

The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers

"Floreat in Æternum Scientia Campanologiæ"



All Saints', Clifton

ANNUAL REPORT 2010

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COVER PICTURE

All Saints', Clifton

In 2009, Whites of Appleton confirmed our suspicions that a major overhaul was needed on All Saints' Clifton bells. While the essential work was to replace rope pulleys and re-bush clappers, we were keen to see if the long-standing problems of slow turning back bells, an awkward rope circle, and odd struck bells could be sorted out at the same time.

With over £12,800 to raise, our bell fund gave us a good start and, with generous pledges from our band, we were able to look for grants. We're grateful for support from the Biggleswade District, the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust and ringers far and wide. One sponsorship event raised over £2,000 and local ringers helping as volunteer labour saved us over £1,000.

The work comprised of re-hanging the back three on modern cannon retaining headstocks, replacing the rope pulleys, re-bushing the clappers, and fitting adjust-able crown staples to the back 6. We had double rope pulleys on two bells to draw ropes into their new position. We also needed a new wheel for the tenor.

Dismantling was done on the 20 September. All the old components were taken back to Appleton to be refurbished or replaced. At the beginning of December the helpers gathered again to do some hard graft with the bell-hanger.

On 2 December 2010 we rang the first touch on the refurbished bells and gave a resounding 'thumbs up' to the improvements. The back three are much easier to ring and swing more appropriately in relation to the front bells; all the bells are evenly struck and easily adjusted. We can ring up in peal without the tenor going wrong side and ring down without losing the back bells. The rope circle is much improved and safer for learners.

It should be many years before any further major work is required to the bells – a heritage that all involved in the project can be justifiably proud of.

FRANK W. RIVETT

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Meaning of motto on front cover: "Let the knowledge of ringing flourish for ever."

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Rev. A. Rust	1909 - 1919
E.P. Duffield	1919 - 1921
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TREASURER

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Mrs. B. Fraser	2010 -

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S.J. Ivin	1976 - 1980	A.H. Smith	2007 -
M. Regan	1980 - 1981		

DISTRICT OFFICERS 2010

BEDFORD DISTRICT

Secretary: Robert W. Jones
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R.J. Sharp Bell Fund Rep.: Andrew Dennison

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District Outing Organiser: Maureen Hall
Ringing Masters: Robert P. Wood
Stephen H. Stanford
Committee: Roger Framp,
Sylvia MacDowell,
Alex Nash, Adrienne Sharp

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ASSOCIATION RULES

1 - NAME & OBJECTS

The Association shall be called 'The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers'. It shall have for its objects the promotion of ringing for Divine Service, the cultivation of Scientific Change Ringing, the preservation of proper Belfry Conduct and the encouragement of ringers to take part in the Worshipping Life of the Church. There shall be three districts within the Association, namely the Bedford, Biggleswade and Luton Districts.

2 - MEMBERSHIP

Register of Members

A register of members shall be kept. The contents and control of the register shall be responsibility of the General Committee. Personal information will be held in accordance with the Data Protection legislation.

Definition of Criteria for membership

Ringling: Be able to ring 'rounds' competently.

Residency: Either ring for Sunday Service at a tower within the Association boundary or reside within the Association boundary. The Association boundary is defined as those parishes which lie within the geographical county of Bedfordshire including the parish of Eaton Socon in Cambridgeshire.

Definition of membership categories

(a) Ringing Member (Resident)

A Ringing Member (Resident) must satisfy the criteria for ringing and residency.

A Ringing Member (Resident) may be elected at any public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts provided the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member. A Ringing Member (Resident) may be elected prior to a peal attempt, provided the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member and the election is ratified at a public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts within three months of the peal attempt.

(b) Ringing Member (Resident, Life)

A Ringing Member (Resident, Life) must satisfy the criteria for ringing and residency.

A Ringing Member (Resident, Life) may be elected at any public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts provided the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member. A Ringing Member (Resident, Life) may be elected prior to a peal attempt, provided the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member and the election is ratified at a public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts within three months of the peal attempt.

(c) Ringing Member (Non-Resident)

A Ringing Member (Resident) who no longer fulfils the criteria for residency may transfer to Ringing Member (Non-Resident) upon application to the Honorary Secretary. A Ringing Member (Non-Resident) who fulfils the criteria for Ringing Member (Resident) must automatically return to Ringing Member (Resident).

(d) Ringing Member (Non-Resident, Life)

A Ringing Member (Resident, Life) who no longer fulfils the criteria for residency will automatically transfer to Ringing Member (Non-Resident, Life). A Ringing Member (Non-Resident, Life) who fulfils the criteria for Ringing Member (Resident, Life) shall automatically return to Ringing Member (Resident, Life).

(e) Honorary Life Member

The Honorary Life Member category is reserved for any person who has given outstanding service to the Association. An Honorary Life Member may only be elected at an Association Annual General Meeting, provided that notice of such nomination shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The nomination must be proposed and seconded by members holding the status of Voting Member.

(f) Associate Member (Ringing)

An Associate Member (Ringing) must fulfil the criteria for ringing and must not fulfil the criteria for residency. An Associate Member (Ringing) may be elected at any public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts provided the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member.

An Associate Member (Ringing) may also be elected prior to a peal attempt, provided that the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member and they are taking part in the attempt. The election must be ratified at a public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts within three months of the peal attempt.

(g) Associate Member (Non-Ringing)

An Associate Member (Non-Ringing) must not fulfil the criteria for ringing. The criteria for residency does not apply. An Associate Member (Non-Ringing) may be elected at any public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts, provided the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member.

General

In order for a member to change between Ringing Member, Associate Member or Honorary Life Member an election must take place.

It is the responsibility of members to notify the appropriate Association officer of any alteration to their entry in the Register of Members.

3 - ELECTION and VOTING

Only Ringing Members (Resident), Ringing Members (Resident, Life) and Honorary Life Members shall have power of voting on matters connected with the Association or one of its Districts. Such members shall be referred to as Voting Members.

A Voting Member is entitled to speak and vote at any public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts. Only Voting Members shall be eligible for election to any official position (as defined in Rule 4 and Rule 6). Voting will take place by show of hands or secret ballot as directed by the chairman of the meeting.

Voting on the following Association matters shall be approved by an absolute majority: rule changes, finance, charitable status, election to Association office, membership and other items at the discretion of the chairman of the meeting (Association or District). All other proposals, shall be approved by a working majority.

An 'Absolute Majority' is defined as a majority of all Voting Members who are present and eligible to vote at a public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts.

A 'Working Majority' is defined as a majority of those Voting Members who are present, eligible and cast a vote at a public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts.

4 - MANAGEMENT

The management of the Association shall be vested in a General Committee consisting of a President, a Vice-President, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Librarian, an Honorary Peal Secretary, an Honorary Technical Adviser, the Central Council Representatives, the three District Secretaries, two members of each District Committee and those Honorary Life Members elected. The President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Librarian, Honorary Peal Secretary and Honorary Life Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and serve for one year. The number of Central Council Representatives permitted by the Central Council, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and serve for three years. The Honorary Technical Adviser and Child Protection Point of Contact shall be appointed by the General Committee and serve for one year. Any officer or Honorary Life Member shall be eligible for re-election. The General Committee shall have the power to co-opt if a position becomes vacant during the year. To form a quorum, there shall be a minimum of six General Committee members. A quorum must have at least one of the following officers: President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

5 - ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for recording the activities of the Association as a whole, the preparation of the Annual Report and membership records. The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the recording of finances of the Association. The Honorary Peal Secretary shall record details of all peals rung by the Association and shall ensure that the rules of the Association and of the Central Council have been observed. The Honorary Technical Adviser shall assist and advise in all matters concerning bells and their fittings at churches within the Association boundary. The Child Protection Point of Contact shall be the focal point for all complaints, shall take the complaint seriously and pass it on in accordance with Diocesan guidelines. The Central Council Representatives shall attend meetings of the Council on instructions of the General Committee and represent the declared views of the Association.

6 - DISTRICT

Each District shall elect a District Committee, consisting of a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and at least four other members, with other officers as they may find necessary. Each Treasurer shall collect the subscriptions of members and other monies payable to the Association's funds. Each District shall report annually on its activities and membership.

7 - SUBSCRIPTION

The subscription of each member (who is liable to pay an annual subscription) shall be due on January 1st and shall be paid before the Association Annual General Meeting in each year. Membership shall cease as from 1st January, if the subscription is not paid within the specified time period. The appropriate subscription for a new member shall be payable upon election.

The subscription level for each membership category and its effective date (as defined below) shall be recommended by the General Committee and approved at an Association Annual General Meeting. If the Association Annual General Meeting rejects the recommended subscription levels, the existing subscription levels will then remain in force until such time as the General Committee make further recommendations which are accepted by the Annual General Meeting.

Definition of Subscription Levels for Each Membership Category

(a) Ringing Member (Resident)

There shall be three classes of Ringing Member (Resident):- Under 19, 19 to 64 and 65 & Over.

The age requirement shall be determined by the age of the member at the 1st January in each year. Each member shall pay an annual subscription.

(b) Ringing Member (Resident, Life)

A single payment is required upon election or transfer from Ringing Member (Resident).

(c) Ringing Member (Non-Resident)

A Ringing Member (Resident) who has paid five or more consecutive annual subscriptions may transfer to Ringing Member (Non-Resident) without further payment, otherwise the transfer may be made by payment of a single fee. Such transfers shall be deemed to begin on 1st January after the date of transfer.

(d) Ringing Member (Non-Resident, Life)

Such transfers shall be deemed to begin on 1st January after the date of transfer. No payment is required.

(e) Honorary Life Member

Exempt from subscription payments.

(f) Associate Member (Ringing)

Each member shall pay a single payment upon election.

(g) Associate Member (Non-Ringing)

Each member shall pay an annual payment.

A table giving subscription rates for each membership category shall be published in the Annual Report.

8 - PEALS

All peals rung by the Association shall be recorded in the Annual Report, provided that all those taking part are either Ringing Members, Honorary Life Members or Associate Members (Ringing). Full details of the peal including the composition, together with the peal fee shall be given to the Honorary Peal Secretary by the conductor within four weeks or not later than the 14th January in the following year, whichever date is earlier. It is the responsibility of the conductor to ensure compliance with these rules. The peal fee and its effective date shall be set by the General Committee and published in the Annual Report.

9 - ANNUAL REPORT

A report shall be published annually before the Association Annual General Meeting, containing a list of officers, the Association rules, the Committee's reports, statements of accounts, peals rung during the year, other announcements as the General Committee shall find necessary and a list of members.

The list of members shall be compiled as follows:

a) Honorary Life Members, Ringing Members (Resident), Ringing Members (Resident, Life) and Associate Members (Non-Ringing) annually;

b) Ringing Members (Non-Resident) and Ringing Members (Non-Resident, Life) in the year of transfer;

c) Associate Members (Ringing) in the year of election.

Each member listed in the Annual Report shall be entitled to a copy of the Annual Report; others may purchase copies if available. The fee shall be set by the General Committee and published in the Annual Report.

10 - MEETINGS

The time and date of the Association Annual General Meeting together with the District in which it is to be held shall be fixed by the previous Association Annual General Meeting. The General Committee shall have power to arrange other meetings of the Association when required. Each District shall hold an Annual District Meeting in January and monthly meetings when possible.

11 - ACCOUNTS

An Independent Examiner shall be appointed at the Association Annual General Meeting to examine the accounts of the Association at the end of each financial year.

12 - RULE ALTERATION

All alterations or additions to the Rules shall be made at the Association Annual General Meeting and notice of any alterations or additions shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary in full, at least 14 days previous to such a meeting.

13 - AFFILIATION

The Association shall be affiliated to the Central Council and shall abide by the Rules and Decisions thereof.

14 - INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The interpretation of these Rules, and matters not covered by them, shall be finally decided by the General Committee.

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THE RONALD J. SHARP BELL FUND

code of practice

1. The fund shall be known as the Ronald J. Sharp Bell Fund.
2. Objectives. The objective of the fund shall be to advance the Christian Religion by:
 - (a) providing financial assistance in the form of loans to churches within the territory covered by the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers for the following purposes:-
 - (i) Augmentation, recasting, or any other work on bells, frames and fittings.
 - (ii) Major work in ringing rooms, e.g. floors
 - (iii) Work to the fabric of towers, e.g. sound control
 - (iv) Provision of and hanging of new peals.
 - (b) providing grants to the Association General Committee and the District Committees for the following educational purposes:-
 - (i) Training courses on bell ringing
 - (ii) Educational materials relating to bells and bell ringing
 - (iii) Promotion of bell ringing
3. Administration. The administrators of the fund shall be known as the "Fund Committee". The Fund Committee shall comprise one member from each of the three Districts of the Association, together with the President and the Honorary Secretary of the Association. The Fund Committee shall be empowered to co-opt from the Districts to fill vacancies as necessary. The Fund Committee shall be empowered to approve or reject applications for loans and grants. Applications for loans and grants shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Having received an application for a loan or grant, the Honorary Secretary shall call a meeting of the Fund Committee within twenty one days. The Honorary Treasurer and the Trustees of the Association shall be the trustees of the fund, any two of whom shall be cheque signatories.
4. Income and Investment. The responsibility for fund raising and investment shall be that of the General Committee of the Association. The General Committee of the Association shall have the power to borrow money for the purposes of the Fund.
5. Applications. Applications for a loan shall include all relevant details as follows:- An estimate of the proposed work, a specification of the proposed work and details of the financing scheme. Duration of the loan shall be twelve months. An extension of the loan may be applied for. Interest rates on loans shall be decided by the General Committee. A 'Form of Agreement' shall accompany all loans. No loan shall be for less than £250 or such a sum as shall be decided by the General Committee. Applications for a grant shall include a brief description of the proposal, estimated expenditure and financing available. A grant shall only be paid to defray actual expenses and proof of expenditure must be supplied.
6. Reports and accounts. The General Treasurer shall prepare accounts for the fund each year ending 31st December. The accounts shall be included within the body of the Association accounts. A report of the activities of the fund shall be presented to the Association A.G.M. by the Fund Committee.
7. Dissolution. In the event of the dissolution of the fund the accrued assets of the fund shall be paid into the General Fund of the Association.
8. Provision for changes to the code of practice. No amendment of; addition to; or deletion from this code of practice shall be made which would cause the Association to cease to be a charity at law. Propositions for changes shall be made at the Association's A.G.M.

Decisions of the General Committee

20th May 2000: Rule 5. The interest rate for loans is nil for the first twelve months. Should the loan period be extended, interest will be charged at the rate that would have applied had the loan not been made.

ASSOCIATION STRIKING CONTEST RULES

1. That all ringers taking part shall be paid up Resident Ringing Members of the Bedfordshire Association.
2. That all ringers taking part shall be Sunday Service Ringers at the Church they represent.
3. That NO ringer shall compete and ring for more than one band taking part in the contest.
4. The form of ringing shall be decided by the General Committee.

CHILD PROTECTION GUIDELINES

These guidelines are for Tower Captains, Association Officers and those who teach or help children to ring. We have based them on guidance issued by the St Albans Diocese and Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR). Child Protection rules define a 'child' as a person under the age of 18 (or anyone who has been assessed as having a mental age of under 18).

Everyone should take child protection matters seriously. This will ensure that:

- children are protected from abuse, and
- adults working with children do not put themselves in compromising situations

We recommend that everyone involved with children in ringing should:

- have at least two adults present (preferable a male and female) when children are present at tower, District or Association practices
- make parents/guardians responsible for taking their children to and from the church
- keep an attendance register or book
- be aware of the insurance position for children
- never allow children up amongst the bells apart from an initial demonstration visit if it is safe to have one
- get written permission from parents/guardians before children are taken without them to Tower, District and Association meetings, outings and social functions or other tower practices
- never travel alone with a child in a car

If you are a Tower Captain, or someone who works with children, you should also:

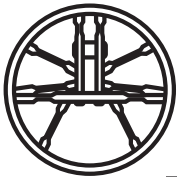
- know the Child Protection policy of your church and the 'named person' to whom you should report concerns
- invite parents/guardians to watch a training session before they allow their children to ring
- ask parents/guardians to sign a permission form (downloadable from the CCCBR website) allowing their children to ring

For more information see the Child Protection sections of the CCCBR website, www.cccbr.org.uk and the St Albans Diocese website, www.stalbans.anglican.org

If you have any queries please contact our Child Protection Point of Contact, Sarah Ward, e-mail childprotection@bacr.co.uk or phone 07512 662970.

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TABLE OF CHARGES

(effective from 1st January 2011)

Membership Category	Status	Rate
Associate Member (Ringing)		£5.00 (payable on election)
Associate Member (Non-Ringing)		£2.50 (per annum)
Honorary Life Member		No charge
Ringing Member (Resident)	Under 19 years old	£2.50 (per annum)
Ringing Member (Resident)	19 - 64 years old	£5.00 (per annum)
Ringing Member (Resident)	65 years old and over	£2.50 (per annum)
Ringing Member (Resident, Life)		£80.00 (payable on election or transfer from other Ringing Member category)
Transfer between categories		
From: Ringing Member (Resident) To: Ringing Member (Non-Resident)	Having paid one to four consecutive annual subscriptions.	£5.00 (payable on transfer from resident)
From: Ringing Member (Resident) To: Ringing Member (Non-Resident)	Having paid five or more consecutive annual subscriptions.	No charge
From: Ringing Member (Non-Resident) To: Ringing Member (Resident)		Appropriate fee payable at 1st January next
From: Ringing Member (Non-Resident, Life) To: Ringing Member (Resident, Life)		No charge
Other items	Details	Rate
Peal Fee		£0.50 (per ringer per peal)
Annual Report	Charge for non-members	£5.00 (per report)
Badges		£2.00 (per badge)

BEDFORD DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

“HEADSTOCK”

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ACCOUNTS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

(Charity Registration No. 263781)

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2010

		Bedford		Biggleswade		Luton		Total 2010		(2009)
		£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£
Ringling Member (Resident)	@ 5.00	84	420.00	41	205.00	83	415.00	208	1,040.00	(1,180.00)
Ringling Member (Resident)	@ 2.50	35	87.50	25	62.50	71	177.50	131	327.50	(277.50)
Ringling Member (Res. Life)	@ 80.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(—)
Ringling Member (Non-Res.)	@ 5.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(—)
Assoc. Member (Non-Ring.)	@ 2.50	2	5.00	—	—	—	—	2	5.00	(5.00)
Assoc. Member (Ringling)	@ 5.00	1	5.00	—	—	1	5.00	2	10.00	(30.00)
Arrears	@ 5.00	1	5.00	2	10.00	—	—	3	15.00	(5.00)
Arrears	@ 2.50	1	2.50	—	—	—	—	1	2.50	(—)
Subscriptions in Advance	@ 5.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(5.00)
Subscriptions in Advance	@ 2.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(5.00)
Sale of Badges	@ 2.00	—	—	1	2.00	—	—	1	2.00	(10.00)
Sale of Report	@ 3.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(—)
Donations			—		—		—		—	(—)
Total Receipts			525.00		279.50		597.50		1,402.00	(1,517.50)
Less Administration Expenses			—		—		—		—	(-9.99)
Net Receipts										
(To Receipts & Payments Account)			525.00		279.50		597.50		1,402.00	(1,507.51)
Notes										
Cash balance retained b/f			16.97		10.00		20.00		46.97	(29.46)
Income for Year			525.00		279.50		597.50		1,402.00	(1,517.50)
Total			541.97		289.50		617.50		1,448.97	(1,546.96)
Less amount paid to bank			-517.50		-275.00		-580.00		-1,372.50	(-1,490.00)
Less expenses			—		—		—		—	(-9.99)
Net cash balance c/f			24.47		14.50		37.50		76.47	(46.97)

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS **FOR THE** **YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2010**

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2010	(2009)		2010	(2009)
General Funds	£	£		£	£
Receipts			Payments		
Income			Charity Expenditure		
Subscriptions			Central Council Affiliation Fees	60.00	(60.00)
Annual Membership	1,367.50	(1,457.50)	Printing of Annual Report	333.00	(352.87)
Ringing Member (Res.Life)	—	(—)	Other Expenditure		
Assoc. Member (Ringing)	10.00	(30.00)	Administration Expenses	—	(19.99)
Assoc. Member (Non-Ringing)	5.00	(5.00)	Insurance for Tech. Adviser		
Arrears	17.50	(5.00)	& Public Liability	343.87	(351.83)
Advance Subscriptions	—	(10.00)	Ringing World Notices	100.00	(100.00)
Trading			Committee Meeting Room Hire	30.00	(26.00)
Sale of Association Badges	2.00	(10.00)	Ridgman Trophy Engraving	—	(60.00)
Sale of Reports	15.00	(30.00)	Surplus to District BRF's	3,000.00	(500.40)
Income from Report Adverts	—	(60.00)	Young Ringers' Event expenses	61.50	(91.55)
Other			Expenses – Secretary	8.98	(—)
Peal Fees	200.00	(209.00)	Expenses – Association Treasurer	7.47	(—)
Donations Other	0.35	(13.64)			
From Reserve Fund	2.03	(3.00)			
Investment Income					
Interest	2.22	(6.94)			
Total Receipts	<u>1,621.60</u>	<u>(1,840.08)</u>	Total Payments	<u>3,941.82</u>	<u>1,562.64</u>
			Balances		
			Cash Funds at 31-12-2009	5,496.98	(5,219.54)
			Net Receipts for the Year 2010	-2,320.22	(277.44)
			Cash Funds at 31-12-2010	<u>3,176.76</u>	<u>(5,496.98)</u>
DESIGNATED FUNDS					
The Ronald J. Sharp Fund	2010	(2009)		2010	(2009)
Receipts	£	£	Payments	£	£
Haynes Loan Repayment	10,000.00	(—)	Loan	—	(10,000.00)
Investment Income					
Interest	31.29	(49.78)			
Total Receipts	<u>10,031.29</u>	<u>(49.78)</u>	Total Payments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(10,000.00)</u>
			Balances		
			Cash Funds at 31-12-2009	9,263.32	(19,213.54)
			Net Receipts for the Year 2010	10,031.29	(-9,950.22)
			Cash Funds at 31-12-2010	19,294.61	(9,263.32)
			Loan to Haynes	—	(10,000.00)
			Total Funds at 31-12-2010	<u>19,294.61</u>	<u>(19,263.32)</u>
RESERVE FUND	2010	(2009)		2010	(2009)
Receipts	£	£	Payments	£	£
Life Membership Subscriptions	—	(—)	To General Fund -		
Investment Income			Interest	2.03	(3.00)
Interest	2.03	(3.00)			
Total Receipts	<u>2.03</u>	<u>(3.00)</u>	Total Payments	<u>2.03</u>	<u>(3.00)</u>
			Balances		
			Cash Funds at 31-12-2009	1,014.00	(1,014.00)
			Net Receipts for the Year 2010	0.00	
			Cash Funds at 31-12-2010	<u>1,014.00</u>	<u>(1,014.00)</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2010

	2010	(2009)
	£	£
Cash and Bank Deposits		
1. General Fund		
Bank Current Account	2,679.19	(2,986.19)
NSB Investment Account	366.44	(2,362.19)
Cash held by Association Officers	131.13	(148.60)
Total	<u>3,176.76</u>	<u>(5,496.98)</u>
2. The Ronald J. Sharp Bell Fund		
NSB Investment Account	19,294.61	(9,263.32)
Loan to Haynes		(10,000.00)
Total	<u>19,294.61</u>	<u>(19,263.32)</u>
3. Reserve Fund		
NSB Investment Account	1,014.00	(1,014.00)
Other Monetary Assets		
Debtors		
Ringing World Balance	7.43	(31.63)
Investment Assets		
None		
Liabilities (Items owed by the Charity)		
Current Liabilities		
Ringing World Periodical (adverts)	—	(—)
Subscriptions in Advance	—	(10.00)
Sherbourne Teaching Aids to BRFs	—	(—)
Funds to be paid to BRFs	—	(—)
Amount owed to Association Officers	—	(—)
Fixed Assets - Estimated Value		
Library Books and Periodicals	700.00	(700.00)
President's Badge	145.00	(145.00)
St. Peter's Cup	120.00	(120.00)
St. Giles' Cup	30.00	(30.00)
The Melville Cup	500.00	(500.00)
C Edward Jeffries Trophy (Bedford Dist.)	250.00	(250.00)
Gavel	10.00	(10.00)
Reading Glass	10.00	(10.00)
Note		
Stock of badges (150)	240.00	(241.60)

Independent Examiner's Statement

Examined and found to be correct from the books and records presented to me.
Mr. Richard J. Hillson
15th February 2011

DISTRICT BELFRY REPAIR FUNDS

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2010

	Bedford £	Biggleswade £	Luton £	TOTAL £	(2009) £
Balance Brought Forward	12,898.11	7,384.63	10,051.22	30,333.96	(27,581.94)
Income	1,652.55	1,769.61	1,198.43	4,620.59	(4,851.83)
Interest	24.49	3.06	129.71	157.26	(190.19)
Less Grants	-1,019.15	-1,400.00	—	-2,419.15	(-1,850.00)
Less Expenses	—	—	—	0.00	(-290.00)
TOTAL	<u>13,556.00</u>	<u>7,757.30</u>	<u>11,379.36</u>	<u>32,692.66</u>	<u>(30,483.96)</u>

Notes to the Accounts

Future Liabilities

including grants approved:

Bedford:	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
Biggleswade:	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
Luton: 50 Club Prizes	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	150.00

LIST OF GRANTS AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2010

Tower	Grant	Project Cost	Description of Work	Status
Bedford District				
Keysoe*	£1,197.50	£2,395.00	Installation of rope guides and pulleys	Paid
Biggleswade District				
Clifton	£1,400.00	£12,800.00	Rehanging 6, 7, 8, replacing pulleys, re-bushing clappers and improving the rope circle	Paid

Luton District

No grants were made during the year 2010.

* Keysoe ringers kindly returned £178.35 back to Bedford BRF owing to a VAT refund.

APPLICATIONS FOR A GRANT

Application for a grant from these funds should be made to the appropriate District Officer:-

Bedford District Bell Restoration Fund (Charity Registration No. 284250)

R.W. Jones, St. Monica, Norfolk Road, Turvey, Beds. MK43 8DU. Tel: 01234 881741.

Biggleswade District Belfry Repair Fund (Charity Registration No. 280785)

Mrs. Sue Melvin, 49 Ickwell Road, Northill, Beds. SG18 9AB. Tel: 01767 627654.

Luton District Belfry Repair Fund (Charity Registration No. 280164)

Simon Stranks, 43 High Road, Shillington SG5 3LL. Tel: 01462 713036.

LIST OF MEMBERS AND TOWERS

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Stephen J. Ivin, John R. Pemble, Robert R. Churchill

ASSOCIATE NON-RINGING MEMBERS

Emily Entwistle, Bedford, St. Peter's; Nicholas Fowler, Goldington

ASSOCIATE RINGING MEMBERS

Elected in 2010

Thomas R. Harris (2160), Ian Unsworth (1608), Jane Webster (1107)

NON-RESIDENT LIFE MEMBERS

James Buckenham, Geoffrey Dann, Norman Dowd, Keith H. Fleming,
Andrea R. Hyman, Avril Ivin, David Lazzerini, Lynda M. Lazzerini,
Brian Makeham, Martyn J. Marriott, Clive G. Smith, Malcolm Woodcroft

RESIDENT MEMBERS TRANSFERRING TO NON-RESIDENT

Diana Dalton

RESIDENT RINGING MEMBERS

NEW RESIDENT MEMBERS

Name	Number	Tower	Date Elected
Keith Barnet	1601	Biggleswade	9 Jan 2010
Rowan Lewis	1606	Haynes	9 Jan 2010
Brian Oertel	1602	Haynes	9 Jan 2010
James Plummer	1603	Haynes	9 Jan 2010
Emily Welham	1605	Haynes	9 Jan 2010
George Welham	1604	Haynes	9 Jan 2010
Shelley Abbott	1105	Oakley	16 Jan 2010
Andrew Heyman	847	Bromham	16 Jan 2010
Peter M Jasper	2159	Flitwick	23 Jan 2010
Fran Smith	2077	Toddington	23 Jan 2010
Simon Daw	2162	Flitwick	24 Apr 2010
Rebekah Holman	2161	Flitwick	24 Apr 2010
Anne Hoxey	2163	Linslade	24 Apr 2010
Nicola Kimber	2164	Linslade	24 Apr 2010
Nicola Shephard	2165	Linslade	24 Apr 2010
Jonathan Foster	2170	Cranfield	24 Apr 2010
Hariette Grimes	2166	Cranfield	24 Apr 2010
Sophie Martin	2167	Cranfield	24 Apr 2010
Caroline Moore	2168	Cranfield	24 Apr 2010
Daniel Moore	2169	Cranfield	24 Apr 2010
Margaret Birtles	2171	Leighton Buzzard	24 Apr 2010
Simon Lockwood	2108	Leighton Buzzard	24 Apr 2010
Jonathan Pawley	738	Leighton Buzzard	24 Apr 2010
Erin Barnard	1619	Amphthill	15 May 2010
Katie Maddison	1106	Keysoe	3 July 2010
Rachel Franklin	1607	Northill	10 July 2010
Philip Kino	1108	Bedford, St. Andrew	2 Oct 2010
Melissa Nash	1109	Bedford, St. Andrew	2 Oct 2010
Richard Stroud	787	Eaton Bray	23 Oct 2010

Name	Number	Tower	Date Elected
Graham Magor	2172	Studham	23 Oct 2010
Alastair Painter	2173	Studham	23 Oct 2010
Andrew Wheeler	2174	Studham	23 Oct 2010
Bryan Daniels	2175	Totternhoe	23 Oct 2010
Natasha Arnold	2176	Houghton Regis	23 Oct 2010
Jesse Billington	2177	Flitwick	23 Oct 2010
Imogen Diver	2178	Flitwick	23 Oct 2010
Matthew Holman	2179	Flitwick	23 Oct 2010
Carys Jones	2180	Flitwick	23 Oct 2010
Alice Scott	1616	Biggleswade	13 Nov 2010
Clarrie Scott	1617	Biggleswade	13 Nov 2010
Guy Scott	1614	Biggleswade	13 Nov 2010
Kate Scott	1615	Biggleswade	13 Nov 2010

NOTES ON TOWER LISTINGS

Ringing times are 24-hour clock.

Sunday Service times are when ringing starts, not the time of the service.

PN: Practice Night. GF: Ground Floor ring. AC: Anti-Clockwise ring.

* Denotes Life Member. † Denotes Honorary Life Member.

Grid Reference of each tower is given.

See www.bacr.co.uk for up-to-date tower contact details.

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BEDFORD DISTRICT

UNATTACHED

Rosemary Buckle, Owen A. Davis, Canon John Tibbs.

BEDFORD. St. Andrew (8) 5-2-22 in B. TL057509

Sunday: 09.30

PN: Thursday 19.45-21.00

Alex Nash

☎ 01234 266671

5 Harvey Road, Bedford

bedfordstandrewbells@hotmail.com

MK41 9LF.

Jenny Adams, Kim Adams, Lisa Adams, Rachel Adams,
Sarah Adams, Gareth Burrows, David Heaslip, Richard Gallivan,
David Jones, Philip Kino, Alex Nash, Melissa Nash.

BEDFORD. St. Paul (12) 28-3-06 in D. TL049496

Sunday: 09.30-10.10

PN: Monday 19.30-21.00

Evening by arrangement.

Mrs. Shelagh R. Melville

☎ 01234 266060

45 Beverley Crescent, Bedford MK40 4BX.

John M.B. Long*, Shelagh R. Melville*, James R.B. Saunders.

BEDFORD. St. Peter de Merton (8) 12-1-00 in F#. TL051501

Sunday: 09.40

PN: Thursday 19.30-21.10

Mrs. Margaret Cowley

☎ 01234 854294

12 Ennerdale Close, Kempston MK42 8HE.

Lorraine Andrews*, David Cowley, Margaret Cowley, Ann Desics,
Richard Entwistle, Susan Entwistle, Christopher Meadows,
Sylvia MacDowell, Pat Staite.

BIDDENHAM. St. James (8) 12-3-18 in G. TL014499

Sunday: 08.30

PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00 (phone first)

Brian Toyn

☎ 01234 211716 *bdtoyne@talktalk.net*

30 Days Lane, Biddenham MK40 4AE.

Peter Applewhite, Peter Culverwell, Michael Hurford, Ashley Knight,
Robert Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Brian Toyn, James Weir,
W. Ralph West.

BLETSOE. St. Mary (6) 11-2-11 in F#. TL023583

Sunday: None

PN: None

Edward Bean

☎ 01234 781372

32 The Avenue, Bletsoe MK44 1QF.

BOLNHURST. St. Dunstan (4) 8-0-00 in Bb. (GF.) TL081588

Sunday: None

PN: None

Rex Whitmore

☎ 01234 376233 *rex.mar@tesco.net*

Silver Birches, Kimbolton Road, Bolnhurst MK44 2EL.

- BROMHAM.** St. Owen (8) 22-3-18 in Eb. TL013512
 Sunday: 09.45 PN: Tuesday 19.45-21.15
 check 4th Sunday
R.W. Jones ☎ 01234 881741
St. Monica, Norfolk Road, Turvey MK43 8DU.
 Mike Cassell*, B.L. Crisp, Robert Gornall, Derek A. Hammond*,
 Mary Harle, Steve Hare, Andrew Heyman, Robert W. Jones,
 Adrienne P. Sharp, Don Sherwood, Elisabeth Walshe.
- CARDINGTON.** St. Mary (8) 19-1-01 in F. TL086479
 Sunday: 09.45 PN: Friday
Mrs. Julie A. Eddy ☎ 01234 353489
141 Bamford Road, julieannarose@btinternet.com
Bedford MK42 0NH.
 Derek Eddy, Maureen Hall, Rev. Steven Smith.
- CARLTON.** St. Mary (6) 9-2-07 in Ab. SP952549
 3rd Sunday: 09.00 PN: Friday 19.30-21.00
 4th & 5th: 10.30 (alternate with Harrold)
Mrs. Lin Barratt ☎ 01234 720756
10 Beeby Way, Carlton MK43 7LW. lin.barratt@btinternet.com
 Martin D. Barratt, Lin Barratt, Ann Boyle, Sarah Ford,
 Margaret Lingood.
- CLAPHAM.** St. Thomas of Canterbury (6) 5-3-20 in Bb. TL034525
 Sunday: None PN: Tuesday 19.45 prompt-21.00
John F. Woods ☎ 01234 308703
23 Knights Avenue, woodentops23@nylworld.com
Clapham MK41 6DF.
- COLMWORTH.** St. Denys (6) 9-3-18 in G. (GF.) TL109586
 Sunday: 10.30 (1st & 3rd) PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
Humphrey Chetwynd-Talbot ☎ 01480 218562
Three Horseshoes, 31 Staploe, St. Neots, Cambs. PE19 5JA.
 Humphrey Chetwynd-Talbot, Felicity Evans, J. Moorby.
- ELSTOW.** SS. Mary & Helena (6) 8-2-00 in G. TL049474
 Sunday: 10.50 & 18.00 PN: Friday 20.00-21.00
Mrs. Miriam Clark ☎ 01234 853135
1 Garnith Close, Kempston MK42 8DX.
 Miriam Clark, Don MacFarlane, Stephen H. Stanford*,
 Barbara Routledge, Richard Marshall, Sarah Ward*.
- FELMERSHAM.** St. Mary (8) 20-2-18 in Eb. SP991578
 Sunday: None PN: None
Colin M. Payne ☎ 07790 956931
26 Duck Street, Rushden, Northants. NN10 9GP.
 Mike Benson, Colin M. Payne*.

- GOLDINGTON.** St. Mary (6) 10-2-07 in F#. TL076510
 Sunday: 09.00, 1st 10.45 PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
 16.30
Mrs. Jenny Thompson ☎ 01234 216571 thompbarr@aol.com
16 Langdale, Bedford MK41 9EG.
 Peter Blunt, Timothy Blunt, Andrew Dennison, Roger Framp,
 Jean Heaslip, Dorothy Kirby, Hazel Spencer, Doug Taylor,
 Jenny Thompson.
- HARROLD.** St. Peter & All Saints (6) 13-0-06 in F#. SP954567
 Sunday: 09.00 PN: Fridays 19.30-21.00
 4th Sun 10.30 (alternate with Carlton)
Martin D. Barratt ☎ 01234 720756
10 Beeby Way, Carlton MK43 7LW. martin.d.barratt@btinternet.com
 Peter Hickman, Robert Lindley, John Weatherill.
- KEMPSTON.** All Saints (10) 17-2-04 in E. TL015480
 Sunday: 09.45 PN: Wednesday 19.45-21.00
Dr. Nicola Darwood ☎ 01234 855167
113 High Street, Kempston MK42 7BP. the.darwoods@ntlworld.com
 Emma Darwood, Nicola Darwood, Rachel Darwood, Stephen Darwood,
 Richard J. Hillson, Anne Izzard, Clifford W. Izzard, Andrew M. Keech,
 Rosalind J. Keech*, Thomas A.F. Keech*, Melvin Potts,
 Martin J. Whiteley, Margaret Whiteley, Robert P. Wood.
- KEYSOE.** St. Mary (5) 14-1-19 in E. (GF.) TL073624
 Sunday: 09.30 (3rd) PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
Mrs. Penny Heming ☎ 01234 378878 penny.heming@tiscali.co.uk
Pump Cottage, Keysoe Row East, Keysoe MK44 2JB.
 Carol Burge, Ro Heming, Katie Maddison, Richard Thurmott,
 Marion Turner.
- LITTLE STAUGHTON.** All Saints (5) 10-2-20 in G#. (AC.) TL107630
 Sunday: 09.30 PN: Friday 19.30-21.00
 (alternate with Bolnhurst)
Bernard Hopperton ☎ 01234 376292
Cherry Blossom, Staughton Moor Road, Great Staughton,
St. Neots, Cambs. PE19 5BW.
 Marion Bastin.
- MELCHBOURNE.** St. Mary Magdalene (4) 12-1-12 in F#. TL028654
 Sunday: phone to check PN: None
Mrs. Audrey Lovell ☎ 01234 708728
13 Park Road, Melchbourne MK44 1BB.
- MILTON ERNEST.** All Saints (6) 9-1-01 in G. TL020561
 Sunday: None PN: None
Mrs. Valerie. Lincoln ☎ 01234 824923
9 Huntsman's Way, Milton Ernest MK44 1SA.
 Lesley Hattersley.

- OAKLEY.** St. Mary (6) 12-0-02 in G. TL011530
 Sunday: 09.00 1st & 3rd PN: Friday 20.00-21.15
 10.00 2nd & 4th
Bill Sellars ☎ 01234 823473 thesellars@btinternet.com
 2 Parsonage Close, Oakley MK43 7TG.
 Shelley Abbott, Martin Heaslip, Megan Hodgkins, Roy Phelan,
 Bill Sellars, John Stringer.
- ODELL.** All Saints (6) 13-1-08 in F#. SP966580
 Sunday: None PN: None
Dr. Martin E. Eshelby ☎ 01933 410959 martin@eshelby.co.uk
 16a Avenue Road, Rushden, Northants. NN10 0SJ.
- PAVENHAM.** St. Peter (5) 8-0-00 in A. SP992560
 Sunday: None PN: None
Rev. D.R. Bannard-Smith ☎ 01234 822992
 10 The Bury, Pavenham MK43 7PX.
 Vivian Holt.
- RENHOLD.** All Saints (6) 13-0-15 in F#. TL089528
 Sunday: 10.30 PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00
Mrs. Yvonne Potter ☎ 01234 771495 yvonnepotter@onetel.com
 8 Brook Lane, Salph End, Renhold MK41 0LD.
 Phil Harlow, Neil Hickman, Sue Hickman, Eddie Keightley,
 Yvonne Potter, Yvonne Whitbread.
- RISELEY.** All Saints (6) 13-1-26 in F. TL039631
 Sunday: 10.15, 1st PN: Monday 19.30-21.00
 (phone to check first)
Mr. David Shaw ☎ 01234 708204 d.r.shaw@btinternet.com
 5 Dodds Close, Riseley MK44 1DH.
- SHARNBROOK.** St. Peter (8) 9-3-05 in F#. SP993596
 Sunday: 09.30 & 17.15 PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00
Patrick J.S. Albon ☎ 01234 782251 pat.albon@btinternet.com
 27 Home Close, Sharnbrook MK44 1PQ.
 Jacqui Albon, Patrick J.S. Albon, Susan Albon, Judy Anderson*,
 Tom Anderson*, Gemma Davison, Helen Horn, Kathryn Stenton,
 Simon Sweeney, Jo Webb, Barbara Woplin.
- STAGSDEN.** St. Leonard (6) 10-2-18 in G. (GF.) SP982491
 Sunday: 10.30, 1st PN: Alternate Thursdays 20.00
John Brett ☎ 01234 824065 jj.hbrett@btinternet.com
 8 Church Lane, Stagsden MK43 8SH.

- STEVEINGTON.** St. Mary (5) 12-2-00 in F#. (GF.) SP990536
 Sunday: 09.00, except 4th PN: Thursday 19.45-21.00
Peter Bishop ☎ 01234 825158
4 Church Road, sueandpeterb@btinternet.com
Stevington MK43 7QB.
 Peter Bishop, Jean Edwards, Rosemary Maclaine.
- SWINESHEAD.** St. Nicholas (5) 2-2-07 in F. TL058659
 Sunday: None PN: None
Mrs. Janet Herdan ☎ 01234 708692 janherdan@yahoo.co.uk
The Old Rectory, Swineshead MK44 2AA.
- THURLEIGH.** St. Peter (6) 14-0-00 in F#. (GF.) TL051584
 Sunday: None PN: Monday (phone to check)
John Mustoe ☎ 01234 771667 nigelmustoe@msn.com
Blackthorn Cottage, 20 Cross End, Thurleigh MK44 2EE.
 Howard Barker.
- TURVEY.** All Saints (8) 19-0-20 in E. SP940525
 Sunday: 10.30, except 4th PN: Friday 19.00-20.00
David Nightingale ☎ 01234 881453
10 Barncroft, Turvey MK43 8DN. david@bats-in-the-belfry.co.uk
- UPPER DEAN.** All Hallows (5) 9-3-20 in G. (GF.) TL046676
 Sunday: 09.45 PN: Thursday 20.20-21.00
 (phone to check) (phone to check)
Mrs. Lindsay Langley ☎ 01234 708165
Te Oroha, 6 Ayott Close, alangley35@btinternet.com
Upper Dean PE28 0NA.
- WILDEN.** St. Nicholas (5) 11-2-00 in F#. (GF.) TL093552
 Sunday: None PN: None
Mrs. Carolyn Walker ☎ 01234 771102
49 High Street, Wilden MK44 2QD.
 Bridget Stone.
- WOOTTON.** St. Mary (6) 14-3-26 in F. TL003451
 Sunday: None PN: None
Richard Reeves ☎ 01234 767726 mail@richardreeves.net
102 Bedford Road, Wootton MK43 9JB.
 Joan Reeves, Richard Reeves.
- UNRINGABLE**
- MARSTON MORETAINE.** St. Mary the Virgin (5) 13-2-00 in F (AC) SP996412
- PODDINGTON.** St. Mary (4) 9-0-00 in G SP942627
- WYMINGTON.** St. Lawrence (5) 13-1-22 in F#. (GF.) SP955644
- YELDEN.** St. Mary (4) 8-0-0 in Bb. (GF.) TL011672

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT

UNATTACHED

Barbara Beard, Sue Silver, Christine Williams.

AMPTHILL. St. Andrew (8) 13-3-06 in Ab. TL037383

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Erin Barnard, Theresa Barnard, Derek Hart, John Hele, Elizabeth Hele,
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ARLESEY. St. Peter (6) 10-3-15 in G. TL192375

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Don Brace, Brian Juffs, Katie Juffs, Elizabeth J. Overfield,
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Sunday: 09.00 & 17.30 PN: Wednesday 20.00-21.00

Anthony H. Smith ☎ 01462 700676
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Keith Barnet, David G. Carr*, James K. Eggleston, Roy Haynes,
Yvonne Humberstone*, Prudence Moore, Rev. Guy Scott, Kate Scott,
Alice Scott, Clarrie Scott, Alan S. Smith*, Anthony H. Smith*,
Charlotte M. Smith*, Sheila I. Smith*, Elaine Taylor*,
Beryl Worsley*, John E. Worsley*, Martyn Worsley*.

BLUNHAM. St. Edmund (6) 18-2-00 in Eb. TL153512

Sunday: phone for details PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
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Terri Creed.

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Linda Bryant, Eleanor Dawson, Linda M. Garton,
Barrie Glenn, John P. Loveless.

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 Sunday: 10.15 & 18.00 PN: Friday 19.45-21.00
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 Sheila V. Ashton*, Stanley H. Ashton*, Peter Blackmore,
 Nicholas D. Brown, Russell A. Brown, Teresa Brown,
 Harriet G. Moncrieff, Jim Peacock, Frank W. Rivett,
 Philippa M. Whittington.
- COPLE.** All Saints (6) 8-1-00 in G#. (AC.) TL103485
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Cople MK44 3TN.
- EATON SOCON.** St. Mary (8) 13-2-24 in F. TL170588
 Sunday: 08.30 1st & last PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
 10.00 others
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Eaton Ford, St. Neots, Cambs. PE19 7QQ.
 D. Graham Hall, Michael J. Matthews*, Mary Parnham,
 Wendy Piercy*, Sue Spencer.
- GREAT BARFORD.** All Saints (5) 15-3-16 in F. (GF.) TL134517
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107 Chapel Field, cjbranch@btinternet.com
Great Barford MK44 3JT.
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 Sunday: 09.00, 1st PN: Monday 19.00-21.00
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Haynes MK45 3QH.
 Brian Oertel, James Plummer, George Welham, Emily Welham,
 Rowan Lewis.
- HENLOW.** St. Mary (8) 14-2-00 in F#. TL178387
 Sunday: 10.30, check 5th PN: Tuesday 20.00-21.00
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SG16 6BX.
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 Martin Major*, Randall R. Perrey, Philip G. Rogers, Jessica Sawyers,
 Amy Skellern.

- MAULDEN.** St. Mary (8) 10-2-00 in F#. TL058381
 Sunday: 08.45 PN: Wednesday 19.45-21.00
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 Mark Garner*, Colin Gunns, Christel Gunns, John Holmden,
 Mary Mann*, Simon Morris, Sarah Pickford, Yvonne Tomkins*.
- MEPPERSHALL.** St. Mary (6) 12-0-00 in G#. (GF.) TL134359
 Sunday: None PN: Friday 20.00-21.00
 (alternate with Arlesey)
John Parsons ☎ 01462 813333
 17 Shillington Road, Meppershall SG17 5ND.
 David Bartlett, Anne Parsons*, John Parsons*, Elizabeth Wade*.
- NORTHILL.** St. Mary the Virgin (6) 18-2-12 in Eb. TL149466
 Sunday: 10.30, check 5th PN: Monday 19.30-21.00
Chris. J. Morris ☎ 01767 627476
The Barracks, Northill SG18 9AH.
 Mike Cowell, Rachel Franklin, Simon Melvin, Susan Melvin,
 Chris J. Morris, Roy Thrower.
- OLD WARDEN.** St. Leonard (6) 9-1-00 in G. (GF.) TL136443
 Sunday: None PN: None
Rev. Frank Coleman ☎ 01767 315578
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 2a Biggleswade Road, Upper Caldecote, Biggleswade SG18 9BL.
- POTTON.** St. Mary (6) 8-0-00 in A. TL229495
 Sunday: 09.45 PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00
Mrs. Rosemary Kimber ☎ 01767 261206
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 Potton SG19 2QT.
- ROXTON.** St. Mary Magdalene (5) 10-1-03 in G. TL153545
 Sunday: 10.30 PN: None
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 "The Lilacs", Chawston Lane, Chawston MK44 3BH.
 David Bradley, Anne Cattnach, Walter Jennings, Bernard Hooker,
 Norman Keightley.
- SANDY.** St. Swithun (6) 12-0-08 in F. TL174491
 Sunday: 09.30 PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00
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 Kylie Hirt, Tabitha Hirt, Viv Smith, Christopher Wagstaff,
 Rev. Derwyn Williams, Kevin Wood.

SOUTHILL. All Saints (6) 11-3-03 in F#. TL146422
 Sunday: 08.45 (1st only) PN: Thursday before last
 Sunday 19.30-20.30
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STOTFOLD. St. Mary (8) 11-0-02 in G. TL220367
 Sunday: 09.30 PN: Thursday 19.30-21.20
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Amber Lodge, Hatley Road, Wrestlingworth SG19 2EH.
 Eileen Castledine, J. Richard Castledine, Roy V. Webb, Bob Werrett.

TEMPSFORD. St. Peter (6) 9-1-00 in Ab. (GF.) TL162531
 Sunday: phone for details PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
 (alternate with Blunham)
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 Jeff Cloughton, Sandra Cloughton, Alan Tuffnell.

WILLINGTON. St. Lawrence (6) 9-0-01 in A. TL106498
 Sunday: None PN: Tuesday (phone first)
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Willington MK44 3QG

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HOUGHTON CONQUEST. All Saints (6) 12-1-02 in F#. TL043414

LITTLE BARFORD. St. Denys (4) 6-0-00 TL178570

STEPPINGLEY. St. Lawrence (4) 5-0-00. TL012355

SUTTON. All Saints (4) 7-0-00. TL218475

LUTON DISTRICT

UNATTACHED

David I. Braunton, Peter Goode, Tricia Goode, Margaret Oakley,
 John R. Pemble†, Margaret E. Pemble, Robert Tregillus.

ASPLEY GUISE. St. Botolph (6) 10-0-11 in G#. SP943363
 Sunday: 09.00 PN: None
 phone to check

Ron Battams ☎ 01908 582673
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 Ron Battams, Patricia Woolhead.

BARTON-LE-CLAY. St. Nicholas (8) 16-1-14 in E. TL085304
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Mrs. Jennifer Archer ☎ 01582 881497
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 Arron Beckett, Christine Jones.

- CADDINGTON.** All Saints (6) 8-0-00 in G. TL064198
 Sunday: 09.30 PN: Thursday 20.00-21.00
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72 Mancroft Road, Caddington LU1 4EL.
- CRANFIELD.** SS. Peter & Paul (6) 17-1-00 in E. SP956420
 Sunday: 09.45 PN: Thursday 19.30
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 Harriette Grimes, Jane Leslie, Maria Marsh, Abby Martin,
 Debbie Martin, Sophie Martin, Caroline Moore, Daniel Moore,
 John Peat, Albert Reeve, Susan Webster.
- DUNSTABLE.** St. Peter (8) 23-2-15 in Eb. TL021219
 Sunday: 08.40 & 18.00 PN: Wednesday 19.45-21.15
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 David Jeffs, Jackie Jeffs, Paul Jeffs, John Martin, Karen S. Martin,
 Karl Osborn, Graham Proctor, Peter Sanders, Alan M. Shepherd.
- EATON BRAY.** St. Mary the Virgin (6) 9-2-00 in A. SP969207
 Sunday: 09.30 PN: None
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John Plater ☎ 01525 221095
41 Church Lane, Eaton Bray LU6 2DJ.
 Richard Stroud.
- EVERSHOLT.** St. John the Baptist (6) 17-3-00 in F. SP983325
 Sunday: None PN: None
Robert R. Churchill ☎ 01525 280632
11 Tingrith Road, Eversholt MK17 9EF.
- FLITTON.** St. John the Baptist (6) 6-0-06 in Bb. (GF.) TL059358
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 Sally N. Creveul, Vernon Green, Maureen Morey.
- FLITWICK.** SS. Peter & Paul (6) 10-0-00 in G. TL029342
 Sunday: 10.00 PN: Friday 19.45-21.15
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 Matthew Holman, Rebekah Holman, Robert Jackson, Peter M. Jasper,
 Carys Jones, Lisa Swannell, Michael J. Trimm, Emma Wigfield.

- HOUGHTON REGIS.** All Saints (6) 13-0-00 in E. TL018239
 Sunday: 09.30 PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00
Delroy Grey ☎ 01582 868644
36 Kent Road, Houghton Regis LU5 5NZ.
 Carl Anthony, Natasha Arnold, Delroy Grey, Victoria Grey,
 Aaron Keers, Rochelle A. North, John Pratt, Peter Pratt,
 Cecilia Pymont, Courtney Spoerer, Stella Thomas,
 Cameron White-Spunner.
- HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.** St. James (8) 18-2-12 in D. SP955362
 Sunday: 10.45 (1st & 4th) PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
 15.00 (2nd only)
Robert R. Churchill ☎ 01525 280632
11 Tingrith Road, Eversholt MK17 9EF.
 Christine Bailey, Anthea Budgett, Elizabeth Churchill,
 Robert R. Churchill†, Peter Phillips.
- KENSWORTH.** St. Mary (6) 3-3-15 in D#. TL031190
 Sunday: 10.00 PN: Ring for information
Mrs. Elizabeth Shelley, ☎ 01582 872240
Church End Cottage, Kensworth LU6 3RA.
 Brian Bedlington, Dorothy Blackburn, Peter Culley, Lisa Jones,
 Patricia Litton, Margaret Putterill, Elizabeth Shelley.
- LEIGHTON BUZZARD.** All Saints (12) 35-1-14 in C#. SP918248
 Sunday: 08.45 PN: Monday 19.45-21.30
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10 Church Square, kevin.pughe@btinternet.com
Leighton Buzzard LU7 1AE.
 Margaret Birtles, Gwenda Burley, Barry Eglesfield, Simon Lockwood,
 Jonathan Pawley, Kevin Pughe.
- LINSLADE.** St. Barnabas (8) 9-3-3 in A. SP912249
 Sunday: 09.30 PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.15
Mrs. Heather C. Darvill ☎ 01525 371836 ddarvill100@tiscali.co.uk
428 Bideford Green, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard LU7 2TY.
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 Jannese Cornfoot, Heather C. Darvill, Jane Dunn, Philip Dunn,
 Graham J. Gill, Anne Hoxey, Nicola Kimber, Elysia B.L. Pughe,
 Saffron Pughe, Sophia L.E. Pughe, Janice Robinson, Nicola Shephard,
 Louisa M. Smith.
- LUTON.** St. Mary (12) 25-0-24 in D. TL095212
 Sunday: 09.15 PN: Tuesday 18.30-20.00
 by arrangement
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 Ian Brown, Beryl Gardner, Keith Lewin, Gerry North,
 Doris Thacker, Emma Vanner.

- MILTON BRYAN.** St. Peter (3) 9-0-00 in A. (GF.) SP972308
 Sunday: None PN: None
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23 Church End, fiona.chapman@centralbeds.gov.uk
Milton Bryan MK17 9HR.
- SHILLINGTON.** All Saints (5) 18-2-00 in E. (GF.) TL123339
 Sunday: 09.00 PN: Monday 20.00-21.00
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20 Hanscombe End Road, tom-mcgrath-uk@yahoo.co.uk
Shillington SG5 3NB.
- SILSOE.** St. James (6) 6-1-09 in B. TL082356
 Sunday: 09.10 (1st 09.30) PN: Monday 19.45-21.00
Mrs. Barbara Fraser ☎ 01525 861709
18 Bedford Avenue, Silsoe MK45 4ER.
 Christopher Catlin, Julia Catlin, Barbara Fraser, Thomas P. Harris,
 Simon N. Stranks.
- STANBRIDGE.** St. John the Baptist (6) 9-0-15 in F#. SP966242
 Sunday: 08.30 (1st & last) PN: Wednesday 20.00-21.00
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10 Carlton Grove, laurence@peanutwood.net
Leighton Buzzard LU7 3BR.
- STUDHAM.** St. Mary the Virgin (6) 10-0-22 in Ab. (GF.) TL016159
 Sunday: 10.00 PN: Monday 20.00-21.00
Miss Angela Blackburn, ☎ 01582 663756 angela@ablackburn.co.uk
7 Knotts Close, Dunstable LU6 3NY.
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 Graham Magor, Alastair Painter, Peter Sanders, Andrew Wheeler,
 Peter Williams.
- TILSWORTH.** All Saints (6) 8-3-17 in A. (GF.) SP975243
 Sunday: 08.30, 2nd/3rd PN: Monday 20.00-21.00
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 John Mead, John North, Alan Smith, John Wilkins.
- TODDINGTON.** St. George of England (8) 22-2-00 in E. TL010289
 Sunday: 10.30 PN: Friday 19.30-21.00
Peter Boon ☎ 01908 584181
33 Vicarage Street, Woburn Sands MK17 8RE.
 Ruth Betts, Peter Boon, Viki Holton, Anne Kiss, John Pask,
 Fran Smith.

- TOTTERNHOE.** St. Giles (8) 9-2-00 in F. SP988208
 Sunday: 10.15 PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00
Mrs. Jacqui Hunt ☎ 01582 602266
35 Totternhoe Road, Dunstable LU6 2AF.
 Bryan Daniels, Julie Fox, Ann Geeson, Ester Gold,
 Stuart Harding, Yvonne Harding, Jacqui Hunt, Toni Methven,
 Helen Morgan, Michael Pearson, Anne Tucker, Eve Yates.
- UPPER GRAVENHURST.** St. Giles (5) 10-0-00 in G#. (GF.) TL113360
 Redundant Church. No ringing.
 See www.bacr.co.uk for latest information.
- WESTONING.** St. Mary Magdalene (6) 11-1-18 in F#. TL027327
 Sunday: 10.30 PN: Tuesday 20.00-21.00
Merv Gulliver ☎ 01525 752881
51 Spensley Road, Westoning MK45 5LQ.
 Alan Davies, Merv Gulliver, Gerry Moore, Alan Sharp,
 Janice Sharp, Sarah Sharp.
- WHIPSNAD.** St. Mary Magdalene (6) 3-1-24 in E. (GF.) TL012179
 Sunday: 08.30 PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00
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 Pam Ward.
- WOBBURN.** St. Mary the Virgin (8) 24-1-16 in D. SP950333
 Sunday: 17.15 (1st only) PN: Thursday (1st only)
 09.30 (2nd only)
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 Raymond Watkin.
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- HARLINGTON.** St. Mary the Virgin (5) 13-2-00 in F#. TL038305
- HOCKLIFFE.** St. Nicholas (4) 6-0-00. SP966270
- HULCOTE.** St. Nicholas (4) 8-0-00. SP944389
- TINGRITH.** St. Nicholas (3). TL006324

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As always 2010 started with the usual busy schedule of Annual District Meetings quickly followed the General Committee Meeting. Each District has arranged a variety of monthly meetings which covered outings, training sessions, meetings, and, for some, social events.

On a personal note I have enjoyed meeting many of you at meetings throughout 2010 and I hope to continue this in 2011.

In September Jackie O'Regan resigned as Secretary and Webmaster and I am very grateful that Terry Brown offered to take on the role until the AGM in May, an offer accepted by all of the Committee.

My thanks go to Jackie for all her hard work during her time in both of these posts.

Christine Williams has taken over as Webmaster and is in the process of setting up a new website; in the meantime a temporary site is in operation.

The contest for the Melville Cup, our Young Ringers' Striking Competition, was held on the afternoon of the AGM in May and had four teams participating, one each from Bedford and Biggleswade Districts, and two from Luton. The standard of ringing was again very high and new winners emerged with Bedford taking the trophy for the first time (a report of the Competition appears on page 30). It was considered that holding this event on the day of the AGM was not the ideal day for it, thus from 2011 this will take place on the same day as the Association Striking Competition.

Shortly after this event some slightly older ringers represented the Association in the Ridgman Trophy, seeking to retain the trophy that they had won for the previous three years. Unfortunately this was not to be the case and they were placed 6th although those listening to their efforts felt that they deserved a much higher placing.

It was all change in the Association trophies section in 2010 as in September the Striking Competition was won by Husborne Crawley.

The final Association event of the year was held in November with the Young Ringers' Event held at Campton when young ringers from across the county attended an afternoon of fun and cake eating.

My thanks go to all who have assisted, arranged and supported the activities and events of the Association in 2010 and I look forward to 2011 being an equally successful year.

SUE SILVER, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Another year and a new Treasurer. I took over from Beth Overfield at the AGM in May and I'd like to thank Beth for all her hard work.

This year we made a loss of £2,320.22, this was due to the Association giving each of the three District BRFs £1,000. Subscription income has gone down by £110. Overall membership is down by 12, but more worrying is that full membership has dropped by 28 whereas the over 65's has increased by 20. As the years go by this trend will continue at a greater rate as we all age. I recommend that we give a lot of thought to increasing all membership to £5 except for the under 19s. After all £2.50 is only the cost of six postage stamps. Another way of increasing our funds is to get every member who is a tax payer to Gift Aid their subscriptions. Christine Williams, who is overseeing this, says that the response so far has been very poor. As from 1 April 2011 we shall receive back from HMRC 20p in the pound.

BARBARA FRASER, Treasurer

REPORT FROM THE LIBRARIAN

2010 was yet another quiet year with the only loans being photographs to Stephen Stanford when he was putting the Stephen Ivins tribute together on the Association web site.

I have received contributions from two sources this year. The first was a copy of the booklet *Peal and Quarter Peal Compositions of Joseph E Arnold*, presented by Owen Davis.

The second was a copy of *The Oxford University Society of Change Ringers 1872-1997* by John Spice and unbound copies of the *Ringing World* for the years 1949 and 1950, both from Stephen Ivins' collection and passed on to the library by Stephen Stanford.

I continue to be grateful to Dunstable Church authorities for continuing to provide a home for the library and Alan Shepherd for acting as custodian.

As reported over the last seven years, a small number of previous loans are still out with a past Association Secretary!

I am again indebted to Bob Churchill and Maureen Hall for their continued donations of the *Ringing World* and *Headstock* respectively.

PATRICK J.S. ALBON, Hon. Librarian

REPORT FROM THE RONALD J. SHARP BELL FUND COMMITTEE

There were no requests received for consideration by the Committee in 2010.

SUE SILVER, President

YOUNG RINGERS' STRIKING COMPETITION FOR THE MELVILLE CUP

The competition this year was held at Oakley on 19 May, AGM afternoon. Four teams entered, one each from the Bedford and Biggleswade District and two from the Luton District. Before the main AGM the judges, Linda Garton and Maggie Whiteley, said that all the teams deserved credit for their good ringing. They summarised each team's performance and gave the results.

Team A (Bedford): good steady ringing, stable leading, good tenor rhythm. Occasional rhythm trips but finished strongly.

Team B (Luton A): slowest ringing, measured, sometimes a little too careful. Tenor could have been more confident at setting an even beat. Very good in patches.

Team C (Luton B): good effort, worked hard to correct errors. Leading needed more handstroke gap, tenor to ring closer to keep beat going. Finished well.

Team D (Biggleswade): quite confident, steady leading, good beat set by 5 and 6. Middle bells needed to match the rhythm, picked up towards end.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Faults</i>	<i>Team</i>
1st	85	Bedford
2nd	104	Luton A
3rd	108	Biggleswade
4th	119	Luton B

Shelagh Melville presented the Cup to the winning Bedford team and the Judges were warmly thanked. Thanks were given to the Oakley ringers for making the bells available. In future the Young Ringers' Striking Competitions will be held on the same day as the main Association competition.

ASSOCIATION STRIKING CONTEST

After a clear run of seven years the cup was finally wrenched from Kempston on Saturday 18 September, at the competition hosted by the Luton branch. The church was St Botolph's at Aspley Guise, a fairly light 10cwt ring and as three of the bells are odd-struck it was a challenge for the bands participating.

The Judges were Roy and Judy Woodruff who patiently sat in their car outside in light rain and were so good natured when the vicar asked them to move off his drive. After telling us that he is actually an ex-resident of the Bedfordshire Association – albeit about 48 years ago – Roy described the ringing of each tower. He commented that most bands were quite lumpy and was quick to explain that he actually meant the ringing and not the ringers, but that on the whole it had all sounded nice so perhaps he had been a bit mean with the faults.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Faults</i>
1st	Husborne Crawley	Luton	Enjoyable to listen to, some quick blows in middle of rows.	30
2nd	Eaton Socon	Biggleswade	Good pace, a few quick leads.	34
3rd	Kempston	Bedford	Mostly even, some hesitation in changes.	37
4th	Dunstable	Luton	No serious faults didn't really settle down.	43
5th (joint)	Henlow	Biggleswade	Good quick pace some lumpy ringing.	58
5th (joint)	Bedford, St Andrew's	Bedford	Cover slow and a big clash	58

The cup was presented to the tower captain of Husborne Crawley, Bob Churchill, Association Vice President, by Sue Silver the President. As Husborne Crawley, who are suffering from the expense of a new clapper and eight ropes, contemplated on how they were going to afford to engrave the cup, Kempston cheekily offered the loan of some silver polish – until next year!

Sue Silver thanked the vicar and the PCC for the use of their bells and hall; Pat Woolhead, Liz and Bob Churchill for the excellent tea; Roy and Judy Woodruff for coming from Aston Clinton to judge the contest.

RUTH BETTS,
Secretary, Luton District



The winning Luton District band, Husborne Crawley, with the Lucy Shepherd Cup, the Association Striking Contest Cup and their certificates. Left to right, back row: David I. Braunton (Capt.), Peter Phillips, Ron Battams; front row: Liz Churchill, Ruth Betts and Bob Churchill.

‘JIM’S JUG’ CHALLENGE

In 1977 James W Yates, an Ampthill ringer at the time, gave the Association a large pottery jug as the trophy for a ‘Raising and Lowering in Peal’ challenge. The trophy was made at the Wenfordbridge Pottery in Cornwall and is now more commonly known as ‘Jim’s Jug’; apparently its capacity is 7 pints! Jim’s challenge was to encourage bands (of resident ringers who regularly ring for Sunday services) to raise and lower six or eight bells in peal and be judged for good striking throughout. The winners being the band scoring least faults.

Biggleswade ringers had been holders for many years, mainly because of a lack of challengers! However, the Goldington band threw down the gauntlet and a contest took place at Haynes on 5 May.

Stan Ashton, the appointed judge, announced Biggleswade as the winners. Stan said that Jim knew the contest was taking place and would be told about it and the result. Anthony Smith thanked Goldington for their challenge and hoped this would encourage more challenges in future. Anthony also thanked Stan for judging and Brian Oertel for arranging the venue. He said that the two teams had been well matched.

A scratch band of onlookers rang the bells back up (not entirely with credit), after which a number of methods were rung by all. Jim’s Jug is now back in its place on the table in the Biggleswade ringing chamber, but we don’t know if the ringers used it to celebrate their success!

The rules require challenges to be made at an Association meeting, not less than four months after the last contest. The contest must be held within four months after the challenge is made, with a maximum of three teams taking part. The full rules are on the Association web site.

So who will be next to challenge Biggleswade?

MAUREEN HALL, with assistance from others



The winning team, left to right: Yvonne Humberstone, Alan S. Smith, Sheila I. Smith, appointed Judge, Stanley H. Ashton, Charlotte M. Smith, Anthony H. Smith (tower captain, Biggleswade) and Roy Haynes.

RIDGMAN TROPHY TEN BELL COMPETITION

Saturday 19 June 2010 was an unseasonably cold wet and windy day when a representative Association band and supporters travelled to Cambridge to compete in the 23rd Ridgman Trophy striking competition, this year hosted by the Ely Diocesan Association. The 12 bells of the University Church of Great St Mary are a brand new installation and a joy to ring. Predictably the standard for the day was likely to be high and the Judges, Paul and Kate Flavell, would have their work cut out.

We were drawn to ring 3rd and made good use of our practice time. Nerves were kicking in for some but having completed the test piece of 200 changes of Cambridge Surprise Royal we felt we had acquitted ourselves reasonably well. As we were still quite early in the competition most of us retired to the welcoming warmth of a local hostelry, although some became “churchyard judges” and stayed awhile to weigh up the competition.

Unfortunately 2010 was not to see our run of three wins in a row extended and we were placed a rather disappointing sixth, although the judges’ comments on our ringing didn’t seem to bear out our overall score of 316 marks out of 400. However a good day was had by all and we all enjoyed ringing on the new bells.

Thanks go to all who gave up their time to represent the Association in this important regional event. Roll on to next year.

RUSSELL A. BROWN



The Ridgman Trophy Band, left to right: Linda M. Garton, John P. Loveless, Rosalind J. Keech, Richard A. Horne, Charlotte M. Smith, Nicholas D. Brown, Vernon Green, Russell A. Brown, Robert P. Wood, Anthony H. Smith.

4TH ANNUAL YOUNG RINGERS' EVENT

Campton Church recently played host to a crowd of young people, (not so young!) helpers, bells and, of course, lots of cake. On the afternoon of Saturday 20 November, the young ringers from the Bedfordshire Association gathered to have an afternoon of ringing on tower bells, handbells, on a simulator, but mainly (let's be honest!) for the feast of gorgeous cakes. With a helping hand from the adult ringers, the young people were split into two groups, suitably named Bobs and Sallys. Then the fun began with the tower bells and handbells being rung. As well as practising basic bell-handling in rounds and call changes, the youngsters also got to "judge" the more experienced ringers, and shout at them with hints to improve their striking, which caused much fun and hilarity.

On the handbells we rang plain hunt with a difference. Everyone had a bell, and it wasn't just striking in a different place, we were moving around like dancers, so we were able to move off some of the cake! There was also an opportunity to try the Abel simulator and a little competition was held, with prizes for best adults too. The young people were definitely better than the adults. Although we may not have turned into expert ringers during the course of the afternoon, we did manage very successfully to get through all of the abundance of cakes.

The afternoon was great fun and very useful for all the young ringers, and all of them are grateful to the people who organised it and to all those who donated the scrumptious cakes. The afternoon finished with some more advanced method ringing for youngsters who could ring. It was an afternoon to remember and something that everyone could enjoy. We now look forward (with a certain sense of trepidation!) to the Ringing World Centenary Striking Competition in March, and before that a trip to Worcester to the Ringing Centre to perfect our techniques!

ALICE SCOTT, Biggleswade



Some of the Young Ringers at Campton on the Training Afternoon along with their tutors – a great day of fun for all!

REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICTS

BEDFORD DISTRICT

2010 started with the Annual District Meeting at Felmersham at which Roger (Jim) Framp stood down as BRF Treasurer after very many years of service, and Alex Nash stood down as Chairman after five years, our thanks go to both of these. Graham Ridgway was elected Chairman and Andrew Dennison took over as BRF Treasurer. The C Edward Jeffries Memorial Trophy for a young ringer making good progress was retained by Thomas Keech. The meeting was overshadowed by the death on 7 January of Stephen Ivin, and Stephen Stanford spoke about him and how, although not active in the District in recent years, he had had a profound influence on later generations of ringers and the ringing culture in the area.

The programme for the year then followed the usual pattern. The District Outing organised by Maureen Hall took place in March and again went to the Milton Keynes area, visiting Lavendon, Chicheley, North Crawley, Sherington, Wavendon, Downs Barn, and Newport Pagnell. This was followed by the District Quarter Peal week when nine quarters were rung, including two "First Quarters" and a number of personal firsts.

On 1 May there was a 'Ring and Eat' evening with ringing at Bedford St Paul's and a meal afterwards, organised by Adrienne Sharp. The following week saw a long-awaited event at Haynes when the Goldington ringers challenged the Biggleswade ringers, the holders, for possession of 'Jim's Jug', formally known as 'The Raise and Lower in Peal Challenge Trophy' given to the Association in 1977 by James W Yates, it was however retained by Biggleswade. Also in May the Association Annual General Meeting was held at Bromham along with the Young Ringers' Striking Competition at nearby Oakley, at which Bedford District won the Melville Trophy for the first time. There was a gathering at Kempston to mark the retirement of Cliff Izzard as Tower Captain and his 35 years' of service to the church and the ringers. The District Striking Competition organised by Bob Wood was at Stagsden in June with seven teams participating: Elstow won the rounds cup, and Kempston and Bedford St Andrew's went forward to the Association Striking Competition in September at Aspley Guise, where Kempston came third.

The 'Ring and Ride' cycle ride led by Alex Nash took place again in September, when seven ringers cycled 22.7 miles visiting Goldington, Cardington, Elstow, Kempston, Biddenham, Bromham, Oakley, Clapham, Bedford St Andrew's and Bedford St Peter's to raise money for the District BRF and the Historic Churches Trust.

Of course there were also the regular monthly Saturday ringing meetings throughout the year, with Bob Wood and Stephen Stanford serving as Ringing Masters. The year was marked by a strong emphasis on training organised by Sylvia MacDowell. There were sessions of Bob Doubles and Minor, Striking and Listening, Bob Triples and Major including Calling, as well as Bell and Belfry Maintenance, led by Martin and Maggie Whiteley, Lorraine Andrews, and Stephen Stanford.

Our thanks go to all those mentioned above, and to the many other people who have contributed this year, often working away behind the scenes: Chairman Graham Ridgway, Secretary Bob Jones, Treasurer Jenny Thompson, BRF Treasurer Andrew Dennison, *'Headstock Editor'* Maureen Hall, as well as other members of the Committee, the helpers at training sessions, providers of tea and refreshments, organisers of ringing meetings and venues, conductors of church services, organ players, and everyone else who has helped to keep the District up and running.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT

Time certainly flies as you get older as I now find that this is the fourth report that I have prepared and it only seems a year or so ago since I was elected District Chairman.

I believe that 2010 has seen continuing progress in the District, but not at as fast a pace as I would have liked, nevertheless some has been made. The time has come for us to consider if the format that we have for monthly meetings is the best for the membership. We need to look at experimenting with ways to improve the appeal of them to involve as many people as possible, not just the 'regulars' who turn up month in, month out. This is something that I would be proposing that the Committee considers in its forthcoming meetings.

The major bell project for the year was the refurbishment of the bells at Clifton, which has resulted in the 'go' of the back bells being much improved and changes to the ringing circle so that the 2, 3, 4, 5 are not in a straight line and more evenly spaced. The cost of the project was significantly reduced as local "man-power" was provided to assist the bell hangers.

I said last year that our young ringers' success in the Melville Cup in 2008 and 2009 would be difficult to defend for a second time; and this turned out to be the case when they came 3rd. However, they still gave a most creditable performance, in a close run competition, with a very high standard of ringing. The youngsters were a credit to coach, Nick Brown. The competition in 2011 has been moved from the Association AGM day in May to the Association Striking Competition day on the 3rd Saturday in September. Any ringer under 18 on 1 January is eligible for the team and I would ask that you encourage any young ringers in your tower to come along when we arrange a practice session for this year's team in the summer.

The District Striking Competition was in March and this saw seven participating teams, five in the main competition and two in the rounds competition. The winners were Henlow, with Eaton Socon as runners-up. These two teams represented the District in the Association Competition in September that was held at Aspley Guise. The winners of the rounds competition were Arlesley but the cup went to Meppershall as the former team had to import a 'ringer'. My thanks go to Beth Overfield for organising the day and to the judges, David Stanford and Adrienne Sharp. Congratulations to Eaton Socon on coming 2nd in the Association competition being piped to 1st place by just 4 faults, Henlow were joint 5th.

The District dinner held at the White Horse, Southill in April was poorly attended, but the 26 who went along had a very sociable time and excellent food.

The following day we held our monthly meeting on the 10 bells at Kempston. This was well attended, and another enjoyable evening was had by all.

Our Annual Outing in May was to 'The Fens'. Of course, we did not know it at the time, but this was to be the last outing that Philip Rogers would arrange for us. I have no knowledge of how many District Outings Philip arranged but I do know, from old *Ringings* that I have been reading, that he was organising them over 40 years ago! As always this outing was arranged so that we travelled at a leisurely pace and every detail had been checked more than once. Philip will be greatly missed by us all.

October brought a new item to our agenda in the form of a 12 bell practice at St Paul's Bedford; this was both successful and well attended.

The following week we held our Training Day with the morning session at Haynes, for Surprise Minor and Treble Bob on 6, and Surprise Major and Treble Bob on 8 in the afternoon at Campton. In between there was time to enjoy a very good lunch at the Jolly Coopers in Wardhedges. In addition, theory sessions were held in the morning on Treble Bob and the Cambridge 6 by Anthony Smith. The whole day was organised and superbly run by Linda Garton making the day a great

success. A big thank you too to the many experienced ringers who gave their time to help the 'less experienced.' I am delighted to say that Linda has agreed to arrange the Training Day, well one of them, again this year.

We had some less experienced ringers attend and it was apparent that there was a need to provide extra practice for them and we have, therefore, arranged a morning session in February to cover their requirements.

The December meeting was, as always, devoted to the Christmas Social, which was again a sell out. Held in the spanking new hall at Biggleswade, this year it was organised by the Biggleswade ringers. It was great to welcome Biggleswade's new vicar, Guy Scott, and his family and show them how we socialise in this District! Thanks to all those who helped out, but particular thanks go to Bob Werrett, Bob's daughter, Julie, Alan Smith, Mark Garner, Yvonne Humberstone and anyone else who I have missed out. Thanks also to the Arlesey Handbell Ringers, Bob Churchill and Sheila Smith for the entertainment and to Sue Melvin for running the raffle, again raising money for the BRF.

Finally, thank you to the Committee for their hard work and support throughout the year.

SUE SILVER, District Chairman

LUTON DISTRICT

We held a District training session at Linslade on ringing Stedman Triples. Although, feedback was that the course was beneficial, it was somewhat disappointing in that the attendees were largely from Linslade itself. We thank David Braunton and Lyndsey and Nick Brett for giving the training.

Our monthly practices, held throughout the District, continue to attract a good number of ringers, some from outside the District, depending to some extent on the tower's location and month. At these practices, we do try to ring a range of methods reflecting the skill and needs of those attending. We thank Alan Shepherd and Bob Churchill, our Ringing Masters, for their input into these practices.

We did not hold a District Outing this year as we could not tempt an organiser to come forward. However, we do have hopes for next year.

Young ringers from Houghton Regis and Linslade formed two teams for participation in the Association Young Ringers' Striking Contest. Irrespective of the outcome, the participants felt that they benefited from ringing with others, within the format of a contest.

Our District Striking Contest was won by Husborne Crawley, who, with Dunstable, represented the District at the Association Contest in September. This was held at Aspley Guise and won by Husborne Crawley. The Aspley Guise bells have some degree of odd-struckness and so, maybe, there was a slight advantage to the Husborne Crawley team, as 5/6ths of team regularly ring at Aspley Guise for Sunday Services.

Finally, I thank all the Officers of the District for their commitment over the past year and wish all members the best for 2011.

PETER PHILLIPS,
District Chairman

OBITUARIES

HOWARD BARKER (1948 - 2010)

Howard was a keen cyclist and always arrived for bell ringing practice on his cycle. He regularly cycled the country roads around his home in Keysoe. He rang at most local churches including Keysoe, Colmworth and particularly Little Staughton. Howard was always willing to ring for any special occasion.

He was a draughtsman by trade but in his later years was sadly hampered by ill health. His sad death has left a gap in many bell ringing bands and he will be sorely missed by his fellow bellringers and friends.

MARION BASTIN

THOMAS P. HARRIS, MBE (1917 - 2010)

Thomas P Harris, or Tom as he was known, was born in Silsoe, then a small village in the middle of the Bedfordshire countryside 92 years ago. The son of a farmer, he grew up, married and raised his children without moving from the village. He played an important part in the life of the community of Silsoe, both in the church, as organist, choir member and ringer, and in the wider community, as chairman of the village Christian Aid fund raising committee for 40 years. Between 1987 and 2001 Tom's efforts raised £50,707 for the charity. This quiet and unassuming man was honoured by The Queen in 1996 when he was awarded an MBE, although it took some persuading by his family for him to accept.

Tom learnt to ring at Silsoe over 70 years ago and was fund-raising appeal secretary when the bells were augmented from 5 to 6 in 1951. He took the job of Tower Captain soon after and held this position until 2000 when, after 50 years, he decided that he should stand down. This didn't stop him ringing; he continued to do so until ill health prevented him from climbing the tower steps to the ringing chamber. During his time as Tower Captain he taught many youngsters to ring including some of his children.

Tom did not keep records of the peals he rang but, thanks to Peal Base, I know that he rang seven between 1959 and 1982, although I suspect that there are more before this date. He also rang countless quarter peals, often in memory of someone who had died in the village. Tom also held office in the Biggleswade District.

A private funeral took place on the morning of Thursday 8 April, at Bedford Crematorium, during which a local band rang a half muffled quarter peal and there was open ringing before and after the memorial service in the afternoon.

SILSOE, Beds., 8 April, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: 1 Chris. Williams, 2 Sue Silver, 3 Barbara Fraser, 4 Vernon Green, 5 Chris Catlin, 6 Simon Stranks (C).

Rung half muffled in memory of Thomas P Harris whilst his funeral service took place at Bedford Crematorium.

SIMON J. STRANKS

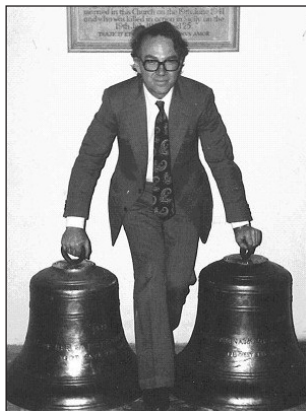
STEPHEN IVIN (1937 – 2010)

Stephen died on 7 January 2010 aged 72. He learnt to ring at Houghton Conquest at the age of eight in about 1946, taught by the tower captain Willie Watts, but soon came under the influence of Eddie Jeffries (undoubtedly the most capable of the pre-war generation of Bedfordshire ringers), who was largely responsible for his early development and rapid progress, including his first peal – Plain Bob Minor at Stagsden on 26 August 1949, aged 11.

Some readers will not know or remember Steve, it is now over 30 years since he and Avril left Bedford, but you will probably know something of his legacy. He inspired and had a profound influence on later generations of ringers and the ringing culture in this area. Indeed the legacy that he has left to this Association, ringers, ringing, and bells, is truly immense; not to mention the legendary stories of his sometimes outrageous behaviour! Many of us are indebted to Steve, not only for our personal development in ringing, but also for his inspiration and leadership; all of which are very much a part of that legacy.

Steve not only possessed very considerable abilities in performance – as a composer, conductor and heavy-bell ringer – but he also had a very extensive theoretical, technical, and practical knowledge of the tuning, dynamics, and hanging, of bells; subjects in which he was widely recognised as an authority, and on which he was often consulted. With such a rare, if not unique, combination of talents he was without doubt one of the greatest ringers of his generation.

One of the things that Steve will hopefully and rightfully be best remembered for here in Bedfordshire are his tremendous efforts in establishing and leading a



Stephen Ivin with the two new trebles for St Paul's Bedford (March 1978). Photo taken by Martyn Marriott.

Sunday Service band at St Paul's Bedford that was without doubt one of the best of the day. The quality of ringing, if not the repertoire, certainly rivalled anything available in the then established centres in London, Birmingham and Leicester.

I know that the decline in ringing and subsequent restricted availability of the bells at St Paul's was a great sadness to him; something that in later years he did not even like to talk about. Thirty or more years on it is perhaps too easy to forget his motives and the very considerable effort and personal sacrifices that enabled those good times to be possible.

In particular, Sunday service ringing, more than peal or competitive ringing, was always Steve's primary objective and there were not many, if any, Sundays without an hour of quality ringing for both services. I remember that three straight courses of Surprise Royal was often the standard Sunday morning fare; Cambridge, London (when Jim Edwards arrived from Goldington in his dilapidated Morris Minor to make up the band) and Bristol,

interspersed with Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

Peals were rung for services or replaced the practice, with ringers mostly drawn from the Sunday service band and Monday night regulars, and primarily aimed at improving the quality of the ringing. Steve was highly effective in identifying and attracting people with potential and sufficient ambition, and in encouraging the best from them. His approach to peal ringing mirrored that to Sunday Service ringing and was unvaried; quality in preference to quantity, practice through repetition of a limited, although still fairly ambitious repertoire, careful band selection and placing. Inevitably there was a relatively high risk of failure, usually accompanied by a few expletives, if these objectives were not achieved!

There was a considerable knock on benefit locally. Members of Steve's bands featured prominently in the running of the Bedford District and Association generally, and were always very much evident at meetings and other events.

Steve will also be remembered for creating the county's first ring of twelve at St Paul's Bedford in 1978. Following the augmentation, advances in local twelve bell ringing were quite remarkable by any standards; the first peal being Grandsire Cinques (12 March 1978) by a wholly Sunday Service band, followed by Stedman Cinques (10 April 1978), Cambridge S Maximus (15 April 1978), and Bristol S Maximus (28 December 1978), all firsts in the county, by predominantly service bands. The tradition and legacy lived on for a good 10 years after he left.

Prior to the Bedford augmentation he established the Stephen Ivin bell fund as a charity, and through it provided valuable financial as well as practical advice and support, for the Bedford augmentation, and a number of other projects, including the recasting of the 5th and 7th bells at Husborne Crawley, the augmentations at Kempston and Henlow, and more recently, the project at Campton. In addition, numerous towers in the area have benefited from his advice and the general maintenance and repair work that he carried out.

Steve was an Honorary Life Member of the Bedfordshire Association at the time of his death. He served as Association Secretary (1962-1963) and Peal Secretary (1956-1963 and 1976-1980), and Technical Advisor. He represented the Oxford University Society on the Central Council between 1960 and 1968, and subsequently served as an Honorary Member from 1970 to 1980. He was also

Secretary of the Oxford Society from 1988 until 1995. Steve was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths on 24 September 1955. He was a member of the St Paul's Cathedral Guild from 1978 until 1983, and supported the Sunday Service ringing there at various times up until the early '90s.

After leaving Bedford in 1980 Steve and Avril moved to Oxfordshire. Steve was responsible for the installation of two new light rings of ten at St Mary Magdalen and St Thomas' Oxford and constructing and installing a new frame for the light eight at Lincoln College. He also transformed the Oxford ringing scene, greatly improving both the quality and amount of ringing.

Steve rang 539 of his 1,523 peals for the Bedfordshire Association and of the 795 peals he conducted 418 of these were for the Association. His leading tower was Bedford St Paul: 194 rung (156 conducted) just beating Oxford St Thomas: 192 (90), Oxford St Mary Magdalen: 98 (60) followed by Maulden: 75 (53) and Husborne Crawley 36 (32). His peal total included 309 peals of London S Major of which he conducted 240, the most rung or conducted by anyone to date, and 163 of London Royal.

Finally, Steve was a great personal and almost life long friend who I shall greatly miss. Besides our common interests (ringing, the tuning and hanging of bells, electronics and computers, and music amongst them), we often shared a similar outlook and sense of humour. It was with great sadness that I learned of his illness and witnessed his gradual deterioration. Yet the tremendous courage and determination that he showed during the final years was an inspiration to all who knew him.

STEPHEN H. STANFORD

You can read a full obituary by Stephen Stanford in *The Ringing World*, editions 5166 (30 April 2010) and 5167 (7 May 2010).

JOHN NORTH (1932 - 2010)

John was born in the Paddington area of London in 1932. He was a tiny baby and it was touch and go whether would survive. He was wrapped in cotton wool and his bed was a shoe box in a drawer. In the war he was evacuated to the West Country with his brother, Brian, where they helped out on a farm.

During the Korean War John saw service in the army both in Korea and Hong Kong. He rose to the rank of Sergeant but was demoted back to private when, after a night out, John and his mates were unable to get back to camp so they drove back in a tank!

After Army service John married Sue and moved to Wendover. They had a son, Duncan, and a daughter, Debbie. He spent his working life in the building trade, where he learnt many skills and became a site manager for Kyle Stewart.

John then moved to Tilsworth and was to become a very close friend. He took an active part in village life, belonging to all the local organisations and was a member of the Parish Council for many years.

John was always ready to help anyone; it could be an early morning lift to the airport or helping in a crisis at home. There have been occasions when I've had a leaking pipe or things that needed fitting and John would be there within 10 minutes. He would never accept any money although he was partial to a bottle of Famous Grouse.

John helped a lot with the maintenance of the Church. He was always ready to go up a ladder to clear guttering, fix tiles or to help with all various jobs that needed doing. One of his projects, with another villager, was to re-paint the weather cock on the top of the tower. In his report the architect said, "The weathervane and cardinal points have been colourfully redecorated", but verbally he said "it looks

like the box front of a Kellogg's cornflake packet", to which John replied "don't worry it will weather".

Some 20 years ago we were keen to re-establish a bell ringing team for the church. John and Sue were founder members of this group and, with several others, learned to ring the bells at this time. Nobody could have worked harder to get things going and John, with his carpentry skills, soon made various items for the tower, including two sets of boxes all, of which, fitted inside each other for easy storage. He also made a beautiful 'spider' to hang the ropes from; it was in the shape of a bell, complete with clapper.

In June and July John knew he wasn't going to be with us much longer, although he didn't talk much about it. He made a complete set of spare stays, provided the timber, patterns and all the tools to make more if required. It is traditional at Tilsforth to ring the bells for the New Year. John was well known for his mulled wine and when we rang we had mince pies with a tot of John's wine before going on to his place for a little party. Only three weeks before he died John went to Germany and bought vast quantities of wine and party food. I now have the ingredients to make enough mulled wine for the next 10 years! John thought of everything; he knew he was dying but wanted everyone to have a party. He asked his daughter to give me the ingredients so we could carry on the tradition. That's what you call thoughtfulness. We will all miss John so much.

JOHN WILKINS

JOAN REEVES (1943 – 2010)

Joan was born in Stafford, but lived in several parts of the UK during her life because of the movement from job to job of her husband, Richard. They finally moved to Bedfordshire, and eventually settled in Wootton in the late '80s. Joan read Physics at Imperial College in the early '60s, as did Richard at this time, but somehow they managed to avoid each other through the duration of their courses. Fortunately, there was to be a second chance however, when they both returned to Imperial to read for a Master's degree, where they at last stumbled across one another, and were married in 1969.

Joan's career was committed to education, and right from the start it was clear that her intention was to make a difference. This was obvious when she and two female colleagues took it on themselves, through VSO, to test out their teaching abilities the hard way – by doing so in Nigeria in the mid-'60s, which was a time when that part of Africa was even more unstable than it is now, with doubtful communication systems. This was the start of a highly successful educational career which would eventually take her to the position of HMI – school's inspector, plus additionally that of governor at several schools.

Joan's interest in ringing came quite late in life, through her involvement with the church life of St. Mary's in Wootton. It was there that she decided to add to her extensive list of achievements by becoming a church bell ringer, but sadly for Joan, because of her travelling commitments in her role as HMI, she was never able to have a settled spell of tuition. Her determination kept her going however, even to the extent of husband Richard taking it up, and alongside her continued efforts to learn the basics, she and Richard administered the ringing activity at St. Mary's. I met her and Richard through the arranging of a wedding band at Wootton around 2005, and in view of her continued total desire to be able to handle a bell, did my best, along with others, to improve what she fully recognised as a less-than-perfect technique. She and Richard were persuaded to become regular visitors to the practices at Bromham and Kempston, where they became popular members of the post-practice sessions at The Swan. Joan, however, in spite of her high level of determination and enthusiasm, was never able to completely achieve full confidence in rope handling, and when she fell victim to serious back problems in the late

summer of 2008, it became clear that her ringing would be put on hold for some time to come. Unfortunately, she never did ring again, and died peacefully at home after a short illness on 28 April 2010, to the great shock of those who knew her. She had hoped to have become a competent enough ringer to form, with Richard, the nucleus of a new resident band at St. Mary's, which was now not to be. For someone who thought nothing of having a trip on the Trans-Siberian Railway only a couple of years after the fall of the Soviet Union; or observing the 1997 solar eclipse, not in the UK, but in Iran of all places, her limitations at ringing must have been a source not of frustration, but of genuine puzzlement.

MELVYN POTTS

PHILIP GEOFFREY ROGERS (1944 - 2010)

Philip Rogers was born on 7 April 1944 the eldest child of Alec and Mamie Rogers and brother to Linda and Jean. He was a grandson of Arthur and Alice Wakes, well known bakers of Hitchin Street, Biggleswade growing up in the town, attending Rose Lane School and singing in the church choir. Philip was taught to handle a bell by Cyril Smith and Stan Wallis but at the age of 14 he moved to Henlow and began an association with the church there that was to last the rest of his life. He became a member of the Henlow band of ringers, coming under the influence of Lewis Bywaters, Jack Church and Percy Tompkins. He rang the first of about 60 quarters and 720s there for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve 1959 and rang his first peal at Southill on 26 November 1960 with Sheila Percival, Geoff Mayes, Ray Fuller and Martin Major, conducted by Son Tompkins.

Philip rang 19 peals for the Bedfordshire Association and held various offices including District Secretary and Treasurer, but it was as an outing organiser that he will be best remembered. As a youngster he went on many outings organised by Lewis Bywaters and these became the standard Philip aspired to. Interesting churches, good bells and convenient pubs were standard and attention to detail was his hallmark.

He was well known throughout the district as an organist, playing for services, weddings and funerals at most of the local churches over the years. He played for evensongs at St Paul's Cathedral and Clare College, Cambridge, and was an Associate of Trinity College, London. He began playing the piano as a pupil of Phyllis Poulton when living in Biggleswade and had begun having organ lessons when the position of organist and choirmaster at Henlow became vacant around 1964. When he got the job he assumed a position he would hold on and off for over 40 years.

Philip took Victor Meldrew and Reginald Perrin as his role models, but his grumpy old man image was a well worked façade that hid a kind and sensitive character. He had many stock phrases copied from his mentors such as "I don't believe it!", and "I didn't get where I am today". When telling a joke he always began "Stop me if you've heard it" which people always did, interrupting and distracting so much that the telling of the joke was always much funnier than the actual punch-line. Philip loved travelling and had visited many countries around the world. In recent years he had taken to cruising, the combination of visiting interesting places and luxury accommodation appealing to a man who liked a stress free holiday.

Philip spent almost his entire working life at ICL, Letchworth, and in the 1980s he brought his own home in Langford. In 2000 he inherited a bungalow at Beeston and always said that he wanted to move back to Henlow but he got settled at Beeston and was happy there, especially when working in his garden. His sudden death just before Christmas 2010 was a great shock to his friends and family, and his wish to return to Henlow was fulfilled when he was laid to rest at the foot of Henlow church tower. The Henlow band and the Bedfordshire Association have lost a loyal member and all who knew him have lost a wonderful friend. May he Rest In Peace.

PHILIP JEWELL

JAMES EDWIN (JIM) ROUTLEDGE (1942 - 2010)

Jim died at home, aged 68, on 1 August 2010 following a short illness caused by cancer. He learned to ring at Wavendon, Bucks, when he was a teenager some time in the late '50s/early '60s, quite possibly following restoration of the bells in 1953, and during the incumbency of the Rev C Elliot Wigg, one time Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

By the time Jim met Barbara (later to be his wife) in the late '50s, he was no longer ringing. He did not return until 1975 when, following a chance conversation with his good friend Ron Freeman in The Mulberry Bush in Kempston, they discovered their common interest, and started to attend practices, subsequently joining the band, at Kempston. Under Cliff Izzard's leadership, there was a strong and sociable band at Kempston that Jim and Ron soon slotted into – Jim was always very keen to join the now legendary après-practice night sessions in the Three Horseshoes at West End (otherwise known as Dennis's, and sadly no more) where he was often 'life and soul of the party'.

When the Kempston bells were rehung in 1978/9, Jim was very much part of the action, providing valuable help with the dismantling of the old frame, and later with installation and re-hanging the bells in a new frame that had been constructed at Hobkirk's works. Others involved in the project remember that any minor parts or equipment shortages were invariably 'seen to' by Jim – it was not uncommon to find a bag of the all important missing nuts, bolts, or tools lying in the churchyard the following morning so that work could proceed without interruption – Jim would fix it, no questions asked! It was also during Jim's time at Kempston that he persuaded Barbara and their son Andrew to learn to ring – they were taught by Clive Parrott, Cliff Izzard and other members of the band.

Later in 1978 Jim and Ron, along with Barbara and Andrew, went to ring at Wootton where, at the time, there was no regular ringing. Here, over a period of two or three years, they re-established a band, ensuring regular Sunday service and practice night ringing that continued for some time after they left in the early '80s. By then, Jim had found other interests that consumed his spare time – mostly travelling the country providing maintenance support to son Andrew in go-carting competitions. This effectively brought Jim's ringing career to an end, but Barbara returned to ringing at Elstow some years later, and remains a much valued member of the band.

Jim did not ring any peals, although he was involved in at least one attempt, at Turvey, that unfortunately failed to come round after the normal time. He rang his first quarter peal at Kempston on 8 January 1977 – rung for the establishment of the parish of the Church of the Transfiguration. He rang at least three further quarter peals including one at Wootton, and the first quarter on the newly rehung bells at Kempston (Plain Bob Triples) on 5 August 1979.

Although Jim's Bedfordshire ringing career was comparatively short, he made much-valued contributions and is fondly remembered by the Kempston, Wootton, and other Bedford District ringers with whom he rang.

STEPHEN H. STANFORD

ARCHIE RUSSELL (1912 - 2010)

Bell hanger's assistant, pig farmer, Church Warden, wartime Flight Engineer, loyal District member, Merchant seaman, faithful Sunday service ringer, Royal Air Force Adjutant, devoted carer and friend to all. During his long life Archie was all of these and many more. He was born and raised in Scotland and very proud of it, never failing, while he was still able, to pass through the village on his way back from ringing in the New Year, 'first footing' his many friends and perhaps having an occasional dram in celebration.

Archie learnt to ring when his son, who was currently learning, complained that ringers are all old, and took his place. He learnt in order to join his great friend and

fellow Church Warden, Charlie Firmin, in ensuring that Sunday Service ringing would continue. Never really at home with change ringing, he was always happy with well struck rounds for Sunday service. He was always there if extra ringers were needed and was a keen supporter of the District as a member from 1970 to 2003 attending most District functions, turning up reliably for the itinerant weekly district practices of the seventies and generous in his giving to the BRF. He helped with the bell restorations at Willington, Potton and, of course, Meppershall.

The bells of Meppershall were rung half muffled before and after his funeral service by his friends of the District and a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles, being Archies' method, was rung in the evening.

The service sheet concluded with words of Chaucer who, writing centuries ago, caught the essence of Archie Russell: 'HE WAS A VERRAY PARFIT GENTIL KNYGHT'.

JOHN PARSONS

ASSOCIATION CALENDAR DATES

2011 & 2012 KEY DATES: check website: www.bacr.co.uk for timings, venues and details.

2011: Association AGM: Saturday 21 May at Biggleswade.

Association Six Bell and Young Ringers' Striking Competitions: Saturday 17 September, at Renhold.

2012: Biggleswade District ADM, Saturday 14 January.

Bedford District ADM, Saturday 21 January.

Luton District ADM, Saturday 28 January.

Association AGM: Saturday 19 May, Luton District.

Association Six Bell and Young Ringers' Striking Competitions: Saturday 15 September, Biggleswade District.



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PEALS 2010

3938 / 66

CAMPTON, All Saints

Fri. Jan 8

2h41 (7)

5088 London Surprise Major

Comp: Stephen J Ivin (No. 14)

- 1 Roger D Bailey
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Philippa M Whittington
- 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 6 Linda M Garton
- 7 James W Belshaw
- 8 John P Loveless

Rung in grateful memory of Stephen Ivin, using a composition to which he was "very much attached".

3939

HENLOW, St Mary

Mon. Jan 18

2h45 (14)

5120 London Surprise Major

Comp: Stephen J Ivin (No.13)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 3 Robert P Wood
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 J Richard Castledine
- 6 Roy V Webb
- 7 Philip R Jewell
- 8 Richard A Horne

Rung in memory of Stephen Ivin, who was very supportive during the augmentation of these bells.
250th peal on the bells.

3940

SHARNBROOK, St Peter

Sat. Feb 6

2h48 (9)

5024 London Surprise Major

Comp: Stephen J Ivin (No.39)

- 1 Barbara J Woplin
- 2 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Robert P Wood
- 6 Patrick J S Albon
- 7 Frank W Rivett
- 8 Richard A Horne

First of Major on the bells.

First of London S Major: 6.

3941

EATON SOCON, St Mary

Mon. Feb 15

2h45 (13)

5024 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: Thomas B Worsley

- 1 Jane K A Hough
- 2 D Graham Hall
- 3 Barbara Beard
- 4 Wendy Piercy
- 5 J Richard Hough
- 6 Robert P Wood
- 7 Stephen H Stanford (C)
- 8 Susan J Spencer

Specially arranged on the 35th anniversary of Sue Spencer's first peal, rung at Wigtoft, Lincolnshire. Also to congratulate Graham Hall on his 70th birthday.
250th peal: 5.

3942

HENLOW, St Mary

Mon. Feb 15

2h49 (14)

5088 Heathrow Surprise Major

Comp: Donald F Morrison (No.2056)

- 1 Vernon Green
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Peter V Rogers
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 6 Roy V Webb
- 7 J Richard Castledine
- 8 Richard A Horne

3943

OLNEY, Bucks., SS Peter & Paul

Sat. Feb 20

3h10 (24)

5040 London No.3 Surprise Royal

Comp: Stephen J Ivin

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Rosalind J Keech
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 Richard A Horne
- 6 David Phillipson
- 7 Russell A Brown
- 8 Robert P Wood
- 9 Andrew M Keech
- 10 Christopher J Pickford

3944

FLITTON, St John the Baptist

Fri. Feb 26

2h32 (6)

5040 Minor

(5m: 1 extent each Oxford, Kent TB, St Clements CB; 2 extents each Cambridge S, Plain B)

- 1 Teresa J Brown
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Barbara Beard
- 4 Philippa M Whittington
- 5 Susan M Silver
- 6 Linda M Garton (C)

Rung by a Biggleswade District band.

3945

CLIFTON, All Saints

Sun. Feb 28

2h50 (11)

5024 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: Stephen J Ivin

- 1 Philippa M Whittington
- 2 Harriet G Moncrieff
- 3 James K Eggleston
- 4 Nicholas D Brown
- 5 Frank W Rivett
- 6 Richard A Horne
- 7 Russell A Brown
- 8 Stephen H Stanford (C)

First Yorkshire: 4.

3946

CARLTON, St Mary

Sat. Mar 6

2h36 (9)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: London, Carlisle, York, Bourne, Beverley, Norwich, Cambridge)

- 1 Thomas A F Keech
- 2 Rosalind J Keech
- 3 Victoria J M Wilby
- 4 Robert P Wood
- 5 Michael P A Wilby (C)
- 6 Thomas W Griffiths

In memory of Frederick Sidney Butcher, grandfather of Ros, great grandfather of Thomas and Alex, who died 9th February 2010 aged 95.

3947

NORTHAMPTON, Northants., All Saints

Sun Mar 7

3h8 (17)

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Comp: Donald F Morrison (No.1235)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
 - 2 Philippa M Whittington
 - 3 Martin Major
 - 4 Anthony H Smith
 - 5 Robert P Wood
 - 6 Nicholas D Brown
 - 7 John P Loveless (C)
 - 8 Linda M Garton
 - 9 Russell A Brown
 - 10 Frank W Rivett
- 800th together: 1 and 4.
100th for the Association: 8.

3948

HENLOW, St Mary

Mon. Mar 15

2h48 (14)

5152 Yardley Surprise Major

(27 course block reduced)

- 1 Roy V Webb
- 2 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 3 Robert P Wood
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Peter V Rogers
- 6 Vernon Green
- 7 J Richard Castledine
- 8 Richard A Horne

3949

STOTFOLD, St Mary the Virgin

Sat. Mar 20

2h44 (11)

5088 Bedfordshire Surprise Major

Comp: Stephen J Ivin

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 3 Martin Major
- 4 Jane K A Hough
- 5 J Richard Hough
- 6 Vernon Green
- 7 Roy V Webb
- 8 J Richard Castledine

3950

BIRMINGHAM, West Midlands, Northfield, St Laurence

Mon. April 5

3h1 (14)

5039 Grandsire Caters

Comp: Albert M Tyler

- 1 Simon J Melvin
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Susan J Melvin
- 4 Philippa M Whittington
- 5 James K Eggleston
- 6 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 7 Vernon Green
- 8 Richard A Horne
- 9 Frank W Rivett
- 10 Russell A Brown

Rung to celebrate the Golden Wedding anniversary of Sue's parents, Nicolas and Eva Wadsworth, who were married in this church on Mon. 4th April 1960.
First on 10: 1, 3.

First of Grandsire Caters: 5.

3951

FLITTON, St. John the Baptist
Fri. April 9 2h29 (6)
5040 Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Beverley, Ipswich, Cambridge S, Oxford TB, St Clements CB, Single Oxford B, Plain B)

- 1 Susan M Silver
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Martin Major
- 4 Barbara Beard
- 5 Vernon Green
- 6 Stephen H Stanford (C)

Specially arranged in memory of Thomas P (Tom) Harris, MBE, died 20th March, aged 92. Tom was a member of this Association for more than 64 years and past Tower Captain at Silsoe.

3952

STOTFOLD, St Mary the Virgin
Sat. April 10 2h44 (11)
5058 Lincolnshire Surprise Major
Comp: John S. Warboys

- 1 Roy V Webb
- 2 Christopher McCarthy
- 3 Margaret E Triste
- 4 David J Hawkins
- 5 Richard F Prime
- 6 James R B Saunders
- 7 Vernon Green
- 8 J Richard Castledine (C)

3953

SILSOE, St James the Great
Sat. April 17 2h33 (6)
5040 Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Bourne S, Double Oxford B, Norwich S, Single Oxford B, Ipswich S, Plain B, Cambridge S)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Barbara Beard
- 3 Simon N Stranks
- 4 Thomas R Harris
- 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 6 Stephen H Stanford

Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Thomas P. Harris, MBE, who learnt to ring here in 1939 and was Tower Captain from 1950 to 2000.

3954

CAMPTON, All Saints
Fri. April 23 2h38 (7)
5088 London Surprise Major
Comp: John S Warboys

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Margaret Whiteley
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Roger Baldwin (C)
- 5 Stephen H Stanford
- 6 John P Loveless
- 7 Martin J Whiteley
- 8 J Alan Ainsworth

For St George's Day.

3955

NORTHILL, St Mary Virgin
Sun. May 2 3h3 (18)
5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor
(7 extents)

- 1 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 2 Susan J Melvin
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Robert P Wood
- 6 Richard A Horne

Rung as part of the Village May Day celebrations and to mark the 500th anniversary of the casting of the second.

First of Minor in the method: 2.

3956

SHARNBROOK, St Peter
Sat. May 15 2h48 (9)
5152 Superlative Surprise Major
Comp: Benjamin D Constant

- 1 Thomas A F Keech
- 2 Linda M Garton
- 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 Robert E J Dennis
- 5 Robert P Wood
- 6 Andrew M Keech
- 7 Patrick J S Albon
- 8 Martin J Whiteley (C)

3957

HENLOW, St Mary
Mon. May 17 2h45 (14)
5088 Fordham Surprise Major
Comp: Gen. BYROC

- 1 Anthony H Smith
- 2 Roy V Webb
- 3 J Richard Castledine (C)
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Peter V Rogers
- 6 Vernon Green
- 7 Robert P Wood
- 8 Richard A Horne

3958

CAMPTON, All Saints
Sun. May 23 2h43 (7)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp: J J Parker's 12 Part

- 1 John P Loveless
- 2 Susan M Silver
- 3 Nicholas D Brown
- 4 Christine A Williams
- 5 Linda M Garton
- 6 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 7 Rosalind J Keech
- 8 Charlotte M Smith

Specially arranged to mark the 40th anniversary of Sue Silver's first peal.

3959

LILLEY, Herts., St Peter
Wed. June 2 2h29 (6)
5040 Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Hull, London, Cambridge S, Oxford TB, Double Oxford B, St Clements CB, Plain B)

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Nicholas D Brown
- 3 Barbara Beard
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 Russell A Brown
- 6 Linda M Garton

3960

EATON SOCON, St Mary
Fri. June 4 2h55 (13)
5056 Spliced Surprise Major
(4m: 2560 London; 960 Glasgow; 896 Bristol; 640 Belfast; 108 com, atw for bells 2 - 6)

Comp: Roderick R Horton (5-part)
1 Martin J Whiteley (C)
2 Charlotte M Smith
3 Margaret Whiteley
4 Anthony H Smith
5 Nicholas D Brown
6 Graham A Duke
7 Russell A Brown
8 John P Loveless

First of Horton's Four: 2,5,7.

3961

STOTFOLD, St Mary the Virgin
Sat. June 5 2h48 (11)
5024 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: Stephen J. Ivin
1 Charlotte M Smith
2 Richard F Prime
3 David J Hawkins
4 Geoffrey Pearson
5 Anthony H Smith
6 James R B Saunders
7 Roy V Webb
8 J Richard Castledine (C)

3962

SOUTHILL, All Saints
Sat. June 12 2h51 (11)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Bourne, York, London, Beverley, Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge)

- 1 Nicholas D Brown
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Richard A Horne
- 6 Russell A Brown

In memory of Joe Kendrick, of Dunstable, who was a non-ringing associate member (and supporter) of this Association.

3963

SILSOE, St James the Great
Thurs. June 24 2h31 (6)
5040 Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Norwich, Beverley, Ipswich, Cambridge S, Single Oxford B, St Clements CB, Plain B)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Simon N Stranks
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 Vernon Green
- 6 Stephen H Stanford

To Celebrate the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Des and Dora Brazier.

3964

FLITTON, St John the Baptist

Fri. June 25 2h27 (6)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each London, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne, Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge)

- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Richard F Prime
- 3 J Richard Hough
- 4 Vernon Green
- 5 Roy V Webb
- 6 J Richard Castledine (C)

Rung within the Feast of St John the Baptist and to celebrate the blessing of the newly inscribed Baptism Window on Sunday July 4th.

3965

ELSTOW, St Mary & St Helena

Sat. June 26 2h31 (9)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Morpeth, Bacup, Stamford, Rossendale, Annable's London, Warkworth, Norwich)

- 1 Jane C Webster
- 2 Patrick J S Albon
- 3 Andrew J Spencer
- 4 Michael R Spencer
- 5 Richard A Horne
- 6 Stephen H Stanford (C)

This peal concludes 'The Elstow Project' completing extents of the 41 regular Surprise Minor methods for the ringers of 2-6 and on these bells; rung in six peals since December 2007.

Rung for Armed Forces' day. Also wishing Tony and Margaret Baron well as they leave Elstow today after 18 years as church caretakers.

3966

HAYNES, St Mary

Sun. July 4 2h30 (7)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Cambridge, Norwich)

- 1 Susan M Silver
- 2 Barbara Beard
- 3 Vernon Green
- 4 Patrick J S Albon
- 5 Russell A Brown
- 6 Stephen H Stanford (C)

First peal on the bells since rehanging by Whites of Appleton; rung by a band representative of the group of volunteers that worked on various aspects of the project.

3967

HENLOW, St Mary

Mon. July 19 2h51 (14)

5184 Oxfordshire Surprise Major

Comp: Robert D S Brown

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 Roy V Webb
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 J Richard Castledine
- 6 Peter V Rogers
- 7 Robert P Wood
- 8 Richard A Horne

3968

ARLESEY, St Peter

Fri. Aug 20 2h45 (10)

5040 Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Single Court, Double Court B, Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge S, Single Oxford, Plain B)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Barbara Beard
- 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Vernon Green
- 6 Nicholas D Brown

3969

HENLOW, St Mary

Mon. Aug 23 2h40 (14)

5040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major

Comp: James Clatworthy

- 1 Roy V Webb
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 Richard A Horne
- 4 Vernon Green
- 5 Peter V Rogers
- 6 J Richard Castledine (C)
- 7 Philip R Jewell
- 8 Robert P Wood

First of Double Norwich 7.

3970

DURSLEY, Glos.,**St James the Great**

Sat. Sept 11 3h9 (19)

5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: Roger Baldwin

- 1 Nicholas D Brown
- 2 Francis M Byrne
- 3 Christine A Williams
- 4 Ian P Unsworth
- 5 Russell A Brown
- 6 Linda M Garton
- 7 Richard A Horne
- 8 John P Loveless (C)

3971

CLIFTON, All Saints

Mon. Sept 13 2h54 (11)

5152 Spliced Surprise Major

(15m: 448 each Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Uxbridge, Yorkshire;

224 each Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray,

Lindum, London, Pudsey,

Superlative; 146 com, atw)

Comp: Norman Smith

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Anthony H Smith
- 4 Margaret Whiteley
- 5 Philippa M Whittington
- 6 D Graham Hall
- 7 Martin J Whiteley (C)
- 8 Frank W Rivett

Most Surprise Major methods: 2, 5.

500th peal for the Association: 1.

3972

BEDFORD, St Paul

Sun. Sept 26 3h20 (29)

5042 Cambridge Surprise**Maximus**

Comp: Roderick W Pipe

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Linda M Garton
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 David Kemp
- 6 Robert P Wood
- 7 Jason R Turnock
- 8 James R B Saunders
- 9 Russell A Brown
- 10 Nicholas D Brown
- 11 Simon A Rudd
- 12 John P Loveless (C)

First on 12: 8, 10.

3973

SOUTHILL, All Saints

Tues. Oct 5 2h47 (11)

5040 Spliced Delight Minor

(35m: (1) Fountains, Melrose, Tintern, Sherborne, Tewkesbury, Evesham (2,3) Fountains, Melrose, Tintern, Sherborne, Tewkesbury, Evesham, Glastonbury, Elston, Clarence, Kirkstall, London Victory, Burnaby, Burslem, Waltham (4,5) Southwark, Abbeyville, Canterbury, Combermere, Vale Royal, Crowland, St Werburgh, Bedford, Merton, Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Old Oxford, Neasden, College Bob IV, St Albans, Newdigate, Charlwood, Willesden, Wragby (6) Elston, Clarence, Kirkstall, London Victory, Burnaby (7) Old Oxford, Neasden, College Bob IV, St Albans, Newdigate, Charlwood, Willesden, Wragby)

Comp: J S Warboys & P G C Ellis

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Martin J Whiteley
- 3 Anthony H Smith
- 4 Margaret Whiteley
- 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
- 6 Frank W Rivett

3974

HAYNES, St Mary

Tues. Oct 5 2h35 (7)

5040 Spliced Minor

(50m: (1, 2) Fountains, Melrose, Tintern, Sherborne, Tewkesbury, Evesham, Glastonbury, Elston, Clarence, Kirkstall, London Victory, Burnaby, Burslem, Waltham D (3, 4) Southwark, Abbeyville, Canterbury, Combermere, Vale Royal, Crowland, St Werburgh, Bedford, Merton, Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Old Oxford, Neasden, College Bob IV, St Albans, Newdigate, Charlwood, Willesden, Wragby D (5) London, Wells, Cunecastre S (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York, Durham; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull S)

Comp: J S Warboys, P G C Ellis & trad

- 1 Philippa Whittington
- 2 Martin J Whiteley
- 3 Anthony H Smith
- 4 Margaret Whiteley
- 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
- 6 Frank W Rivett

3975

HENLOW, St Mary

Mon Oct 18 2h46 (14)

5120 Barking Surprise Major

Comp: Harold G Cashmore

- 1 Nicholas D Brown
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Martin Major
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 D Graham Hall
- 6 J Richard Castledine
- 7 Robert P Wood
- 8 Richard A Horne

3976

FLITTON, St John the Baptist

Wed Oct 20 3h8 (6)

6480 Spliced Delight Minor

(35m: 480 Southwark; 360 each Burnaby, Glastonbury; 240 each Abbeyville, Canterbury, Elston, Fountains, Humber, Kirkstall, Old Oxford, Taxal, Tewkesbury, Tintern, Waltham, Willesden; 120 each Bedford, Braintree, Burslem, Charlwood, Clarence, College Bob IV, Combermere, Crowland, Evesham, London Victory, Marple, Melrose, Merton, Neasden, Newdigate, Sherborne, St Albans, St Werburgh, Vale Royal, Wragby; 52 com, atw, no 65's at backstroke)

Comp: Peter G C Ellis

- 1 Philippa Whittington
- 2 Martin J Whiteley
- 3 Anthony H Smith
- 4 Margaret Whiteley
- 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
- 6 Frank W Rivett

The first time all 35 Regular Fourths Place Delight Minor methods have been rung in a single All-the-Work peal.

75th birthday compliment to Sheila Ashton.

3977

ELSTOW, St Mary & St Helena

Sun Oct 24 2h41 (9)

5040 Spliced Delight Minor

(14m: (1) Fountains, Melrose (2) Abbeyville, Canterbury (3) Vale Royal, Combermere (4) Bedford, Merton (5) Willesden, Marple (6,7) Burslem, Waltham, Elston, Clarence; atw)

- 1 Rosemary H Buckle
- 2 Margaret Whiteley
- 3 Frank W Rivett
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Martin J Whiteley
- 6 Richard I Allton (C)

3978

KEMPSTON, All Saints

Sun Oct 31 3h9 (18)

5039 Grandsire Caters

Comp: Albert M Tyler (All the Music)

- 1 Nicholas D Brown
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Helen J Manktelow
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Margaret Feneley
- 6 Russell A Brown
- 7 Stephen H Stanford (C)
- 8 Martin J Whiteley
- 9 Robert P Wood
- 10 Margaret Whiteley

On the eve of All Saints, for patronal festival.

Also in affectionate memory of Jim Routledge (died 1st August 2010) a one time member of the Kempston and Wootton bands.

3979

SHARNBROOK, St Peter

Sat Nov 6 2h51 (10)

5024 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: Donald F Morrison (No.4185)

- 1 John P Loveless (C)
- 2 Thomas A F Keech
- 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 Rosalind J Keech
- 5 Linda M Garton
- 6 Martin J Whiteley
- 7 Patrick J S Albon
- 8 Stephen H Stanford

First of Surprise inside (aged 12): 2.

Birthday compliment to Jaquie Albon.

3980

EATON SOCON, St Mary

Sun Nov 14 2h52 (13)

5024 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: Paul M Mason

- 1 Mary Parnham
- 2 Jane K A Hough
- 3 Susan J Spencer
- 4 Michael J Matthews
- 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 6 Wendy Piercy
- 7 D Graham Hall
- 8 Robert P Wood

Rung half muffled for Remembrance.

3981

STOTFOLD, St Mary the Virgin

Sat Nov 20 2h43 (11)

5024 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: John S Warboys

- 1 Jane K A Hough
- 2 Vernon Green
- 3 Susan J Melvin
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 D Graham Hall
- 6 James R B Saunders
- 7 Roy V Webb
- 8 Robert P Wood

Rung in memory of Maisie Groom, a regular worshiper at this church, who died on 18th November aged 90.

3982

HENLOW, St Mary

Mon Nov 22 2h48 (14)

5088 Chiswick Surprise Major

Comp: Gen. BYROC

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Nicholas D Brown
- 3 Jane K A Hough
- 4 John J Ford
- 5 Peter V Rogers
- 6 J Richard Castledine (C)
- 7 Robert P Wood
- 8 Richard A Horne

First peal in the method for all.

3983

HAYNES, St Mary

Tues Nov 23 3h26 (7)

6480 Spliced Delight Minor

(35m: 480 Southwark; 360 each Burnaby, Glastonbury; 240 each Abbeyville, Canterbury, Elston, Fountains, Humber, Kirkstall, Old Oxford, Taxal, Tewkesbury, Tintern, Waltham, Willesden; 120 each Bedford, Braintree, Burslem, Charlwood, Clarence, College Bob IV, Combermere, Crowland, Evesham, London Victory, Marple, Melrose, Merton, Neasden, Newdigate, Sherborne, St Albans, St Werburgh, Vale Royal, Wragby; 52 com, atw, no 65's at backstroke)

Comp: Peter G C Ellis

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 John P Loveless
- 3 Colin M Turner
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
- 6 Frank W Rivett

3984

CAMPTON, All Saints

Thurs Nov 25 2h47 (7)

5090 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: Brian D Price

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Pamela M Bailey
- 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Martin J Whiteley
- 6 Colin M Payne
- 7 Peter G C Ellis (C)
- 8 John P Loveless

Specially arranged as a compliment to John Whiteley on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

The band also acknowledges Colin Payne's achievement on ringing his first peal of Surprise Major on the eve of his 71st birthday.

First of Cambridge Major: 6.

75th peal: 2.

3985

HENLOW, St Mary

Fri Nov 26 2h51 (14)

5120 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: Stephen J Ivlin

- 1 Anthony H Smith
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Philippa M Whittington
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Alan S Smith
- 6 Murray A Coleman
- 7 Robin H Rogers
- 8 Frank W Rivett (C)

On the 50th anniversary of Anthony's first peal, in which Alan and Murray also rang. Philip Rogers, organist at this Church, also rang his first peal on the same day.

3986

BURTON LATIMER, Northants., St Mary the Virgin

Mon Dec 6 2h47 (10)

5152 Spliced Surprise Major

(18m: 672 Rutland; 448 each Cambridge, Cray, Lincolnshire; 224 each Ashted, Bristol, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Ipswich, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Uxbridge, Wembley, Whalley, Yorkshire; 153 com, atw)

Comp: Norman Smith

- 1 Martin J Whiteley (C)
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Anthony H Smith
- 4 Linda M Garton
- 5 Philippa M Whittington
- 6 D Graham Hall
- 7 Margaret Whiteley
- 8 Frank W Rivett

Most Surprise Major methods: 2, 5.

3987

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sat Dec 11 2h39 (7)

5056 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: Anthony J Cox

- 1 Nicholas D Brown
- 2 Samantha L Gorman
- 3 John P Loveless (C)
- 4 Kristine K Fowler
- 5 John J Ford
- 6 Robert P Wood
- 7 Russell A Brown
- 8 Paul S Seaman

Circled the tower: 1.

3988

LEMSFORD, Herts., St John the Evangelist

Fri Dec 24 2h26 (4)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Surfleet, York, London, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge)

- 1 Nicholas D Brown
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 4 Russell A Brown
- 5 Clive G Smith
- 6 John P Loveless

3989

STOTFOLD, St Mary the Virgin

Tues Dec 28 2h51 (11)

5184 Spliced Surprise Major

(8m: 1152 each Cambridge, Rutland, Yorkshire; 960 Lincolnshire; 192 Bristol each London, Pudsey, Superlative; 161 com)

Comp: Donald F Morrison (No. 136)

- 1 D Graham Hall
- 2 J Richard Castledine (C)
- 3 Jane K A Hough
- 4 Vernon Green
- 5 Anthony H Smith
- 6 Mary E Hall
- 7 Roy V Webb
- 8 Clive G Smith

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HENLOW, St Mary

Thurs Dec 30 2h46 (14)

5040 Plain Bob Major

Comp: Philip G Rogers

- 1 Jessica A Sawyers
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Nicholas D Brown
- 6 Alan S Smith
- 7 Roy V Webb
- 8 Philip R Jewell

Rung in affectionate memory of Philip G Rogers, bellringer and organist at this church and friend to all the congregation.

PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Fifty-three peals were rung in 2010 at 23 towers, seven of which are outside the Association boundary. Eighty-four ringers took part, 11 sharing the conducting. The number of peals is one down on last year and is the average for the last few years. However, the number of ringers is considerably down on last year with a consequent reduction in the number of conductors.

For the first time in several years no member rang their first peal during 2010. Whereas this is disappointing, it is worth noting that those who rang their first peals in recent years have continued expanding their repertoire.

It is pleasing to record the completion of "The Elstow Project" (see peal 3965), we look forward with interest to see what this band will tackle next. In similar vein there have been a series of multi-Minor peals and the start of a Surprise Major initiative. Next year's report could be very interesting in these regards.

As usual several peals marked significant local events including memorial peals to former members, significant among these are those for Stephen Ivlin and Tom Harris, both of whom made a great contribution to the Association.

ANTHONY H. SMITH, Peal Secretary

POINTS FROM THE PEALS

People who rang the most peals:

Anthony H Smith	37	Roy V Webb	13
Charlotte M Smith	29	J Richard Castledine	13
Martin Major	23	Margaret Whiteley	12
Robert P Wood	19	Martin J Whiteley	12
Richard A Horne	17	John P Loveless	12
Nicholas D Brown	15	Frank W Rivett	12
Vernon Green	14	Philippa M. Whittington	10
Russell A Brown	13	Linda M Garton	10

Conductors (11)

Anthony H Smith	21	John P Loveless	5
J Richard Castledine	7	Peter G C Ellis	5
Stephen H Stanford	6	Martin J Whiteley	4

Frank W Rivett, Linda M Garton, Michael P A Wilby, Roger Baldwin and Richard I Allton, one peal each.

METHODS:

Maximus (1)

Cambridge	1	Barking S	1
		Bedfordshire S	1
		Chiswick S	1

Royal (2)

Cambridge	1	Fordham S	1
London, No. 3	1	Heathrow S	1
		Lincolnshire S	1

Caters (2)

Grandsire	2	Oxfordshire S	1
		Superlative S	1
		Yardley S	1

Major (29)

Plain Bob	1
Double Norwich CB	1
Cambridge S	5
London S	4
Yorkshire S	3
Bristol S	2
18 Spliced S	1
15 Spliced S	1
8 Spliced S	1
4 Spliced S	1

Triples (1)

Grandsire	1
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Minor (18)

7 Surprise	6
7 Methods	5
35 Delight	3
5 Methods	1
14 Delight	1
50 Methods	1
Cambridge S	1

TOWERS (23)

Henlow	10	Flitton	4	Sharnbrook	3	Silsoe	2
Campton	5	Eaton Socon	3	Clifton	2	Southill	2
Stotfold	5	Haynes	3	Elstow	2		

One peal each at Arlesey, Bedford St Paul's, Burton Latimer, Northants., Carlton, Dursley, Glos., Kempston, Lemsford, Herts., Lilley, Herts., Northampton, All Saints, Northfield, West Midlands, Northhill and Olney, Bucks.