

# Webmasters Report 2024

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The website continues to be a resource for members and for ringers from outside the diocese who are coming to Cornwall for a holiday and want to ring, or are just interested in bells and ringing in Cornwall.

At the end of my report I enclose a quick summary of the information we have on the website.

It is a sad thing that we have had hacking attempts from all over the world on a daily basis. The software changes and develops all the time and as it does so new vulnerabilities can emerge, or certain new routines don't work well or block older ones so the software writers produce regular updates. Our site has a basic application and then multiple 'plugins' (small apps which add functionality). These all need regular updates as hackers find new ways to break into websites all the time. Every 3 to 4 weeks I update the site and the plugins with patches which guard against the possibility of being hacked. Our firewall software blocked 65 attacks in the last month!

Once the software is updated, the site has to be checked over to make sure it is still functioning properly. I would like to thank Christiana Hancox and Bill Willis who on a regular basis help me check the updates don't disable or crash the website before we update the live site. They check using iPads and iPhones as they own Apple kit. I check with the PC and smartphone. They also help me each year with checking the members' names are correctly recorded on the tower pages which takes quite a few hours.

If anyone would like to help with the checking process, with either Windows or Apple based kit, I would be grateful to hear from you.

In addition to the 'plugin' updating, there are frequent changes to the information on the site: In the Calendar, the upcoming events, changes in personnel etc etc. It is important this information is as up to date as possible so if anyone finds inaccurate information or spelling mistakes on the site, or links that don't work, please contact/email me.

Anything you find online that you think other ringers may be interested in, please forward to me for assessment for inclusion.

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## The TDGR Website

I would like to take the opportunity to tell you something about our website and its resources.

The website contains 167 individual Tower pages with:- tenor weights, a recording of the bells (thanks to Eric), a map showing the tower, links to Felstead Peal Base and Dove, maps of the Diocese and each District separately. The maps are filterable by Practice night, Weight of Tenor, Number of bells and whether ringable. (The filters are a bit clunky and need to be reset to change selection and sadly there is nothing I can do to improve that). (Access using header menu on top of all pages - Towers menu)

There is a Directory of contacts accessible from the main menu, and from each tower page, which is updated regularly by our Membership Officer. (Contacting TDGR Menu)

It is therefore possible to organise a tour using the information on the site.

We have 120 additional pages of information from Our Rules, Policies, Lists of Officers and their contact details. Information about Peals and Quarters rung and how to call 120 change extents on 5 bells with tenor cover. There are links to Bellboard and the CCCBR website amongst many others. (From the menus on the page header of every page)

All the Zoom meetings organised by the Guild during COVID are available (via the Events/Webinars Menu). They are stored on YouTube but play within the TDGR website. (Header menu)

There is also the Blog where we can post any interesting events or happenings that will be of interest to members. Our president publishes a monthly summing up from around the Guild, including what he/she is doing to support and encourage members. If anyone wants to publish a report on an event then just email it to me. (Header menu)

The vast majority of information on the website is in the public domain, recognising that ringers from outside the Guild are likely to want to find out about towers they can ring at in Cornwall while on holiday.

However there is some information which is available only to Guild members, and is protected behind a member's login. There are 143 members logins issued from the site, so many of you have not taken up this access.

The member's login gives access to a few private areas where for GDPR purposes we restrict access to Personal Data. This includes the lower part of every Tower page where the names of Guild Members who regularly ring there are recorded if they

have given permission for their names to be shown. If there are a couple of members who did not want their names to be shown, they are indicated by "+2".

Also An Clogh between April 21 and Mar 23 to comply with our Privacy Policy at that time. (Found on the TDGR Magazines menu).

Standing Committee minutes are also accessible with a member's login. The archive (accessible from the footer menu), contains access to minutes dating back to 2013. From 2018 all AGM Reports and papers, as well as Guild accounts and agendas are available.

You can apply for member's login details using the form available on the site from the 'Contacting TDGR' menu or from part way down the right hand side of the home page. To be issued with a member's login you have to be a current paid up member.