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- RW Centenary Day
- Towers & Bells of Devon Errata

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Eggbuckland win Major Final

Eggbuckland had a resounding win at the 2010 Major Final held at Littleham on 12 June and are the Champions of Devon again. South Brent came 2nd and Burrington 3rd. There was a further presentation in the evening with the President, John Kelly BEM, congratulating Claude and Joyce on their 60th wedding anniversary. Littleham church is in a beautiful setting and every need was catered for, even additional parking spaces. The day ran very smoothly and the weather was warm and sunny. The teas were excellent and it was a wonderful day. Thank you to all involved.

President's Surprise 75th Birthday Present

The President, John Kelly BEM celebrated his 75th birthday in September and had a surprise laid on for him with a day out in Somerset, ringing. Plans had been carefully drawn up so that John was totally unaware and pleasantly surprised. Friends joined him at the various towers throughout the day and for a celebratory meal in the evening.

Ringing World's Centenary

On 26 March 2011 in London there will be a full programme of events including the first "Ringing World" National Youth Contest to be held at Pimlico. Up to 1,000 ringers will be able to enjoy refreshments at Central Hall, Westminster where there will be a record breaking performance of change ringing on 24 handbells. The Chairman of *The Ringing World*, Jackie Roberts, will say a few words of welcome and introduce the prize-giving ceremony for the RW National Youth Contest.

Reclaiming VAT to end for bells, organs, pews and clocks

With effect from 4 January 2011 the following will become ineligible under the scheme (where VAT could be reclaimed) irrespective of when the works were undertaken:

- professional fees
- repairs to organs, pews, bells and clocks

The deadline for submitting claims for the above is 31 December 2010, although claims should be made earlier in case of delays. The changes to the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme are available on their website, LPWGscheme.org.uk. Any churches affected may wish to check the website regularly so as to be kept up to date.

More towers affiliate to the Association

The Association has had an increase in the number of towers that are subscribing. Also on the increase is the number of individual subscribers to Devon Calls. This enthusiasm in Devon Call Change Ringing has also been witnessed by the increase in the number of competitions that are being held in Devon over the last year.

Theft from Churches

Parishioners at churches have been left reeling after thieves have made off with metal objects. In one instance thieves stole a war memorial crucifix. Your metal has a scrap value and is attractive to thieves, whether it is lead on the roof, bells, some churches have bells as individual items standing on the floor or even a war memorial crucifix. Metal items can be marked with Smartwater and it is hoped that with the appropriate signage this can deter removal.

Obituary - Mervyn Phillips

Mervyn Phillips

17th June 1923- 18th August 2010

West Down Parish Church was packed to capacity and many standing outside on Sunday August 30th as family, ringers and friends from all over Devon gathered for the funeral of Mervyn. The large number showed the high esteem in which he was held. The service was conducted by The Revd Sarah Woods. Some of these words are taken from the tribute given to Mervyn by his nephew Nigel, son of his late brother Les.

"I am honoured to speak today about Uncle Merv. He himself asked me to do this three years ago but despite this advance warning it transpires that no time would have been sufficient to prepare some words to do ample justice to his full and rich life. Mervyn Wilfred Phillips was born, second son of three, to Brinley and Hilda Phillips on 17th June 1923. He was born in Church Hill House, which has been his home for all but a few years of his life. His christening in West Down church was marked with a peal on the six bells that were to become so important to him throughout his life. The ringers for this peal were rung by six brothers – six Hookways, all Mervyn's uncles and led by Uncle Bill (Ivor's father). His early years were spent forming his many practical skills on and around the family smallholding. Mervyn attended West Down Primary School and then on to Braunton. He never had a good record of punctuality. The reason given was that he had to finish delivering the milk throughout the village first!

At the age of 13 Merv continued in the family tradition of bellringing, a passion that remained with him for the next 74 years. He was very eager to learn together with his good friends Len Smale and Walter White. These were hard, but happy times spent in West Down, growing up with friends and cousins who are here today, Vera and Ivor. On leaving school at 14 Mervyn commenced his apprenticeship as a wheelwright with W. Issac and Sons in Braunton. Merv received his call up papers at the age of 18 although he was allowed to complete his five year apprenticeship before being conscripted into the Army. With a name like Phillips he was sent to the Welsh Guards. Merv was trained at the Welsh Guards Depot in Caterham in Surrey. He was with the 3rd Battalion of the Welsh Guards and went to Italy in March 1944 to fight in the Battle of Monte Cassino as part of the Allied Forces intention of breaking the Winter Line, driving the occupying forces northwards and liberating Rome. He was to spend the next year and a

half in Italy in atrocious battle and weather conditions. He spent his 21st birthday in a slit trench in Italy, was shot in the back of the neck by a sniper and became the then youngest sergeant in his Company, having taken charge from a frost bitten colleague. He was one of only 139 Welsh Guards to be mentioned in Despatches for distinguished service. Mervyn led his men to identify and silence two German posts that were picking off Allied servicemen and holding back the advance of the troops. The certificate and bronze oak leaf to commemorate this act of bravery were proudly displayed at his mother's home and, since her death in 1974, it has been at Church Hill House. He was always a modest man and never wanted to talk about his war years even to his family. Despite the hardships of War and Army life it was a time he said he "enjoyed" and his approach to life and people was very much shaped during this period. Mervyn was preparing for passage to the Far East when VJ Day was declared and he was to spend a further year in the Army before being discharged in September 1946. He returned home to West Down to work on the small holding. This work alone could not sustain a soon to be married man. So he began his long association with RAF Chivenor, spending two years using his carpentry skills repairing and refurbishing railway coaches for the Atlantic Coast Express. Merv was appointed Clerk of Works at Chivenor, a position he held for 25 years. On November 2nd 1946 he married Daphne, a local girl, at West Down church! Susan arrived just over a year later and Colin a few years later. Mervyn was never happier than when in West Down and he and Daphne were happily married for over 55 years until Daphne's death in 2002. Upon retirement from Chivenor he was a regular bearer for many years for Clarke's of Braunton.

Mervyn rejoined the bell ringing team ringing the 3rd. He was appointed Captain in May 1957 on the retirement of Mr. Fred White senior. Merv remained Captain and rang the treble bell until he was forced to give up ringing through ill health last year. The achievements and reputation of this team were immense. During a 19 year spell between 1957 and 1975 West Down were Devon Champions 11 times, runners up on 7 occasions and third once. They were the first tower to be Devon Champions for three years in succession. West Down also were Devon Champions in 1953, 1954 and 1986. In May 1954 West Down bell ringers were selected to ring a welcoming home peal live on the BBC radio as the Queen returned from her post Coronation Commonwealth tour. This was followed up with West Down bells

being broadcast on Radio 2's Christmas Morning Bells. At one Bell Ringers' Dance held at the Commodore Hotel in Instow a poem called the Ringers' Chorus was read with the subject of the first verse being Mervyn. "There's Mervyn Phillips, the treble man, Captain of this merry band, Full of nonsense you'll agree, and always ready for a spree!" In November 1985 I was delighted to spend the Saturday with Merv, Sue and the West Down bell ringers, and other teams from Devon where they were invited to take part in a Devon style competition – and they won it! He was a member of The Devon Association of Ringers, chairman of North Devon committee, and the last remaining founder trustee of the Devon Bell Restoration Fund. He was made President of the Association in 2001. This was the year of the foot and mouth outbreak and there were no ringing festivals. He was offered the Presidency for a second year but ever the traditionalist, declined to take this on, not wanting to set a precedent for a role that had always been a 12 month appointment.

One of Mervyn's proudest moments was when a photograph of him, daughter Sue, grand daughter Clare and great grandson Jake ringing together as four generations was displayed at The Millennium Dome in London in 2000. He was also one of The Devon Belles ladies ringing team greatest supporters, and it was only a couple of years ago that he treated us all to a "Squires fish and chip supper from Braunton". Mervyn became a Freemason in 1970. He joined the Braunton Lodge and was elected by the brethren to become Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1982. Later Mervyn joined the Lyn Lodge where he was an active member. Merv was liked by all, loyal and respected, loved and interested in people. His motto could have been "treat others as you would like to be treated yourself". I would like to end with a poem from my father's funeral in this church, as these words are also so appropriate for Merv "Four things a man must learn to do if he would make his record true: To think without confusion clearly; To love his fellow-men sincerely; To act from honest motives purely; To trust in God and Heaven securely." Thank you.

A muffled peal before the service was rung by West Down Ringers. Mandy Nicholas, Tony Jeffrey, Nick Williams, Trevor Sellick, Tony Barrable, and George Rogers. After the service an open peal by ringers who Mervyn had picked, Margaret White, Hilary Trout, Cedric Hockin, Tom Welch, Dave Trout and Fred White. Muffled peals had also been rung, in memory, at Heanton, Marwood and West Down.

Obituaries	Theft of Bells	Listed Places of Worship Grant
<p>Paul Bristow The sudden death of Paul was in the press and on television. Paul and his wife, Thea, were members of the congregation at St Marychurch and Thea used to ring at Torre. Father David Lashbrooke had requested half muffled bells at the funeral on Friday 9th July at 4-15pm.</p> <p>Des Smale (a member of the old West Down team also passed away in August. His funeral was held at West Down.</p> <p>Den Cockram the former captain of Witheridge, died and his funeral was held on 9 September 2010.</p> <p>Kenneth John Parish Funeral held at 12.00 on Friday 1 October at Chawleigh. Ken was born 13 January 1932 at New Inn Cottages, Chawleigh and went to Chawleigh Primary School and then to Chulmleigh Secondary School. He left school to work at the Bakery in Chawleigh and then as a Carpenter at Lapford until he retired. He married Nora in April 1954 at St James' Chawleigh and had 6 children, 9 grand children and 2 great grand children. He was Secretary of Chawleigh Friendly Society for over 15 years. He enjoyed gardening, growing his own vegetable, His favourite flowers were Sweet Peas. He enjoyed the countryside and hunting and listening to the stags. He spent time in his early days at Stone Mill Farm helping out with the harvest and looking after the animals and then later in life helped his son, Stephen, with lambing at that farm. He was involved in fundraising for charities, notably the Duck Races held at Stone Mill Farm. Ken played football for Chawleigh as well as darts at Kingsnympton and both of the pubs in Chawleigh. Ken was on TV in a competition on Westward Television some years ago and came 2nd. He was treasurer of Chulmleigh and District Skittles League for over 30 years. Ken was a bell ringer for over 50 years and for many years a ringer for the Chawleigh competition team and has been a loyal supporter of that tower ever since as well as keeping the surrounding towers supplied with ringers when their own teams stopped ringing. He was always positive and cheerful and gave 100% to everything he did but never made a fuss. He was always one of those people who just quietly got on with it and many people will feel his loss.</p> <p>William Hannaford-Hill, known as Billy, passed away Tuesday 5 October and his funeral was held on Saturday, 9 October at 2.30 at Stoke Gabriel Church. The bells were rung shortly before and after the service.</p>	<p>Andrew Nicholson has sent this press release. Burglary at the premises of Nicholson Engineering Ltd, Church Bell Works, St Swithin's Road, Bridport, DT6 5DW Some time between the close of business at 1715hrs on Monday 20th September and 0815hrs the following morning, a burglary occurred at the premises of Nicholson Engineering Ltd in Bridport, Dorset. As might be expected, the premises were subject to a high level of security. The burglary was highly professional and well organised and involved the theft of nine bells of varying sizes. We believe four of the bells were removed complete with the pallets on which they were sat prior to being stolen. All nine bells were without headstocks. In the event that anyone offers you any of the bells, I should be grateful if you would contact Dorset Police on 0856 456 7000. Although the insurance pay out will cover the financial cost, Tim Holmes, Campsea Ashe church bell project co-ordinator, said the theft was bitterly disappointing. "Four of ours have gone," he said. "Two of the older ones are still there which is a relief. However one of the oldest ones dates from 1729. The others are the three new ones that were cast this year. "It's because of the metal. The bells are made up of an alloy of copper and bronze. They all had steel headstocks but these were removed. Whoever has taken them knew what they wanted. "It's hugely disappointing. People in the village had done an awful lot of fundraising. It was a lot of hard work. Even people who had nothing to do with the church, they just wanted to see the bells restored and ringing again. One bell in particular - the Village Bell - that cost around £7,000. It was funded by donations from local people. That has gone. Two of the other bells were sponsored by individuals. One gentleman from outside the village who stayed here and another woman who dedicated the bell to the memory of her family. It's very upsetting." Many parishes are putting Smart Water on their roofs, so ought to do the same on any accessible bells? Historic bells, once smashed, are irreplaceable. European Metal Recycling Ltd has provided the following information in relation to church bells: ".....As you pointed out they are normally made of Copper and Tin, high grade Phosphor Bronze. They can be 78%Cu and 22% Tin, depending on how old they are. The older bells usually have a higher Tin content than newer ones; we would need samples to check. If they are genuine high grade Phosphor Bronze the returns would be substantial, in the region of £4500 per ton. I don't know how much a bell weighs but I would imagine a small one weighs at least 200Kg, so a bell of this size would be worth I suspect a minimum of £900".</p>	<p>Listed Places of Worship Grant has a website address check the latest information http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk/ With effect from 4 January 2011 the following will become ineligible under the scheme, irrespective of when the works were undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • professional fees • repairs to organs, pews, bells and clocks <p>The announcement relates to works on clocks, pews, bells, organs and <u>all</u> professional fee claims on projects where a professional advisor (e.g. architect, QS) is engaged. Although the deadline for submitting claims for these items is 31 December 2010, one Deanery Treasurer who has spoken to LPWG Scheme said that he was advised to get any claims in by 20th December because, with the Christmas break and delays in the post, it may well be that claims submitted at the last minute won't arrive by the cut off date. Currently the scheme remains unchanged for other eligible maintenance and building works. Check the LPWG Scheme website to keep up to dated. When going to press it had the following:</p> <p>*IMPORTANT NOTICE* <u>IMMEDIATE FUTURE OF THE GRANT SCHEME</u> The Department has announced that the LPW scheme will continue for a further 4 years from April 2011. There will be an annual fixed maximum budget of £12 million, and the Department will discuss with faith groups and denominations how the scheme can best operate within that budget. The restriction to scope already announced from 4 January will remain in place- professional fees, and repairs to clocks, pews, bells and organs, will remain ineligible from 1 April. Further announcements will be made in due course.</p> <p><u>CHANGES TO THE GRANT SCHEME</u> The Department for Culture, Media and Support very much regrets that, in line with the need to reduce public expenditure, funding for the scheme in 2010/11 has been reduced. The views of denominations were sought as to how this could be achieved, although we acknowledge that the choice was a difficult one to make.</p> <p>Churches Conservation Trust</p> <p>The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) is a registered charity, founded under Ecclesiastical Law in 1969. It is neither a non-departmental public body (NDPB) or quango (quasi-autonomous non-governmental organisation). The Trust receives funding from DCMS and the Church Commissioners, and it generates significant levels of funding itself, including grants, donations and legacies.</p>

Ringklies Holiday 2010

This year's Ringklies holiday had an almost full coach travelling to the Barnes Hotel, Bedford from 5th to 9th July. This superb hotel had a river side setting with the restaurant overlooking the River Great Ouse. There was a very full ringing list which kept everyone on their toes and out of the hotel on time. The Bedfordshire countryside was beautiful but did look a little dry and there was plenty of developments being erected. There were some wonderful places and towers visited including Cardington, near to the RAF Training station. One day we had lunch at the Anchor Inn on the banks of the River Great Ouse at Great Barford where there was an interesting exhibition. We managed to ring at both of the churches in Bedford, St Andrew and St Peter de Merton. The Glen Miller Museum proved interesting to a few. The Willington Dovecote had a few more visitors. Some more intrepid ringers and friends found the Elstow Moot Hall open to view the many exhibits. The Saunderson Tractor and Implement Co. was founded in Elstow in 1890. It was the biggest tractor makers by the time of the First World War. Kempston is attractively situated in a green churchyard close to the river, and the location is still rural. William the Conqueror's niece Judith commissioned the west tower, nave and chancel in 1100. The tower arch and chancel arch remain from Norman times.

The very new and comfortable coach with rear steering wheels from Hemmings Coaches was a new addition to their fleet and John Staddon has set a new standard for coach comfort. A further trip has been planned for 2011 to the Wolverhampton area and deposits will be due by the December meeting. Contact John Staddon for more details.

A & J Autumn Trip for 2010

This trip, which included Arthur and Jane, but organised by John and Linda was to the Stratford upon Avon area from Monday 18th October to Friday the 22nd and the group of 38 stayed at the Charlecote Pheasant Hotel in Stratford upon Avon kindly selected by John Staddon. The group arrived late on the first day however this did not set the trend for the rest of the tour. Ringing took place in the local area with an average of four towers a day. Leamington Spa was one of the towers and ringing was very enjoyable. One tower during the trip did prove to be difficult and one pub proved difficult to drink at, although the substitute hostelry turned out to be exceptional. A very enjoyable trip thanks to John and Linda for the arrangements who intend to organise an Autumn 2011 trip with a venue of Telford already in mind.

Aunty's Ringing Weekend

Aunty's 2010 Weekend Trip to Herefordshire, Shropshire and Powys. How I enjoy travelling with Auntie. This year's trip was a bonanza. Delightful countryside, wonderful towers and enjoyable company. The weekend started on Friday 20 August leaving Chagford at about 6am. One important part, other than meeting old friends, is reading the witty journal that appears every year. This year that publication excelled itself and proved to be very informative as well as amusing. This journal also provides historical details of the places being visited and is in itself compulsive reading.

The first tower on Friday, was in Herefordshire at Bromyard and this provided a welcome break to the journey. Lunch was in the beautiful town of Ludlow, Shropshire, with ringing there afterwards. This tower is reputed to be one of the finest rings of 10 bells in the country. The afternoon towers were Stanton Lacy and Cardington both in Shropshire. Our hotel for the weekend was the Sandford House Hotel in Shrewsbury. Friday night was an excuse for some to go on a pub crawl and travelling through the streets of Shrewsbury, there were wonderful examples of preserved architecture in the narrow back streets. Saturday was an early start, as usual with ringing at the nearby Meole Brace, and then back to Shrewsbury to ring at St Chad (12) 39-2-7 and then St Mary (10). More ringing took place in the afternoon at Oswestry and Welshpool, Powys. The evening meal was at the award winning pub, the Three Fishes in Fish Street, Shrewsbury.

Sunday ringing, after packing bags on the coach, was at Kington where we waited for the morning service to finish. The keep-like tower of c1200 is the oldest part of the church and tower access is up an outside staircase on the east wall of the tower. The substantial Sunday Lunch was in the nearby Burton Hotel and this fortified us for the last tower of the weekend at Eardisland. This is stated to be one of the best rings of eight in the country. The whole village of Eardisland was beautiful and forms part of the Black and White Village Trail that explores the attractive half-timbered, black and white villages to be found in northern Herefordshire. In the village there is a 17th-century dovecote and a restored AA box. A very enjoyable and energetic weekend, thank you to all the organisers.

Young Ringers' Day

Wolborough saw the return of the Devon Young Ringers Day for the fifth year. Many young ringers are very busy people and this year was no exception however eight ringers did turn up of which three were new recruits. Tom Waterson organised the ringing with some help of some older ringers. A short service at St Paul's followed the ringing and then a Barbecue. Amy and Laurie played the organ for the service with Chris joining in afterwards.

The day would not be complete without handbells including the legendary coloured bells.

Don Roberts at 80

Don is a legend. His enthusiasm has inspired many and long may this continue. Don was 80 on 5 August and started his 80th ringing celebrations 2 days early. Don started to ring in the early 50s at Babbacombe and was instrumental in finally resurrecting the St Marychurch bells after the wartime bombing which demolished most of the church and killed and injured some of the congregation present at the time. Don's love of ringing at St Marychurch extended to encouraging the augmentation to 10 bells, being a part donor of one of the bells and having his name cast on it.

Don is still as active as ever, holding many positions within ringing associations and still runs a regular practice at Upton, Torquay. He is often to be seen at Association competitions encouraging his newer ringers and finding their potential and winning the novice competitions.

Don is not just a bell ringer, he has coached endless youngsters in swimming and he is involved in other sporting events and has been an umpire, judge and national coach.

Morris Men at Torbryan

Roy's Morris Men danced at Torbryan on the 2nd September and, as has happened in previous years, the bells were rung from 7:00 to 8:00. These are a beautiful medieval four, made more interesting by the bats. If you are interested in joining next year, to ring, go to the Pub have food and ale and watch the Morris men, please do contact me, Robert Brown.

Ringkly Programme for 2010

Second Wednesday of each month

Month	Morning Tower	Afternoon Tower	Contact
November	Salcombe	Malborough	John C
December	Churston Ferrers	Christmas lunch	Ken
2011			
March	TBA	TBA	Harry

Some venues may vary, please check with me, or the contact before setting out. Every effort will be made to keep the details up to date on the Association's website.

Mike Webster - 01803 782591.

International Year of Biodiversity

2010 has been designated International Year of Biodiversity by the United Nations whose buildings in New York and Nairobi both have bells that were rung on the 22 September when world leaders met to discuss biodiversity for the first time. The UN hoped that their bells will be joined by others around the world during the day, but this was not a request limited to churches. The Church of England is a supporter of International Year of Biodiversity UK and was invited by the organisers to encourage churches to join in this international initiative.

Knowing that time was short contact had been made with the Bishops' Environment Group, Diocesan Environment and Communication Officers along with 'Caring for God's Acre' and 'Ringing World' to encourage support from both ringers and the media and to ensure people hearing the bells would know why they are ringing.

Before making the announcement it was known that bells were being rung in Norfolk, Cambridge, Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, the Isle of Man and London.

As a result of a variety of publicity efforts a number of local bell ringing websites featured details including the Cambridge District and Shropshire Association sites and a radio interview was also given.

Wednesday was not an easy time for many bellringers, but enough messages from those who rang at some time between 12noon and 2pm were received to suggest that a reasonable number had taken part on the day.

Whilst the UN was looking to bells drawing attention to the crisis affecting biodiversity, the Church of England hoped that its bells would also celebrate the biodiversity in its many churchyards both rural and urban.

I wonder how many towers in Devon were involved and rang on the 22 September.?

Girl Guiding Centenary

Girl guiding has been celebrating its centenary this year and the festivities ended on a bang at 20:10 on 20th October 2010. (2010, 2010,2010)

The four Divisions in Plymouth had a huge launch party last year on 5th September on Plymouth Hoe with over 2000 girls and it ended the same way on Piazza in Centre of Plymouth on 20th October 2010.

A quarter peal was rung at St Budeaux on Monday 18th October for the centenary celebrations. The band was:

Peter Sparkes, Claire Harris (District commissioner, Roborough District), John Bowler, John Steere, Alena Wardle and Chris Wardle (conductor).

1260 changes of Plain Bob Minor were rung in 43 minutes.

Ringling World Centenary Day

London - 26 March 2011

Confirmed Activity as at 29 September 2010

08.30 – 14.00 * Whitechapel Bell Foundry open

Ringing World sponsors have kindly agreed to open the foundry to visitors on this special day. Ticket holders will be able to wander round the foundry at their leisure, speaking to staff and learning what goes on in the world's most famous bell foundry. The foundry normally only accepts pre-booked visitors for which there is a charge of £11 per head. *Regrettably, due to Health & Safety and insurance restrictions, persons under the age of 14 cannot visit the foundry.*

09.00 – 18.30 Towers open for Ringing

A number of open tower routes will lead visitors from the outskirts towards central London and further routes will operate in Central London throughout the day. Routes will be available catering both for drivers and those opting for public transport

9.30 onwards City Walks available

Walking tours of city churches will be available at a cost of £8 per head. Further details will appear in due course.

10.00 onwards RW National Youth Contest at St Saviour's, Pimlico

The 'Ringing World National Youth Contest' is an eight-bell striking competition taking place at St Saviour's Church, Pimlico SW1. The ringing will be from 10am on the 7cwt eight and bands of ringers aged under 19 can choose to ring Triples, Major or Call Changes. Team organisers are invited to email nyc@ringingworld.co.uk for further information and an entry form. A team 'Major' ticket for the Centenary Reception will be available to team organisers.

10.00 – 17.00 Mini-rings available in Dean's Yard (not 14.55 – 16.00)

Two mini-rings will be placed in Dean's Yard, outside Westminster Abbey, for visitors to ring.

10.00 – 18.00 Art Exhibition – Royal Opera Arcade

'Inspired by Bells' is an art exhibition specially created for the Ringing World's Centenary. It will be staged at the ROA Gallery in Pall Mall. The artworks will show bellringing from a contemporary artist's perspective and the exhibition will include a wide range of works - drawing, painting, cartoons, sculpture, and video. Nearest tube Piccadilly Circus & nearest tower St Martin-in-the-Fields.

12.00 * Carillon recital – Bond Street Carillon

A recital by Jonathan Galloway, secretary of the British Carillon Society.

14.00 – 14.50 Pre-service Westminster Abbey sightseeing

Ticket holders will benefit from free-of-charge entry to the Abbey prior to Evensong (the normal adult admission price to the Abbey is £15).

15.00 – 16.00 Westminster Abbey service

A celebratory Evensong to mark 100 years of The Ringing World, led by the Dean of Westminster

16.00 – 17.00 Post-service ringing at the Abbey

The Abbey bells will be rung for up to an hour following the service. With the agreement of the Dean and Chapter, there will be an opportunity for a number of visitors to take part in the ringing alongside members of the Abbey Company, provided that a high standard of ringing is maintained. Details of how to apply for this opportunity will be distributed with tickets.

16.00 – 18.00 Grand Ringers' Gathering in Central Hall, Westminster

Included in "Maximus" tickets is this reception to be held in Central Hall, Westminster between 4pm and 6pm immediately after the Abbey service. Central Hall, Westminster is located in Storey's Gate just across the road – quite literally – from the main entrance to the Abbey. The Centenary Reception is going to be held in the Library and Lecture Hall – two large and imposing rooms (with lift access for the disabled) off the grand entrance foyer on the first floor. As well as a cup of tea with cake and the opportunity to mingle and chat with ringing friends from all over the country, at 5pm there will be a welcome from the Ringing World Chairman and a specially composed touch on 24 handbells by an expert band led by Philip Earis of Cambridge. During the reception prizes will also be presented to the winners of the Ringing World National Youth Contest.

The events in Central Hall will not be available to holders of "Royal" Tickets.

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Claude and Joyce Celebrate	St George's Day	National 12 Bell Competition
<p>Claude and Joyce Nicholls celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 29 May 2010 and the picture on page 6, kindly taken by Joan Clarke, shows Joyce who had been presented with flowers and Claude being congratulated by the President, John Kelly BEM on the occasion of the Devon Major Final held at their home tower of Littleham on 12 June 2010. The competition that day was won in a convincing style by Egguckland. South Brent came second followed closely by Burrington. The whole day's events ran very smoothly and Claude and Joyce and their organizers are to be congratulated for hosting such a successful event.</p>	<p>Dear Ringers. The first year of the Campaign to Ring for England to celebrate St. George on April 23rd was a wonderful success and I have been enormously encouraged by your tremendous response. However, there is a National dilemma for 2011 in that April 23rd falls within Holy Week when bells should not be rung. I wrote to the Archbishop of York to request his view on this matter and whether it would be possible to have a dispensation just for 2011 since the cause is the celebration of the Nation's Patron Saint.</p> <p>His reply -"Dear Libby.....Church Rules state that when St. George's Day falls within Holy Week the celebrations should move to the next available date in the calendar. Therefore, in the Church Calendar St. George's Day will be celebrated on Monday 2nd May 2011". He also re-affirmed his support for the Campaign which he has strongly supported from its inception but that no exception could be made for 2011 and so it will be celebrated 8 days later which is the Bank Holiday.</p> <p>I fear this will have very little meaning to the populace at large, and might even create a division between Bell Ringers. As a result it would be difficult for a full and collective response to ring out on the day. The BBC is very keen on the Campaign and I have had several meetings to this effect. They would love to be more involved, however, the caveat is that I have to get everyone on board, and this, patently will be impossible.</p> <p>My feeling on the matter is that we just have to accept this unusual situation, which will not be repeated for many years, and give 2011 a miss but - to make lots of noise as to why. There will of course be those that will want to ring anyway but, as a representative of a National Campaign, I do not wish to go against The Church's authority.</p> <p>On a more positive note, this will allow us time to co-ordinate, inform, involve, advertise and engage with every Region right across the country to make 2012 an even more stupendous, comprehensive, mammoth celebration. We will have the added bonus of riding on the back of the year of the Olympics. Whilst there might well be some Towers who are not interested in the Campaign I am delighted to say I received only positive e-mails with requests to continue and to this end I am most happy to oblige. It would be enormously helpful if you could engage with as many of your Ringers as possible letting me know what their thoughts might be on the problem and any ideas for its future. They could always contact me direct. I very much look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your help. With Very Best Wishes - Libby Alexander.</p> <p>Libby had earlier reported that the campaign to celebrate our patron saint had been heard on 25 BBC Regional Radio breakfast shows.</p>	<p>The National 12 Bell Competition held at Crediton on 26 June 2010 was a fully packed day of events and that was without listening to the teams participating. Congratulations to Birmingham in winning the event and to Exeter Cathedral for qualifying for this event and coming fifth. One strange thing I found was the practice before being judge. Teams stopped in the middle of the method and it sounded as if someone had suddenly turned off the radio. The teams, the best in the country for ringing 12 bells, provided some real music and this encouraged me, and many others to remain in the vicinity. It may be the hardened call change ringer would have been impressed by the standard of ringing. There were countless call change ringers there to listen and presumably judge. When ringing methods, it is difficult to get accurate striking as you are changing position or following a different bell at each stroke, handstroke or backstroke and having to think of where to go next. Some ringers are fortunate and do not have to concentrate on the method too much and they can then devote their attention to the striking.</p> <p>The many events at Crediton on the day provided varied interests to the many visitors. If you wish to hear some sound clips from the day, use our own website, www.devonringing.co.uk to listen to Birmingham and Exeter. Scroll down to 26 June 2010.</p> <p>The 12 bell competition has its own website, see http://www.12bell.org.uk/ and there is news about the strikeometer that has been approved for use at one of the 12 Bell Contest eliminators to be held on April 2nd 2011.</p>
<p>Association Dinner and Dance</p>		
<p>The Association Dinner and Dance was held at the Libbaton Golf Club, High Bickington on 10 September. The three course meal proved very satisfying and after the meal there was a raffle followed by entertainment. All profit will be donated to the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund. Thank you to Mr G Herniman for hosting this event.</p>		
<p>Deanery Practices</p>		
<p>In line with a number of other Deaneries, the Totnes Deanery, at their last AGM in May, elected to have a monthly deanery practice holding the event on the second week of the month and on the day that the host tower normally has their practice. The first deanery practice was at South Brent to test the interest. It proved to be very popular and further venues were arranged visiting towers were support or encouragement would be welcome. The deanery practice keeps communication and ringing skills active and it is hoped that the Winter League series of competitions will have a record number of teams entering.</p>		
<p>Merton bells re-dedicated</p>		
<p>CHURCH bells which were lost and then found were re-dedicated at All Saints Church, Merton, on Sunday 10 October by the Bishop of Crediton, the Right Rev Bob Evens.</p> <p>The bells were stolen while they were being repaired and discovered outside a scrap yard in Manchester. Merton are now ringing again and this will be celebrated on Sunday during the harvest festival service.</p> <p>Several visiting ringing teams have already been and many more would be welcome. Teams should contact bell captain Chris Laughton on (01805) 281424.</p> <p>Fund raising is on going as more work is required and new bell ropes will be required in the near future.</p>		
		<p>National Youth Contest</p>
		<p>The Ringing World National Youth Contest by Adrian Udal and Robert Lewis is the first 'Ringing World National Youth Contest' and will take place from 10am on Saturday, 26th March 2011 as a major part of the Ringing World's Centenary Day. This eight bell striking contest is for bands of ringers aged under 19 years (on 26th March) who may choose to ring Triples, Major or Call Changes. Our Chief Judge is Simon Linford, a well known author of <i>RW</i> articles and Past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Band performances will be assessed against others in the same category. There will be prizes for individual categories and a trophy crafted by Whitechapel for the overall winners. Results will be delivered during the grand reception at Central Hall, Westminster, and this will be followed by an award ceremony. St Saviour's Church is in St George's Square, Pimlico, London SW1. If you can field a band and would like to enter the contest please send an e-mail to nyc@ringingworld.co.uk. This is going to be a great occasion for young ringers and their supporters – don't miss out!</p>

Results

The 15th St Peter's Shield open to all towers in Tiverton and Cullompton Deaneries held at

Cadeleigh on Saturday 8th May.

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|----------------------|---------|
| 1. Cullompton | 40 |
| 2. Tiverton St Peter | 59 1/2 |
| 3. Silverton | 73 |
| 4. Uffculme | 125 1/2 |
| 5. Cruwys Morchard | 135 1/2 |

All these teams rang call changes.

Judges:

Mike Mears and Jonathan Potter

Down St Mary on 15 May 2010

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|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Stoke Gabriel | 22 |
| 2. West Down | 23 1/2 |
| 3. South Tawton | 26 1/2 |
| 4. High Bickington | 30 |
| 5. Holbeton | 32 |
| 6. Zeal Monachorum | 41 |
| 7. Kingsteignton | 42 |
| 8. Sandford | 46 |
| 9. Alphington | 47 |
| 10. South Brent | 48 |
| 11. Morchard Bishop | 50 |
| 12. Chagford | 55 |
| 13. Monkleigh | 58 |

Judge: Mervyn Way

Bow on 15 May 2010

Open Section

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|--------------------|--------|
| 1. West Down | 32 1/3 |
| 2. Stoke Gabriel | 33 1/3 |
| 3. High Bickington | 34 |
| 4. Kingsteignton | 46 2/3 |
| 5. Holbeton | 47 1/3 |
| 6. Alphington | 55 |
| 7. South Brent | 81 |
| 8. Monkleigh | 95 |

Local Section

- | | |
|--------------------|--------|
| 1. Sandford | 44 |
| 2. Morchard Bishop | 47 |
| 3. South Tawton | 48 2/3 |
| 4. Zeal Monachorum | 53 1/2 |
| 5. Spreyton | 90 1/3 |

Judges: Bill Folland, Percy Pester and Michael Poole

Hartland Deanery Annual Competition held at Weare Giffard - 15th May 2010

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|--------------|--------|
| 1. Littleham | 16 1/2 |
| 2. Monkleigh | 32 1/2 |
| 3. Monkleigh | 47 |
| 4. Alwington | 53 1/2 |
| 5. Abbotsham | 59 |
| 6. Parkham | 95 1/2 |
| 7. Appledore | 113 |

Judges :

John Wickett & Helen Robinson

Devon Association Minor 6 Bell Final held at Ilington on 22 May 2010

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|--------------------|---------|
| 1. Lamerton | 36 3/4 |
| 2. Iddesleigh | 52 1/2 |
| 3. Holbeton | 53 1/2 |
| 4. Littleham | 57 3/4 |
| 5. Drewsteignton | 84 |
| 6. Zeal Monachorum | 85 |
| 7. East Anstey | 88 3/4 |
| 8. South Brent B | 121 1/4 |

Novice Section:

Judged on Top Ringing Only

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|-------------|--------|
| 1. Upton | 54 1/2 |
| 2. Chagford | 64 1/2 |

Judges: Colin Adams, Steve Facey, Steve Herniman and Sue Husband
Scrutineer: John Cole

Plymouth and Ivybridge Deanery held at Laira on 5th June 2010

A Section (rise, 60 on 3rd's, lower):

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|----------------|--------|
| 1. Eggbuckland | 10 |
| 2. Plymstock | 33 |
| 3. Holbeton | 39 1/4 |
| 4. Bickleigh | 48 |

B Section (60 on 3rd's from the stay):

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|--------------------|--------|
| 1. Bickleigh | 29 1/2 |
| 2. Tamerton Foliot | 56 1/2 |
| 3. Brixton | 59 |

Learners Section (5 mins of round)

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|----------------|--------|
| 1. Bickleigh | 12 1/4 |
| 2. Eggbuckland | 24 1/2 |

Okehampton Deanery Competition held at Chagford on 5 June 2010

Main Section

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|-------------------------|--------|
| 1. Chagford A | 28 |
| 2. South Tawton A | 39 |
| 3. North Tawton | 40 |
| 4. Sampford Courtenay A | 60 |
| 5. Chagford B | 62 1/2 |
| 6. South Tawton B | 66 3/4 |
| 7. Sampford Courtenay B | 68 1/2 |

Intermediate Section

(Top ringing, 1/2 peal)

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|-----------------------|--------|
| 1. Gidleigh | 20 1/2 |
| 2. Chagford | 26 |
| 3. Spreyton | 34 |
| 4. Sampford Courtenay | 47 1/2 |

Novice Section (Rounds)

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|-------------|--------|
| 1. Chagford | 23 1/4 |
| 2. Spreyton | 29 |
| 3. Spreyton | 37 1/2 |

Judges : Bill Folland, Lester Quance

Devon Association Major 6 Bell Final held at Littleham on 12 Jun 2010

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|----------------------|--------|
| 1. Eggbuckland | 14 1/2 |
| 2. South Brent | 26 1/2 |
| 3. Burrington | 27 3/4 |
| 4. West Down | 33 1/2 |
| 5. Exeter St Petrock | 35 |
| 6. Lamerton | 39 1/4 |
| 7. Morteheo | 41 1/2 |
| 8. Stoke Gabriel | 41 1/2 |
| 9. West Alwington | 42 1/2 |
| 10. Iddesleigh | 44 1/2 |
| 11. Down St Mary | 46 1/2 |
| 12. South Tawton | 48 1/2 |

Top Ringing

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Eggbuckland | 8 3/4 |
| 2. South Brent and Burrington both | with 17 3/4 |

Judges: I Avery, J Dietz, B Drake and M Way. Scrutineer G. Arscott.

Eggbuckland on 19 June 2010

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|-------------------|--------|
| 1. South Brent | 20 3/4 |
| 2. Exminster | 30 1/2 |
| 3. Burrington A | 31 1/2 |
| 4. Kingsteignton | 32 1/4 |
| 5. Plymstock | 32 3/4 |
| 6. Stoke Gabriel | 37 |
| 7. Burrington B | 60 3/4 |
| 8. Holbeton | 65 3/4 |
| 9. South Brent B | 67 3/4 |
| 10. Broadhempston | 110 |

Judges: Roger and Ryan Trout.

Spreyton on 19th June 2010

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|---------------------------|---------|
| 1. Kingsteignton | 20 |
| 2. South Tawton | 23 |
| 3. Sandford | 27 1/2 |
| 4. Down St Mary | 37 |
| 5. Exminster | 48 |
| 6. Zeal Monachorum | 49 |
| 7. Sampford Courtenay. A | 51 |
| 8. Bow | 53 |
| 9. Widecombe in the Moor | 57 1/2 |
| 10. Monkleigh | 63 |
| 11. Kenn. B | 71 |
| 12. Kenn. A | 77 |
| 13. Ide | 88 |
| 14. Dolton | 118 1/2 |
| 15. Sampford Courtenay. B | 128 1/2 |

Judges. Percy Pester and Michael Pool.

South Brent on 26 June 2010

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|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Eggbuckland | 15 |
| 2. Stoke Gabriel | 29 3/4 |
| 3. Holbeton | 35 3/4 |
| 4. Kingsteignton | 38 1/4 |
| 5. Plymstock | 41 |
| 6. Burrington | 46 |
| 7. West Alwington | 50 ¼ |

8.	South Petherwin	50 1/2
9.	Down St Mary	55 1/2
10.	North Bovey	56
11.	West Down	57
12.	Monkleigh	63
13.	Alphington	73

Judges:

Jereme Darke and Neil Holloway

West Charleton on 3 July 2010

1.	Egguckland	18
2.	Kingsteignton	48 2/3
3.	South Brent	52 2/3
4.	Stoke Gabriel	74 1/3
5.	Holbeton	79 1/3
6.	North Bovey	82 1/3
7.	West Alvington	89 1/3
8.	Upton	103 1/3
9.	Broadhempston	146 2/3

Intermediate Section

(1/2 comp peal and no rise or lower)

1.	Modbury	41
2.	Paignton B	55 2/3
3.	Broadhempston	56 2/3
4.	Paignton A	61 2/3
5.	Ilsington	68 2/3

Judges: Scott Adams, James Kerlake and Percy Pester.

In aid of Devon Historic Churches Trust.

Competition at Collaton St Mary and Stoke Gabriel on 10 July 2010

Collaton St Mary

1.	Egguckland	17 1/4
2.	South Brent	27
3.	Burrington	35 1/2
4.	Holbeton	47
5.	Exminster	50
6.	Stoke Gabriel	57
7.	Alphington	72 1/2
8.	Exeter St Davids	95
9.	South Pool	118
10.	Salcombe	145
11.	Broadhempston	180

Judges: Mary and Michael Mears.

Stoke Gabriel

1.	Egguckland	33 1/4
2.	Exminster	39
3.	Burrington	43 3/4
4.	South Brent	45 3/4
5.	Holbeton	68
6.	Stoke Gabriel	84 1/2
7.	Exeter St Davids	85 1/2
8.	Alphington	90
9.	Salcombe	153
10.	Broadhempston	185 1/2
11.	South Pool	229

Judges: Harry Bardens and John Dietz.

Developing Section

1.	Paignton	25
2.	Salcombe	25 1/2
3.	Broadhempston	27 1/2
4.	South Pool	30

Judge: Norman Mortimore.

Competitions held at **Dunsford and Doddiscombsleigh** in aid of the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund, 17th July Dunsford

1.	Egguckland	12
2.	Kingsteignton	16
3.	South Tawton	18
4.	Stoke Gabriel	23 1/4
5.	Burrington	25
6.	Down St Mary	34 1/2
7.	Monkleigh	36
8.	South Petherwin	40
9.	North Bovey	48 3/4
10.	South Brent	49 3/4
11.	Widcombe	54 3/4

Judges:

Percy Pester & Maurice Sharland

Doddiscombsleigh

For the DCBRF John Scott Trophy

1.	Egguckland	24 1/2
2.	Kingsteignton	36 1/2
3.	Burrington	37 1/2
4.	= South Tawton	52
4.	= South Brent	52
6.	Stoke Gabriel	88 1/2
7.	Monkleigh	96 3/4
8.	Widcombe	101 1/4
9.	North Bovey	105 1/2
10.	South Petherwin	N/R Under time

Judges: Mary Mears & Martin Sharland

Results from **Burrington, Ashreigney and Atherington** competitions held 24th July 2010.

Ashreigney

A-section:

1.	Chittlehampton	44
2.	Egguckland	47 1/4
3.	South Brent	50
4.	West Down	61 1/2
5.	Morthoe	64 3/4
6.	Drewsteignton	72

B-section:

1.	Littleham	72 1/2
2.	Exeter St David	77 1/4
3.	Mariansleigh	91
4.	Monkleigh	92 3/4
5.	East Anstey	109
6.	Sampford Courtenay	132

Judge: Paul Wright

Burrington

A-section:

1.	Egguckland	31 1/4
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2.	South Brent	36
3.	Littleham	65 3/4
4.	Morthoe	71 1/4
5.	West Down	83
6.	Chittlehampton	86 1/2

B-section:

1.	Mariansleigh	90
2.	Drewsteignton	92
3.	Exeter St David	95 3/4
4.	Monkleigh	108 3/4
5.	East Anstey	115
6.	Sampford Courtenay	120

Judge: Scott Adams

Atherington

A-section:

1.	Egguckland	29
2.	South Brent	43 1/4
3.	West Down	59
4.	Littleham	66 3/4
5.	Morthoe	72 1/2
6.	Drewsteignton	78 1/4

B-section:

1.	Exeter St David	82 1/2
2.	Chittlehampton	87 1/2
3.	East Anstey	87 3/4
4.	Mariansleigh	88 3/4
5.	Monkleigh	108 3/4
6.	Sampford Courtenay	119

Judge: Gill Herniman

Overall results:

This section employed a handicap system, devised by Steve Herniman, where the average fault score from the three towers was taken and then the handicap score deducted. The handicap of each team is given in brackets after the team name.

1.	35	Exeter St David	(50)
2.	35 1/4	South Brent	(8)
3.	35 3/4	Egguckland	(0)
4.	40	Mariansleigh	(50)
5.	42 3/4	West Down	(25)
6.	43 1/4	Littleham	(25)
7.	44 1/2	Morthoe	(25)
8.	45 3/4	Drewsteignton	(35)
9.	47 1/2	Chittlehampton	(25)
10.	68 1/2	Monkleigh	(35)
11.	68 3/4	East Anstey	(35)
12.	88 3/4	Sampford Courtenay	(35)

Torridge Valley Guild competition held on 31 July 2010 at **Little Torrington**

OPEN SECTION

1.	Egguckland	13 1/2
2.	West Down	50
3.	Morthoe	51 1/2
4.	Mariansleigh	52
5.	East Anstey	69 1/2

TORRIDGE SECTION

1.	Littleham B	38
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Results - continued

2.	Monkleigh	50 1/4
3.	Little Torrington	91 1/2
4.	Torrington	97 1/2
5.	Petersmarland	122 1/2

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1.	Petersmarland	35 1/2
2.	Frithelstock	41
3.	Bradford	43 1/2

Judges:

John Wickett & Helen Robinson

Widcombe in the Moor held on

Sat 7 August 2010

1.	Eggbuckland	7
2.	Burrington	17
3.	South Brent A	20
4.	South Tawton	21
5.	Exminster	25 1/2
6.	Soc of Royal Cumberland Yths	29
7.	Kingsteignton	29 1/2
8.	Stoke Gabriel	31
9.	South Brent B	41
10.	North Bovey	45
11.	West Alvington	46
12.	Holbeton	58

Judges: Ruth Tuckett, John Cole and Percy Pester

Monkleigh on 14th August 2010

Open Section

1.	Burrington	29 1/2
2.	South Petherwin	37
3.	Bow	39
4.	Kingsteignton	40
5.	Down St. Mary	41
6.	Zeal Monachorum	45
7.	Mariansleigh	79
8.	East Anstey	85

Local Section

1.	Monkleigh	27 3/4
2.	Iddesleigh	35
3.	Little Torrington	94

Judge : John Wickett

Zeal Monachorum on 28 August 2010

A Section

1.	Burrington	13
2.	Eggbuckland	18 3/4
3.	Kingsteignton	28 1/2
4.	Littleham	29
5.	South Tawton	41 1/2
6.	Exeter St Petrock's	44 1/4
7.	South Brent	59

B Section

1.	Monkleigh	41 1/4
2.	Bow	42 1/2
3.	Sampford Courtenay	47
4.	East Anstey	52
5.	Spreyton	57

6.	Mariansleigh	83 1/2
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Judges: Mervyn Way and Bill Folland

South Tawton on 4th September 2010

A section

1.	South Brent	29
2.	Exeter, St Petrock	38 1/2
3.	West Down	39 1/2
4.	Burrington	40
5.	Exminster	44
6.	Kingsteignton	45 1/2
7.	Holbeton	49

B section

1.	Stoke Gabriel	54
2.	North Bovey	57
3.	Lamerton	61 1/2
4.	Mariansleigh	66 1/2
5.	Widcombe	85 1/2
6.	Sampford Courtenay	90 1/2
7.	Monkleigh	92

Judges -

Percy Pester and John Coulthirst

Bishop's Nympton and Mariansleigh

Competitions held 11 September 2010

Bishop's Nympton Results:

1.	South Tawton	19
2.	Mortehoe	20
3.	Burrington	22
4.	Zeal Monachorum	24
5.	Littleham	27
6.	East Anstey	28
7.	West Down	39
8.	Monkleigh	47
9.	Mariansleigh	75

Mariansleigh Results:

1.	West Down	33
2.	Monkleigh	33 1/2
3.	Mortehoe	35
4.	Burrington	42 1/2
5.	Littleham	43
6.	East Anstey	49
7.	South Tawton	53
8.	Zeal Monachorum	72

Iddesleigh Competition 25th Sept 2010

"A" Section.

1.	South Brent "A"	14
2.	Burrington	19 1/2
3.	South Brent "B"	20 1/2
4.	Iddesleigh	27
5.	Morthoe	31 1/2
6.	Down St Mary	31 1/2
7.	Sampford Courtenay "A"	47

"B" Section.

1.	East Anstey	22 1/2
2.	Dolton	53 1/2
3.	Monkleigh	55 1/2
4.	Sampford Courtenay "B"	85 1/2
5.	Dowland	88

Kenn Deanery competition held at Christow on 25 September 2010

A section

1.	Dunsford	32 1/2
2.	Exminster A	60
3.	Alphington A	74 1/2
4.	Kenn	88 1/2

B section

1.	Alphington B	39 1/2
2.	Dawlish A	42
3.	Exminster B	58 1/2
4.	Dawlish B	115

Novice section

1.	Alphington	27
2.	Christow	2 1/2

Judges:

Percy Pester and Jereme Darke

Dolton on October 2nd 2010

"A" Section

1.	West Down	29
2.	Down St Mary	35
3.	East Ansty	37 1/2
4.	Littleham	45
5.	Burrington	46
6.	Dolton	49 1/2
7.	Iddesleigh	55
8.	Mariansleigh	NR

"B" Section.

1.	Sampford Courtenay	58
2.	Dowland	82
3.	Monkleigh	85

Judges, Michael Pool and Bill Folland.

South Devon Ringers Association

8 Bell Competition held at

High Week on 2 Oct 2010

Top ringing in brackets

1.	Exeter Cathedral	28 (8)
2.	Kingsteignton	32 (21 1/2)
3.	Plymstock	46 (23)
4.	Eggbuckland	49 (25 1/2)
5.	Exminster	54 1/2 (33 1/2)
6.	South Brent	67 1/2 (43)
7.	Lamerton	77 (52)
8.	Stoke Gabriel	110 (62)
9.	Widcombe	135 (62 1/2)
10.	High Week	157 (93)

Judges: Mary Mears and Brian Drake

Chawleigh on 9th October 2010

"A" Section.

1.	Egg Buckland	18 1/2
2.	West Down	22
3.	Burrington	26
4.	St Petrocks	27
5.	Monkleigh	46
6.	Iddesleigh	49

"B" Section.

1.	Zeal Monachorum	51
2.	Down St Mary	53

Results (continued)

- 3. Bow 57
 - 4. N. Bovey 59
 - 5. East Ansty 61
 - 6. Mariansleigh 83
 - 7. Sampford Courtenay 97
- Judge. Mervyin Way.

Tedburn St Mary on 16 October 2010

A Section

Ringling for Tom Coulthirst Shield and Cup

- 1. Kingsteignton 14 1/2
- 2. South Tawton 32
- 3. Stoke Gabriel 38
- 4. Down St Mary 44
- 5. North Bovey 55 1/2
- 6. Monkleigh 58
- 7. Widcombe in the Moor 59
- 8. East Anstey 94 1/2
- 9. Alphington 117

B Section

Ringling for the Jack Wroth Shield and Cup

- 1. Sandford 61 1/2
- 2. Mariansleigh 93 1/2
- 3. Alphington 119
- 4. Spreyton 138 1/2

This year's Charity is the Devon Air Ambulance and £280 has been raised so far.

NAIT Deanery Festival held at

Churston Ferrers on 23 October 2010

- 1. Kingsteignton 66 1/2
- 2. Paignton A 69
- 3. Coffinswell 71
- 4. Ipplepen 78 1/2
- 5. Paignton B 102 1/2

Judge: Norman Mortimore

Handbell requests

As publicity officer I get a number of emails and telephone calls asking if any groups wish to participate in some events. Below is a selection of two recent requests, and if you wish to take advantage please contact the correspondent direct or the Editor for more details.

Plymouth City Market

This Christmas at Plymouth City Market we are looking to fill the market with traditional Christmas entertainment every weekend in December and on late night Thursdays.

I would like to invite any of the groups in the Devon Association of Bell Ringers to perform in the market on any Saturday, Sunday or Thursday evening in December.

To discuss this further, or confirm that you would like to perform, please email me or call me on 01752 305435.

Look forward to hearing from you soon. Many thanks, Freya Cleary-Long, Marketing Assistant Plymouth City Market, City Centre Company, 01752 30543.

Dartington Cider Press Centre

During the build up to Christmas we are planning on having various local musicians playing in the courtyard of the Cider Press. I wondered if any hand bell ringers would be interested in coming along and ringing for us. Being a charity ourselves we are unable to pay a fee but would be more than happy for you to collect for any charity or event that you are supporting. It would be fantastic if a group or groups were interested.

Katharine Lowen

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Why is it called a Sally?

A Sally is the fluffy part of a bellrope you hold at handstroke, but why is it called that? Edward Martin provided an answer to the Change Ringers list.

The word was certainly in use in Stedman's time and can be taken to refer both to the woolly bit of the rope, and the actual handstroke, as well as the movement of the rope. Perhaps the most illuminating quote is from page 134 of 'Tintinnologia', where in advising how to fix an odd struck bell, Campanista writes:

"but sometimes the fault of the stroke is in the Sally, which you may remedy by tying the Fillet (or little Cord above the rim of the Wheel, which causeth the dancing of the rope) nearer or farther off the main Spoke."

If you look up 'sally' in The Oxford English Dictionary, you find mention of sorties, sudden dashes and outgoings such as the old military term 'to sally forth'. But for the origin of the word we have to go back to the old French 'saille', noun from 'sailir'; which was a refashioning of the even older French 'salir', which in turn is from the Latin 'salire', to leap. It is related to 'salter' which is the frequentative of 'salire', from which we get the fancy word 'saltation' - leaping and dancing. The more common word 'somersault' is likewise related, as is the word 'salmon', the name given by ancient Romans to the fish that leaps.

One meaning of the french noun saillie is a "bulge" in something such as a muscle or a bone. But that's because it comes from the verb 'sailir' (to protrude). It also means 'to emerge' (as in sally forth). It is a reasonable bet that 'sally' has a connection with the Latin verb 'salire' ('leap, jump, move spasmodically') and its derivatives. This is not to say that this is the best bet.

Devon County Show

After a successful Devon County Show in 2009 Devon Ringers' Council were invited back for 2010 and another very worthwhile 3 days were spent with the Frank Mack Garage Ring as part of the Churches stand. We had a good age range trying their hand and witnessed 174 people over the 3 days, all leaving resplendent with their "I've rung on the Devonshire Guild Mini-Ring" sticker. A big thank you to all helpers giving their time over the 3 days. The dates for the 2011 Devon County Show, where it is hoped to make it "3-in-a-row", are May 19th-21st. We are building on our experience and considering have a designated person selling draw tickets at this event, rather than rely on a person with other duties. No 'training' information is available as yet and this will be considered and training boards are still being negotiated and may need up dating and a designated person to man the boards. Any quarter peal attempts need to be at the end of the day to avoid anyone who wishes to 'have-a-go' having to wait for 20 minutes.

More Judges needed?

Looking at the scorecards for the Devon Association brings me to ask a question. What happens in judging if one judge marks one team heavier or lighter than the others, this would surely alter the scoring averages and overall final placings of teams. How about taking the mean average of how each individual judge has placed a team after giving his/her results to achieve the overall final result. An example below from your South Qualifier:

1 Egg Buckland	1	1	1	1	1
2 St. Petrock	2	2	2	3	2.25
3 South Brent A	3	3	5	2	3.25
4 Stoke Gabriel	6	6	3	4	4.75
5 W Alvington	4	4	4	6	4.5
6 Lamerton	5	5	6	5	5.25
7 Holbeton	7	7	7	7	7
8 Ide	8	8	9	9	8.5
9 South Brent B	9	9	8	8	8.5
10 Chivelstone	10	10	10	10	10
Judge	A	B	C	D	

The first column is the result and on the far right the overall standings taken from the mean averages of the judges placings. A slight difference between 4 and 5 and a tie at 8 and 9 shows a higher or lower mark from judges may have swayed this. Taking a mean average may encourage more people to take up judging your events, without fear of being way off the fault scoring process as long as their positioning is right. I hear there is a strong need for more judges in Devon ringing events. Comments please. James Wood.

AGM Notice

The AGM will be held on Saturday 13 November 2010 at North Tawton Town Hall starting 2.15pm. The annual affiliation fees for 2010/11 will be 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.

Bells on BBC Radio Devon

Thanks to Graham Sharland on behalf of the Devon Ringers' Council, bells from across Devon have been heard every Sunday on Radio Devon. The first sequence was heard just before 8am and due to a change in the presenter, the bells have recently been broadcasted at 6am and at midday. Graham has been responsible for the selection of bells and has incorporated selected newsworthy items such as the Major Final winners and publicity for the National 12 Bell Final held at Crediton on 26 June. The initiative has been driven by Graham and it has raised the profile of ringers within Devon.

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10-Bell Call-Change Competition

This event organised by the Devon Ringers' Council will be held at St Mark's Church, Exeter on Saturday 19th February 2011 at 10.00am. More detail will be available nearer the time.

Music in Bells - Exeter Festival

Devon bell ringers on behalf of the Devon Ringers' Council have organised a performance entitled "**Music in Bells**" as part of the 2010 Exeter Autumn Festival. The performance will take place at St Petrock's Church on Friday 12th November at 7.30pm with a dress rehearsal on Friday 5th November at St Petrock's at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available at the door. The evening will include a **world premiere** with tower bells and keyboard. All welcome. For more information go to <http://www.exeter.gov.uk/autumnfestival10/index.aspx?articleid=12832>.

Devon Ringers' Carol Service

The Carol Service will be organised by Ian Avery and will be held on 11 December 2010 at 3pm at Heavitree Parish Church. Any who wish to be involved or join the choir please contact Ian.

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Ilfracombe

Christine Harris states that she moved to Ilfracombe from Brighton in January, and has been ringing at Holy Trinity, Ilfracombe, which has now been revitalised. The ringers would like people to know that they do now have a regular practice on Wednesdays, at 7.00 pm. Any visitors would be very welcome. Call Changes is the usual fare, however they do have 3 method ringers. They look forward to your support.

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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 Guild website (http://groups.exeter.ac.uk/gdr/pdf/Devon_Errata.pdf),

and on the website of the nationally renowned 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