

TDGR Librarians Report for 2023.

2023 has been another quiet year in terms of lending items from the Guild Library, although I believe that ringing books are still consulted occasionally during Cathedral ringing practices.

We have made 2 acquisitions of note during the year. We have been most fortunate in being able to borrow a large number of papers and photographs from the tower at Bodmin, before their donation to Kresen Kernow at Redruth.

This has been done with the kind permission of Paul Scoble

I have just finished scanning and making copies of all of the images and papers and documents, they make a very interesting read. The result of this is that the Guild and its members will have access to electronic copies of all of this material. There are many interesting images of both the bells and their ringers including many social occasions

A huge thank you to Paul for arranging this.

The other main acquisition has been the book Devon Bellringing 1874-2023. This is a superb book and has been completed by Lester Yeo from the earlier writings and researches of Preb John Scott, who original published his researches in 1975. This nicely illustrated and well written book represents the sesquicentenary history of The Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the oldest territorial ringing society in existence, this is well worth a read.

I continue with the work of scanning the historic Guild Reports, although progress has been a little slow recently.

If I can help your tower and ringers, please do not hesitate to contact me, I am always pleased to help.

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