

Ringling Report 2020

There's very little to record re last year's activities. We participated in first two improvers' practices at Launcells and Otterham, and Marhamchurch rang a quarter peal in memory of Charlie Taylor in January before all ringing was banned. There was a short resumption of service ringing during the year, limited in time and numbers of bells to be rung, in our area Stratton, Launcells, Poundstock, Week St Mary and Marhamchurch did this up to Christmas.

To its credit, the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers did its best to keep interest alive by offering talks, virtual social events and by forwarding advice from the Central Council. Virtual practices were also on offer via Ringing Room.

As for this year, perhaps we might be lucky enough to resume service ringing and practices once past mid-summer, and, again, we might hold an open day offering refreshments and a bell-handling session with a view to recruiting new members. I am concerned, as in the Church of England as a whole, about how many will return to the "Good Old Days" once the threat of covid has been overcome.

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