

Webmaster Report 2024 AGM - tdgr.org.uk

What can you find on the site even without a log in...

Details of every Truro Diocesan tower with Guild members, and most of those without members. All searchable from a search bar at the top of the home page.

Maps of the whole diocese or of each district with every tower on it.

Each tower is linked to its own page

A filter so you can see all the 6 or 8 bell towers, or those with a practice night on say a Tuesday. You can filter for the weight of the tenor.

For each tower:

The dedication

Details of the tenor

Number of bells

Post code and OS Grid Reference

A map of where they are

A link to the directory of tower contacts

The time of Sunday ringing and of the practice night.

You can even hear a recording of each tower's own bells. (Courtesy of Eric Bannister)

On the home page there is a short guide of how to use the information on the maps, tower pages and directory to plan a tour. It's actually quite easy to do.

Guild information:

Who all the officers are and an introduction to many of them

Details of the district officers and how to contact them (log in)

Info about the standing committee and past minutes of the meetings (log in required).

Our rules, policies and even a bit about our history.

Calendar of Guild events, and eg links to the AGM papers for each meeting.

Access to An Clogh and The Westerner, our magazines.

Ringling Records of Peals, Quarters and other significant ringing, both Called Changes and Method.

How to contact the Guild,

Contact the officers

Another link to the directory of tower contacts

How to join the email list

The 'Swapshop' - ie a list of 30 or more willing volunteers who will help out with ringing for a wedding or other event if you can't find enough ringers yourself.

Who to contact to learn to ring, how to join the Guild, how to get a member's login.

The Blog

The blog is where member's news is posted. Owen has been using it to let everyone know what he has been up to as our President (we are getting good value for free!). He has been very busy going round to encourage towers and support events. We have also used it for important personal events, sadly, mainly when people have died. It could be used for so much more of what is going on in the Guild, eg special ringing, fund raising, tour reports, etc. It's our blog. To get an article added, just email it to me, and mention it is for the blog.

Members personal login

At the start of 2024 we had 729 members. Only 138 have requested login details.

What extra do you get for your login?

You get access to a limited amount of information - some of it personal data so GDPR controlled, eg names and contact details of some members on their tower page.

Some contact details of the District officers.

Access to some of the An Clogh editions when it was defined in our Privacy Policy that it would be members only. (Changed to be more available 2023)

The Archive of all past AGM details.

Minutes of standing committee meetings

Everyone who is a member is entitled to a login, you only have to ask. There is a link on the home page to a form where you choose a username, put your name, email address and where you ring and then submit it.

I then check you are a member - (yes a number of non members have tried). I then add your details to the website, which then sends you an email, which you use to change your password. (Help file on the home page)

If at any stage you find something is incorrect or out of date on the site, or just poor spelling or grammar, then please tell me so I can sort it out. Please use the site, it is there for information and aimed both at us, the members and at the outside world to help them organise visits and tours.

Finally I would like to thank Christiana Hancox and Bill Willis, who after every security or software update on the site, which I run approximately every 3-4 weeks, help me check it is all still working properly. They also help update the site annually with membership information.

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