

Widcombe-in-the-Moor *dartmoor changes celebration*

6th August, 2005

Open Towers — Across Dartmoor National Park

9.30 a.m. — 8.00 p.m.

Eight of the 32 towers that participated in the Dartmoor Changes project will be open for the public to visit today. Amongst them are towers at Mary Tavy, South Brent and Throwleigh. A member of the local band who 'knows the ropes' will be present, and competent ringers are welcome to have a go under supervision. Ask for details from the project team at St. Pancras Church in Widcombe.

Event opens — St. Pancras Church

10.00 a.m. — 11.00 a.m.

Demonstration of peals by a celebration team of local ringers, who have come together especially for this occasion.

Official Welcome! — St. Pancras Church

10:45 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

A few words of welcome from a SPECIAL GUEST speaker and members of the Dartmoor Changes Team.

Exhibition — St. Pancras Church

10.00 a.m. — 8.00 p.m.

The exhibition of photographs, words and films about the project and of ringing in general is hosted by enthusiasts and local experts as well as members of the project team, who will be on hand to answer your questions and tell you a story or two! Try your hand at our 'Guess the Tower' competition, for which first prize is one of our coveted 'Dartmoor Changes' CD sets.



Film Screening — The Church House

11.00 a.m. — 8.00 p.m.

'Ring of Bells' by Marcus Vergette and Jonnie Williams

Marcus and Jonnie were commissioned by Aune Head Arts to produce a video about ringing on Dartmoor. Their 15 minute film entitled 'Ring of Bells' will be screened throughout the day.

Annual Striking Competition — St. Pancras Church

2.00 p.m. — 4.00 p.m. (first half)

The striking competition hosted by St. Pancras Church, Widcombe begins at 2:00 p.m. Until 8:00 p.m. you will be treated to the very best of ringing in Devon, as teams from across the county battle it out in competition. Each band will ring the 60 on 3rds peal for approximately 15 minutes before the next team takes over. The chime of a single bell will indicate when a team is about to begin.

Listening Walk 1 — Meet outside the National Trust Shop

2.00 p.m. — 3.00 p.m.

As the competition peals are rung, Andy Stevens, bell ringer, musician and bird song specialist, will lead a listening walk through the lanes and across nearby moorland, providing a commentary to participants on bellringing on Dartmoor. The walk takes approximately 50 minutes and circumnavigates the tower in a sort of elliptical way. Andy has plenty of stories which will be of interest to bellringing beginners and aficionados, too!

Listening Walk 2 — Meet outside the National Trust Shop

3.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.

Your next opportunity to walk with bell ringer, musician and bird song specialist, Andy Stevens, as he leads you on a listening walk around Widcombe.

Striking Competition — rest break

4.00 p.m. — 5.30 p.m.

A pause while the competition ringers and judges take a much-needed break!

Striking Competition resumes

5.30 p.m. — 8.00 p.m. (last half)

Following a well earned break for ringers and judges alike, the annual striking competition at St. Pancras Church resumes. The chime of a single bell will indicate when a team is about to begin.



Listening Walk 3 — Meet outside the National Trust Shop

5.30 p.m. — 6.30 p.m.

A final opportunity to walk around Widcombe with Andy Stevens.

Name the Tower Competition — St. Pancras Church

7:30pm

Winner Announced and award given (copy of the Dartmoor Changes CD & Booklet).

Dartmoor Changes 3-CD Set & Booklet

The Dartmoor Changes CD set will be on sale (£15.00) in St. Pancras throughout the day. The all in one 3-CD set and 24 page booklet include selected recordings and excerpts from interviews as well as information about the project, essays on ringing, and selected photographs.

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