

Dittisham Village Voice 21st May 2013

On Sunday morning a peal of bells from St George's Church calls worshippers to prayer. Led by Captain of the Tower Stephanie Ashton, the six bells are rung by a skilled team of bell ringers who all live in our village. Stephanie and her team of eight practice once a week. They ring the bells every Sunday and at almost each service held in the church. We are so lucky in our small village to have such a dedicated team of bell ringers as most villages are loosing or have lost theirs. Last week St George's Church welcomed a team of bell ringers from Cornwall who were visiting churches in our area, they spent some time in the tower ringing our bells and enjoying their sound. If you would like to learn how to ring the church bells, then contact Stephanie who will be happy to show you the ropes and teach you.

We just can't get enough of a good thing in our village, so on Sunday 2nd June in the afternoon, Pig Racing comes to Dittisham once more. The Ferry Boat Inn is the venue, so please do come along to the beach for what will be a hilarious afternoon of family fun and help raise money for the Devon Air Ambulance.

Last Sunday Ros Neale, Debbie Dupree, Edith Wellman, Helen Woodman and Ros's Springer Spaniel 'Dog' all took part in Cancer Research UK's Race for Life in Torquay. Along with hundreds of other women they ran 5k in the women-only fundraising event. If you would like to donate money to our intrepid runners' great cause then please visit their Just Giving sponsorship Page at <http://www.raceforlifesponsorsome.org/rosanddog>.

Last Friday 17th May St George's Church was filled to standing room only for the Memorial Service of Fraser Hawkins. Family and friends read tributes to Fraser and the moving service was brought to a close by Ray Benson singing Monty Python's 'Always Look on the Bright Side of Life'.

And finally don't forget to sign up for 'The Ditsum Varieties'. Ray Benson and Chris Malley are looking for villagers to perform in their Victorian and Edwardian themed extravaganza evenings on 28th and 29th June. Please leave a note with a description of your talent and contact details addressed to Chris or Ray in The Red Lion Inn. Go on! You know you want to.