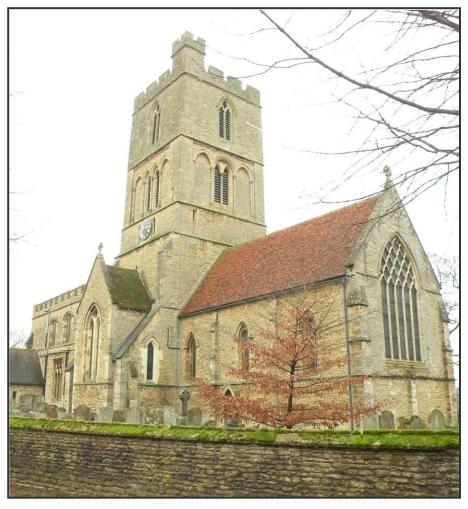
The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers



St Mary Felmersham

ANNUAL REPORT 2011

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Cover picture - St Mary, Felmersham

Built between 1220 and 1240 the most important external feature is the West Front, considered to be one of the finest examples of Early English architecture in the region.

The large central tower now houses a ring of eight bells, although prior to 1955 they were only a five. The two oldest were cast by the Bedford bell founder Edward Newcombe, and both are inscribed 'Newcome made mee 1617'.

In 1955, the original ring were re-tuned and augmented with three new bells cast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and installed mainly at the expense of Sir Richard and Lady Wells, as a memorial to their three sons who were killed in action during the 1939-45 war. All eight bells were re-hung with new fittings and a new metal frame replaced the old oak frame.

At this time Colin Payne was one of several villagers who formed a new band, and Colin held the post of Tower Captain until his death in 2011.

However, the bells have gradually become very difficult, and in 2010 an inspection was carried out by Whites of Appleton and an order recently placed to regrease the main bearings, overhaul the clappers and pulleys together with other minor works.

Robert Jones

Cover picture – Maureen Hall

INFORMATION ON THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

You'll find the following up to date information on the Association website – www.bacr.co.uk:

- Association and District events.
- Association rules.
- Association officers from 1882.
- Association 6 bell inter-district striking competition for the St Peters Cup – rules and results.
- Ronald J Sharp Bell Fund Code of Practice and recent grants.
- Association safeguarding guidance and permission to ring form.
- Jim's Jug raise and lower in peal challenge rules and results

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DISTRICT OFFICERS 2011

Bedford District

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ASSOCIATION RULES

1. NAME AND 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

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)

À 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)

À 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 criterion 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.

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

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. Each year the General Committee must appoint two of its members to be Bank Trustees. 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 AND 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)

À 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

(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 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

The General Committee must:

- · Authorise opening and closing all Association bank accounts, and
- Review all bank accounts regularly to make sure that charges and/or interest rates are competitive.
- The Honorary Treasurer and Bank Trustees must be signatories and any two of these three must authorise payments and/or withdrawals

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.

Rule 4 and 11 were amended at the 2011 AGM, the new text is shown in bold.

BEDFORD DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

"HEADSTOCK"

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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 AGM 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 AGM.

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.

Subscription Rates					
Membership Category	Rate	Details			
Associate Ringing	£5.00	On election			
Associate Non-ringing	£2.50/year				
Honorary Life	£0				
Resident Ringing	£2.50/year	Age under 19, 65 and over			
Resident Ringing	£5.00/year	Age 19 - 64			
Resident Ringing Life	£80.00	On election or transfer			
Transfer Between categories					
From Resident Ringing to Non-resident Ringing	£5.00	Only after paying one to four consecutive annual subscriptions, on transfer			
From Resident Ringing to Non-resident Ringing	£0	Only after paying five or more consecutive annual subscriptions			
From Non-resident Ringing to Resident Ringing	Resident ringer rate	Payable at next January 1st			
From Non-resident Ringing Life to Resident Ringing Life	£0				
Other rates					
Peal Fee	£0.50	Per ringer per peal			
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ASSOCIATION OFFICER'S REPORTS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2011 was another busy year for the Association. It started with the usual schedule of Annual District Meetings quickly followed by the first of the General Committee Meetings. Each District has had a full programme including monthly meetings, outings, training sessions and social events. The Association AGM was held in May, hosted by the Biggleswade District at Biggleswade.

This year the Young Ringers have been invited to take part in four events specially organised for them; two competitions and two outings. The first outing was in February when they visited the Worcester Cathedral Training Centre. Here they and the accompanying adults had the opportunity not only to ring on the simulator but also to view the ringing chamber, Cathedral bells and to climb to the top of the tower to enjoy the superb views across the city and surrounding countryside. Two other towers were also visited during the course of the day.

Then came the highlight of the year when Bedfordshire entered a team in the first National Young Ringers Striking Competition held as part of the Ringing World Centenary Celebrations in London. The team, under the guidance of their non ringing coach Nick Brown, achieved a very creditable Grade C. All three districts were represented in this band, well done to all those who took part.

In September the inter-district youngster's teams competed for the Melville Cup at Renhold. Unfortunately only two teams entered this year as Bedford District were unable to raise a band. The standard of ringing was again very high and new winners emerged with Luton District taking the trophy for the first time. It is encouraging to see that in the four years that this competition has been held the trophy has now been won by each of the Districts.

The final Young Ringers event of the year was an outing organised for them to visit four towers in Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire.

The Ridgman Trophy was held June at St Mary le Tower in Ipswich, the band representing the Association comprising slightly older ringers! Again an excellent team performance resulted in the band being placed runners up. The 2012 Ridgman Trophy Competition is to be held at Kempston on June 16th.

The Association Striking Contest for the St Peter's Cup shared the day and venue of the Melville Cup. It was the first year that these events have coincided, resulting in a good turn out from all age groups. It was all change this year with Biggleswade winning the competition by the narrowest of margins from Kempston.

In December the General Committee met again to consider the points raised at the Association AGM in May.

My thanks go to all who have suggested, arranged, assisted and supported the activities and events of the Association in 2011 and I look forward to 2012 being an equally active and successful year.

Sue Silver, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Membership this year has increased for both full paying members and concession paying members. Our membership income has increased by £47.40, even our sale of badges has increased. We received £81.80 from HMRC (Gift Aid). This is a nice sum but can we encourage more members to sign up for Gift Aid. Please see Chris Williams. Net receipts for this year are £679, almost identical to last year.

Barbara Fraser, Honorary Treasurer

PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Fifty-one peals were rung in 2011 at twenty-eight towers, eleven of which are outside the Association boundary, of these one was rung in the Netherlands this probably being the first peal outside of the UK to be rung by members resident in Bedfordshire. Ninety-six ringers took part nineteen sharing the conducting. The number of peals is two down on last year but is still about average for the last few years. However, the number of ringers and conductors are both up on last year.

It is disappointing that only one member rang their first peal during 2011, however Alice Scott of Biggleswade also rang another in the year and, had it not been for conductor error, would probably have also rung her first inside. It is also worth noting that there were several peals of personal achievement. For Nicholas Brown this included a first in the method and his first as conductor less than two years since his first peal. I must also mention that Charlotte Smith rang her 1000th peal thus joining a select list of ladies who have done this.

Significant peals this year include several of multi-minor and the successful completion of a series to ring 23 Spliced S Major all the work.

We are pleased to record five peals to celebrate the "Royal Wedding" and as usual several peals marked significant local events.

Anthony H Smith, Honorary Peal Secretary

Details of peals rung for the Association in 2011 and points from the peals are on pages 41 to 47.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

2011 was yet another quiet year with no loans and just one addition to the library. This was a single bound volume containing Jasper Snowdon's Ropesight (6th Ed), CCCBR's Collection of Legitimate Methods (dated 1907) and CCCBR's Peal Collection, Section 2 (dated 1904). This had been the property of Henry Gayton of Harrold and was presented to the Association by Rodney Walker.

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 eight 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, Honorary Librarian

TECHNICAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

Two visits were carried out this year:

Millbrook

A visit was made here with Christopher Shrimpton to discuss the project, which was already in progress: to hang the existing two bells and two redundant bells obtained via the Keltek Trust from Lanchester, Durham and Prittlewell, Essex, to form a chime of 4. We also discussed what could be done in the future; the possibility of hanging the bells for full circle ringing. The existing 17th century wooden frame for 3 is judged to be unsuitable for hanging bells for full circle ringing. The bells would need to be hung in a modern frame which isn't possible for the foreseeable future. I helped the locals and the bell hanger from John Taylor & Co. when the bells were installed.

Bletsoe

I was invited by the Bletsoe ringers to inspect the ring of six bells and advise what could be done to improve the go of the bells. Eayre and Smith, in their inspection carried out in 2001, reported that the rope rollers and clappers were in need of attention. I recommended that all rope rollers should be replaced with rollers mounted on ball-bearings and that the clappers be rebushed. I gave further advice to: check all frame bolts, bell bolts, wheel bolts etc. for tightness; clean all grease, oil and debris off slider runner boards; lift the bells and clean the plain bearings to remove grease and dirt and then lubricate with suitable oil. I also suggested that the bell chamber be cleared of all debris etc.; the cast-iron frame members and steelwork be cleaned, to remove all grease and oil, wire brushed down and then painted with good quality paint. For the future, I suggested that the bells should be inspected by reputable bellfounder/bellhanger to consider having the bells rehung on modern fittings with double-row self aligning ball-bearings. Also, have the 4th bell inspected because of the

crack in the crown reported by John Taylor & Co. in 1958. Roger I Kendrick, Honorary Technical Adviser

RONALD J SHARP BELL FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee met in December to consider a request for a grant from the Bedford District Committee of £500 towards the cost of a pitch at the Bedford River Festival and the hire of the Charmborough Ring. The grant was agreed.

Sue Silver, President

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ACCOUNTS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACCOUNTSFor the year ending 31st December 2011

		Ве	dford	Bigg	jl'wade	L	uton		OTAL 2011	(2010)
	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	£
Ringing Member (Resident)	5.00	79	395.00	67	335.00	86	430.00	232	1160.00	1040.00
Ringing Member (Resident) Ringing Member (Resident	2.50	39	97.50	35	87.50	68	170.00	142	355.00	327.50
prepaid)	2.50			1	2.50			1	2.50	
Ringing Member (Res Life)	80.00			2	160.00			2	160.00	
Ringing Member (Non Res)	5.00									
Assoc Member (Non Ring)	2.50	2	5.00					2	5.00	5.00
Assoc Member (Ringing)	5.00	1	5.00	7	35.00			8	40.00	10.00
Arrears	5.00			17	85.00			17	85.00	15.00
Arrears	2.50			6	15.00			6	15.00	2.50
Subscriptions in Advance	5.00									
Subscriptions in Advance	2.50									
Badge sales	2.00	2	4.00	4	8.00	25	50.00	31	62.00	2.00
Report sales	5.00									
Total Receipts			506.50		728.00		650.00		1884.50	1402.00
Less Admin Expenses Net Receipts (To Receipts			-8.50		-15.72				-24.22	
& Payments A/c)			498.00		712.28		650.00		1860.28	1402.00
Notes										
Cash balance retained b/f			24.47		14.50		37.50		76.47	46.97
Income for Year			506.50		728.00		650.00		1884.50	1402.00
Total			530.97		742.50		687.50		1960.97	1448.97
Less amount paid to Assoc.										-
Lloyds A/c			-502.00		-711.85		-655.00		-1868.85	1372.50
Less expenses			-8.50		-15.72				-24.22	
Net cash balance c/f			20.47		14.93		32.50		67.90	76.47

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS For the year ending 31 December 2011

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2011 £	2010 £		2011 £	2010 £
General Funds Receipts Income	-	~	Payments Charity Expenditure		-
Subscriptions	4545.0		Central Council Fees	60.00	60.00
Annual Membership Ringing Member (Res Life)	1515.0 0 160.00	1367.50	Printing of Annual Report Other Expenditure Districts Administration	380.00	330.00
Assoc Member (Ringing) Assoc Member (Non Ringing)	40.00 5.00	10.00 5.00	Expenses Insurance for Tech. Adviser	24.22	
Arrears Advance Subscriptions	100.00 2.50	17.50	& Public Liability Ringing World Notices	347.16 300.00	343.87 100.00
Trading Sale of Association Badges	62.00	2.00	Committee Meeting Room Hire Use of Campton Bells	60.00 20.00	30.00
			Surplus to District BRF's Young Ringers Events		3000.00
Sale of Reports Income from Report Adverts	10.00 60.00	15.00	Expenses Expenses - President	92.00 54.84	61.50
Other Peal Fees	195.50	200.00	Expenses - Secretary Expenses - Assoc. Treasurer	26.71 7.02	8.98 7.47
Donations Other		0.35	Expenses - Martin Major Life Membership tf'd to Reserve	23.04	
Gift Aid - HMRC From Reserve Fund	81.80 2.04	2.03	A/c	160.00	
Investment Income Interest	0.73	2.22			
	2234.5				
Total Receipts	7	1621.60	Total Payments	1554.99	3941.82
			Balances		
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2010 Net Receipts for the Year 2011	3176.76 679.58	5496.98 -2320.22
DESIGNATED FUNDS			Cash Funds at 31.12.2011	3856.34	3176.76
The Ronald J Sharp Fund Receipts	2011 £	2010 £	Payments	2011 £	2010 £
Haynes Loan Repayments Investment Income	-	10000.00	Loan	_	_
Interest	38.58	31.29			
Total Receipts	38.58	10031.29	Total Payments	0.00	0.00
			Balances	19294.6	
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2010	1	9263.32 10031.2
			Net Receipts for the Year 2011	38.58 19333.1	9 19294.6
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2011	9	1
			Total Funds at 31.12.2011	19333.1 9	19294.6 1
RESERVE FUND Receipts Life Membership Subscriptions	2011 £ 160.00	2010 £	Payments To General Funds	2011 £	2010 £
Investment Income Interest	2.04	2.03	Interest	2.04	2.03
Total Receipts	162.04	2.03	Total Payments	2.04	2.03
			Balances Cash Funds at 31.12.2010	1014.00	1014.00
			Net Receipts for the Year 2011 Cash Funds at 31.12.2010 Cash Funds at 31.12.2011	160.00 1174.00	1014.00
			Justi 1 unus at 51.12.2011	1177.00	1017.00

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES For the year ending 31st December 2011

Cash and B	ank Deposits	2011	2010
	•	£	£
1.	General Fund Bank - Current Account NSB - Investment Account Cash held by Association Officers	3391.59 369.21 95.54	2679.19 366.44 131.13
	Total	3856.34	3176.76
2.	The Ronald J Sharp Bell Fund NSB - Investment Account	19333.19	19294.61
	Total	19333.19	19294.61
3.	Reserve Fund NSB - Investment account	1174.00	1014.00
Other Mone	etary Assets		
Debtors	Ringing World Balance	144.71	7.43
Investment	Assets		
None			
Liabilities (Items owed by the Charity)		
Current Liabilities		NIL	
Fixed Asse	ts - Estimated Value		
	Library Books and Periodicals President's Badge St. Peter's Cup St. Giles' Cup The Melville Cup C Edward Jeffries Trophy (Bedford Dist.) Gavel Reading Glass	700.00 145.00 120.00 30.00 500.00 250.00 10.00	700.00 145.00 120.00 30.00 500.00 250.00 10.00
Note			
	Stock of badges - 111	177.60	240.00

Independent Examiner's Statement

Examined and found to be correct from the books and records presented to me. Richard J Hillson, 11 February 2012

DISTRICT BELFRY REPAIR FUNDS For the year ending 2011

Balance Brought Forward £ Income £ Interest £ Less Grants £ Less Expenses £	Bedford 13556.00 504.36 26.67 -174.22	Biggleswade 7757.30 1499.71 3.36	Luton 11379.36 724.78 96.91 - -175.00	TOTAL 32692.66 2728.85 126.94 -174.22 -175.00	2010 30333.96 4620.59 157.26 -2419.15 0.00
Total £ Notes to the Accounts	13912.81	9260.37	12026.05	35199.23	32692.66
Future Liabilities including grants approved: Bedford Biggleswade Luton - 50 Club Prizes £	NIL NIL NIL	NIL NIL NIL	NIL NIL 115.00	NIL NIL 115.00	

DISTRICT BELFRY REPAIR FUND GRANTS 2011

Bedford District - Oakley, a grant of £174.22 towards the cost of two new ropes.

APPLICATIONS FOR A GRANT

Bedford District Bell Restoration Fund, Registered Charity 284250
Robert Jones, St. Monica, Norfolk Road, Turvey, Beds MK43 8DU. ☎ 01234 881741.

Biggleswade District Belfry Repair Fund, Registered Charity 280785 Sue Melvin, 49 Ickwell Road, Northill, Beds SG18 9AB. ☎ 1767 627654.

Luton District Belfry Repair Fund, Registered Charity 280164
Simon Stranks, 43 High Road, Shillington SG5 3LL. ☎ 01462 713036.

DISTRICT REPORTS

BEDFORD DISTRICT

The Annual District Meeting took place at St Peter's, Bedford, in January. The Officers and Committee were largely unchanged from the previous year. The C Edward Jeffries Memorial Trophy for a young ringer making good progress was awarded to Melissa Nash of St Andrew's, Bedford.

The programme for 2011 had been changed around compared to recent years, with the District Striking Contest and the District Outing being swapped over, also the "Ring and Ride" cycling day took a break this year. The Striking Contest organised by Bob Wood was held in March at Biddenham, with eight teams participating. Kempston came first followed by Sharnbrook, with the Rounds Cup being won by Carlton/Harrold. Sharnbrook were unable to field a team for the Association Striking Competition at Renhold in September which clashed with their Tower Outing, so Bromham rang instead and came sixth, with Kempston achieving second place. Unfortunately Bedford District was unable to enter a band in the Young Ringers' Competition which took place on the same day. However, young ringers from the District participated in The Ringing World National Youth Contest in London in March, as well as in a number of events organised for them during the year by the Association.

Also in March was the District Quarter Peal week, which produced approximately twelve QPs, depending on one's definition of "rung for QP week", including five of Primrose Surprise Minor, as well as a healthy crop of personal "firsts" and some excellent striking. The District Outing organised by Adrienne Sharp and Sarah Ward took place at the end of April and was very successful, visiting five towers in the Cambridge area, namely Orwell, Fen Ditton, Trumpington, Bourn and Gamlingay, plus Tempsford on the way back, where there was also a meal. A peal was rung at Kempston in June to celebrate Cliff Izzard's 80th birthday. In November the holders of "Jim's Jug", Biggleswade, were again challenged by Goldington, and the Raise and Lower in Peal Competition for it took place at Elstow, where Biggleswade retained it once again.

Some really excellent training sessions were held again this year, organised by Sylvia MacDowell, including Rope Splicing led by Stephen Stanford, Striking and Listening led by Martin and Maggie Whiteley, Bob Calling led by Richard Entwistle, and in the autumn a series of monthly Method Improver evening sessions was held at Oakley by Graham Ridgway.

There were the regular monthly Saturday ringing meetings throughout the year, with Bob Wood and Stephen Stanford serving as Ringing Masters. Of course some towers and groups of friends within the District continued to hold their own outings and events. A flier drawing attention to funds available from the District Bell Restoration Fund was circulated to local towers and some applications for grants are in the pipeline.

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.

Bedford District Committee

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT

It has been another busy year of meetings and events for the District although there have been no major bell projects but that is to be rectified this year!

Our young ringers gave a most creditable performance in the Melville Cup competition in September coming second, in a close run competition, with a high standard of ringing. The youngsters were a credit to coach, James Eggleston. The competition in 2012 will again be before the Association Striking Competition on the afternoon of Saturday 15th September. Biggleswade District is hosting both competitions at Potton. Any ringer under 18 on the 15th September 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.

In a change to previous years we organised a basic training morning at Arlesey in February, to cover from rounds to Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. The morning was organised by Chris Williams and run by Anthony Smith and was a great success. It was also oversubscribed and I would say that for future sessions if you want to participate get your names in early!

The District Striking Competition was in March and this saw 7 participating teams, 4 in the main competition and 3 in the rounds/call changes competition. The winners were Henlow, with Biggleswade as runners up. These two teams represented the District in the Association Competition in September that was held at Renhold. The winners of the rounds/call changes competition were Campton. My thanks go to Beth Overfield for organising the day, Peter Overfield for 'keeping the time' and to the judges, David Kemp and Owen Davis. Congratulations to Biggleswade who went on to win the Association Competition beating the runners up Kempston by 1.5%! Henlow were placed 3rd.

Later in the month a team of under 19 year old ringers represented Bedfordshire in the National Young Ringers Striking Competition in London as part of the Ringing World Centenary Celebration. The Bedfordshire team gave a very good account of themselves and this District was represented by George Olphin and Alice Scott. Nick Brown was the team coach. Well done to all three.

In April we held our monthly meeting on the 10 bells at Kempston. This was again well attended, and enjoyable evening was had by all.

The second Saturday in May saw the Annual Outing, this time to Buckinghamshire with a quick visit over the county border to Berkhamstead. It was an excellent day out and many thanks to James Eggleston for the detailed arrangements.

It was our turn to host the Association AGM in May, a what a good fist we made of it! Thanks to go Terry Brown for arranging the afternoon towers, to Guy Scott for officiating at the service and to James Eggleston for playing the organ. Also to the Biggleswade ringers for the superb tea and our District Ringing Master, Nick Brown, for organising the evening ringing. I will not dwell on the profit made by the landlord of The Pheasant for the après ringing! A good day all round. I think the meeting was quite good as well.

Our more advanced Training Day took place in October 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. There was only one pupil for the morning session, which was run by James Eggleston, but that was to their undoubted advantage. The afternoon session was better attended and was led by John Loveless. The organisation for the day was undertaken by Chris Williams. 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 Chris and Linda have agreed to arrange the Training days, again this year.

At the end of October we arranged an evening's ringing on the new 12 at St Albans Abbey, this was both successful and well attended by members of all three districts as in addition to some Hertfordshire colleagues. Thanks go to Terry Brown for organising the venue and to John Loveless for running the practice.

The December meeting was, as always, devoted to the Christmas Social, which was again a sell out, and organised by the Biggleswade ringers. Thank you to all those who helped out, too numerous to mention by name, who made it such a good occasion. Thanks too to the entertainers, the Arlesey Handbell ringers, James Eggleston, Diane, Alice and Clarrie Scott, and to Sue Melvin for running the raffle, again raising money for the Bell Restoration Fund.

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

Sue Silver, District Chairman

LUTON DISTRICT

This year our young ringers participated in two events:

- the first Ringing World National Youth Contest held at Pimlico in March, where a
 team of 8 ringers from Bedfordshire, including young ringers from this District,
 comprised one of the 12 teams taking part. They rang call changes. A report on this
 event has been published in the 30 December Ringing World. The teams'
 performance was graded on a scale of A* to E. Bedfordshire scored a credible C.
- The Bedfordshire Association Young Ringers Contest for the Melville Cup was held at Renhold, which was won by six young ringers from Linslade, within the Luton District.

I hope our young ringers will be able to participate in the coming year's events.

Teams from Dunstable and Husborne Crawley represented the District in the Bedfordshire Association Striking Contest. We did not win this year; maybe as we didn't have the home tower advantage as in the previous year.

We didn't hold an outing nor a training day this year as there was insufficient support from the membership to justify holding these events.

Our monthly practices are reasonably well attended throughout the year, with support from out-of-district ringers. Depending on the ringers present, the Ringing Master ensures that an appropriate range of methods is offered.

The District approved a grant towards the refurbishment of the bells in Flitwick and our Treasurer has re-instated the 50 Club, which is a significant source of fund-raising within the District.

Peter Phillips, District Chairman

Our Technical Advisor can help you with:

Advice on maintenance of bells and fittings

Advice on bell frame care

An inspection of your bell installation (by appointment)

Contact Roger Kendrick

201582 413564
techadvisor@bacr.co.uk

ASSOCIATION DIARY – see www.bacr.co.uk for more details					
2012					
Association AGM	Saturday 19 May	Leighton Buzzard	See website		
Ridgman Trophy	Saturday 16 June	Kempston	12.00 – 5.00pm		
National young ringers striking competition	Saturday 30 June	St Pauls Birmingham	See website		
River Festival	Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July	Bedford	Help needed contact Sarah Ward 07512 662970		
Melville Cup young ringers striking competition	Saturday 15 September	Potton	Draw 3.30pm		
St Peters Cup 6 bell striking competition	Saturday 15 September	Potton	Draw 3.30pm		
2013					
Biggleswade District ADM	Saturday 12 January	Maulden			
Bedford District ADM	Saturday 19 January	Sharnbrook			
Luton District ADM	Saturday 26 January	Barton le Clay			
Association AGM	Saturday 18 May	Bedford District			

TOWER LISTINGS NOTES

Ringing times are 24-hour clock.

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

PN - Practice night.

GF - Ground floor ring.

AC - Anti-clockwise ring.

For each tower an Ordnance Survey grid reference is given - two grid letters with a three figure 'easting' and a three figure 'northing'.

CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Please send details of any corrections and tower contact updates for the 2012 report to Hon. Secretary, Terry Brown.

Write: 10 Arnhem Place, Shefford, SG17 5UJ

Email: secretary@bacr.co.uk

^{*} denotes Life Member † denotes Honorary Life Member

LIST OF MEMBERS AND TOWERS

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Robert R Churchill, John R Pemble, Anthony H Smith

ASSOCIATE NON-RINGING MEMBERS

Emily Entwistle, Bedford, St Peter; Nicholas Fowler, Goldington

ASSOCIATE RINGING MEMBERS ELECTED IN 2011

Paul Mason (1110), Benjamin Ricketts (1626), Janet Yeo (1627), Samantha L Gorman (1628), Kristine K Fowler (1629), Alan Reading (1630), Gabrielle Cowcill (1631)

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

David Jones, Jo Webb

RESIDENT RINGING MEMBERS ELECTED 2011

Name	No.	Tower	Date
Margaret Coleman	1609	Ampthill	8 Jan
Yvonne Young	1610	Ampthill	8 Jan
Rae Marshall	1611	Ampthill	8 Jan
Hilary Nellist	1612	Ampthill	8 Jan
Christopher Shrimpton	1613	Ampthill	8 Jan
Robert Butcher	1618	Ampthill	8 Jan
Simon Trott	1111	Oakley	15 Jan
Rev Chris Ball	1112	Bedford, St Andrew	15 Jan
Sarah Green	2181	Unattached	22 Jan
David Adams	2182	Silsoe	22 Jan
Paul Biscoe	2183	Silsoe	22 Jan
Andrew Bryans	1620	Northill	12 Feb
Clive Moncrieff	1623	Clifton	12 Feb
Clare Francis	1624	Campton	12 Mar
Jenny Archer	2105	Barton Le Clay	30 Apr
Pat Limanni	807	Luton	30 Apr
Santo Limanni	2008	Luton	30 Apr
John Ellis	2184	Flitton	30 Apr
David Watson	2185	Flitwick	30 Apr
Lynn Goodwin	1113	Bedford, St Peter	7 Jul
Martin Goodwin	1114	Bedford, St Peter	7 Jul
Eloise Catling	2186	Houghton Regis	23 Jul
John Cardiff	2187	Dunstable	23 Jul
Louise Fry	2188	Dunstable	23 Jul
George Olphin	1625	Northill	10 Aug
George llett	1115	Bromham	1 Oct
Michael Catlin	2189	Flitwick	22 Oct
Paul Swannell	2190	Flitwick	22 Oct
Jackie Lawrence	2191	Flitwick	22 Oct

BEDFORD DISTRICT

TL057509

UNATTACHED

Rosemary Buckle, Owen A Davis, Canon John Tibbs, Maureen Hall

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

Sunday: 09.30 PN: Thursday 19.45-21.00

Alex Nash 266671

5 Harvey Road, Bedford bedfordstandrewbells@hotmail.com

MK41 9LF

Kim Adams, Lisa Adams, Rachel Adams, Sarah Adams,

Rev Chris Ball, Gareth Burrows, Richard Gallivan, David Heaslip, 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, Lynn Goodwin, Martin Goodwin, 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 Toyne © 01234 211716

30 Days Lane, Biddenham bdtoyne@talktalk.net

MK40 4AF

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

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

Sunday: None PN: None

Paul Vine © 01234 782857 trishvine@btinternet.com

50 The Avenue. Bletsoe MK44 1QF

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

Sunday: None PN: None

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 2 01234 881741

St. Monica, Norfolk Road, r.jones1@mypostoffice.co.uk

Turvey MK43 8DU

Mike Cassell*, Dick Crisp, Robert Gornall, Derek A Hammond*,

Steve Hare, Mary Harle, Andrew Heyman, George Ilett,

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

141 Bamford Road. iulieannarose@btinternet.com

Bedford MK42 0NH

Derek Eddy, Rev Steven Smith

CARLTON St Mary (6) 9-2-07 in Ab SP952549

3rd Sunday: 09.00 PN: Friday 19.30-21.00 (alternate with Harrold)

10 Beeby Way, Carlton lin.barratt@btinternet.com

MK43 7LW

Lin Barratt, Martin D Barratt, Ann Boyle, Sarah Ford, Margaret Linggood

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@ntlworld.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

Three Horseshoes, 31 Staploe, St Neots, Cambs. PE19 5JA

Humphrey Chetwynd-Talbot, Felicity Evans, John Moorby

ELSTOW SS Mary & Helena (6) 8-2-00 in G TL049474

Sunday: 10.50 & 18.00 PN: Friday 20.00-21.00

1 Garnith Close, Kempston MK42 8DX

Miriam Clark, Don MacFarlane, Richard Marshall, Barbara Routledge, Stephen H Stanford*, Sarah Ward*

SP991578 **FELMERSHAM** St Mary (8) 20-2-18 in Eb

Sunday: None PN: None

2 01234 781649 Mike Benson

8. Marriotts Close. mail @mikebenson08.plus.com

Felmersham, MK43 7HD

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

2nd 16.30

Mrs Jenny Thompson

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 (not 3rd or 4th) PN: Fridays 19.30-21.00 (alternate with

3rd 10.30 Carlton) phone to check

Martin D Barratt **2** 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 **2** 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

2 01234 378878 penny.heming@btinternet.com

Pump Cottage, Keysoe Row East, Keysoe MK44 2JB

Carol Burge, Ro Heming, Katie Maddison, Joy Mooring,

Richard Thurmott, Marion Turner

TL107630 **LITTLE STAUGHTON** All Saints (5) 10-2-20 in G# (AC)

Sunday: 09.30 PN: Friday 19.30-21.00

(alternate with Bolnhurst)

Bernard Hopperton **2** 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 **2** 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 **2** 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 **2** 01234 823473

2 Parsonage Close, Oakley thesellars@btinternet.com

MK43 7TG

Shelley Abbott, Martin Heaslip, Megan Hodgkins, Roy Phelan, Graham Ridgway, Bill Sellars, John Stringer, Simon Trott

ODELL All Saints (6) 13-1-08 in F# SP966580

Sunday: None PN: None

Dr Martin E Eshelby **2** 01933 410959

16a Avenue Road, Rushden, martin@eshelby.co.uk

Northants NN10 0SJ

PAVENHAM St Peter (5) 8-0-00 in A SP992560

PN: None Sunday: None

Mrs Vivian Holt **☎** 01234 825479 Meadowcroft, High Street, Pavenham MK43 7NP

Vivian Holt

RENHOLD All Saints (6) 13-0-15 in F# TL089528

Sunday: 10.30 PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00

Mrs Yvonne Potter **2** 01234 771495

8 Brook Lane, Salph End, vvonnepotter7830@hotmail.co.uk

Renhold MK41 0LD

Phil Harlow, Neil 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)

David Shaw

5, Dodds Close, Riseley MK44 1PQ

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

27 Home Close, Sharnbrook Bedford MK44 1PQ

Jacquie Albon, Patrick J S Albon, Judy Anderson*,

Tom Anderson*, Gemma Davison, Helen Horn, Kathryn Stenton,

Simon Sweeney, Barbara Woplin

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YELDEN St Mary (4) 8-0-0 in Bb

TL011672

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SP943363

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SP918248

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Sunday: 10.15 PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00

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 SP966270

 HULCOTE St Nicholas (4) 8-0-00
 SP944389

 TINGRITH St Nicholas (3)
 TL006324

 UPPER GRAVENHURST St Giles (5) 10-0-00
 TL113360

ASSOCIATION EVENT REPORTS

YOUNG RINGERS - MELVILLE CUP STRIKING COMPETITION

This year the Young Ringer's striking competition was held on the same afternoon as the Association 6 bell striking competition, rather than on AGM day as we had done in previous years. It was Bedford District's turn to host both events on 17th September at All Saints, Renhold.

The Judges, Chris Williams and Charlotte Smith, had two teams to consider because, unfortunately, Bedford District were unable to enter a band.

Rang	Judges Comments	Score	Place
1st	Used practice time very well, the test piece was an improvement on this. The piece was uneven to start, but without many faults; when rhythm settled the ringing improved considerably.	13 faults	1st Luton District
2nd	Used practice time well, the difference between the first pull off and the test piece was considerable. Towards the middle the ringing got a bit lumpy, but they seemed to "take a deep breath" and regroup for a good finish.	30 faults	2nd Biggleswade District

Congratulations to the Luton District who won the cup for the first time.



Both teams after the Melville Cup presentation to Luton District. Photo Sarah Ward.

ST PETERS CUP - ASSOCIATION 6 BELL STRIKING COMPETITION

Six teams took part in this year's Inter-District 6 bell striking competition held on 17th September. It was hosted by Bedford District on the 13cwt. six at All Saints, Renhold.

Two teams from each District took part, being the winner and runner up from each District's own striking competition. However, a team from Bromham replaced Sharnbrook who were unfortunately unable to attend.

Organiser Bob Wood had made a valiant attempt to find judges from outside the Association, but wasn't successful, so Stephen Stanford and Sarah Ward stepped in to do the judging. The Dunstable team had to restart after a rope broke and had to be replaced.

Stephen remarked that the bells weren't the easiest to ring.

Position	Team	District	Comments	Score
1st	Biggleswade	Biggleswade	Very nice piece of ringing; quite fast But not many trips.	88%
2nd	Kempston	Bedford	Confident band; good piece of Ringing; tenor occasionally slow	86.5%
3rd	Henlow	Biggleswade	Good start; confident ringing Changes stretched out to unsettle ringing.	73%
4th	Dunstable	Luton	Struggled to settle to speed; best leading	72%
5th	Husborne Crawley	Luton	Good but no sparkle; tenor slow; Dropped backstrokes	70%
6th	Bromham	Bedford	Rang slowly; changed lengths of rows; some dropped backstrokes.	66%

Biggleswade were announced winners of the St Peters Cup, with Kempston runners up.



L-R James Eggleston, Charlotte Smith, Anthony Smith, Alice Scott, Kate Scott, Guy Scott. Photo Chris Williams

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.

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.

Goldington ringers hadn't learnt from their failed 2010 challenge with long time holders Biggleswade, because they issued another challenge which was held on 23 November at Elstow.

By mutual agreement it was decided that, since the bells were already up, the challenge would run in reverse – lowering first then raising. It was also agreed that both teams wouldn't have a practice just to spice things up a little!

With the judges, Richard Entwistle and Chris Williams, out of the tower, Sue Silver drew Goldington to ring first. Each team waited at the bottom of the staircase whilst their opponents rang from where they probably heard the ringing more clearly than the ringers. Whether this was a good thing is less certain, both teams struggled because they hadn't had a practice.

The judges gave their scores and declared Biggleswade the winners, though by a closer margin than the previous challenge at Haynes.

The evening continued with a joint practice, giving the supporters of each team a chance to join in with the ringing.

Adapted from a Headstock article by Andrew Dennison.



L-R Biggleswade Ringers with Jims Jug - Kate Scott, Alan Smith, Roy Haynes, Charlotte Smith, Yvonne Humberstone, Anthony Smith, Sheila Smith. Photo Sue Silver

RIDGMAN TROPHY TEN BELL STRIKING COMPETITION

A representative Association band once again entered the Ridgman Trophy Striking Competition, which this year was held at St Mary le Tower, Ipswich. A healthy entry of eight teams confirmed the enduring popularity of this event and ensured plenty of strong competition. The test piece was 180 changes of Grandsire Caters, relatively simple at first sight, but challenging enough to strike on a meaty ring of bells with a 35cwt tenor.

Our band represented six different towers from the Bedfordshire Association and included three ringers with little prior experience of this competition. We got together to ring the test piece on several occasions beforehand and brushed up our striking to a level where we felt confident that we could acquit ourselves well on the day. Our ringing at Ipswich was probably even better than we had achieved during our practices, so we left the tower well satisfied with our performance.

The judges, Jeremy and Ann Pratt, commented that the overall standard of ringing throughout the competition had been very commendable and we were delighted to hear that we had been awarded second place. The eight teams were placed as follows:

1. Norwich	75 faults
2. Bedfordshire	96 faults
3. Essex	108 faults
4. Peterborough	135 faults
5. Suffolk	156 faults
6. Cambridge University	183 faults
7. Lincoln	194 faults
8. Ely	223 faults

My thanks go to the ringers who gave up their time to represent the Association at this important regional event, and to the organisers, helpers and other participants who continue to make the Ridgman Trophy such an enjoyable fixture. I'd also like to thank our President, Sue Silver, who supported us during our campaign.

MARTIN WHITELEY Organiser



L to R Maggie Whiteley, Nick Brown, Chris Williams, Linda Garton, Bob Wood, Martin Whiteley, Alex Nash, Frank Rivett, James Eggleston, John Loveless. Photo Sue Silver



Photo Sue Silver

RINGING WORLD NATIONAL YOUTH STRIKING COMPETITION

On 26 March 2011 a team from Bedfordshire took part in the first ever National Youth Striking Contest which was held as part of the Ringing World Centenary Day at St Saviour's Church, Pimlico, London.

The judges graded the teams from A to E, with Bedfordshire scoring a Grade C. The Bedfordshire team rang call changes as their test piece. The judges commented 'they got off to a brisk start with very musical changes, that the 'Whittingtons' change was rung well, and that they had a good finish'.

Well done and thanks to all who took part - Alice, John, George, George, Cameron, Courtney, Aaron and Tom; to the 'back office team' who got the band together, and especially to Nick Brown who coached and called the changes from outside the circle.

We hope that a Bedfordshire team will enter a team for the competition in 2012,

YOUNG RINGERS OUTING TO WORCESTER

I've only been ringing bells for about seven weeks; I started off with no clue how to ring but within two rehearsals I was hooked. Jenny Thompson has been tutoring me every Wednesday and she's been a fabulous teacher for me. Once you've learnt to ring it's possible to ring every single night at different churches! If you practice you can go to lots of different places and do lots of different things, all through ringing.

On 26th February we went to Worcester Cathedral. The cathedral is huge, and it's roughly the same size as St Alban's Abbey.



Courtney, Cameron and Delroy. Photo Christ Williams

We also visited Worcester St Swithun; a beautiful old church with some lovely bells and Pershore Parish Centre – a baby set of bells designed to train learners to play on the abbey's bells.

There is also a set of training bells (these are like dumb bells- but they're weighted so they feel exactly like real bells- although if you break them, instead of taking five days to fix (like a real bell) they take two minutes! The facilities are a great way to train and hone your ringing skills; by linking them into the computer you can see how well you're ringing.

I didn't realise how complicated ringing was till I started. There are hundreds if not thousands of different methods of ringing: different call changes, different bells and different ways of playing them. The trip to Worcester really showed me how complex bell ringing was, and it was a thoroughly enjoyable day. We got back from the trip about 8 o'clock and personally I went straight to bed! Many thanks to Jenny for taking me.

James

OBITUARIES

CHRISTINE BAILEY (1949 - 2011)

Christine Bailey (nee Templeman), whose funeral took place at St. James, Husborne Crawley on Wednesday 21st September, was a schoolgirl at Husborne Crawley Primary School. As a young girl she sang in the church choir and learned to ring the bells. We have a newspaper photograph in the Church from the early 1960s of the then group of ringers which includes Christine. Other than myself and Miss Lily Yates, they were all young girls, which was quite unusual at that time.

Although not living locally, after marriage she still came to ring whenever possible. Sadly she was diagnosed with cancer about 18 years ago. After surgery she was told that she would not be able to raise her arms above shoulder height to ring, but with typical determination she amazed us all by eventually raising her arms to full stretch.

Christine also served as a committee member of the Luton District for some years. Alas after a long battle she finally lost the fight and died on the 7th September.

The bells were rung half-muffled before the service and again afterwards as the cortege left for the crematorium by the local ringers and also many from various parts. Our sympathies are with husband Malcolm and their family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

Robert Churchill

COLIN M PAYNE (1939 - 2011)

Colin was born in 1939 and he lived in Felmersham from a very young age. He served his apprenticeship at W H Allen in Bedford and worked there for many years. He moved to Clapham in 1961 when he married Jean, whom he taught to ring, and they had two sons.

After the bells of St Mary's, Felmersham, were augmented from five to eight and rehung in 1955, some Felmersham members are listed in the Association Annual Report for 1956 including Colin. In 1957 he took on the post of Local Secretary for Felmersham at the age of 17. He was Tower Captain there for over 50 years, a position he held until his death, and he taught a good number of Bedford District people to ring. He was on the Bedford District Committee from 1961 to 1983, holding the post of District Secretary from 1965 to 1973 and District Treasurer from 1974 to 1983. He also served on the District Committee again between 2006 and 2008.

He rang his first peal at Oakley on 25 December 1956, followed by 29 more (including three for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild) spread fairly evenly over the following years up to 1984. He commented on his early peals as having been due to the fact that he had a car, at a time when car ownership was relatively unusual, and he was able to fit into it a complete peal-ringing band of six people.

He rang a further peal in November 2003 in memory of Jean who had died at the beginning of that year, and one more in November 2010 on the eve of his 71st birthday, making 32 in all. He moved from Clapham to Rushden in Northamptonshire at about the same time. He died, two weeks after his 72nd birthday and his last Quarter Peal, on 11 December 2011 in Leicester Hospital following an operation for cancer.

Maureen Hall with assistance from Bob Jones.

PFALS 2011

Tower bell peals rung, numbers 3991 to 4041. No hand bell peals were rung in 2011, the last hand bell peal was number 66.

3991

THURLEIGH, St Peter

Wednesday Jan 5 2h59 (14) 5040 Spliced Surprise Minor

(25 methods: (1) Wooler, Newcastle,

Chester, Morpeth (2)

Northumberland, Whitley, Carlisle (3)

London, Wells, Cunecastre (4) Annable's London, Netherseale,

Lightfoot, Rossendale (5) Allendale, Westminster (6) Durham, Beverley,

Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose,

Norfolk; each extent atw)

- 1 Philippa M Whittington
- 2 Martin J Whiteley 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 Paul M Mason
- 5 Richard I Allton (C)
- 6 Frank W Rivett

3992

CAMPTON, All Saints

Saturday Jan 15 2h36 (7) 5024 London Surprise Major

Comp: S J Ivin (No.40)

- 1 Linda M Garton
- 2 Anthony H Smith (C) 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Robert P Wood
- 6 Murray A Coleman
- 7 Richard A Horne
- 8 Martin J Whiteley

800th tower bell peal: 4.

3993

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sunday Jan 30 2h45 (7) 5024 London Surprise Major

Comp: S J Ivin (No.32)

- 1 Linda M Garton
- 2 Martin J Whiteley
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 Russell A Brown
- 6 Nicholas D Brown
- 7 John P Loveless

8 Rosalind J Keech

Has now circled the tower, in 8 peals, in order from the treble: 8.

3994

CLIFTON, All Saints

Sunday Feb 6 2h52 (10) 5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major Comp: Arr. Roger Baldwin

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Anthony H Smith
- 4 Susan J Melvin
- 5 John P Loveless (C)
- 6 Vernon Green
- 7 Philippa M Whittington
- 8 Russell A Brown

First peal on the bells since recent refurbishment by White's of Appleton. First in method: 4.

3995

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sunday Feb 13 2h42 (7) 5056 Belfast Surprise Major

Comp: Graham A C John

- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Martin J Whiteley
- 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 Nicholas D Brown
- 5 Linda M Garton
- 6 Russell A Brown
- 7 John P Loveless (C)
- 8 Simon A Rudd

Rung in memory of Geoffrey Dodds

of St Albans.

First in the method: 4

100th peal for the Association: 3. First in the method for the

Association.

50th peal on the new bells. 160 different ringers have rung in these

peals. 3996

HENLOW. St Marv

Monday Feb 14 2h47 (13) 5056 Amy Delight Major

Comp: Middleton's

- 1 Philippa M Whittington
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 4 John J Ford
- 5 Peter V Rogers
- 6 Nicholas D Brown
- 7 Robert P Wood
- 8 Richard A Horne

Rung to welcome Thomas Skellern, a son for Matt and Amy.

3997

ROTHWELL, Northants, **Holy Trinity**

Friday Feb 18 3h8 (21) 5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Comp: P Border

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Linda M Garton (C)
- 3 Christine A Williams
- 4 Charlotte M Smith
- 5 Anthony H Smith
- 6 Philippa M Whittington
- 7 John P Loveless
- 8 Margaret Whiteley 9 Martin J Whiteley
- 10 Frank W Rivett

Rung in memory of Ernest G Orland. First peal of Royal: 3.

3998

GODMANCHESTER, Cambs, St Mary the Virgin

Saturday Feb 19 3h7 (19)

5040 Stedman Triples Comp: R W Pipe (No.1c - all singles

7-part)

- 1 Martin J Whiteley
- 2 Robert P Wood 3 Susan E Marsden
- 4 Roger G R Collins
- 5 Roderick W Pipe
- 6 David C Brown (C)
- 7 Alban D Forster
- 8 David Kemp

Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to Owen Davis.

3999

TOTTERNHOE, St Giles

Monday Feb 21 2h50 (9) 5152 Spliced Surprise Major

(21 methods: 448 each Cambridge. Lincolnshire; 224 each Yorkshire, Uxbridge, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Bristol, Whalley, Watford, London,

Tavistock, Glasgow, Cassiobury, Lindum, Superlative, Wembley,

Rutland, Ipswich, Cray, Ashtead, Pudsey; 153 com, atw)

Comp: N Smith

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

8 Frank W Rivett With the band's very best wishes

to Alex Keech. Most methods atw: 2.4.5.

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity 2h39 (10) Friday Feb 25

5056 Superlative Surprise Major

- Comp: F Dench 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 4 Susan M Silver
- 5 Philippa M Whittington
- 6 Linda M Garton 7 Nicholas D Brown

8 Frank W Rivett First peal of Superlative: 4.

41

DORDRECHT, Netherlands, 't Klockhuys

Friday Mar 4 2h45 (1) 5088 Bedfordshire Surprise Major

Comp: S J Ivin

- 1 Teresa J Brown
- 2 John P Loveless
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Linda M Garton
- 5 Philippa M Whittington 6 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 7 Frank W Rivett
- 8 Russell A Brown

Rung by a resident band.

CLIFTON, All Saints

2h38 (10) Sunday Mar 6 5024 Cambridge Surprise Major Comp: Charles Middleton & Don

- Morrison (arr.) 1 Susan M Silver
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Vernon Green
- 4 Robert P Wood
- 5 J Richard Castledine
- 6 Richard A Horne
- 7 David Kemp

8 Nicholas D Brown (C)

First as conductor Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to Sue Silver.

STOTFOLD. St Mary the Virgin Saturday Mar 19 2h45 (11) 5088 London Surprise Major

Comp: S J Ivin (No.12)

- 1 D Graham Hall
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Mary E Hall
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 J Richard Castledine
- 6 Vernon Green
- 7 Roy V Webb
- 8 David Kemp

EATON SOCON, Cambs, St Mary Friday April 29 2h54 (13)

5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major Comp: Robert W Lee (5056 No.4)

- 1 Susan J Spencer
- 2 Mary Parnham
- 3 Christopher M J Spencer
- 4 Wendy Piercy
- 5 Janet M Yeo
- 6 Michael J Matthews
- 7 John P Loveless (C)
- 8 Robert P Wood

To celebrate the wedding of HRH Prince William and Catherine Middleton.

4005

KEMPSTON. All Saints

Friday April 29 3h7 (17)

5003 Grandsire Caters Comp: John S Warboys

- 1 Margaret Whiteley
- 2 Martin J Whitelev
- 3 Melvvn Potts
- 4 Helen J Manktelow
- 5 Margaret Feneley
- 6 Stephen H Stanford
- 7 Martin A Heaslip
- 8 David Kemp
- 9 Andrew M Keech (C) 10 Nicholas D Brown

To celebrate the marriage of HRH Prince William and Catherine Middleton. Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

300th peal: 8.

4006

SHARNBROOK, St Peter

2h57 (10) Saturday April 30 5088 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: Stanley Jenner

- 1 E Jane Sibson
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Linda M Garton
- 4 John P Loveless (C)
- 5 Russell A Brown
- 6 Patrick J S Albon
- 7 Nicholas D Brown
- 8 Richard A Horne

To celebrate the marriage of Prince William and Catherine Middleton, Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. First in method: 2,6.

4007

BIGGLESWADE, St Andrew

Saturday April 30

2h54 (13) 5056 Plain Bob Major

Comp: P S George

- 1 Alice T Scott
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Kate J Scott
- 4 Guy C Scott
- 5 James K Eggleston
- 6 Peter G Smith
- 7 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 8 Alan S Smith

First peal: 1.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Prince William and Catherine

Middleton.

First inside and of Major: 4.

4008

CLIFTON, All Saints

Sunday May 1 2h40 (10)

5040 Grandsire Triples

- Comp: A J Pitman
- 1 Peter W Blackmore 2 Anthony H Smith
- 3 Harriet G Moncrieff
- 4 Susan M Silver
- 5 Frank W Rivett (C)
- 6 Philippa M Whittington 7 Russell A Brown
- 8 James A Peacock

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and as a Diamond Wedding anniversary compliment to Tony and Eileen Tobitt.

The band would like to associate the Tower Captain and Secretary, Stan & Sheila Ashton, with this peal.

4009

KIMBOLTON, Cambs, St Andrew Monday May 2 3h7 (17)

5040 Surprise Minor (7m)

(7 methods: 1 extent each Northumberland, Annable's London,

Westminster, Bourne, London,

- Norwich, Cambridge) 1 Linda M Garton
- 2 Nicholas D Brown
- 3 Anthony H Smith
- 4 John P Loveless (C)
- 5 Russell A Brown 6 Martin J Whiteley

To celebrate the marriage of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

TOTTERNHOE, St Giles

Tuesday May 3 2h55 (9) 5152 Spliced Surprise Major

(23 methods: 224 each Ashtead. Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin,

Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London,

Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge,

Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Yorkshire; 160 com, atw) Comp: N Smith

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

Most methods atw: 2,4,5.

CAMPTON, All Saints

2h46 (7) Sunday May 15 5088 London Surprise Major Comp: Arr. Stephen Ivin, No.18, from Middleton's & J Ree

- 1 Nicholas D Brown
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 John P Loveless (C)
- 4 Charlotte M Smith
- 5 Anthony H Smith
- 6 Stephen H Stanford
- 7 Richard A Horne
- 8 Russell A Brown

4012

SOUTHILL, All Saints

Monday May 30 2h49 (12)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7 methods: 720 each Westminster. London, York, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge)

- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Nicholas D Brown
- 3 Anthony H Smith
- 4 Russell A Brown
- 5 Frank W Rivett
- 6 David Kemp (C)

Rung for Christine A Williams on her birthday.

FLITTON, St John the Baptist Thursday June 2 2h30 (6)

5040 Minor

(4 methods in 7 extents: (1,6)

Cambridge (2,5) Single Oxford B (3) St Clements CB (4,7) Plain B)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Vernon Green
- 4 Susan M Silver
- 5 Philippa M Whittington
- 6 Anthony H Smith (C)

For Ascensiontide

HENLOW. St Marv

Monday June 20 2h51 (13) 5184 Quornden Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrison (No.1179)

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

50th peal: 1.

4015

MEARS ASHBY, Northants,

All Saints

Monday June 20 2h49 (12) 5040 Spliced Surprise Minor

(29 methods: 480 Warkworth; 360 each Carlisle, Lightfoot; 240 each

Allendale, Cambridge, Ipswich,

Northumberland, Westminster,

Wooler: 120 each Annables London. Bacup, Bamborough, Berwick,

Beverley, Chester, Durham, Hexham, Morpeth, Netherseale,

Newcastle, Norfolk, Primrose, Rossendale, Sandiacre, Stamford, Surfleet, Wearmouth, Whitley, York;

85 com. atw) Comp: John S Warbovs (SU0307 & SU0401)

1 Rosemary H Buckle

- 2 Martin J Whitelev
- 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 Paul M Mason 5 Richard I Allton (C)
- 6 Frank W Rivett

A compliment to Clifford Izzard of Kempston on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

CAMPTON, All Saints

Friday June 24 2h50 (7) 5120 London Surprise Major Comp: S J Ivin (No.13)

- 1 Linda M Garton
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Susan J Melvin
- 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 6 John P Loveless
- 7 Clive G Smith
- 8 Richard A Horne
- 1,000th peal: 3.

First peal of London: 4.

100th peal of London (50 on treble):

100th peal of London (50 on 3rd): 3.

KEMPSTON. All Saints

Saturday June 25 3h15 (17) 5080 Spliced Caters (2m)

(2 methods: 5039 Grandsire; 41

Little Grandsire; 1 com)

- Comp: John S Warbovs 1 Stephen H Stanford
- 2 Rosalind J Keech
- 3 Helen J Manktelow
- 4 Martin J Whiteley
- 5 Margaret Feneley
- 6 Margaret Whiteley
- 7 Martyn J Marriott
- 8 Robert P Wood
- 9 Andrew M Keech (C)
- 10 Clifford W Izzard

Specially arranged to celebrate Cliff's 80th birthday.

4018

HENLOW, St Mary

Monday July 18 2h49 (13) 5088 Vectis Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrison (No.4748)

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

RISELEY, All Saints

Tuesday July 19 2h49 (13) 5040 Spliced Surprise Minor

(41 methods: (1-3) Carlisle,

Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Newcastle, Morpeth.

Alnwick, Canterbury, Chester, Munden, London, Wells,

Cunecastre, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream; (4-7) Cambridge,

Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet,

Hexham, York, Durham, Norwich, Warkworth, Annable's London, Netherseale, Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Westminster,

Allendale, Bamborough, Bacup; Bobs only) Comp: John S Warboys (SU0308,

- SU0403) 1 Paul M Mason
- 2 Martin J Whiteley
- 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 Richard I Allton
- 5 Peter G C Ellis (C) 6 Frank W Rivett

4020

EATON SOCON, Cambs, St Marv Wednesday July 27 2h49 (13) 5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

- Comp: N J Pitstow
- 1 D Graham Hall (C) 2 Mary Parnham
- 3 Susan J Spencer
- 4 Michael J Matthews
- 5 Roger G R Collins
- 6 Wendy Piercy
- 7 Stephen H Stanford
- 8 John P Loveless

To congratulate Sue and Mike on their forthcoming marriage and Mary on her 50th birthday.

FLITTON, St John the Baptist Thursday Aug 11 2h42 (6) 5040 Minor

(1 extent each Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge S, Single

Oxford B. St Clements CB. Plain B)

- 1 Vernon Green
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Susan M Silver
- 5 John P Loveless (C) 6 Nicholas D Brown

Specially arranged and rung as to celebrate Vernon and Jennifer Green's Golden Wedding anniversary on 12th August, with best wishes from the band. Anthony Smith was due to conduct this peal - we wish him a speedy

recovery from illness.

STOTFOLD, St Mary the Virgin Friday Aug 12 2h48 (11)

5088 Spliced Surprise Major (6 methods: 1152 Rutland; 1056 Cambridge; 864 each Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 576 each Pudsey,

Superlative; 140 com) Comp. Murray Coleman

- 1 Jane K A Hough
- 2 Roy V Webb 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Richard F Prime
- 5 Geoffrey T Horritt
- 6 David J Hawkins
- 7 Richard Castledine (C)
- 8 Nicholas D Brown

Arranged and rung with best wishes and congratulations to Jennifer and Vernon Green on their Golden Wedding anniversary this day.

4023

HENLOW, St Marv

Monday Aug 15 2h50 (13) 5120 Jackbury Surprise Major Comp: Charles Middleton

- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 John J Ford
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Peter V Rogers
- 6 J Richard Castledine (C)
- 7 Robert P Wood
- 8 Richard A Horne

Rung in affectionate memory of Brian Jewell, churchwarden, chorister and choir-master at this church for many years.

4024

CAMPTON, All Saints

Friday Aug 26 2h44 (7) 5024 Cambridge Surprise Major Comp: John S Warboys

1 Alice T Scott

- 2 Anthony H Smith 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 John P Loveless (C)
- 5 Vernon Green
- 6 Susan M Silver
- 7 Nicholas D Brown
- 8 Linda M Garton

First of treble bob: 1.

4025

SOUTHILL, All Saints

Wednesday Aug 31 2h44 (12) 5040 Minor

(7 methods: 1 extent each Bourne S. Single Oxford B. Oxford TB. St Clements CB, Cambridge S,

Norwich S, Plain B)

- 1 Susan M Silver 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Nicholas D Brown
- 4 Philippa M Whittington
- 5 Martin J Whiteley
- 6 Frank W Rivett (C)

Rung as a welcome to Revd Anne Hindle and her family to the Benefice of Clifton & Southill, on the day of her Licensing.

4026

STOTFOLD, St Mary the Virgin Saturday Sept 10 2h56 (11) 5088 Bristol Surprise Major Comp: Donald F Morrison (No.55)

- 1 Susan M Silver
- 2 Barbara Beard
- 3 Stephen H Stanford
- 4 Benjamin F Ricketts
- 5 John P Loveless 6 Russell A Brown
- 7 Richard A Horne
- 8 Nicholas D Brown (C)

HENLOW, St Mary

Monday Sept 26 2h50 (13) 5184 Ibberton Surprise Major

Comp: Don Morrison

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

4028 POTTERSPURY, Northants. St Nicholas

Monday Oct 3 2h55 (13)

5040 Spliced Surprise Minor

(36 methods: 360 Warkworth: 240 each Bourne, Alnwick, Wooler,

Wearmouth: 120 Lightfoot. Rossendale, Bacup, Annable's

London, Stamford, Chester,

Sandiacre Newcastle Northumberland, Carlisle,

Canterbury, Whitley, Morpeth, Westminster, Berwick, Primrose, Beverley, Durham, Hull, Surfleet,

Hexham, Norfolk, Cambridge, Wells, Kelso, Bamborough, Lincoln, Cunecastre, York, Coldstream,

London: 72 com. atw) Comp: John S Warbovs

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

Rung to welcome Philippa's grandson, Noah Patrick Whittington, born on 19th September.

CARLTON, St Mary

Monday Oct 10

5040 Spliced Surprise Minor

(29 methods: 480 Warkworth; 360 each Carlisle, Lightfoot; 240 each Cambridge, Allendale, Wooler, Westminster, Northumberland,

Ipswich; 120 each Chester, Morpeth, Norfolk, Primrose, Newcastle, Whitley, Sandiacre, Bamborough,

Surfleet, Beverley, Durham, Annable's London, Netherseale, Bacup, Wearmouth, Rossendale,

Stamford, Hexham, York, Berwick: 83 com. atw)

Comp: John S Warboys (SU0307, arr. PGCE & RIA; SU0401)

- 1 Martin J Whiteley
- 2 Paul M Mason
- 3 Murray A Coleman
- 4 Margaret Whiteley
- 5 John P Loveless

6 Richard I Allton (C)

A compliment to Margaret Whiteley. celebrating her birthday tomorrow.

STOTFOLD, St Mary the Virgin 2h54 (11) Saturday Oct 22

5152 Spliced Surprise Major

(23 methods: 224 each Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Yorkshire. 160 com, atw)

Comp: Donald F Morrison (No.6)

- 1 Rosemary H Buckle
- 2 Martin J Whiteley
- 3 Alan G Reading
- 4 Richard I Allton (C)
- 5 Frank W Rivett
- 6 Margaret Whiteley
- 7 Claire F Roulstone 8 John P Loveless

CAMPTON, All Saints

Saturday Oct 22 2h42 (7) 5024 Spliced Surprise Major (4 methods: 1344 Glasgow; 1248

London; 1216 each Belfast, Bristol; 113 com, atw)

Comp: R R Horton

- 1 John P Loveless
- 2 Gabrielle L Cowcill
- 3 Claire F Roulstone
- 4 Frank W Rivett
- 5 Martin J Whiteley
- 6 Margaret Whiteley
- 7 Richard I Allton

8 Alan G Reading (C) A wedding compliment to Philip Earis and Jennie Butler. married today in Cambridge.

4032

HARROLD, St Peter

Saturday Oct 29 5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor

- 1 Rodney Walker
- 2 Adrienne P Sharp
- 3 Jennifer S Thompson
- 4 Kenneth C Wildman
- 5 Patrick J S Albon (C)
- 6 Stephen H Stanford

70th birthday compliment to Rodney Walker.

4033

KEMPSTON, All Saints

Saturday Oct 29 2h58 (17) 5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp: J J Parker

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Rosalind J Keech
- 3 Margaret Feneley
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Robert P Wood
- 6 Richard A Horne
- 7 Andrew M Keech (C)
- 8 David A Potts

For All Saints' Tide.

50th peal on the bells (conducted 25 of these): 7.

4034

ST NEOTS, Cambs, St Mary Saturday Nov 5 3h9 (29)

5021 Grandsire Caters

Comp: Stephen Ivin

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 Susan J Matthews
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Murray A Coleman
- 6 Phillip S George
- 7 Stephen H Stanford (C)
- 8 Robert P Wood
- 9 Thomas W Griffiths
- 10 David Phillipson

On College Youths Dinner Day. 25th for the Association: 6.

4035

EATON SOCON, Cambs, St Mary Sunday Nov 13 2h58 (13)

5040 Grandsire Triples Comp: J J Parker (6 part)

- 1 Mary Parnham
- 2 Robert P Wood
- 3 Susan J Matthews
- 4 Wendy Piercy
- 5 John P Loveless
- 6 David I Stanford
- 7 Stephen H Stanford (C)
- 8 Michael J Matthews

Rung half muffled on Remembrance Sunday in memory of the fallen.

OLNEY, Bucks, SS Peter & Paul Saturday Nov 19 3h18 (24)

5055 Stedman Caters

Comp: R E J Dennis

- 1 Christopher J Sharp
- 2 Rosemary H Buckle
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Christopher P Turner
- 6 Emma J Southerington (C)
- 7 Stephen H Stanford
- 8 David J Bleby
- 9 David Phillipson
- 10 Alan J Marchbank

4037

LINSLADE, St Barnabas

Saturday Dec 3, 2h45 (10) 5088 Pudsey Surprise Major

Comp: R J Parker 1 Martin Major

- 2 Christine A Williams 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 Philippa M Whittington
- 6 Murray A Coleman
- 7 Robert P Wood
- 8 Frank W Rivett

First peal in the method: 2 & 7. Completes the 'Standard Eight' S

Major: 2 & 3.

4038

PATTISHALL, Northants,

Holy Cross

Saturday Dec 10, 2h51 (12)

5040 Spliced Surprise Minor

(41 methods: Norwich, Alnwick, Cunecastre, Durham, Westminster,

Surfleet, Warkworth, Kelso, Carlisle, Ipswich, Lightfoot, Sandiacre,

Wearmouth, Whitley, Annable's

London, Hexham, Rossendale,

Wells, Northumberland, Norfolk,

Stamford, Lincoln, London, Newcastle, Wooler, Bourne,

Munden, Allendale, Cambridge, Coldstream, Canterbury, Primrose, Netherseale, Beverley, Chester,

York, Morpeth, Berwick, Hull, Bamborough, Bacup - bobs only,

change of backwork every lead) Comp: John S Warboys (SU0717)

- 1 Philippa M Whittington 2 Stephanie J Warboys
- 3 Margaret Whiteley 4 Martin J Whiteley
- 5 Frank W Rivett
- 6 John S Warboys (C)

Believed to be the first peal of the Standard 41 with a change of backwork every lead.

4039

CAMPTON, All Saints

Thursday Dec 29, 2h39 (7) 5056 Superlative Surprise Major

Comp: Anthony J Cox

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

On John and Linda's 18th wedding anniversary.

50th peal: 2.

4040

STEPNEY. Greater London. St George in the East

Friday Dec 30 2h44 (6)

5024 Spliced Surprise Major (8 methods: 640 each Bristol.

Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire; 608 each Cambridge,

- Lincolnshire, London; 120 com, atw) Comp: Noel J Diserens
- 1 Linda M Garton 2 Stephanie J Rueff
- 3 John P Loveless (C) 4 Anne L Rueff
- 5 Shirley E McGill
- 6 Ronald F Diserens
- 7 Russell A Brown 8 Nicholas D Brown

First of 8 Spliced: 2.

4041 / 66 **GREAT BARFORD, All Saints** Saturday Dec 31, 3h3 (16) 5040 Doubles

(4 methods: 10 extents Rev Canterbury;

- 11 extents St Simons: 9 extents St Martins:
- 12 extents Plain B)
- 1 Angela E W Gell
- 2 Susan E Marsden
- 3 Martin A Heaslip
- 4 James R B Saunders
- 5 Robert P Wood (C)

POINTS FROM THE PEALS

L	_eadi	ng	pea	l ring	gers:

Anthony H Smith	27	Philippa M Whittington	14
Charlotte M Smith	25	Linda M Garton	13
John P Loveless	20	Christine A Williams	12
Martin J Whiteley	19	Richard A Horne	12
Nicholas D Brown	17	Russell A Brown	12
Frank W Rivett	16	Martin Major	10
Robert Wood	15	Susan M Silver	10
Margaret Whiteley	14		
Conductors (19)			
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Anthony H Smith	12	Frank W Rivett	2

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John P Loveless	10	Linda M Garton	2
Richard I Alton	5	Nicholas D Brown	2
Andrew M Keech	3	Stephen H Stanford	2
J Richard Castledine	3	·	

One peal each: Alan G Reading, David C Brown, D Graham Hall, David Kemp, Emma J Southerington, Graham A Duke, John S Warboys, Peter GC Ellis, Patrick JS Albon, Robert P Wood

Congratulations to the following member who rang her first peal in 2011					
Name	Home Tower	Method	Place	Date	
Alice T Scott	Biggleswade	Treble to Bob Major	Biggleswade	30 April	

Personal landmarks

Charlotte Smith 1000th peal at Campton on 24 June

Towers (28)

Campton	8	Henlow	5	Stotfold	4
Clifton	3	Eaton Socon	3	Kempston	3
Flitton	2	Southill	2	Totternhoe	2

One each at: Biggleswade, Carlton, Dordrecht – t'Klockhuys, Godmanchester, Great Barford, Harrold, Kimbolton, Linslade, Mears Ashby, Meldreth, Olney, Pattishall, Potterspury, Riseley, Rothwell, Sharnbrook, Stepney - St George in the East, St Neots, Thurleigh.

Methods			
Doubles (1)		Minor (16)	
4 methods	1	29 Spliced Surprise	2
		41 Spliced Surprise	2
Major (29)		7 Methods	2
London	5	7 Surprise	2
Yorkshire	3	25 Spliced Surprise	1
23 Spliced Surprise	2	36 Spliced surprise	1
Bristol	2	41 Methods	1
Cambridge	2	Cambridge Surprise	1
Superlative	2		
21 Spliced Surprise	1	Triples (4)	
4 Spliced Surprise	1	Grandsire	3
6 Spliced Surprise	1	Stedman	1
8 Spliced Surprise	1		
Amy Delight	1	Caters (4)	
Bedfordshire	1	Grandsire	2
Belfast	1	2 Spliced	1
Ibberton	1	Stedman	1
Jackbury	1		
Plain Bob	1	Royal (1)	
Pudsey	1	Cambridge	1
Quornden	1	_	
Vactic	1		

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS – ASSOCIATION PROTECTION GUIDELINES REVISED FEBRUARY 2012

These guidelines are for Tower Captains, Association Officers and those who teach, or help, children and vulnerable adults to ring. They're based 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). At present there isn't a definition of 'vulnerable adult'. Until we have a definition, everyone should use their own judgement.

Sunday service ringing and individual tower practices are the responsibility of that church/parish; we strongly advised all ringers to check local arrangements and comply with them.

Everyone should take safeguarding matters seriously. This will ensure that:

- Children and vulnerable adults are protected from abuse.
- Adults working with children and vulnerable adults don't put themselves in compromising situations.
- The good name of the Association, and ringing in general, is protected.

We recommend that everyone involved with children and vulnerable adults in ringing (whether they're members or not) should:

- Always have at least two adults present (preferable a male and female) when children/vulnerable adults are present at tower, District or Association practices.
- Make parents/guardians responsible for taking children/vulnerable adults to and from the church.
- Keep an attendance register or record.
- Be aware of the insurance position for children/vulnerable adults.
- Never allow children/vulnerable adults 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/vulnerable adults are taken without them to Tower, District and Association meetings, training, outings and social functions or other tower's practices.
- Make sure parent/guardians have agreed transport arrangements for children/vulnerable adults travelling to and from ringing, meeting, or social activities away from the home tower.
- Never travel alone in a car with a child/vulnerable adult.
- Only hold child/vulnerable adult personal contact information with the permission of parents/guardians.

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

- Know the child protection/safeguarding policy of your church and the 'named person' to whom you should report concerns.
- Invite parents/guardians to a training session before teaching begins so that they're fully aware of what's involved.
- Ask parents/guardians to sign a registration form which gives their permission for the child/vulnerable adult to learn to ring (downloadable from our website www.bacr.co.uk).

The Association's Safeguarding Coordinator may contact parents/guardians to make sure they understand the Association's guidelines and their own responsibilities.

For more information see the child protection notes on the CCCBR website: www.cccbr.org.uk/towerstewardship and guidance on the St Albans Diocese website: www.stalbans.anglican.org.

If you have any queries contact our Safeguarding Coordinator, Sarah Ward, Email: sarahward bacbr@btinternet.com, Telephone: 07512 662972



from The Ringing World

In 2011, The Ringing World enjoyed a year of celebration and reflection on 100 years of life at the heart of change ringing. As we enter 2012, we are looking ahead and are excited to launch the first stage of our initiative to serve the needs of the ringing community in 2012 and beyond.

The Ringing World is delighted to present **BellBoard**, an exciting new online resource for the change ringing community. The site has been set up for individuals to register as a user, post peals and quarters and related compositions for public viewing, and submit these details to The Ringing World.

This is only the tip of the iceberg for **BellBoard**. Our vision for the website extends far beyond its current form. The Ringing World has engaged the very best skills and has the resources and ambition to develop and maintain a facility which will serve the ringing community for many years to come. The Ringing World has set this up for you and we would love to see you using it! Go to:

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