

The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers



St Lawrence, Steppingley

Annual Report 2021

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Cover picture – St Lawrence, Steppingley

In the 1980s the 4 bells were condemned as being unringable. With a large legacy from one of the parishioners and generous grants and donations from the Keltek trust and the Bedfordshire and Biggleswade Bell Restoration Funds the money was raised to completely refurbish the 4 old bells plus adding 2 treble bells to make a ring of 6. The work was started in November 2019 and completed on St Valentine's day 2020. All the bells were tuned to what would become the 2nd bell. The 2nd and 3rd bells were hung in a new steel frame and bells 1,4,5 and 6 were all re-hung in the pre 1860 oak frame which is still in remarkably good condition.

The bells and all their fittings were dedicated by the Bishop of Bedford on the 10th February, at a well attended service.

John Hele, Tower Captain

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

- Association and District events calendar
- Association rules
- Association Bell Restoration Fund rules and information
- R J Sharp Bell Fund Code of Practice and information
- Details of the Association's insurance cover
- Association Officers from 1882
- Membership forms, subscription and gift aid information
- Tower 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
- Personal data privacy information
- Jim's Jug raise and lower in peal challenge - rules and results
- Bell Board feed of Bedfordshire peals and other performances



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Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers

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Patrons

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Right Reverend Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford

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District Officers 2021

Bedford District

Chairman: Martin Goodwin
Secretary: Robert Jones
Treasurer: Jenny Thompson
District BRF Treasurer: Martin Goodwin
Committee: Barbara Woplin
Ringing Master: Vacant

District Outing Organiser: Adrienne Sharp
RJ Sharp Fund & Association BRF Rep:
Martin Goodwin
Ind. Examiner BRF & District Accounts
Andrew Dennison

Biggleswade District

Chairman: Susan Silver
Secretary: Nichola Hele
Treasurer: Clare Francis
Ringing Master: Christine Williams
Committee: Teresa Brown, Paul Chandler,
Charlotte Francis, Henry Francis

District BRF Treasurer: Clare Francis
RJ Sharp Fund Rep: Linda Garton
Association BRF Rep: John Loveless
Ind. Examiner BRF & Membership
Accounts: Frank Rivett

Luton District

Chairman: Richard Horne
 Secretary: Angela Blackburn
 Treasurer: Christopher Catlin
 Ringing Master: Alan Shepherd
 Assistant Ringing Master & Training
 Officer: Angela Blackburn
 Committee: Barbara Fraser
 Striking Contest Organiser: Richard Horne

District BRF Treasurer: Simon Stranks
 RJ Sharp Fund & Association BRF Rep:
 Simon Stranks
 Ind Examiner District Accounts:
 David Adams
 Ind. Examiner BRF: Susan Silver

Association 2022 Diary – see www.bacbr.org.uk for current details			
Association AGM	Sat 21 May	Campton	5pm
Ridgman Trophy	Sat 18 th June	Kings Lynn	tbc
RWNYC	Sat 2 July	Exeter	Not competing
St Peter's Cup Six Bell Striking Competition	Sat 17 September	Bletsoe	Draw tbc
Melville Cup Striking Competition for Young Ringers	Sat 17 September	tbc	Draw tbc
2023 Forward look			
Biggleswade District ADM	Sat 14 January	tbc	4.30 – 8.30pm
Bedford District ADM	Sat 21 January	Kempston	3.30 - 8.30pm
Luton District ADM	Sat 28 January	Dunstable	3.30 - 8.30pm
Association AGM	Sat 20 May	tbc	Timings tbc
Association 6 bell Striking Competition	Sat 16 September	Biggleswade District to host	Draw 5.00pm

2022 Subscription rates and other charges		
Membership Category	Rate	Details
Resident Member – under 19s	£2.50	Payable on election / annual
Resident Member – 19 and over	£10.00	Payable on election / annual of which £5 is passed to the Association Bell Restoration Fund
Non-Resident	£0.00	
Associate Member	£2.50	Payable on election / annual
Transfer between categories		
From Resident Member to Non-Resident Member	£10.00 (final payment)	If after paying up to four consecutive annual subscriptions
	£0	If after paying five or more consecutive annual subscriptions
From Non-Resident Member to Resident Member	£10	Payable on transfer
Other fees and charges		
Peal Fee	£1.00	Per ringer per peal (to BRF)
Annual report	£5.00	Charge for non-members
Badge	£2.00	Available from District Treasurers

Paying subscriptions by standing order or on-line banking

It's easy to pay your subscription by standing order or online banking. You can either:

- Complete a standing order mandate to send to your bank. Download the form from our website <https://www.bacbr.org.uk/association/business/subscriptions/>
- Pay online with a recurring, annual payment in January each year.

Our account details are:

- Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers,
- Account number 01418488
- Sort Code 30-94-47

Use your surname/district as the reference

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Association Officer Reports

President's Report for 2021

As 2021 began, due to the continuing coronavirus pandemic, the country entered a third national lockdown, which lasted for several weeks, during which our towers were largely silent. This silence was lifted briefly in February as bells in 78 Bedfordshire churches were tolled, chimed or clocked (within covid restrictions) on the day of the funeral of Captain Sir Tom Moore, a resident of the county. This was a wonderful response to "100 Rings for Captain Tom", supported by the Bishop of Bedford and clergy. Thank you to them, and to everyone who took part. Bells were also tolled at a number of churches in March to mark the National Day of Reflection on the first anniversary of the first Covid lockdown, and in April following the announcement of the death of His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and on the day of his funeral.

Zoom was put to good use by the Association, particularly during the first few months of 2021 not only for the January ADMs and other business meetings, but also a couple of fun quizzes were held and a fascinating talk by Chris Pickford on "Exploring Bedfordshire Belfries".

Throughout 2021 ringing was subject to restrictions of varying degrees of severity. During the second part of the year there was a gradual and cautious return to ringing, though not back to pre-pandemic levels and with some covid measures still in place at the end of the year.

The Association has been active in encouraging and facilitating this return, and to ensure a positive future for ringing in Bedfordshire, through the Back To Ringing initiative. The first stage of this was a questionnaire sent out in March to all Bedfordshire churches with 3 or more bells to which there was an excellent 79% response rate. The aim of the survey was to obtain some understanding about the health of ringing in the county pre-covid, and to anticipate where we might be afterwards (whenever this might be!). This was followed up by two well attended workshops, output from which formed the basis of the BACBR Action Plan, endorsed by the AGM in May. The results of the survey and the Action Plan are on the website: <https://www.bacbr.org.uk/back-to-ringing/>

Some of the actions progressed during 2021 included:

- Improving communication to members by sending a monthly email update, in a new and more attractive format. Information and updates to assist towers get back to ringing was posted on the Association website, and work to improve this website is ongoing.
- An event to bring us all back together once ringing was able to resume was held at Haynes in September, when over 50 members and friends enjoyed an Open Striking Competition and Picnic.
- There has been an increased emphasis on training. A number of One to One sessions were held at Campton throughout the Autumn for those who wanted to refresh their ringing skills and build back confidence having not rung for a while. A well-attended Ringing Up and Down Course was held at Haynes in November. In addition, the Second Saturday training sessions at the R J Sharp

Ringling Centre at Biggleswade have resumed and continue to provide a valuable opportunity for less experienced ringers to improve their basic skills.

One disappointing aspect of 2021 was that, due to covid, our Young Ringers did not meet for most of 2021 (nor 2020). Many of our Young Ringers are now not quite so young, and consequently we were unable to enter the 2021 RWNYS, which took place in September. Rebuilding our Young Ringers' group needs to be one of the priorities for 2022.

We know too, from the survey and anecdotally, that many towers have lost ringers and some towers have not been able to return to ringing. A big priority for 2022 is to train more teachers of ringing, so that we can then recruit and teach new ringers so that bells at all of our towers can be rung regularly.

In October, a £500k project to restore the tower, clock, and bells at St Paul's Bedford was launched. One of the aims of the project is to create an environment that encourages and supports the training and development of ringers. We look forward to reporting on progress in due course.

At the AGM, three long serving officers stood down - Sue Silver (President), Pat Albon (Vice-President) and Terry Brown (Honorary Secretary). We thank them for their many years of dedication and commitment. Thank you too to everyone, for all that you do to keep the bells at your towers ringing.

Linda Garton, President

Treasurer's Report

This again has been a challenging year for ringing due to Covid pandemic and as a result expenses have been low compared to normal. We have also seen a reduction in membership numbers from 279 adult resident members and 18 young resident members in 2020 to 254 and 6 respectively in 2021. This reduction is largely to be expected in the current circumstances and hopefully as restrictions are lifted and more people can get back to ringing there will be opportunities to recruit new ringers over the next couple of years.

In 2020 there were some membership fees that were paid in advance and this together with the reduction in membership numbers resulted in the surplus for the period decreasing from £283.01 in 2020 to £173.05 in 2021.

The General Fund stands at a healthy balance of £3,618.73 as at the end of the period which puts us in a strong position going forward. However, with general costs continuing to rise (such as insurance), I expect we may operate at a small deficit once we are ringing again unless we can find ways to increase our income. The committee will continue to monitor this closely over the coming periods.

Timothy Blunt, Honorary Treasurer

Peal Secretary's Report

A total of 9 peals were rung for the Association during 2021. Peal ringing has continued to be affected by the on-going COVID-19 limitations, so it is perhaps not surprising that

there were no first pealers/ conductors and no personal milestones were recorded. All the peals rung this year took place within the Association boundary. A total of 16 ringers took part, with 3 conductors officiating. What is perhaps slightly unusual, and a reflection of the current situation, is that all the peals were in one place, Campton, and the number of handbell peals (6) exceeded the number of tower bell peals (3). Of the peals recorded, two were rung for locally significant occasions. Of a wider national significance, a handbell peal was rung in memory of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh (April 20th) and from a ringing perspective, the peal on 5th November marked the 200th anniversary of the first peal of Superlative (and also of Surprise) using the same composition as used in the first peal.

RICHARD A. HORNE Honorary Peal Secretary

Points from the peals and details of peals rung for the Association in 2021 are on pages 35-37.

Librarian's Report

2021 was again a quiet year with no new loans but 5 previous loans of old Annual Report volumes were still out to one member. All but one has now been returned. Stephen Stanford made use of some of the photographs (held by him) for launch of the St Paul's Bedford Tower, Clock and Bells Appeal in October. There was one new acquisition to the library; an A0 sheet containing a table of peals rung for the Association for the years 1884 to 1982 which was produced by Michael Orme and has been held until recently by the Peal Secretary.

Additionally, both Richard Hillson and I have been making good use of the C19 lockdown periods by entering peals into the Bellboard database. At the time of writing this report, Richard has focussed on peals rung anywhere for the Association and has completed those to 1960, and also all those rung by the late C E Jeffries. I have concentrated on peals in Bedfordshire towers, regardless of the Association to which they are attributed, and have completed all the Bedford District. I am now working on the other two Districts.

My thanks continue to go to Stephen Stanford for providing a home for the bulk of the library and for acting as its custodian.

Patrick Albion, 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 until 15/5/2021) and Teresa Brown (Honorary Secretary until 20/11/2021).

We awarded one new grant for an application made in March by the Biggleswade District (on behalf of the Association) to purchase a 1 year Zoom licence to facilitate communication and training as face-to-face meetings were still difficult because of the Covid pandemic. A grant of £143.88 was agreed by the Committee via email. (The original application was for £119.90 but the higher amount, to include VAT, was subsequently agreed.) As at 31/12/2021 the Fund stood at £4,043.81 (subject to approval of Treasurer's accounts)

Teresa Brown, on behalf of Penny Bellis, Honorary Secretary

Association Bell Restoration Fund Report

2021 was the eighth operational year for the Association's Bell Restoration Fund (BRF). 2021 income was £1846.62 and no grants were paid out; As at 31/12/21 the Fund stood at £8110.70 (Figures subject to approval of treasurer's accounts)

The BRF Committee was unchanged with Stephen Stanford (Chairman), Teresa Brown (Association Honorary Secretary until 15/5/2021), Martin Goodwin (Bedford District), John Loveless (Biggleswade District) and Simon Stranks (Luton District).

As there were no new grant applications the Committee didn't meet during the year. More donations to the Fund are always welcome. Thanks to everyone who made personal donations and to all members who supported the BRF by paying a subscription this year.

Teresa Brown, on behalf of Penny Bellis, Honorary Secretary

Ronald J Sharp Ringing Centre Report

The Bedfordshire Association is fortunate to have an excellent training facility in the R J Sharp Ringing Centre at St Andrew's Biggleswade. 2021 started as 2020 finished with online Ringing Room sessions via Zoom every Saturday morning. This did not address any handling matters but were useful for keeping people in touch and developing some method knowledge.

In September, we were able to restart the sessions at Biggleswade and in the beginning focussed on rebuilding confidence in our learners. We have continued to focus on handling skills, striking and listening. We would also like to say a big thank you to those who provide excellent refreshments in the Chapter House during these sessions. The social part of the morning is just as important and the ringing part.

Philippa Whittington, Sue Silver and Chris Williams

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Accounts

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2021				2020			
	General	The R J Sharp Fund	BRF	Total Funds	General	The R J Sharp Fund	BRF	Total Funds
Receipts								
Income								
Subscriptions								
Annual Membership - Adults	2,540.00	-	-	2,540.00	2,770.00	-	-	2,770.00
Annual Membership - Under 19's	15.00	-	-	15.00	45.00	-	-	45.00
Non-Resident Member (Ringing)	-	-	-	-	15.00	-	-	15.00
Associate Member	15.00	-	-	15.00	12.50	-	-	12.50
Arrears	10.00	-	-	10.00	30.00	-	-	30.00
Advance Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	75.00	-	-	75.00
Trading								
Sale of Association Badges	-	-	-	-	4.00	-	-	4.00
Sale of Reports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from Report Adverts	143.00	-	-	143.00	166.00	-	-	166.00
Other								
Peal Fees	44.00	-	-	44.00	50.50	-	-	50.50
Gift Aid - HMRC	277.88	-	-	277.88	272.81	-	-	272.81
Donations	254.00	-	-	254.00	350.00	-	-	350.00
Investment Income								
Interest	0.23	0.25	0.51	0.99	2.33	3.07	7.82	13.22
Total Receipts	3,299.11	0.25	0.51	3,299.87	3,793.14	3.07	7.82	3,804.03
Payments								
Charity Expenditure								
Central Council Affiliation Fees	120.00	-	-	120.00	120.00	-	-	120.00
Printing of Annual Report	496.00	-	-	496.00	496.00	-	-	496.00
Other Expenditure								
Districts Administration Expenses	8.50	-	-	8.50	-	-	-	-
Insurance for Public Liability	499.42	-	-	499.42	472.87	-	-	472.87
Ringing World Notices	-	-	-	-	200.00	-	-	200.00
Committee Meeting - Room Hire	25.00	-	-	25.00	25.00	-	-	25.00
Young Ringers Events Expenses	-	-	-	-	51.45	-	-	51.45
Gifts for Striking Comp Judges	27.55	-	-	27.55	-	-	-	-
Donation for use of bells	50.00	-	-	50.00	-	-	-	-
Zoom licence	-	143.88	-	143.88	-	-	-	-
Expenses - President	-	-	-	-	1.50	-	-	1.50
Expenses - Secretary	18.48	-	-	18.48	27.67	-	-	27.67
Expenses - CCCBR conference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Young Ringers - use of bells for pre	30.00	-	-	30.00	-	-	-	-
Donation to Kempston	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500.00	3,500.00
Donation to Steppingley	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Payments	1,274.95	143.88	-	1,418.83	1,394.49	-	6,500.00	7,894.49
50% Annual Adult Subs to BRF	(1,275.00)	-	1,275.00	-	(1,435.00)	-	1,435.00	-
Associate Ringing Member Subs to	-	-	-	-	(5.00)	-	5.00	-
Peal Fees to BRF	(44.00)	-	44.00	-	(50.50)	-	50.50	-
Donations to BRF	(254.00)	-	254.00	-	(350.00)	-	350.00	-
Gift Aid to BRF	(277.88)	-	277.88	-	(272.81)	-	272.81	-
Investment Interest to BRF	(0.23)	-	0.23	-	(2.33)	-	2.33	-
Total Transfer Between Funds	(1,851.11)	-	1,851.11	-	(2,115.64)	-	2,115.64	-
Cash Funds at 31/12/2019	3,445.68	4,187.44	6,259.08	13,892.20	3,162.67	4,184.37	10,635.62	17,982.66
Net Receipts/Payments	173.05	(143.63)	1,851.62	1,881.04	283.01	3.07	(4,376.54)	(4,090.46)
Cash Funds at 31/12/2020	3,618.73	4,043.81	8,110.70	15,773.24	3,445.68	4,187.44	6,259.08	13,892.20

<u>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</u>			
<u>AT 31 DECEMBER 2021</u>			
		2021	2020
		£	£
Cash and Bank Deposits			
1.	General Fund		
	Lloyds Bank Current Account	721.81	2,857.26
	Lloyds Bank instant access saving account	2,848.45	550.45
	Cash held by Association Officers	24.47	32.97
	Cash held by Peal Secretary	24.00	-
	Total	3,618.73	3,440.68
2.	The Ronald J Sharp Bell Fund		
	Lloyds Bank Current Account	-	-
	Lloyds Bank instant access saving account	4,043.81	4,187.44
	Total	4,043.81	4,187.44
3.	Bell Restoration Fund		
	Lloyds Bank Current Account	-	-
	Lloyds Bank instant access saving account	8,110.70	6,264.08
	Total	8,110.70	6,264.08
Other Monetary Assets			
Debtors			
	Ringling World Balance	137.09	149.57
Investment Assets			
None			
Liabilities (Items owed by the Charity)			
Current Liabilities			
None			
Fixed Assets - Estimated Value			
	Library Books and Periodicals & DVD's	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 Dist.)	250.00	250.00
	Gavel	10.00	10.00
	Reading Glass	10.00	10.00
	Biggleswade District Trophy	60.00	60.00
Note			
	Stock of badges - 78 (2020: 78)	124.80	124.80
<u>Independent Examiner's Statement</u>			
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect			
- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or			
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records			
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the account to be reached.			
	T Groom	Date	07/04/2022

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021												
				Bedford		Biggleswade		Luton		TOTAL 2021		2020
		£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£	£	£
Ringling Member (Resident)	@	10.00	84	840.00	88	880.00	82	820.00	254	2540.00	2770.00	
Ringling Member (Resident) under 19	@	2.50	0	0.00	5	12.50	1	2.50	6	15.00	45.00	
Non-Resident Member (Ringling)	@	5.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	15.00	
Associate Member	@	2.50	6	15.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	15.00	12.50	
Arrears	@	10.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	10.00	1	10.00	30.00	
Advance Subscription	@	10.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	60.00	
Advance Subscription	@	2.50	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	15.00	
Sale of Badges	@	2.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4.00	
Sale of Report	@	5.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	
Total Receipts				855.00		892.50		832.50		2580.00	2951.50	
Less Admin Expenses				0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	
Net Receipts (To Receipts & Payments A/c)				855.00		892.50		832.50		2580.00	2951.50	
Notes												
Cash balance retained b/f				32.97		0.00		0.00		32.97	72.97	
Income for Year				855.00		892.50		832.50		2580.00	2951.50	
Total				887.97		892.50		832.50		2612.97	3024.47	
Less amount paid to Assoc. Lloyds A/c				-625.00		-100.00		-270.00		-995.00	-1311.50	
Less direct payments into Assoc. Lloyds A/c				-230.00		-792.50		-562.50		-1585.00	-1680.00	
Less expenses				-8.50		0.00		0.00		-8.50	0.00	
Net cash balance c/f				24.47		0.00		0.00		24.47	32.97	

<u>DISTRICT BELFRY REPAIR FUNDS</u>					
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021					
	Bedford	Biggleswade	Luton	TOTAL	
	£	£	£	2021	2020
				£	£
Balance Brought Forward	13,385.17	4,779.35	4,763.03	29,542.00	29,542.00
Income	104.57	409.89	-	514.46	1,084.69
Interest	95.60	0.36	0.44	96.40	145.86
Less Grants	(350.00)	-	-	(350.00)	(7,845.00)
Total	13,235.34	5,189.60	4,763.47	29,802.86	22,927.55
Notes to the Accounts					
Future Liabilities					
including grants approved:					
None	-	-	-	-	-

Association Bell Restoration Fund

The BRF was set up in 2013 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:

Penny Bellis, 10 Bryants Close, Shillington SG5 3PH
secretary@bacbr.org.uk

District Bell Fund Grants paid in 2021

Biggleswade District: None

Bedford District: £350

Luton District: None

Contacts for District Bell Fund grant applications

Bedford District Bell Restoration Fund, Registered Charity 284250

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Biggleswade District Belfry Repair Fund, Registered Charity 280785

Clare Francis, 32 Gravenhurst Road, Campton, SG17 5NY
07977 442179 biggleswadedistrictbrf@bacbr.org.uk

Luton District Belfry Repair Fund, Registered Charity 280164

Simon Stranks, 43 High Road, Shillington, SG5 3LL
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District Reports

Bedford District

The Annual District Meeting was held on Zoom as the Coronavirus epidemic still raged. Simon Stranks from Luton District kindly acted as Technical Coordinator at the meeting, for which we are grateful.

Martin Goodwin chaired the meeting and agreed to continue as Acting Chairman until such time as a proper meeting could be held, in addition to his role as BRF Treasurer. There were no new nominations for any of the posts, so Bedford District has continued with the same committee of four.

The first District ringing meeting since March 2020 was held at Biddenham in December. Despite receiving approval, ringing was curtailed after only 30 minutes as the bells were interfering with the children's Christmas Carol rehearsal in the Church.

Tailenders attracted some ringers to monthly Zoom meetings, and resumed live ringing at Bromham in November. In December ringing at Silsoe was followed by Christmas lunch at The Jolly Coopers. Thanks are due to Barbara Woplin and Ann Fletcher who kept us going throughout the year.

Let us pray that the current interruption to ringing activities will be very short, and we can look forward to more normal activities in 2022.

Bob Jones, District Secretary

Biggleswade District

2021 was not a good year with ringing being curtailed for the first six months.

We were able to recommence our monthly training sessions at the R J Sharp Ringing Centre at St Andrew's, Biggleswade from September. These have been very well attended and great progress has been achieved by the attendees in progressing their bell handling skills and increasing their confidence on the end of the rope. My thanks go to Philippa Whittington and all the helpers for running these very successful sessions.

Monthly meetings started again in November and have been well attended. The Committee thought very carefully about where to hold these and decided on arranging ground floor rings and agreeing on afternoon meetings. We have decided to continue with this format for the next six months.

Finally thank you to the Committee for their hard work and support throughout the year and we very much hope that we can return to ringing, as we remember it, sometime this year.

Sue Silver, District Chairman

Luton District

As we began the year it was hoped that the COVID-19 situation would improve and ringing events could return to something more like pre-pandemic days. However, that turned out not to be the case and the virus continued to have a negative effect on ringing throughout the year.

Being unable to meet in-person, our Annual District Meeting, in January, was held as an on-line (Zoom) meeting. This was the first time we had held a business meeting as an on-line meeting but I have to report that it didn't attract a particularly good attendance. The District Committee was re-elected, with the exception of Bob and Liz Churchill who

had decided not to seek re-election. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Bob and Liz for their contribution to the committee over very many years.

Owing to the continued restrictions, no District meetings were held during the year. As limitations eased in the second half of the year, ringing at District towers did resume, although based more at individual towers or local groups of towers. In September, a number of District members took part in the Association Open Striking Competition at Haynes. This was in place of the Association striking competition and as a 'Return to Ringing' event. In a change to the normal format, individual towers could enter as a team or ad hoc teams could be formed on the day. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all. Association membership within the District has shown a small reduction and our number of young ringers is now very low. This is perhaps not too surprising given the restrictions and the difficulty in recruitment and teaching.

As we look ahead to 2022, I am hopeful that we will be able to return to a more normal pattern of District meetings and ringing events.

Richard Horne, District Chairman

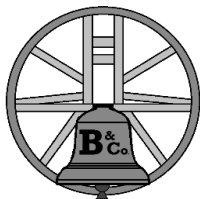
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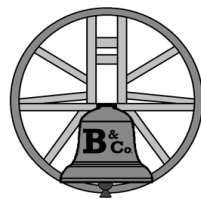
The Ringing Centre is available for anyone to book for one-off sessions, regular practices or courses, subject to availability. Suggested Ringing Centre event times are Saturday mornings 10.00 – 12.00 with the option of using Monday evenings, when the bells must be down by 9.00pm. Enquiries can be made by email to **Biggleswadebellringers@gmail.com**



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List of Members and Towers

Honorary Life Members in 2021

Robert R Churchill, Derek A Hammond, Clifford W Izzard, John Pemble, Anthony H Smith

Non-Resident Life Members in 2021

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

Non-Resident Members elected in 2021 prior to a peal

None

Resident Members transferred to Associate Members in 2021

None

Resident Members transferred to Non-Resident Members in 2021

Guy Scott, Kate Scott, Alice Scott

Resident Ringing Members elected in 2021

Name	No.	Tower	Date
Karen Rogers	1163	Bedford, St Paul	3 September
Penny Bellis	1738	Clifton	3 April
Ruth England	1739	Steppingley	20 November
Lorna Staples	1740	Steppingley	20 November
Claire Wright	1741	Steppingley	20 November
Dominic Holroyd-Thomas	1742	Ampthill	20 November

Member and Tower Listing Notes

Please note – Sunday service ringing and practice night details are the pre-Covid-19 situation. Once ringing resumes please check before you visit for the current situation. We will endeavour to keep the tower details up to date on our website but this relies on towers letting us know.

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 Member

◇ denotes Honorary Life Member

Resident, Non-ringing Associate Members are shown under their affiliated tower.

Bedford District

Unattached Members

Rosemary Buckle, Lesley Hattersley

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
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Gareth Burrows, Viki Evans, Richard Gallivan, 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
James Saunders stpaulsbedford@bacbr.org.uk

John Long*, Karen Rogers, James Saunders

BEDFORD St Peter de Merton (8) 12-1-0 in F# TL051501
Sunday: 09.30 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, Emily Entwistle,
Richard Entwistle, Susan Entwistle, Lynn Goodwin, Martin Goodwin,
Sylvia MacDowell, Pat Staite

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

BLETSOE St Mary (6) 11-2-11 in F# TL023583
Sunday: 09.00 1st PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00
Paul and Trish Vine, 50 The Avenue, Bletsoe, MK44 1QF
01234 782875 bletsoe@bacbr.org.uk trish.vine88@gmail.com

Andrew Fyvie, Paul Vine, Trish Vine

BOLNHURST St Dunstan (4) 8-0-0 in Bb (GF) TL081588
Sunday: None PN: None
James Hills, Corner View, School Lane, Bolnhurst, MK44 2EN
01234 376024 jameshills2@sky.com

BROMHAM St Owen (8) 22-3-18 in Eb TL013512
Sunday: 09.45, check 3rd and 4th PN: Tuesday 19.45-21.15
Robert Jones, St Monica, Norfolk Road, Turvey, MK43 8DU
01234 881741 bromham@bacbr.org.uk

Melanie Daniels, Derek Hammond, Steve Hare, Andrew Heyman,
Robert Jones, Adrienne Sharp, Elizabeth Walshe, Revd. Catherine Wilson

CARDINGTON St Mary (8) 19-1-1 in F TL086479
Sunday: 10.30 PN: 3rd Thursday
Mrs Julie Eddy, 141 Bamford Road, Bedford, MK42 0NH
01234 353489 cardington@bacbr.org.uk

CARLTON St Mary (6) 9-2-7 in Ab SP952549
Sunday: 10.30 1st & 3rd PN: Friday 19.30-21.00
alternate with Harrold
Mrs Lin Barratt, 86 The Moor, Carlton, MK43 7JS
01234 720756 lin.barratt@btinternet.com

Ann Boyle

CLAPHAM St Thomas of Canterbury (6) 5-3-20 in Bb TL034525
Sunday: None PN: Tuesday 19.45-21.00
Jeff Henson, 77 Bents Close, Clapham, MK41 6DY
01234 343198 clapham@bacbr.org.uk

COLMWORTH St Denys (6) 9-3-18 in G (GF) TL109586
Sunday: 10.00 confirm with contact PN: None
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01234 376887 colmworth@bacbr.org.uk

Humphrey Chetwynd-Talbot, Felicity Evans

CRANFIELD St Peter and St Paul (6) 17-1-14 in E SP956420
Sunday: 09.45 PN: Thursday 19.30 -21.00
Mary Hartley, 102a Bedford Road, Cranfield, MK43 0HA
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Jonathan Billington, Nicky Billington, Steve Capper, Jim Ewen,
Christopher Hartley, Mary Hartley, Garth Holman, Heather Holman,
Richard Lanyan-Hogg, Jane Leslie, Andrew Pearson, John Peat,
Susan Webster

ELSTOW St Mary and St Helena (6) 8-2-0 in G TL049474
Sunday: 11.00 1st&3rd; 9.30 2nd,4th&5th PN: Friday 20.00-21.00
Evening by arrangement
Stephen Stanford, 34 Wood End Road, Kempston, MK43 9BB
01234 856778 elstow@bacbr.org.uk

Don MacFarlane, Richard Marshall, Stephen Stanford*

FELMERSHAM St Mary (8) 20-2-18 in Eb SP991578
Sunday: Alternates with Sharnbrook – check PN: Tuesday
Joint at Sharnbrook
Rosemary Drewery , 07792 926004 or Wendy Freegard, 07801 435579
felmersham@bacbr.org.uk

GOLDINGTON St Mary (6) 10-2-7 in F# TL076510
Sunday: 09.00 and 16.30 2nd PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
Mrs Jenny Thompson, 16 Langdale, Bedford, MK41 9EG
01234 216571 goldington@bacbr.org.uk

Gale Bevan, Peter Blunt, Timothy Blunt, Andrew Dennison,
Revd. Simon Dommett, Nicholas Fowler, Roger Framp, Jean Heaslip,
Ash Kathuria, Dorothy Kirby, Hazel Spencer, Jenny Thompson

HARROLD St Peter and All Saints (6) 13-0-6 in F# SP954567
Sunday: 09.00 2nd & 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) 21-1-17 in E TL015480
Sunday: 9.30 2nd & 4th PN: Wednesday 19.45-21.00
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Nicola Darwood, Stephen Darwood, Glynda Easterbrook, Richard Hillson,
Cliff Izzard, Andrew Keech, Thomas Keech*, Melvyn Potts, Sarah Ward*

KEYSOE St Mary (5) 14-1-19 in E (GF) TL073624
Sunday: 10.00 3rd PN: Wednesday 19.45-21.00
James Hills, Corner View, School Lane, Bolnhurst, MK44 2EN
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Carol Burge, Ro Heming, James Hills, Richard Thurmott, Marion Turner

LITTLE STAUGHTON All Saints (5) 10-2-20 in G# (AC) TL107630
Sunday: 08.30 PN: Friday 19.30-21.00
Bernard Hopperton, Cherry Blossom, Staughton Moor Road, Great Staughton,
St Neots, PE19 5BW
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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
Neil Roy, The Pyghtle, Thurleigh Road, Milton Ernest, MK44 1RF
01234 823402 miltonernest@bacbr.org.uk

Jacquie Blows, Arun Clark, Richard Newman, Luke Parry, Neil Roy,
Nathan Sullivan

OAKLEY St Mary (6) 10-0-2 in G TL011530
Sunday: Contact TC PN: Friday 20.00-21.15
Bill Sellars, 2 Parsonage Close, Oakley, MK43 7TG
01234 823473 / 07980 745292 oakley@bacbr.org.uk

Martin Heaslip (deceased), Graham Ridgway, Bill Sellars

ODELL All Saints (6) 13-1-8 in F# SP966580
Sunday: None PN: None
Dr Martin Eshelby, 16a Avenue Road, Rushden, Northants, NN10 0SJ
01933 410959 allsaintsodell@bacbr.org.uk

PAVENHAM St Peter (5) 8-0-0 in A SP992560
Sunday: 10.45 4th PN: None
Martin Barratt, 86 The Moor, Carlton, MK43 7JS
01234 720756 martin.d.barratt@btinternet.com

RENHOLD All Saints (6) 13-0-15 in F# TL089528
Sunday: 10.30 PN: 5th Tuesday 19.30-21.00
Mrs Yvonne Potter, 8 Brook Lane, Salph End, Renhold, MK41 0LD
01234 771495 renhold@bacbr.org.uk

RISELEY All Saints (6) 13-1-26 in F TL039631
Sunday: 10.15 1st and 3rd phone to check PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00
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David Shaw

SHARNBROOK St Peter (8) 9-3-5 in F# SP993596
Sunday: Alternate with Felmersham. PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00
Phone to check
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6AH
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Jacquie Albon, Pat Albon, Tom Anderson*, Rosemary Drewery,
Rebecca Norton

STAGSDEN St Leonard (6) 10-2-18 in G (GF) SP982491
Sunday: Phone to check PN: Wednesday 20.00-21.00
Richard Brown, Manor Farm, High St, Stagsden MK44 8SQ
01234 822330 richardbrown@btopenworld.com

STEVINGTON St Mary (5) 10-2-14 in F# (GF) SP990536
Sunday: Phone to check PN: None
phone to check
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Peter Bishop

THURLEIGH St Peter (6) 14-0-0 in F# (GF) TL051584
Sunday: None PN: 1st Wednesday 19.00-20.00
others joint at Milton Ernest
John Mustoe, Blackthorn Cottage, 20 Cross End, Thurleigh MK44 2EE
01234 771667 thurleigh@bacbr.org.uk

TURVEY All Saints (8) 19-0-20 in E SP940525
Sunday: 09.00 1st, 10.30 2nd, 3rd & 4th PN: Friday 19.30-20.30
Ed Whittle/David Woods
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Richard Bray

UPPER DEAN All Hallows (5) 9-3-20 in G (GF) TL046676
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Mrs Lindsay Langley, Te Aroha, 6 Aylott Close, Upper Dean, PE28 0NA
01234 708165 upperdean@bacbr.org.uk

WILDEN St Nicholas (5) 11-2-0 in F# TL093552
Sunday: None PN: None
Mrs Carolyn Walker, 49, High Street, Wilden, MK44 2QD
01234 771102

WOOTTON St Mary (6) 14-3-26 in F TL003451
Sunday: None PN: None
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Biggleswade District

Unattached Members

Barbara Beard, Dean De-Matteis, Helen De-Matteis

AMPTHILL St Andrew (8) 13-3-6 in Ab TL037383
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Dominic Holroyd-Thomas, Rae Marshall, 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, Elizabeth Overfield*, Peter Overfield*

BIGGLESWADE St Andrew (10) 13-1-3 in F TL188446
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Yvonne Humberstone*, Charlotte Smith*, Leah Stewart, Johannes Strauss,
Elaine Taylor*, Christine Williams, Beryl Worsley*, John E Worsley*,
Martyn Worsley*, Laura Wren

BLUNHAM St Edmund or St James (6) 18-2-0 in Eb TL153512
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Davina Buckle, The Rectory, Park Lane, Blunham, MK44 3NJ
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Davina Buckle

CAMPTON All Saints (8) 6-2-10 in B (GF) TL130381
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Linda Garton, Barrie Glenn, John Loveless, Susan Silver, Kaitlin Woodland

CLIFTON All Saints (8) 10-0-6 in Ab TL166393
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Penny Bellis, Peter Blackmore, Nicholas Brown, Russell Brown,
Teresa Brown, Ros Keech*, Cara Nocera, Jim Peacock(deceased),
Keith Pledger, Mary Pledger, Frank Rivett, Shaun Somerville,
Rev Caren Topley, Philippa Whittington

COPLE All Saints (6) 8-1-0 in G# (AC) TL103485
Sunday: None PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.00
Mike Vacher, 91 Willington Road, Cople, MK44 3TN
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Alex Sturgeon, Mike Vacher

EATON SOCON St Mary (8) 13-2-24 in F TL170588
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Sue Matthews suejmatthews@outlook.com

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Sue Matthews, Mary Parnham, Wendy Piercy*, Christopher Spencer

GREAT BARFORD All Saints (5) 15-3-16 in F (GF) TL134517
Sunday: 10:30 by arrangement PN: Tuesday 1st 19.30-21.00
Rota with Blunham, Roxton and Tempsford
Vivienne Johnson, 28 Silver Street, Great Barford, MK44 3HX
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HAYNES St Mary (6) 6-3-5 in B (GF) TL081412
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Randall Perrey, Jess Sawyers, Anthony Smith

MAULDEN St Mary (8) 10-2-0 in F# TL058381
Sunday: 08.45, phone to check PN phone to check
Colin Gunns 01525 402970

Mark Garner*, Mary Mann*, Yvonne Tomkins*

MEPPERSHALL St Mary (6) 12-2-0 in G# (GF) TL134359
Sunday: None PN: Friday 20.00-21.00

alternate with Arlesey

John Parsons, 17 Shillington Road, Meppershall, SG17 5ND
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David Bartlett, Anne Parsons*, John Parsons*, Helen Valentine,
Elizabeth Wade*

NORTHILL St Mary Virgin (6) 18-2-12 in Eb TL149466
Sunday: 10.30, check 5th PN: Monday 1st, 3rd & 5th 19.30-21.00
Phone to check

Sue Melvin northill@bacbr.org.uk

Mike Cowell, Barbara Dunn, Simon Melvin, Susan Melvin, Chris Morris,
Angela Norris

OLD WARDEN St Leonard (6) 9-1-0 in G (GF) TL136443
Sunday: None PN: Monday 2nd & 4th
Sue Melvin northill@bacbr.org.uk

POTTON St Mary (6) 8-0-0 in A TL229495
Sunday: 09.45 PN: Tuesday 19.45-21.00
Mrs Rosemary Kimber, Spencer Farm, 28 King Street, Potton, SG19 2QT
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Val Cooper, Andrew Inkersole, Rosanna Jackson, Rosemary Kimber,
Mary Oliver-Barratt, Jessica Richards, Tony Sharp

ROXTON St Mary Magdalene (5) 10-1-3 in G TL153545
Sunday: 10.30, phone to check PN: 4th Tuesday 19.30-21.00
Norman Keightley, Brooklands, Chawston Lane, Chawston, MK44 3BH
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David Bradley, Norman Keightley

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Sunday: 09.30 PN: Wednesday 19.00-20.30
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01767 835039 / 07984 860108 sandy@bacbr.org.uk

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SOUTHILL All Saints (6) 11-3-3 in F# TL146422
Sunday: 08.30 3rd PN: Phone to check
Colin McCartney, 29 Birch Close, Broom, Biggleswade, SG18 9NR
01767 314669 colin.mccartney03@talktalk.net

Colin McCartney, Elizabeth McCartney, Alan Dover*

STEPPINGLEY St Lawrence (6) 6-0-11 in Bb TL011354
Sunday: None PN: None
John Hele, 45 Alameda Road, Ampthill, MK45 2LA
01525 840278 steppingley@bacbr.org.uk

Ruth England, Lorna Staples, Claire Wright

STOTFOLD St Mary (8) 11-0-2 in G TL220367
Sunday: 09.30 PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00
Richard and Eileen Castledine, 7 Hazel Grove, Stotfold, SG5 4JJ
01462 629075 stotfold@bacbr.org.uk

Eileen Castledine, J Richard Castledine, John Coles, David Ribbans,

TEMPSFORD St Peter (6) 9-1-0 in Ab (GF) TL162531
Sunday: Check PN: 2nd or 3rd Tuesday 19.30-21.00
In rotation with Gt Barford and Roxton phone to check
Davina Buckle, The Rectory, Park Lane, Blunham, MK44 3NJ
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WILLINGTON St Lawrence (6) 9-0-1 in A TL106498
Sunday: None PN: Wednesday phone to check
Mike Vacher, 91 Willington Road, Cople, MK44 3TN
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Luton District

Unattached Members

Keith Lewin, John Pemble♦

ASPLEY GUISE St Botolph (6) 10-0-11 in G# SP943363
Sunday: 09.00 PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
Ann Clarke, Braystone House, Aspley Guise, MK17 8HY
01908 585040 aspleyguise@bacbr.org.uk

BARTON-LE-CLAY St Nicholas (8) 16-1-14 in E TL085304
Sunday: 10.00 PN: Monday 19.30-21.00
phone to check
Mrs Jennifer Archer, 1 Old School Gardens, Barton-Le-Clay, MK45 4LS
01582 881497 jenny.archer@hotmail.co.uk

CADDINGTON All Saints (6) 8-0-0 in G TL064198
Sunday: 9.00 PN: Thursday 20.00-21.00
Basil Seymour, 20 Millfield Way, Caddington
01582 738078 caddington@bacbr.org.uk
07504 988420 basil.seymour4885@btinternet.com

DUNSTABLE St Peter (8) 23-2-15 in Eb TL021219
Sunday: 08.40 PN: Wednesday 20.00-21.15
Alan Shepherd, 19 Totternhoe Road, Dunstable, LU6 2AF
01582 603238 secretary@dunstablebells.org.uk

Emily Gordon, Rebecca Gordon, Richard Gordon, Richard Horne*,
Andrew Jeffs, Paul Jeffs, Graham Proctor, Lauren Reay, Alan Shepherd*,
Charlotte Simpson

EATON BRAY St Mary the Virgin (6) 9-2-0 in A SP969207
Sunday: 09.30 PN: Phone to check
Gaye Soule, Blanche Cottage, 210 Castle Hill Road, Totternhoe, LU6 2BW
07807924218 eatonbray@bacbr.org.uk

Gordon Gray, Rose Nightingale, Gaye Soule, Richard Stroud

EVERSHOLT St John the Baptist (6) 16-2-14 in E SP983325
Sunday: 9.30 1st only PN: Monday 18.30-20.00
Robert Churchill, 11 Tingrith Road, Eversholt, MK17 9EF
01525 280632 r.churchill883@btinternet.com

Susan Ashman, John Clarkson, Paul Collin, Chris Jones, John Logan,
Esther Marchant

FLITTON St John the Baptist (6) 6-0-6 in Bb (GF) TL059358
Sunday: 10.30 1st, 09.00 2nd PN: Wednesday 19.30-21.00
Jen Fisher, 51 Flitton Road, Greenfield, MK45 5DJ
01525 713917 flitton@bacbr.co.uk

Sally Creveul, Jen Fisher, Vernon Green, Peter Phillips

FLITWICK St Peter and St Paul (6) 9-1-9 in G TL029342
Sunday: 10.00 PN: Friday 19.45-21.15
Ian Holman, 33 Station Road, Flitwick, MK45 1JT
01525 716258 flitwick@bacbr.org.uk

Michael Buckingham, Michael Catlin, Alan Davies, Richard Fullbrook,
Ian Holman, Rebekah Holman, Paul Swannell, David Watson

HOUGHTON REGIS All Saints (6) 13-1-3 in F TL018239
Sunday: 10.30 PN: Thursday 19.30-21.00
Delroy Grey, 36 Kent Road, Houghton Regis, LU5 5NZ
01582 868644 houghtonregis@bacbr.org.uk

Carl Anthony, Delroy Grey, Luke Meanwell, John Pratt, Celia Pymont,
Cameron White-Spunner, Kristian White-Spunner

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY St James (8) 18-2-12 in D SP955362
Sunday: None PN: None
Robert Churchill, 11 Tingrith Road, Eversholt, MK17 9EF
01525 280632 r.churchill883@btinternet.com

Elizabeth Churchill, Robert Churchill

KENSWORTH St Mary (6) 3-3-15 in D# TL031190
Sunday: 10.00 PN: please check
Mrs Polly Frazer, 10 Poplar Road, Kensworth, LU6 3RS
01582 873143 pollyfrazer7@gmail.com

Barry Huggins

LEIGHTON BUZZARD All Saints (12) 35-1-14 in C# SP918248
Sunday: 09.00 PN: Monday 19.45-21.30
Evensong QPs by arrangement
Kevin Pughe, 7 Dudley Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1SE
0740 2233022 leightonbuzzard@bacbr.org.uk

Margaret Birtles, Gwenda Burley, Barry Eglesfield, Ann Pawley,
Caroline Pawley, Jonathan Pawley, Lizzie Pawley, Kevin Pughe,
Robert Tregillus

LINSLADE St Barnabas (8) 9-3-3 in A SP912249
Sunday: 09.30 PN: Tuesday 19.30-21.15
Louisa Smith 07852 554704 linsladeringing@gmail.com

Mark Cluet, Janesse Cornfoot, Simon Head, Chris Hewett, Janet Miller,
Janice Robinson, Louisa Smith

LUTON St Mary (12) 25-0-24 in D TL095212
Sunday: 09.45 PN: Tuesday 18.30-20.00
by arrangement
Mrs Dee Vanner, 13 Elmwood Crescent, Luton, LU2 7HX
01582 619738 stmaryluton@bacbr.org.uk

Angela Andrews, Ian Brown, Beryl Gardner, John Lambert, Pat Limanni,
Santo Limanni

MILTON BRYAN St Peter (3) 8-2-16 in A (GF) SP972308
Sunday: None PN: None
Kelvin White, 4 Church End, Milton Bryan, MK17 9HR
01525 210337 kbwhitedirect@gmail.com

SHILLINGTON All Saints (5) 18-2-0 in E TL123339
Sunday: 09.00 PN: Monday 20.00-21.00
Emma Lodge shillington@bacbr.org.uk .

SILSOE St James (6) 6-1-9 in B TL082356
Sunday: 09.00, 2nd & 5th phone to check PN: Monday 19.45-21.00
Mrs Barbara Fraser, 18 Bedford Avenue, Silsoe, MK45 4ER
01525 861709 silsoe@bacbr.org.uk

David Adams, Paul Biscoe, Christopher Catlin, Julia Catlin, Barbara Fraser,
Margaret Jeeves, Les Miller, Simon Stranks

STANBRIDGE St John the Baptist (6) 9-0-15 in F# SP966242
Sunday: None PN: None
Laurence Cooper, 10 Carlton Grove, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3BR
01525 377291 stanbridge@bacbr.org.uk

STUDHAM St Mary the Virgin (6) 10-0-22 in Ab (GF) TL016159
Sunday: 10.00 PN: Monday 20-00-21.00
Angela Blackburn, 7 Knotts Close, Dunstable, LU6 3NY
01582 663756 studham@bacbr.org.uk

Angela Blackburn, Paul Hassan, Margaret Maddox, Andrew Wheeler

TILSWORTH All Saints (6) 8-3-17 in A (GF) SP975243
Sunday: email to check PN: None
tilsworth@bacbr.org.uk

TODDINGTON St George of England (8) 22-2-0 in E TL010289
Sunday: 10.30 PN: Friday 19.30-21.00
Peter Boon, 33 Vicarage Street, Woburn Sands, MK17 8RE
01908 584181 toddington@bacbr.org.uk

Peter Boon, Viki Holton, John Pask, Debbie Thrower, Wendy Whaley

TOTTERNHOE St Giles (8) 9-2-0 in F SP988208
Sunday: 10.30 PN: Tuesday 20.00-21.00 phone to check
Annette Brooks, 13 Weatherby, Dunstable, LU61TP
07792 374703 totternhoe@bacbr.org.uk

WESTONING St Mary Magdalene (6) 11-1-18 in F# TL027327
Sunday: 10.30 PN: Monday 19.30-20.45
Alan Davies, 1 Tythe Barn Close, Westoning MK45 5JT
01525 713112 westoning@bacbr.org.uk

Wendy Bramwell, Michael Buckingham, Alan Davies, John Luckman,
Julie Luckman, Peter Luff, Tom Luff, David Moorhouse, Joy Moorhouse

WHIPSNAD St Mary Magdalene (6) 3-1-24 in E (GF) TL012179
Sunday: 08.30, except 5th PN: None
Mrs Pam Ward, Chapel Farm, Whipsnade, LU6 2LL
01582 872406 whipsnade@bacbr.org.uk

Sarah Ayres, John Kendrick, Roger Kendrick, Sylvia Kendrick

WOBURN St Mary the Virgin (8) 24-1-16 in D SP950333
Sunday: 10.00, Contact for details PN: Thursday, 1st & 3rd, 19.30-21.00
Bob Tregillus, 01525 379973 woburn@bacbr.org.uk

Obituaries

Peter N Culverwell (1925 – 2021)

Peter died peacefully at home on 11th May 2021 aged 96 years. After leaving school, Peter took an engineering course before enlisting in the Fleet Air Arm, serving on aircraft carriers. After being demobbed at the end of WW2, Peter studied Civil Engineering at Bristol University followed by a successful career with the Kier Group where he was a senior civil engineering contracts manager working on such major projects as Canvey Island, Rugeley and Drakelow Power Stations, and the Ware Bypass. In the 1960s he worked for the company in Jamaica for three years, living there with his wife, Glenys, their four children, and his mother-in-law.

On returning to the UK in 1967, the family settled in Biddenham. Following retirement in 1986, Peter became a familiar figure cycling through the village on his trusty bicycle (with basket), often loaded with tools in his quest to keep the village tidy. Peter gave his time to at least 14 separate organisations in Biddenham – these included The Biddenham Society, The Biddenham Show, The Village Hall Management Committee, Parish Paths Partnership, The Millennium Committee, Church Maintenance Sub Committee, and Biddenham Gardeners Association. He also shipped school books to Ghana and was behind a recycling project for the village hall which returned a substantial amount towards its management. He was a long standing member of the Church and a bell ringer, being a member of the Bedfordshire Association for 25 years from 1993 to 2017. In addition to ringing at Biddenham, he also supported ringing at Kempston for some years.

In the 2013 New Year's Honours, Peter was awarded the British Empire Medal, a well-deserved honour for his services to his local community.

Memories and pictures of Peter, the Eulogy given at his funeral service by his son, Nigel, and Tributes from his grandchildren are printed on Pages 7 to 11 of the July/August 2021 edition of The Loop (www.biddenham.org.uk/document-category/the-loop/).

May he rest in peace.

Richard Hillson

Jim Peacock (1949 – 2021)

So many Sunday mornings as we waited to start ringing, someone would look down into the church from the belfry and say, "Jim's on his way up, he's just stopped to kiss another lady"!

Ringing for the morning service will never be the same again; he was always there, a hug for the ladies, a friendly greeting, always wanting to be part of the team. It will seem odd not to say; "Jim, will you bonk at the back please", like a big bass drum, he would keep the rhythm for other bells to follow. He was part of the team for all of the 25 years that we have been in the village, and throughout the adversity of the last eighteen months, when government guidelines restricted indoor activities he continued to play an active role.

On one occasion in a period when different households could not mix indoors, for one service we rang only three of the eight bells, Jim on his own ringing from the normal

belfry and two others from another household ringing from the clock room, using a video camera & TV screen to see each other! We called it "Upstairs / downstairs". Beyond ringing for church services, his contribution also extended to the Wednesday afternoon After-School club for bellringing. Ready to ring, or not, as required – he loved to see the children learning the skills and making progress.

The last Bedfordshire striking competition was at Haynes in September of this year where he rang the tenor and we finished first. He was very pleased with the result and the complimentary comments made by the judge about the ringing of the tenor.

For many recent years the August bank holiday Monday has traditionally been reserved for the Clifton Bellringers Outing, where we descend en-masse to a number of churches to ring their bells, always concluding the day with a barbecue at Jim's or Peter's or the Rivington's. Jim always enjoyed the challenge of ringing different bells and it probably doesn't need saying who was Chef de Party in the evening, Jim's skill with the charcoal was legendary.

Bellringing recollections of Jim will always include Christmas dinner gatherings, where we could rely on him for a few kind words and much humour. His story of "Wear the Fox Hat" is a lasting memory that has not faded with time.

The reasons why we ring church bells are many and varied and include helping to commemorate both local and national events, some that Jim rang for include:

- The 100th peal on Clifton bells, The Millennium & 2000 years of Christendom
- A Royal visit and Royal marriages
- Centenary of the WW1 Armistice and many Remembrance Sundays
- In memory of departed ringers
- Significant birthdays & anniversaries
- Welcoming new births
- Arrival & departure of Rectors
- Jim & Jean's own Ruby wedding anniversary in 2011
- British Empire Medal award to Gladys Dawson
- For COP 26

Jim was a loyal friend, stoic and cheerful in the adversities he faced, he will be missed by all, not the least by those in the belfry.

Frank Rivett

Jean Edwards (1933 - 2021)

Jean Macgregor was born in Cockfosters, briefly evacuated to Devon and after the war her family moved to Northwood, where at school she flourished, enjoying sporting activities like tennis, golf and ski trips to Austria, and achieving her School Certificate. Jean then worked in the City and in 1958 married Dr. Vernon Edwards, a GP starting out in Watford. He was the Team Doctor at Watford Town FC, and thus both he and Jean knew Elton John. Between 1960 and 1965 they had four children; David, Alison, Duncan and Fiona so were fully occupied with home making, and subsequently enjoying an expanding family, with ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. When Fiona had left school in the early 80's they bought the Old Vicarage in Stevington, and undertook the project of restoring the large house and garden, with stunning results. There were legendary parties for friends, villagers, and children as Jean was an excellent host, with the reputation of producing vast quantities of food at a

moment's notice. She was proud of her Scottish ancestry, and spent many family holidays on Speyside at her parent's house. Vernon had become the England Team Doctor, but sadly suffered a heart attack whilst on duty at the World Cup in Mexico in 1986. He passed away in 1991.

A new band of ringers was formed at Stevington in 1990, and Jean joined in and was taught to handle a bell by Pat Albon. She was a loyal ringer at her home tower, captained by Peter Bishop, and took on the role of Tower Secretary until the very end. She enthusiastically attended practices at Sharnbrook, Carlton, Harrold, Goldington and St Peter's Bedford, amongst others. Jean was a member of the Bedfordshire Association for 24 years, joining on 4th April 1992, and was a great supporter of Bedford District, regularly attending meetings and outings. Jean enjoyed the company of bell ringers, and was a founder member of Tailenders, the District mid week ringers group started by Eric Headleand in 1996. She scored several quarter peals, her first three at Sharnbrook, one at Stevington and one at Harrold. She also participated in District Quarter Peal Week, scoring her first of Minor at Carlton in 2001. Lately she had difficulty climbing the stairs, and had to withdraw from ringing, but Jean's cheerful, wise and humorous style will be remembered by many who knew her.

Bob Jones

Martin Heaslip (1966 to 2021)

Martin was born and raised in the village of Renhold, and had one elder brother, David. Both were encouraged to ring by their grandfather, Charlie Pell, a peal ringer himself, and taught to ring at Wilden by Charlie and tower captain, Ron Ruff. Wilden used to have a long draft and the saying was 'if you can ring well at Wilden you can ring anywhere'. The tower outings Ron organised were much enjoyed, and led Martin to become an enthusiastic ringer at several local towers. He was only fourteen when he rang his first quarter peal at Tempsford.

Another passion of Martin's (besides bellringing) was farming. He liked nothing better than to rush out of school at the end of the day so that he could help his grandad on the farm. His mum, Jean, would often see his little head bobbing up and down on a tractor as he passed the end of her garden!

Martin worked for many years on the farm in Clapham looking after cattle and helping with arable work. When he met his wife, Sue, he settled in Clapham and they had three daughters - Sarah, Katie and Julie. He was a kind and loving man who would help anybody.

After farming in Clapham he tried several other jobs to provide for his family but was most happy when he was farming.

Martin spent the last 28 years happily farming in Swineshead and would fit his bellringing in between this. He would often pop out to ring for a wedding or quarter peal and then go straight back onto his tractor and carry on working late into the evening!

Bob Jones

POINTS FROM THE PEALS

Leading peal ringers:

John P Loveless 8	David Kemp 8
Emma J Southerington 6	Linda M Garton 5
June Mackay 3	Russell A Brown 2
Stephen H. Stanford 2	Graham R D Lay 2

Leading conductors:

Emma J Southerington 5	John P Loveless 3
Graham R D Lay 1	

Places

Tower (3)	Campton 3	
Handbell (6)	17 Gravenhurst Road, Campton 5	Campton Church Porch 1

Methods

Minor (3)	Plain Bob 1	Surprise (2m) 1
Surprise (7m) 1	Major (6)	Plain Bob 1
Bristol Surprise 1	Cambridge Surprise 1	Lincolnshire Surprise 1
Superlative Surprise 1	Yorkshire Surprise 1	

Peals 2021

Peal No. 4300 including 74 on handbells

CAMPTON 17 Gravenhurst Road

Tuesday April 20, 2021 in 2h 1m

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: (1) London; (2) Norwich; (3) Westminster; (4)

NetherSeale; (5) Cambridge; (6) Ipswich;

(7) Bourne)

1-2 David Kemp

3-4 John P Loveless

5-6 Emma J Southerington (C)

In memoriam HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Peal No. 4301 including 75 on handbells

CAMPTON, Beds. All Saints Church Porch

Monday May 3, 2021 2h 13m

5040 Plain Bob Minor

(7 different extents)

1-2 Linda M Garton

3-4 David Kemp

5-6 John P Loveless (C)

Specially arranged and rung in memory of Sir Stanley Odell, a much loved and highly respected member of the community in Campton, who died on 21st March. He was a great supporter of this church and gave a bell when the new ring of eight were installed in 2007. We were pleased that Lady Grace Odell joined us before the peal

Peal No. 4302 including 76 on handbells

CAMPTON, Beds. 17 Gravenhurst Road

Thursday August 5, 2021 2h 26m

5040 Plain Bob Major

Comp: E M Atkins

1-2 John P Loveless

3-4 David Kemp

5-6 Emma J Southerington (C)

7-8 Linda M Garton

Peal No. 4303 including 77 on handbells

CAMPTON 17 Gravenhurst Road

Wednesday August 18, 2021 2h 35m

5056 Cambridge Surprise Major

Comp: C Middleton

1-2 Linda M Garton

3-4 Emma J Southerington (C)

5-6 David Kemp

7-8 John P Loveless

Peal No. 4304 inc. 78 on handbells
CAMPTON, 17 Gravenhurst Road
 Monday August 30, 2021 2h 40m
5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major
 Comp: E J Southerington (No.1)
 1-2 Linda M Garton
 3-4 Emma J Southerington (C)
 5-6 John P Loveless
 7-8 David Kemp

Peal No. 4306
CAMPTON, All Saints
 Friday November 5, 2021 2h46m
5152 Superlative Surprise Major
 Comp: Benjamin Thackrah
 1 John P Loveless (C)
 2 Rosalind J Keech
 3 Graham R D Lay
 4 June Mackay
 5 David Kemp
 6 Michael G Purday
 7 Russell A Brown
 8 Alan Regin
 To mark the 200th anniversary of the first peal of
 Superlative S. Major, rung at St Peter's,
 Huddersfield on 5th November 1821.

Peal No. 4308
CAMPTON, All Saints
 Monday December 27, 2021 2h 48m
5088 Bristol Surprise Major
 Comp: Donald F Morrison (No.55)
 1 Charlotte M Smith
 2 Emma J Southerington
 3 Clive G Smith
 4 June Mackay
 5 John P Loveless (C)
 6 David Kemp
 7 Stephen H Stanford
 8 Nicholas D Brown
 The band sends its best wishes to Anthony Smith
 for a rapid recovery. Thanks to June who replaced
 him at very short notice.

Peal No. 4305
CAMPTON, All Saints
 Friday September 10, 2021 2h 33m
5040 Surprise Minor
 (2m: 3 extents Norwich; 4 extents Cambridge)
 1 Martin Major
 2 June Mackay
 3 Susan E Marsden
 4 Stephen H Stanford
 5 Russell A Brown
 6 Graham R D Lay (C)
 Specially arranged to celebrate the award of the
 Order of St Alban, by the Bishop of St Albans, to
 Audrey Brand, Lay Reader at All Saints Campton,
 for her long and exceptional service to this
 community and to the Diocese. Audrey lived near
 Norwich for many years before moving to
 Campton and studied for her MA with the
 Cambridge Theological Foundation, graduating in
 2016.

Peal No. 4307 inc. 79 on handbells
CAMPTON, 17 Gravenhurst Road
 Wednesday November 24, 2021 2h 34m
5088 Lincolnshire Surprise Major
 Comp: W Barton
 1-2 Linda M Garton
 3-4 Emma J Southerington (C)
 5-6 David Kemp
 7-8 John P Loveless

Correction to 2020 peals

Peal 4299 (on handbells) was rung on
 Monday October 26, 2020 in 2h 21

Ringling peals for the Bedfordshire Association

Conductors should send full details (names, method, composition) to the Peal Secretary, **pealsecretary@bacbr.org.uk**, and pay the peal fee within 4 weeks (or by 14th January if rung in the preceding December).

Peal fees, currently £1.00 per ringer, should ideally be paid directly by online banking to the Association's account - sort code 30-94-47, account number 01418488

All peal ringers must be members of the Association. Non-members can be elected before the peal attempt provided that the proposer and seconder are Voting Members who are also taking part in the peal. Their election must be ratified at any BACBR meeting within 3 months of the peal. The proposer should make sure that the new member completes a membership form (available on the website), which should be passed to the relevant District Secretary. Peals can be viewed on our website home page through a 'live feed' from the Ringing World's Bell Board. Peal fees are transferred to the Association's Bell Restoration Fund.

POINTS FROM THE PAST

50 YEARS AGO (1971)

- President – Alf Rushton
- 46 peals rung; 8 resident members 1st peal
- First peal of Maximus for the Association by resident members
- First peal of Bristol Royal for the Association
- Cricket match – Bedford vs Biggleswade
- Martin Major 200th peal
- Steve Stanford 1st peal
- Peal of London Royal at Bedford St Paul by Sunday service band
- Peal of Bob Major by Sunday service band at Totternhoe
- W Wagstaffe 91st birthday
- Leading peal ringer – Anthony Smith
- Resident members – 193 adult; 78 junior
- District BRF = £625; grants made = £17

25 YEARS AGO (1996)

- President – John Pemble
- 41 peals rung
- Tom Harris (Silsoe) MBE
- 100th anniversary of St Paul's Bedford made to 10
- Andrew Keech 350th peal
- Leading peal ringer – Anthony Smith
- Resident members – 238 adult; 68 junior
- District BRF + R J Sharp fund - £38,429; grants made = £4,250.

Other General Information for Members

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults guidelines

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'. We recommend that everyone directly involved with children and vulnerable adults in ringing follows the requirements of the St Albans Diocese and their local church.

Everyone should take safeguarding matters seriously. This ensures that:

- Children and vulnerable adults are protected.
- 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.

The St Albans Diocese requires that Tower Captains, and all those who teach children and vulnerable adults in ringing, must have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) 'enhanced check' and attend the class based, Module C2 Deanery training course. DBS checks and training are arranged through your church's Safeguarding Coordinator, appointed by the PCC, and who is also the first point of contact in the event of any safeguarding concerns; their contact details should be displayed in the ringing room.

It's good practice for all ringers to complete the online Diocesan training module C0, for basic awareness and increased knowledge of safeguarding. At the present time Deanery training must be refreshed every 3 years, online training is a one off. For more information see the St Albans Diocesan safeguarding web pages at <https://www.stalbens.anglican.org/diocese/safeguarding/>

We strongly recommend that Tower Captains / ringing teachers should also:

- Invite parents/guardians to a training session before teaching begins so that they're fully aware of what's involved.
- Ask parents/guardians to complete and sign a registration form giving their permission to learn to ring and provide important contact and medical information - downloadable from our website at <http://www.bacbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/BACBR-young-ringers-registration-form-March-2012.pdf>
- Keep an attendance register or record.
- Make parents/guardians responsible for taking children/vulnerable adults to and from the church.
- Get written permission from parents/guardians and agree transport arrangements, before children/vulnerable adults are taken without them to Tower, District and Association meetings, training, outings and social functions or other tower's practices.
- Be aware of the insurance position at your church for children/vulnerable adults.
- Always have at least two adults present (preferable a male and female) when children/vulnerable adults are present at Tower, District or Association practices.
- Never allow children/vulnerable adults up amongst the bells apart from an initial demonstration visit if it is safe to have one.

Guidance for everyone:

- Never hold child/vulnerable adult personal contact information without permission of parents/guardians.
- Never travel alone in a car with a child/vulnerable adult.

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 about safeguarding for bell ringers see the child protection notes on the CCCBR website: www.cccbr.org.uk/towerstewardship

If you have any queries contact our Safeguarding Coordinator, Rosemary Drewery, email: safeguarding@cccbr.org.uk, telephone: 07792 926004

Data protection and privacy information

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) cover how the Association, and its three Districts, holds and uses personal information.

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

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

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.

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, other newsletters and updates
- Improve our website
- Fulfil our legal obligations

We don't sell personal information and won't 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 (under19) 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 and 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

Our Association insurance policy is with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group. We don't provide personal insurance for members because it's expensive and these policies generally have small pay-outs. For example, a typical pay-out is unlikely to cover 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 subscription. The current policy documents are 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. Some towers only practice on certain weeks of the month, alternate their practice with one or more other towers or are just 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/Old Warden	Barton Le Clay Eversholt Leighton Buzzard Shillington Silsoe Studham Westoning
Tuesday	Bromham Clapham Felmersham/Sharnbrook Renhold 5th only Riseley Stevington	Blunham/Gt Barford /Roxton/Tempsford Campton Cople Henlow Potton	Linslade Luton Totternhoe
Wednesday	Goldington Kempston Keysoe Milton Ernest/Thurleigh Stagsden	Biggleswade Eaton Socon Sandy Willington	Aspley Guise Dunstable Flitton
Thursday	Bedford St Andrew Bedford St Peter Bletsoe Cardington Cranfield Upper Dean	Amphill Stotfold	Caddington Houghton Regis Woburn 1st & 3 rd
Friday	Carlton/Harrold Elstow Little Staughton Oakley Turvey	Arlesey/Meppershall Clifton	Flitwick Toddington



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