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Eggbuckland

Congratulations to Eggbuckland on winning the Devon Association Major Final Competition for 2007 at Blackawton. The winning team and officials appeared in the Social Diary section of the July edition of "Devon Life". A summary of the judges' score sheets is shown inside on page 9.

Child Protection

Explanatory leaflets have been sent to all towers as to the correct procedure to adopt. Please see page 11 for

Affiliation Fees

Affiliation fees for 2007 are payable on 1 October 2007. The fees have been held at £5 for the year. If you wish to enter the Association's competitions the rates will be £14 for 6 bell towers and £17 for 8 bell towers, these include the £5 affiliation fee. You may pay at the AGM on 10th November at North Tawton or by post to Mrs Janice Gist, Honorary Treasurer, Barries Corner, 5 St Giles in the Wood, Torrington, EX38 7JQ. Please enclose SAE if a receipt is required.

Association AGM

The 72nd Annual General Meeting of the Devon Association of Ringers was held on Saturday 11th November 2006 at North Tawton Town Hall, starting at 2.15pm. See inside for a change in the rules for the Association Competitions and a report from the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund.

National Challenge

The Devon National Challenge was cancelled last year and the Association has accepted the invitation to take this competition on. See inside for details of the competition to be held at Branscombe.

Website or not?

Did you know that we have a website at www.devonbells.co.uk? A particular part of our website is made for people to input information to share with others, such as news or opinions and it is user friendly enough for anyone who has connection to the Internet. It is hoped that a lot more people will make funding viable. If you have any suggestions or opinions please either contact the website or write to the Honorary Secretary.

Dispute at Marldon

Some ringers are in dispute over the threat of a mobile phone mast on top of the tower. They are concerned about potential health risks from mobile phone masts as well as not being consulted. Mr Axford said "It seems it is all about the running of things and costs but we will be the ones closest to a mast."

Rolling League

Graham Sharland states: I have for sometime been trying to come up with an idea that would help to give towers some idea of where they stand in terms of their ringing ability in relation to others, to bridge the gap between those staring out and the more experienced teams of ringers and to provide a means of progression whilst performing within their own capabilities. To this end I would like to offer up the idea of a rolling league or progression ladder for want of a better title. It would, I hope, be a simple but effective way of teams being able to monitor the progress of their ringing ability whilst at the same time enjoying the social and low key competitiveness of ringing against another team of similar ability. (Contd page 2).

A thank you from Herbert "Pickles" Pascoe

Dad wishes to say thank all his friends and family for the enjoyment they gave him in celebrating his 90th birthday. He was overwhelmed by the huge number of cards sent and the people who were able to travel to Buckland on a dark night in November.

Needless to say the bells of St Peters were rung. In the morning grandson Paul conducted a newly composed peal written by Robert Brown (Bovey Tracey), aptly named 'Pickles Surprise Major' of over 5000 changes. In the afternoon a peal was rung at Ashburton. In the evening the bells at Buckland were rung by enumerable ringers. Neighbouring Widecombe provided a complete team of 8 for the occasion. Although dad has not touched a rope for many months he

was not to be out done on this auspicious occasion. He was ferried to the tower in a wheel chair, posed for photos and rang a short touch until the wind in his sails ran out.

A collection of around £700 was generously donated towards the bell restoration project. A splendid running supper was provided in the hall and thanks is due to all those who helped to make the day a memorable one.

Saturday the 23rd June saw the re-dedication of Buckland's bells and 'Pickles' resigning and passing the ropes to Clare Perryman.

Work was to the girder ends in the West wall, the clappers had remedial work and some bearings were replaced. The bells are now set fair for another few years and preserved for future ringing. Sadly the tower has been very quiet over the past couple

of years on Sunday, but with the new captain Clare the future looks good. Pickles on the other hand raised the standing of ringing at Buckland from obscurity to well respected over his 48 years in charge. We thank him for what he has done at Buckland and Devon Call Change ringing in general. He will be a hard act to follow. The 23rd saw the passage of around 70 ringers during the day. A bit thin on the ground during the morning session but very busy during the afternoon. Pickles managed to ring a few rounds along with his wife Vida in the post dedication touch. Please change your tower contact to Clare Perryman. Southbrook Farm, Buckland in the Moor. Tel 01364 653234. Thank you for the support from Devon and Cornwall. Graham Pascoe

Rolling League suggestion from Graham Sharland

The format would be simple. Teams would be in groups of four and of similar ability. Each team would ring against the others, one on one, at a neutral tower. The ringing would be judged in the normal way, but the winning team would be awarded three points, the team coming second two points if they had less than half as many faults again as the winning team, one point if the margin was more than half as many but less than double the winning faults and no points if the margin was more than double. The incentive would therefore be to do as well as possible even if you were to think you might lose!

After all fixtures had been rung, over a period of three months, the team at the top of the group would be 'promoted' into the group above and be replaced by the team demoted from the above group. Similarly the team at the bottom of the group would go down to be replaced by the team at the top of the group below coming up. The next set of fixtures would then be rung and over time teams move up or down the ladder according to their ability and form, but importantly they would always be ringing against teams of a similar ability.

Just as important as all of this is of course the opportunity to mix with

other ringers and enjoy the social benefits that this would afford! I would be keen to hear the thoughts of you and your fellow ringers on this idea and hope we may be able to get it off the ground. It would make sense to organize it on a regional basis to avoid teams having to travel too far, but this would also allow for the possibility of an occasional inter-regional competition to see how others are doing!

I have set out a fictitious (!) fixture, results and league to illustrate how it might operate. **Rolling league format showing example of fixtures, results and league table.** *These are purely fictitious and for example only!*

Group members:
Stoke Gabriel
Collaton St Mary
Broadhempston
Holbeton

Each team rings against the others at a neutral tower, 3 points awarded to the winning team, 2 points awarded to the losing team if their faults are less than half as many again than the winner, 1 point awarded to the losing team if their faults are more than half as many again but less than double the winner, thus:

Stoke Gabriel 23 faults (3 points) v
Collaton St Mary 31 faults (2 points)

Broadhempston 33 (3 points) v
Holbeton 37 (2 points)

Stoke Gabriel 15 (3 points) v
Holbeton 33 (0 points)

Broadhempston 27 (2 points) v
Collaton St Mary 22 (3 points)

Holbeton 24 (3 points) v
Collaton St Mary 37 (0 point)

Stoke Gabriel 18 (3 points) v
Broadhempston 28 (1 point)

Table after results

9 points Stoke Gabriel
6 points Broadhempston
5 points Holbeton
5 points Collaton St Mary

Holbeton finish above Collaton as they won the fixture between those two teams. Stoke get promoted and Broadhempston get relegated to be replaced by the teams from the groups above and below, depending on their results. I do request that teams that are interested should write to me with their tower name and contact details. Do you think the idea has merit? Would you be interested in joining such a league? How far would you travel to partake in the league?

Many thanks. Graham Sharland

Atherington

After 25 years of silence, the bells of St Mary's Church, Atherington, are set to ring again this summer. After fund-raising efforts and the reconditioning of the bells, the strengthening of the church's tower is all that is needed.

St Mary's and the local community have managed to raise £20,000 but a colossal £75,000 is needed to complete the job.

It was in the mid-80s when five bells were removed due to the strain their weight was putting on the tower and the rusting frame that supported them.

The Rev John Carvosso said: "We have had the bells redone so the next stage is to strengthen the tower. The new frame is ready to go. It is currently being stored in a shed at a farm just outside of Atherington."

Around half of the money raised by the community had to be spent on the reconditioning of the bells and the labour that was involved. "They had to be re-bushed, have new head stocks put in and tuned again," said Mr Carvosso.

"It took two people three days to take them down and transport them to the workshop. They had to be repaired, then they had to be transported back to us."

There are actually six bells in the tower, but the final one couldn't be removed due to a tight trap-door that obstructed its way. Mr Carvosso said: "The tower had to be strengthened and a new frame had to be constructed. There has been much work involved in getting the bells back to the condition they should be in."

The campaign to get the bells ringing again started in the 80s but was not completed.

Mr Carvosso said: "We started this project again five years ago and it has been a long process but we will carry on."

An anonymous donor has pledged £40,000 to get the ball rolling and it is hoped the community will pull together to raise the remaining sum. "We hope to start a friends organisation to raise some more funds."

To make a donation send a cheque, payable to Friends of St Mary's, to Philip Milton, c/o The Conservative Office, The Strand, Barnstaple, EX31 1EU.

Mid Week Ringers

The annual holiday for the Ringkly Ringers was Monday 11th to 15th June staying at Westfield House, Blaby, Leicester. An early start for some as the coach started from North Devon making it way through Devon picking up ringers along the way. The first ringing stop was at Bishops Cleeve where Chris lead the team up using the tenor. I did say it was an early start for some. Traveling towards Leicester the afternoon stop was at Swindon Village. We made our way to our fine hotel at Blaby. A good choice John. A gym, swimming pool, high quality furnishings and a good menu although bar prices raising some eyebrows and was the centre of conversation for some. Monday night was the practice night for Blaby and some had venture to the tower. A display of Devon Call Change Ringing was requested and ringers were easy to find as they were in the nearest pub!

Tuesday saw us back to the local church at Blaby and then to Counterthorpe. Lunch saw ringing at Whetstone, onto Enderby and finishing the day at Narborough. Wednesday was an exciting day started with Aylestone and then to St Mary de Castro in the centre of Leicester. The afternoon saw us ringing at Knighton and South Wigston. Many friends from the area joined us throughout the day and made the holiday more memorable.

Thursday was the high point of the holiday with the day starting at Desford and on to Anstey. After lunch we made our way to Loughborough to visit the foundry and museum.

We had a guided tour and we had lectured on the casting and tuning of bells. There was a great deal of repartee. We visited the workshops and then were fortunate enough to watch two bells being cast.

The tour finished with a ringing in the Campanile a 6 cwt ring of ten. We then went on to ring at Oaks in Charnwood and returning to the hotel for our last dinner. Speeches were made and Linda and John Staddon were presented with gifts showing the appreciation from the ringers for all the work in ensuring we had an enjoyable time.

All good things come to end, but not just yet. We made our way South travelling past many flooded fields after the evening rain storm. We rang at Painswick the churchyard with 99 yew trees (John had not checked that out). The Gloucester & Bristol Association run an annual competition to find its best kept tower and this year Painswick won its class and also best overall. It was not only tidiness but also points for evidence of active teaching, Sunday service ringing, a welcoming atmosphere and social life of members of the band.

Our next stop was at Stroud. The only day when we were caught by showers. This really was an enjoyable week. The towers had been arranged by a local contact and there were ample choices for refreshment at lunch times.

Thank you to John and Linda for the arrangements and we look forward to our holiday in 2008 in the Swindon area.

Proposed towers for 2007

Second Wednesday of the Month

August	St Giles in the Wood	High Bickington
September	Wetheridge	West Worlington
October	To be decided	To be decided
November	Drewsteignton	Spreyton
December	To be decided	

Please check the venue before setting out.

Any queries please contact: Ken Rowe on 01803 521489

Obituaries

We wish to remember

Morley Williams from Braunton & **Mr Steer** of Bow who have died.

Sydney Harris

On Wednesday 7th of December 2006, Sydney Thomas Harris of Broadwoodkelly passed away at the age of 105 years. Sydney was born, one of a family of six at Broadwoodkelly in 1901. The family were carpenters and wheelwrights and his father Earnest was Captain of bell ringers. Sydney learnt to ring, with at least three of his brothers when he left school and as he rang on his hundredth birthday was a ringer for 85 years. He took over as captain from his father about 50 years ago. Many people might remember him as proprietor of "Silvertrees", a restaurant which his wife ran in the village for many years.

Hilda Boobier

Mrs Hilda Boobier died on 10th January. She was a vice-president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and a long-time ringer at Exeter St David. She will long be remembered for the wonderful teas she provided after Guild committee meetings, the last one in January 2006 when she was already well into her nineties. An amazing lady!

John Leary

Members have reported the death of John Leary (Queen's 1967-68) on Thursday 29 March 2007.

Gerald Box

Gerald Box of Bratton Clovelly died and his funeral was held on Tuesday 7 May 2007. Many ringing friends attended and were able to ring at the service.

Tom Tripp

Tom Tripp of Cheriton Bishop and Dunsford died on Monday 6 May 2007.

Bill Myers

Alfred W (Bill) Myers of Plymouth died last Tuesday, 19 June, aged 99 years. Bill was elected to the Society in 1939 and was possibly our oldest living Member.

Revd John Gilbert Mortimer Scott died peacefully at Torbay Hospital on 9th July 2007.

The Funeral Eucharist was held at St Mary's Parish Church, Totnes on Monday 23rd July at 2pm.

John Scott celebrated his last Eucharist at Brooking on 1 July and attended his last Eucharist at Totnes on Wednesday 4 July. He was admitted to the hospital in pain on the Thursday, but was still alert until the afternoon of the day he died. He was loved and respected by so many and will be sorely missed.

John learnt to ring as an undergraduate at Teddy Hall in Oxford, but returned to Devon after his ordination, and served his title at St Thomas in Exeter. After another curacy in Newton Abbot, he became vicar of a cluster of small parishes near Holsworthy. Much of his priestly ministry was at Newton St Cyres near Exeter (where he taught Mike Mears to ring), and before retirement he was the vicar of Bampton.

He had been librarian of the Devon Guild for over fifty years, as well as serving as Central Council Representative and bells advisor. He was President of the Central Council in the late 70s, and a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee. He had been Bells and Clocks advisor to the Diocese of Exeter, and published the magisterial two volume 'Towers and Bells of Devon' at the beginning of this year, written in conjunction with Frank Mack and James Clarke. Lester Yeo states "I do not know how many peals he rang, but he was in the first Guild resident band to ring Surprise Major." His last ringing was the Monday before he died when his son John took him to ring at South Brent so that he could present a copy of the book he co-authored to the tower in memory of Tim Lankester, a South Brent ringer who died suddenly last year.

Alan Beer

We sadly recorded the death of Alan Beer of Kenton on 18th October. Many of you knew Alan through his association friends and competition ringing and also with the Ringkly Ringers. He was also a loyal and dedicated member of the band here at Kenton.

Alan died at his home, Cobbe Cottage Kenton, the house in which he was born. His funeral service took place at Kenton and was attended by many of his ringing friends; his coffin was borne to and from the church on the shoulders of his six sons.

The day was bright and dry and Kenton ringers and some of Alan's ringing friends rang the bells half muffled before and after the service.

By training Alan was an engineer and hand made keys for various churches where getting replacements was almost impossible. He was tremendously helpful when we had the bells of Kenton renovated in 2000. He could be relied on to do a thorough job in methodical way and with very good humour. He was an encouragement and good example to us all.

Many will also know that Alan was a very good gardener, he took pride in his own large plot, and also completed work around the district for other people.

He was my neighbour and we shared many stories over the garden boundary. I can do no more than offer one of Alan's favourite pieces of poetry by Alexander Pope, which I think sums up his way of life.

Happy the man whose wish and care,

A few paternal acres bound,
Content to breathe his native air,
In his own ground.

We miss his company.

Mike Adams. Captain, Kenton Ringers.

Towers and Bells of Devon by J Scott, F Mack and J Clarke

This comprehensive work (The Mint Press ISBN 978-1 90335644-9 - £75) in two volumes and despite a paperback, is a monumental work carrying details on over 3,000 bells found in more than 500 parish churches across Devon, plus their towers, turrets, bell-cotes and a good deal more.

Even those not particularly interested in bells or churches will find this book enthralling it has so much history within, including more than 300 illustrations. This is a book for all those with an enquiring mind. This set is also a testament to John Scott, who edited this fine work. All

three were ringers and had a common interest and immense energy to complete so mammoth a task, albeit long overdue, the last survey was published in 1867. Readers can order this set, post free, by telephoning 01392 459760 or by e-mail to stevensbooks@hotmail.com.

Auntie's Armada to Portsmouth

As has become traditional the Chagford Ringers and friends went for their annual jaunt, Friday to Sunday, 18–20 August 2006 by coach starting at 6:00am and headed, via Whiddon Down and Exeter to pick up other members and head towards Hampshire. Stopping at Romsey we met Gwynneth and Christopher Amery and other friends from across the country. Gwynneth, is well and misses Chagford but quite sure that she made the right decision to move to Romsey to be nearer to her family. We were then complete with 26 ringers. Romsey Abbey was a splendid start to the programme despite the wet weather during lunch. There is a £160,000 appeal to renovate the bellframe. Others towers later that day were Titchfield, Wickham and St Mary's Portsea. Accommodation was at Rees Hall, Southsea, halls for Portsmouth University with views across to Isle of Wight. All rooms were *en suite* (rather more luxurious than in the student days of many of our ringers). The evening meal was provided by the staff and a nourishing breakfast the following day when we travelled through the spectacular Meon Valley and then ringing at All Saints Catherington recently augmented from six to eight bells. The chamber was cramped for eight but even the more amply proportioned ringers managed! Onto Hambledon and then East Meon, a church with two fonts, one at each end of the church. Ringing continued in Sober-ton and us ringing at a wedding at Bishops Waltham. Swanmore provided a pleasant peal to complete this tiring day with supper at the Sally Port Arms opposite Portsmouth Cathedral where we rang the following Sunday for the morning service. The bells were undoubtedly the highlight of the weekend. After lunch our last tower was at St Faith, Havant, a swaying and noisy set with interesting results. Farewells were said to those travelling home by train and car and we even left Julia and Evan behind to have a holiday on the Isle of Wight! Having drop off various folk nearer to their homes only three ringers returned to Chagford by coach. For 2007 the date is fixed as well as the towers and accommodation and we will be ringing in the Leamington Spa area. Julia Endacott and Colin Barnes (*Abridged by editor.*)

Christmas Bash in the South Hams.

On Friday December 1st the Hon Sec set off from Yeovil with an empty 17-seater minibus. Only 5000 on the clock and a six speed gear box! Kenton was the first port of call, where young Adams, Trout and Clayton were recovering from a late heavy night! The remainder of the Wednesday Ringers (the evening group not the wrinklies!) and the Adams trio boarded the bus after parking their cars.

Off we set to Teignmouth. Not for ringing but for breakfast. Had to keep Mr Clayton happy. A full English all round – went down well. Off we went then to Teignmouth St James. We met up with John Pearse from Oxford and had some good ringing. No parking ticket for being on double yellows!

Then on we went to Kingsteignton. South Brent knows how to ring these. Young Bill Avery – a fine Devon ringer with a wealth of experience, greeted us. We put these up and down a few times. Enjoyed them thoroughly.

Lunchtime beckoned – next stop Church House at Marldon. We then made a draw for two six bell teams – the oldest and youngest had to judge, along with Colin Adams who had just arrived. Marg White did a fine job with her team, having a fine rise and steady top ringing. The second team on struggled – lacked a treble ringer – oh he made Wrighty sweat! Needless to say Marg's team came first. Clayton went to sleep during peal one!

On we travelled to Collaton. This is a fine light set. They can be rung. Warmed them up for the Totnes winter league! Final tower today was Brixham. They go well, but a certain Morthoe ringer could not keep the second up! Back on the bus and headed to the higher ferry. Fortunately it was waiting for us! Crossing the Dart added to the adventure. We then found our digs, scrubbed up and headed into Dartmouth for some grub. Rounded off a good day.

Saturday arrived. What a fine breakfast. All made it by 8.30am, even young Trout! Down we wandered to Dartmouth St Saviour. What a fantastic set of eight! Brought back some memories. Colin enjoyed the peal of titums. The hour and half soon past – on we headed to Slapton. We made them sing. Al-

ways worth a visit. Most of the party dived in the Tower Inn!

Stokenham was the next stop. The Tradesman's Inn is worth a visit. A landlord with a sense of humour! Then back to the ringing – Stokenham is where the Hon Sec learnt to ring (and still is!). The late Bill Sanders taught him in 1982. Bill passed away four years ago – time flies. The competition here was North versus South. South went first and took a while to settle. They beat the North quite easily, thanks to Steve's fine marking.

Then onto Charleton. Done up a few years ago. Old versus the Young here. Well the youngsters walked it! Final tower of the day was Kingsbridge. These bells do not get ring very much. We had some fair striking and finished up on the back six for young Sally. Thanks to Raymond, we finished up in the Kings Arms for a steak dinner – special Saturday night offer. We loaded up and headed back to Dartmouth for our final night on the town.

Sunday dawned after a rough night (and the weather was poor!). We had to be at Ashburton for 9.15am. Alan keeps this fine 8 in order. Had some fair ringing. A short interlude allowed us to pop into the Buckfast Abbey tearooms for coffee. Then up the Buckfastleigh – these can now be heard well. An enjoyable ring.

Dinner (some had a huge carvery) in Buckfast, then onto Buckland for service ringing. Good to see young 90 year old Pickles – still driving. Also Stuart and Mr Caunter were there, and pleased that Chris was able to join us. The trip was rounded off with a quick drink in Bovey Tracey, where some good cards were played. Paul and Chris need some practice!

Thanks to all for your support. Sorry that Fred White and the Bowdens were unable to make it. Cheers! JJD.

Ringers' Road Show 2008

The 6th Road show will be held on 5/6 September 2008 at Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire. Planning is well advanced and it is time to get the date into every ringer's diary. Download posters from the website www.ringingroadshow2008.org.uk.

Each show has been bigger than the previous one. The show will take the best of what has been done previously and build on that, adding many new attractions for all ages and interests.

Old Ringing Certificates

Having always taken an interest in the old and ancient, a ringing certificate hanging in my home tower of St Giles in the Wood had always fascinated me. It is the oldest one I have ever come across, being a First Certificate won by the St Giles team in a competition held at West Down on Boxing Day 1892. The team consisted of W J Clemens, F Hookway, C Hookway and W H Hookway (a surname synonymous with ringing at St Giles until quite recently), W B Richards and W Heywood. The mind boggles at the thought of the journey to West Down in the first place, walk or bicycle to Torrington Station perhaps, then the train? Or perhaps bike all the way, who knows? Whilst travelling around to other towers, I always cast my eye over the certificates hung on the walls or stacked in the corner, and it was with some surprise that I found the Second and Third Certificates for the same competition in the towers of the teams that won them. Second was won by High Bickington (J Coles, J Gooding, H Clements, J Headon, S Cole and J Down). Third was Morteboe (H Walls, J Yeo, W Smith, J Butler, W H Walls and S Yeo). The First Certificate in gold and Second in silver are quite grand affairs, having above the certificate itself, four photos, namely exterior and interior view of West Down Church, the Vicar of West Down and a photo of what I presume was the then West Down Team. The Third Certificate is simpler having no photos above and printed in blue. The judges were W Bale, S Goss and L Collins. The fact that all three certificates survive from a competition held one hundred and four years ago is a small miracle and gives us a glimpse into the history of our hobby. The competition was probably very similar to today, the meeting of ringing friends, rivalry both friendly and not so friendly, an enjoyable day out and for some the joys of victory, for others the disappointment of defeat. If you are contemplating a clearout do not cast aside any old fading certificates but try to preserve them. (One North Devon tower deposited their collection in the local records office.) These are valuable historical documents testifying to the durability and longevity of our Devon Call Change style. Has anyone any certificates before 1892? Andrew Gist.

Bicentenary—Modbury

On Sunday 15 April 2007 about 50 ringers celebrated the bi-centenary of the six bells at St George's Church, Modbury. In 1806 the old set of five bells, some being cracked, it was agreed to have a peal of six bells and Thomas Bilbie of Cullompton was fixed on as the bell founder. He used the metal of the old five bells with the addition of 1179 lb of metal at a cost of 180d per lb to make up the six bells. The five bells had been cast by Thomas Pennington in 1621. He also had used the metal of the existing four bells, but of the origin of these four nothing is known. Perhaps they were as old as the tower itself, which was built in 1350. So some of the metal in the present bells could have been ringing out over Modbury of over 600 years! The new bells were first rung in Modbury on 15 April 1807 by ringers from Aveton Gifford and Plymouth, and afterwards they sat down to a handsome dinner provided by the Exeter Inn. Unlike the present day perhaps there were not many competent ringers in Modbury to ring that first peal.

A rededication service was held on Sunday 15 April 2007 led by Canon Rodney Bomford, who very kindly composed the first verse of the first hymn and I quote:

Two hundred years we celebrate today

Since first our bells beamed out the gospel ray:

Calling to prayer with every gracious sound

Modbury below, the hills and fields around

After the service the bells rang out for an hour and a half and then we retired to the Modbury Inn for a well earned lunch and to continue the celebrations. The ringers present included all the officers of the Woodleigh Deanery Association, the Training Officer, David Trist, and many past ringers of Modbury including a past captain, John Caunter, and Fred Rice aged 90 to whom we are indebted for a generous donation to the ringing fund. As Fred explained, it was "for the pleasure and privilege of ringing the Modbury bells for over 60 years".

A DVD of the occasion has kindly been produced by Mr Ron Andrews, lasting approximately 30 minutes and copies are available through me on 01548830244 at a cost of £5.

D.C.B.R.F.

The Secretary of the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund reported to the AGM in November that 2006 was a relatively quiet year with no changes in personnel and just the usual two meetings, one in Holy Week, hosted by Brian Drake, when they were treated to a sumptuous array of cakes and one on the day of the Association's AGM.

At the beginning of the year the fund stood at £16,359. Since that time three grants totalling £3,600 have been paid. These were £500 to Hartland for new bearings, clapper work and a new headstock, £100 to Broadhempston for work to the frame, bell wheel and bell chamber floor and £3,000 to Bridgerule towards re-hanging the eight bells in a new frame with all new fittings.

Income during the year amounted to £6,400, including £2,500 from the Association Draw, £500 from the sales of Tower Directory and £1,000 from the Guild, £374 from the Guild 2005 Quarter Peal Week, £500 from the Huntsham ringing centre, £543 donation from George Retter's funeral and £600 from Ottery St Mary. As ever, we are most grateful for any donation, no matter how small.

Grants previously agreed, but not taken include £1,000 to Rewe, £2,000 to Berry Pomeroy, £400 to Roseash, £250 to Kennerleigh, £500 to Germansweek, £1,500 to Emmanuel and £4,500 to East Worlington. Further grants agreed in November were £1,100 to Buckland in the Moor and £2,800 to Zeal Monachorum. The uncommitted balance then stood at £6,081.

Latest works

Berry Pomeroy—frame deemed unsafe and fund raising to start for a complete overhaul of the 8.

East Worlington—The restored ring of 6 with a tenor 5-1-23 were dedicated on 15 April. New contact Lt.Col. P E Townsend, Waterside Cottage, West Worlington, Crediton, Devon, EX17 4TT.

Germansweek—The 5 now have new gear and roller bearings.

Merton—The 6 to be put on roller bearings and new gear.

Northleigh—The four bells to be rehung with new fittings possibly late October.

Wembury—The 6 being overhauled.

Devon Call Change Challenge:

On the 1st September 2007 the Devon Association of Ringers will be holding a Call Change Challenge Competition which will be held in the picturesque village of Branscombe on the East Devon coast. Branscombe are a 14cwt peal of 6. Teams from outside the County of Devon are invited to take part in this unusual event and pit their skills using the art of Devon call change ringing. Competing teams will be asked to ring "60 on 3rds", otherwise known as the "The Queens Peal". If people don't know, the peal consists of 66 changes with a rise and fall on the bells and no open leads. This peal features inside the back cover of the Ringer's Diary.

We hope that teams from outside Devon will take an interest in our art of ringing and compete against the top qualifying teams from Devon. There will be two trophies, one for the overall winner and the other for the best placed out of County team, plus certificates too. If teams are interested please contact Paul Pascoe or Ryan Trout.

It is hoped that teams will make a weekend of it as there are plenty of places to stay and around 10 towers to be open in the East Devon area for quarter and full peals. If you like your real ale and food then Branscombe is the place, it has two very good pubs, The Masons Arms which is one of Devon's finest looking inns which serves good beer and great food and you also have the Fountain Head Inn which has been voted CAMRA Pub of East Devon twice and did win the Regional pub of the year in 1999 and still serves great ale and does some traditional fayre! Branscombe also has its own beach which some of you may well have seen on TV recently as the home to the tanker the MSC Napoli. Even if you are not interested in taking part this year why not come and see what a Devon Call Change event is all about and then maybe in 2008 you will bring your own team along and give it a go.

The competition will start at noon with pre-arranged time slots being allocated to 20 teams. There will be a short service at 4pm followed by tea. Certificates will be presented to all participating teams. The results will be announced in church at 8pm. Parking is limited so car sharing is encouraged.

Ryan Trout

St Michael's Honiton

What support is there for restoring the bells at St Michael's, Honiton where the current rector is a ringer. It is a pity they are not ringable any more. There had been an estimate of about £30,000 (probably 10 years ago) for a full restoration. The church is still used for occasional services such as weddings and funerals. St Michael's, Honiton is probably the heaviest six in Devon, although there is an estimated weight for the tenor. The frame is massive, but the foundation-beams are not visible and could be dubious. Most of the gear would need replacing, as nothing has been done for many years. The church is a problem, being on the hillside where Honiton's original community stood before it moved down to the main road in the Middle Ages, and although it's a very fine building the maintenance is costly and there is no heating and cannot be used all the year round.

It turns out (from an earlier report) that both the 5 and 6 are seriously cracked and the whole ring is in need of a complete overhaul, including replacing the old plain bearings, headstocks, etc., retuning and turning the bells to make them worth all the effort. There is likely to be wet rot in the floor of the ringing chamber.

There is now new housing estates nearby, since they were last rung in earnest, and problems might just be beginning if the bells were to be rung again. The Honiton ringers said that they used to be a delightful ring of bells however Derek Ballard says the cause seems to have lost some of its momentum. Lester Yeo would love to see the bells at St Michael's back in action as his grandparents are buried there and his grandfather completed a lot of the woodwork in the church after the fire. The costs might be exorbitant as plenty of other work needs to be done.

The bells have been silent for a long time and any additional noise may not be welcome although sound control may easily solve this. The longer the old bells and fittings remain decaying, the less likely it is the work will ever be done. Ringers would agree that it is intolerable that nothing is being done about giving the church a ringable set of bells again. The church authorities may well have an opinion. Please contact Derek Ballard to voice your opinion or to give an offer of help.

Zeal Monachorum

The tower and bells of Zeal Monachorum have an historical as well as present day significance for all bell ringers, as it was there in 1924 that the Devon Association of Bell-ringers was founded by the Reverend Augustine McCarthy.

His aim and vision to improve the standard of Sunday ringing. The first round ringing competition was held there in conjunction with the dedication of the new treble bell in September 1925.

The bells stopped ringing in Zeal Monachorum for about 23 years from 1967, mainly because the tower at that time was considered unsafe.

In 1988 work was carried out to strengthen the tower and the expenditure at that time on the bells was purely to bring them back into ringing order after the long lay-off. The bearings were cleaned and polished and the fittings received a general overhaul. New bell ropes were also fitted.

The situation in recent years.

In brief the bell fittings were worn out. The general condition of the moving parts, especially the bearings, these being old fashioned gudgeons meant that urgent major works were needed to ensure that the ringing tradition in Zeal Monachorum was able to continue. The bells were becoming particularly troublesome to ring, making it difficult to maintain regular practices and Sunday ringing and more so, to enrol and train new bell ringers. The Parochial Church Council supported the total restoration of the bells.

March 2007 Restoration Work

Nicholson Engineering bell works of Bridport carried out the complete restoration that included the rehang of the five larger bells with new headstocks and gudgeons in ball bearings. Tuning all six bells, the works carried out at Whitechapel, London. Providing new stays and sliders to suit the new headstocks. Providing new clappers and crown staples and installing a set of rope guides to improve the ease and safety of rope handling for the ringers. The major restoration cost was £30,000. All six bells were transported safely back into the tower on June 19th 2007, with further adjustments being carried out over the following week. The first full peal took place on Saturday 30th June to mark this very special occasion.

Results

Tavistock Deanery at Lydford for the Barriball Shield Inter Deanery Qualifier held on the 14th October 2006 at Lydford.

1	Lamerton	41
2	Tavistock	57 3/4
3	Meavy	121 1/4
4	Lydford	133 1/4

Geoff & Valerie Hill novice Cup (5 Min top round ringing)

1	Lifton	48 1/2
2	Lydford	76 1/2

Tawstock 8 Bell competition held at Kingsteignton on 27 Oct

1.	South Brent	36
2.	Exminster	61
3.	Chittlehampton	62 1/2
4.	Exeter Cathedral	65
5.	Exeter St Petrock	72 1/2
6.	Paignton	77 1/2
7.	Chagford	91
8.	High Bickington	102 1/2
9.	Ipplepen	155

Totnes Deanery Winter League competition at Stoke Gabriel on 6 January 2007.

1.	Stoke Gabriel A	27
2.	South Brent A	41 1/2
3.	Broadhempston	52
4.	Collaton St Mary	59
5.	Diptford	76
6.	South Brent B	76 1/2
7.	Stoke Gabriel B	87
8.	Halwell	106

Top ringing

Collaton St Mary	33 1/2
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Cadbury Deanery Held At Sandford January 18th 2007

1.	Down St. Mary
2.	Zeal Monachorum
3.	Lapford
4.	Sandford
5.	Colebrooke

Totnes Deanery Winter League held at South Brent on 8 Feb

1.	South Brent A	40
2.	Broadhempston	52 1/2
3.	Stoke Gabriel A	57 1/2
4.	Halwell	76 1/2
5.	South Brent B	86 3/4
6.	Stoke Gabriel B	100 3/4

Totnes Deanery Winter League at Diptford on 17 February 2007 Ringing for Les Stone Shield

1.	Stoke Gabriel B	29
2.	South Brent A	31
3.	Stoke Gabriel A	32
4.	South Brent B	59
5.	Halwell	60
6.	Broadhempston	62
7.	Diptford	68
Top ringing Section		
1.	Broadhempston	85

Cadbury Deanery Winter League At Down St. Mary on 22nd February

1.	Lapford
2.	Zeal Monachorum
3.	Sandford
4.	Down St. Mary

Association Novice Competition held at Ide on 10 March 2007

Round ringing section (7 minutes round ringing):

1.	Burrington	31
2.	Plympton	34.25
3.	Exeter St Davids	39
4.	Dartmouth	40.5
5.	Chagford	42.75
6.	Yarcombe	49.25

Call change section (half peal from the stay): The top two teams are invited to the minor final.

1.	Morebath	22.25
2.	Upton	24.75
3.	Chagford	26.5
4.	Alphington	28.5
5.	Dartmouth A	29.25
6.	Inwardleigh	33.25
7.	Chivelstone	34.25
8.	Salcombe	34.75
9.	South Pool A	36.25
10.	Plympton	41.5
11.	Moretonhampstead	42
12.	South Pool B	47.5
13.	Exeter St David A	52.25
14.	Ide	61.75
15.	Dartmouth B	71.5
16.	Exeter St David B	72.25
17.	Doddyscombsleigh	74

Judges:

Scott Adams, Chris Clayton, Steve Herniman and Mervyn Langdon

Final Round of Cadbury Deanery Winter League Held At Lapford 15th March

1.	Zeal Monachorum	27
2.	Down St. Mary	40
3.	Lapford	63
4.	Sandford	80

The Final positions overall

1.	Down St. Mary	24 pts
2.	Zeal Monachorum	23 pts
3.	Lapford	22 pts
4.	Sandford	14pts
5.	Colebrooke	8pts

Ide Competition Held on 14th April 2007

Section A

1.	Egg Buckland	5 1/2
2.	Stoke Gabriel	34
3.	Dunsford	41
4.	Alphington A	45 1/2
5.	Spreyton	54
6.	Kenn	55 1/2
7.	Ide A	68

8. North Bovey – 68 1/2 Section B

1.	Alphington C	80 1/2
2.	Alphington B	88 1/2
3.	Down St Mary	89
4.	Ide B	94
5.	Widcombe	112
6.	South Brent B	112 1/2
7.	South Tawton	180

Judges:

Percy Pester and John Coulthirst.

Inter Deanery held at South Brent on 21 April 2007.

Commemorating the 60th anniversary with Jack Rhymes who presented the awards and attended the inaugural meeting also held at South Brent.

1.	Egguckland	22 1/2
2.	Exminster	46
3.	Kingsteignton	48 1/2
4.	South Brent	49
5.	Plymstock	57 1/2
6.	Stoke Gabriel	65 1/2
7.	Dunsford	66 1/2
8.	West Alvington	68
9.	North Bovey	91
10.	Widcombe	138 3/4
11.	Paignton	167

Lamerton no result

Best Deanery

Plymstock and Ivybridge 80

Devon Association 8 Bell Competition held at East Budleigh on 28 April 2007.

1.	Kingsteignton	19 3/4
2.	High Bickington	38
3.	Buckland	48 1/4
4.	Chittlehampton	59 1/2
5.	Paignton	69 1/2
6.	Exeter Cathedral	78 1/2
7.	Widcombe	135

Exminster disqualified

Judges: Ryan Trout, Neil Holloway, Ivor Hookway, Brian Drake and Percy Pester as scrutineer.

Woodleigh Deanery ringers held their Diamond Jubilee competition on May 5th at All Saints church South Milton. After the wonderful service in the especially decorated church, the judges for the day Messrs Darke and Langdon were escorted to their "listening post" and ringing commenced. The Junior Section and the Ladies team rang before an excellent tea in the village hall provided by the host tower. The Senior Section rang after tea and the presentation of awards was by the president Mr. Keith Steer. Both Jack Rhymes and Harry Bardens rang today and in the first competition in 1947 and every one since.

Results

South Milton—5 May 2007

Junior Section.

1	South Milton	51 3/4
2	Malborough	67 3/4
3	Chivelstone	70 1/2
4	Salcombe	81 3/4
5	South Pool A	88 3/4
6	South Pool B	96 1/2
7	Sherford	97 3/4

Senior Section

1	West Alvington	39 1/2
2	Modbury B	61 1/2*
3	Churchstow	76 1/2
4	Modbury A	88 1/2
5	Laddiswell	118 1/2

*Modbury B were adjudged to have gone off course and after a vote it was agreed that they should be relegated one place. The Ladies team recorded 80 1/2 faults and a certificate of their efforts will be placed in South Milton tower. Thank you South Milton for a wonderful day.

Totnes Deanery Competition held at Halwell on 5 May 2007

1.	South Brent A	38 1/4
2.	Stoke Gabriel A	50 1/4
3.	Diptford	57 3/4
4.	South Brent B	75
5.	Broadhempston	77
6.	Halwell	88
7.	Stoke Gabriel B	105 1/2

Devon Association South Qualifier held at Colaton Raleigh on 12 May 2007

1.	Egguckland	10
2.	Dunsford	16 1/2
3.	Stoke Gabriel	20
4.	West Alvington	23
5.	Exeter St Petrock	24
6.	Lamerton	26 1/4
7.	South Brent	28 3/4
8.	North Bovey	46
9.	Ide	90 1/4
10.	Holbeton	97

Judges: Percy Pester, John Cole, Ian Avery, Paul Pascoe and Scrutineer Sue Husband.

Devon Association North Qualifier held at Bishopslympton on 12th May 2007

1.	Burrington A	13%
2.	Mortehoe	20
3.	Burrington B	21%
4.	West Down	24%
5.	Idlesleigh	24%
6.	Drewsteignton	29%
7.	Littleham	35%
8.	Inwardleigh	36%
9.	Mariansleigh	41%
10.	Zeal Monachorum	63%
11.	Warkleigh	74%
12.	East Anstey	NR
13.	Pyworthy	NR

Results from the Competition held at Down St Mary on 19 May 2007

1.	Dunsford	17
2.	Burrington	27
3.	South Tawton	34
4.	Stoke Gabriel	39
5.	Kingsteignton	43
6.	Sandford	47
7.	Exminster	49
8.	Zeal Monachorum	59
9.	Lapford	71
10.	Ide	83
11.	Bow	120

Devon Association Minor Final held at Shebbear on 26th May.

1.	South Brent -	28%
2.	Lamerton -	30%
3.	Inwardleigh -	41%
4.	Littleham -	45%
5.	Zeal Monachorum	49%
6.	North Bovey -	52%
7.	Mariansleigh -	55
8.	Holberton -	63
9.	Drewsteignton -	NR -
10.	Ide -	NR -

Okehampton Deanery Competition held at Northlew on 2 June 2007

Novice Section.

1.	Northlew	29%
2.	Bridestowe	31%
3.	Chagford	35
4.	Sampford Courtenay	40%

Intermediate Section.

1.	Chagford	33
2.	Exbourne	33%

Main Section.

1.	Sampford Courtenay A	37%
2.	Chagford A	39%
3.	Chagford B	42
4.	South Tawton A	43
5.	Bridestowe	66%
6.	Sampford Courtenay B	77
7.	South Tawton B	85%

North Tawton N/R (rang off course)

Littleham Competition Held on 2nd June

A Open Section

1.	Mortehoe -	18%
2.	West Down -	21%
3.	Zeal Monachorum	26%
4.	Winsford -	28%
5.	East Anstey -	34
6.	Burrington A -	38%
7.	Burrington B -	61
8.	Mariansleigh -	65

B Section -

Hartland Torridge Deanery		
1.	Black Torrington -	34%
2.	Abbotsham -	40%
3.	Alwington -	40%
4.	Idlesleigh -	41%
5.	Inwardleigh -	48

6.	Appledore -	71
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7.	Pyworthy -	90
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Moreton Deanery Festival Held at Ilstington on 2 June 2007

1.	North Bovey	54 Faults
2.	Widcombe A	68
3.	Widcombe B	74
4.	Bickington	75
5.	Ashburton	96
6.	Bovey Tracey	96 1/2
7.	Ilstington	97
8.	Manaton	134 1/2
9.	Holne	190

Plympton and Ivybridge Deaneries Competition Held at Shaugh Prior on 2nd June

A section (Rise - 60s on thirds - lower)

1.	Egguckland -	20
2.	Plymstock -	30 1/2
3.	Holbeton -	53

B section (60s on thirds from the stay)

1.	Tamerton Foliot -	33 1/2
2.	Bickleigh B -	35
3.	Brixton -	39
4.	Bickleigh A -	46 1/2

Devon Association Major Final held at Blackawton on 9 June 2007.

1.	Egguckland	14 1/2
2.	Dunsford	23 1/2
3.	Stoke Gabriel	30
4.	West Alvington	31
5.	Lamerton	31
6.	Exeter St Petrock	31 3/4
7.	Mortehoe	34
8.	Burrington A	36
9.	West Down	40 3/4
10.	Burrington B	50
11.	Inwardleigh	53
12.	Idlesleigh	53 1/2

Judges: Ian Avery, Brian Drake, Ivor Hookway and Mary Mears.

Scrutineer: Sue Husband.

Spreyton Competition Held on 16th June

1.	St. Petrock -	23
2.	Zeal Monachorum	23%
3.	South Tawton -	30%
4.	Exminster -	32%
5.	Down St. Mary -	37%
6.	Sampford Courtney	43%
7.	Mariansleigh	45%
8.	Sandford -	50%
9.	Alphington -	65%
10.	Drewsteignton -	66
11.	Sampford Courtney B95	
12.	Ide -	110

Egguckland on 16 June 2007

1.	Kenton	18 1/4
2.	Plymstock	20
3.	Stoke Gabriel	23
4.	Burrington	25 1/2
5.	Kingsteignton A	26
6.	Exeter St Petrock	27 1/2

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Eggbuckland and friends head to pastures new!

On the 8th 9th and 10th September 2006 an intrepid bunch from all over Devon ventured to Herefordshire for a weekend of Ringing, well, amongst other things!! I had been organising this trip for around 3 months, and was quite excited by the prospect.

Our party included the usual suspects, all the Trout's were there, including Dan who had made his way from Cardiff on the Friday morning, Sue Ashton, Bob Hackworthy and Martin Crew were the others from Eggbuckland, also Mr Darke our Hon.Sec and Suzanne from South Brent decided they couldn't miss out! There were some new faces amongst us, Graham and Martin Sharland from Dunsford and Steve Herniman and Paul Wright from Burrington, oh, and I'd better not forget my beautiful girlfriend Louise who kept me company all weekend. (Hope you weren't too bored Lou).

We all set off on Friday Morning to reach our first destination which was to be Much Marcle. Herefordshire is famous for it's Cider and Perry and none more so than Weston's which is to be found in Much Marcle, the Weston's Brewery was open, so myself, Dad, Bob and Louise set about getting some "Old Rosie", we ended up getting 6, 2 litre Flagons! It is simply the best Cider!! We eventually found the magnificent Church. Much Marcle a peal of 13 cwt 6 re-hung in 1999 for the Millennium. Our 2nd tower was to be Ledbury, this is a beautiful old medieval market town full of black and white half timbered cottages and houses and the church is the largest parish church in the County, the tower is actually detached and is an awesome sight to behold with it's huge spire. They are a peal of 22 cwt 8. Once lunch was over we made our way to a really pretty place called Mathon, which was situated just below the Malvern Hills, I had been told that these bells were one of the best peals of 6 in the county, and they weren't wrong. The bells fast became most people favourites I think. The next Tower was Coddington, The bells had been totally remodelled in 2004, they were retuned with new fittings and a new frame. Again we were soon on our way and heading for the Town of Bromyard peal of 8 at just over 14cwt, We were soon heading to our accommodation for the weekend which was to be found in the Market town of Leominster.

Saturday was to be a long day as we were meant to be doing 6 towers but in the end we had an unexpected surprise which made it 7. Our first tower was to be Kingsland. Today we were following a tourist trail called the Black and White villages and what a pleasure this was! Every village we went to had these chocolate box houses with rivers running past, beautiful! We were soon heading for a tiny place called Staunton on Arrow, a stunning little peal of 6 and the tenor weighed 6cwt, they went extremely well, I think everyone enjoyed them. We were soon heading to our destination for lunch which was a fantastic village called Pembridge. The tower was like a giant wig wam, a huge stone wall with a pyramidal roof on top which housed a ring of 5 bells, this was to be our surprise! Once the others had found Pembridge Dave set about calling the captain of the tower and he obliged by letting us ring. When you weren't ringing you could also stand back and actually see the bells swinging above the ringers heads!!! Eardisland which was voted prettiest village in England for 2005! The Tenor here weighs just over 12cwt, once inside the ringing chamber you could see they really looked after. We were on a tight schedule today so a few of us left while the others were ringing so we could get to Dilwyn. Again we were on our way to our next destination which was a lovely village called Bodenham, these were a peal of 6 tenor nearly 13cwt, I think these were my favourites of the trip. When we had finished we headed to our next destination which was to be Pencombe.

Soon Sunday arrived our last day in Herefordshire. The first tower of the morning which was a pretty little village called Burghill, a peal of 8 weighing just over 10cwt. We were soon on our way to our next tower which was to be another lovely place called Eaton Bishop, these were a peal of 6 tenor weighing nearly 12cwt, these bells were re-hung re-tuned with a new frame and fittings by Andrew Nicholson in 2000 and what a lovely job he has done! We had lunch at Much Dewchurch and rang there and next was Ross-on-Wye a peal of 8 weighing 21cwt, these bells were truly awesome and the sound that came out when listening in the church yard was spectacular! I was outside listening to the first peal and it was a cracker, I couldn't wait to get in there and ring. Soon I was racing up the tower steps and got there in time to see the end of the

lower, the back 2 or 3 bells were all stood on boxes but they were having a very good peal. Once the peal finished those of us who never rang in the first peal along one or two others grabbed our bells and waited for the call of trebles going trebles gone and off we went, we were having a very good rise and then all of a sudden we heard a bang from above and low and behold the 2nd's clapper and sheared off! We had to bring the bells back down and then wait to see what damage had been done. Thankfully it wasn't anything too bad, but unfortunately we weren't able to ring the 8 again! I was disappointed but we made what we could and we decided to ring the back 6 in peal, this was to be hard work, with the 7th of the 8 weighing just over 15cwt! I certainly had to work very hard. This was to be our final tower in Herefordshire and at this point we said our goodbyes to Dan who was making his way back to Cardiff, I'd also like to thank everyone in Herefordshire for their hospitality and we will be back! We were soon on the road again heading towards North Somerset where our final tower would be. We were meant to be ringing at a little place called Rowberrow near Winscombe but unfortunately the Tenor clapper had broken so I arranged to ring at Churchill which was about 2 or 3 miles down the road from Rowberrow. Churchill are a peal of 6 tenor weighing 14cwt, I was hoping they wouldn't be bad but unfortunately they were the worse of the trip, although the tone of the bells was superb, they are hung in a very tall tower and are hung near the louvers which made this tower sway!

To finish, this was easily the best trip I have had the pleasure in organising, the bells were good (most of) the weather was fantastic, the pubs the same and the company was first class! I'd like to thank everyone who joined me because I couldn't do it without you and I wouldn't want to. I hope you all enjoyed it and I had some great feedback from some of the people that let us in to their towers, so we weren't just having a good time we were also flying the flag for Devon Call Change ringers every where! I will definitely be going back to Herefordshire in 2007 I hope and just hope it turns out like this one.

Ryan Trout.

Results *(continued from page 9)*

7. Kingsteignton B 32
 8. South Brent 44 1/2
 9. North Bovey 45 1/2
South Devon Bell Ringers Association Competition at Cockington on 30 June 2007

kindly hosted by Colin Adams.

1. West Alvington 13 1/2
 2. Egguckland 18 1/2
 3. Exminster 57 1/2
 4. Stoke Gabriel 58 1/2
 5. Holbeton 69 1/2
 6. Widecombe B 94
 7. Widecombe A 105
 8. Upton 115 1/2

Celebrating 50 years of ringing for the South Devon Ringing Association. All proceeds to Devon Historic Churches Trust.

Dunsford competition on

Saturday, July 14th 2007

Doddiscombsleigh

- 1 Egg Buckland 29 3/4
 2 Kingsteignton 31
 3 South Brent 34
 4 St. Petrock 49 3/8
 5 Exminster 50 5/8
 6 Burrington 55 1/2
 7 West Down 62 3/8
 8 Ide 120

Dunsford

- 1 Egg Buckland 13
 2 South Brent 19 1/4
 3 Kingsteignton 30 3/4
 4 St. Petrock 32 3/4
 =5 Exminster 35
 =5 West Down 35
 7 Burrington 52 3/4
 8 Ide 98 1/2

Dunsford ringers would like to thank all those who supported the competitions at Doddiscombsleigh and Dunsford. We are pleased to report that £250 was raised for the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund.

LAUNCESTON CAMERA CLUB

EXHIBITION OF AWARD WINNING PRINTS

OPEN GARDEN
 BY KIND PERMISSION OF
 MR AND MRS C DUNNE
 AT MARYSTOWE
 SUNDAY JULY 29TH FROM 11.00
 STALLS, TEAS, AND
 REFRESHMENTS

PROCEEDS TO GREAT ORMOND
 STREET CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL,
 AND MARYSTOWE BELLS

Devon Association—Major Final 2007

Team	Time	I Avery	B Drake	I Hookway	M Mears	Ave
Egguckland	15:38	17	13	12	15.5	14.5
Dunsford	15:05	25.5	21	19	28	23.5
Stoke Gabriel	17:02	39	26	26	28.75	30
West Alvington	17:06	31	34	35	23.25	31
Lamerton	16:44	42	20	18	43.25	31
St Petrock	17:09	36	32	30	28.75	31.75
Mortehoe	16:07	43	24	24	44.25	34
Burrington A	15:10	38	26	28	51.25	36
West Down	15:44	47	27	19	69.5	40.75
Burrington B	16:37	57	43	42	57.75	50
Inwardleigh	14:54	59	45	45	63	53
Iddesleigh	16:01	58	48	48	59.75	53.5

Scrutineer: Sue Husband.

West Alvington and Lamerton had same faults. Higher placement goes to West Alvington being the team that rang longer.

Grand Draw Results 2006 and 2007

As a result of the 2006 Grand Draw £2,500 has been given to the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund. The prize Winners were as follows:

Prize Winners 2006

- 1st M. Jones Malborough
 2 Paula Hancock Cullompton
 3 John Bamforth Dartington
 4 Sidney Boucher Tavistock
 5 John Bamforth Dartington
 6 K. Stacey Torrington
 7 A. Watkins Langtree
 8 A. George Horfield
 9 W. Holbourn Croyde
 10 D. Herniman Burrington
 11 Neil Trout Egg Buckland
 12 S. Holmes Georgeham
 13 A. Ayre Swimbridge
 14 Andrew Levick St. Giles-in-the-Wood

Grand Draw 2007

- 1st L. Rumson Coombe Martin
 2 Harold Down Tawstock
 3 S. Goodson S. Courtenay
 4 Katie Gray Exminster
 5 R. Ludlow Dolton
 6 John Anstead Petersmarland
 7 Tracey Kelly Paignton
 8 M. Pratt East Budleigh
 9 Linda Quance Shebbear
 10 J. T. Dunn North Molton
 11 K. Matthews Colyton
 12 Sandra Hood Langtree
 13 Julie Meavy
 14 Ciara Blacker Chawleigh
 15 R. J. W. Leach Payhembury

Once again I should like to thank all those people who helped to make this result possible and I look forward to the same support next year. Julia Endacott.

Child Protection Guidance—to protect you and your ringers

All towers, Guild, Association and those unattached were sent guidance, addressed to the Tower Captain on Child Protection in March 2007.

The Devon Ringers' Council had been advising the Diocese in preparing guidelines for and the Diocese has now published them as part of the Diocesan Child Protection guide "Safeguarding Children" and copies of the guide have been circulated to all the parishes. Pages 80—82 are relevant to ringers. The Ringers' Council recommend everyone to consider seriously the guidelines for their tower. There is no requirement for Criminal Record

Bureau checks if you do not have any vulnerable adults or under 18s in your tower, and if you do, it is only necessary to have two people checked, such as those responsible for teaching. The administration for this will be by the Diocese at no cost, through your parish Child Protection representative. It is recommended that you speak to that person as soon as possible. The guidelines are of the greatest importance, to protect you and your ringers of all ages. A copy of the guidelines is also available on the Internet at: www.exeter.anglican.org/cpage/csschildprotect/safeguardingchildren

Dinner

The Dinner will be held on Friday 21 September 2007, 7.30pm for 8pm; cost approx £20.00 per head final cost won't be known until cost of music known for certain. The venue will be the Beaford House Hotel, Beaford web-site address:

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Treasurer

The Treasurer is Mrs Janice Gist, Barries Corner, 5 St Giles in the Wood, Torrington EX38 7JQ. Please ensure that all subscriptions and competition entry fees are up to date. These are all payable by 1 October each year. All cheques payable to Devon Association of Ringers.

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Notices

The AGM will be held on Saturday 10 November at North Tawton Town Hall starting 2.15pm

The annual affiliation fees are due on 1 October or at the AGM and will be £5. In addition the competition fees will be £1.50 a rope, being £9 for 6 bell towers and £12 for 8 bell towers.

Any bellringing clothing or badges can be obtained from Janice Gist 01805 624690.

Change in rules

At the 2006 AGM Rule VIII had been modified. "Any team finding itself short of a ringer may borrow TWO ringers for the six bell and THREE for the eight bell competitions. Other rules remain."

Other rules remain unaltered, such as a ringer may only ring once and that you cannot borrow a tenor or treble ringer.

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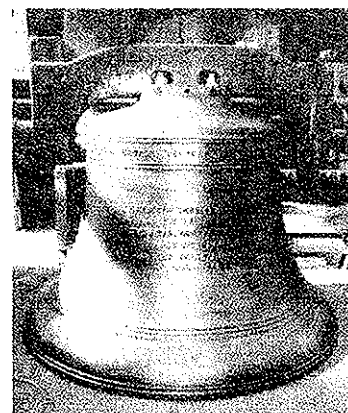
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