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President ~ Mr Horace Clements

DEVON CALLS

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US BE BACK AGAIN!!...

YES, like the Devon countryside, the Devon Association of Ringers is still alive & kicking. Our thoughts have been with those who have suffered directly and indirectly from last year's dreaded F & M outbreak. So now 'tis good to be back to some semblance of normality: all of the Association's festivals have been held this year (details will be found overleaf), likewise the annual dinner, and well-supported, notwithstanding last year's interruption.

YOU don't need laser vision to notice that *Devon Calls* has taken on a different appearance. The reason for the makeover is that with Janice now having her hands full with the Secretarial work (amongst other things), the editorship & production of the newsletter has passed over to your Publicity Office, and he is producing it with the aid of a different computer programme...at least for the time being...it may well change again if I get hold of a another programme (and computer) sometime... That aside, the Association's thanks must go to Janice for getting the initial venture up and running. No mean feat.

BETTER late than never, I say, as 'tis more than a year now since *Devon Calls* last appeared, but the fact that it does at all is due, to a certain extent, to those who supply us with news to print. As Editors the world over say, this publication is what you the readers make it! If you don't like reading what I'm writing, then send me something else to print!... & very many thanks to those of you who have. Since its launch, *Devon Calls* has been produced on an occasional basis. Having broken fresh ground, the plan is now to produce it on a regular quarterly basis...

BELIEVE it, or not, Chardstock is in Devon, although I daresay there were one or two folks there for the Minor Final who felt it was over the other side of England. Yet, it is vital that Association continues to push back self-imposed boundaries, by taking Devon Call Change Ringing to towers in the county where it is not generally heard in its full glory. After all, we are a *Devon* Association of Ringers and not a certain-parishes-in-those-parts-of-Devon-which-lie-west-of-Exeter-Association-of-Ringers. For despite the high(ish) mileage involved for many (most, even), the Chardstock event was well supported by those participating and not participating alike, and enthusiastically hosted by the home tower. Coupled with the logical idea of holding it before the Major Final, the newly added incentive for the two highest placed teams helped to make the occasion a successful one (even allowing for high marks!), fully vindicating the decision to go down this road.

IT is with great pleasure that we include overleaf a profile of this year's President, Mr Horace Clements - many thanks to Mike Webster for supplying this. Of especial interest are his comments on the future of the Association. As many are no doubt aware, I, amongst others, have been forthright in expressing views on this vitally important matter. Consequently, I am greatly heartened to hear a senior member of the Association concurring with much of what I have said. For in these rapidly changing times, the Association cannot afford to be frightened of embracing change in order for it continue to evolve, so that *it*, and, more importantly, the tradition which is the reason for its being, are both to have a healthy future.



An introduction to your president -Horace Clements

I have been a bellringer for 64 years, married for 53 years and have two sons, and four grandchildren.

I was born 1 September 1929 in Diptford, near Totnes. In my school years I was in the church choir, captain of the football teams, and featured in sporting activities such as PT displays and cricket.

As a child, I was known to visit the Rising Sun in Diptford and I would be there playing darts with the licensee's son. This was the eventual key to me starting to ring bells. The licensee's son was asked to ring, he was two years older and taller than me but this did not deter me, I went along with my pal, very determined to ring even though I was told I was too short and too young. This was in 1938 when I was 8 years old. I had to stand on a box and took to ringing like a duck to water; I was ringing fully within a matter of weeks.

I moved to Stoke Gabriel in 1949 and in

1950 (after three years deferment because of the building industry and after I prepared Diptford tower for the new ringing frame) I was called up to the RAF. Fortunately I was posted at Exeter and I could still participate with the Harbertonford Football Club and Stoke Gabriel Bellringers as I came home most week ends until I was demobbed in 1952.

I returned to work with the building firm in Harbertonford, moved to a local building firm in Stoke Gabriel in 1955 and in 1983 to join a Galmpton firm until 1990. From then until I was 65 I joined Totnes Magistrates' Court as a Court Usher, using my choir trained bass voice to shout for names of parties appearing and the familiar "all rise" or "silence in court".

I recall that for Stoke Gabriel competition ringing started in earnest from 1964. I was then the 5th ringer and this has remained my main bell. In those days, there were not many competitions. Invitation competitions started in the last 20 years. Before that there were festivals, the minor and major competitions and deaneries. In the South Devon qualifier one year there were 21 teams and ringing started at 1 o'clock and continued until 9pm. Ringing was rarely elsewhere and Widecombe-in-the-Moor was probably one of the first for Invitation Competitions.

I was captain of Stoke Gabriel in 1975 and remained so for 17 years. During this time, I taught many to ring, mainly youngsters, in those days practice nights were usually two nights. Stoke Gabriel was a team that was recognised as one of the best in Devon during the 70s and 80s winning numerous cups and shields. I also served as Chairman of the Totnes Deanery for a good number of years.

During this time I was also a keen dart player. Memorable moments were winning the Devon Doubles on two occasions. There was also the national competition where the Church House Inn, Stoke Gabriel reached the semi finals.

All sports are of interest to me, but darts, football and horse racing are my main interests after ringing. I still play darts most week days. My horse racing annual events are Ascot and Cheltenham. I am looking forward to being able to attend the Grand National one year but this always seems to fall on a bell-ringing date.

I do believe that as a County we are all one, united. I hope that there will never be a split between North and South. Years ago ringers were very keen and fiercely competitive. North and South never seemed to mix very well but nowadays ringers are a lot friendlier and do socialise well, this can only be for the better. The younger generation generally appear not to be so conscientious. I do understand that they have better transport, they can get around better and there is more for them to do.

We live in a changing world and a way to meet the challenge and ensure that more ringers take part in competitions is the possibility of timed peals; this may not assist comradeship, as people tend not to stay and this will reduce the social element. However with the volume of competitions and competing interests this does need to be considered.

I was asked where did I think we would be in 20 years time and I stated that there may be a repeat of the 1960s, with fewer competitions but more support.

The teams who select ringers from outside their own tower may not offer a long term benefit to the Association. A team works well if they ring together regularly, there is more interest and loyalty and more reason to turn up for service ringing as a team. This may mean fewer teams but what is the point if

they do not represent, genuinely, one tower. We should be encouraging younger and more inexperienced teams. We need younger people to ensure that this ancient art, peculiar to Britain continues. This must be a priority for every single tower unless any tower is inundated with youngsters. If they are, please let the editor or me know, as I am sure help will be given.

I am privileged and honoured to be elected as President. I do hope that you will share your views with me. I do take my position very seriously. We live in a changing world and the Devon Association must face this. After my term finishes I hope to serve the Devon Association for as long as I am able, whatever the changes ahead.

I doubt whether anyone is aware of the amount of work that Brian Drake has put in during his 25 years as Chairman. He has certainly impressed me. He is modest enough to say that he could not manage alone and has been helped immensely by the various officers and committees who undertake a lot of unseen work, but it is his enthusiasm and leadership that has kept the Association going forward so successfully and for so long.

I have made a lot of friends in bellringing and do look forward to serving my year as President. I would like to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity and I will be attending as many events as possible.

The one person I have to thank the most is my wife, Eileen. Without her support and understanding I would not be in this honoured position. I am missing from home on many occasions and often arrive back very late, especially if I am travelling. I am grateful for the tolerance shown in allowing me to pursue bellringing. A special thank you to Eileen.

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Food for thought.....

"Like all great empires, the seeds of downfall are sown in success, in a complacency and cosiness invisible from within."

(Andrew Longmore, in the Independent on Sunday, writing about the reigning champions' early exit from this year's World Cup)

The following article was submitted to the Ringing World. Not for the first time we seem to have been denied space in the "Official Journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers". However, after speaking to my editorial counterpart in the Guild (of Devonshire Ringers) t'other day, I learn that he too has had articles disappear into a black hole which still appears to exist in the RW office. So 'tidn' only us who haves problems in this area, don't seem so...

A cracking start at Belstone

Saturday 9th March was the day on which the Devon Association of Ringers held its annual Novice Competition. This was the first Devon Association Festival of the season, and the first since 2000. We are thrilled to think that the competition got off to such a cracking start: a tremendous response from all over Devon gave us 27 entries - reaching from Salcombe to Ilfracombe! In total, twenty teams competed on the day - sadly, a number had to drop out at the last minute. There was no rising or lowering - all teams ringing off the stay - thankfully, all the stays were still in tact at the end of the afternoon! - and a good standard of striking rang out over the northern edge of Dartmoor during this pleasurable event.

The Round Ringing section commenced at 1 pm. Four teams competed in this section, and the results were very respectable. Congratulations to Plympton St Mary who this section and the T H Priddle Shield. The Call Change Ringing commenced at 2 pm, with each team being required to ring half a peal of Sixty on Thirds. Congratulations to Monkleigh who won this section and the Percy Rice Shield.

We are grateful to the Revd Barry Wood for allowing us to stage this Festival at Belstone and we thank Mr Michael Ash, tower captain, for his assistance, both before and on the day. We are equally grateful to our three judges: Messrs Neil Holloway from South Brent, Jonathan Bint from Chagford and Mervyn Langdon from Exeter. They were kindly accommodated in the top story of Mr Matthews' house...their pencils were not too overworked! The Tors Inn provided sustenance for the competitors - the liquid fuel seemed to go down well!

This is the third year that we have staged this event. We hope that the enthusiasm of these less experienced sides will continue to grow and be infectious. The friendly spirit and comradeship at this festival was very warming. Thank you to all competing teams for participating and helping to make this event a pleasure to organise.

J J Darke, Competition Secretary

Speaking as one of the judges, I would endorse all the positive comments above; particular mention should be made of Monkleigh's maintaining a very stately piece of ringing ~ no mean feat for less experienced ringers on such a light set. I would also add that one of the most pleasing aspects was to see so many new faces at a ringing event. The Association has a duty not only to encourage folk to learn to ring in the first place, but also to maintain that encouragement once they've started. Only then will it be able to look forward to a healthy future. The other major benefit of this worthy event lies in its opportunity for less experienced judges (such as myself!) to try their hand (and ears!) at this crucial task.

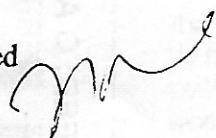
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NOVICE COMPETITION : SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 2002.

RESULTS

SECTION 1 : ROUND RINGING		
PLACE	TEAM	RESULT (Faults)
1 st and TH Priddle Shield	Plympton St Mary	29 1/3
2nd	Kenn	32 1/3
3rd	Lydford B	35 2/3
4th	Gidleigh	53
SECTION 2 : CHANGE RINGING.		
1 st and P Rice Shield	Monkleigh	16 2/3
2nd	Pyworthy	21 2/3
3rd	Ide	28 2/3
4th	Lydford A	29 1/3
5 th	Burrington	30
6th	Iddesleigh	33 2/3
7th	Plympton A	36
8th	Salcombe A	38 2/3
9th	Dolton	42 2/3
10th	South Pool	45
11th	Poughill	47 2/3
12th	Berrynarbor B	50 2/3
13th	Berrynarbor A	52 1/3
14th	Slapton	59
15th	Salcombe B	65 1/3
16th	Babbacombe	69 1/3

Signed



Competition Secretary

DEVON ASSOC. OF RINGERS - SIX BELL NORTH FESTIVAL 11TH MAY 2002 AT BROADWOODKELLY

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL
A	160	67	35	36	34	35	40	54	56	26				
B	150	63	35	43	34	34	39	53	56	23				
C	160	64	32	33	28	26	35	47	54	23				
D	160	64	37	41	36	40	38	50	55	31				
TOT	630	258	139	153	132	135	152	204	221	103				
AVE	157.5	64.5	34.75	38.25	33	33.75	38	51	55.25	25.75				
TIME	15.17	15.31	15.19	15.30	15.29	15.42	15.44	16.00	15.59	16.38				

JUDGES

A: I Hookway

B: B Drake

C: C Hockin

D: M Way

SCRUTINEER: G Arscott

George Facey Shield & First Cert.
Arnold Cup & Second Cert.
Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth
Ninth & Tenth Certificates

POS	PEAL No	TEAM NAME	FULL FAULTS
1	10	Mortehoe	25.75
2	5	Littleham	33
3	6	Burrington	33.75
4	3	Molland	34.75
5	7	Shebbear	38
6	4	West Down	38.25
7	8	Iddesleigh	51
8	9	Exeter St Petrocks	55.25
9	2	Mariansleigh	64.5
10	1	Pyworthy	157.5

Devon
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Interchange

June 2002

Joint initiative by Guild and Association

Welcome to the first edition of Devon Ringers' Interchange, which will be a regular supplement to the Association and Guild newsletters, reflecting and supporting the co-operation between the two societies. It will contain news of the Devon Ringers' Council, under whose authority it is published, but also contain information from the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund, and other items of interest to both method and call change ringers. The co-editors hope that it will be an opportunity for some real interchange between the two traditions in Devon ringing, which are both 'into changes', whether call-changes or scientific.

Any comments and inaccuracies in articles are the responsibility of individual contributors, and the opinions expressed do not necessarily represent those of the Ringers' Council or the two societies.

Items for inclusion may be sent by fax to 01363 777696, by email to lyeo@supanet.com or by post either to Jonathan Bint, Rushford Forge, Narrow Bridge, Chagford, Newton Abbot TQ13 8DA or to Lester Yeo, Chapel House, Sandford, Crediton EX17 4LZ.

Fremington bells back in action



Wendy and Bill Young with the Revd Paul Hockey and Bishop Richard after the dedication.

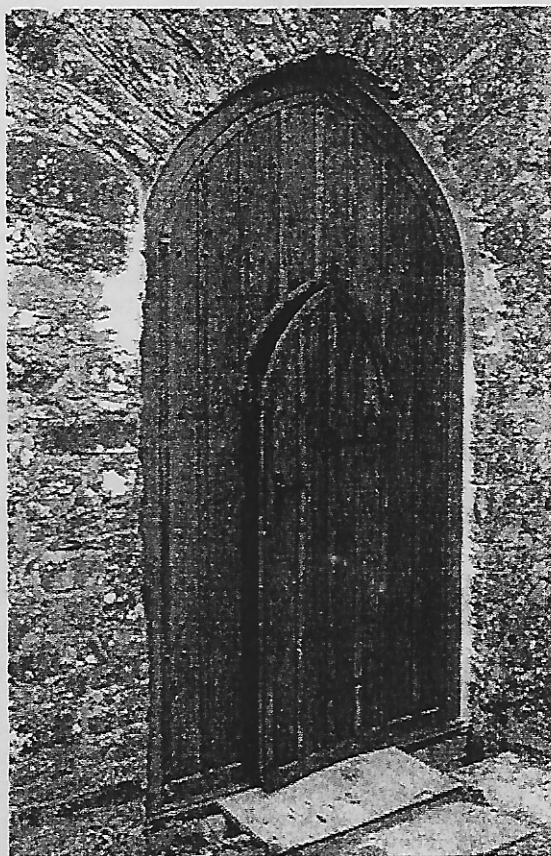
The restored bells of St Peter's, Fremington, were dedicated on Sunday 16 June by the Bishop of Crediton. This represents the culmination of five year's hard work by the parish, especially by Bill and Wendy Young, and much of the structural work was done by Bill, including the construction of a magnificent new exterior door, made from the timber of the old wooden frame.

Fremington bells were augmented to six to celebrate the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, cast by Taylor's, and hung by Harry Stokes of Woodbury. In order to make room for the additional bells, the width of the tower walls in the bell chamber was reduced, and the bells were dedicated on 8 October 1890. The Vicar wrote, "Miss Yeo kindly headed the subscription list with £50, and through the instrumentality of a good working committee, money comes in so pleasantly that instead of being encumbered now, as I quite expected, with a considerable deficiency, we have paid nearly all our bills, and I believe there will be no debt at all. The work will be completed without borrowing a farthing."

In this Jubilee year, the bells have been lowered in the tower, and hung on two levels in a metal frame. In order to remove the bells for retuning by Hayward Mills, the blocked-up doorway into the churchyard had to be opened up, and a bridge will need to be constructed across a gully. Vice Captain John McKee said, "We have managed to rustle up six ringers" and so the nucleus of the team was already in existence, and has been ringing for Sunday service since May. Twelve people have already expressed an interest in learning to ring, and the first bride and groom to be greeted with bells for over thirty years were married the weekend before the dedication.

The church celebrated a Flower festival over the dedication weekend, with visiting ringers from Morteheo, Heanton, Marwood, Tawstock, West Down and Appledore. Practice night is on Tuesdays, and visitors will be most welcome, but until more ringers are trained, Sunday ringing will only be alternate weeks.

Thanks to the hard work of the fund raising committees and the generosity of parishioners and friends, including one donor who gave £5000, the project has been completed and entirely paid for by money from the fund raising events, voluntary donations, and grants from the DCBRF and other trusts. Wendy Young said, "We enjoy doing church work — it gives us a lift!"



The new door into the ringing chamber, made from the oak of the old frame.

Plans for Devon CD take shape

The Devon Ringers' Council has approved to move forward in producing a compact disc, reflecting ringing in Devon. A small working party is meeting this month to produce an action plan, looking at what towers might be included, what ringing, and indeed what else! The sound of a church-full of ringers lustily singing the Association hymn is so redolent of ringing in this part of the country.

There would appear to be a market for bellringing recordings beyond merely ringers, and it has been suggested that the disc could be sold in souvenir shops and religious booksellers. Many method ringers from elsewhere will also be interested to hear some top-class Devon style call-change ringing! Any profit made would be given to the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund

DCBRF: Some Facts and Figures

The Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund was started in February 1974 and in 1978 became a registered charity with the object of providing grants to 'churches in the County of Devon and Diocese of Exeter for the purpose of maintaining and improving their bell installations'.

From the start, the Fund has been administered by a joint committee of members appointed (in equal numbers) from the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and the Devon Association of Church Bellringers, under the chairmanship of the Diocesan Adviser on Bells and Belfries – then, as now, Preb. John Scott. On the original committee in 1974, Jack Hine, Derek Jewell and Tom Wright were the Association members, while Frank Mack, Charles Sangwin and Bill Webb represented the Guild. The committee members today are Jereme Darke, David Trout and Mervyn Phillips, from the Association, and Bryan Coles, Mary Mears and Bob Southwood, from the Guild.

The first DCBRF grants were awarded to Slapton (£25), Burlescombe (£50), Warkleigh (£75), Woolsery (£75) and Filleigh (£25), and since 1974, over 170 further grants have been paid, totalling over £55 000. Grants paid over the last five years have averaged about £550 each compared with less than £100 in the early years. Bell restoration certainly isn't getting any cheaper but at present we normally aim to contribute about 10% of the cost, depending on the amount of money in the Fund and existing commitments.

Most work required to restore or keep in active use church bells in Devon will be eligible for consideration for a grant but there are two major exceptions. First, grants will not be awarded for the purchase of new ropes or to cover some other expenses relating to routine maintenance or 'running costs'. Second, it is not the purpose of the DCBRF to fund augmentations – for example, the grant paid to Farway in 2002 related to the restoration of the existing three, not the addition of the three new bells to make six.

Towers wishing to apply for a grant should fill in an application form (available from the Secretary, address below). Applications are considered and awards made at our six-monthly committee meetings – the next two will be held in October 2002 and March 2003. All restoration work must be inspected on completion by a diocesan bell adviser or member of the committee and judged satisfactory before any grant awarded is paid.

None of the Fund's work would be possible, however, without the donations received from 'official' Guild and Association fund-raising, from Deanery and Branch activities, as well as individuals. Apart from interest on our deposit and current accounts (particularly low at the moment), we depend on the generosity of donors for our income and thus the size of the grants we can award. All contributions are therefore most gratefully received. If you have any (practical!) ideas for fund-raising do pass them on to the Secretary or other member of the committee.

Mary Mears, Secretary/Treasurer DCBRF

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Website for all Devon ringers

The Ringers' Council is planning to set up its own website, which could provide contact details for all towers within the county. It is hoped to set up a network of correspondents, who will keep the details up to date, much as was created for the production of the Devon Bellringers' Handbook ten years ago, and for the Ring in 2000 celebrations. A paper copy of the details would also be available for those without internet access. Data protection legislation means that all tower correspondents would need to give their consent for their details to be made available in this way.

Devon Ringing Weekend

The August Bank Holiday weekend could be a busy time for Devon ringers, as the National Six bell Competition is due to take place at Drewsteignton on the Saturday (24 August), and there will be an open day on the Monday, with many towers around the moor open for ringers to come and 'grab'. The organiser of the competition, David Trist, had to cancel last year's competition, but it is hoped that a number of teams from up-country will want to come and attempt to ring Devon-style.

David says, "We are inviting Devon teams to enter to represent the County. Please forward your entries to David Trist, 19 Dean Street, Crediton, Devon. EX17 3EN as soon as possible. If we have too many entrants we may hold a qualifying event so please let David know as soon as you can if you are interested in entering.

"In addition to your own entries, we would be grateful if you could spread the word to teams from other Counties. The normal Devon rules will apply such as closed handstroke leads and rising and falling and ringing the 60's in not less than 15 minutes. We would like to make this as "international" as possible but we need your help to do this."

Below is the draft itinerary for the open day in aid of the Devon Church Bells Restoration Fund, on the Monday. Individual ringers and complete bands are welcome to come and ring at any of the below towers for a small donation to the fund.

09.00 - 10.00	Ide	6	8cwt
09.30 - 10.30	Tedburn St Mary	6	10cwt
10.00 - 11.00	Cheriton Bishop *	6	14cwt
10.30 - 11.30	Drewsteignton	6	13cwt
11.00 - 12.00	South Tawton	6	11 cwt
11.30 - 12.30	Belstone	6	5cwt
12.00 - 13.00	Okehampton	8	16cwt
12.30 - 13.30	Sourton	5	7cwt
12.45 - 13.45	Bridestowe	6	13cwt
13.00 - 14.00	Lydford	6	8cwt
13.15 - 14.15	Brentor	5	5cwt
13.30 - 14.30	Lamerton	6	11cwt
13.45 - 14.45	Mary Tavy	5	11cwt
14.00 - 15.20	Tavistock	10	24cwt
14.30 - 15.30	Whitchurch	6	11cwt
15.00 - 16.00	Buckland Monachorum	8	15cwt
15.30 - 16.30	Sheepstor	6	9cwt
16.00 - 17.00	Meavy	6	7cwt
16.30 - 17.30	Bickleigh	6	9cwt
17.00 - 18.00	Tamerton Foliot	6	11cwt
17.30 - 18.30	Egg Buckland *	6	10cwt
18.00 - 19.00	Plympton St Mary	8	25cwt
18.30 - 19.30	Cornwood	6	9cwt
19.00 - 20.00	South Brent	6	13cwt
19.30 - 20.30	Ashburton	8	21cwt

* to be confirmed

A £1 donation per person for the BRF is asked at each tower, although day tickets (at a cheaper rate pro rata) will be available. Full details from Wendy Campbell (01392 469695 wendy.campbell@lineone.net).

DEVON ASSOC. OF RINGERS - SILLBELL SOUTH FESTIVAL 11TH MAY 2006 AT KINGSTON

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL
A	69	93	32	35	11	66	40	69	35	20	100	23
B	48	79	24	20	8.5	43	27	59.5	20	11	90	10.5
C	51	75	28	25	7	44	34	55	36	10.5	85	10.75
D	68.25	109	31.5	44.5	14	56	38.5	73.5	41	26	121	28
TOT	236.25	356	115.5	124.5	40.5	209	139.5	257	132	16.75	396	72.25
AVE	59	89	29	31	10	52.25	34.75	64.25	33	4.1875	99	18
TIME	15.35	17.08	17.50	17.00	15.46	17.47	17.42	17.14	15.20	16.35	17.39	17.35

JUDGES

A: I Avery

B: W Avery

C: J Cole

D: P Pascoe

SCRUTINEER: Mrs S Mortimore

George Facey Shield & First Certificate
 Archie Furzland Memorial Trophy & Second Certificate
 Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth
 Ninth & Tenth Certificates

POS	PEAL No	TEAM NAME	FULL FAULTS
1	5	Egg Buckland A	10
2	10	South Brent	16.75
3	12	Egg Buckland B	18
4	3	Lamerton	29
5	4	Stoke Gabriel	31
6	9	Dunsford	33
7	7	West Alvington	34.75
8	6	Holbeton	52.25
9	1	Broadhempstone	59
10	8	Halwell	64.25
11	2	Ide	89
12	11	Kenn	99

DEVON ASSOC.OF RINGERS - MINOR FINAL 25TH MAY 2002 AT CHARDSTOCK

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL
A	80	105	122	130	131	200	248	110	116
B	123	120	131	140	137	201	230	110	121
C	88	92	118	102	116	186	240	94	108
D	96	108	128	108	124	184	230	97	115
TOT	387	425	499	480	508	771	948	411	460
AVE	96.75	106.25	124.75	120	127	192.75	237	102.75	115
TIME	15.20	16.45	16.15	17.57	15.47	19.10	18.49	16.38	16.45

JUDGES

A: J Darke

B: S Facey

C: C Hockin

D: P Pester

SCRUTINEER : Sue Husband

Thomas Oatway Shield & First Cert.

John P Fidler Cup & Second Cert.

Third Certificate

Fourth Certificate

First & Second place qualify to ring in the Major Final at Shirwell on 8th June 2002

RESULTS

POS	PEAL No	TEAM NAME	FULL FAULTS
1	1	Dunsford	96.75
2	8	Exeter St Petrocks	102.75
3	2	Iddesleigh	106.25
4	9	Halwell	115.00
5	4	West Alvington	120.00
6	3	West Down	124.75
7	5	Holbeton	127.00
8	6	Broadhempston	192.75
9	7	Pyworthy	237.00

DEVON ASSOC.OF RINGERS - MAJOR FINAL 8th JUNE 2002 AT SHIRWELL

	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12	
	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP
A	32	21	36	26	37	27	19	12	21	14			38	28	33	23	13	9	19	10	30	20	9	6
B	21	12	39	26	19	12	13	9	22	13			48	33	43	27	8	4	17	11	13	8	4	1
C	22	11	34	23	32	17	15	10	22	11			34	27	45	24	9	4	18	9	25	19	5	1
D	21	12	37	25	18	11	13	9	21	13			48	33	43	29	8	4	15	8	13	9	5	2
TOT	96	56	146	100	106	67	60	40	86	51	0	0	168	121	164	103	38	21	69	38	81	56	23	10
AVE	24	14	36.50	25	26.5	16.75	15	10	21.5	12.75	0	0	42	30.25	41	25.75	9.5	5.25	17.25	9.5	20.25	14	5.75	2.5
TIME	15.10		16.49		15.08		16.06		15.31		14.43		17.38		16.14		15.16		15.56		15.31		15.46	

JUDGES

A: Ian Avery

B: Brian Drake

C: Bill Avery

D: Ivor Hookway

SCRUTINEER: Gerald Arscott

Ross Shield & First Certificate

Shelley Cup & Second Certificate

Third Certificate

Fourth Certificate

Top Ringing - Jack Hine Perpetual Trophy

RESULTS

POS	PEAL	TEAM NAME	FULL FAULTS	TOP FAULTS
1	12	Egg Buckland A	5.75	2.5
2	9	South Brent	9.5	5.25
3	4	Egg Buckland B	15	10
4	10	Molland	17.25	9.5
5	11	Littleham	20.25	14
6	5	Dunsford	21.5	12.75
7	1	Lamerton	24	14
8	3	Burrington	26.5	16.75
9	2	Shebbear	36.5	25
10	8	Exeter St Petrocks	41	25.75
11	7	Stoke Gabriel	42	30.5
12	6	Morthoe	Under Time	

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	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8	
	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP	FULL	TOP
A	90	47	72	23.5	80	33	151	61	82	33	67	27	31	13	51	20.5
B	67	36	56	25	32	16	80	40	39	23	42	20	15	7	23	11
C	59	35	53	23	39	18	96	46	40	21	45	23	20	8	30	13
D	62	30	56	22	38	15	99	49	40	20	44	24	19	7	28	12
TOT	278	148	237	93.50	189	82	426	196	201	97	198	94	85	35	132	56.50
AVE	69.50	37.00	59.25	23.50	47.25	20.50	106.50	49	50.25	24.25	49.50	23.50	21.25	8.75	33	14.25
TIME	21.24		20.01		20.35		22.10		21.42		22.13		21.34		21.27	

JUDGES

A: J Darke

B: I Hookway

C: B Osborne

D: M Phillips

SCRUTINEER: C Clayton

Ross Shield, Laurie Passmore Cup & First Cert.
George Campbell Grills Cup & Second Cert.
William Barrow Cup & Third Cert.
Fourth Fifth & Sixth Certificates

Top Ringing - Walter Mortimer Cup

RESULTS

POS	PEAL No	TEAM NAME	FULL	TOP
1	7	Kingsteignton	21.25	8.75
2	8	Kingsbridge	33	14.25
3	3	Buckland in the Moor	47.25	20.5
4	6	Chittlehampton	49.5	23.5
5	5	Paignton	50.25	24.25
6	2	Tavistock	59.25	23.5
7	1	Exeter Cathedral	59.5	37
8	4	Chagford	106.5	49
9				
10				

To boldly go...

..Devon Call Change ringer leads the way (well, 'tis the closed handstroke, you see)

Intrepid Sampford Courtenay ringer Chris Clayton and his wife, Pam, enjoyed a holiday down under in Oz backalong. As luck would have it, they found themselves in Perth (Western Australia, that is, not Scotland) on the day before the official opening of the Swan Bells housed in the Millennium Tower there.

For the uninitiated, the Swan Bells comprise the old ring of 12 bells from St Martin in the Fields (London), together with five new bells cast in 1988, and another one cast in 1997, making only the third diatonic ring of 16 (+ 2 semitone bells) in the world (after St Martin in the Bull Ring, Brum, and Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin). The bells are housed in a modern, purpose-built, 82 metre-high spire made of steel and glass, besides which are what can best be described as two big copper sails. The whole construction sits in a water reflection pool. The seven stories of the tower include a public viewing-gallery...and access is by lift! The original 12 bells were a gift from HM Government to WA back in 1988. The whole project has been a little controversial, not least the cost - the Swan Bells part of it alone being \$5.5 million - and questions were raised in Parliament (didn't they used to say that on the Krona margarine advert?). Still, Chris reckons it all pretty impressive - so you're in the clear, Australia.

Anyway, it'll be no surprise for folks to learn that Chris managed to find himself in the ringing chamber for a pull...even before the visitors' book was open for use - but not even Chris was allowed to sign it before the Ozzie Premier visited the following day! So, it would seem that Devon beat the rest of the UK to a grab...and they reckon that us be slow down yer.

Chris's abiding memory of the Ozzie ringers is their incredibly warm welcome: he says that through his initial contact with them in Perth he could quite easily have got to ring in loads of other places in Australia (towers be a little bit more spaced-out than back home in Devon) - in fact the local Association Assistant Secretary, Helen Silver, even offered them the use of her flat to stay in. So he says a big "Thank you!" to all you ANZAB ringers for your wonderful hospitality! Now, he did also tell me something about the beer...

JMGB



On air...

a sound tower... & a sound problem

When Chagford tower fell silent for ten months (year before last), Liz Scott of BBC Radio Devon came out to report on the problem. At that time, Chagford ringers had decamped "next door" to Drewsteignton, so Liz attended one practice night out there and interviewed Chagford tower captain Julia Endacott. (She also spoke at length to the home tower captain Jon Bint as he was helping one of his learners, Yvonne Gillard, to handle a tied bell - so if you heard that report on the radio and wondered why he sounded so breathless, now you know!)

With the renovation of the Chagford tower complete, Liz Scott followed the story through to its completion and was on hand again to cover the event; her report, which included another interview with Mrs Endacott, was broadcast twice, a day or two later. The Chagford ringers found that, for some reason, the bells had, in the meantime, become (unbearably) louder inside the tower than they had been previously. It seems that the old linoleum (and the dirt!) - removed from the clock room during the renovation - must have formerly deadened the sound very effectively. The reasonable opinion has also been expressed that the newly-fitted RSJs were acting as an amplifier/conductor of the sound. To address the problem, water-resistant insulated board has since been fitted to the clock room floor, and the sound level in the ringing chamber (leastways, from the noise of the bells) is now perfectly acceptable. Tuesday night practices continue as usual (subject to the seasonal monthly Mid Devon winter League involvement and the annual break in August).

Odds & Sods...

Congratulations! to **Eggbuckland** on attaining a record number of wins in the Six Bell major Final...& how!...and hot on their heels, congratulations too, to the B team. An example to towers everywhere, methinks. ...& **Congratulations!** to the merry team of ringers out **Chagford**, on winning this year's Okehampton Deanery competition for the first time ever. Hitherto, the only winners of this event since its foundation in 1969 had been North and South Tawton. To make Auntie Julie's day complete, the Chagford B team finished in second place... 1/2 fault behind, whilst the Novice team also won their section. No wonder the sun was shining out Sampford Courtenay. Chagford's only other recorded Deanery victory was back in 1972, when the team won the Moreton Deanery in Moreton itself (and I understand a certain Mr Pascoe was heard to comment "rough ringers for rough bells"!). Chagford parish was subsequently transferred to the Okehampton Deanery in 1975. (No fee was involved, apparently.)



Still on air... several prominent Devon Call Change ringers have featured on local radio over the last past year (or so...)...up on the edge of the Moor, Belstone resident & South Tawton stalwart, **Sid Cooper**, was to be heard last Christmas in an interview with BBC Radio Devon's Vic Morgan...while down in the South Hams **Jack Rhymes** (West Alvington), and over on the Riviera, **John Kelly B.E.M.** (Paignton), were featured at length (we hope to include an article on some of John's work in the next edition)...And from east Devon it is good to report that **Percy Pester** was to be heard on the radio recently talking about the restoration of his home tower, Colaton Ralleigh. A magnificent fund-raising effort for a small village was required to bring about a successful result after several years' enforced silence. Considering the huge number of rings of bells here Devon, we have only a very low percentage of them in an unringable condition, which is a testimony to the ringers and the help given by local communities and the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund...on which note...



Stop Press! Results of the Association/DCBRF Grand Draw 2002

1. (£100) Pam Dart, c/o West Down
 2. (£75) Pauline & Lester Marland, Week St Mary
 3. (£50) C E Strong, Ide
- (Eleven prizes of £25 each, as follows:)
4. Di Davies, Shirwell
 5. Fullbrook, Germansweek
 6. R Clements, Littleham
 7. Ros Setherton, Tiverton
 8. Kingfisher Veterinary Practice, Crewkerne
 9. Ideford Bell Trust
 10. Robin Parkhouse, Shirwell
 11. Baldry, Chagford
 12. P W Phillips, Totnes
 13. R Keen, High Bickington
 14. Andy Trout, Eggbuckland

Many thanks to all those involved in the organisation of this consistently successful fund-raising event - Julia, Evan, Colin, and all the distributors in all the deaneries, and indeed, all who bought the tickets.



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I'm still hoping to get an email address set up sometime, as and when funds permit... (need to upgrade the ol' computer, see)... so in the meantime you'll have to make do with good ol' snail mail (or carrier pigeon).

