

The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers



All Saints Kempston

Annual Report 2017

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Cover picture – All Saints Kempston

The present ring of 10 bells consists of 8 relatively modern bells, tuned in accordance with current practice, and two old bells of 1603 and 1633, which are relatively thin and probably wouldn't survive any attempt to tune them more accurately. When the new steel frame was installed in 1978, consideration (and space) was given to replacing the two older bells, but for financial reasons this wasn't pursued.

Recently two ex-Prinknash Abbey, 1910, Taylors' bells have been made available by The Keltek Trust which are a near perfect replacement for the existing 7th and Tenor bells, which will be hung dead with chiming hammers.

The total cost of the project is £45,000. Grants to support this work have been awarded by the Bedford District Bell Fund, and Bedfordshire Association, amongst many other kind donations. Any help to get to the funding milestone is greatly appreciated, for more information see:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/allsaintschurchkempstonbellsappeal>, or come along to ring on practice nights, Wednesdays from 7:45pm!

Information on the Association's Website - www.bacbr.org.uk

- Association and District events diary
- Association rules
- Association Bell Restoration Fund information
- Details of the Association's insurance cover
- Association Officers from 1882
- Membership forms, subscription and gift aid information
- Towers map and up to date tower contact information
- Association St Peter's Cup 6 bell striking competition – rules and results
- Association safeguarding guidance and 'permission to ring' form
- Jim's Jug raise and lower in peal challenge – rules and results
- BellBoard feed of Bedfordshire peals and other performances



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Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers

Established 13 March 1882

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Right Reverend Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford

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District Officers 2017

Bedford District

Chairman: Alex Nash
Secretary: Robert Jones
Treasurer: Jenny Thompson
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Ringing Master: Ian Townsend
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Sarah Ward, Barbara Woplin

Striking Contest Organisers: Sarah Ward,
District Outing Organiser: Adrienne Sharp
RJ Sharp Bell Fund Rep: Martin Goodwin
Association BRF Rep: Martin Goodwin
Ind. Examiner BRF: Richard Hillson
Ind. Examiner District Accounts: Tim Blunt

Biggleswade District

Chairman: Susan Silver
Secretary: Lucy Croucher
Treasurer: Peter Overfield
Ringing Master: Christine Williams
Committee: Teresa Brown, Linda Garton,
Clarrie Scott

District BRF Treasurer: Clare Francis
RJ Sharp Bell Fund Rep: Linda Garton
Association BRF Rep: John Loveless
Ind. Examiner- BRF & Membership
Accounts: Mary Mann

Luton District

Chairman: Barry Eglesfield
Secretary: Richard Horne
Treasurer: Christopher Catlin
Ringing Master: Alan Shepherd
Committee: Elizabeth Churchill,
Robert Churchill, Barbara Fraser

Striking Contest Organiser: Mary Hartley
District BRF Treasurer: Simon Stranks
RJ Sharp Bell Fund Rep: Simon Stranks
Association BRF Rep: Simon Stranks
Ind. Examiner BRF: Susan Silver
Ind. Examiner District Accounts:
David Adams

Association 2018 Diary – see www.bacbr.org.uk for current details			
Association AGM	Sat 19 May	Leighton Buzzard - see website	
Ridgman Trophy	Sat 17 June	St Peter's, St Albans	
Ringling World National Youth Contest	Sat 7 July	London – details at http://rwnyc.ringingworld.co.uk	
St Peter's Cup Six Bell Striking Competition	Sat 15 September	Eaton Socon	Draw 5.00pm
Melville Cup Striking Competition for Young Ringers	Sun 9 September	Clifton	2.00 - 4.00pm
2019 Forward look			
Biggleswade District ADM	Sat 12 January	Biggleswade	Service 4.30pm Tea 5.15pm Meeting 6.00pm
Bedford District ADM	Sat 19 January	St Peters Bedford	3.30 – 9.00pm
Luton District ADM	Sat 26 January	Silsoe	Ringling 3.30pm Service 4.30pm Tea 5.00pm Meeting 6.00pm
Association AGM	Sat 18 May 2019	St Pauls Bedford	Timings to be confirmed
Association 6 bell Striking Competition	Sat 21 September 2019	To be confirmed	Draw 5.00pm

2018 Subscription rates and other charges		
Membership Category	Rate	Details
Associate Ringing	£5.00	Payable on election
Associate Non-ringing	£2.50	Payable on election / annual
Resident Ringing – under 19s	£2.50	Payable on election / annual
Resident Ringing – 19 and over	£10.00	Payable on election / annual of which £5 is passed to the Association Bell Restoration Fund
Transfer between categories		
From Resident Ringing to Non-resident Ringing	£10.00 (final payment)	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	£10	Payable on 1st January the following year
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	Available from District Secretaries

Association Officer Reports

President's Report

2017 was another busy year for the Association. It started with the usual round of Annual District Meetings, soon followed by the General Committee Meeting. 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 Biggleswade District at St Andrew's Biggleswade. On the 17 June the Association competed in the Ridgman Trophy contest at Great St Mary's Cambridge. This is a 10 bell striking competition for Eastern Region Associations and the test piece was a half course of Yorkshire Royal. The competition was won by the Ely Association with Bedfordshire Runners-up. Well done to all the team and thanks go to Philippa Whittington who organised the team and the practice arrangements.

Our Young Ringers again competed in the Ringing World National Youth Contest held on the 2 July in Birmingham. They were unable to repeat the feat of previous years and came 2nd in the change ringing competition and 3rd overall. The Bedfordshire Team were Clarrie Scott, (Biggleswade), Melissa and Jonathan Nash (St Andrew's Bedford), Cameron White-Spunner (Houghton Regis), Dean De-Matteis (Luton District), Becky Gordon (Dunstable), Tom Monks (Eaton Bray) and Charlotte Francis (Campton) and were under the expert guidance of Linda Garton. It was, as always, a fantastic 'team' effort as they had to ring their test piece, 168 Plain Bob Triples, twice - once in the qualifier at Yardley and again in the final at St Paul's! Another wonderful effort! We also had two travelling reserves, Henry Francis (Campton) and Kristian White-Spunner (Houghton Regis) and they were able to take part in all the activities laid on for the competitors. We will be entering a team in the 2018 competition in London on the 7 July.

The 2017 competition was the last for Melissa Nash as she has now exceeded the age limit but she leaves as having participated in four competitions and winning in three of those. Congratulations and thank you.

I cannot praise our young ringers highly enough for their efforts and commitment to the Association. We continue to run a monthly 'get together' on the 4th Sunday (changing in 2018 to 2nd Sunday) afternoon which is regularly attended by 15/20 young ringers and the sessions are structured for them. This has given them all the opportunity of meeting ringers of a similar age across the Association. I would also like to thank all the ringers and parents who give up their Sunday afternoon to transport these youngsters to the relevant tower and to Linda Garton for running these sessions.

The Association Striking Contest for the St Peter's Cup took place in September hosted by the Bedford District at Colmworth. In a very closely fought contest which was won by Kempston. Congratulations go to all the teams that took part and thanks go to the Colmworth ringers for the excellent tea.

The Young Ringers Competition for the Melville Cup took place during the young ringers meeting in September. The winners were the Luton Band with an excellent exhibition of ringing. All young ringers who attended the afternoon were able to take part.

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 2018 being an equally active and successful year.

Sue Silver, President

Treasurer's Report

This year we have gone from a deficit of £305.99 to a surplus of £204. This was largely due to the changes the Government made in Gift Aid claim dates last year, which resulted in nothing being received in 2016 and an increased amount of £384.10 being received in 2017. We also did not have the one off expense incurred last year of £250 for setting up the new website. Disappointingly, membership numbers are down across each of the districts on last year, from 298 adult resident members and 33 young resident members overall in 2016 to 283 and 26 respectively in 2017. Despite the fall in subscriptions, contributions to the Association Bell Restoration Fund increased from £1,901.46 in 2016 to £2,204.41, thanks to the Gift Aid received. The fund now stands at £12,548.79; however, there have been a number of grants awarded to the sum of £9,500 consisting of £5,000 to Eversholt, £1,000 to Campton and £3,500 to Kempston that will be paid on the completion of the various works.

Timothy Blunt, Honorary Treasurer

Peal Secretary's Report

There were 41 peals rung for the Association this year which is much the same as 2016, these were rung by 86 members in 20 towers, one of which is outside our geographical area. Of particular interest are the first peals on the new 10 at Biggleswade and the refurbished 6 at Bletsoe. Also the same as last year was the number of members ringing their first peal, all of whom deserve our congratulations. On an equally pleasing note there were many ringers who extended their repertoire by ringing peals on more bells or by ringing peals in more complex methods. I will leave it up to you to read the peal details to see just what strides have been achieved.

Personal milestones were reached by Martin Major, 900 peals, John Loveless, 4000 peals, Anthony and Charlotte Smith who have now rung 1000 peals together in the 50 years since their first together and Rosemary and Davina Buckle who remembered the 40th anniversary of their first peal.

As usual many local and national events were celebrated. All in all the footnotes make interesting and informative reading.

Anthony Smith, Honorary Peal Secretary

Points from the peals and details of peals rung for the Association in 2017 are on pages 37 to 40.

Librarian's Report

2017 was again a quiet year with no loans and no new acquisitions. The library catalogue can be found on the Associations website at www.bacbr.org.uk/association/library/. My thanks go to Stephen Stanford who, as reported last year, continues to provide a home for the bulk of the library.

Patrick Albon, Honorary Librarian

Ronald J Sharp Bell Fund Committee Report

This year's Committee were Martin Goodwin (Bedford District) Linda Garton (Biggleswade District), Simon Stranks (Luton District), Sue Silver (President) and Teresa Brown (Honorary Secretary).

We awarded one new grant:

Biggleswade District (on behalf of the Association) – tower donation costs for Bedfordshire Young Ringers monthly, structured training sessions: a grant of up to £150 to provide a tower donation for 12 practices throughout the year.

Updates on previously awarded grants:

St Peter and St Paul, Cranfield: The simulator equipment was delivered and set up and the grant paid.

The Committee's proposal to amend the Fund's Code of Practice 2b, clarifying who grants can be paid to, was passed at the 2017 AGM. The revised Code of Practice is on page 44 and on the Association Website.

Teresa Brown, Honorary Secretary

Association Bell Restoration Fund Report

2017 was the fourth operational year for the Association's Bell Restoration Fund (BRF). The Fund has increased by £2204.41 from £10344.38 at the end of 2016 to 12548.79 as at 31/12/2017. This year's District Representatives on the BRF Committee were Martin Goodwin (Bedford District), John Loveless (Biggleswade District) and Simon Stranks (Luton District).

The BRF Committee met in July to consider two applications for BRF Grants which were both subsequently approved by the General Committee at their meeting in October:

- All Saints, Campton - install a new electrically operated sound management system, £1000.
- All Saints, Kempston - replace the 7th and tenor with two existing bells, minor refurbishment work to existing bells, improve internal acoustics and re-hang the old bells higher in the tower as stationary chiming bells, £3500.

Responding to concerns about BRF governance, a proposal to reduce the number of Trustees on the BRF Committee was made at the AGM but it wasn't passed. At their meeting in October the General Committee considered this matter again and will submit a new proposal at the 2018 AGM.

With three grants, totalling £9500, now approved, more donations to the Fund would be very welcome. Thanks to those who made personal donations and to all members who supported the BRF by a paying a subscription this year.

Teresa Brown, Honorary Secretary

Association Bell Restoration Fund

The BRF was set up in 2013; its aim is to give grants to church authorities within our area towards work to provide, restore, maintain and improve bells and bell installations. Full details and an application form are available on our website www.bacbr.org.uk

If you, or your tower, would like to make a donation to the Fund or have any fundraising ideas please contact the Honorary Secretary:

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Accounts

Receipts and Payments

For the year ending 31/12/2017

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2017				2016			
	General	RJ Sharp	Bell RF	Total Funds	General	RJ Sharp	Bell RF	Total Funds
Receipts								
Income								
Subscriptions								
Annual Membership - Adults	2830.00	-	-	2830.00	2980.00	-	-	2980.00
Annual Membership - Under 19	65.00	-	-	65.00	82.50	-	-	82.50
Associate Member (Ringing)	20.00	-	-	20.00	60.00	-	-	60.00
Assoc. Member (Non Ringing)	10.00	-	-	10.00	10.00	-	-	10.00
Arrears	-	-	-	-	20.00	-	-	20.00
Advance Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	10.00	-	-	10.00
Trading								
Sale of Association Badges	2.00	-	-	2.00	8.00	-	-	8.00
Sale of Reports	-	-	-	-	5.00	-	-	5.00
Income from Report Adverts	126.00	-	-	126.00	109.00	-	-	109.00
Other								
Peal Fees	152.00	-	-	152.00	154.00	-	-	154.00
Gift Aid - HMRC	384.10	-	-	384.10	-	-	-	-
Donation from T-shirt sales	42.00	-	-	42.00	-	-	-	-
Donation from AGM Tea	61.60	-	-	61.60	31.65	-	-	31.65
Donation Mike Matthews	50.00	-	-	50.00	50.00	-	-	50.00
Donation T A Woodhams	-	-	-	-	10.00	-	-	10.00
Donation F Day	10.00	-	-	10.00	-	-	-	-
Donation G Soule	10.00	-	-	10.00	-	-	-	-
Investment Income Interest	12.56	24.15	47.15	83.86	16.82	67.93	73.99	158.74
Total Receipts	3775.26	24.15	47.15	3846.56	3546.97	67.93	73.99	3688.89
Payments								
Charity Expenditure								
Central Council Affiliation Fee	90.00	-	-	90.00	90.00	-	-	90.00
Printing of Annual Report	478.00	-	-	478.00	464.00	-	-	464.00
Other Expenditure								
District Administration								
Expenses	10.50	-	-	10.50	33.49	-	-	33.49
Insurance for Tech. Advisor and								
Public Liability	468.18	-	-	468.18	446.10	-	-	446.10
Ringing World Notices	100.00	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-
Committee Meeting Room Hire	25.00	-	-	25.00	50.00	-	-	50.00
Young Ringers Subs for								
Competition	50.00	-	-	50.00	35.00	-	-	35.00
Young Ringers Events								
Expenses	81.25	-	-	81.25	113.44	-	-	113.44
Young Ringers T-Shirts	90.00	-	-	90.00	300.00	-	-	300.00
Gift for Striking Comp Judges	-	-	-	-	20.00	-	-	20.00
Website	10.49	-	-	10.49	167.99	-	-	167.99
Gift for Web Designer	-	-	-	-	250.00	-	-	250.00
Expenses - President	-	-	-	-	30.47	-	-	30.47
Expenses - Secretary	10.58	-	-	10.58	25.00	-	-	25.00
Young Ringers – use of bells for								
practices	-	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00
Donation to Biggleswade								
Training Centre	-	-	-	-	13000.00	-	-	13000.00
Donation to Cranfield -								
Simulator	-	861.99	-	861.99	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	1414.00	961.99	-	2375.99	2025.49	13100.00	-	15125.49
50% Annual Adult Subs to BRF	(1415.00)	-	1415.00	-	(1505.00)	-	1505.00	-
Associate Ringing Member Subs								
to BRF	(20.00)	-	20.00	-	(60.00)	-	60.00	-
Peal Fees to BRF	(152.00)	-	152.00	-	(154.00)	-	154.00	-
Donations to BRF	(173.60)	-	173.60	-	(91.65)	-	91.65	-
Gift Aid to BRF	(384.10)	-	384.10	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Interest to BRF	(12.56)	-	12.56	-	(16.82)	-	16.82	-
Total Transfer Between Funds	(2157.26)	-	2157.26	-	(1827.47)	-	1827.47	-
Cash Funds at 31/12/2016	2766.33	5297.88	10344.38	18408.59	3072.32	18329.95	8442.92	29845.19
Net Receipts / Payments	204.00	(937.84)	2204.41	1470.57	(305.99)	(13032.07)	1901.46	(11436.60)
Cash Funds at 31/12/2017	2970.33	4360.04	12548.79	19879.16	2766.33	5297.88	10344.38	18408.59

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

For the year ending 31/12/2017

			2017	2016
Cash and Bank Deposits			£	£
1.	General Fund			
	Lloyds Bank Current Account		1426.63	1302.42
	Lloyds Bank Bond – General A/C		1425.58	1408.29
	Cash held by Association Officers		25.12	55.62
	Cash held by Peal Secretary		93.00	0
	Total		2970.33	2766.33
2.	The Ronald J Sharp Bell Fund			
	Lloyds Bank Bond		4360.04	5297.88
	Total		4360.04	5297.88
3.	Bell Restoration Fund			
	Lloyds Bank Bond		12548.79	10344.38
	Total		12548.79	10344.38
Other Monetary Assets				
Debtors				
	Ringing World Balance		52.73	74.03
Investment Assets				
None				
Liabilities (items owed by the Charity)				
Current Liabilities			0	0
Fixed Assets - Estimated Value				
	Library - Books, Periodicals and DVDs		775.00	775.00
	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 District)		250.00	250.00
	Gavel		10.00	10.00
	Reading Glass		10.00	10.00
	Biggleswade District League Trophy		60.00	0
Note				
	Stock of badges – 84 (2016: 85)		134.40	136.00
Independent Examiner's Statement				
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:				
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements				
(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011, and				
(b) to prepare accounts which accord to the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011, have not been met; or				
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.				
Trevor W Groom			27/02/2018	

Summary of District Accounts

For the year ending 31/12/2017

		Bedford		Biggl'wade		Luton		TOTAL			
		£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	£
Ringing Member (Resident)	@	10.00	82	820.00	86	860.00	115	1150.00	283	2830.00	2980.00
Ringing Member (Resident) Under 19s	@	2.50	3	7.50	5	12.50	18	45.00	26	65.00	82.50
Associate Member (Ringing)	@	5.00	0	0.00	4	20.00	0	0.00	4	20.00	60.00
Associate Member (Non-Ringing)	@	2.50	4	10.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	10.00	10.00
Arrears	@	10.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	20.00
Arrears	@	2.50	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Advance Subscription	@	10.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10.00
Sale of Badges	@	2.00	1	2.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	2.00	8.00
Sale of Reports	@	5.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts				839.50		892.50		1195.00		2927.00	3170.50
Less Admin Expenses				-10.50		0.00		0.00		-10.50	-33.49
Net Receipts (To Receipts & Payments A/c)				829.00		892.50		1195.00		2916.50	3137.01
Notes											
Cash balance retained b/f				30.62		25.00		0.00		55.62	23.61
Income for Year				839.50		892.50		1195.00		2927.00	3170.50
Total				870.12		917.50		1195.00		2982.62	3194.11
Less amount paid to Assoc. Lloyds A/c				-689.50		-475.00		-1130.00		-2294.50	-2575.00
Less direct payments into Assoc. Lloyds A/c				-150.00		-432.50		-65.00		-647.50	-530.00
Less expenses				-10.50		0.00		0.00		-10.50	-33.49
Less cash held by Peal Secretary				0.00		-5.00		0.00		-5.00	0.00
Net cash balance c/f				20.12		5.00		0.00		25.12	55.62

District Bell Funds

	Bedford	Biggleswade	Luton	TOTAL	2016
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward	17934.96	4930.86	7494.17	30359.99	37941.81
Income	358.58	839.09	142.52	1340.19	2988.78
Interest	103.31	1.21	1.16	105.68	190.40
Less Grants	-348.00	-	-	-348.00	-10591.00
Less Luton BRF 50 Club Administration	-	-	-160.00	-160.00	-170.00
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	18048.85	5771.16	7477.85	31297.86	30359.99

Notes to the Accounts

Future Liabilities, including grants approved:

Luton District 50 Club Prizes	-	-	-	-	160.00
Campton		887.00		887.00	
Kempston	5000.00	-	-	5000.00	
Eversholt	-	-	3000.00	3000.00	
District Bell Fund Grants					
Elstow	348.00	-	-	348.00	

District Bell Fund Grants made and approved in 2017

Biggleswade District: No grants paid but £887 approved to All Saints, Campton for a new sound control project; work and expenditure expected during 2018.

Bedford District: £348.00 for new ropes for St Mary and St Helena, Elstow. £5000 approved to All Saints, Kempston for two replacement bells and other works.

Luton District: No grants paid but £3000 approved to St John the Baptist, Eversholt towards the cost of a new bell frame and fittings.

Contacts for District Bell Fund grant applications

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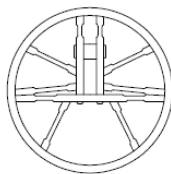
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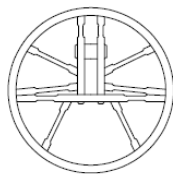
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District Reports

Bedford District

The year began with the Annual District Meeting which was held at St Peter's, Bedford.

Ian Townsend was elected District Ringing Master, as James Saunders wished to hand over after ably fulfilling this role for several years. All other current post-holders were elected unopposed, clearly indicating that the members are satisfied with the status quo. There was little activity during quarter-peal week, and also the proposed Bike n' Hike District cycling day in September was cancelled due to lack of support. Regular 3rd Monday District practices at St Paul's Bedford have continued, encouraged by Matthew Bareham, and run by Ian.

One very successful event was the District Outing, arranged once again by Adrienne Sharp, with some local knowledge from Andrew Spencer. Thirty ringers enjoyed the day, or parts of it, visiting six towers to the Northwest of Milton Keynes: Old Wolverton, Cosgrove, Calverton, Wicken, Potterspury and Blisworth. The distance to travel was reasonable and the refreshments en route were excellent.

The District Striking Contest was held at Stagsden, where six teams entered the Methods contest. Bromham won the cup, pushing Kempston into 2nd place. The home tower won the Hammond Cup for their Rounds ringing.

The District hosted the Association Striking Contest in September at Colmworth, where Kempston succeeded in regaining the St Peter's Cup by beating Biggleswade into 2nd place by the narrowest of margins.

Bedford District was unable to enter a Young Ringers team for the Melville Cup, although two of our ringers were selected to ring for Bedfordshire in the Ringing World National Youth Contest.

Nathan Cooke, a young ringer from Elstow was awarded the Eddie Jeffries Trophy. Nathan had become an enthusiastic ringer, taught and encouraged by Stephen Stanford and Sarah Ward.

The Summer Holiday young ringers practices were not well attended, despite Barbara Woplin's efforts to liaise with towers.

Kempston organised a Little Bob Training Morning, primarily for District ringers. This was well received by the students, who were grateful to Ian and Anna for their time and the effort taken in preparation, and the helpers, mostly Kempston ringers with some from other towers, for their patience.

Ian has been advertising District Meetings by producing posters detailing the time and place, and also specifying methods to be rung, so everyone has the opportunity to prepare and expand their repertoire and confidence.

In conclusion, I would like to thank, on behalf of the District members, the incumbents, Church wardens and tower contacts who have permitted our ringing meetings to take place and for the use of the bells and facilities.

Bob Jones, District Secretary

Biggleswade District

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

This year we set up a District Striking Competition league, with the objectives of improving the overall standard of ringing by, not only, taking part in the competition but also assisting in practices at other towers. Each team played a home and away

fixture against each of the other participants. The fixtures took place on the home team's practice night. 6 towers took part and it was deemed a success by all who took part in it. It was a very close competition the eventual winners being Clifton. On the 11th February we rang five quarter peals, which included various 'firsts' for district ringers. We also took the opportunity to ring the first quarter peal since augmentation at Biggleswade. The District Striking Competition was held at Haynes in March with 5 teams taking part. Clifton were the winners in the change ringing competition and Henlow the rounds competition. Clifton together with Biggleswade represented the District at the Association Competition in September at Colmworth. My thanks go to the judges David Kemp and Emma Southerington.

The Annual Outing took place on the 13th May with 6 towers in Cambridgeshire visited. It was, as always, a very enjoyable day.

On the 1st July the National Young Ringers Competition took place in Birmingham. Bedfordshire Young Ringers unfortunately were unable to follow up their previous successes but were worthy runners up in the change ringing competition and third overall. This District was represented by Clarrie Scott, who very ably conducted the test piece of Plain Bob Triples, and Charlotte Francis. Henry Francis was one of the travelling reserves.

The Association Striking Competition for the St Peter's Cup in September was hosted by the Bedford District at Colmworth. It was again a very close competition and was won by Kempston, with Biggleswade 2nd and Clifton 4th. The Melville Cup Competition was held during the Young Ringers Monthly practice in September at Clifton. The District was able to raise a team for the first time in three years and they acquitted themselves very well.

The December meeting was, as always, devoted to the Christmas Social organised by the Biggleswade ringers ably assisted by members of the Committee. Thank you to all those who helped out, too numerous to mention by name, who, as always, 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

The past year in the Luton District has followed the same pattern of events and meetings as for the previous few years.

Eleven meetings were held during the year with an average attendance of 17. This does include some visitors from other Districts and elsewhere. The average attendance is again slightly lower than last year which, disappointingly, is showing a downward trend (the average being 18 in 2016 and 21 in 2015). In respect of District members the average attendance was between 13 and 14. However the lowest attendance was for the meeting in August at Eversholt, when only 10 members were present. This was the final District event at which to ring on these bells before the restoration project began – an experience not to have been missed! We look forward to ringing on them when the work is complete.

The District Striking Contest was held at Silsoe where five teams entered – two in the method competition and three in the rounds and call change competition. The judges this year were Alex and Melissa Nash from Bedford. In the method competition Dunstable were placed first with Silsoe second, while the rounds and call change competition Eaton Bray were once again the winners, with Houghton Regis second and Dunstable third. I would like to thank Silsoe for hosting this event and for

providing refreshments. At the Association Striking Contest, held at Colmworth, Dunstable had to enter as a scratch team owing to two members being unavailable, at short notice, for family reasons. Although being placed third in the judging the team was excluded from the final results. Silsoe were placed fifth.

At the District AGM, in January, the existing officers were re-elected for a further year. I appeal once again for some new people to join the Committee and so if you are able to give some time please don't hesitate to get in touch. My thanks go to the ringers of Aspley Guise and Husborne Crawley for the arrangements on the day and to the incumbent of Aspley Guise and Husborne Crawley for the use of the bells.

Over the past year we have elected 7 new members. The membership within our District is currently 138, of which there are 18 young ringers. This represents a slight decrease on the previous year when the membership total stood at 146.

As reported last year, the church at Upper Gravenhurst has been closed for some time. Owing to delays in the legal process, the bells remain in the tower. It appears that the process is finally coming to a conclusion although, because of the delays, it is unclear whether the bells will be bought by the intended purchaser.

On Saturday 1 July five young ringers (Rebecca Gordon, Tom Monks, Cameron White-Spunner and Dean De-Matteis, with Kristian White-Spunner as one of the reserves, from this District took part in The National Young Ringers Striking Competition held, this time, in Birmingham. Our team won their heat at Yardley and in the final, ringing Plain Bob Triples, were placed joint second – a very creditable performance and congratulations to all involved. It is also good to see that a number of our young ringers are keen to attend the monthly Sunday afternoon practices and this District won the young ringers striking competition. We should not forget the support and organisation provided by the adult 'helpers' without whom these events would not happen.

I would like to conclude by extending my sincere thanks to Incumbents and Tower contacts for the use of the bells and to all of you for your support during the past year.

Barry Eglesfield, District Chairman

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Alan S Smith, Anthony H Smith

Non-Resident Life Members

James Buckenham, Mike Cassell, Geoffrey Dann, Keith H Fleming, Avril Ivin,
David Lazzerini, Lynda Lazzerini, Brian Makeham, Martyn J Marriott, Clive G Smith

Associate Non-Ringing Members

Now shown under their respective towers

Associate Ringing Members elected in 2017

Simon E Adams (1701), Davina Buckell (1695), Elizabeth Cranfield (1690),
Yvonne Towler (1693), Harm Jan A de Kok (1694)

Resident Members transferred to Non-Resident Membership

Lyndsey Brett, Natalie Brett, Nicholas Brett, Samantha Brett, Jeff Claughton,
Sandra Claughton, Rachel Darwood, Robert Hornby, James Howlett,
Michael Trimm, Jessica Sawyers, Heather Waters

Resident Ringing Members elected in 2017

Name	No.	Tower	Date
Nichola Hele	1691	Amphthill	14 January
Angela Newberry	1692	Amphthill	14 January
Nathan Cooke	1162	Elstow	21 January
Karen Rogers	1163	Bedford St Paul	21 January
Angela Norris	1693	Northill	23 March
Gemma Johnson	2559	Dunstable	28 January
Victoria Ward	2260	Houghton Regis	28 January
Kristian White-Spunner	2261	Houghton Regis	28 January
Angie Lewis	2262	Cranfield	22 April
Janet Miller	2263	Linslade	22 July
Richard Fullbrook	2264	Flitwick	22 July
Ann Pawley	2265	Leighton Buzzard	22 July

Member and Tower Listing Notes

Ringing times are 24-hour clock

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

PN – Practice night, GF – Ground floor ring

AC – Anti-clockwise ring

Tenor weights are given as hundredweights-quarters-pounds.

An Ordnance Survey grid reference is given for each tower.

* denotes Life Members

◇ denotes Honorary Life Members

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Bedford District

Unattached Members

Rosemary Buckle, Rebecca Sharp

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

Sunday: 09.30

PN: Thursday 19.45-21.00

Barbara Woplin, 3 Windsor Gardens, Bedford, MK40 3BU

01234 346852 barbara.jean1@btinternet.com

Lisa Boyden, Gareth Burrows, Viki Evans, Richard Gallivan, David Heaslip,
Philip Kino, Alex Nash, Caroline Nash, Jonathan Nash, Melissa Nash,
Barbara Woplin

BEDFORD St Paul (12) 28-3-6 in D TL049496

Sunday: 09.30

PN: Monday 19.30-21.00

Sunday evening by arrangement

No tower contact information at time of printing - check website

www.bacbr.org.uk/towers/ for latest situation.

Matthew Bareham, John Long*, Karen Rogers, James Saunders,
Christopher Wagstaff

BEDFORD St Peter de Merton (8) 12-1-0 in F# TL051501

Sunday: 09.40

PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00

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

01234 854294 stpetersbedford@bacbr.org.uk

Lorraine Andrews*, David Cowley, Margaret Cowley, Ann Desics, Emily Entwistle,
Richard Entwistle, Susan Entwistle, Lynn Goodwin, Martin Goodwin,
Sylvia MacDowell

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

Sunday: None

PN: None

Brian Toyn, 30 Days Lane, Biddenham, MK40 4AE

01234 211716 bdtoyn30@talktalk.net

Peter Culverwell, Brian Toyn

BLETSGOE 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 bletsoebells@btinternet.com

Andrew Fyvie, Trish Vine, Paul Vine

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

Sunday: None

PN: None

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01234 376024 jameshills2@sky.com

BROMHAM St Owen (8) 22-3-18 in Eb TL013512
Sunday: 09.45, check 4th PN: Tuesday 19.45-21.15
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01234 881741 bromham@bacbr.org.uk

Robert Gornall, Derek Hammond ♦, Steve Hare, Andrew Heyman, George Ilett,
Robert Jones, Adrienne Sharp, Elizabeth Walshe

CARDINGTON St Mary (8) 19-1-1 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

Rev'd Stephen Smith

CARLTON St Mary (6) 9-2-7 in Ab SP952549
Sunday: 10.30 1st & 4th PN: Friday 19.30-21.00
alternate with Harrold

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Ann Boyle

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: 10.00 4th PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00
alternate with Renhold, Tuesday

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01234 376887 stephenandfelicity@btinternet.com

Humphrey Chetwynd-Talbot, Felicity Evans

ELSTOW St Mary and St Helena (6) 8-2-0 in G TL049474
Sunday: 11.00 and 18.00 PN: Friday 20.00-21.00
Stephen Stanford, 34 Wood End Road, Kempston, MK43 9BB
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Nathan Cooke, Miriam Clark (deceased), Don MacFarlane, Richard Marshall,
Stephen Stanford*, Sarah Ward*

FELMERSHAM St Mary (8) 20-2-18 in Eb SP991578
Sunday: 10.30 PN: Joint at Sharnbrook, Tuesday
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01234 781649 mail@mikebenson08.plus.com

Mike Benson, Jane Brunetti, David Carter, Wendy Freegard, Caroline Jones,
Elizabeth Nicholls

GOLDINGTON St Mary (6) 10-2-7 in F# TL076510

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

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01234 216571 goldington@bacbr.org.uk

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Roger Framp, Jean Heaslip, Dorothy Kirby, Hazel Spencer, Doug Taylor,
Jenny Thompson

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

Sunday: 09.00 2nd, 3rd & 4th PN: Friday 19.30-21.00

alternate with Carlton

Martin Barratt, 86 The Moor, Carlton, MK43 7JS

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KEMPSTON All Saints (10) 17-2-4 in E TL015480

Sunday: 10.00 PN: Wednesday 19.45-21.00

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Cliff Izzard ♦, Andrew Keech, Ros Keech*, Thomas Keech*, Melvyn Potts,
Anna Townsend, Ian Townsend

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

Sunday: 09.45 3rd PN: Wednesday 19.45-21.00

Mrs Penny Heming, Pump Cottage, Keysoe Row East, Keysoe, MK44 2JB

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Carol Burge, Ro Heming, James Hills, 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

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

Sunday: Phone to check PN: None

Rev'd Stephen Holroyd, The Rectory, High Street, Upper Dean, PE28 0ND

01234 709740 stephenholroyd@btinternet.com

MILTON ERNEST All Saints (6) 9-1-1 in G TL020561

Sunday: None PN: Wednesday 19.00-20.00

Except 1st - joint at Thurleigh

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01234 823402 MiltonErnest@bacbr.org.uk

Lesley Hattersley

OAKLEY St Mary (6) 10-0-2 in G TL011530
 Sunday: 9.00 1st & 5th; 10.00 2nd, 3rd & 4th PN: Friday 20.00-21.15
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RENHOLD All Saints (6) 13-0-15 in F# TL089528
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 alternate with Colmworth, Thursday
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RISELEY All Saints (6) 13-1-26 in F TL039631
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 David Shaw

SHARNBROOK St Peter (8) 9-3-5 in F# SP993596
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 01234 782251 sharnbrook@bacbr.org.uk
 Jacque Albon, Patrick Albon, Tom Anderson*, Rosemary Drewery, Kathryn Stenton

STAGSDEN St Leonard (6) 10-2-18 in G (GF) SP982491
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 Richard Brown, Manor Farm, High Street, Stagsden, MK42 8SQ
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STEVINGTON St Mary (5) 10-2-14 in F# (GF) SP990536
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 Peter Bishop, Rosemary Maclaine

- SWINESHEAD** St Nicholas (5) 2-2-7 in F TL058659
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- THURLEIGH** St Peter (6) 14-0-0 in F# (GF) TL051584
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 1st only, others joint with Milton Ernest
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 01234 771667 nigelmustoe@msn.com
- TURVEY** All Saints (8) 19-0-20 in E SP940525
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 Richard Bray
- UPPER DEAN** All Hallows (5) 9-3-20 in G (GF) TL046676
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- WOOTTON** St Mary (6) 14-3-26 in F TL003451
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 Richard Reeves

Biggleswade District

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Barbara Beard

- AMPTHILL** St Andrew (8) 13-3-6 in Ab TL037383
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 Hilary Nellist, Angela Newberry, Christopher Shrimpton

ARLESEY St Peter (6) 10-3-15 in G TL192375
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 alternate with Meppershall
 Peter Overfield, 10 Peartree Close, Shefford, SG17 5JG
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Don Brace, Brian Juffs, Katie Juffs, Elizabeth Overfield*, Peter Overfield*

BIGGLESWADE St Andrew (10) 13-1-3 in F TL188446
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 Clarrie Scott, Alan Smith ♦, Anthony Smith ♦, Charlotte Smith*, Sheila Smith*,
 Elaine Taylor*, Christine Williams, Beryl Worsley*, John E Worsley*, Martyn Worsley*

BLUNHAM St Edmund (6) 18-2-0 in Eb TL153512
 Sunday: Check PN: Wednesday 19.00-20.30
 alternate with Tempsford and Sandy,
 phone to check

David Collins, 2 The Barns, Blunham, MK44 3LY
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CAMPTON All Saints (8) 6-2-10 in B (GF) TL130381
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 Kaitlin Woodland

CLIFTON All Saints (8) 10-0-6 in G TL166393
 Sunday: 10.00 and 18.00 1st, 2nd & 3rd PN: Friday 19.00- 21.00
 Learners 19.00-19.45

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 Shaun Somerville, Philippa Whittington

COPLE All Saints (6) 8-1-0 in G# (AC) TL103485
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 Mike Vacher, 91 Willington Road, Cople, MK44 3TN
 01234 831207 vacher309@btinternet.com

Patricia Briscoe, Lucy Croucher, Phillipa Ebbs, Susan Hillyard, David Prior,
 Judy Prior, Alex Sturgeon, Mike Vacher

EATON SOCON St Mary (8) 13-2-24 in F TL170588
Sunday: 10.00 except 8.30 1st PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
(19.45 start in winter months)
Sue Matthews suejmatthews@outlook.com

Owen Davis, D Graham Hall, Maureen Hall, Michael Matthews*, Sue Matthews,
Mary Parnham, Wendy Piercy*, Christopher Spencer

GREAT BARFORD All Saints (5) 15-3-16 in F (GF) TL134517
Sunday: 09.00 1st, 2nd and 4th PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00
except 4th - joint at Roxton
Christopher Branch, 107 Chapel Field, Great Barford, MK44 3JT
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HAYNES St Mary (6) 6-3-5 in B (GF) TL081412
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Brian Oertel

HENLOW St Mary (8) 14-2-0 in F# TL178387
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James Burgess, Stuart Cracknell, Carol Donnelly, Heather Jewell, Philip Jewell,
Martin Major*, Randall Perrey

MAULDEN St Mary (8) 10-2-0 in F# TL058381
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Mark Garner*, Mary Mann*, Yvonne Tomkins*

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alternate with Arlesey
John Parsons, 17 Shillington Road, Meppershall, SG17 5ND
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David Bartlett, Anne Parsons*, John Parsons*, Elizabeth Wade*

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OLD WARDEN St Leonard (6) 9-1-0 in G (GF) TL136443

Sunday: None

PN: None

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19.30-20.30

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Sunday: Check

PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00

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Luton District

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Christopher Hartley, Mary Hartley, Garth Holman, Heather Holman, Jane Leslie,
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 Sunday: 09.30 PN: 2nd Wednesday 19.30-21.00
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 Rose Nightingale, Adrian Roberts, Gaye Soule, Bob Stilliard, Sharon Stilliard,
 Richard Stroud

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 Sunday: None PN: None
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 Victoria Ward, Cameron White-Spunner, Kristian White-Spunner

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PN: Monday 19.45-21.30

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Jonathan Pawley, Lizzie Pawley, Kevin Pughe, Robert Tregillus

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Janesse Cornfoot, Felicity Goss, Simon Head, Chris Hewett, Anne Hoxey,
Janet Miller, Sam Pearce, Peter Phillips, Harry Roberts, Janice Robinson,
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Sunday: 09.45

PN: Tuesday 18.30-20.00
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Sunday: None

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PN: Wednesday 20.00-21.00

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 John Wilkins

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 Wendy Whaley

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 No tower contact information at time of printing - check website
www.bacbr.org.uk/towers/ for latest situation.

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 Michael Buckingham, Peter Little, John Luckman, Julie Luckman, Peter Luff,
 Tom Luff, Geraldine Moore, David Moorhouse, Joy Moorhouse, Alun Sharp,
 Janice Sharp, Sarah Sharp, Marina Torselli

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Association Events and Activities

Melville Cup Striking Competition for Young Ringers

The Melville Cup Competition was held on the September Young Ringers Training afternoon held at All Saints, Clifton. Everyone who came was able to take part in a District or 'scratch' team. Frank Rivett judged the Luton District team the winners.

St Peter's Cup - Association Six Bell Striking Competition

Bedford District hosted this year's competition at St Denys, Colmworth on 16 September. Six teams rang but only five were eligible for the competition itself, with Dunstable entering a 'scratch' band. The local ringers provided excellent refreshments throughout the afternoon which everyone appreciated. The judges were Chris and Ruth Stokes from Cosgrove who marked the ringing as the number of faults. Chris said that all the teams had made a good effort with Kempston judged the winners.

Place	Team	Judge's Comments	Faults	Rang
1	Kempston	Settled down into a very nice steady piece of ringing	6	1
2	Biggleswade	Good ringing but some unevenness	7	6
3	Bromham	Rang well once settled, although leading was inconsistent	24	2
4	Clifton	Generally nice ringing but a bit erratic	25	3
5	Silsoe	Some uneven ringing and method mistakes	28	5
-	Dunstable (scratch team)	Good but didn't settle as it should, a bit cautious and hesitant	18	4



Ian Townsend (and daughter) receiving the St Peter's cup, on behalf of the winning Kempston band, from Chris Stokes. Photo: Terry Brown

Ringling World National Youth Striking Competition

Our Young Ringers took part in the Ringing World National Youth Striking Contest on 1st July in Birmingham. Ringing 168 changes Plain Bob Triples they won their qualifier heat at Yardley and went on to the final to finish joint 2nd in the Method Ringing category with a B+ score.

Many congratulations to ringers – Clarrie Scott, who very ably conducted the ringing, Rebecca Gordon, Charlotte Francis, Tom Monks, Jonathan Nash, Melissa Nash, Cameron White-Spunner and Dean De-Matteis. Reserves Henry Francis and Kristian White-Spunner joined in the day's activities but didn't need to ring in the competition. Thanks to everyone who took part and helped on the day. Thanks also to all the other young ringers, helpers and parents who make our young ringers practices so enjoyable and successful and who have given such tremendous support throughout the year. Special thanks to Linda Garton and Sue Silver for everything they do to make sure this all happens!



The Bedfordshire team and reserves:

Front, left to right: Kristian White-Spunner (reserve), Clarrie Scott (conductor), Rebecca Gordon, Charlotte Francis, Tom Monks.

Back, left to right: Jonathan Nash, Melissa Nash, Cameron White-Spunner, Dean De-Matteis, Henry Francis (reserve). Photo: Linda Garton

Ridgman Trophy Ten Bell Striking Competition – 17 June, Great St Mary, Cambridge

This year's competition was hosted by the Cambridge Youths at Great St Mary, Cambridge. It was judged by David Hull and David Richards. The test piece was Yorkshire Royal. The Bedfordshire team were placed 2nd.

Place	Team	Rang	Marks %
1	Ely Diocesan Guild	3	86
2	Bedfordshire Association	1	72
3	Lincoln Diocesan Guild	2	67
4	Suffolk Diocesan Guild	5	64
5	Hertford County Association	4	63
6	Peterborough Diocesan Guild	6	62
7	Cambridge University Guild	7	53

Congratulations to the Bedfordshire team and thanks to Philippa Whittington for organising the team.



The Bedfordshire band, clockwise from front right, Charlotte Smith, Ros Keech, Philippa Whittington, Anthony Smith, Matthew Johnson, Cameron White-Spunner, Stephen Stanford, Russell Brown, John Loveless, Frank Rivett.

Photo: Ely Association

Obituary

Miriam Florence Clark (1926 – 2017)

Miriam Clark passed away on 21 August aged 91, following a relatively short illness of about 18 months that she bore with considerable fortitude. She served Elstow Abbey as Tower Captain for 50 years (from 1965 until 2015), as Churchwarden under four different incumbents for 25 of these, as a founder member and trustee of the Friends of Elstow Abbey, PCC member, and in various other capacities. Her passing marks the end of an era at Elstow during which she was very much at the heart of all matters. She will be remembered with considerable affection, not only for her stalwart support of the Church over many years, but also her determined and forthright manner and wry sense of humour that, depending on one's perspective, could be the source of some amusement. She knew how things should be done, and those who did not 'pass muster' were unlikely to be left in much doubt about it!

Miriam was born on 15 June 1926 in Great Barford, the middle daughter of Katherine and William Pettitt, who owned a farm on Bedford Hill. Along with her sisters, Norah and Mary she attended Great Barford Village School and then progressed to Bedford Girls Modern School (later Dame Alice Harpur and now Bedford Girls' School). She attended the Sunday school at All Saints Great Barford, and later helped to run it. Her uncle Harry had a car hire business in the village and later set up Barfordian Coaches (in later years the firm became popular for ringing outings organised by local towers). She spent the war years as a member of the Women's Land Army and working on her parents' farm, a time that she remembered with considerable affection.

Miriam learnt to ring after the war time ban ended in 1943 at Tempsford, and I believe she was taught by Reg Houghton (Reg and Flo Houghton were stalwart members of the Biggleswade District over many years and seldom missed a monthly meeting). Her name first appears in the Bedfordshire Association Annual Report in 1946, the first report following the war. She is listed under Tempsford, alongside fellow ringers Mildred Hull (her Aunt), Berril Bull, Joan Harding, Florence Read, and Reg Houghton. (The Tempsford pre-war band had also included several notable Bedfordshire ringers. These included Eddie Jeffries, Bryan Simms, and Henry Harding; their absence from the 1946 report presumably attributable to war service). Needless to say, Miriam was well taught and knew how to achieve and enjoy good striking.

Miriam continued to ring at Tempsford until 1950 after which she became a member at Great Barford along with her Aunt, now Mildred Marshall, who shortly after became Tower Captain at St Mary's Goldington. For much of the early 50s Miriam was the only Bedfordshire Association member at Great Barford although there were other ringers in the band; until 1957 when she moved to Bedford and her name first appears as a ringer at Elstow.

Miriam became Tower Captain at Elstow in 1965 taking over from Bob Huckle at a time when Elstow ringing was probably at its best, and shortly after the major restoration of the tower in 1964, an event commemorated on a peal board in the tower that was Miriam's last peal and only peal at Elstow. Members of the band of that period included Martyn Marriott and Kate Rivett. Martyn fondly recalls that, as the only car owner, (a red Austin 1100 registration 435 JTM) Miriam frequently transported members of the band to all parts of the county for Saturday meetings and mid week practices. A wide range of methods were rung for both Sunday services (I especially recall Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, College Exercise, and Single Oxford), and the Friday night practices were generally a sell-out, with barely sufficient space in the ringing chamber to accommodate everyone. This could be somewhat problematic, especially in the winter months when the centrally located paraffin heater belched fumes into the ringing room, and following installation of the ringing chamber ceiling in 1964, the bells became inaudible inside the tower and were broadcast over a home built valve amplifier system that did little to enhance their already dubious musical qualities.

As Tower Captain Miriam presided over the introduction of a large number of young ringers; mainly Wilf Taylor's cast-offs from the choir whose voices had broken and who had perhaps become a little too unmanageable to be passed off as angelic choir boys. There was also the attraction of wedding ringing fees to supplement pocket money! Most of these (including myself) were taught to ring by Bob Huckle and Martyn Marriott, and other regular visitors such as Bob Piron. It is a tribute to their efforts, and Miriam's captaincy, that eight of them still ring today at various churches across the country.

My first meeting with Miriam was perhaps not the most encouraging. I had persuaded Bob Huckle to take me to the ringing practice one Friday evening after choir practice. I would have been about 9 or 10 at the time and was keen to learn to ring. I remember that Bob received a bit of an ear bashing from this rather fearful lady – "Who's that, he shouldn't be up here" - or words to that effect. (In fairness, Elstow choirboys had something of a reputation, generally not for their singing abilities, and there were already a quite unmanageable number of them in the tower). Fortunately, Bob knew Miriam well, and I was soon on the end of a rope. It was a life-changing moment – the rest is history!

I subsequently learnt that this was Miriam's way. She could be wary of strangers or newcomers until she knew them better. Yet beneath the apparently frosty exterior, there was a different kind and generous person with, at times, a risqué sense of humour. She was fiercely competitive – she delighted at winning bowling trophies (her other principal pastime that required equally accurate striking!) and in particular the striking competition that the Elstow band won for a number of consecutive years. She was always proud at having the cup presented at the Sunday Morning service the

following day, and she was equally displeased if we did not win! Miriam was an avid reader of the Ringing World and this continued until the final few weeks of her life – there was always a pile of Ringing Worlds on the window ledge at the care home. She would follow the exploits of Elstow ringers past and present that were published there, often commenting on their exploits. She usually had an opinion, apparently critical, but kindly intended and said with a wry smile and raised eyebrows. She was very much a traditionalist and she certainly did not approve or encourage those who travelled the length and breadth of the country to ring peals on a Sunday rather than remaining loyal to supporting their local band. Ringing was, above all else, a service to the Church and the village. Beyond this, Miriam was always encouraging – taking many of us to district meetings and practices, and for many years – until after the time that I left for university – there was the familiar small package each Christmas containing a Ringer's Diary; a subtle hint to learn a few of the methods contained within it!

Miriam began her working life in the Bedford showroom of Eastern Gas after the war, where she progressed through various accounting roles. She received a long service award in September 1967 for 25 years service and later moved to the Luton regional office from where she eventually retired. It was at Eastern Gas that she met her future husband Joseph Clark and they married at Elstow in September 1969. Sadly her married life was shortened when Joe passed away in February 1978. Joe was keen on bowling and fishing, pastimes that they enjoyed during their relatively short life together. I fondly recall my visits to the gas showroom on the corner of Dame Alice Street, usually to collect the tower key so that we could do maintenance work or ring the bells up in advance of a wedding; the key then, as instructed, returned through her letter box at her home in Garnith Close, Kempston. She never entrusted us with it until much later – I was probably in my 30's!

Miriam served on the Bedfordshire Association Bedford District Committee for a number of years (between 1960 and 1974). Although she rang in and enjoyed many quarter peals, she rang just seven peals. Her first was at Eaton Socon on 27 December 1947; the second to Plain Bob Minor with Henry Harding conducting. It was also the first peal for Lionel Clarke and Leslie Mardin and the other ringers were Bryan Simms ringing the tenor and Charles Blain on the treble. Her other peals were at Stagsden, Old Warden, Cardington, Maulden and Silsoe.

Miriam was a regular participant with the 'Bedfordshire Young Ringers', a group that started in the late 40s, travelling to ringing holidays around the country, often by bicycle and staying in church halls and youth hostels. Organised by Rev Michael Stephens they still meet each year for a day of ringing reminiscing, and socialising, including recent visits to Elstow. She was also a keen member of the Bedford District Tail-Enders, a group for retired local ringers, regularly attending the monthly meetings and pub lunches until quite recently when illness prevented her from doing so.



Miriam at Elstow Abbey in June 2015 following the service and presentation to commemorate her 50 years as Tower Captain and 89th birthday.

We celebrated Miriam's 50 years as Elstow Tower Captain at the time of her 89th birthday in June 2015, with a lunch and special Evensong conducted by Rev Stephen Smith (Vicar of Cardington and himself a ringer and good friend of Miriam). Shortly after this Miriam quite suddenly stopped attending services and became very reclusive. We knew there was something wrong, but the kind offers of help and support from neighbours and friends were mostly declined or avoided and it was not until she was finally rushed into Bedford hospital a year or so later that an incurable blood condition was diagnosed.

Miriam was comfortable and very well cared for during her final year or so at Dukeminster Court care home in Dunstable. Relieved of the stress and worry of looking after herself and her bungalow she was happy and relaxed, perhaps more than she had ever been, especially enjoying the meals there – "Very good, just like the Elstow Red Lion", she said. Despite the frequent hospital visits for blood transfusions, her discomfort, and failing mobility she was remarkably accepting of her condition and never complained. She was always very happy to receive letters and visitors; Stephen Smith took her communion at Easter, and she was especially interested to know about ringing and ringers and the goings and comings at Elstow. We celebrated her 91st birthday in June - Miriam, Tim her nephew, and the care home staff

- with a large cake and handbell ringing in her room – Alan Shepherd, Becky Gordon and I. Despite her by then very frail condition, she loved it and we had to ring twice! She often talked about this on subsequent visits.

Elstow ringing, as in many places, has waxed and waned over the years, but one way or another Miriam ensured the ringing continued, and there was seldom if ever a period when there was not ringing for both Sunday services, Friday night practice, and for any weddings and funerals requiring it.

Although not a prolific peal or method ringer it was through commitment and loyalty at grass roots level that made Miriam the kind of person on which the foundations of ringing are built and without which it could not continue.

Miriam's funeral service held at Elstow Abbey on 26 September was attended by around 100 family and friends including many ringers. The service included the Bunyan Hymn – always referred to by Miriam as "Our hymn", and tributes by Tim Casterton, her nephew, Jenny Chance, her niece, Rev Stephen Smith, and Stephen Stanford. The service was preceded with half-muffled ringing by the local band and immediately followed by 120 Grandsire Doubles rung by a band with an average age of 78.6 years, including representatives of the 'Bedfordshire Young Ringers'. She would have very much liked that! Later in the day a half-muffled Quarter Peal in Miriam's favourite methods (Single Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob), was rung by past and present members and associates of the Elstow band, and conducted by Frank Rivett who, of the band, had known Miriam for the longest time.

I will end with Miriam's words as she left the bell tower every Sunday evening; they have become legendary. She would exclaim in her scary school mistress voice, "Don't forget the clock", and as she got half way down the stairs – "And put the lights out" – and disappearing in the direction of the church – "And remember to shut the door". How could we forget! May she rest in peace.

Stephen Stanford

Elstow - Abbey Church of St Mary and St Helena

Tuesday, 26 September 2017

120 Grandsire Doubles

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| 1. Clifford W Izzard | 4. Alan M Shepherd (C) |
| 2. Robert R Churchill | 5. Martyn J Marriott |
| 3. Alan S Smith | 6. Frank W Rivett |

Rung half-muffled in fond memory of Miriam F Clark (50 years Tower Captain) immediately following her funeral service; the ringers of 1 and 3 representing the Bedfordshire 'Young' Ringers, of which Miriam was a member.

See peal number 4251 also Quarter Peals in the Ringing World 5556, 20/10/17, pages 1042 and 1047

Points from the Peals

Congratulations to the following members who rang their first peal in 2017

Date	Ringer	Bell rung and method	Tower
22 April	Rebecca J Sharp	Tenor, Stedman Triples	Sharnbrook
11 June	Samantha L Brett	5th, Cambridge Major	Linslade
20 Aug	Caroline N Pawley	4th, Cambridge Major	Campton

Congratulations also to Cameron White-Spunner who rang his first hand-bell peal on 18 November on 1-2 to Plain Bob Minor at Campton.

Members who rang ten or more peals

Anthony H Smith	24
Charlotte M Smith	21
Russell A Brown	21
John P Loveless	19
Martin Major	15
Philippa M Whittington	14
Frank W Rivett	12
Stephen H Stanford	10

Members who conducted more than one peal

Anthony H Smith	15
John P Loveless	8
Stephen H Stanford	6
Frank W Rivett	3
Peter J Waterfield	3
Peter G C Ellis	2

Towers where more than one peal was rung

Campton	11	Kempston	3
Biggleswade	4	Potton	2
Clifton	3	Southill	2
Henlow	3		

Methods rung

Doubles 1	Minor 16	Triples 1	Major 16	Caters 4	Royal 3
6 Methods 1	7 Surprise 6	Stedman 1	Cambridge 7	Grandsire 3	Cambridge 2
	7 Methods 3		Bristol 2	Plain Bob 1	London 1
	4 Methods 1		Superlative 2		
	41 Surprise 1		5 Spliced S 1		
	6 Methods 1		8 Spliced S 1		
	6 Plain 1		Gerrards Cross		
	8 Surprise 1		Delight 1		
	Cambridge 1		London 1		
	Plain Bob 1		Yorkshire 1		

2017 Peals

Peal no. 4212 including 67on handbells

BIGGLESWADE, St Andrew

Saturday Jan 7 2h58

5040 Plain Bob Caters

Comp: A H Smith

- 1 Clarrie O Scott
- 2 Kate J Scott
- 3 Alan S Smith
- 4 Christine A Williams
- 5 Yvonne E Humberstone
- 6 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 7 Charlotte M Smith
- 8 Paul J Chandler
- 9 James K Eggleston
- 10 Guy C Scott

By the local band to celebrate completion of the project to restore and augment the bells and in grateful memory of Pte Edmund Stratton (died 1 July 1916) and Pte Harry Rowlett (died 13 Nov 1916); both members of the local band here after the restoration of 1912.

First peal on 10: 1,5,10.

100th peal: 4.

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CAMPTON, All Saints

Monday Jan 9 2h45

5024 Superlative Surprise Major

Comp: T B Worsley

- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Martin Major
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Alice T Scott
- 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 6 Elizabeth A Pawley
- 7 Frank W Rivett
- 8 Phillip S George

First in method: 4.

First of Major: 6.

4214

ASPLEY GUISE, St Botolph

Monday Jan 16 2h45

5040 Surprise Minor

(7 methods in 7 extents: Netherseale, London, Durham, Bourne, Surfleet, Norwich, Cambridge)

- 1 J Alan Ainsworth
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Anthony H Smith
- 4 Russell A Brown
- 5 Nicholas D Brown
- 6 Peter J Waterfield (C)

4215

STOTFOLD, St Mary the Virgin

Wednesday Jan 25 2h51

5088 Spliced Surprise Major

(In 5 methods: 1088 London; 1024 Cambridge; 992 each Bristol, Pudsey, Superlative. 101 com, atw)

Comp: Albert J Pitman

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 John P Loveless (C)
- 3 Philippa M Whittington
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Peter J Waterfield
- 6 Russell A Brown
- 7 Frank W Rivett
- 8 Paul S Seaman

In memory of Michael Sharman, former churchwarden at Stotfold, who died on 1st January.

4216

CAMPTON, All Saints

Friday Feb 17 2h43

5088 London Surprise Major

Comp: Stephen Ivyn (No.12)

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Russell A Brown
- 3 John P Loveless (C)
- 4 Elizabeth A Pawley
- 5 Philippa M Whittington
- 6 Anthony H Smith
- 7 Frank W Rivett
- 8 Robert Dennis

1st in method: 4.

4217

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sunday Mar 12 2h52

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: J S Wilde

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Ruth Stokes
- 4 Jonathan J Nash
- 5 Anthony H Smith
- 6 Alexander J Nash
- 7 Christopher C Stokes
- 8 Stephen H Stanford (C)

In fond memory of Michael J (Mick)

Hobbs of Bristol (10/2/17)

1st on 8 and of Surprise: 4.

4218

CADDINGTON, All Saints

Monday Mar 13 2h47

5040 Surprise Minor

(8 methods in 7 extents: (1) Carlisle (2) London (3) Norwich (4) Surfleet, Beverley (5) Norfolk (6) Bourne (7) Cambridge)

- 1 Nicholas D Brown
- 2 Nicola J Turner
- 3 Peter J Waterfield (C)
- 4 Colin M Turner
- 5 John P Loveless
- 6 Russell A Brown

4219

HOUGHTON REGIS, All Saints

Monday Mar 13 3h4

5040 Surprise Minor

(7 methods in 7 extents: Northumberland, Wells, York, Westminster, Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge)

- 1 Colin M Turner
- 2 Nicola J Turner
- 3 Russell A Brown
- 4 Peter J Waterfield
- 5 John P Loveless (C)
- 6 Nicholas D Brown

4220

CAMPTON, All Saints

Thursday Mar 30 2h44

5024 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: N Smith

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Judith M Rogers
- 3 John P Loveless
- 4 Elizabeth A Pawley
- 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 6 Philippa M Whittington
- 7 Robin H Rogers
- 8 Phillip S George

1st peal of Bristol: 4.

4221

CLIFTON, All Saints

Monday Apr 3 2h52

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: C Middleton

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Christine M Carter
- 3 Teresa J Brown
- 4 Frank W Rivett (C)
- 5 Charlotte M Smith
- 6 Anthony H Smith
- 7 Philippa M Whittington
- 8 Russell A Brown

Welcoming Terry to the pensioner's world of mid-week peal ringing, bird watching & long distance walking.

4222

SHARNBROOK, St Peter

Saturday Apr 22 2h48

5040 Stedman Triples

Comp: T Thurstans (F H Dexter No.2)

- 1 Patrick J S Albon
- 2 Rosemary H Buckle
- 3 Lesley J Belcher
- 4 Elizabeth A Pawley
- 5 Richard A Horne
- 6 Christopher C Stokes
- 7 Stephen H Stanford (C)
- 8 Rebecca J Sharp

1st peal: 8.

1st of Stedman: 4.

1st of Stedman Triples: 1.

4223

CAMPTON, All Saints

Friday Apr 28 2h47

5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp: S J Ivin

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
 - 2 John P Loveless
 - 3 Christine M Carter
 - 4 Martin Major
 - 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
 - 6 Stephen H Stanford
 - 7 Philip R Jewell
 - 8 Russell A Brown
- 900th peal: 4.

4224

SOUTHILL, All Saints

Saturday Apr 29 2h53

5040 Minor

(7 methods in 7 extents: Neasden D, Combermere D, London S, Surfleet S, York S, Cambridge S, Norwich S)

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

Remembering Margaret Bampton & Kay Alonzo, Sydney ringers and friends of Hannah, who both passed away this week.

4225

BIGGLESWADE, St Andrew

Saturday May 6 2h59

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Comp: Andrew B Mills

- 1 James K Eggleston
 - 2 Philippa M Whittington
 - 3 Simon E Adams
 - 4 Andrew B Mills (C)
 - 5 Paul J Chandler
 - 6 Emma J Southerington
 - 7 Patrick J S Albon
 - 8 Russell A Brown
 - 9 David Kemp
 - 10 Frank W Rivett
- The 1st peal of Royal on the bells.
1st Cambridge S Royal: 5.

4226

BLETSGOE, St Mary

Monday May 8 3h6

5040 Surprise Minor

(7 methods in 7 extents: Wells, York, London, Norwich, Surfleet, Bourne, Cambridge)

- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Paul M Mason
- 3 Peter J Waterfield (C)
- 4 John P Loveless
- 5 Patrick J S Albon
- 6 Nicholas D Brown

1st peal on these bells following recent refurbishment.

4227

SWINESHEAD, St Nicholas

Saturday May 13 2h24

5040 Doubles

(6 methods in blocks of 720: (1) Plain B (2) St Martin's (3,5) Grandsire (4) St Simon's (6) Winchendon P (7) Rev Canterbury)

- 1 Rosemary H Buckle
- 2 Christopher J Pickford (C)
- 3 Andrew M Keech
- 4 Brian Harris
- 5 Nicholas D Brown

Completing all the ringable Bedfordshire towers (5s upwards) to peals: 2. Rung with friends who have helped along the way.

4228

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sunday May 14 2h43

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: C Middleton

- 1 Charlotte Francis
 - 2 Christine A Williams
 - 3 Linda M Garton
 - 4 Yvonne A Towler
 - 5 John P Loveless (C)
 - 6 James L Towler
 - 7 Nicholas D Brown
 - 8 Simon J Poole
- Birthday compliment to 8.
1st on 8: 1.

4229

POTTON, St Mary

Friday Jun 2 2h41

5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor

(7 extents)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Rosemary J Kimber
- 3 Philippa M Whittington
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 6 Stephen H Stanford

4230

LINSLADE, St Barnabas

Sunday Jun 11 2h48

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: C Middleton & H Johnson

- 1 Davina R Buckle
 - 2 Rosemary H Buckle
 - 3 Lyndsey B Brett
 - 4 Elizabeth A Pawley
 - 5 Samantha L Brett
 - 6 Simon J O Head
 - 7 Nicholas H Brett
 - 8 Jonathan R Pawley (C)
- Rung on the 40th anniversary of the first peals rung by Davina & Rosemary Money (now Buckle).
First peal: 5

4231

SOUTHILL, All Saints

Thursday Jul 27 3h0

5040 Surprise Minor

(7 methods in 7 extents: Carlisle, London, York, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge)

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 John P Loveless (C)
- 3 Harm Jan A de Kok
- 4 Ian G Campbell
- 5 Russell A Brown
- 6 Alan Regin

4232

MEPPERSHALL, St Mary the Virgin

Thursday Jul 27 2h59

5040 Minor

(7 methods in 7 extents: Double Court B, Single Oxford B, Double Oxford B, St Clements B, Cambridge S, Oxford TB, Plain B)

- 1 Harm Jan A de Kok
- 2 Ian G Campbell
- 3 Russell A Brown
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 Alan Regin
- 6 John P Loveless

4233

RISELEY, All Saints

Friday Jul 28 3h8

5040 Surprise Minor

(7 methods in 7 extents: Morpeth, Lincoln, Wells, Annable's London, Durham, Hull, Westminster)

- 1 Nicholas D Brown
- 2 Ian G Campbell
- 3 Harm Jan A de Kok
- 4 Alan Regin
- 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
- 6 John P Loveless

4234

HARROLD, St Peter

Friday Jul 28 3h6

5040 Spliced Surprise Minor

(41 methods: (1-3) Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Newcastle, Morpeth, Alnwick, Canterbury, Chester, Munden, London, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Cunecastre, Wells (4-7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, York, Durham, Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, Norwich, Warkworth, Netherseale, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Westminster, Allendale, Bamborough, Bacup)

Comp: J S Warboys (SU0308; SU0403)

- 1 Ian G Campbell
- 2 John P Loveless
- 3 Harm Jan A de Kok
- 4 Alan Regin
- 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
- 6 Nicholas D Brown

1st of 41 Surprise: 3.

4235

HENLOW, St Mary

Thursday Aug 17 2h49

5024 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: T B Worsley

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 J Richard Castledine
- 6 John P Loveless
- 7 Philip R Jewell
- 8 Richard A Horne

In memory of John Gipson, who made the fittings & hung these 2 trebles in 1980.

1,000th peal together: 3 & 4.

4236

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sunday Aug 20 2h48

5024 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: John S Warboys

- 1 Linda M Garton
- 2 Elizabeth A Pawley
- 3 John P Loveless (C)
- 4 Caroline N Pawley
- 5 Jonathan R Pawley
- 6 Philippa M Whittington
- 7 Russell A Brown
- 8 Frank W Rivett

1st peal: 4.

4237

CAMPTON, All Saints

Monday Sept 18 2h43

5120 Superlative Surprise Major

Comp: B D Price

- 1 Christine A Williams
- 2 Ruth Stokes
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Martin Major
- 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 6 James M Hills
- 7 Christopher C Stokes
- 8 Russell A Brown

4238

CLIFTON, All Saints

Saturday Sept 23 2h54

5056 Gerrards Cross Delight Major

Comp: C Middleton

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

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Revd Paul Lanham's ordination. His 1st curacy was at Gerrards Cross (1967-1969).

4239

BIGGLESWADE, St Andrew

Saturday Oct 7 3h5

5039 Grandsire Caters

Comp: A M Tyler

- 1 Alice T Scott
 - 2 Christine A Williams
 - 3 Murray A Coleman
 - 4 Susan M Silver
 - 5 Philippa M Whittington
 - 6 Anthony H Smith (C)
 - 7 Peter J Blight
 - 8 Russell A Brown
 - 9 Phillip S George
 - 10 Charlotte M Smith
- 1st peal on 10: 1,4.

Completes the family: 4.

4240

KEMPSTON, All Saints

Sunday Oct 8 3h5

5021 Grandsire Caters

Comp: Stephen Ivlin

- 1 Rosemary H Buckle
- 2 Ruth Stokes
- 3 Alexander J Nash
- 4 Cameron White-Spunner
- 5 James R B Saunders
- 6 Ian Townsend
- 7 Stephen H Stanford (C)
- 8 Christopher C Stokes
- 9 Richard A Horne
- 10 Frank W Rivett

Arranged to welcome Emma Grace Townsend, born 17 June, a daughter for Anna and Ian. (Rearranged due to mechanical failure during the 1st attempt)

1st on 10: 6.

4241

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sunday Oct 15 2h46

5056 Spiced Surprise Major

(8methods: 832 Rutland; 768 Pudsey; 640 Superlative; 576 each Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London; 512 Yorkshire. 122 com)

Comp: Donald F Morrison (No.3)

- 1 Teresa J Brown
- 2 Rosalind J Keech
- 3 Linda M Garton
- 4 John P Loveless (C)
- 5 Frank W Rivett
- 6 Philippa M Whittington
- 7 Russell A Brown
- 8 Richard A Horne

Birthday compliments to 2 & 8, both born on October 16 in the same year.

4242

KEMPSTON, All Saints

Sunday Oct 29 3h23

5184 Grandsire Caters

Comp: Donald F Morrison (No.945)

- 1 Helen J Manktelow
 - 2 Cameron White-Spunner
 - 3 Matthew R Johnson
 - 4 Jonathan R Pawley
 - 5 Nicholas H Brett
 - 6 James R B Saunders
 - 7 Stephen H Stanford (C)
 - 8 Christopher C Stokes
 - 9 Richard A Horne
 - 10 Patrick J S Albon
- For All Saints.

4243

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire, St Catherine

Monday Nov 6 2h38 (7cwt)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7 methods in 7 extents: York, Annable's London, Surfleet, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Martin Major
- 4 Phillip S George
- 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 6 Russell A Brown

4244

HENLOW, St Mary

Thursday Nov 9 2h59

5040 Minor

(6 methods in 7 extents: (1) Cambridge S (2) Norwich S (3) Oxford TB (4) St Clements B (5) Single Oxford B (6) Plain, Single Oxford B (7) Plain B)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 3 Martin Major
- 4 Stephen H Stanford
- 5 Philip R Jewell
- 6 Alban D Forster

For Remembrance.

After meeting short for Major.

4245/68

CAMPTON, All Saints (Vestry)

Saturday November 18 2h10

5040 Plain Bob Minor

(7 different extents)

- 1-2 Cameron White-Spunner
- 3-4 John P Loveless

5-6 Matthew R Johnson (C)

During the Campton Festival of Bells '100 firsts in a day' challenge, a fundraising event which raised over £2,000 for bells & church funds. This was the 1st of 118 'firsts' achieved during the day.

1st handbell peal: 1-2.

4246

POTTON, St Mary

Thursday Nov 23 2h38

5040 Plain Minor

(6 methods in 7 extents: (1) Hereward
(2) Childwall (3) St Clements (4)
Double Oxford (5) Single Oxford (6)
Single Oxford, Plain B (7) Plain B)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Christine A Williams
- 3 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 4 Philippa M Whittington
- 5 Frank W Rivett
- 6 Russell A Brown

To celebrate the 70th wedding
anniversary of the Queen & Prince
Philip.

4247

BIGGLESWADE, St Andrew

Saturday Dec 2 3h2

5000 London No.3 Surprise Royal

Comp: S J Ivin

- 1 Martin Major
- 2 Charlotte M Smith
- 3 Linda M Garton
- 4 John P Loveless
- 5 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 6 Philippa M Whittington
- 7 Richard A Horne
- 8 Clive G Smith
- 9 Russell A Brown
- 10 Frank W Rivett

1,008th peal together on the 50th
anniversary of their 1st together: 2 & 5.

4248

CAMPTON, All Saints

Sunday Dec 17, in 2h44

5056 Bristol Surprise Major

Comp: A J Cox

- 1 Linda M Garton
- 2 Rosalind J Keech
- 3 David Kemp
- 4 Emma J Southerington
- 5 Russell A Brown
- 6 Philippa M Whittington
- 7 Stephen H Stanford
- 8 John P Loveless (C)

4,000th peal: 8.

4249

HENLOW, St Mary

Saturday Dec 23, in 2h55

5040 Minor

(An extent each of: Norwich S, Single
Court, St. Clements, Single Oxford,
Oxford TB, Cambridge S and Plain
Bob)

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Rosalind J Keech
- 3 Martin Major
- 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
- 5 Clive G Smith
- 6 Philip R Jewell

For Christmas

4250

KEMPSTON, All Saints

Wednesday Dec 27, in 3h12

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Comp: W Pye

- 1 Julie A Haseldine
- 2 Jane C Spencer
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Cameron White-Spunner
- 5 David I Stanford
- 6 Anthony H Smith
- 7 Michael R Spencer
- 8 Clive G Smith
- 9 Andrew Haseldine
- 10 Stephen H Stanford (C)

For Christmas.

Also in memory of Mrs Betty Feneley,
mother of Margaret, a former member
of the local band.

1st Royal: 4.

200th peal: 2.

4251

ELSTOW, SS Mary & Helena

Friday Dec 29, in 2h40

5040 Minor

(One extent Single Oxford and two
each of Oxford TB, Cambridge S and
Plain Bob)

- 1 Susan J Matthews
- 2 Michael J Matthews
- 3 David I Stanford
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Cameron White-Spunner
- 6 Stephen H Stanford (C)

Rung in memory of Miriam F Clark,
died 21 August 2017 aged 91 years.
Miriam served here as Churchwarden
for 25 years and Tower Captain for 50
years. Also fondly remembering Robert
P Wood (31/12/2013), a good friend
and one time member of the local
band.

4252/68

CLIFTON, All Saints

Saturday Dec 30, in 2h54

5120 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: S J Ivin

- 1 Rosalind J Keech
- 2 Teresa J Brown
- 3 Martin Major
- 4 Charlotte M Smith
- 5 Anthony H Smith
- 6 Philippa M Whittington
- 7 Russell A Brown
- 8 Frank W Rivett (C)

Rung to mark the long service to
Clifton bellringing by:-Stan Ashton
(Tower Captain 1990 - 2017) and
Sheila Ashton (Secretary 1985 - 2017)

Compositions

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Andrew B Mills

First rung at St Andrew's Biggleswade
on 6th May 2017

M	W	H	23456
2	s	2s	53264
-		3	23465
2	s		63254
-	-	2s	52436
	2	3	23456

5184 Plain Bob Caters

A H Smith

First rung at St Andrew's Biggleswade
on 7th Oct 2017

1	4	8	9	23456789
			s	24356
-		s	-	36245
-			2s	43265
-		s	-	25436
-			(2s)	32456
-			-	45326
-	s		s	23456879

Repeat 3 times
Bob for s at 4 in parts 3 & 4
Singles at 8 parts 1 & 2 only

For 5040 omit (2s) in part 4

Association Rules

1. Name and Objects

The Association shall be called 'The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers'. It shall have for its objects:

- The promotion of ringing for divine service.
- The cultivation of scientific change ringing.
- The preservation of proper bellfry conduct.
- The encouragement of ringers to take part in the worshipping life of the church.
- To promote and support the care, maintenance, improvement and restoration of bells within the area of the Association.

There shall be three districts within the Association, namely the Bedford, Biggleswade and Luton Districts.

2. Membership

Register of Members

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

Definition of Criteria for membership

Ringling: Be able to ring rounds competently.

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

Definition of membership categories

(a) Ringing Member (Resident)

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

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

(b) Ringing Member (Resident, Life) - This membership category is closed as from 18 May 2013.

(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, 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 Technical Adviser shall assist and advise in all matters concerning bells and their fittings at churches within the Association boundary. The Safeguarding Co-ordinator 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 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)

This membership category is closed as from 18 May 2013.

(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.

15. Dissolution of the Association

If the Trustees decide that it is necessary, or advisable, to dissolve the Association, they must present a resolution to a General Meeting called for this purpose. The resolution must be agreed by at least a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. The resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets remaining after satisfying any outstanding debts and liabilities.

The assets must not be distributed to Association members; they shall be given, or transferred to, a charitable institution(s) that have objects similar to all, or some, of the Association's objects, as the Association may agree. If this is not possible, the assets may be given or transferred to some other charitable purpose.

The Ronald J Sharp Bell Fund Code of Practice

The 2017 update is shown in bold and strike through text

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~~ **and churches within the territory of the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers** 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: 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.

Other General Information for Members

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults - Association guidelines, revised March 2016

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 each 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:

- Have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) 'enhanced check' if teaching children/vulnerable adults face to face, even where supervised.
- 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.bacbr.org.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, Rosemary Drewery, email: safeguarding@bacbr.org.uk, telephone: 07792 926004.

Data protection and privacy information - April 2018

New data protection legislation comes into force in May 2018. The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) covers how the Association, including its three Districts, holds and uses personal information. We respect the privacy of everyone who gives us personal information as a member, website user, Tower Contact, participant in our events and activities and anyone else who may be involved in the Association's day to day operation.

People give us their personal information, for example, when they ask about our activities, join/rejoin as a member, take part in one of our activities/events, are a named Tower Contact, or ring a peal for the Association.

Personal information is any information that can be used to identify individuals, including full name, date of birth, email and postal address, telephone numbers and photographs.

We only use personal information for legitimate purposes to:

- Manage and administer the Association
- Communicate with members and others about activities and events
- Produce and send the Annual Report and other newsletters and updates
- Improve our website
- Fulfil our legal obligations

We don't sell any personal information or transfer your personal information to any third party without your permission. We make all reasonable efforts to protect everyone's privacy and maintain the security of all personal information we hold. Under the GDPR you have certain rights about data the Association holds about you; the most relevant of these being the right to be informed, to have access, to rectify mistakes, to erase and to object.

Please note that the protection of personal information kept by Church authorities on their ringers and visitors falls outside the scope of the Association's data protection responsibility.

Specifically as an Association member, a parent/guardian of any young ringers (under 19) who participate in our organised events, a non-member who is a Tower Contact or an adult who is learning to ring, you should be aware that personal information (including name, address, telephone number, email address, subscription payment record and peals rung for the Association) is held and maintained electronically and on paper records for use by nominated Association Officers (including District Officers).

The Association has a membership database and Officers also hold email addresses which are used, where members give specific permission, to communicate about Association and District events and activities.

By joining the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers you agree to your name appearing in the Annual Report and, where relevant, on the Association's website, Association and District newsletters and other communications.

We do ask members and Tower Contacts (whether members or not), to give specific permission before other personal information, such as phone number, address and email address, is used in the Annual Report or on the Association's website.

Please help us to keep our records up to date by informing the Honorary Secretary and relevant District Secretary of any changes to your personal information.

Association and member insurance cover - April 2018

We have an Association insurance policy with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group. We don't provide personal insurance for every member because it's expensive and these policies may give a false sense of security as they have small pay-outs. For example, a typical pay-out is unlikely to cover your loss of earnings if you were unable to work due to a ringing accident.

We believe our cover is a good membership benefit and accounts for about £1.00 of your annual subscription. You can view our current policy documents on the website. Cover includes:

- £5,000,000 public and products liability for third party claims on the Association and individual members;
- 'Member to Member' liability, if one member should sue another member;
- Property damage and unspecified risks, for our valuable assets including the striking competition trophies, President's badge and library contents.
- Trustee indemnity cover

Liability cover only applies if a member isn't entitled to indemnity under any other policy and it won't apply if the member isn't complying with the terms and conditions of our policy. You should be aware of the following points:

- You should always check the insurance position of your own church which must have its own insurance cover.
- If you're teaching learners in your own tower then you're likely to be covered by your church policy, but upper and lower age limits may apply. If you are teaching outside your own tower then you'll need to check your insurance position at that tower.
- If you are doing more than 'routine maintenance' then you may not be covered by your church policy. You should seek specific advice for any work

that could be considered as more than 'routine maintenance'.

- If you're a volunteer worker for any bell or tower work project being carried out by recognised, professional bell engineers, you may be able to get some cover under their policy but check beforehand whether it is for liability and accidents.
- Members of the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) should check how they are covered through ART's insurance policy for teaching at towers within and outside the Association's area.

See also the Central Council's guidance note on insurance and ringing:
<https://cccbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/GN1-2-June-2015.pdf>

Practice Nights - Always check before visiting a tower on practice night; check the website for the most up to date information. Some towers only practice on certain weeks of the month, alternate their practice with one or more other towers or are only by special arrangement. Only towers that indicate that they may hold or arrange a practice are listed here.

	District		
	Bedford	Biggleswade	Luton
Monday	Bedford St Paul	Haynes Northill	Barton Le Clay Leighton Buzzard Shillington Silsoe Studham Tilsworth Westoning
Tuesday	Bromham Clapham Renhold Riseley Sharnbrook Stevington Thurleigh	Campton Cople Great Barford Henlow Potton Roxton Willington	Linslade Luton
Wednesday	Goldington Kempston Keysoe Milton Ernest	Biggleswade Blunham Eaton Socon Maulden Sandy Temptford	Aspley Guise Dunstable Eaton Bray Flitton Husborne Crawley Stanbridge
Thursday	Bedford St Andrew Bedford St Peter Biddenham Bletsoe Cardington Colmworth Stagsden Upper Dean	Amphill Southill Stotfold	Caddington Cranfield Houghton Regis Woburn
Friday	Carlton Elstow Harrold Little Staughton Oakley Turvey	Arlesey Clifton Meppershall	Flitwick Toddington



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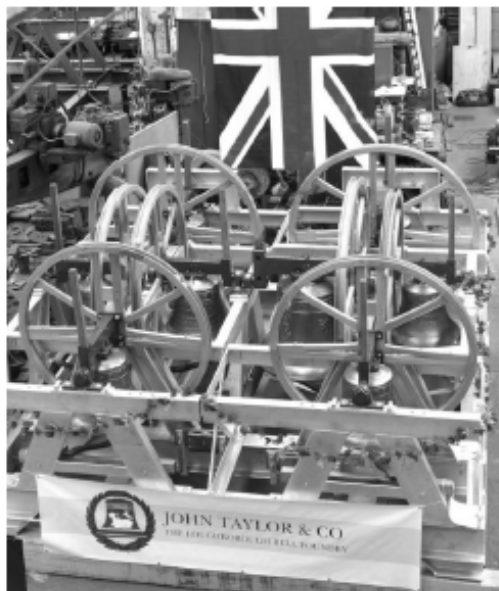
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