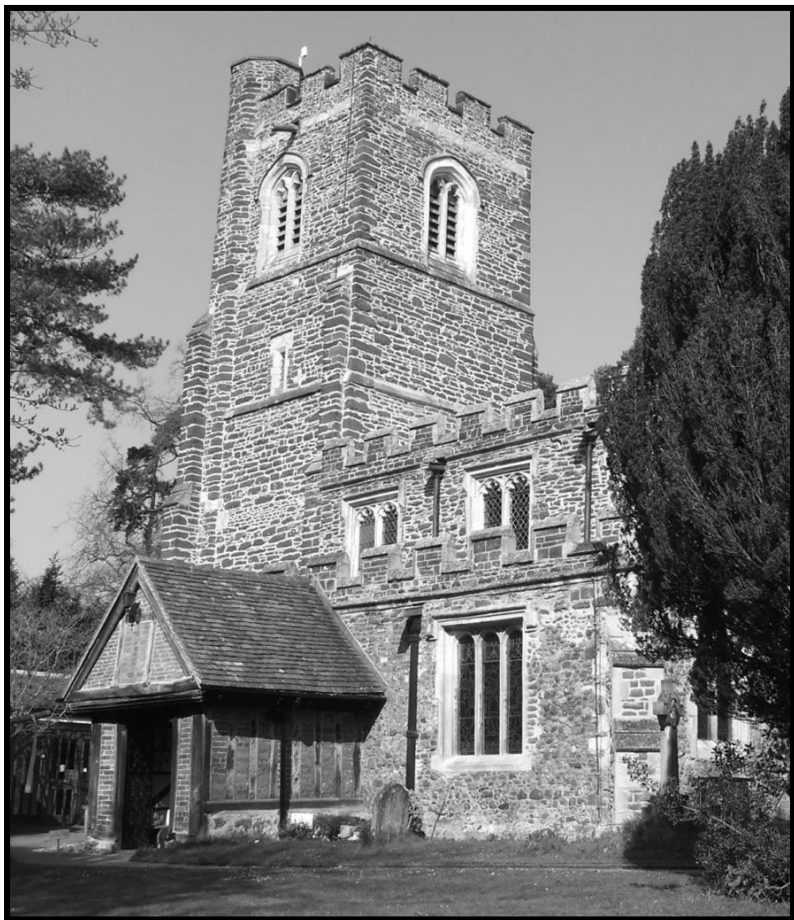


The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers



St Peter and St Paul Flitwick

Annual Report 2012

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Cover picture – St Peter and St Paul, Flitwick

Of the six bells at Flitwick the back five date from the 17th Century. In 1909 Alfred Bowell of Ipswich was awarded the contract for rehanging the bells, with new fittings, in a low side fabricated steel and cast iron frame. In 1957 the ring of five bells was augmented to six by the addition of a new treble. At the beginning of January 2013 the bells were removed by Whites of Appleton for refurbishment with new fittings and also to be re-tuned by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

Information on the Association's Website - www.bacr.co.uk

You will find the following up to date information on the Association's website:

- Association and District events - diary and details.
- Association rules.
- Association officers from 1882.
- Up to date tower contact information.
- Association 6 bell inter-district striking competition for the St Peter's 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.

The Association's Facebook page is at
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/240759242723040/>

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Biggleswade District

Chairman: Susan Silver
Secretary: Elizabeth Overfield
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Luton District

Chairman: Peter Phillips
Secretary: Richard Horne
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Association Rules

Rule 4 was amended at the 2012 AGM, (changes shown in bold).

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

Ringing: Be able to ring rounds competently.

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

Definition of membership categories

(a) Ringing Member (Resident)

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

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

(b) Ringing Member (Resident, Life)

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

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

(c) Ringing Member (Non-Resident)

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

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

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

(e) Honorary Life Member

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

(f) Associate Member (Ringing)

An Associate Member (Ringing) must fulfil the criteria for ringing and must not fulfil the criteria for residency.

An Associate Member (Ringing) may be elected at any public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts provided the proposer and seconder hold the status of Voting Member.

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

(g) Associate Member (Non-Ringing)

An Associate Member (Non-Ringing) must not fulfil the criteria for ringing. The 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.

General

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

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

3. Election and Voting

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

A Voting Member is entitled to speak and vote at any public meeting of the Association or one of its Districts. Only Voting Members shall be eligible for election to any official position (as defined in Rule 4 and Rule 6).

Voting will take place by show of hands or secret ballot as directed by the chairman of the meeting.

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

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

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

4. Management

The management of the Association shall be vested in a General Committee consisting of a President, a Vice-President, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Librarian, an Honorary Peal Secretary, **an Honorary Technical Adviser**, the Central Council Representatives, the three District Secretaries, two members of each District Committee and those Honorary Life Members elected. The President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Librarian, Honorary Peal Secretary and Honorary Life Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and serve for one year. The number of Central Council Representatives permitted by the Central Council shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and serve for three years. **The General Committee may appoint specialists, as required, to carry out certain roles, for example Technical Advisor, Safeguarding Co-ordinator and Web Master. In their roles, specialists will not be members of the General Committee.** 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. Districts

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 and over.

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

(b) Ringing Member (Resident, Life)

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

(c) Ringing Member (Non-Resident)

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

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

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

(e) Honorary Life Member

Exempt from subscription payments.

(f) Associate Member (Ringing)

Each member shall pay a single payment upon election.

(g) Associate Member (Non-Ringing)

Each member shall pay an annual payment.

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

8. Peals

All peals rung by the Association shall be recorded in the Annual Report, provided that all those taking part are 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.

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 and other charges		
Membership Category	Rate	Details
Associate Ringing	£5.00	On election
Associate Non-ringing	£2.50/year	
Honorary Life	£0	
Resident Ringing	£2.50/year	Under 19s
Resident Ringing	£5.00/year	19 and over
Resident Ringing Life	£80.00	On election or transfer
Transfer between categories		
From Resident Ringing to Non-resident Ringing	£5.00	Only after paying up to four consecutive annual subscriptions
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 fees and charges		
Peal Fee	£0.50	Per ringer per peal
Annual report	£5.00	Charge for non members
Badge	£2.00	

BEDFORD DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

‘HEADSTOCK’

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Association Officer Reports

President's Report

2012 was another busy year for the Association. It started with the usual round of Annual District Meetings, soon followed by the first of the General Committee Meetings. Each District has held full programmes, including monthly meetings, outings, training sessions, quarter-peal days and various social events. The Association AGM was held in May, hosted by the Luton District, at Leighton Buzzard.

The Young Ringers have been busy too. Their first event of the year was a visit to the Worcester Cathedral Training Centre in February. Here, they also saw the Cathedral Ringing Chamber and bells as well as enjoying the view from the top of the tower. They rang at two other Worcester towers and the 'Plantagenet Ring' during the day. The second day out was probably the highlight of the year for the Youngsters, and many of the adult supporters from Bedfordshire! The Ringing World National Young Ringers Striking Competition, held in June at St Paul's, Birmingham. The Bedfordshire Team, under the guidance of Maggie and Martin Whiteley, and Linda Garton improved on their rating of the previous year, this time achieving a Grade 'B'. Congratulations to all who took part! I hope many of them will again represent the Association in the 2013 Contest to be held in York.

Also in June the Association hosted the Ridgman Trophy Competition at Kempston, and what a day it was. Thanks are due to the local band who, together with helpers from across the County, made the day such a great success. The result was favourable too as the Bedfordshire Team regained the Trophy. Well done to all concerned!

In July there was a new event on the calendar, with a representation of ringing at the Bedford River Festival. The weekend of the event was warm and sunny (in contrast to most of the rest of the summer), and the Charmborough Ring attracted hundreds of visitors, many of whom were given an initial bell handling session. The entire event was masterminded by the Bedford District and special thanks must go to their committee, and in particular to Sarah Ward, for the excellent organisation and for getting so many Association members involved. A number of new recruits resulted from this initiative and it is hoped that we can take another pitch in 2014. The Association Striking Contests took place in September, hosted by the Biggleswade District, at Potton. It was pleasing to see teams from all three districts, as well as a band from Linslade enter the Young Ringers Competition for the 'Melville Cup'. This was won by Linslade with an excellent exhibition of rounds ringing. The St Peter's Cup was a very closely fought contest with just 1.5 points separating the top three teams. The winners were Kempston, closely followed by Clifton and Biggleswade.

In November the General Committee met again to consider the points raised at the 2012 AGM in connection with the proposed Central Bell Fund and to draw up the rules so that they can be approved at the 2013 Meeting.

My personal thanks go to the General Committee, and especially to Terry Brown, for all of the time and support they have given the Association over the past year.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has suggested, arranged, assisted and supported Association events and activities this year, and I look forward to 2013 being an equally active and successful year.

Sue Silver, President

Treasurer's Report

Our net income this year is down by £200. This is mainly due to increased printing costs for the annual report, loss of members, less monies from peal fees, down by £39, and less badges sold. Overall we have lost 10 members. Kempston ringers kindly donated £86.63. This represented part of their profit after holding the Ridgman Trophy. The amount received in gift aid has increased by £11.06. Would any income tax paying members please sign a Gift Aid form. Please see Chris Williams.

Barbara Fraser, Honorary Treasurer

Peal Secretary's Report

Forty-three peals were rung in 2012 at thirty-one towers, ten of which are outside the Association boundary. Most notable of the towers was a peal on the portable Charmborough Ring, while it was installed at the riverside festival in Bedford. Ninety-seven ringers took part, eighteen sharing the conducting. The number of peals is down on the last few years but the number of people taking part has shown a steady increase over the same period.

There were five members who rang their first peal this year and all of these deserve our congratulations. Campton ringers, Clare Francis, David Bartlett, Linda Bryant and Barrie Glenn, all showed a magnificent resolve in rising to the target set for them and achieving their first peal during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend. Cameron White-Spunner also set a good bench mark by ringing the treble to surprise major for his first peal. Our congratulations should also go to those who extended their abilities by ringing their "first inside" or in more complex methods.

Although not an Association peal, Courtney Spoerer and Robert Hornby together with their friend Matthew Johnson, rang a handbell peal for the Oxford University Society, it being the first peal for all of them. This is a very fine achievement and we look forward to reading of their future exploits. The Diamond Jubilee was marked by several bands, perhaps the most notable of these was at Kempston where Cliff Izzard rang the same bell as he had previously rung for the Coronation, Silver and Golden Jubilees, a truly impressive record.

Another notable peal was that rung by eight ladies to commemorate the

100th anniversary of the first ever peal by a band of ladies.

Among the ringers in that first peal was Evelyn Steele, who was to become a long serving president of this Association. The peal this year was all the more significant in that it was rung in remembrance of Alison Regan, one of the finest ringers of her generation, who had died suddenly a few weeks previously.

As usual several peals marked significant local and national events, including one in London where we had been invited to ring during the Men's marathon of the Olympic Games.

Anthony H Smith, Honorary Peal Secretary

Points from the peals and details of peals rung for the Association in 2012 are on pages 45 to 50.

Librarian's Report

2012 was slightly busier than previous years. The bound Annual Reports, held for several years by a previous Secretary, were returned and promptly loaned out again. Additionally, the bound photocopies of early Annual Reports, assumed lost many years ago, were returned to the Librarian by Martyn Marriott who had been taking good care of them all along!

Two accessions were added to the library this year. These are DVD's containing electronically readable copies of Bell News from 1881 to 1915. These were purchased by the Association in line with their policy to eventually hold all Ringing World's in this form rather than the bulky, original version. Further volumes will be added as the Central Council produces them.

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. I am also 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

I was not asked to make any inspections or visits in 2012 and, therefore, have nothing to report.

Roger Kendrick, Technical Advisor

Ronald J Sharp Bell Fund Committee Report

The Committee met in March to consider a grant application from Biggleswade PCC to support plans for a ringing centre as part of their bell restoration and possible augmentation project. We agreed a grant in principle for the training aspects, such as simulators, teaching aids and costs of setting up the ringing centre. However, further information was needed to

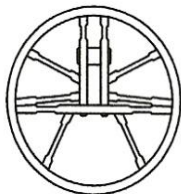
consider whether a grant or a loan was appropriate for the proposed sound management system. We will meet again to approve this grant and/or loan as soon as further details are provided.

In July, Bedford District made a further grant application (in addition to the £500 grant for the Bedford River Festival approved in 2011) to cover costs of 1000 Central Council promotional leaflets to use at the Bedford River Festival event. We agreed a £35 grant.

Teresa Brown, Honorary Secretary

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Accounts

The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers Charity Registration 263781

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACCOUNTS For the year ending 31 December 2012

		Bedford		Biggls'wade		Luton		TOTAL 2012		2011	
		£	No	£	No	£	No	£	No	£	
Ringling Member (Resident)	@	5.00	81	405.00	63	315.00	78	390.00	222	1110.00	1160.00
Ringling Member (Resident)	@	2.50	41	102.50	38	95.00	63	157.50	142	355.00	355.00
Ringling Member (Resident prepaid)	@	2.50									2.50
Ringling Member (Res Life)	@	80.00			1	80.00			1	80.00	160.00
Ringling Member (Non Res)	@	5.00	2	10.00					2	10.00	
Assoc Member (Non Ring)	@	2.50	2	5.00					2	5.00	5.00
Assoc Member (Ringling)	@	5.00			6	30.00			6	30.00	40.00
Arrears	@	5.00									85.00
Arrears	@	2.50									15.00
Subscriptions in Advance	@	5.00									
Subscriptions in Advance	@	2.50									
Sale of Badges	@	2.00	7	14.00	2	4.00			9	18.00	62.00
Sale of Report	@	5.00									
Donations											
Total Receipts				536.50		524.00		547.50		1608.00	1884.50
Less Admin Expenses				-2.49						-2.49	-24.22
Net Receipts (To Receipts & Payments A/c)				534.01		524.00		547.50		1605.51	1860.28
Notes											
Cash balance retained b/f				20.47		14.93		32.50		67.90	76.47
Income for Year				536.50		524.00		547.50		1608.00	1884.50
Total				556.97		538.93		580.00		1675.90	1960.97
Less amount paid to Assoc. Lloyds A/c								-		-	-
				-531.50		-522.50		570.00		1624.00	1868.85
Less expenses				-2.49						-2.49	-24.22
Net cash balance c/f				22.98		16.43		10.00		49.41	67.90

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the year ending 31 December 2012

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2012	2011		2012	2011
	£	£		£	£
General Funds					
Receipts			Payments		
Income			Charity		
Subscriptions			Expenditure		
Annual Membership	1465.00	1515.00	Central Council Affiliation Fees	75.00	60.00
Ringing Member (Res Life)	80.00	160.00	Printing of Annual		
Ringing Member (Non Res)	10.00		Report	463.20	380.00
Assoc Member (Ringing)	30.00	40.00	Other Expenditure		
Assoc Member (Non Ringing)	5.00	5.00	Districts Administration		
Arrears		100.00	Expenses	2.49	24.22
Advance Subscriptions		2.50	Insurance for Tech.		
Trading			Adviser		
Sale of Association Badges	18.00	62.00	& Public		
Sale of Reports		10.00	Liability	347.16	347.16
Income from Report Adverts	80.00	60.00	Ringing World Notices	200.00	300.00
Other			Committee Meeting Room Hire	25.00	60.00
Peal Fees	156.00	195.50	Use of Campton Bells		20.00
Gift Aid - HMRC	92.86	81.80	Young Ringers Subs - for comp	16.00	
Kempston Ringers- Ridgman			Young Ringers Events Expenses	109.93	92.00
Trophy	86.63		Ringing World DVD	35.00	
From Reserve Fund	7.62	2.04	Bell News DVD	40.00	
Investment Income			Engraving Ridgman		
Interest	3.04	0.73	Trophy	15.98	
			Printing Certificates Striking		
			Comp	40.00	
			Gift for Striking Comp		
			Judge	9.99	
			Expenses - President	70.90	54.84
			Expenses - Secretary	8.97	26.71
			Expenses - Assoc.		
			Treasurer	6.11	7.02
			Expenses - Martin Major		23.04
			Life Membership t'd to Reserve		
			A/c	80.00	160.00
Total Receipts	2034.15	2234.57	Total Payments	1545.73	1554.99
			Balances		
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2011	3856.34	3176.76
			Net Receipts for the Year 2012	488.42	679.58
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2012	4344.76	3856.34
DESIGNATED FUNDS					
The Ronald J Sharp Fund					
Receipts			Payments		
Investment Income			Loan		
Interest	125.37	38.58	River Festival printing		
			leaflets	35.00	
			River Festival donation	500.00	
Total Receipts	125.37	38.58	Total Payments	535.00	0.00
			Balances		
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2011	19333.19	19294.61
			Net Receipts for the Year 2012	-409.63	38.58
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2012	18923.56	19333.19
			Total Funds at 31.12.2012	18923.56	19333.19
RESERVE FUND					
Receipts			Payments		
Life Membership Subscriptions	80.00	160.00	To General Funds		
Investment Income			Interest	7.62	2.04
Interest	7.62	2.04			
Total Receipts	87.62	162.04	Total Payments	7.62	2.04
			Balances		
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2011	1174.00	1014.00
			Net Receipts for the Year 2012	80.00	160.00
			Cash Funds at 31.12.2012	1254.00	1174.00

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

For the year ending 31 December 2012

	2012	2011
	£	£
Cash and Bank Deposits		
1. General Fund		
Lloyds Bank Current Account	3249.12	3391.59
NSB Investment Account		369.21
Lloyds Bank 3 Month Bond	1024.70	
Cash held by Association Officers	70.94	95.54
Total	4344.76	3856.34
2. The Ronald J Sharp Bell Fund		
NSB Investment Account		19333.19
Lloyds Bank 3 Month Bond	18923.56	
Total	18923.56	19333.19
3. Reserve Fund		
NSB Investment Account		1174.00
Lloyds Bank 3 Month Bond	1254.00	
Total	1254.00	1174.00
Other Monetary Assets		
Debtors		
Ringier World Balance	181.21	144.71
Investment Assets		
None		
Liabilities (Items owned by the Charity)		
Current Liabilities	NIL	NIL
Fixed Assets - Estimated Value		
Library - Books, Periodicals, & DVD's	775.00	700.00
President's Badge	145.00	145.00
St Peter's Cup	120.00	120.00
St Giles' Cup	30.00	30.00
The Melville Cup	500.00	500.00
C Edward Jeffries Trophy (Bedford Dist)	250.00	250.00
Gavel	10.00	10.00
Reading Glass	10.00	10.00
Note		
Stock of badges - 102	163.20	177.60

Independent Examiner's Statement

Examined and found to be correct from the books and records presented to me.

Richard J Hillson 2nd February 2013

DISTRICT BELL FUNDS

Statement of accounts for the year ending 31 December 2012

	Bedford	Biggleswade	Luton	TOTAL	2011
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	13912.81	9260.37	12026.05	35199.23	32692.66
Income	486.70	929.92	736.73	2153.35	2728.85
Interest	0.23	3.77	41.12	45.12	126.94
Less Grants	-728.06			-728.06	-174.22
Less Expenses			-299.59	-299.59	-175.00
Total	13671.68	10194.06	12504.31	36370.05	35199.23

Notes to the Accounts

Future Liabilities including grants approved:

Felmersham	4298.69		
Biggleswade		8500.00	
Luton - 50 Club Prizes			155.00
Flitwick			6000.00

District Bell Fund Grants 2012

Bedford District - Goldington - £303.66 towards new ropes
 Bedford, St Paul - £300.00 towards work on the 5th
 Kempston - £124.40 towards the repair of the tenor clapper

Contacts for Grant Applications

Bedford District Bell Restoration Fund, Registered Charity 284250

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Biggleswade District Belfry Repair Fund, Registered Charity 280785

Kate Scott, The Vicarage, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade, SG18 0AT
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Luton District Belfry Repair Fund, Registered Charity 280164

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

District Reports

Bedford District

The Annual Meeting held at Kempston was very well supported. Graham Ridgway chaired the meeting, with no changes to the officers or committee, although the resignation of Sylvia MacDowell was accepted. Graham thanked her for her work on the Committee, particularly as Training Coordinator.

Bell ringing in 2012 has received much publicity in the press, with spectacular events such as St. George's Day, HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Olympic Torch procession, All the Bells and The Olympic Grand Opening Ceremony. Several towers in Bedford District used these opportunities to attempt peals, quarter peals, fire the bells or just to ring. The District Outing in May, planned by Sarah Ward and Adrienne Sharp, was enjoyed by many of our members. We visited six fine towers, starting at Kibworth Beauchamp in Leicestershire, and wending our way via Church Langton, Rothwell, Finedon and Orlingbury to Bozeat. Refreshment breaks were organised for lunch and afternoon tea, with an evening meal at The Three Cranes in Turvey.

Whilst discussing how we could generate local interest in ringing, Sarah Ward suggested we hire a pitch at Bedford River Festival. The Charmborough Ring was duly booked, and in spite of only the two of us attending the planning meetings, Sarah persuaded sufficient helpers to man the operation for 48 hours. Amazingly, the prolonged period of wet weather suddenly changed, and although the clouds threatened on Friday afternoon as the stand was erected, sunny weather prevailed for the weekend. Many people, young and old, took a rope and had a go, and some two dozen potential ringers expressed interest, and were subsequently contacted. During the Summer Holidays, young ringers were encouraged to attend weekly practices at various towers in the District, with the dual purposes of providing a means for isolated youngsters to ring together, and also to form a team of young ringers for the Melville Cup Young Ringers' Striking Contest. Attendance varied, as expected with other commitments, but a young team competed at Potton and performed very well.

The twenty fifth Ridgman Ten Bell Striking Contest was held at Kempston, where the innovation of a Festival of Ringing provided much enjoyment. Eight teams competed, and the Bedfordshire team were declared the winners. Kempston and St Andrew's represented Bedford District in the Association Striking Contest held at Potton in September, and came first and fourth respectively. Congratulations to Kempston for both achievements. Throughout the year a monthly practice has been held at St Paul's Bedford, with the objective of advancing ringers' abilities on higher numbers of bells. It is disappointing to report that the initial enthusiasm shown by members seems to have tailed off, and attendance has dropped significantly. Generally, the District quarterly meetings attract around 30 ringers, but the

afternoon ringing meetings have averaged 10, in spite of tea and cakes or biscuits being provided. Although the low interest shown may be due to weddings in the Summer months, this trend has continued. It is hoped that next year evening meetings will prove to be more popular.

The Bell Restoration Fund was able to assist Kempston with repairs to the tenor clapper, contributed towards Goldington's squirrel-attacked ropes, helped St Paul's replace the bearings on the fifth, and approved a sizeable grant to fund work at Felmersham, which is pending. Restoration at Souldrop is being considered, and after several years when the BRF has seen little activity, serious fund-raising will be needed if we are to help with major projects in the future.

The sudden and unexpected death of Kim Adams of St Andrew's Bedford occurred in February. She is sadly missed by the District, and we offer sympathy to her family and daughters, who are also ringing members. Graham Ridgway resigned after three years as District Chairman, and the District thanks him for his service both as Chairman and as committee member, and for the many ways he has helped in promoting training, hosting meetings and events, and offering encouragement to members.

Once again, we are grateful to the Church authorities for use of many facilities throughout the year, those who supply teas, ringing masters and tower captains who lead us, and the members for participating. Although 2013 may not see as many major ringing events, it is hoped that, in the words of the Association motto, ringing will flourish.

Robert Jones, District Secretary

Biggleswade District

It has been another busy year of meetings and events for the District, some of which are detailed below.

The highpoint for achievement came early in the year, in February, when quarter peals in all the Standard Eight major methods were rung in one day. The aim was to ring a quarter peal in each of the District's eight bell towers but, unfortunately, Eaton Socon were not available that day so two quarters were scored at Campton instead. This was a fantastic achievement for the District. In all twenty-four ringers took part of which 20 were from this District. The quarter of Cambridge at Biggleswade was by the local band. Beside the Biggleswade attempt all District bands also rang Superlative at Campton, Yorkshire at Maulden, and Lincolnshire at Clifton. Many thanks to all who gave their time for this especially our friends from outside the District and to the organisers, Chris Williams and Linda Garton.

The District Striking Competition was in March and there were six teams, two in the main competition and four in the rounds/call changes competition. Biggleswade were the winners in both competitions and their change ringing band together with Clifton represented the District at the Association Competition in September at Potton. My thanks go to Beth Overfield for

organising the day, Peter Overfield for 'keeping the time' and to the judges Bob Wood and Owen Davis.

The Annual Outing took place in May and was a walking tour of towers in Oxford; surprisingly for 2012 we were blessed by good weather! It was a very enjoyable day and excellently organised by James Eggleston.

In contrast the weather for the Queen's Jubilee was very dismal but that did not stop the ringing. Some notable achievements were made. I would like to highlight the peals at Haynes and Campton of Plain Bob Doubles with two first pealers in each, our congratulations go to Clare Francis, David Bartlett, Linda Bryant and Barrie Glenn on their first peals and a quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples at Biggleswade which was Clarrie Scott's first quarter peal.

On the 30th June the National Young Ringers Competition took place in Birmingham and Bedfordshire Young Ringers once again took part and improved on their position of the previous year achieving a B Grade. This District was represented by Alice Scott, Sian Harris and Jason Pillar.

The Association Striking Competition in September was hosted by our District at Potton and was very successful. The afternoon commenced with the Melville Cup Competition for the young ringers. The Biggleswade District band was relatively inexperienced but, nevertheless, gave a very good account of themselves and were unfortunate to be placed fourth. The St Peter's Cup was a very close competition, with the top three teams being separated by just 1.5 marks, with Clifton who were runners up just half a point behind the winners Kempston with Biggleswade a further half point adrift. Thanks go to Terry Brown and her team for the organisation of the events.

In October we held a basic Training Day which was fully subscribed and covered, in the morning at Meppershall, either ringing Bob Doubles inside or learning to cover. The afternoon session at Clifton extended this to Plain Hunting on 7. A big thank you too to the many experienced ringers who gave their time to help the 'less experienced' and to Chris Williams and Linda Garton for organising the day.

The December meeting was, as always, devoted to the Christmas Social, 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. Finally thank you to the Committee for their hard work and support throughout the year.

Sue Silver, District Chairman

Luton District

Over the year, we continued much as usual. In March, there was the District Striking Contest held at Silsoe. There were two entries for the rounds competition: Houghton Regis who came first, and Flitwick. For the method ringing competition, there were three entries; Dunstable who came first, Husborne Crawley and Flitwick.

September saw the Beds Association Striking contest at Potton, when, out of

four teams, Linslade won the Melville Cup for young ringers; coming second was a combined team from Dunstable and Houghton Regis. In the St Peter's Cup for method ringing, Dunstable and Husborne Crawley came 5th and 6th performing against an extremely high standard of ringing set by the other four teams.

Five members from the District were in the Beds Association team taking part in the Ringing World's National Youth Striking Contest held, in June, in Birmingham. In addition to ringing on the contest bells, there was ringing at other nearby towers, on hand bells and on the Charmborough mini-ring. The event was clearly a success.

Fifteen teams took part and the Beds team was awarded a credible 3rd equal placing. Congratulations to the Beds Association team and to our members in particular. A report on this contest can be viewed on the Beds Association web site and there is an article on the Ringing World web site.

I think we would all agree with the statement in the Ringing World article, that 'Striking contests are an integral part of ringing, as they allow bands to get to know each other through practising and to push the limits of their ability'.

Some of our young ringers went on a Beds Association outing, to the Worcester Training Centre, with ringing on the new ring of ten at Old St Martin's, at another Worcester tower, and a mini-ring.

The participation and performance of our young ringers in the various events is not only a credit to them but to those adult members who recruit, train and encourage the next generation of ringers, and who also ferry the youngsters to the various venues.

In May, we hosted the Beds Association Annual General Meeting at Leighton Buzzard.

December, at Flitwick, was one of our better attended meetings, perhaps reflecting the bells' imminent removal for refurbishment! These monthly practices often attract out-of-District ringers, whose contribution to the practice is very welcome.

That brings me to the end of the year; so, in closing, I would like to record my appreciation of the work of the District's Officers, Committee members and Independent Examiners for their efforts over the year.

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

01582 413564

Association Diary – see www.bacr.co.uk for current details			
Association AGM	Sat 18 May	Kempston	See website
Ridgman Trophy	Sat 15 June	Surfleet	
Ringing World National Youth Contest	Sat 6 July	York	
Melville Cup Striking Competition for Young Ringers	Sat 21 September	Flitwick	Draw 3.00pm
St Peter's Cup Six Bell Striking Competition	Sat 21 September	Flitwick	Draw 5.00pm
2014			
Biggleswade District ADM	Sat 11 January	Southill and Clifton	See website
Bedford District ADM	Sat 18 January	Bedford St Andrew	3.30 – 8.30pm
Luton District ADM	Sat 25 January	Dunstable and Houghton Regis	See website
Association AGM	Sat 17 May	Biggleswade District	Details to be confirmed
Association Striking competitions	Sat 20 September	Bedford District	Details to be confirmed

Member and Tower Listing 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

* denotes Life Member † denotes Honorary Life Member

An Ordnance Survey grid reference is given for each tower – two grid letters with a three figure 'easting' and a three figure 'northing'.

Corrections and Amendments

Please send details of corrections and tower contact updates for the 2013 report to Hon. Secretary, Terry Brown.

Write: 10 Arnhem Place, Shefford, SG17 5UJ

Email: secretary@bacr.co.uk

List of Members and Towers

Honorary Life Members

Robert R Churchill, John Pemble, Anthony H Smith

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

Associate Non-Ringing Members

Emily Entwistle Bedford St Peter; Nicholas Fowler Goldington

Associate Ringing Members Elected in 2012

Margaret Triste (1621), Christopher McCarthy (1622), David Bleby (1632),
Nicholas Read (1637), Simon Read (1638), Nicholas Hughes (1640),
Stephen Mitchell (1127), Angela Gell (1129), Simon Head (1135), Brian Foley (1136)

Resident Members Transferred to Non-Resident Membership in 2012

Michael Barnicott-White

Resident Ringing Members Elected in 2012

Name	No.	Tower	Date
Sonia Beard	2109	Haynes	14 January
Chloe Playford	1633	Haynes	14 January
Amy Johnson	1634	Haynes	14 January
Colin McCartney	1637	Southill	14 January
Elizabeth McCartney	1638	Southill	14 January
Tony Sharpe	1635	Potton	14 January
Teresa Kirhner	1116	St Peter's Bedford	21 January
Colin Stuart	1117	St Peter's Bedford	21 January
Trish Vine	1118	Bletsoe	21 January
Paul Vine	1119	Bletsoe	21 January
Andrew Fyvie	1120	Bletsoe	21 January
Matthew Barnard	1121	St Paul's Bedford	21 January
Robert Hornby	2192	Dunstable	28 January
Alan Dover (life member)	1639	Southill	10 March
Sian Harris	1636	Biggleswade	10 March
Gale Bevan	1122	Goldington	21 April
James Howlett	1123	Goldington	21 April
Sheila Richardson	1124	St Peter's Bedford	21 April
Glynda Easterbrook	1125	Kempston	21 April
Rebecca Bentley	1126	Kempston	21 April
Richard Lanyon-Hogg	2193	Aspley Guise	28 April
Rebecca Smith	2194	Linslade	19 May
Gemma Dolton	2195	Leighton Buzzard	19 May
Christopher Hartley	2096	Cranfield	28 July
Chris Grundy	1128	Kempston	6 October

Name	No.	Tower	Date
Jane Brunetti	1130	Felmersham	6 October
Wendy Freegard	1131	Felmersham	6 October
Elizabeth Nicholls	1132	Felmersham	6 October
Thomas Sander	1133	Felmersham	6 October
Jonathan Tallis	1134	Felmersham	6 October

Bedford District

Unattached Members

Rosemary Buckle, Owen Davis, Maureen Hall

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

Sunday: 09.30 PN: Thursday 19.45-21.00

Alex Nash, 62 Eagle Gardens, Bedford, MK41 7FE

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Kim Adams (deceased), Lisa Adams, Rachel Adams, Sarah Adams, Gareth Burrows, Richard Gallivan, David Heaslip, Philip Kino, Alex Nash, Melissa Nash, Barbara Woplin

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

Sunday: 09.30 PN: Monday 19.30-21.00

Sunday evening by arrangement

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Matthew Barnard, John Long*, Shelagh Melville*, James Saunders

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

Sunday: 09.40 PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00

Mrs Margaret Cowley, 12 Ennerdale Close, Kempston, MK42 8HE

01234 854294

Lorraine Andrews*, David Cowley, Margaret Cowley, Ann Desics, Richard Entwistle, Susan Entwistle, Lynn Goodwin, Martin Goodwin, Teresa Kirhner, Christopher Meadows, Sylvia MacDowell, Sheila Richardson, Pat Staite, Colin Stuart

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

Sunday: 08.30 PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00
phone to check

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Peter Applewhite, Peter Culverwell, Michael Hurford, Robert Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Brian Toyn

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

Sunday: 09.00 3rd PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00

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01234 782875 trishvine@btinternet.com

Andrew Fyvie, Trish Vine, Paul Vine

BOLNHURST St Dunstan (4) 8-0-00 in Bb (GF) TL081588
 Sunday: None PN: None
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 01234 376233 rex.mar@tesco.net

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Mike Cassell*, Dick Crisp, Robert Gornall, Derek Hammond*, Steve Hare,
 Mary Harle, Andrew Heyman, George Ilett, Robert Jones, Adrienne Sharp,
 Don Sherwood, Elisabeth Walshe

CARDINGTON St Mary (8) 19-1-01 in F TL086479
 Sunday: 10.30 PN: 3rd Thursday
 phone to check
 Mrs Julie Eddy, 141 Bamford Road, Bedford, MK42 0NH
 01234 353489 julieannarose@btinternet.com

Derek Eddy, Rev'd Stephen Smith

CARLTON St Mary (6) 9-2-07 in Ab SP952549
 Sunday: 09.00 3rd and 10.30 4th & 5th PN: Friday 19.30-21.00
 alternate with Harrold
 Mrs Lin Barratt, 10 Beeby Way, Carlton, MK43 7LW
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Lin Barratt, Martin 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
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COLMWORTH St Denys (6) 9-3-18 in G (GF) TL109586
 Sunday: 10.30 1st & 3rd PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
 Humphrey Chetwynd-Talbot, Three Horseshoes, 31 Staploe, St Neots, PE19 5JA
 01480 218562

Humphrey Chetwynd-Talbot, Felicity Evans, John Moorby

ELSTOW St Mary and St Helena (6) 8-2-00 in G TL049474
 Sunday: 10.50 and 18.00 PN: Friday 20.00-21.00
 Mrs Miriam Clark, 1 Garnith Close, Kempston, MK42 8DX
 01234 853135

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

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

Sunday: 10.30 PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00

Mike Benson, 8 Marriotts Close, Felmersham, MK43 7HD

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Mike Benson, Jane Brunetti, Wendy Freegard, Elizabeth Nicholls,
Rev'd Thomas Sander

GOLDINGTON St Mary (6) 10-2-07 in F# TL076510

Sunday: 09.00 and 16.30 2nd PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00

Mrs Jenny Thompson, 16 Langdale, Bedford, MK41 9EG

01234 216571 thompbarr@aol.com

Gale Bevan, Peter Blunt, Timothy Blunt, Andrew Dennison, Roger Framp,
Jean Heaslip, James Howlett, Dorothy Kirby, Hazel Spencer, Doug Taylor,
Jenny Thompson

HARROLD St Peter and All Saints (6) 13-0-06 in F# SP954567

Sunday: 09.00 1st, 2nd & 5th and 10.30 3rd PN: Friday 19.30-21.00
alternate with Carlton

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Peter Hickman, Robert Lindley, John Weatherill

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Sunday: 09.45 PN: Wednesday 19.45-21.00

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Glynda Easterbrook, Chris Grundy, Richard Hillson, Anne Izzard, Cliff Izzard,
Andrew Keech, Ros Keech*, Thomas Keech*, Melvyn Potts, Martin Whiteley,
Margaret Whiteley, Robert Wood

KEYSOE St Mary (5) 14-1-19 in E (GF) TL073624

Sunday: 09.30 3rd PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00

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Carol Burge, Ro Heming, Joy Mooring, Richard Thurmott, Marion Turner

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

Sunday: 09.30 PN: Friday 19.30-21.00

Bernard Hopperton, Cherry Blossom, Staughton Moor Road, Great Staughton,
St Neots, PE19 5BW

01234 376292 hazelhopperton@btinternet.com

Marion Bastin

MELCHBOURNE St Mary Magdalene (4) 12-1-12 in F# TL028654

Sunday: Phone to check PN: None

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YELDEN St Mary (4) 8-0-0 in Bb TL011672

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PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00

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PN: Tuesday 20.00-21.00

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 19.30-20.30
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SUTTON All Saints (4) 7-0-00 TL218475

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Association Event Reports

Melville Cup Striking Competition for Young Ringers

It was Biggleswade District's turn to host the Melville Cup Striking Competition for young ringers on 15 September at St Mary, Potton. The weather was kind and our judge, Peter Waterfield from Norfolk, listened to the ringing in the churchyard.

Tea and cakes were served whilst Peter deliberated on the four teams' efforts. Quite a few ringers taking part in the main competition arrived in time to have tea and hear the results. Peter started by saying that there was a good standard of ringing overall and it was nice to see so many young ringers. He congratulated them all for taking part.

Place	Team	Judge's Comments	Faults	Rang
1	Linslade	Didn't practise for very long. Ringing got better as piece progressed; good leading and tenor rhythm and middle bells kept to the same speed.	6	2
2	Luton District	Used practice time well. Faults in the middle of the change; good treble leading and tenor set a good beat.	13	1
3	Bedford District	Used practice time well. Slower ringing than other teams; 4, 5 and 6 rang at a consistent speed but 1, 2 and 3 not so good; settled down well but picked up a few faults at the end.	20	3
4	Biggleswade District	Short practice time. Rang fastest; rhythm didn't settle because of the speed; but good effort.	29	4



Winners, Linslade Young Ringers, receive the Melville Cup from Peter Waterfield.
Photo Tony Sharpe

St Peter's Cup - Association Six Bell Striking Competition

Six teams took part in this year's inter-District six bell striking competition for the St Peter's Cup held on 15 September at St Mary, Potton. Judge, Peter Waterfield, said that it had been a great competition with a good standard we should be proud of. In a tight competition, with the top three being separated by just one fault, Kempston were declared the winners and Clifton as runners up. Thanks to local ringers, Rosemary Kimber for organising the tea and Tony Sharpe for taking team and general pictures which can be viewed on the website.

Place	Team	Judge's Comments	Faults	Rang
1	Kempston	Rang Grandsire doubles. Excellent piece of ringing; everyone was ringing at the same speed; very few faults. Peal speed 2.46.	3	4
2	Clifton	Rang Cambridge minor. Very nice piece of ringing, good rhythm and speed set by the tenor. Peal speed 2.46.	3.5	1
3	Biggleswade	Rang Plain Bob doubles. Fastest ringing. Tenor provided a metronome beat, very nice piece of ringing.	4	5
4	St Andrew Bedford	Rang Plain Bob doubles. Good steady beat and leading. Got better as it went through. Peal speed 3.01	12	3
5	Dunstable	Rang Plain Bob minor. Picked up faults from leading errors; not all ringing at the same speed. Peal speed 2.55.	31	6
6	Husborne Crawley	Rang Plain Bob doubles. Struggled with the bells, rhythm wasn't consistent, irregular leading; gaps and clips generated the faults. Peal speed 2.42.	57	2



Martin Whiteley, from the winning Kempston band, receives the St Peter's Cup from Peter Waterfield, President Sue Silver looks on.
Photo Tony Sharpe

Ridgman Trophy Ten Bell Striking Competition

The idea of arranging a 10-bell striking competition among the bellringing societies within and surrounding the Ely Diocesan Association was first raised during the mid-1980s. An offer by Bill Ridgman's family to donate a trophy provided the necessary focus to bring the idea to fruition and the first competition was held at Wisbech in 1988. The trophy features the shields of the Ely Diocesan Association and Cambridge University Guild, reflecting the enormous contribution that Bill made to both organisations over the years.

This year the 25th competition was hosted by the Bedfordshire Association at Kempston and with eight teams competing there was clearly plenty of enthusiasm for the event. The Kempston ringers put a good deal of effort into organising rather more than a striking competition by laying on a never-ending supply of refreshments in the Church Hall, opening three local towers for general ringing, arranging for a mini-ring of bells to be installed in the church porch and providing an opportunity for people to try handbell ringing. In short, there was enough to attract both the competitors and visiting ringers, such that the event became a festival of ringing in every sense. The Bedfordshire band was drawn from ringers who ring regularly at Kempston and we were therefore in a position to benefit from 'home' advantage. We practised the test piece, which was half a course of Yorkshire Royal, a few days before the competition but never quite managed to get through the piece without a minor blemish or two. Fortunately, on the day, we raised our game and rang much better, so we left the tower well satisfied with our performance.

The judges, Philip and Jennie Earis from Cambridge, are two highly experienced ringers who regularly take part in striking competitions themselves. They commented that the overall standard of ringing throughout the afternoon had been very commendable and we were delighted to hear that we had been awarded first place. With a pleasing symmetry it was our Association President, Sue Silver, who was called upon to present the trophy to a representative from the Bedfordshire team. The eight teams were placed as follows:

1. Bedfordshire	88%
2. Ely	85%
3. Norwich	76%
4. Essex	65%
5. Suffolk	64%
6. Cambridge University	63%
7. Lincoln	51%
8. Peterborough	Withdrawn

Martin Whiteley thanked all those who had made the day such a success. More than 25 local ringers had helped in some capacity so this was really a triumph for the Association as a whole, but particular thanks go to the catering team led by Sarah-Louise Ward and Adrienne Sharp. Amongst many favourable comments received at the end of the proceedings, that from the Ridgman Trophy Organising Committee was most rewarding. They were unanimous that Bedfordshire had provided a model format for all subsequent competitions to follow. So it seems that our efforts will have an enduring influence on this competition and we look forward to its continued success over the next 25 years.

Martin Whiteley, Organiser



The winning team, clockwise from front right: Linda Garton (Treble), John Loveless (2), Charlotte Smith (3), Sue Silver (President), Philippa Whittington (4), Anthony Smith (5), Russell Brown (6), Maggie Whiteley (7), Frank Rivett (8), Martin Whiteley (9) and Andrew Keech (Tenor).

Ringing World National Youth Striking Competition, Birmingham

Preparation is key for any team, from a football team, to an orchestra, to a group of young campanologists who are just bonkers about bells.

In the months leading up to the competition day, teams from across the country would have been meeting in many towers on numerous occasions, in order to find the ringers who would represent their association in the Ringing World National Youth Striking Contest 2012, held in Birmingham, and the budding ringers of Bedfordshire were no exception. Preparations in anticipation of the day began early in 2012, with the invitation from Sue Silver, as President of the Bedfordshire Association, to all those who were interested in representing the county. A warm and extensive response was received with young ringers coming forward from all three districts within the association; Biggleswade District, Bedford District and Luton District. Tension and excitement grew then as the date approached for the first practice, to be held at Clifton, a relatively light 8, close to the true weight of the competition tower. This was a very successful practice, not only through the competition potential, but with young ringers getting together and ringing, and eating plenty of cake in a well earned break. The afternoon was run by Martin and Maggie Whiteley, as the official team leaders and organisers, with some help from ringing parents, and of course, Sue Silver, who was there with us throughout the whole experience. Martin, Maggie and Sue used the practice to put together their team, with travelling reserves. The team was then contacted and another date was set for all the travelling ringers, as a last practice for the final team, to confirm where people would be ringing, and who would be the reserve. This was another successful practice, held on the slightly heavier ring at Biggleswade. The decision of placement and the choice of reserve was a heart wrenching decision for the team of experienced ringers who would be with us in Birmingham, comprising Maggie Whiteley, Sue Silver and Linda Garton, to whom we are all very grateful. Once the decision had been made and the news broken, all their efforts fell into place in preparation for the 30th June.

The day dawned grey and misty as teams travelled up to Birmingham, but the sun shone as the ringing began, and continued to do so, with only short intervals of rain, throughout the day. Consistently through the day, the bells of St Paul's rang out, with ringers from each corner of the country ringing for their association, to please the judges, whilst trickles of timed ringing burst out from the city with St Martin's, St Philip's and St Chad's being open for general ringing, enabling many first time experiences to be accomplished. The bells around and in St Paul's were a superb mixture of tower ringing for all of the 15 entered teams, fun activities for all on the hand bells and novel experiences on the Charmborough Mini Ring. Amid all the hustle and bustle of the ringing, refreshments were served, much to everyone's enjoyment, from the gallery of St Paul's, providing a perfect look out onto the church in its splendour and the handbell ringers.

As the adventures drew to a close in Birmingham, ringers gathered in St Martin's, and received the feedback from the four judges. Their feedback was complimentary and constructive, and many of the participants were relieved to hear that they too get nervous when ringing in striking competitions. It was a very encouraging gathering, as medals were handed out, along with the Whitechapel Trophy to the magnificent winning team, for the overall winning team who rang a method. There were many smiles and happy memories as people made their way home, along with some very tired looking faces, of both young ringers, and those ringers who are still young at heart.

The day was very successful and full of memorable experiences. Many people did things for the first time, from ringing on a mini ring, to ringing handbells, to ringing in a striking competition, to ringing on twelve and even ringing on sixteen! It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for all ringers, both young and old, both experienced and new to the art.

Thanks go to the organisers, both in and out of Birmingham, and to *The Ringing World*, but more especially to the helpers of each team, without whom, the day would have been unable to go ahead. Thank you to you all.

Alice Scott



The Bedfordshire Young Ringers Team at Birmingham.

From left to right: Cameron, Courtney, Robert, Sian, John, Jason, Becky, Alice with Maggie Whiteley and Linda Garton

Photo Chris Williams

Bedfordshire Association at the Bedford River Festival

The Bedford River Festival is one of the largest public events held in the East of England and in 2012 celebrated its 30th anniversary over the weekend of 21/22 July with an estimated attendance nearing 400,000 people.

As far back as December 2010, Bedford District had discussed the issue of recruitment and training, and in an idle moment, committee member Sarah-Louise Ward suggested the Bedford River Festival might provide a suitable opportunity to enlist new ringers. It was decided from the very start that this would need to be an Association as much as a Bedford District effort, not only because the River Festival attracts visitors and therefore potential recruits from all over the county (and beyond), but also because of the number of volunteer helpers that would be needed.

Early attempts to form a subcommittee and secure commitments from volunteers to help at the event seemed a little like trying to get a bell up at backstroke by pushing on the rope. But by June, with the festival fast approaching, a few faithful supporters; Robert Jones, Andrew Dennison, Graham Ridgway and Terry Brown, had stepped into the breach to lend their much valued support, and firmer plans began to take shape.



Crowds and queues of potential recruits at the Bedford River Festival.
Photo Peter Blight.

A lot of water passed under the bridge (quite literally) in the fortnight preceding the festival weekend. Inspecting our intended pitch in Mill Meadows on the previous Sunday, it was found to be several inches under water with a real risk of the whole event being cancelled by the authorities. Meanwhile an intensive recruitment drive by Sarah with weekly and daily messages supported by a 'Your Association Needs You' poster resulted in sufficient volunteers finally coming forward for the venture to be viable. By this time all that was needed was dry weather; but it still did not come! Peter Blight arrived with the Charmborough ring just after lunch time on Friday amid concerns that his trailer and the ring would be grounded in the river bank mud. Fortunately this did not happen, and the erection team worked in the continuing drizzle so that by Friday evening the bells were up

and the tryout had been successfully completed. Text, Email, and Facebook messages were broadcast from the site to the forty or so volunteer helpers – we were up and running!

Saturday dawned bright and sunny with not a cloud in the sky! Volunteers started to arrive for their two-hour scheduled slots, and by 8.30 am, several hours before the official opening, we had a queue of inquisitive visitors waiting to see what it was all about. By late morning with temperatures rising rapidly towards the 80s, we were inundated with visitors, including many youngsters, eager to have a go; and this continued all day. The volunteer helpers were mostly fully occupied for several hours at a time and it became almost impossible for them to leave their post. As soon as one visitor had finished, another stepped forward, and so it continued well into the early evening. If nothing else, we had met our publicity objectives. We also enlisted about 30 potential new recruits and lapsed ringers, including one from Glasgow and one from France!

Mid way through the afternoon Jessica Cooper from BBC Three Counties Radio descended on us waving a large and offensive-looking microphone. This seemed to cause everyone to abandon their ropes and run for cover, leaving Steve Stanford, who was a bit slow off the mark, to be interviewed by Jessica and give her a live on-air handling lesson. It proved to be a little tricky with a microphone cord in one hand and bell rope in the other, but fortunately it all sounded suitably convincing on air.

During the day, six volunteers had been coerced into attempting a peal on the bells. As the visitors started to decline, and with 'bouncers' in place, we roped off the ringing circle and set out to ring the peal. Unfortunately, as for most of the day, we had to compete with the music from the two stages opposite. We eventually rang just two methods in the peal; several planned changes of method being abandoned for risk of the conductor not being heard. On several occasions the bells were barely audible; the peal of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor that was successfully brought round, required 2hrs and 10 minutes of immense concentration from the band as they attempted to ignore the many audible and visible distractions. It was only the second peal on the bells. The peal details are on page 49 in the 2012 Peal Report.

The peal attracted almost as much attention as the day's earlier activities. Strategically placed collection boxes certainly benefited more than they had done during the day, and a number of visitors remained awe struck watching the performance for well over an hour. A few others became quite irate, claiming that the ringing was spoiling their enjoyment of the music from the stages opposite, and asking if we could stop for a while so that they could hear the music. It was largely thanks to our minders, who played a very diplomatic role keeping the peace, encouraging donations while placating a few inebriated and quite aggressive complainants, that the peal could be completed.

The evening concluded with an absolutely fantastic firework display that was greatly enjoyed by those who had sufficient energy to remain and see it; a most enjoyable end to a memorable and successful day.



Happy customers!
Left to right:
Simon Stranks,
Steve Stanford and
Maggie Whiteley.
Photo Peter Blight.

Sunday was equally memorable and successful. New helpers came, others returned for more, and visitor numbers and enthusiasm were no less than on the previous day. Lunch time came and went, beers were drunk and burgers eaten, and the visitors kept on coming. All too soon the festival was drawing to a close and at about 5pm, Peter Blight arrived and the dismantling team sprang into action.

Potential recruits had been invited to a follow up taster session at Elstow on the following Saturday. This proved to be popular with the twenty or so people who attended, and it was well supported by members from all Districts who gave them their first handling lessons on real bells. As a result of this and the festival itself, approximately twenty new and returning ringers were recruited to various Association towers, and a couple to towers further afield.

Thanks are especially due to Sarah-Louise Ward, whose idea it all was. Without Sarah and her committee of supporters; Bob, Graham, Andrew, and Terry, the event would never have been possible. Special thanks also to the Charmborough Bell Trust and especially Peter Blight who drove from his home in London on two occasions during the weekend to deliver and collect the bells; also to Jonathan Griggs and the North Bucks branch of the ODG who kindly lent us their excellent display boards. Finally many thanks to forty-two members of the Bedfordshire Association who helped with erecting and dismantling the ring, providing overnight security cover, and who enabled 800 members of the public to ring the bells for well over sixteen hours over the two days. It was a fantastic Bedfordshire Association event, a real team effort, with very encouraging results in terms of new recruits and general publicity. And the weather was fantastic too!

Stephen Stanford

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Obituaries

Kim Adams (1955 – 2012)

Kim was born in Southampton in 1955 and was the eldest of three. She was academic at school but also sporting, enjoying hockey, netball and hurdling. After school Kim went to Austria as an *au pair* for eighteen months.

Returning home, Kim had a spell in London in the insurance business, as a computer programmer and with a contact lens company.

In 1985, with the birth of her first child Lisa, Kim settled in Bedford. Within a few years, Lisa was joined first by Sarah and then by the twins, Jenny and Rachel. They became her life as she was left to bring them up alone, coupled later with looking after her ailing mother. She helped with various activities at school like reading at lower school and forming a conservation club at middle school. She continued to read a great deal herself and was fond of walking. She was also a Brownie leader renowned for her creative activities. Kim was always busy, a lot of the time for others rather than herself, but also doing childminding and cleaning jobs here and there to help to pay for things for the girls. She was great fun but also serious about supporting the girls with their schoolwork and other activities.

Kim came to bell ringing through her eldest daughter Lisa who learnt to ring first. She was elected to the Association in 2002 and was an incredibly reliable attendee of ringing at St Andrew's Bedford, both practices and service ringing. In time Sarah, Jenny and Rachel also learnt to ring and as a family collectively, for a while, they certainly helped to ensure most of our bells rang on most ringing occasions. Never one to sing her own praises, Kim was gradually persuaded that she was a reasonably competent ringer and came to enjoy ringing quarter peals and, eventually, striking contests (or so she once said). She was less convinced about peals and rang two: her first was covering for the 2004 peal at St Andrew's for the opening of the new church centre; the other was inside to Plain Bob Minor at Carlton for the 125th anniversary of the Association. When time permitted she did enjoy visiting other churches to ring and to look around.

As the girls grew older and started to forge their own lives the family remained very close and Kim was delighted to remain supportive to all the girls. As she was perhaps starting to find a little more time of her own, Kim's sudden death was a shock to us all and she will be sadly missed.

Alex Nash

Patricia Wolburn (1932 – 2012)

Pat was born in Mark, Somerset and lived on the family farm. As a teenager she learned to ring on the eight bells at Mark and cycled many miles to ring at local Somerset churches. Pat rang three peals, all on the tenor behind, two for the Bath and Wells Association and one for the Sussex Association. On leaving school Pat joined Lloyds Bank and it was there that she met her husband, Roger. After various assignments in the bank they ended up in Clifton in 1986, Roger becoming manager of Hitchin, Letchworth and

Henlow Camp branches. Pat then joined the Clifton band and was a regular Sunday service ringer for both morning and evening services. Her favourite methods were Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Pat was great company, she and Roger went on the ringing holiday weeks organised by Richard Casteldine and Stan Ashton. The New Year's Eve parties at their house were much enjoyed by many of us with sumptuous food and drink. She and Roger were both keen bird watchers and travelled to many parts of the country.

Unfortunately a shoulder injury forced her to give up ringing a few years ago. She died in her 80th year, rest in peace.

Stan Ashton

Points from the peals

Congratulations to the following members who rang their first peal in 2012

Name	Home Tower	Method	Place	Date
Clare Francis	Campton	PB Doubles - treble	Haynes	4 June
David Bartlett	Meppershall	PB Doubles - tenor	Haynes	4 June
Linda Bryant	Campton	PB Doubles - treble	Campton	5 June
Barrie Glenn	Campton	PB Doubles - tenor	Campton	5 June
Cameron White-Spunner	Houghton Regis	Cambridge S Major	Campton	29 Oct

Members who rang more than 10 peals in 2012

Anthony H Smith	22	Robert P Wood	15
Charlotte M Smith	18	Frank W Rivett	14
Margaret Whiteley	15	Christine Williams	12
Martin J Whiteley	15	Russell A Brown	11

Leading conductors (18)

Anthony H Smith	10	David C Brown	1
Richard I Allton	5	Derek E Sibson	1
David Kemp	4	D Graham Hall	1
Peter G C Ellis	4	Frank W Rivett	1
John P Loveless	3	J Richard Castledine	1
Nicholas D Brown	3	Michael Chester	1
Linda M Garton	2	Martin J Whiteley	1
Stephen H Stanford	2	Patrick J S Albon	1
Andrew M Keech	1	Susan Melvin	1

Towers - 31			
Campton 4	Amphill 1	Haynes 1	Northill 1
Clifton 4	Bedford (Mill Meadow) 1	Kempston 1	Southill 1
Cople 2	Bletchington 1	Leighton Buzzard 1	Stotfold 1
Easton Neston 2	Bromham 1	Litlington 1	Towcester 1
Elstow 2	Eaton Socon 1	Little Eversden 1	Wadenhoe 1
Flitton 2	Emberton 1	London (Cree) 1	Weeden Bec 1
Henlow 2	Great Offley 1	Meldreth 1	Willington 1
Sharnbrook 2	Harrold 1	Meppershall 1	

Methods rung					
Doubles	Minor	Triples	Major	Caters	Maximus
Plain Bob 2	7 Surprise 5	Grandsire 1	Cambridge 3	2 Spliced 1	Bristol 1
	7 Methods 4		Yorkshire 3		Cambridge 1
	Plain Bob 3		23 Spliced S 2		
	14 Spliced S 1		6 Spliced S 2		
	14 Spliced TD 1		Lincolnshire 2		
	2 Surprise 1		10 Spliced S 1		
	21 Surprise 1		4 Spliced S 1		
	39 Spliced TD 1		5 Spliced S 1		
	41 Surprise 1		London 1		
	42 Spliced TD 1		Oakley 1		
			Rutland 1		
2	19	1	18	1	2

Peal 4068 rung to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the first ladies peal



Left to right: Sue Silver (President), Chris Williams, Terry Brown, Maggie Whiteley, Charlotte Smith, Kate Scott, Philippa Whittington, Linda Garton (Conductor)

Peals 2012

Tower bell peals rung, numbers 4042 to 4084. No hand bell peals were rung in 2012.

4042

CLIFTON All Saints

Mon Jan 23 2h45 (10)

5088 Spliced Surprise Major

(4m: 1728 London; 1152 each Cambridge, Superlative; 1056 Bristol; 122 com, atw)

Comp: Richard G Crosland

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

4043

SHARNBROOK St Peter

Sat Jan 28 2h44 (9)

5024 Spliced Surprise Major

(10m: 576 each Lincolnshire, Pudsey; 512 each Glasgow, London, Rutland, Yorkshire; 480 each Bristol, Cambridge; 448 Superlative; 416 Belfast; 156 com, atw)

Comp: Graham A C John

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Philippa M Whittington
- 3 David C Brown (C)
- 4 Margaret Whiteley
- 5 Martin J Whiteley
- 6 Murray A Coleman
- 7 Frank W Rivett
- 8 Richard I Allton

4044

SOUTHILL All Saints

Sun Jan 29 2h48 (12)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: Westminster, Norwich, London, York, Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge)

- 1 Philippa M Whittington
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Anthony H Smith
- 4 Robert P Wood
- 5 David Kemp (C)
- 6 Russell A Brown

4045

HENLOW St Mary

Mon Jan 30 2h46 (14)

5088 Oakley Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morisson (No.4854)

- 1 James R B Saunders
- 2 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 3 John J Ford
- 4 Peter V Rogers
- 5 J Richard Castledine
- 6 Martin J Whiteley
- 7 Robert P Wood
- 8 Richard A Horne

4046

FLITTON St John the Baptist

Mon Feb 6 2h40 (6)

5040 Plain Bob Minor

(7 differently called extents)

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

Rung to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Circled the tower: 6.

4047

BLETCHINGDON Oxon St Giles

Thur Feb 9 2h44 (8)

5040 Spliced Treble Dodging Minor

(42m: Annable's London, Bacup, Bamfborough, Berwick, Beverley, Cambridge, Ipswich, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Norfolk, Primrose, Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth S; Bedford, Braintree, Burslem, Clarence, Elston, Kirkstall, London Victory, Marple, Merton, Neasden, Old Oxford, Waltham D; Balmoral, Carisbrooke, Donottar, Dover, Dunedin, Ely, Pevensy, Pontefract, Wath, Wilmslow D; Burton, Duke of Norfolk, Morning Star, Oxford, Rochester, Sandal TB; 41 com, atw)

Comp: J S Warboys (TD0710)

- 1 Timothy G Pett
- 2 Martin J Whiteley
- 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 Frank W Rivett
- 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
- 6 Colin M Turner

In memory of Raymond Turner, who died 10/2/2002

4048

WILLINGTON St Lawrence

Sun Feb 12 2h40 (9)

5040 Spliced Surprise Minor

(14m: 360 each Bacup, Berwick, Cambridge, Carlisle, Chester, Cunecastre, Lightfoot, London, Morpeth, Primrose, Warkworth, Westminster, Whitley, York)

Comp: PGCE (No.1006)

- 1 Nicola J Turner
- 2 Margaret Whiteley
- 3 Frank W Rivett
- 4 Colin M Turner
- 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
- 6 Martin J Whiteley

Rung to celebrate National Marriage Week in the benefice of Mogerhanger, Cople and Willington.

4049

STOTFOLD St Mary the Virgin

Sat Feb 25 2h49 (11)

5184 Spliced Surprise Major

(6m: 1152 Rutland; 960 Yorkshire; 768 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative; 149 com)

Comp: Marcus Sherwood

- 1 D Graham Hall
- 2 Mary E Hall
- 3 Richard F Prime
- 4 Nicholas D Hughes
- 5 Vernon Green
- 6 James R B Saunders
- 7 Richard Castledine (C)
- 8 Roy V Webb

Rung to celebrate the life of Pat Wolburn, ringer at Clifton, Beds, who died on 18th February after a brave battle with cancer.

4050

EASTON NESTON Northants St Mary

Mon Feb 27 2h47 (9)

5024 Spliced Surprise Major

(5m: 1248 Cambridge; 1024 Bristol; 992 Rutland; 960 Superlative; 800 London; 129 com, atw)

Comp: Richard G Crosland

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

150th peal of Spliced S Major: 7.

4051

TOWCESTER Northants St Lawrence

Sun Mar 4 3h16 (23)

5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus

Comp: Stanley Jenner

- 1 Linda M Garton
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Rosalind J Keech
- 4 John P Loveless (C)
- 5 James Clatworthy
- 6 Stephen H Stanford
- 7 Richard A Horne
- 8 Russell A Brown
- 9 Robert P Wood
- 10 Simon A Rudd
- 11 Nicholas D Brown
- 12 Richard I Allton

First peal on 12 bells: 2.

4052

EATON SOCON Cambs St Mary

Sat Mar 10 2h55 (13)

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: C Middleton, Johnson's variation

- 1 D Graham Hall (C)
- 2 Mary Parnham
- 3 Jane K A Hough
- 4 J Richard Hough
- 5 Wendy Piercy
- 6 Michael J Matthews
- 7 Roger G R Collins
- 8 Susan J Matthews

For the 80th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

Also a significant birthday compliment to the vicar, Revd Tim Robb.

4053

CAMPTON All Saints

Sat Mar 24 2h34 (7)

5024 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

Comp: R F B Speed

- 1 James R B Saunders
- 2 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Susan J Melvin
- 5 James K Eggleston
- 6 Michael J Dew
- 7 Frank W Rivett
- 8 Russell A Brown

First peal in the method: 4.

75th peal: 5.

4054

AMPTHILL St Andrew

Sat Mar 31 2h52 (14)

5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrison

- 1 E Jane Sibson
- 2 Nick Read
- 3 Stephen H Stanford
- 4 Robert P Wood
- 5 Russell A Brown
- 6 Derek E Sibson (C)
- 7 Simon Read
- 8 Nicholas D Brown

First peal of Surprise inside: 2.

4055

FLITTON St John the Baptist

Sat Mar 31 2h26 (6)

5040 Surprise Minor

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

- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Stephen H Stanford
- 3 Robert P Wood
- 4 Simon Read
- 5 Frank W Rivett
- 6 Nicholas D Brown (C)

4056

MELDRETH Cambs Holy Trinity

Sat Mar 31 2h49 (10)

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: Middleton's

- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Alice T Scott
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 James K Eggleston
- 6 George Unsworth
- 7 John P Loveless
- 8 Linda M Garton

In memory of Dick Muddimer, a journalist and gentleman (Alice's great uncle).

First peal inside: 3.

4057

HARROLD St Peter

Sat Apr 14 2h49 (13)

5040 Plain Bob Minor

(7 differently called extents)

- 1 Rodney Walker
- 2 Martin D Barratt
- 3 Adrienne P Sharp
- 4 Jennifer S Thompson
- 5 Kenneth C Wildman
- 6 Patrick J S Albon (C)

80th birthday compliment to Mary Wildman, mother of 4 & 5 and lifelong member of this church.

4058

NORTHILL St Mary the Virgin

Sat May 2h59 (18)

5040 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 Susan M Silver
- 2 Anthony H Smith
- 3 Susan J Melvin (C)
- 4 Simon N Stranks
- 5 Robert P Wood
- 6 Richard A Horne

For the Village May Day celebrations.

4059

CLIFTON All Saints

Sun May 6 2h44 (10)

5088 London Surprise Major

Comp: J W Washbrook

- 1 Christine M Carter
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Anthony H Smith
- 4 Richard A Horne
- 5 Robert P Wood
- 6 Nicholas D Brown
- 7 David Kemp (C)
- 8 Trevor W Groom

4060

HAYNES St Mary

Mon June 4 2h47 (7)

5040 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Clare Francis
- 2 Linda M Garton (C)
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 John P Loveless
- 6 David I Bartlett

First peal attempt: 1, 6.

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

4061

CAMPTON All Saints

Tue June 5 2h47 (7)

5040 Plain Bob Doubles

- 1 Linda Bryant
- 2 John P Loveless (C)
- 3 Susan M Silver
- 4 Christine A Williams
- 5 Linda M Garton
- 6 A Barrie Glenn

First peal attempt: 1, 6.

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

4062

EMBERTON Bucks All Saints

Tue June 5 2h42 (9)

5040 Minor

(7m: Everest TP, Carlisle S, London S, Weymouth S, Westminster S, Bourne S, Beverley S)

- 1 George Unsworth
- 2 Nicola J Turner
- 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 Colin M Turner
- 5 Stephen J F Mitchell
- 6 Martin J Whiteley (C)

Specially arranged and rung to congratulate Peter Ellis who, on 25th May, stood on the summit of Mount Everest and in so doing completed the Seven Summits. Also rung during the celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

4063

COPLE All Saints

Wed June 6 2h53 (8)

5040 Minor

(7m: Norwich, Kent, Oxford, Plain, Single Oxford, St Clements and Cambridge)

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

Rung to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

4064

OFFLEY Herts St Mary Magdalene

Thur June 7 3h3 (15)

5040 Surprise Minor

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

- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Barbara Beard
- 3 John J Ford
- 4 Frank W Rivett
- 5 Russell A Brown
- 6 Nicholas D Brown (C)

Rung to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of H M Queen Elizabeth II.

4065

LITTLE EVERSDEN Cambs St Helen

Sun June 10 2h32 (7)

5040 Spiced Treble Dodging Minor

(39m: Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, York, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester, Munden S; Bedford, Merton, Taxal, Humber, Marple, Old Oxford D; Belvoir, Ely, Pevensey, Cambridge, Disley, Conisborough, Richborough, Evening Star, Coventry, Kentish, Caernarvon, Conway, Warwick D; Woodcock's Victory, Morning Star, Kent, Berwyn, Waterford, Trinity Sunday, Killamarsh, Quantonk, Snowdon TB; 51 com, atw) Comp: J S Warboys (TD0712a)

- 1 Phillip M Orme
 - 2 Nicola J Turner
 - 3 Margaret Whiteley
 - 4 Martin J Whiteley
 - 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
 - 6 Colin M Turner
- 3,600th peal: 5.

4066

ELSTOW St Mary & St Helena

Sun June 17 2h33 (9)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: one extent each London, Primrose, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, and Norwich)

- 1 Susan J Matthews
- 2 Andrew J Spencer
- 3 David I Stanford
- 4 Robert P Wood
- 5 Richard A Horne
- 6 Stephen H Stanford (C)

50th together: 4, 6.

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and Official Birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Also, with congratulations to Miriam Clark (Tower Captain) on her 86th birthday (15 June).

4067

HENLOW St Mary

Sat July 14 2h50 (14)

5152 Lincolnshire Surprise Major

Comp: R J Angrave

- 1 Kate J Scott
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Martin Major
- 4 James R B Saunders
- 5 D Graham Hall
- 6 Vernon Green
- 7 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 8 Robert P Wood

To celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of the Revd Sue Groom, Priest-in-Charge of this Parish.

4068

CAMPTON All Saints

Fri July 20 2h50 (6)

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp: J J Parker (12 part)

- 1 Linda M Garton (C)
- 2 Kate J Scott
- 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 Christine A Williams
- 5 Susan M Silver
- 6 Philippa M Whittington
- 7 Charlotte M Smith
- 8 Teresa J Brown

In fond remembrance of Alison K Regan.

Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first ladies peal, rung on 20th July 1912 at Cubitt Town, in which Miss Evelyn Steel, at one time President of the Bedfordshire Association, took part.

4069

BEDFORD Mill Meadows

The Charnborough Ring

Sat July 21 2h10 (94lbs)

5040 Surprise Minor

(3 extents Cambridge; 4 extents Norwich)

- 1 Sarah-Louise Ward
- 2 Robert P Wood
- 3 Russell A Brown
- 4 Richard A Horne
- 5 Patrick J S Albon
- 6 Stephen H Stanford (C)

Rung against the odds in competition with some 'heavy metal' emanating from the stage opposite!

4070

CITY OF LONDON St Katherine Cree

Sun Aug 12 2h46 (10)

5040 Minor

(7m: an extent each London, Norwich, Cambridge S, Oxford TB, St Clements CB, Single Oxford, Plain B)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Stephen H Stanford
- 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 4 Robert P Wood
- 5 Russell A Brown
- 6 John P Loveless

Rung during the Men's Marathon of the London Olympic Games.

4071

EASTON NESTON Northants St Mary

Sun Sept 16 2h45 (9)

5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: Arthur Knights

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Alice T Scott
- 4 James Clatworthy
- 5 Anthony H Smith
- 6 Robert P Wood
- 7 David Kemp
- 8 Nicholas D Brown (C)

First in method: 3.

150th for the Association: 6.

4072

CLIFTON All Saints

Sun Oct 7 2h49 (10)

5152 Spliced Surprise Major

(23m: 224 each Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Yorkshire: 1660 com, atw)

Comp: Norman Smith

- 1 Rosalind J Keech
- 2 Susan E Marsden
- 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Philippa M Whittington
- 6 Frank W Rivett (C)
- 7 Martin J Whiteley
- 8 Simon A Rudd

4073

CAMPTON All Saints

Mon Oct 29 2h45 (7)

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrisson (No.2420 rotated)

- 1 Cameron White-Spunner
 - 2 Alice T Scott
 - 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
 - 4 Charlotte M Smith
 - 5 Susan M Silver
 - 6 John P Loveless
 - 7 Christine A Williams
 - 8 Margaret Whiteley
- First peal: 1.

4074

KEMPSTON All Saints

Sat Nov 3 3h21 (17)

5060 Spliced Caters

(2m: 5039 Grandsire; 21 Little Grandsire; 1 com)

Comp: John S Warboys

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

For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and All Saints' Tide, Cliff Izzard rang the same bell in peals in this tower for the Queen's Coronation, Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees and may be the only person to do this.

50th peal: 5.

4075
LEIGHTON BUZZARD All Saints

Sun Nov 4 3h33 (35)

5042 Bristol Surprise Maximus

Comp: Peter J Sanderson

- 1 Linda M Garton
- 2 Margaret Whiteley
- 3 Martin J Whiteley
- 4 Jonathan H Potter
- 5 John P Loveless (C)
- 6 Russell A Brown
- 7 David Kemp
- 8 Andrew M Keech
- 9 Daniel Jones
- 10 Nicholas D Brown
- 11 Richard I Allton
- 12 Frederick Shallcross

4076

BROMHAM St Owen

Sat Nov10 3h1 (23)

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrison

- 1 Jonathan P Tallis
- 2 Lyndsey B Brett
- 3 Simon J O Head
- 4 Robert W Jones
- 5 Robert Tregillus
- 6 Brian J W Foley
- 7 Roderic K Bickerton
- 8 Michael Chester (C)

Celebrating the installation on this day of Father Grant Fellows, Team Rector at All Saints, Leighton Buzzard, as an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Albans.

4077

LITLINGTON Cambs St Catherine

Sat Nov 10 2h35 (7)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: An extent each Carlisle, Cunecastre, Wooler, Stamford, Norfolk, Lightfoot, Surfleet)

- 1 Hannah M Campbell
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 4 Richard A Horne
- 5 Russell A Brown
- 6 Phillip S George

4078

ELSTOW St Mary & St Helena

Sat Nov 24 2h32 (9)

5040 Minor

(7m: An extent each Cambridge, London, Norwich S, Kent, Oxford TB, Single Oxford, Plain B)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Janet E Menhinick
- 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 4 Robert P Wood
- 5 Richard A Horne
- 6 Stephen H Stanford

Rung with grateful remembrance of Frank Hicks, who started teaching Janet and Charlotte to ring, at East Grinstead, 50 years ago this month. This month also sees the 46th anniversary of Robert learning in this tower

4079

WEEDON BEC Northants SS Peter & Paul

Mon Nov 26 2h53 (15)

5024 Spliced Surprise Major

(6m: 1120 Rutland; 960 Cambridge; 864 Superlative; 768 London; 736 Brighton; 576 Bristol; 135 com, atw)
Comp: Richard G Crosland

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

500th peal: 1.

1,700th peal: 7.

4080

SHARNBROOK St Peter

Sat Dec 1 2h50 (9)

5120 Rutland Surprise Major

Johnson's variation of Middleton's

- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Anthony H Smith
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Susan M Silver
- 5 Robert P Wood
- 6 Stephen H Stanford
- 7 David Kemp (C)
- 8 Richard A Horne

Completes the std 8: 5

200th together: 2 & 6

4081

WADENHOE Northants St Michael & All Angels

Sat Dec 8 3h13 (7)

5760 Spliced Surprise Minor

(41m: 240 each Bacup, Bamborough, Carlisle, Lightfoot, Rossendale, Warkworth, Westminster; 120 each Allendale, Alnwick, Annable's London, Berwick, Beverley, Bourne, Cambridge, Canterbury, Chester, Coldstream, Cunecastre, Durham, Hexham, Hull, Ipswich, Kelso, Lincoln, London, Morpeth, Munden, Netherseale, Newcastle, Norfolk, Northumberland, Norwich, Primrose, Sandiacre, Stamford, Surfleet, Weymouth, Wells, Whitley, Wooler, York; 239 com, atw)
Comp: John S Warboys (SU0801)

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

4082

MEPPERSHALL St Mary the Virgin

Fri Dec 21 2h50 (12)

5040 Surprise Minor

(21m: in seven extents: (1) Carlisle, Chester, Munden (2) London, Wells, Cunecastre (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, Durham, York (5) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull (6) Norwich (7) Ipswich, Cambridge)

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

Specially arranged for Nick Brown on his 21st birthday.

4083

CLIFTON All Saints

Fri Dec 28 2h56 (10)

5152 Spliced Surprise Major

(23m: 224 Ashted, 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: Norman Smith

- 1 Linda M Garton
- 2 Martin J Whiteley
- 3 D Graham Hall
- 4 Mary E Hall
- 5 Philippa M Whittington
- 6 Richard I Allton (C)
- 7 John P Loveless
- 8 Frank W Rivett

First 23-Spliced: 4.

Rung in memory of Jack Dear & John McCutcheon.

Stan & Sheila Ashton would like to be associated with this peal.

4084

COPEL All Saints

Sun Dec 30 2h46 (8)

5040 Spliced Treble Dodging Minor

(14m: 360 each Morpeth S, College Exercise TB, London, Cambridge, Rossendale, Cunecastre S, Dover D, Norfolk S, Oxford TB, Donottar D, Chester S, Wath D, Netherseale S, Bogedone D; 41 com, atw, no 65s)
Comp: Arr. PGCE from P J Earis, from J S Warboys

- 1 Barbara Beard
- 2 Nicola J Turner
- 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 Colin M Turner
- 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
- 6 Martin J Whiteley

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 advise 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 (preferably 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 towers' practices.
- Make sure parents/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_bacr@btinternet.com, Telephone: 07512 662972

Peal 4069 rung on the Chamborough ring at the Bedford River Festival



Ringling the peal



The peal band, from left to right: Sarah Ward, Bob Wood, Russell Brown, Richard Horne, Pat Albon, Steve Stanford (Conductor)

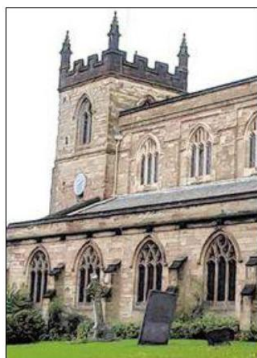
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