditional 'Devon style' call-change ringer.

Roy was born at West Hill near Ottery St. Mary in 1934. In 1947 he moved with his parents to live at Green End cottages Plymtree; at the time he was 14 years old. For many years his father worked with heavy horses on a local farm. Roy would often talk about the apple picking times when he would accompany his father taking wagon loads of apples to Whiteway's Cider Factory at Whimble. He could recall his father having to place an iron shoe under one of the iron banded rear wheels of the cart to act as a break as they descended the hill into Whimble, where they passed the Fountain Inn. He also remembered his father stopping off at the same Inn on the return journey - to allow the horses to have water. He never disclosed though what kind of refreshment he and his Dad were having whilst the horses were being watered!

Shortly after moving to Plymtree Roy met with a local farmer's son called John Hussey, later of Pence Pool Farm and it seems that the two of them became great pals. It was whilst they were both wandering around the village one evening that the bells began to ring. On this particular occasion it appears Plymtree ringers were having something of an off night prompting Roy and his mate John to pass comment on the racket the bell ringers were making. Little did they realise that their remarks were being overheard by one of the ringers who was standing just outside by the church wall. Leaning over the wall the ringer suggested to the pair that perhaps they might like to have a go. They both decided to go down to the church the following week and it seems that Roy, at the age of 14, took to bell ringing 'like a duck to water'. They both went on to ring regularly, eventually graduating to ring for Church Services but of course they didn't have things entirely their own way, such was the kind of atmosphere that prevailed in many towers at the time and Plymtree was no exception. The old ringers did not take too kindly to two youngsters coming along and making inroads into their domain and it was not until Roy reached the age of 17 that he was invited to ring in a competition.

Roy left school at 15 yrs and went to work at Fordmore Farm, Plymtree for Mr. Bill Persey. It was there that he met Ken Blackmore who was later to become a life long friend. At the time Ken's father was employed at Fordmore farm. Ken was 13 yrs old when Roy suggested that he should come down to the church during a practice night and learn to ring. At around this time Roy's sister, Phyllis, and two other local people also started to learn. Ken was en-

couraged a lot by Roy and in the months ahead he became quite proficient. However, during one particular practice night things for Ken took a dramatic turn for the worse. He was in the team, on the second, rising the bells, ready to start ringing a peal when suddenly he released his grip on all the loops he was holding. The loose rope flying around encircled the neck of the treble ringer in front of him! That treble ringer was no-less George Knight and George sustained a nasty rope burn around his neck which lasted for several weeks. Roy's quick action prevented what could have been a much more serious accident. Roy insisted that Ken should ring again during the evening but on a different bell and this resulted in Ken going on to ring for several years before ultimately joining the Army. And George, well anyone connected with ringing knows, he was undaunted by the skirmish, George kept ringing right up until he was well into his seventies.

Ken recalls Roy purchasing his first motor bike and how they used to journey around together with Ken as pillion passenger going to the Speedway at Exeter, motorcycle scrambles (motocross) and numerous dances around East Devon. It was during a dance at Awliscombe Village Hall that Roy first met Sallie, his long standing wife and eventually mother of Michael and Roger.

Plymtree bell-ringers always held an annual outing which was well supported. Usually this was to a seaside resort with ringing on the outward and the return journey. The team always expected a top performance from everyone and if anyone made a mistake this would be their only ring for the rest of the day. George Knight once said they had planned an outing to Dartmouth. On the way they stopped to ring at Dartington then went on into Totnes where they found a local hostelry. Whilst there a lady came into the bar and started to play the piano, and very well. The ringers having had a few drinks started to sing. Such was the atmosphere that unfolded they subsequently decided to cancel the rest of the outing and stayed at the pub for the rest of the day!

Proof of Roy's commitment to Plymtree and neighbouring towers can be judged by the fact he rang for practically 65 years. After learning, he progressed to become a regular tenor ringer, but moved up to the treble in the late 1950's. John Bambury from Talaton, also regularly rang the treble for Plymtree. When sadly John died, at quite a young age, Roy moved up and took on the treble. During the 1970's, Roy would pick up John Bambury at the Talaton Shop and take him to Sunday ringing and practice nights at Plymtree, as Talaton no longer had a team of ringers. In the late 1970's Roy journeyed regularly over to Talaton to help Andrew Buxton and John Bambury train new ringers so that Talaton could once again have a regular team. To

their credit seven parishioners became ringers. From this Roy went on to start a small inter-village ringing competition which took place during the winter 'to give the learners experience in other towers'. These contests did not involve the demands of a rise or lower. The contests were held in nearby Plymtree, Kentisbeare, Clyst Hydon and Whimble as well as Talaton. At the end a shield was awarded to the most successful team. The judges at the time were: Ted Widgery, George Knight and Herbert Minifee, all from Plymtree. From the year 2000 onwards Roy regularly came to Clyst Hydon in support of their practice nights.

Roy's ringing career, which began in 1946, spanned just over 60 years. Fittingly in August 2012 members of Plymtree church presented him with a miniature bell which was cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London. During his ringing career he had the honour and privilege of ringing not only for the Queen's Coronation which took place on the 2nd June 1953 but also for Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee in 1977, Golden Jubilee in 2002, and finally last year, for the Diamond Jubilee; a truly outstanding achievement. All through the 1950's and up until the late 1980's Plymtree had a very active and committed band in which Roy was a key member. The team regularly competed in ringing competitions across the county. Other mainstays in the team were: John Bambury (formerly of Talaton), George Knight, Herbert Minifee, Bill Lovering and Ted Widgery (a local farmer who was also well known for making good cider).

Many of the old Plymtree team have since passed away but Roy's brother, Ron, maintains the Cleal tradition and rings regularly at both Plymtree and Cullompton. Many of his close ringing friends, including Brian Hancock, Andrew Buxton and Tom Coleman, rang at his funeral which took place at St. Andrew's Church Feniton on Thursday 13th December 2012. At Roy's request 'open' peals were rung, both before and after the service, and the standard of striking achieved was appropriate and befitting of a man for whom second best just would not do. The funeral service was well attended and demonstrated the high regard to which he was held. The service was conducted by the Reverend Cate Edmonds. Feelings of loss can never be measured. Our condolences are extended to Roy's wife Sallie, his sons, Michael and Roger, Daughter-in-law, Sharon, and their two children, Will and Lucie.

It is now up to those of us who are left to uphold the ringing standards that people such as Roy worked so tirelessly to achieve. I would like to thank Ken Blackmore, Andrew Buxton and Tom Coleman for their help in compiling this obituary of Roy. A true 'Devon' ringer whom we shall all miss. Colin Adams.

Intermediate Competition and Rising & Lowering Programme

Thank you to those teams that supported the Intermediate Competition on October 13th 2012 at Highweek and the rising and lowering workshop held at Lustleigh beforehand. The ringing was of a good standard and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Many thanks to all who helped with the organisation, especially to Robert Brown for arranging the towers, and to Graham and Maurice Sharland for judging and giving their valuable feedback to the teams at the end of the competition. It is proposed to hold another Intermediate competition and please do contact me if you are interested.

2013 kicked off with a rising and lowering workshop at Christow for Colebrooke on Thursday 31st January, which was well supported and an encouraging standard of ringing was displayed. Another workshop was on 23rd February at Salcombe for the Woodleigh Deanery ringers.

We are prepared to hold a rising and lowering session once a month, so those who have contacted us, we should be in touch to arrange a date in the near future. For any other enquiries regarding the above, please contact me or another member of the Devon Association committee to register your interest.

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RISING & LOWERING WORKSHOP IN SALCOMBE

On Saturday 23rd February a team of experienced Devon ringers gave up their morning and travelled to Salcombe to give rising and lowering practice and advice to ringers of the Woodleigh Deanery.

Enthusiasm was such that around 30 'improvers' turned up - the suggestion in the planning stage was that between 6 - 12 'improvers' would be ideal! However the trainers were not fazed by the crowd of ringers who were eagerly awaiting their instruction and the morning flowed smoothly as new ringers quickly took their places after each 'up' and 'down'. The mezzanine 'meeting room' immediately adjacent to the glass doors of the ringing chamber meant that people who were not actually ringing could still listen and watch and refreshments in the form of coffee and biscuits kept everyone's energy levels up.

Salcombe ringers would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the ringers who came along to train us and to apologise for the rope burns! Hopefully the residents of the Woodleigh Deanery are now enjoying the sound of church bells

being raised and lowered in peal every Sunday. (Well, maybe we need a few more sessions for that to actually happen!) Mike Brice ringing coach for South Milton, spoke for us all when he said 'I had an amazing morning and it's really nice to know that there are ringers around who are willing to pass on their expertise to us mere mortals!' Lizzie

Training Day

A training day on how to teach ringing Dave Trist states that he is willing to arrange a training day aimed at teaching how to teach ringing at Exeter St. Petrock, Exeter High Street. This can be open to both experienced teachers (who will be invaluable to share their techniques and skill) and people who would like to get more experience. This could be a day to share information and learn from each other by demonstrations, discussions, exercises and games. Dave would like to hear from all those who may be interested. Please email: [tristy\[at\]madasafish\[dot\]com](mailto:tristy[at]madasafish[dot]com).

National Youth Contest and a mini ring in York

The Ringing World National Youth Contest was staged in York and some teams warmed up for the event on the mini ring in St Helen's Church, Stonegate.

This was the country's biggest event for young bell ringers being held in York on 6 July 2013.

Sixteen teams of eight ringers each, all aged 18 or under, from across England including two from Yorkshire, showed their skills at change bell ringing at St Lawrence's in Lawrence Street in York as they competed in the Ringing World National Youth Contest.

Members of the public also had their chance to see what bell ringing was like and try their hand on a mini ring apparatus and with hand bells.

"It's been fantastic," said David Hull, for the organisers. "All day, I have seen nothing but smiling faces."

The competitors had to ring for seven minutes. Some chose to ring changes, others rang method. The competition was won overall by Bedfordshire who chose change ringing. Organisers hope the event will encourage more people to take up the activity. The Ringing World National Youth Contest has its own website. <http://rwnyc.ringingworld.co.uk/>

Mortehoe Church

We would like to say thank you to all ringers that have helped us out over recent years, and especially mentioning John Conibear who lives at Shirwell and Len Blackburn who lives in Braunton.

John and Len are always ready and willing to turn out and ring at Mortehoe whatever time of the year and whatever the weather. We would just like to put it on record how much we appreciate them. So thanks John and Len!

Margaret and Fred White

Cruwys Morchard Bells

The rehanging of the Cruwys Morchard bells has been completed and they are now a pleasure to ring. On Sunday 28th July there was a service of rededication with the Bishop of Crediton at 6:30pm.

St Budeaux

THE parishioners of St Budeaux Parish Church have started an appeal to get their 16th Century bells ringing again.

The bells, some of which rang out for Sir Francis Drake and Mary Newman's wedding at the church in 1569, have been silent since August last year after it was discovered that their supporting framework needed restorative work done.

St Budeaux parish needs to raise £40,000 to undertake the repairs so that the bells can ring out once again.

Sean Beaven, a church warden and bell ringer, said the parish does not have the same feel since the bells went quiet. "We miss hearing them. The bells were used to call people to church. The congregation would wait to hear them chime before heading out. "It is not the real experience anymore - it is dead on a Sunday without them."

The church has six bells in total with three having rung since 1553. Another was added to the collection in 1640 and two "modern" bells joined in 1888.

They are often rung on days of national importance, including the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the start of the Olympic Games. Despite the bells' ages, however, Sean, 40, explains that it is not them that requires work. The bells are fine," said the parishioner of eight years. "It is the framework that they stand on which is corroded and rusted. Everything needs to be taken down so we can regalanise it all.

While the bells are down, we'll have them checked over and spruced up as well." Parishioners were invited to ring out their own bells in support.

Those who want more information about the appeal can contact Peter Sparkes on 01752 362 161.

News Round Up

Jereme Darke

Jereme's mother, Sally, has been busy, in caring and providing a home for Jereme, who continues to make wonderful progress, and she also raised £3,200 for the Frenchay ICU. Jereme returned to the Intensive Care Unit on 13th June 2013 to visit the medical staff who had treated him in the critical few days after his accident and presented them with the cheque. £800 had been raised by the Devon Association of Bell Ringers and £1,050 from a collection by the Crewkerne Farmers' Skittle League. The remainder was raised by Jereme's mother at various events in South Devon including at her local golf club. The hospital provides on site accommodation for families of critically ill patients and this is entirely funded by charitable donations. Sally asked me to pass on a big thank you from both Jereme and herself to everyone in the Devon Association who had helped to raise this money.

John Kelly

John was admitted to hospital 26 February 2013 and remained in a coma until 12 March. After coming around John made some very rapid progress and was discharged and deemed fit to return home on 25 April. His son, John, married Clare in Antigua on 15 March 2013 and there was a blessing at Paignton Parish Church on Saturday 6 April at 3:30pm followed by a reception at the Headland Hotel, Daddyhole Road, Torquay. John's father was next door, having been moved to Paignton Hospital, and the couple went to visit John straight from church, after the blessing, and before going to the reception.

Philip Stevens is 70

Philip decided to mark his birthday with some ringing, of course! This was a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters at Thorverton on 25 April 2013. The following practice night was the actual date of the birthday which Phil also shares with Mo and Pauline. The Kingskerswell practice became another celebration.

Mr & Mrs Goff of Chardstock

This couple celebrated their golden wedding on August 2nd 2013. The ringers and their wives from the Chardstock tower arranged a surprise party for Derrick and his wife Julia, who is also a past bell ringer from the tower (Derrick, captain of Chardstock, has been ringing for 54 years). The bells of Chardstock were rung that evening to make the celebration. After the surprise party Derrick and Julia will be spending a few days in Jersey.

Scott Adams and Charlotte Cooper

Scott and Charlotte's wedding on 7 September took place at Stoke Gabriel church. Traditionally, at Stoke Gabriel, bells are rung before and after the wedding. As you can imagine many ringers were present and ringing had to commence early to ensure everyone, including the local team had a ring. Scott, who arrived early, rang for his own wedding. The service was an enjoyable and memorable occasion and the reception was held at the Berry Head Hotel. We all wish Scott and Charlotte, every happiness.

South Devon Ringers Association

The South Devon Ringers Association AGM that was to be held at Upton on 23 February had been postponed to 5 October when it was held immediately after the South Devon 8 Bell competition at Chudleigh. Barry Osborne was re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer.

Association Dinner 2013

After last year's success a further Sunday lunch has been planned again at Libbaton Golf Club, High Bickington. The event is on 27 October from 1:30. Contact Christine Ley for further information.

Results of the Grand Draw at the Major Final at Cornwood on 8 June 2013

1. D Sharland - Dunsford
2. L Rowe - Broadhempston
3. Petal - Eggbuckland
4. M Barrable - West Down
5. S Hill - Chagford
6. R Drucer - Tiverton 01884 277***
7. A Jeffrey - Dodbrooke
8. J Gifford - Hartland
9. J Parkinson - Tiverton
10. C Stevens - Woolsery
11. C Nicholls - Littleham
12. M Pennet - Salisbury 01722 781***
13. F Pidgeon - Winkleigh
14. B Hancock - Cullompton

Thanks were given to C Ley, the promoter, who stated that £4,300 had been raised through the raffle and she thanked all those who supported this raffle.

Raising funds for the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund.

The final profit was £5,570 and this included £445 made payable to DCRF.

Carol Service for 2012 and 2013

The Carol service held at Dawlish in 2012 was excellent and Ian and his team have to be congratulated on their performances. Ian works so hard towards creating a magical mix of music and at Dawlish it all came together brilliantly.

This year's Carol Service will be at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 14 December starting at 3pm. Ringing will be available before and after the Service.

Buckfast Abbey

A plea of help went out from Buckfast Abbey to ring for a wedding on Monday 29 October 11:30 for a wedding. Jim and Margaret Jones are finding it exhausting, climbing the stairs and then having to ring. A group of call change ringers was organised by Stoke Gabriel and Harry Bardens, who stated he had never rung at the Abbey, was invited. We rang the middle 8 and Jim was present and sat in the tower as he knew the procedure and the Monks were more at ease with this. There was some confusion as to the start of the wedding and luckily it was a later start rather than earlier. Harry can now say that he grabbed a tower and was paid to ring.

Lustleigh

Rob Brown informed me that on Friday afternoon of the 14th September 2012 Lustleigh Bells were featured on the Lynda Bellingham programme My Tasty Travels.

Ade in Britain at South Brent

The South Brent ringers spent a day at their tower when Ade was taught to ring and this was broadcast on Tuesday 26 March 2013.

Dartmouth St Saviours

On Thursday 23rd May the Dartmouth Town Ringers celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the re-hanging of St Saviour's after they had been recast and a new frame put into the tower.

Tim Chapman, Tower Captain, said :

"It was good to welcome all the Dartmouth Ringers and our friends from local towers, Stoke Fleming and Slapton, to join with us in this celebration of 75 years since the bells of St Saviour's were returned to our tower. It was wonderful to see over 20 ringers join in the celebrations."

"We rang several well known bell ringing patterns, Kings, Queens and Whittingtons, during the evening. The ringing was of a very high standard. I think everybody realised what an important occasion this was for bell ringing in Dartmouth. It was good to see a big group of friends enjoying their bell ringing together on this big day for us."

"We have many more activities planned for the rest of the year as part of our celebrations, including an Open Day on 15th June and a Service of Thanksgiving in September."

"This is a very busy time for the bell ringers. We hope to promote bell ringing in Dartmouth as much as we can this year and hopefully gain some new recruits."

For more information about St Saviours and St Petrox, Dartmouth, please contact Tim.

Horace Clements recalls historic ringing events

Horace Clements started ringing in 1938. He was born 1 September 1929, in Diptford and this year was his 84th. He is still active and rings on a regular basis and for competitions. Horace started ringing in the winter of 1938. He recalls that he was so short he had to stand on a mound of hassocks that were 4 deep in order for him to ring the bell. His mate, Donald, who was taller, was asked to ring. Horace was not asked, presumably because he was shorter and not to be beaten Horace asked if he could ring. To their surprise he picked it up very quickly. Donald struggled and lasted 6 months. Horace said he was rising and lowering after about 3 weeks and that learning to ring came very natural to him. Horace started on the 3rd bell and his tutor was Les Stone who was very good but very strict. Horace says that ringers had to remove items such as watches from their wrists and there was certainly no hand allowed through the loop. Horace said that you were not permitted to ring in peal until you had mastered the rise and fall fairly well. When they did ring in peal, to a fair standard, you were made to face the wall and ring by ear.

Horace recalls ringing the old year out and the new year in 1938/39. There was the break during the war years but he remembers ringing for VJ day, August 1945 and then for the end of the war, November 1945. Horace recalls that they did not practise in the summer months before or after the war but did ring every Sunday morning and evening when permitted. Horace's interest was horses. He used to ride them barebacked when he was a school boy and had to take them out on a Saturday to be shod. Horace also used to milk the cows every morning and evening outside of school hours. He used to muck out the shippon, especially during the winter when the cows had to be fed and bedded down.

When Horace moved to Stoke Gabriel he was readily accepted into the team, as he had already been ringing there on Sunday evenings. Horace worked as a Mason from 1943, had been ringing for Stoke Gabriel since 1948 and married Eileen, a Stoke Gabriel girl, in 1949. He joined the National Service in 1950 until 1952 and rang for the Queen's ascension in February 1952, her Coronation in 1953 and the subsequent Silver Jubilee in 1977, the Golden Jubilee in 2012, and the Diamond Jubilee in June 2012. Horace said that Stoke Gabriel became more involved in the Devon Association Competitions. The first one that he remembered was the Major Final at St Budeaux in 1966 where they came last (10th). The next year they went to Ilfracombe and came last again. The team improved after that however he states that the ringing at that time was to a very high standard, it was very competitive and there were a large number of teams with many towers having two separate teams and it was highly competitive.

Arthur Seymour, Captain of Stoke Gabriel from June 1967, did not make the Major Final at Ilfracombe, as his son was getting married that day. This was a sore point as there was an expectation for people to be available for competitions. Bill Hine, from Collaton St Mary, who rang mainly for Diptford and Stoke Gabriel was invited to ring. He later died in a tragic fishing accident in June 1968 with two other Stoke Gabriel men.

Art Seymour died whilst ringing at the Major Final at Meavy in May 1976. Horace remembers that Colin Adams was first on the scene and was very helpful on that day. Horace was Vice Captain before Art's untimely death and then was Captain at Stoke Gabriel for 18 years from 1976 to 1994.

Horace recalls that at Modbury, at a South Devon Qualifier, in the late 70s or early 80s, there were 21 teams entering. Ringing started at 1pm and finished 9:15pm. He says that Kenn beat them that day and that Vicars used to attend the festivals.

One fond memory Horace has is that in 1980 he helped a young man towards his Duke of Edinburgh Award. Horace only signed him off when he rang in a competition.

Whilst Horace was captain he suggested to the Totnes Deanery, formed in 1947, in about 1978 of having a competition league. Two towers would ring against each other on their respective practise night, home and away and be judged. From all the teams that rung the points were added up at the end of the competitions. This later became the Totnes Deanery Winter League and now a number of teams ring on the same day at one tower. This happens at about six towers each winter, ringing throughout the Deanery. The positions at each competition are all added up and teams have their final positions for the Winter League.

Horace remembers that Stoke Gabriel won nine cups one year and that their ringing got progressively better during the 80s and 90s.

Horace proudest recognition was being president of the Devon Association of Ringers in 2001. Another proud moment was when Stoke Gabriel won the Major Final at Down St Mary in 2012. Although Horace did not ring that day he had helped by being so supportive to ringing at Stoke Gabriel for so long, encouraging entries to competitions and encouraging ringers to play an active part in the Devon Association.

Horace still loves horses and follows races with great interest. He is always out and about doing odd jobs for people and is a keen gardener. He values his family very much and has recently celebrated his 64th wedding anniversary. Horace has 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Asked what is different with ringing today, Horace said that he really enjoys the monthly meetings with the Ringkly Ringers.

Invitation to ring at Plympton St Mary

A report from Brian Meek. We have had some very good news. We are not sure what or who caused a large donation to our bell appeal however we are glad that it came. We have been actively raising funds and an open day raised over £1,200.

Our tower is now open to visiting ringers again, subject to the vicar's approval. Whitechapel have been instrumental in saving our tower thousands of pounds in costs i.e. just painting the bell frame ourselves saved some £9,700 plus VAT. Their suggestion of how to go about the remaining work to reduce cost further, was good with some sound engineering principles used in the employment of these suggestions and ideas. Whitechapel identified and actively encouraged the tower to undertake some of its own work. We are still waiting for the work on the bells and await a faculty. Whitechapel made the statement that the bells should not stop ringing. After some minor adjustments within the belfry, they have actively encouraged the ringing to continue. A major change was to lighten two bells that we had fitted new shrouds to. Whitechapel suggested that we lighten the shrouds and this worked well. We did as suggested and took 6kg of wood out of both shrouds. They look like they have been visited by some very large wood worms, but it worked.

The first quote was £40,000. However Whitechapel's quote for doing much of the specialist work was for £18,000. We could get this reduced further by supplying two workers as well as board and lodgings for the bell engineers. Our main aim is to preserve the bells for future use and we are likely to achieve this in the very near future. Once we have completed the refurbishment, our bells will be rededicated and we plan to have a celebration peal.

It's amazing how most of our able bodied ringers have responded and helped. Although repainting has been left to two ringers who have the time, the cleaning of the belfry had been taken on by most of our ringers. The dirt had been accumulated over eighty years. We removed the carpets from under the bells and this alone had taken three visits to complete. For further information please do not hesitate to contact Brian Meek.

For further information and/or to make a donation, contact, Mary Nicholls, Tower Captain, 16 Longmeadow Close, Plympton PL7 4JG. Tel: xxxxxxxxxxxx. Cheques made payable to, St Mary's The Virgin, Plympton (Bell fund). Please consider Gift Aid donations.

A Tribute by Geoff Hill to George Campbell Grills, Composer of the Ringers' Hymn 'Ring Out Ye Bells Below'

George Campbell Grills was born into the later end of the Victorian era and came from North Cornwall. He learnt to ring at Marhamchurch and also spoke of his visits to the heavy ring of 5 at Pancresweeke on the Devon/Cornwall boarder. Perhaps he had relatives there? These idyllic early years came to an abrupt end in 1914 when George Grills like so many thousands of young men joined the yeomanry to fight in the Great War. He fought in the most bloodiest of these conflicts, the battle of the Somme and was the proud holder of the Somme Star. I can remember him telling me many decades later about the devastation, the huge sacrifice of life and the futility of it all just to capture a few yards of land from the enemy. I also remember clearly a large picture of him in his army uniform on the wall of his sitting room in Tavistock.

An insurance agent by profession, he spent some time in the Channel Islands. He rang regularly there and was a member of the then Channel Island Guild of Ringers. On his return to the mainland he eventually settled in Tavistock and bought a house in Trelawney Road. He came to Tavistock already a ringer and was soon welcomed into the call change band at St Eustachius. Tavistock had joined the Devon Association at its formation in 1925 and had regularly been taking part in the Devon 8 Bell competitions since their onset. George Grills had a very musical ear and soon found his way into the competition team and established himself as the ringer of the 3rd bell. His name appears on some of the early association competition certificates in the Tavistock tower and he never rang any other bell. He once told me that their finest performance was at Broadclyst in 1947 when they won a 3rd certificate beating some of the leading lights of the day. He loved fine bells and church architecture and Broadclyst has it all in abundance, it was his first visit there and he told me that he was in awe at the whole atmosphere of the place. I know what he meant. I have been to Broadclyst on countless occasions and the whole concept of it never fails to inspire me.

It was just after this in 1949 that George Campbell Grills wrote the tune to the famous Ringers Hymn, 'Ring Out Ye Bells Below', calling it 'Tavistock'. It was his greatest work and he was overjoyed when the Devon Association adopted it as their hymn tune. It must be sung more than any other hymn by us ringers, for we all give it several airings during the year not just in association circles but in Devon Guild events as well. The tune has also been adopted by many other ringing societies up and down the country and is very popular. He also wrote another hymn tune in 1951 and dedicated it to the memory of Albert Darch of Torrington calling it 'Torrington'. An equally impressive arrangement that is rarely sung these days but

one that I remember giving great gusto to at a Tamar Valley Guild service some years ago.

In later years he found the stairs to the ringing room at Tavistock difficult and gave up tower bell ringing. However, he maintained his great love of bells and took on a new role as a ringing judge. He acted as judge at our first ever deanery competition at Lydford in 1964 and enjoyed a ring with his fellow judges before the contest. That was the last time he touched a bell rope. But he continued to judge our competitions for some years after that; his advice on striking, rising and lowering in peal was always constructive and welcomed.

I first met him in 1963 when I learnt to ring. His home in Trelawney Road was something of a 'Mecca' to those of us who were fanatical about bells and handbell ringing. Mr & Mrs Grills were wonderful hosts and always gave us a warm welcome. I learnt to ring handbells with my school friend George Mudge and his team at Whitchurch and they occasionally held handbell practises at Trelawney Road where George Grills had taught them all how to ring. When I purchased my own set of handbells and started a team at Lamerton he extended the invitation to us and we too started going to practises at his home. George Grills was a very generous man in many ways. He was more than happy to spend countless hours instructing us how to ring handbells and showed me how to arrange music for our team to play. I later found out that he had given 4 extra treble bells to augment the set of handbells in the tower at Tavistock to a 12, and also gave a beautiful nickel plated set to the ringers at Tavistock to practise change ringing. He also owned 2 sets of bells himself. A magnificent 2 octave set by Mears of London and a small change ringing set cast by Warners of Cripplegate, London and he was always happy for us to use these whenever we wanted to. Although possessing the gift of being able to compose music on the piano in his sitting room, ironically he never learnt to play it. I used to get an SOS from him on the phone to bring my girlfriend, now my wife Valerie of 42 years, to play a piece of music that he had recently written to hear exactly what it sounded like. He even wrote an anthem for our wedding.

It had always been his wish for me to organise a gathering of handbell teams in the form of a rally or festival. He even went so far as to lay out the format of such a gathering and furnished me with a list of teams that might be interested. We actually got that off the ground and held our first 'Lamerton Handbell Festival' in August 1973 in our parish church. Sadly George Grills never saw that event, but we have held one at Lamerton ever since and I dedicate it to his memory. 2013 is the 40th year that we have held it and it grows in popularity every year.

When he died his family very kindly presented a silver rose bowl in his memory to the Devon Association of Ringers to be competed for in the Devon 8 Bell. It is awarded every year to the team producing the best top ringing. He would have been very proud of that; good striking and

musical perfection was something that he had always strived for. Although long gone, his legacy lives on not only in that wonderfully rousing hymn and the Devon 8 bell but in the countless many who have benefited from his great love of bells and the knowledge he has imparted.

Richard John Quick 1927 - 2012

John learnt to ring when he was about 12 years old under the tuition of Mr Brian Pidgeon (Joe), who was the baker, living opposite the church. John rang his first peal when he was 18 years old after the war. He enjoyed his ringing. During the war the group practised with the clappers tied so that no ringing was heard. John rang many peals around Devon and he belonged to the Thursday band that rang quarter peals around the area. He rang at All Saints East Budleigh for nearly 70 years, unfortunately he just missed his target by a few months. He was very pleased to have rung for the Queen's Coronation, Silver Jubilee, Golden Jubilee and the Diamond Jubilee. He was captain of All Saints for about 20 years and had to relinquish the title when he took over his father's farm, due to pressure of work. The only thing that John remarked about when ringing for weddings was that if the bride was late arriving he was late for his cows. He still found time to practise on Wednesdays at All Saints. In 1996 he taught his grandson James to ring, something that he was very proud of. John enjoyed the company of all ringers, local and visitors alike. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, for his expertise and his unfailing good humour. David Pratt, Captain East Budleigh.

Chagford 2013 outing

Auntie's Gadabouts went to Hampshire and West Sussex for the weekend, 16 - 18 August, 2013, staying at the Bear Hotel, Havant.

It was the usual early start with ringers meeting at Chagford to catch the 6am coach to Havant. Friday started with the wonderful bells at Ringwood, then to Bishopstoke and finishing the day's ringing in the detached tower at Chichester Cathedral. Saturday was an early start, after a coach window breaking, to ring at Midhurst, then Petworth and on to Wisborough Green, as its name suggests, a beautiful village. Ringing continued at Warnham and Billingshurst. On Sunday, after meeting a bridge that was too low for the coach, we arrived at Westbourne. We split up, with some joining in with the morning service, followed by refreshments and ringing while the other group found their own refreshment at 10am, well before ringing. The last ring of the weekend was at Paghham.

This was a suburb weekend, plenty of different towers and numerous hostels to visit. No wonder this trip is so popular and over subscribed. Thanks to the many who helped with tasks before and during the weekend. Thanks to Julia for the inspiration and to Paul and Catherine for the arrangements and for the magnificent choices they made.

AGM Notice

The AGM will be held on Saturday 9 November 2013 at North Tawton Town Hall starting 2.15pm. The annual affiliation fees for 2013/14 are due on 1 October or at the AGM (currently £10). In addition, the competition fees, (currently £9 for the 6 bell and £12 for 8 bell) will be payable. Any bellringing clothing or badges can be obtained from Janice Gist.

THE TOWERS & BELLS OF DEVON

Those of you who have purchased a copy of this magnificent tome, may not realise that I am continually updating the material and correcting any mistakes where these have come to light since publication.

These corrections and additions are available on the Website of the Guild (http://groups.exeter.ac.uk/gdr/pdf/Devon_Errata.pdf), and on the website of the bell historian, George Dawson (www.georgedawson.homestead.com/files/Devon_Errata.doc).

I update the entries on a six monthly basis, so you may want to keep a copy inside the cover of your books, rather than deface them in any way.

James M. Clarke.

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

The Government has announced changes to the scope and operation of this scheme, which took effect from 1 October 2013. The changes will enable more listed places of worship to claim for grants through the scheme.

Works to pipe organs, turret clocks, bells and bell ropes will be eligible for claims as will professional services directly related to eligible building work such as architect fees. There are changes to simplify claiming. The scheme will process payment runs each week to deliver a smoother flow of payments to applicants helping applicants receive their grants more quickly. Details of the changes and a new application forms are available from their website. <http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk/>

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Ringkly Ringers

This group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from February through to December. Different towers are available each month with ringing starting at 10:30am and light refreshments provided. An optional meal is arranged for 1pm with another tower in the afternoon. Our group number varies from 30 to 50 dependent upon the time of year and venue. Non ringers do join us and are most welcome. For more details, please contact the Secretary, Michael Webster.

Ringkly Ringers' Holiday

The Ringkly also arrange two holidays each year, the first during May and another during October.

The May trip was staying on the Isle of Wight and ringing on the island from Monday 13th through to Friday 17th. The October holiday was to Sherborne staying at the Sherborne Hotel and ringing around Dorset from Monday 14th to Friday 18th.

The Ringkly Ringers holiday programme for May 2014 will be from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd staying at Sand Bay Resort, Weston Super Mare. If you are interested in this holiday, please contact the organiser, John Staddon.

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Zeal Monachorum Competition held 25th August 2012

1. Egguckland 9.5
2. South Tawton 15.75
3. Kingsteignton 18
4. South Brent 19
5. Monkleigh 32
6. Sandford 34
7. East Anstey 36
8. Littleham 38
9. Chagford 40
10. Bow 50
11. Zeal Monachorum 52
12. Widcombe in the Moor 55
13. Alphington 61

South Tawton Competition held on 1st September 2012

A Section - For the Tawton Trophy

1. Egguckland 16.5
2. Burrington 34.5
3. Shaugh Prior 37.5
4. South Tawton 50.5
5. East Anstey 73

B Section - For the Kingsford-Lethbridge Shield and Perce Aggett Cup

6. Widcombe in the Moor 82 (Shield)
7. Mariansleigh 111 (Cup)
8. Chagford 133
9. South Tawton B 135.5
10. Zeal Monachorum 138.5
11. Ide 153.5

Judges: P Pester, Ruth Tuckett

Results from the competitions held at Dolton and Iddesleigh on 22 September 2012

Dolton - A Section

1. Egguckland 17
2. Littleham 27 1/2
3. Burrington 28 1/2
4. West Down 33
5. East Anstey 35
6. Down St Mary 49
7. Kingsteignton 52
8. Shaugh Prior 52 1/2

B Section

1. Monkleigh 44
2. Dolton 65
3. Hatherleigh 72
4. Iddesleigh

Iddesleigh - A Section

1. Egguckland 6
2. Burrington 11
3. Shaugh Prior 19
4. Kingsteignton 24
5. West Down 26
6. Littleham 44

B Section

1. Monkleigh 34
2. East Anstey 48
3. Down St Mary 60
4. Dolton 77
5. Hatherleigh 88

The Devon Association National 8 Bell Competition held at Huish Episcopi, Somerset, on 29 Sep 2012

1. High Bickington 38 1/2
 2. Plymstock 44 1/4
 3. South Brent 55 1/2
 4. Chittlehampton 60
 5. Stoke Gabriel 66
 6. Widcombe in the Moor 108
- Judges: Chris Clayton and Mervyn Way

Results from the South Devon 8 Bell held at Upton on 6 October 2012

1. Exeter Cathedral 44 1/2
 2. Stoke Gabriel 81
 3. Kingsteignton 87
 4. Plymstock 96
 5. South Brent 120
 6. Lamerton 125
 7. Exminster 126
 8. Widcombe in the Moor 246
- Judge: Mary Mears.

Results from the Intermediate Competiton at Highweek on 13 October 2012

RISE:

- 1st Boadhempston B 22 1/4
- 2nd Broadhempston A 22 1/2
- 3rd Okehampton Deanery Young Ringers 24 1/2
- 4th Salcombe 25 3/4

TOP RINGING for the Stan Blackmore Trophy (Half a peal of Sixty-on-thirds)

- 1st Broadhempston A 19 1/2
- 2nd Broadhempston B 29
- 3rd Okehampton Deanery Young Ringers 33
- 4th Salcombe 55 1/4

Lower:

- 1st Broadhempston A 25 1/2
- 2nd Salcombe 26 1/4
- 3rd Broadhempston B 37 1/2
- 4th Okehampton Deanery Young Ringers 51 1/2

Judges: Maurice & Graham Sharland

Thanks to Sam Massey for organising the competiton & to Robert Brown for the use of Highweek Bells.

Results from the competition held at Chawleigh on 13 October 2012

A Section

1. Burrington 14 1/2
2. East Anstey 32
3. South Tawton 43
4. North Bovey 48

Best rise goes to Burrington to win the Ken Parish Bequest Shield

B Section

1. Down St Mary 54
2. Zeal Monachorum 55
3. Ide 97
4. Bow 102

Judge: Mervyn Way.

Results from the NAIT Deanery Competition held at Coffinswell on 20 October 2012

1. Kingsteignton 26 1/2
2. Coffinswell 43
3. Paignton A 45 1/2
4. Kingsteignton B 58 1/2
5. Upton 64 1/2
6. Paignton B 65 1/2
7. Ipplepen 88

Judge: Norman Mortimore

Results from the competition held at Tedburn St Mary on 20 October 2012

1. Kingsteignton 8
2. South Tawton 24
3. Stoke Gabriel 30 1/2
4. Down St Mary 46
5. East Anstey 59
6. Broadhempston 62

B Section

1. Alphington 71 1/2
2. Sandford 76 1/2
3. Widcombe in the Moor 82 1/2
4. North Bovey 86
5. Alphington B 154 1/2

Judges: Ruth Tuckett and Percy Pester

Results from the competitions held at St Giles in the Wood and Beaford on 27 October 2012.

St Giles in the Wood

Open Section

1. Kingsteignton 12 1/2
2. Burrington 16 1/2
3. Exeter St Petrocks 25 1/2
4. South Tawton 27
5. Mortehoe 46

Local Section

1. Monkleigh 26
2. Alphington 34 1/2
3. East Anstey 35
4. Little Torrington 60 1/2
5. Dolton 68
6. Hatherleigh 115

Beaford - Open Section

1. Burrington 11 1/2
2. Exeter St Petrocks 23
3. Kingsteignton 27
4. South Tawton 28
5. Mortehoe 67

Local Section

1. Alphington 48
2. Dolton 68
3. Monkleigh 78
4. East Anstey 85
5. Little Torrington 89
6. Hatherleigh 106

Results from competitions held at Highweek and Kingsteignton on 3 Nov 2012

Highweek

1. Exeter Cathedral 42 3/4
2. South Brent 56
3. High Bickington 59

4. Kingsteignton 62
5. Exminster 63 1/2
6. Paignton 65 3/4
7. Chittlehampton 70 1/2
8. Highweek 82 1/2
9. East Anstey 82 3/4
10. Widcombe in the Moor 117

Judges: Maurice Sharland and Mervyn Way

Kingsteignton (Top ringing in brackets)

1. Exeter Cathedral 54 1/4 (20)
 2. Exminster 73 3/4 (36 1/2)
 3. High Bickington 76 1/2 (43 1/2)
 4. Paignton 95 1/2 (69)
 5. South Brent 100 (62)
 6. Chittlehampton 112 (70 1/2)
 7. East Anstey 138 1/2 (65 1/2)
 8. Widcombe in the Moor 148 1/2 (71)
- Highweek disqualified, under time. 144 (77 1/2)

Judges: Mary Mears and Ruth Tuckett

Tamar Valley Winter Knockout - Group 2

Saturday, December 1, 2012

First round at Lamerton - 19th November 2012

1. 24.00 - Monkleigh "A"
2. 33.50 - Lamerton
3. 56.50 - Bridgerule "A"
4. 60.00 - Bridgerule "B"

Judge : Lester Quance

Tamar Valley Winter Knockout - Group 3

First round at Petersmarland - 22nd November 2012

1. 72.75 - Monkleigh "B"
2. 86.00 - Petersmarland
3. 138.00 - Petrockstow
4. 180.00 - Bradworthy

Judge : Raymond Clements

Results from the competitions held at Stratton and Kilkhampton on 1 Dec 2012

Stratton 8 bell

1. St Columb Major A 40 1/2
2. St Columb Major B 46 1/2
3. Shaugh Prior 64
4. Chittlehampton 69 1/2
5. South Petherwin 86

Stratton 6 Bell

1. Shaugh Prior 24 1/2
2. South Petherwin 42
3. High Bickington 43 1/2
4. Chittlehampton 47
5. Paignton 65 1/2

Stratton 6 Bell - B

1. Bridgerule 51 1/2
2. Monkleigh 56

Judges: Mervyn Way and Lester Quance

Kilkhampton 8 Bell

1. St Columb Major 36
2. St Columb B 59
3. South Petherwin 75 1/2
4. Chittlehampton 88 1/2

Judge: James Clarke

Kilkhampston 6 Bell

1. Shaugh Prior 37 1/2
2. Chittlehampton 45 1/2
3. South Petherwin 46 1/2
4. High Bickington 53 1/2
5. Lamerton 72 1/2
6. Paignton 78 1/2

Kilkhampston 6 Bell - B

1. Bridgerule 48
2. Monkleigh 68 1/2
3. Morwenstow 116

Judges: Helen Robinson and John Wickett

Tamar Valley Winter Knockout - Group 2

Second round at Monkleigh - 3rd December 2012

1. 18.00 - Monkleigh "A"
2. 31.00 - Lamerton
3. 49.50 - Bridgerule "A"
4. 85.00 - Bridgerule "B"

Judge : Lester Quance

Tamar Valley Winter Knock out - Group 3

Second round at Monkleigh - 6th December 2012

1. 43.75 - Monkleigh "B"
2. 68.75 - Petersmarland
3. 78.75 - Petrockstow
4. 146.00 - Bradworthy

Judge: Raymond Clements

Results from the Totnes Deanery Winter League held at Stoke Gabriel on 9 February 2013

1. South Brent 34 1/2
2. Stoke Gabriel 38 1/4
3. South Brent B 65 1/4
4. Broadhempston 69
5. Dean Prior 79
6. Broadhempston B 147
7. Broadhempston C 153 1/2

Top Ringing Section

1. Stoke Gabriel 15
2. Broadhempston 71
3. South Brent 83 3/4

Judge: Robert Dietz

Results from the John Scott 10 Bell Call Change

Competition held at Cullompton on 16 February 2013

1. Wednesday Night Ringers Team2 - 23
2. Wednesday Night Ringers Team 1 - 29
3. Devon Ringers' Council 34
4. Exeter Branch 37
5. Exeter Cathedral 38
6. North East Branch 39

Judges Mary Mears, Martin Sharland and Mervyn Way. Thanks were given to Richard Shere and the Cullompton Bell Ringers and to Ian Avery for arranging this competition.

Totnes Deanery Winter League - Broadhempston on 23 Feb 2013

1. South Brent A 39 1/2
2. Broadhempston A 41
3. Stoke Gabriel 57 1/2
4. South Brent B 60 1/4

5. Broadhempston B 82 1/2
6. Dean Prior 84 1/4
7. Broadhempston C 94 1/2

Top Ringing Section

1. Broadhempston - 21
2. South Brent 2 - 30
3. South Brent 1 - 61 1/2

Judges: Ruth and Nick Tuckett

Results from the Totnes Deanery Winter League held at Cornworthy on 2 March 2013

1. South Brent 31 1/4
2. Stoke Gabriel 35 1/4
3. South Brent B 38 3/4
4. Broadhempston A 40
5. Dean Prior 61 1/4
6. Broadhempston B 74 3/4

Top Ringing Teams

1. South Brent 26 1/4
2. Broadhempston 37 1/2
3. Stoke Gabriel 41

Judges: John and Robert Dietz.

Devon Association Novice 6 Bell Competition held at North Bovey on 9 Mar 2013

Round ringing

1. Berrynarbor 34 1/4
2. Exeter St David 35 1/4
3. Combe Martin 44 3/4
4. Dartmouth St Saviours 46 1/2
5. Broadhempston 65 1/2
6. Bovey Tracey 82
7. Chivelstone 92 3/4

Changes, no rise or fall

1. Salcombe 31
2. South Pool B 33 3/4
3. Dartmouth St Saviours 34
4. Sampford Courtenay 36 1/2
5. Chagford 40 1/2
6. Broadhempston 50 3/4
7. Berrynarbor 52
8. Exeter St David 52 1/4
9. Bovey Tracey B 59 1/2
10. Ashreigney 60
11. South Pool A 68 3/4
12. Combe Martin 70 1/2
13. Bovey Tracey A 71 3/4
14. Chivelstone 80 3/4
15. Stoke Canon 86 3/4

Results from the Totnes Deanery Winter League and the Les Stone Shield - Diptford - 15 Mar 2013

1. South Brent 43
2. Dean Prior 63
3. Stoke Gabriel 65
4. Broadhempston A 78
5. South Brent B 79 1/2
6. Broadhempston B 88

Top Ringing

Broadhempston 47 ½

Judges: Mary Mears and James Grant

Overall results for the Totnes Winter League 2013 after Diptford results

1. South Brent 37 points (higher the better)
2. Stoke Gabriel 33
3. Broadhempston 27
4. South Brent B 22
5. Dean Prior 19
6. Broadhempston B 8
7. Broadhempston C 8

Novice Section

1. South Brent 2 - 11
2. Broadhempston - 10
3. South Brent 1 - 6
4. Stoke Gabriel - 4

Ide competition results from Saturday 6th April 2013

A section

1. Egguckland 2 3/4
2. Shaugh Prior 6
3. Kingsteignton 7 3/4
4. Broadhempston 9
5. Burrington 11
6. Chagford 17 3/4
7. Down St Mary 21 1/4
8. Exeter St Petrock 26 1/2
9. Holbeton 28

B Section

1. South Brent 33
2. Alphington A 40 3/4
3. Spreyton 49
4. Ide 57
5. Exminster 63 1/4
6. Alphington B 118

Ringing for the Charles Mosse Memorial Trophy held at Throwleigh on 13th April

1. Egguckland 16 ½
2. Shaugh Prior 33 ½
3. Down St Mary 40
4. South Tawton B 49
5. North Bovey 62 ½
6. South Tawton A 75 ½
7. Bow 86 ½
8. Zeal Monachorum 89
9. Sandford 97
10. Widecombe-in-the-Moor 109

Judges: P Pester, D Trist

Results of Inter-Deanery competition held at South Milton on 20 April 2013

1. South Brent 25
2. Stoke Gabriel 29
3. Egguckland 38
4. Plymstock 47
5. Exminster 56
6. Kingsteignton 57 1/2
7. West Alvington 72 1/2
8. Coffinswell 77
9. Modbury 85
10. Widecombe 101

Judges: Mary Mears and Barry Osborne

Results from the Devon Association 8 bell Competition held at St David's Exeter on 27 April 2013

1. Kingsteignton 36
2. High Bickington 44
3. Exeter Cathedral 45 1/2
4. Exminster 58 1/4
5. Chittlehampton 62
6. Tavistock 72
7. Paignton 84
8. Chagford 107 1/2

Kingsteignton won the cup for best top ringing (17)

Results for the Cadbury Deanery competition held on 27th April 2013 at Sandford

Novice - round ringing

1. 1st 19 faults Caroline from Sandford
2. 2nd 20 1/2 faults Mandy from Netherexe
3. 3rd 24 faults Sarah from Morchard Bishop
4. 4th 31 1/2 faults Laura from Sandford

Intermediate

1. 1st Sandford 28
2. 2nd Sandford 40
3. 3rd Netherexe 48
4. 4th Zeal Monachorum 66

Open

1. 1st Down St Mary 50 3/4
2. 2nd Zeal Monachorum 64
3. 3rd Sandford 73
4. 4th Bow 74

Judges Ruth and Nick Tuckett

Results from the Woodleigh Deanery Festival held at Kingston on 4 May 2013

1. Modbury B 79
2. West Alvington 87
3. South Milton 145
4. Churchstow 182
5. Galmpton 186
6. Modbury A 202

Junior Section (off the stay)

1. Salcombe 79
2. Malborough 81
3. Stokenham 92
4. South Milton B 107
5. Sherford 126
6. South Pool 147
7. Chivelstone 194

Ladies Team 123

Judges: Ruth Tuckett and Colin Avery

Results of the Totnes Deanery Competition held at Harberton on 4 May 2013

1. South Brent 64
2. Stoke Gabriel 77
3. Dean Prior 83
4. Broadhempston 95
5. South Brent B 137
6. Broadhempston B 165 1/4

Novice section - Top Ringing only

1. South Brent 1 - 33 1/2
2. South Brent 2 - 48
3. Broadhempston 63 1/4

Judges: Natasha, Ryan and Roger Trout

Results of the Devon Association 6 bell Qualifier (North)
held at Stoodleigh on 11 May 2013

1. Burrington 17
2. West Down 21
3. South Tawton 23
4. Down St Mary 26
5. Littleham 26 1/4
6. Morteheo 34 1/4
7. Drewsteighnton 34 3/4
8. Monkleigh 40 3/4
9. East Anstey 45 3/4
10. Jacobstowe 72 3/4

Teams in positions 1 -5 qualify for the Major Final to be held at Cornwood on 8 June 2013

Teams in positions 6 - 10 qualify for the Minor Final to be held at Weare Giffard on 25 May 2013.

Results of the Devon Association 6 Bell Qualifier (South)
held at Yealmpton on 11 May 2013

- 1st Egguckland 18
- 2nd South Brent 24 1/4
- 3rd Shaugh Prior 24 1/2
- 4th Exeter St Petrox 30
- 5th Dean Prior 47 1/4
- 6th Stoke Gabriel 47 1/2
- 7th Lamerton 54 1/2
- 8th Holberton 60 1/2
- 9th Broadhempston 64 3/4
- 10th Salcombe 109

Teams in positions 1 - 5 qualify for the Major Final to be held at Cornwood on 8 June

Teams in positions 6 - 10 qualify for the Minor Final to be held at Weare Giffard on 25 May

The 18th St. Peter's Shield competition was held at Tiverton, St. Paul's on Saturday 18th May 2013

The results were:

1. Tiverton St Paul's (Method) 15.25 faults
2. Troyte Ringing Centre (Method) 16.5
3. Cullompton (Call changes) 28.25
4. Silverton (Call changes) 36
5. Tiverton St Peter's (Method) 36.5
6. Culmstock (Call changes) 39
7. Washfield (Call changes) 62.25
8. Uffculme (Call changes) 108

Judges: Tim Bayton and Amy Gill

Results from the Devon Association 6 Bell Minor Final held at Weare Giffard on 25 May 2013

1. Broadhempston 39 1/2
2. Stoke Gabriel 40 3/4
3. Holbeton 44 3/4
4. Monkleigh 45 1/2
5. Lamerton 47 1/4
6. Morteheo 50
7. Drewsteighnton 51
8. East Anstey 63 1/2

The first two teams qualify for the Major Final to be held at Cornwood on 8 June 2013

The Okehampton Deanery annual 6 bell competition was held at North Tawton on the 1st June 2013.

All teams rung the front 6.

Main Section

1. South Tawton A 11
2. Sampford Courtenay A 16
3. Chagford A 27
4. South Tawton B 39
5. Chagford B 42
6. Sampford Courtenay B 44 1/2
7. Hatherleigh 52
8. Throwleigh 65

Intermediate Section (Top Ringing, 1/2 Peal)

1. Chagford 9 1/2
2. Bridestowe 13
3. Lydford 14
4. Sampford Courtenay 25 1/2
5. Hatherleigh 42

Novice Section (Rounds)

1. Chagford (Only entrant)

Judges : Brian Drake, Lester Quance

The results from the Plymouth and Ivybridge Deaneries' Competition held at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth on 1st June 2013

A section

1. Egguckland 63 3/4
2. Shaugh Prior 88 1/4
3. Plymstock 102 1/2
4. Emmanuel 121 1/2

B section (60 on 3rds from the stay)

1. Bickleigh 46 1/2
2. Emmanuel 77 1/2

Judges: Barry Osborne and James Kerslake

Results of the Devon Association 6 Bell Major Final held at Cornwood on 8 June 2013

1. Egguckland 12 3/4
2. South Brent 22 1/2
3. St Petrock 27 3/4
4. Burrington 29 3/4
5. Shaugh Prior 30 1/4
6. West Down 33
7. Stoke Gabriel 34
8. Broadhempston 38
9. South Tawton 41 1/4
10. Down St Mary 41 1/2
11. Littleham 44 3/4
12. Dean Prior 50 1/4

Egguckland also win the cup for best top ringing 6 1/4

Spreyton Competition held 15th June 2013

1. Zeal Monachorum 41 1/2
2. South Tawton 42 1/2
3. Chagford 44 1/4
4. Kingsteighnton 50 1/2
5. Sampford Courtenay A 70
6. Alphington 73 1/4
7. Widcombe in the Moor 79 1/2
8. North Bovey 95
9. Spreyton A 98 1/2
10. Spreyton B 117

11. Ide 121
 12. Sampford Courtenay B 139
- Judges: Ruth Tuckett & Colin Adams

Results from the competitions held at Bow, Down St Mary and Morchard Bishop on 22 June 2013

Bow

1. Egguckland 41 ½
2. Kingsteignton 61
3. Burrington 62 ½
4. South Brent 66
5. West Down 68 ½
6. Stoke Gabriel 68 ¾
7. Holbeton 88 ½
8. Monkleigh 92 ½
9. Chagford 95
10. East Anstey 105 ½
11. Exminster 137

Judges: Ruth and Nick Tuckett

Down St Mary

1. Egguckland 11 3/4
2. West Down 19
3. Burrington 20 ½
4. South Brent 22
5. Stoke Gabriel 26 ½
6. Holbeton 28 ½
7. Kingsteignton 32
8. Chagford 34 ¾
9. East Anstey 40
10. Monkleigh 41 ½
11. Exminster 57

Judge: Mervyn Way

Morchard Bishop

1. Egguckland 17
2. South Brent 31 ¾
3. West Down 33 ¾
4. Stoke Gabriel 39
5. Burrington 40 ½
6. Chagford 54 ½
7. Kingsteignton 63 ¾
8. Holbeton 68 ¾
9. East Anstey 79 ½
10. Exminster 95

Monkleigh N/R Broken rope

Judge: Raymond Clements

The shield for the best tenor ringer at Morchard Bishop was won by Egguckland with 1 1/2 faults

Results from the South Devon Ringers' Association Festival held at Salcombe on 6 July 2013 at Salcombe.

Full competition peal

1. Stoke Gabriel 39 2/3
2. Kingsteignton 50 1/3
3. Shaugh Prior 73 1/3
4. Holbeton 79 2/3
5. South Petherwin 118 1/3
6. Paignton 163

Novice section:

1. South Petherwin 'A' 47.
2. South Petherwin 'B' 49 ½.

Intermediate section:

1. South Petherwin 'B' 36 1/3.
2. Churchstow 51 1/3.

3. South Petherwin 'A' 52 1/3.
4. Galmpton 53.

Judges: Scott Adams, Nick and Ruth Tuckett

Results from the Torridge Valley Guild of Ringers competition held at Petrockstowe on 6 July 2013

Open Section

1. Morteheo 29 1/2
2. West Down 30
3. Alphington A 39
4. Made up team 52 1/2
5. Alphington B 55 1/2

Torridge section

1. Monkleigh 32
2. Little Torrington 48
3. Dolton A 54 1/2
4. Torrington 67 1/2
5. Petersmarland 82 1/2
6. Littleham 84 1/2
7. Dolton B 96

Novice Section

1. Dolton 78
2. Petrockstowe 100

Junior Novice Section

1. Dolton 50 1/2
2. Welcombe 58 1/2

JUDGES: John Wickett and Helen Robinson

Results from the competition held at South Brent on 6 July 2013

1. Egguckland 14 3/4
2. Burrington 19 3/4
3. Shaugh Prior 23 1/2
4. Down St Mary 38 1/4
5. Kingsteignton 39 1/2
6. Holbeton 43 3/4
7. Stoke Gabriel 44 1/2
8. South Petherwin 47 3/4
9. Lamerton 91 3/4
10. Broadhempston 114 1/4

Results from competitions held on 13 July 2013

Collaton St Mary

1. Shaugh Prior 33 1/4
2. Burrington 36
3. South Brent 46
4. Down St Mary 59 3/4
5. Exminster 82
6. Alphington A 90 1/2
7. Chagford 110 1/2
8. Alphington B 128 1/2
9. Broadhempston 131

Judges: Ruth and Nick Tuckett

Stoke Gabriel

1. South Brent 50 1/4
2. Burrington 61
3. Shaugh Prior 61 1/2
4. Down St Mary 69 1/4
5. Exminster 73
6. Chagford 84
7. Broadhempston 118
8. Alphington A 129 ¼

Judges: John and Robert Dietz

Results from the competitions held on 20 July 2013

Doddiscombsleigh

1. South Brent 31 1/2
2. Burrington 34 1/2
3. Broadhempston 46 1/4
4. Kingsteignton 46 1/4
5. Shaugh Prior 48
6. South Petherwin 55 1/4
7. Stoke Gabriel 58 1/4
8. Down St Mary 68
9. Chagford 89 1/4
10. East Anstey 84 3/4

Judges: Mary Mears and Martin Sharland

Dunsford

1. Burrington 24
2. South Brent 33 1/4
3. Kingsteignton 35 1/4
4. Stoke Gabriel 35 1/2
5. South Petherwin 41
6. Down St Mary 42
7. Shaugh Prior 50 1/2
8. Broadhempston 57
9. East Anstey 74 3/4
10. Chagford 88 1/2

Judges: Victoria Tucker and Maurice Sharland

Results from the competitions held on 27th July 2013

Ashreigney

A Section

1. Egguckland 22
2. South Brent 23 1/2
3. Morteohoe 43 3/4
4. West Down 45

B Section

5. Chittlehampton 47 1/2
6. Sampford Courtenay 63
7. East Anstey 70
8. Chagford 78
9. Ashreigney 99

Judge: P Wright

Atherington

A Section

1. Egguckland 19
2. Burrington 23
3. South Brent 26 1/2
4. West Down 28 1/2

B Section

5. Morteohoe 30
6. Chittlehampton 30 1/2
7. Sampford Courtenay 37 1/2
8. Chagford 45
9. East Anstey 53
10. Ashreigney 65

Judge: M Way

Burrington

A Section

1. Egguckland 22 3/4
2. Sampford Courtenay 32
3. South Brent 34 1/2
4. West Down 49

B Section

5. Morteohoe 57 1/2

6. Chittlehampton 76 1/2

7. Chagford 89 1/2

8. East Anstey 117

9. Ashreigney 121

Judge: S Facey

Handicap Comp: Sampford Courtenay

Results from the competition held at Widecombe in the Moor on 3 August 2013.

1. Shaugh Prior 11 1/2

2. Egguckland 12 1/2

3. South Brent 14 1/2

4. Holbeton 22 1/2

5. Stoke Gabriel 24 1/2

6. Burrington 25

7. Exminster 26 1/2

8. Society of Royal Cumberland Youths 28

9. Kingsteignton 30

10. Lamerton 34 1/2

11. North Bovey 49 1/2

12. Chagford 50

13. Dean Prior 56

Judges: Ruth Tuckett, John Cole and Mervyn Way.

Results from the competitions held at Lydford and Bristow on 17 August 2013

Lydford

- 1st Egg Buckland 12

- 2nd Burrington 13

- 3rd Morthoe 26

- 4th Down St. Mary 35

- 5th South Petherwin "A" 35 1/2

- 6th South Tawton 52 1/2

- 7th Alphington 53

- 8th Holbeton 56 1/2

- 9th Lamerton 64

- 10th South Petherwin "B" 76 1/2

- 11th Exminster 91

Judges: Mary Mears & Mervyn Way

Bristow

- 1st South Petherwin "A" 19

- 2nd Holbeton 29

- 3rd South Tawton 31

- 4th Burrington 41 1/2

- 5th Egg Buckland 46 1/2

- 6th South Petherwin "B" 51

- 7th Morthoe 52

- 8th Lamerton 71

- 9th Exminster 89 1/2

- 10th Alphington 108 1/2

Judges: Cedric Hocking & Clive Ward

Results from the competition held at Zeal Monachorum on 24 August 2013

1. West Down 19

2. South Brent 23

3. Down St Mary 24 3/4

4. Stoke Gabriel 30

5. Kingsteignton 32 1/2

6. Littleham 41

7. Morteohoe 41 1/2

8. South Tawton 45

B Section

1. Sandford 48
2. Sampford Courtenay 49
3. Chagford 53 1/2
4. Bow 58

East Anstey No result

Judge: Mervyn Way

Result from the 72nd Kenn Deanery Festival held at Tedburn St Mary 28th September 2013

'A' Section.

1. Dunsford 48 1/2
2. Exminster 56
3. Alphington A 82

'B' Section - Rise, Sixty on thirds, fall. B section cup awarded to the peal with best top ringing (first to last change).

Certificates awarded for the best rise and best fall.

Top Ringing

1. Kenton 43
2. Ide 45 1/2
3. Alphington B 66
4. Dawlish B 75

Rise

1. Ide 15
1. Alphington B 15
3. Kenton B 32
4. Dawlish B 55

Fall

1. Ide 10 1/2
2. Alphington B 20 1/2
3. Kenton B 37 1/2
4. Dawlish B 45

Novice Section

Queens-26 changes off the stay.

1. Alphington 2 24 1/2
2. Alphington 1 25 1/2
3. Dunsford 34
4. Kenton 45

Judges: P. Pester and J. Coulthirst.

Results from the South Devon 8 Bell competition held at Chudleigh on 5 October 2013

Top ringing in brackets

1. Exminster 35 (15 1/2)
2. Kingsteignton 37 1/2 (22 3/4)
3. Lamerton 37 1/2 (18 3/4)
4. Stoke Gabriel 47 (30)
5. South Brent 57 (36 1/4)
6. S. Devon All Stars 81 (40 1/2)
7. Widecombe 111 (48 1/2)
8. Exeter St David 113 (64)

Judge: John Dietz

Tamar Valley Guild Ringing Festival held at Bradford on 12th October 2013.

Open section- rise, 60 on 3rd's and lower.

1. Shaugh Prior 12 1/2
2. West Down 21 1/2
3. Egguckland 22 1/4
4. Mortehoe 44 1/2
5. North/South scratch team 69
6. Lamerton 97 3/4
7. Holbeton 119

Results and articles are also available on www.devonbells.co.uk

Archive and statistical information can be found on

www.myconid.co.uk

This is James Kerslake's Devon-Style bellringing site which has a wealth of information. The archived results go back to 1958. If you do have historical results that are not featured, please do contact James.

Current 2013 Table

	Team	C	Rank	+ / -
1	Plymouth, Egguckland	14	18.29	4,203.90
2	Burrington	13	15.69	2,410.00
3	South Brent	16	15.00	3,174.00
4	Shaugh Prior	12	13.33	2,218.25
5	West Down	9	12.44	926.00
6	Kingsteignton	12	12.42	1,522.60
7	South Tawton	5	12.40	600.25
8	Stoke Gabriel	13	10.77	1,275.06
9	Sampford Courtenay	5	10.40	520.00
10	Down St Mary	10	9.40	788.75
11	Holbeton	9	8.89	-145.19
12	Mortehoe	6	8.33	278.50
13	Broadhempston	10	6.90	-1,156.25
14	Exeter, Alphington	5	6.00	-500.50
15	Chagford	15	5.87	-1,645.00
16	Monkleigh	6	5.33	462.25
17	Exminster	9	5.33	-1,740.25
18	East Anstey	10	2.20	-2,338.50

The above table was compiled after the 2013 Devon Association Major Final for teams who had rung at 5 or more competitions during 2013.