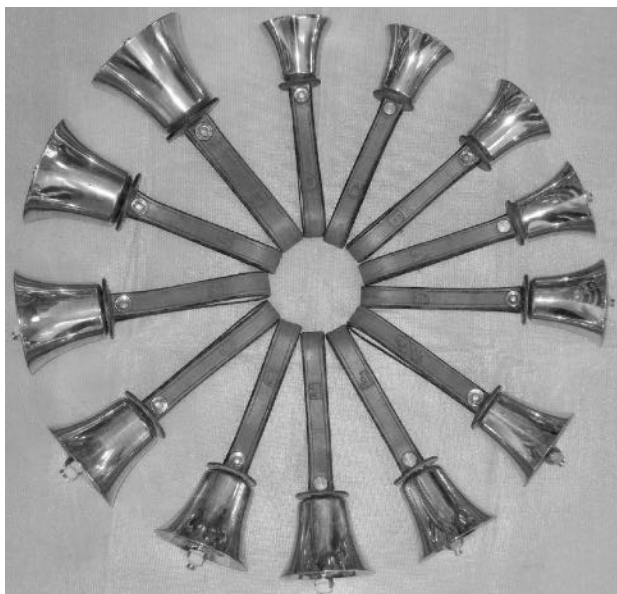


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Obituaries

David Bounds 1955 – 2020

David was born in Cardiff on 7 March 1955 where he lived until he moved with his family to Llantwit Major in 1963. He was a choir boy at St Illtud's, Llantwit Major before learning to ring when he was 11 years old and remained a faithful ringer there for most of his adult life.

David rang his first peal at St Bride's Major, being Grandsire Doubles, on 31 January 1970 conducted by Tom Petty. He went on to ring 120 peals between 1970 and 2012, with all but 6 of these rung for the Llandaff & Monmouth Association.

He conducted 32 peals, including a peal of Doubles at Cadoxton comprising 148 methods/variations in November 1984. At the time it was a record but later rule changes by the methods committee of the Central Council revised this to 134 methods/variations, as is now recorded in the Association peal records, nevertheless a great achievement by David. Another highlight was a peal of Stedman Caters he organised at St John's Cardiff in April 2003 by a band of past and present Llandaff Branch officers.

David was elected as a member to the Association in 1969 and served as Llandaff Branch Secretary between 1981 and 1982. He was also the Association Ringing Master from 2010 until 2012 and then served as Association Chairman from 2012 to 2015.

For many years, David organised and ran the Association Minor Practice, which started life as the Vale of Glamorgan Minor Practice back in the 1970s, with his friends Peter Mayle and Geoff Morgan. David was also a great supporter of Branch and Association practices. With his friendliness, good humour and encouragement he was always ready to help less experienced ringers. Over the years he taught and helped many ringers, including his daughter Ffion, to develop, whether by standing behind or ringing.

In 2018 David took over as Tower Captain at St Illtud's from his good friend Peter Mayle and was proud to be involved with the recruitment and training of new band members for Ringing Remembers, many of whom have become regular tower ringers.

He encouraged the use of the simulator system in the tower and was always keen to take the band forward. Over the years, David was tireless in encouraging, teaching and developing learners of all ages, not just at Llantwit but further afield in the Branch and Association. He had a gift for patience, explanation and conveying his natural enthusiasm for ringing to others. He was always great company and with his partner Hilary was a regular tourist on Cadoxton away trips to various parts of the country.

Following an initial career with National Power, David retrained as an IT consultant working for the National Museums of Wales and latterly for the National Health Service at Llandough and Cardiff until his retirement in 2015. Aside from ringing, he was also a keen walker, gardener, rugby fan and enjoyed nothing better than driving his MGTF at track days.

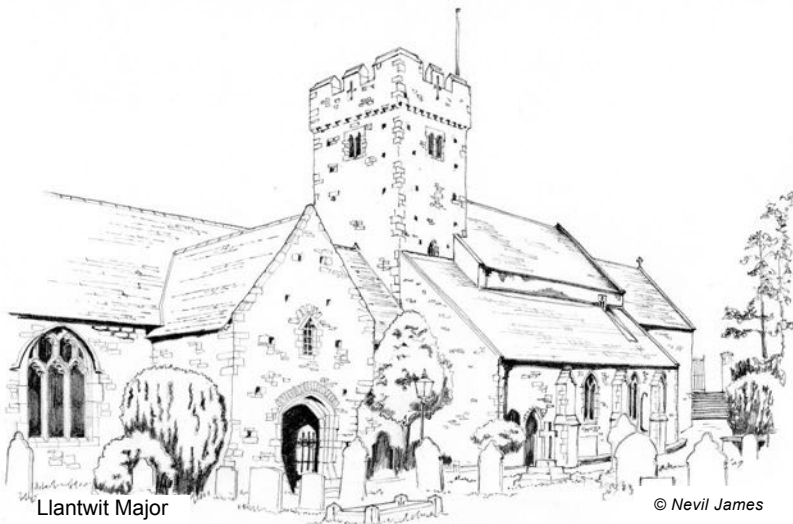
He also liked to travel both home and abroad often joining practice evenings or Sunday ringing. While on holiday he rang at Washington, Dublin, Wellington and Inverness Cathedrals as well as many churches in Wales and England.

In late 2019 David was admitted to Heath Hospital with a ruptured appendix when, unfortunately, further investigations indicated the presence of cancerous bowel tumours. David bore his final illness with great dignity, fortitude and positivity and we all hoped and prayed to the last that his great fighting spirit would overcome the cancer, but unfortunately he passed away peacefully at home with his partner Hilary on 22 March 2020.

As a consequence of the social restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the funeral at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium was attended only by immediate family, but many of his friends were there in spirit; some ringing whatever form of bell came to hand. The intention is that a memorial service and celebration of his life will be held in due course to acknowledge the great contribution he made to ringing within the Association and particularly at the Llantwit Major tower.

Our sympathies and condolences go out to all his family, particularly Richard, Ffion and his partner Hilary at this very sad time. We will always remember David as a great ringer, a great friend and a great person. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

Andrew John and Hilary Evans



Llantwit Major

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I shall always remember the first time I met David about 40 years ago, not long after I started ringing. David and Alwyn had arranged a practice one evening to help a number of learners from Cadoxton and the Vale to develop on 8 bells. It was decided to meet somewhere in between and so they arranged it at Newton Nottage, Porthcawl. We

turned up and duly obtained the key from the local as arranged. Having opened up, we then fumbled around for the light switches. When the lights came on we saw a wooden trestle in the middle of the ringing circle with a coffin resting on top! There wasn't a regular band there at the time and being a ground floor ring, the local undertaker had commandeered the belfry as a Chapel of Rest. Unfortunately, as is often the case in Church circles, no-one had mentioned it to the Tower correspondent! After some deliberation, we decided to abandon the practice, lock up and retire to the Jolly Sailor across the road for a few pints instead. I sat next to David and we enjoyed a good evening chatting, which was the start of a friendship that lasted ever since.

When it became apparent how ill David was, I suggested to other officers and senior Branch members that he should be made an Honorary Life Member of the Association in recognition of his contribution to ringing over many years in our area. It was my most fervent wish that David could have survived until the Association AGM last September to receive the honour himself, but sadly, Covid restrictions and the rapid progress of his illness prevented that. I was delighted when Peter Bennett spoke at the AGM and suggested that, although there was no precedent, there were no rules to say that the honour could not be given posthumously and I had the privilege of proposing David. It was entirely appropriate that the certificate was presented to his partner Hilary and I am sure he would have been delighted to have known that his contribution to our Association was duly recognised.

We shall all miss David greatly and we will all have our own memories and stories but I believe the only way that we can truly honour his memory and legacy in ringing is to try our best to continue his good work.

Andrew John

Damaris Gurney 1941 – 2020

Damaris started ringing as a mature learner in 2010 at Abergavenny and in her nine years of ringing tackled her new hobby with the determination and depth that had typified her approach to her many interests and to her life in general.

She was born in London in August 1941 and her brother Christopher followed a couple of years later. Her parents' wartime marriage was not to last, but her mother remarried, and the family left London in 1949 and moved to a village near Salisbury, firstly into a caravan for a short time, then a temporary stay in a hotel before moving into a house in Salisbury itself.

Damaris was educated at Godolphin school in Salisbury, a school for 'young ladies' where she threw herself with customary ferocious zeal into the worlds of music, ponies and amateur dramatics; gaining successes in all these activities. On leaving school, she spent two years at Teacher Training College in Chichester where she continued to pursue her passion for music. From there she went on to The Royal College of Music in London to train as a music teacher. Ordinarily a 3-year course, Damaris qualified within one year. She then returned to the family home for a short while before moving into a flat with a couple of old school chums, and took a job as a music teacher in the Cathedral Close, Salisbury.

Damaris met Michael Gurney at the local tennis club and they married in 1965. Their first child, Jonathan was born in 1966, followed by Tiggy in 1967, Dominic in 1972, and Jacobina ('Beans') in 1980. Their home was in the same street as her original family home. Theirs was a fairly self-contained family unit, Damaris approaching parenting with the same rigorous determination and intensity of focus as she did for all other forms of competitive activity!

In 1972 they purchased a holiday cottage in Llanfihangel Nant Brân, a small hamlet just north of Sennybridge to where they originally planned to retire. However, this proved somewhat too isolated for Michael so they compromised and retired to Abergavenny in 2003, keeping their cottage for short breaks.

Damaris fell in love with Wales and the Welsh people. Within about 5 years she had become fairly fluent in Welsh and from then on, enjoyed reading fairly advanced books in the Welsh language, even 'speed reading' Welsh books as was her habit with English books. She and Michael enjoyed a number of other activities and the local Welsh countryside.

In 2010, at the age of 68 and older than most adult learners, but looking a good 10 years younger, Damaris came to St Mary's Abergavenny on a Tower Open Day and so began yet another activity. She was taught to handle by Anne Munday and her progress probably took a slightly different path than most adult learners.

Damaris had an individual approach to many matters in life, and ringing was no exception. She took the time at home to teach herself a few basic Doubles methods, ringing from various bells, and everyone assumed that her ropesight was developing well, until she confessed that she had no ropesight (probably not totally true) but 'cheated'. She had studied the coursing order, worked out her course bell and after bell,

where the treble would occur and rang accordingly. She had also managed a few touches and again 'cheated' – she had worked out which bells swapped over at a call, again knowing where she would meet the treble as she rang. She rather came unstuck if things got a bit complicated but this system would have been beyond most mature learners anyway. Surprisingly, she always found call changes challenging as she would persist in thinking that the called changes referred to position rather than bell number. This of course wouldn't always have worked, so no-one quite understood her logic on that one!

Ringling by her method she found Stedman Doubles a bit of a challenge, and was tackling this, Bob Minor and endeavouring to develop her ropesight when Michael's health began to fail and she had other things on her mind, so never had the opportunity to progress further. She took on a carer's role, still continuing her ringling and as Michael's condition worsened she would manhandle him in and out of the car on a Sunday (no mean feat as she was so petite) and sit him in his wheelchair at Llantilio Pertholey while she rang for service upstairs. Eventually, unable to comprehend instructions and physically and mentally deteriorating with Dementia, he was confined to bed. Damaris will be remembered for her dedication in caring for him, concocting liquidised food of various compositions when he could no longer swallow easily. She continued to come to practices at St Mary's and Llantilio Pertholey, and for Sunday ringling at Pertholey – always ready for a quick getaway if called home. Sadly he passed away in 2017 and soon afterwards Damaris's own health slowly began to deteriorate. Prior to her illness she also attended practices at Grosmont, Llantilio Crossenny, Skenfrith, Blaenavon and sometimes 'over the border' at Ewyas Harold and, more recently, a few attendances at Tredunnoch.

By 2018 she no longer felt confident on the ropes at St Mary's so stopped ringling there and transferred to Llantilio Pertholey. However, she still enjoyed the company at both practices, turning up in her trademark loose comfortable clothes and leather 'cros', and was a great help 'standing behind' when she couldn't ring. Enjoying teaching as always, she even did a bit of 'home tutoring' of the basic principles for at least one 'raw learner'. Her 'coaching from behind' sometimes became too enthusiastic however, when her own mind flew ahead of the ringling, so her instructions could sometimes lead to some puzzled and vacant looks from her 'pupil'.

In 2019 she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and with Dermatomyositis, both of which affected her balance and muscle strength so that she could only ring for 5-10 minutes at a time. However, as long as she was physically able to do so, she regularly turned up for Sunday service in case she was needed and for practice at Llantilio Pertholey. Not to be beaten by these diseases and with a thirst for learning new things, in true style she started learning the Ukulele, attending classes and practising at home, and also started



Llantilio Pertholey

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attending classes in sign language, both of which she thought would be good to keep her fingers exercised. To keep her legs exercised she went circle dancing for a short time and made short walks from home. Sadly, she was diagnosed with terminal cancer at the beginning of 2020. There then followed the 'lockdown' period of Covid-19 and she was unable to meet again with her ringing friends.

Damaris was an unassuming person with a gentle nature, which belied her underlying traits of determination, tenacity and perseverance. An intelligent lady with originality of thought, she would undoubtedly have been a great asset to the ringing community if she had come to it earlier in life. She passed away on 15th July 2020 and will be remembered with fondness and respect by all those who rang with her.

Val Deisler

Colin Hewlett 1944 – 2020

Colin Hewlett of Redwick sadly died on 25th August after being unwell for some time. Colin was a stalwart of ringing at Redwick (and other towers within the Magor Ministry area) and a faithful member of Redwick Church and later the evening congregation at Undy.

For many years, Colin was also an active ringer with the Forest Branch of the G&B Association.

A true gentleman who will be much missed. He had a particular fondness for Grandsire Doubles and loved nothing better than calling a 120 of Grandsire.

Our prayers and condolences go out to Jan, Siân and Family.

Richard Jones



Redwick

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Christine Margaret Lucas 1943 – 2020

Christine was born in Taff's Well, to Jack and Maud Glastonbury, joining 3 brothers, John, Blandford and Raymond. She grew up in the Glastonbury family home in Whitchurch, Cardiff.

She was proud to grow up in a family with 3 brothers and enjoyed both playing rugby with them and watching them play. Her brother Ray commenting when she was paid for a television appearance about her college rugby days, that he and the others as Union players with their amateur status wouldn't have been able to accept a fee.

Not just a good sports person, Christine also excelled academically, winning a county scholarship in her 11+, an honour awarded to the top 10 girls in the year, and she subsequently attended Howell's School, Llandaff. Her sporting interest continued there and she was a mainstay in the hockey, cricket, and lacrosse teams. From school she pursued a career as a teacher, training at the Teachers' Training College in Cyncoed, before taking up her first post at Pentrebane Junior School.

The Church was a big part of her life from a young age, with her regularly attending services at St Mary's Whitchurch where she learnt to ring on the old ring of 6 under the tutelage of Bill Dare, becoming an active member of the Sunday service band and later Tower Captain. Her brothers often commented that she would end up marrying a clergyman; this was later to be proven true.

Christine rang her first peal on 26 December 1961. She went on to ring 47 peals, including one of Plain Bob Minor that she conducted at Rumney in February 1965. This was jointly rung for the Ladies' Guild and the Llandaff & Monmouth Association and comprised a band of local members. The peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Dilys Hulbert and John Lyes. Dilys was a ringer at St Mellon's and a member of both the Ladies' Guild and the Llandaff & Monmouth Association.

Christine also enjoyed attending ringing meetings, going on ringing tours and visiting different towers. With an active social side it was at one of these meetings that she met the Revd Ronald Lucas whom she married at St Mary's Whitchurch in August 1965. Marriage was followed by the arrival of two children, Jonathan and then Ruth. With work, church, ringing and family making for a busy life, this whirl was broken up by family holidays and outings to Devon, Cornwall and other seaside destinations; where she insisted on not going self-catering, as that wasn't a holiday! Christine also enjoyed attending Clerical Guild tours with her husband.

Previously at St Augustine's Rumney, Ron became curate at St Isan's Llanishen and was instrumental in the replacement of the old bells in 1977 with the brand new light ring of 6 that we know today.

After Ron's death in 1982, Christine cultivated new interests including joining the Fox and Hounds Women's Skittles Team with her sister-in-law Pat, helping them win the league and become the Champion of Champions. Whilst with her ringing she took on the roles of Association Secretary and later Llandaff Branch Master. In addition she became Tower Captain at Llanishen where the Monday practice was attended regularly by many ringers in the area. Good Surprise Minor ringing was always on the menu, followed by a splendid social evening at the pub afterwards.



Christine also enjoyed the fellowship of the Llanbradach ringers, often talking enthusiastically about the various "Brad" tours. She also went on trips with the Northamptonshire ringers and those organised by Alwyn Lewis and Mike Thomas, including the very memorable ones to Ireland.

Always a regular church-goer she joined the choir and Mothers' Union at Llanishen and was an active and influential member, attending pilgrimages to Walsingham and other places.

Her interest in travel wasn't only connected to ringing and the Church, and she later enjoyed a number of sightseeing holidays, including one to Zimbabwe where she was able to experience the majesty of the Victoria Falls.

Family life moved on as her children grew up and she welcomed her first grandchild Emily in 1998. She took an active interest in Emily's life, taking her to school, parks and drawing. Emily is now pursuing a degree in Fine Art and attributes her interest to the time Nanny spent drawing with her. Christine was further delighted to see her family expand in 2014 when Jonathan married Tracey and she built up a good relationship with her daughter-in-law, sharing the fun of shopping trips and bingo nights.

As she suffered more frequent epileptic episodes, she became unable to drive and started worshipping again at Rumney church which was nearer to her home, joining the choir and then the local band of ringers.

This active life continued until, in more recent years, her epilepsy caused some injuries that struggled to heal and she had to retire from work and active church-going. Ill health unfortunately being a major feature of her later years when dementia added to her other health issues and she could no longer live at home and needed specialist care. However, even to the end her face would light up when she saw close friends and relatives.

Rest in Peace

Julian Parker with contributions from Jonathan Lucas, Bob & Mary Hardy, Richard Hall, Roger Harpole and Matthew Turner.

Arthur Desmond Morgan 1926 – 2020

Des was born in Barry and started working life as a Post Office telegram boy. He later started an apprenticeship with C H Bailey at the Tyne Engine Works and on completion he went to sea with the Merchant Navy, working for the Blue Star Line. Travelling all over the world, he progressed to the rank of First Class Engineer, qualifying him to control any steamship including the Queen Mary.

After getting married to Madeline in 1954, they came to live in Sully having had a house built on South Road where they would live for the rest of their long lives. Des embarked on a new career as an engineer surveyor with British Engine Insurance Ltd. Originally established in 1878 as The Engine and Boiler Insurance Company its early clients included none other than George and Robert Stephenson, the

inventor of the famous Rocket Steam Engine. The company, subsequently acquired by Royal Insurance became Des's new employer for over 30 years until his well-earned retirement.

It isn't known precisely when Des learnt to ring at Sully, but it is known that he and Madeline as active members of the church were involved with the rehang and augmentation of the bells in 1961. Des was always very proud to have taken part in the Branch Striking Competition at Sully in 1973 when the Sully band was placed third. The certificate is still displayed to this day in the ringing chamber. Des succeeded Dr Tudor Morris as Tower Captain after his death in 2001 and fulfilled this role as my predecessor until he retired from ringing some years later.



Sully

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Sadly his wife Madeline died in Llandough Hospital after a fall and prior to this Des had suffered a stroke and died 9 days later. A double funeral was therefore held at Sully church and they were buried in the churchyard.

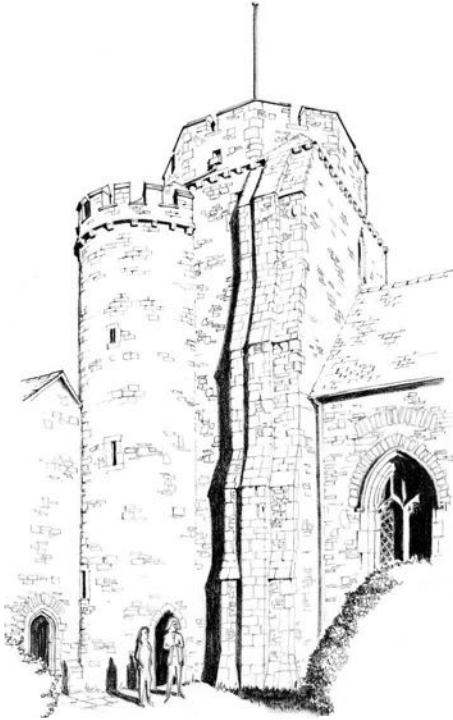
RIP Des and Madeline, I'll remember you both very fondly.

Julian Parker

Arthur Wybert Thomas BEM 1924 – 2020

Bert was well known in the ringing community and was a bell ringer since 1947, becoming tower captain of Holy Cross Cowbridge in the 1980s. He rang without fail every Sunday in Holy Cross, Llanblethian or St Hilary. Bert was also very willing, when required, to assist throughout the County. He was a hand bell ringer with the Bells of St Mary since the 1950s and became conductor, arranger and organiser of The Bells in the 1990s. He was duly rewarded for his service to bell ringing in 2016 when he was honoured with the British Empire Medal for services to bell ringing.

Even in his 90s, much to our consternation Bert would still insist on climbing and clambering in the belfry to muffle the bells such was his character....and what a character he was!! He could always be seen on Cowbridge High Street enjoying the company of people he met.



Cowbridge

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Bert served in the Army, Navy and Home Guard during WW2 and enjoyed recounting stories of when he was in India, of which there were a few.

Bert was a devoted husband and had been married to Joyce for 60 years, receiving yet another honour in the form of a congratulatory card from the Queen.

Bert is survived by his 2 daughters to whom he was also devoted.

Helen Barrie

Nicholine (Nic) Treharne 1944 – 2020

Nic was an academic with a B.A honours in Greek and Latin and a B.Mus from London University. She came to Cardiff to take up a post as a personal assistant to the Music Director at HTV Wales and joined the Cardiff Polyphonic Choir where she met her future husband Dafydd.

Nic was multi-talented in the music community of Cowbridge. These are a few of her achievements: An organist at Llanblethian church for over thirty years where she directed a robed and dedicated church choir with distinction; Nic ran the Youth Wind Band in Cowbridge and taught piano and clarinet to individuals; her music appreciation classes at Old Hall were well attended; for over thirty years Nic was a gifted repetiteur for the Moyà Vahey School of Dancing.

Nic was an enthusiastic bell ringer and took part in striking competitions as part of the Cowbridge band. Her health unfortunately curtailed her ringing and other commitments.

Dafydd and Nic were married for 48 years.

Dafydd Treharne

Paul Williams 1952- 2020

Paul was born in Newport on 25th May 1952, the youngest of a family of three brothers. He was introduced to ringing at Bassaleg in 1966 by the late Frank Reade and began being taught to ring there, with his lifelong friend Dave Jenkins. According to Dave, they were not treated well as learners, which must have been a contributing factor to encourage the two of them to ring at St. Woolos' where there were a number of other teenage ringers, both from the Cathedral and All Saints' Church, Newport.

When Marion and I moved to Newport in April 1967 Paul would have been one of the first people that we met when we joined the band at St Woolos', then under the leadership of Phil Mason. Within a couple of months Paul reached his 15th birthday. His progress was rapid and he was sociable and adventurous, quickly establishing contact with a group of young ringers from Bristol, such that his first peal was rung for the Bristol Society in August 1967 at Caldicot. Two months later I rang my first peal with him (his fourth), Plain Bob Major at Blaenavon. Two others followed later that year.

In 1968, such was his enthusiasm that he rang 36 peals, including his first of Surprise, Yorkshire at Blaenavon, which I conducted. By then he was well away, ringing 58 peals in 1969 and 70 in 1970.

In mid 1969 Don Clift wanted to propose some of the home-grown youngsters for membership of the ASCY, such as Steve Fenwick and Jim Clatworthy, who were duly proposed and elected. Paul had for some reason fallen foul of Don and was not included. Paul saw red and immediately made moves to join the Cumberlands, with whom he rang one peal in 1972. Subsequently, Jim Clatworthy was proud to be able to propose him to the ASCY in 1978.

In 1971, Paul started at the University of Surrey in Guildford studying Civil Engineering. One evening in the common room of his hall of residence, he found himself chatting with a post-graduate student, Richard Major, who was also a ringer, and they decided to form a university ringing society. It turned out that there were quite a few other ringers around also, so the Society got off to a good start in its first year. A stand at the following year's Freshers' Fair and a grant from the Students' Union enabled a good increase in membership, with training in bell handling being given to novices by both founder members.

Paul took great pleasure in organising the Society's Annual Dinner, particularly the hunting around for suitable venues, which gave him the opportunity to visit a wide range of places out in the country around Guildford. This side of things would assume a greater significance in his later life, when for many years he organised an annual dinner in various City Livery Halls. While the University Society quickly developed its own outings and an annual summer tour, Paul also encouraged liaisons with other university ringing groups, such as the Oxford and London University Societies, where he had friends, so that Surrey people got to attend a wider range of tours and events.

In 1974, he spent nearly a year working in Germany on his 'Industry Year' out from University, where he was able to practise the German he had studied at school to 'O-level', and to the developing of which he became somewhat addicted in his later years.

After graduating in 1975, he worked in South Africa for a couple of years, making a number of visits to Zimbabwe to ring and make friends there. He always retained a very strong fascination with southern Africa, and made regular visits over the years.

Paul returned to the UK in 1977, working towards his Chartered Engineer status, working first in Swansea, then moving to London in 1980. In London he became active in the College Youths, becoming Master in 1985-86 where his highlight was winning the National 12-Bell Striking Competition. The ASCY rang last and were all quite relaxed by that stage of the day, which probably helped! It is the custom in that Society for the Master to arrange a Country Meeting during his/her year of office, and so the 1986 Country Meeting was held in Newport and district, with ringing in several places including the Cathedral. The business meeting and dinner were held in the Westgate Hotel. Very early in his year as Master he attended the Annual Dinner of the St Woolos' ringers. As the Tower Warden I had the pleasant task of welcoming not only the Dean, our other clergy and the Master of the Association to this event, as is usual, but also Paul as the Master of ASCY and by co-incidence Gareth Dancer as Master of the University of London Society.



Newport

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Whilst living in London, and despite being the Master of the ASCY, Paul rang only a few peals. He was however persuaded to ring in the Society's 13,968 11 Spliced Surprise Maximus at Bradford in August 1980 – his only long peal. Nevertheless, he was enormously proud of his membership of the College Youths and very supportive of Society events. He rarely missed a Society dinner (formal and informal) and attended virtually every Country meeting over the years; including one in the States and two in Australia. He was an active ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral, being a supernumerary member of the St Paul's Guild from 1982 to 1997.

He loved to combine his love of travel with ringing. In more recent years, he got involved with the Central European Association, mainly due to strong ASCY connections on the continent. He often travelled over to Dordrecht or Brandau where Brian Diserens resides. He was a strong supporter of the new project at Vernet-les-Bains and would have liked to have gone for a CEA meeting sometime in the near future...

In all he rang 448 peals conducting 29 – although by all accounts he was a 'reluctant' conductor. He once said that he'd called Pitman's Four but it didn't come round! His total includes 184 peals for the Association, of which he conducted 15.

About 20 years ago, Paul bought a property in Newport and announced his intention to retire to his native town in due course, now a city! For a couple of decades he would travel down frequently at weekends, watch the Dragons if at home and ring with us on Sunday mornings. It was good to see that despite his frequent travels around the world he never forgot that Newport was his home, nor the people who had seen him grow up. In due course he did retire and we saw much more of him, but sadly mobility issues made it very hard for him to climb our staircase. Always highly sociable, Paul gladly took on the task of organising the St Woolos' ringers' Annual Dinner in November 2019.

In summary, Paul was always a devoted Newportonian. Whilst he was away in London he always supported us in our activities, such as our scheme to install a flat sixth, our Annual Dinner to which he frequently introduced some of his famous London ringing friends and, on a well remembered occasion, when we were able to field three different six bell teams in our Branch Striking Competition. We shall miss him very much; his company was always interesting, exciting and invigorating.

Paul hadn't been enjoying good health in recent months and had a bout of pneumonia a few months ago. However, he did pick up but was complaining of breathlessness shortly before he died. He was in touch with his friends the night before his death and he felt perfectly fine, but the following morning at 10am on Sunday 13th December, he fell at the mercy of a sudden heart attack.

RIP Paul.

With thanks to Stephen Taylor and Alban Forster for additional information.

Peter Bennett

Keith Wrightson 1951 – 2020

Keith, along with his wife, Margaret, learned to ring at Trellech in 2002 in what might be called the second batch of locals to learn to ring there after the restoration of the bells.

In 2011, when numbers of ringers at St Mary's, Monmouth, had been critical for some years (partly due to the unsafe state of the church spire), Keith and Margaret joined that band with the dual purpose of helping to keep Monmouth bells ringing and for rediscovering some of the fun and occasional laughter of the ringing room.



Monmouth

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Although happy to keep in the background, Keith was always willing to climb the ladders and do necessary work on the bells and he was the one who invariably called the Call Changes in the tower. During lockdown he and Margaret continued to go to Monmouth to ring on four bells prior to the Sunday morning service.

Living in Penallt, it was much closer for Keith and Margaret to join in with ringing practices and events in the Forest of Dean Branch than in the Monmouth Branch and it was with these ringers that they learned to ring Cambridge Minor. Visits to the 10-bell practices at Lydney provided opportunity to ring Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples and Caters.

Sadly, on his 69th birthday, 5th December 2020, Keith had an enormous bleed on the brain and died in hospital at 7 a.m. the following morning. Because of the global pandemic, just 30 people were able to be at his funeral service on 5th January 2021 in Monmouth Methodist Church where he and Margaret had been Sunday School teachers for 12 years. Keith was then cremated at the Forest of Dean Crematorium.

May he rest in peace.

Jenny Mole

Association Master's Report

This is a somewhat unusual Master's report to have to write this year. The only previous Master who probably had to report on a year with little or no ringing would have been Frederick Hannington, who was Master of the Association from 1940-1943 when the ringing of bells was banned because of the Second World War.

2020 started relatively normally with the usual range of practices and Branch AGMs taking place in January and February. However, it became clear during the first few weeks of March that the Covid-19 pandemic was going to have a serious impact on all aspects of life. Ringing ceased by 20 March as part of the first national lockdown and all Association and Branch events were cancelled from that point onwards. I recall ringing the bells down at Rumney at the end of our practice on 16 March and feeling very uncertain as to when we might ring again. As it turned out, the bells weren't rung again until Sunday 19 July when services resumed. In the intervening period the Central Council had worked closely with Church of England and Public Health England and had produced comprehensive guidance and risk assessments to allow some ringing to restart in as Covid-secure a way as possible. This comprehensive documentation made it relatively straightforward to approach the authorities at the Church in Wales to ensure that ringing was included in the guidance issued to parishes in Wales for re-opening churches and resuming services after the first lockdown.

Some positives to come from this situation include a good relationship with the authorities at the Church in Wales and a recognition that ringing should be given the same level of consideration as choirs and other church groups. We also have seen good communication and coordination with the other Welsh Guilds and Associations to ensure consistent guidance and advice to all ringers in Wales.

The need for strict social distancing, good ventilation and hand hygiene has meant that the return to ringing has had to be tightly regulated and fully risk-assessed. In most cases, this has meant that only a small number of bells – perhaps just three or four – have been able to be rung in most towers for services and with no ringing session lasting longer than 15 minutes. In these circumstances and considering the general national picture, it is perhaps not surprising that relatively few towers have returned to ringing since churches re-opened in July. Some towers have used an Ellacombe Apparatus whilst others have decided, understandably, that the risks are too great. Ringing ceased again in late October with the national "Firebreak" lockdown and I know that a number of towers, including my own, also stopped ringing in December when the third national lockdown was introduced.

However, that's not to say that all ringing activity has ceased. The pandemic has seen some astonishing developments in the use of technology to support ringing. Many of us were familiar with the use of simulators such as Abel before this year, but the introduction of online platforms like Ringing Room and Handbell Stadium have enabled some ringers to keep up with some of the theory side of ringing and, more importantly, to keep in touch with other ringers. I know of several towers who have an online gathering instead of their usual practice night, which may not involve any ringing but is vital in keeping bands together. Many thanks to everyone who has organised any kind of catch-up, practice or other online ringing since March. Also thanks to those who have 'phoned

ringers who may be unwilling or unable to access online facilities. Keeping in touch is vital to ensure ringers still feel engaged.

Handbell Stadium has been particularly well used in South Wales across the year. This is an online platform that allows handbell ringers, using motion sensors, to connect together. It is really very good and probably as good as you can get without actually being in the room together. Since May, David Jones has organised twice weekly online sessions to encourage handbell ringers across South Wales to come together. He has worked very hard both in organising the bands and also ensuring that those participating are familiar with the technology. The result has been that a group of 12 ringers have rung over 50 quarter peals in 2020, ensuring that skills are kept up for when we are able to ring in person again. My thanks to David for his hard work in this respect over the year.

On a personal note, it has been great to establish our own family handbell band over the year. Whilst Debbie and I had done some handbell ringing previously, Adam was new to it. Adam has picked up handbell ringing extremely well with the result that we've rung 30 quarters to date as a family. My main reason for mentioning this is that we've been making good use of the set of handbells that were donated to the Association by Fr John Hughes some years ago.

I think that handbell ringing is an area we need to look at closely in the coming months when, hopefully, restrictions may ease to allow small groups to meet outdoors. Please don't be put off by the thought of trying to ring two bells at once; handbell ringing looks at methods and method structure in a slightly different way. If you would be interested in exploring handbell ringing or, possibly, having a taster session then please do get in touch with me.

Other innovations to have resulted from the pandemic have included the holding of the Association Management Committee (AMC) meetings online using Zoom. I think that everyone agrees that these have been a success and is probably long overdue. I can see AMC meetings continuing, at least in part, online in future years. The AGM that was due to be held in April 2020 was postponed until September and this too was held online for the first time, also using Zoom. The meeting seemed to go smoothly and, in particular, it was pleasing to see Honorary Life Membership conferred upon Bob Hardy and, posthumously, David Bounds. In both cases, this rare honour is richly deserved and recognises many years of service in different ways to the Association. In November we also held an Association Quiz via Zoom and my thanks to Helen Phillips for her help with this. In recent weeks both Branches have held their 2021 AGMs online and these appear to have gone smoothly, although I think everyone has missed the ringers' tea!

Looking forward, I have written much in previous reports about the need to focus on recruitment and training. The pandemic has thrown this into a sharper focus than ever as there is a real risk that when ringing returns we may have significantly fewer ringers than in March 2020. Some may feel too old or that the risks are too great to return. Others, particularly those who were newer to ringing, may have found other hobbies or interests. Others may simply have got out of the habit. Therefore, we need to be proactive in this period before ringing can restart to keep as many ringers engaged as possible with other ringers. We also need to start planning for recovery and how we

might introduce new people to ringing when we are able. The AMC has been considering this issue and a small working group put together a draft "Covid Recovery Plan" for discussion and we hope to share this more widely in due course. In my view, we should see the pandemic as an opportunity to press the reset button and not be constrained by what has gone before. If the situation demands then we should change and adapt our activities to suit what is required in order to help ringing survive in South Wales.

Of course, it's not just our own Association that faces these particular challenges as all Associations, towers and ringers will be facing the same issues. Much good work is being done at a national level, led by the Central Council, to ensure that ringing stays in the mind of church leaders, to advertise initiatives to retain existing ringers and to help ringers plan for the future when ringing can restart. In particular, I would draw everyone's attention to the Survival and Recovery Toolbox that has been produced by the Central Council and the Association of Ringing Teachers. It is available online here:

<http://ringingteachers.org/survival-and-recovery-toolbox>

The Toolbox is a wealth of resources for ringers, for Tower Captains and for Associations and I would encourage everyone to take a look. If anyone has suggestions, particularly as to how the Association and our towers might implement some of the ideas in the Toolbox or about survival and recovery more generally then I would be pleased to hear from you.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has worked to keep things going what has been a very difficult year. Thank you to the Association Officers, AMC members and Branch Officers who have continued to work hard behind the scenes over the year. Thank you to everyone who has organised any kind of virtual gathering of ringers to help everyone keep in touch and thank you to those who have taken the trouble to 'phone or contact other ringers over the year.

It is my heartfelt wish that we can get back to ringing in 2021. Certainly, vaccines are being rolled out at a tremendous pace and I hope that this will mean that we can be back in the tower and enjoying each other's company as soon as possible.

Matthew Turner
master@llanmon.org.uk

Association Chairman's Report

Well, that was all a bit strange! Who would have thought that there would be practically no ringing anywhere in the UK when we started 2020? We made it to March and that was more or less it for many of us. Very well done to those who were able to ring for Services, albeit in a limited capacity, when it was permitted and to those fortunate to have alternative means of using their bells to draw and welcome people to church. It is also pleasing to see some bands maintaining contact with each other using the various online platforms available and to those who have tried Ringing Room.

I am pleased to report that, despite all the problems, the Association has continued to function administratively during the restrictions; the AGM was held online in September and, likewise, the Association Management Committee meetings, which have been held according to their traditional schedule. The consensus of the Committee is that online meetings are the way forward (for lots of reasons) so maybe having our hand forced by circumstance will bring at least some good in the longer term.

I would like to commend both Harriet and Matthew for their continued hard work and diligence in these difficult times, much of which has been unseen. Matthew, in particular, has been instrumental in guiding not only our Association through the year but also in liaising with the other three territorial Guilds/Associations and the Church in Wales in preparing the guidance that has been keeping us both safe and within the law. He has been a shining beacon throughout the year and we have been fortunate to have him as Master.

It would be remiss, too, not to remind everyone that Phil Hopkins, bound by "the six-year Rule," retired as Association Treasurer at the AGM in September. His efficiency and attention to detail has been outstanding and he continues to help and advise our new joint-Treasurers, Andrew and Meriel Gainsbury during a transition which can't have been completely straight-forward.

Phil has not totally escaped, remaining as Annual Report Editor for this year's electronic-only offering. For perhaps obvious reasons, the Association will not be producing a printed "Fixture Card" for 2021-22.

It's been a difficult year personally, too, for reasons which have been well-documented. This, combined with added time pressures caused by having to move to online working, means that I am seeking to divest myself of extra-curricular responsibilities whilst I continue to recover and focus on other priorities. It is by pure coincidence that the aforementioned "six-year Rule" applies to me this year. I'd like to thank you all for your support over the last six years and wish my successor well as we hopefully return to something approaching normality in 2021.

Speaking of returning to normality, a gentle reminder that the Association is looking for a volunteer to take on organisation of the Minor Practices...

John Vesey
Chairman@llanmon.org.uk

Association General Secretary's Report

As in previous years we remember those members who have died: Dave Bounds, Damaris Gurney, Colin Hewlett, Christine Lucas, Des Morgan, Bert Thomas, Nic Treharne, Paul Williams and Keith Wrightson. Their obituaries appear earlier in this report.

The Association Management Committee has met on four occasions during the past year; Thursday 6th February 2020 in Prebendal House, Llandaff, Friday 5th June 2020 by Video-conference, Monday 21st September 2020 by Video-conference and Tuesday 24th November 2020 by Video-conference.

A successful online 127th Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 12th September 2020 by videoconference (sadly with no training sessions this year). The attendance register indicated that 52 members were present.

The virtual meetings held this year, as a result of the various measures in place because of Covid-19, have been well-attended (and short probably due to lack of activities to discuss or report on and no time for travel needed)!

As usual I would like to warmly thank the ringers who organise activities that raise funds and to the many ringers who support them. In particular, grateful thanks are due to Helen Williams for her hard work with the 200 Club, the proceeds of which go out in prizes and to the BRF. I would also like to thank Anne Hayman who will be taking over from Helen early in 2021. Full financial details for the BRF and the Association Recruitment and Training Fund are included within the Treasurer's report.

The annual Association quiz was held online on Saturday 14th November. Due to the current circumstances, it was hosted by Helen Phillips using the Zoom platform. Helen reported that 19 families turned up and a jolly good night was had by all. Thanks were extended to Helen, Andrew and Matthew for arranging it.

Very best wishes to all for 2021 and let's hope for a gradual safe return to ringing over the year.

Harriet Moncrieff
secretary@llanmon.org.uk

Support the Llandaff and Monmouth 200 Club in 2021

The Llandaff & Monmouth DACBR 200 Club has been running since 1995. During this time, almost £1,000 a year has been donated to the Llandaff & Monmouth Bell Restoration Fund.

Why is the Bell Restoration Fund important?

A ring of church bells is a complicated mechanical installation. Bells are heavy - some weigh over a ton - and periodically need new bearings, ropes, clappers and pulleys. A new bell installation ought to last 100 years, but interim maintenance is essential, and at some stage major work on every bell installation is likely to become necessary. In addition, the towers in which bells are hung are often much older than the bell installation and may also need repair to allow the bells to continue to be rung. The Bell Restoration Fund provides large and small grants to contribute towards the costs of such work.

Today we have over 400 members in the Association.

We are continuously seeking new members; family, friends and Tower Memberships are all welcome.

The draws take place each month, the 5 monthly prizes are: £25, £15 and 3 x £10, and these prizes are doubled in April and December.

If you are paying by cheque, it should be made payable to:

Llandaff & Monmouth D.A.C.B.R. 200 Club.

Please join this very worthy cause by completing the Standing Order Form, which is available on the website, and forwarding it to Anne Hayman (200club@llanmon.org.uk), who will then add you to the system and forward it onto your bank.

Good Luck in future draws.

Association Treasurer's Report

The Accounts for 2020 for the General Fund (GF) and for the Bell Restoration Fund (BRF) are presented in the following pages. They have been scrutinised by the Independent Examiners and accepted by them as a true and correct view of the Association and Bell Restoration Fund's Affairs.

We are grateful for the Independent Examiners for their help in preparing the accounts and their co-operation in dealing with them.

Since the last report there has been a change of treasurer, with the role now being carried out jointly by Meriel and Andrew Gainsbury as from the 2020 AGM. We'd like to start by thanking the previous incumbent, Phil Hopkins for his assistance in getting up to speed in the role and the wider Association Management Committee for their support.

General Fund

There was a net gain in funds of £1,151 for 2020, compared to a budgeted deficit of £244 (not accounting for the Tower Maintenance Grant scheme from the Tudor Edwards fund). The original 2020 budget was drafted and agreed before the impact of Covid-19 was realised and had assumed that normal activities continue. The Association's income is largely fixed, with the majority coming from the branch levies, however the impacts of Covid-19 meant there was a significant reduction in outgoings including:

- Central Council meeting being held on-line leading to saving of £370 against budget
- £157 lower than budgeted administration costs
- No fixture cards saving £54
- Lower than budgeted annual report costs by £57

In 2020, the Association purchased a new CCTV system (£192) to be used for PR activities as the existing one had reached the end of its working life. We are grateful to Andrew Phillips for researching and organising the purchase of this and expect that it will get good use once the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

Other items in the year were largely as expected.

In the 2020 budget £2,000 had been allocated to the Tower Maintenance Grant Scheme from the Tudor Edwards fund but no payments were made under this scheme.

The Association allocated a further £300 to the Recruitment and Training Fund (RTF) in 2020, with £1,810.02 carried forward from 2019. Income of £448 from the sale of Carol Brown's calendars further boosted the fund. Due to the impacts of Covid-19 there were no payments made from the RTF during 2020 which stood at £2,558.02 by the end of the year.

Applications for support from the RTF fund can be made to the General Secretary to be considered at the Association Management Committee (AMC). If you are considering running a recruitment or training event and are put off by funding requirements, then can

we encourage you to apply? The AMC is eager to support such initiatives across the Association, particularly with the challenges we are likely to encounter in 2021 in terms of retaining and recruiting ringers.

£5,000 of the General Fund is from a generous bequest from the estate of the late Tudor Edwards, including the £2,000 Tower Maintenance Grant mentioned above. The AMC ring-fenced this amount to support tower maintenance activities. Through 2021, we will continue to part-fund a visit from a bell-hanger to inspect the bells of towers in the Association. These grants cover up to two-thirds of the amount of the visit, up to a maximum of £200 funded by the Association on a first-come, first-served basis. If your bells would benefit from such a visit then please persuade your PCC to take advantage of this offer of part-funding. So far four towers have requested assistance and we await the claim of the grant from these.

In summary the breakdown of Associations funds as at 31 Dec 2020 is as follows:

Fund	Amount
General Fund	£3,776
Recruitment and Training fund	£2,558
Tudor Edwards Legacy (Tower Maintenance)	£5,000
TOTAL	£11,334

Apart from monetary assets reported in the accounts, the Association also has a number of other assets. A full list of these assets is available from the Chairman or other Officers. There are a number of items that are intended for use by all members of the Association including:

1. Two sets of handbells
2. The contents of the Library
3. Display boards
4. CCTV system
5. Equipment for lifting and moving articles such as bells, frames etc.

For 2021, we are also purchasing two pairs of e-bells which are available for use by Association members. These are electronic handbells fitted with sensors which enable them to be used with a number of the on-line ringing applications including Ringing Room.

If you wish to borrow any of these items, including the e-bells, please contact an Association Officer.

Special notice for Peal Organisers

At the November 2018 meeting the AMC voted to increase Non-Resident Life Member fees to £10. This came into force from 1st May 2019. Please also note the following decision contained in the Association rules:

Decision (Rule 16), 25th April 1998

All those taking part in Peals in the name of the Association shall be Members of it. Names and addresses of those elected to Non-Resident Membership before the attempt shall, together with the prescribed fee, be given to the Association Treasurer no later than one calendar month following the election. The Association reserves the right not to accept Peals.

Bell Restoration Fund (BRF)

During 2020 the BRF increased in value from £75,411 to £75,752.

Donations from the Affiliation Scheme, P P P P P and the 200 Club continue to provide a steady stream of income.

A grant of £2,000 was paid in 2020 to Llandaff Cathedral for refurbishment to their bells (principally for replacing all clapper bushings and repairing one slider).

A £15,000 grant for work needed at St Athan is still outstanding. The work required at St Athan is substantial and also dependent on non-bell structural work and so will take time for the Parish to get to a point where they are ready to commence the work. The AMC has put a deadline of three years (until end 2021) for the grant to be claimed in order that our funds are not tied up for an overly long period of time. However we have made it clear that we would be happy for the Parish to renew the request following this.

Two other grants have been agreed during 2020; £4,000 for Baglan which is expected to be completed in spring 2021 and £800 for Penmark which is expected to be complete around the middle of 2021.

Although there may seem to be ample money sitting in the BRF accounts, a large project (such as the rehoming of Llanarth Bells) would quickly see this eroded if a substantial donation was requested. Therefore, please do continue to support the various fund-raising initiatives such as the 200 Club, Association clothing and P P P P P schemes.

The rules of the BRF are available on the Llandaff and Monmouth DACBR website. Please do think about asking for help (from one of the Trustees in the first instance) if you have a project that falls within these, as the money within this fund is intended to keep bells ringing in the Association, not to sit in the bank. There is a procedure to be followed, but we would be happy to help you through this.

Please can you make sure that any cheques for the BRF are made out to:

The Trustees of Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Ass of Bell Ringers

This is the correct name of our account and we have been advised (more than once) that cheques not bearing this name are at risk of being returned, at a cost of £30 to the BRF.

Meriel and Andrew Gainsbury
treasurer@llanmon.org.uk

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT FOR THE GENERAL FUNDS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2020**

			<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
RECEIPTS				
Branch Levy	Llandaff	£	781.00	788.00
	Monmouth	£	880.00	824.00
Non-Resident Members		£	50.00	45.00
Report Sales		£	0.00	10.00
Report Adverts		£	110.00	140.00
Interest		£	0.94	2.11
Training Fund Donations		£	448.00	572.00
	Total	£	<u>2,269.94</u>	<u>2,381.11</u>
PAYMENTS				
Central Council	Affiliation	£	120.00	120.00
	Library Friends	£	0.00	10.00
	Reps' Expenses	£	0.00	204.70
Ringing World		£	0.00	0.00
Insurance		£	195.25	193.70
Library		£	85.00	165.00
Printing Annual Reports		£	443.00	460.00
Printing Fixture Cards		£	0.00	50.40
Administration		£	38.43	66.47
Events		£	0.00	0.00
Public Relations		£	192.32	0.00
Training		£	44.32	940.26
	Total	£	<u>1,118.32</u>	<u>2,210.53</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		£	1,151.62	170.58
BALANCE AT YEAR START				
Cash at Bank		£	10,432.98	9,997.40
Cash in Hand		£	0.00	15.00
Less unpresented cheques		£	250.00	0.00
Excess of Receipts over Payments		£	1,151.62	170.58
	Total	£	<u>11,334.60</u>	<u>10,182.98</u>
BALANCE AT YEAR END				
Cash in Reserve				
Cash at Bank		£	11,334.60	10,432.98
Cash in Hand		£	0.00	0.00
Less unpresented cheques		£	0.00	250.00
	Total	£	<u>11,334.60</u>	<u>10,182.98</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' STATEMENT:- In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Signed: D Slater, Independent Examiner Date: 20/03/2021
Signed: P Turner, Independent Examiner Date: 23/03/2021

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT FOR THE BELL RESTORATION FUND
YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2020
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 507208**

		<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
RECEIPTS			
Tower Affiliations	£	771.00	494.00
PPPPP	£	182.66	239.60
Peal Donations	£	0.00	0.00
Fund Raising			
	200 Club	£ 1,000.00	1,000.00
	Clothing	£ 0.00	0.00
Donations	General	£ 153.00	174.00
Interest	COIF	£ 87.59	188.54
	Monmouthshire BS	£ 147.60	101.15
	Total	£ 2,341.65	2,197.29
PAYMENTS			
Charitable Payments: Grants			
	Whitchurch	£ 0.00	1,800.00
	Llandaff	£ 2,000	0.00
	Total	£ 2,000	1,800.00
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£	341.65	397.29
BALANCE AT YEAR START			
Cash at COIF	£	33,313.16	33,124.62
Cash at Building Society	£	42,097.60	41,888.85
Cash in Hand	£	0.00	0.00
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£	341.65	397.29
	Total	£ 75,752.41	75,410.76
BALANCE AT YEAR END			
Cash at COIF	£	33,400.75	33,313.16
Cash at Building Society	£	42,351.66	42,097.60
Cash in Hand	£	0.00	0.00
	Total	£ 75,752.41	75,410.76

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' STATEMENT:- In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Signed: D Slater, Independent Examiner
Signed: P Turner, Independent Examiner

Date: 20/03/2021
Date: 23/03/2021

Towers contributing to the Penny Per Person Per Practice scheme during 2020

Caerleon
Caerphilly

Radyr
St Mellons

Churches that took part in the Affiliation Scheme during 2019/20

Aberavon
Abergavenny
Bassaleg
Cadoxton Juxta Neath
Caerphilly
Cowbridge
Grosmont

Llandaff
Llangynwyd
Llanishen
Llanfrechfa
Llantilio Pertholey
Mynyddislwyn
Neath

Penarth
Pentre
St Mellon's
Trellech
Trevethin
Usk

Non-Resident members admitted during 2020

Robert Crocker
Peter GC Ellis

Paul VW Feast
Nicholas K Allsopp

Andrew J Williams

Meriel and Andrew Gainsbury
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Penny Per Person Per Practice (PPPPP)

How much would it cost to replace the bells in your tower? How much do you pay to ring? With equipment costing hundreds of thousands to buy and install and Branch membership less than £10, ringing is a very cheap activity to participate in.

Many years ago our Association established a Bell Restoration Fund so that the Association's members could support the restoration and maintenance of the bells in the Association. Your Tower may have been the recipient of one of the Fund's many grants over the years. The monies raised each year come from a variety of activities, but perhaps the one most associated with our ringing activities week in week out is the Penny Per Person Per Practice scheme. This has raised many thousands of pounds since it was instigated, but it is often forgotten. Does someone in your Tower remind members of the scheme at every practice?

Alternatively, monies raised could be put towards the ring-fenced Recruitment and Training Fund, which the Association set up in 2014. This fund is available for any one to ask for assistance with any aspect of Recruitment or Training and will be considered for a grant by the Association Management Committee. Just let the Treasurer know that you would like the money raised from PPPPP to be used in this way.

If not, please let me take this opportunity to remind you of the scheme. All it needs is a container to collect contributions, a gentle reminder each week and someone to send the contents to the Association Treasurer from time to time (most Towers send in the contribution once a year).

On behalf of the Management Committee and all the towers that have received support from the Fund – Thank you.

Peal Recorder's Report

A year which started quite normally with the promise of a little under 50 peals for the year was suddenly cut short in early March when lockdown arrived. Since then only four peals have been rung in Wales, all on handbells, of which two were for the ASCY. With just ten peals in total for the year we need to go back to 1945 to find a smaller number (7). So it's surprising to find a relatively large interest in the methods rung, although two of these were for other associations.

There were seven non-Association peals during the year, five on tower bells in Jan/Feb which include the only Maximus rung and two in hand later in the year. Abergavenny was the leading tower with just two peals and the two London-based societies, SRCY and ASCY, accounted for five of the total.

On the method front, Llanerch Alliance Major was the only new one (not claimed) and the most unusual was a peal of spliced Cinques and Maximus at Newport by the SRCY. Less common methods were Falmouth S Major and Hitcham D Royal, both on handbells, and non-Association peals of Triton D Royal at Abergavenny and 3-spliced Maximus at Llandaff.

On the Association front, our only first-pealer was Gwyn Sayce of Llantilio Pertholey. Congratulations to him and also to Alwyn Lewis who celebrated his 50 years membership of the ASCY by calling a peal at Cadoxton.

Notable events recorded in footnotes were: The installation of the new Bishop of Monmouth (Newport), a commemoration of the Llanerch mining disaster (Trevethin) and CADW's Celebration of Wales on St David's Day (Blaenavon).

On the tower front, the 200th peal was rung at Usk and the 100th for the Association (not claimed) at Blaenavon.

Lockdown has seen a massive rise in online ringing, notably using Ringing Room and Handbell Stadium and I think it's in order to congratulate the South Wales band who successfully rang a handbell peal for the ASCY using the latter. This requires concentration an order of magnitude far greater than for conventional ringing (as I know from experience!) and one member of the band told me later that he was utterly shattered by the end. It's just possible this peal may be reassigned to Non Association since the ASCY do not normally recognise "non standard" performances but at the time of going to press this is still under discussion.

It's anyone's guess when the next tower bell peal will be rung in our area but I really hope I'll be able to report on it in next year's Report.

Bob Hardy
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Peals Rung for the Association during 2020

4692

LLANDAFF, Cardiff,
Cathedral Court
Thursday January 2, 2020
in 2h42 (15)

5040 Hitcham Delight Royal

Comp: Emma J Southerington
1-2 Helen Phillips
3-4 David A Jones
5-6 David F Moore
7-8 Philip D Hopkins (C)
9-10 Peter S Bennett

4693

LLANDAFF, Cardiff,
Cathedral Court
Sunday January 19, 2020
in 2h44 (15)

5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal

Comp: Roderick W Pipe
1-2 Helen Phillips
3-4 Richard J Clements (C)
5-6 David A Jones
7-8 Philip D Hopkins
9-10 David F Moore

4694

USK, Monmouthshire, St Mary
Saturday January 25, 2020
in 2h44 (14cwt)

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp: J J Parker
(12-part 7th obs.)
1 Marianne A Fisher
2 Helen Phillips
3 Andrew J Mead
4 Peter S Bennett
5 Kenneth Phillips
6 Peter R Elliott
7 Andrew J Phillips (C)
8 Philip J Huxley
200th peal on the bells.

4695

NEWPORT, Newport,
Cathedral Church of St Woolos
Saturday February 1, 2020
in 3h11 (21cwt)

5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal

Comp: Mark C Bennett
1 Anne D Hayman
2 Jane D Bull
3 Helen Phillips
4 David F Moore
5 Jonathan W Lewis
6 Philip D Hopkins
7 Nicholas D Jones
8 Andrew J Phillips
9 John A Vesey
10 Mark C Bennett (C)

For the enthronement of the
Rt Revd Cherry Elizabeth Vann
as 11th Bishop of Monmouth.

4696

TREVETHIN, Torfaen, St Cadoc
Thursday February 6, 2020
in 2h50 (10cwt)

5130 Llanerch Alliance Major

Comp: D F Morrison
1 Kevin J Musty
2 James Clatworthy
3 Robert J Crocker
4 Philip J Huxley
5 Richard J Clements (C)
6 Nicholas D Jones
7 Peter G C Ellis
8 Christopher J Pickford
On the 130th anniversary of the
Llanerch mining disaster in
anticipation of the on-site
memorial's completion. The East
window in this church was
installed in thanksgiving for the
lives of those lost in the Glyn &
Llanerch disasters of 1890.
Llanerch Alliance Major :
-56-14-56-36-14-58-14.78 le 18

4697

CWMBRAN, Torfaen,
15 Warwick Close
Sunday February 9, 2020
in 2h25 (15)

5056 Falmouth Surprise Major

Comp: D F Morrison (No.1)
1-2 Helen Phillips (C)
3-4 Richard J Clements
5-6 Philip D Hopkins
7-8 David F Moore

4698

TEWKESBURY, Gloucs, Abbey
Church of St Mary the Virgin
Saturday February 22, 2020
in 3h20 (27cwt)

5060 Grandsire Cinques

Comp: Arr. N D Jones (Q sets)
1 Simon J Ridley
2 Helen Phillips
3 Hilda C Ridley
4 David T G Jones
5 Andrew C John
6 Nicholas D Jones (C)
7 Nicholas K Allsopp
8 Jonathan W Lewis
9 John R Ridley
10 Paul V W Feast
11 Mark C Bennett
12 Andrew J Phillips
Circle completed: 1.

4699

BLAENAVON, Torfaen, St Peter
Sunday March 1, 2020
in 2h41 (9cwt)

5040 Grandsire Doubles

1 Nicholas D Jones (C)
2 Michael Houtt
3 Andrew J Williams
4 Kevin J Musty
5 Alwyn R Lewis
6 Gwyn Sayce
During Cadw's 'Dathliad Cymru'
(Celebration of Wales) at the
nearby ironworks on (the eve of
the liturgical) St David's Day.
1st peal: 6. 1st inside: 3.

4700
 LLANDAFF, Cardiff,
 Cathedral Court
 Sunday August 16, 2020
 in 2h18 (12)
5056 Cambridge Surprise
Major
 Comp: C Middleton
 (Johnson's var.)
 1-2 Richard J Clements
 3-4 David F Moore
 5-6 David A Jones
 7-8 Philip D Hopkins (C)
 Rung "socially-distanced" in the
 garden.
 First peal in Wales since the
 beginning of Covid-19 lockdown.

4701
 LLANDAFF, Cardiff,
 Cathedral Court
 Sunday August 23, 2020
 in 2h20 (15)
5152 Superlative Surprise
Major
 Comp: Michael Maughan
 1-2 Helen Phillips
 3-4 Richard J Clements
 5-6 David F Moore
 7-8 Philip D Hopkins (C)
 Rung "socially-distanced" in the
 garden.

Summary of Peals Rung for the Association 2018 - 2020
 (Bracketed figures are for handbells)

	2020		2019		2018	
Maximus	0		1	(1)	0	
Cinques	1		1		4	
Royal	3	(2)	7	(5)	5	(4)
Caters	0		3		7	
Major	4	(3)	19	(12)	11	(6)
Triples	1		3		4	
Minor	0		5	(1)	8	(2)
Doubles	1		5		7	
Minimus	0		0		0	
	10	(5)	44	(19)	46	(12)

Leading Peal Ringers in 2020

Helen Phillips	7
Philip D Hopkins	6
David F Moore	6
Richard J Clements	5
Nicholas D Jones	4
David A Jones	3
Andrew J Phillips	3
Mark C Bennett	2
Peter S Bennett	2
Philip J Huxley	2

Leading Conductors in 2020

Philip D Hopkins	3
Richard J Clements	2
Nicholas D Jones	2
Mark C Bennett	1
Andrew J Phillips	1
Helen Phillips	1

Leading Peal Towers in 2020

Cathedral Court, Llandaff	5	Newport Cathedral	2
Abergavenny	2		

Leading Association Peal Ringers at end of 2020

(Total Conducted in Brackets)

*Deceased **Includes jointly conducted

Peter S Bennett	1092	** (567)	John W Jones*	373	(39)
Tudor P Edwards*	1037	** (204)	Nicholas W H Simon	347	(182)
David J Llewellyn	868	(58)	Jonathan W Lewis	347	(25)
Alwyn R Lewis	860	(235)	Barry J Hayman	299	(1)
Helen Phillips	628	(201)	Andrew J Phillips	297	(25)
Robert E Hardy	581	(149)	William T Petty*	279	(82)
Andrew C John	557	(18)	William E Thompsett*	275	(1)
Marcus A G Williams	517	(159)	Donald G Clift*	273	(67)
David F Moore	494	(15)	Gwyn I Lewis*	267	(124)
Julian C Parker	391	(8)	Jacqueline S King*	258	(0)
Robin R Churchill	388	(192)	Ernest Stitch*	257	(47)
Thomas T Yeomans*	374	(0)			

Association Milestones passed in 2020

The figures are Association peals by resident members

First Peal	175th peal	625th peal
Gwyn Sayce	Anne D Hayman	Helen Phillips

Peals Rung for Other Associations during 2020

No	Date	Place	Time	Method	Association
982	8 Feb	Abergavenny	3.16	Triton Delight Royal	Bristol Society
983	8 Feb	Cadoxton-juxta-Neath	2.32	Cambridge S Minor	ASCY
984	29 Feb	Abergavenny	3.20	Yorkshire S Royal	Gloucester & Bristol D.A.
985	29 Feb	Newport Cathedral	3.20	Spliced Cinques and Maximus	SRCY
986	29 Feb	Llandaff	3.22	Spliced S Maximus (3m)	SRCY
987	19 Sep	Cathedral Court, Llandaff	2.19	Cambridge S Major	ASCY
988	8 Nov	Handbell Stadium	2.45	Kent T B Major	ASCY (Provisional)

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Peal Compositions and New Method Rung During 2020

PEAL 4698

5060 Grandsire Cinques

Q Sets, arranged by Nicholas D Jones No.2

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>234567890E</u>
-	s	-	-	s	3245678E09
-	s	-	-		432567890E
-	s	-	-	s	2435678E90
-	s	-	-	-	243567809E
-	s	s	-	-	2435679E80
-	-	s	-	-	3245678E90
-	s	-	-	-	324567809E
-	s	s	-	-	3245679E80
-	-	s	-	-	4325678E90
-	s	-	-	-	432567809E
-	s	s	-	-	4325679E80
-	s	-	-	-	243567E098
-	-	-	-	-	324
-	-	-	-	-	432
-	s	-	-	-	24356708E9
-	-	-	-	-	324
-	-	-	-	-	432
-	s	-	-	s	243567890E
-	s	-	-	-	2435678E09
-	s	-	-	-	324567890E

Repeat

PEAL 4696

5130 Llanerch Alliance Major

Composed by D F Morrison

<u>23456</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>I</u>
42635	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-
32654	2	2	-
65243	-	4	-
54263	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-

Repeat twice

Sixths place bobs

Contains all 24 each 56s and 65s, 18 8765s off the front, 15 5678s off the front, 12 each 6578s off the front and 8756s off the front, 8 7468s, and 6 7568s.

Llanerch Alliance Major (new method)

x56x14x56x36x14x58x14.78-18 group 1 fch ac

Julian Parker

Association Librarian's Report

The Association Library continues to be accommodated in the upper room of the Chapter House at Llandaff Cathedral and, as in previous years, sincere thanks are due to the Dean & Chapter for allowing our Library to be sited in such a safe environment.

No new items were added to the collection during 2020, but the bound copies of the Ringing World for 2019 and 2020 should be available early this year subject to Covid restrictions. The Library continues to maintain full sets of the Association Annual Report and the Newsletters from both Branches.

The Annual Reports and Branch Newsletters have become an important Library resource as they record in some detail the life of the Association year by year. These documents have always been widely distributed to towers, enabling members to have ready access to ringing news throughout the Association. This was not always so. Before the advent of the printed Annual Report and the Branch Newsletters, sources of news would have been limited to the Annual Association AGM, Branch meetings and the Ringing World.

The first Annual Report was produced in 1962 by the esteemed secretary of that time, Jack Pryor, using a Gestetner duplicator, recently purchased for Association business and installed at his home. Jack continued as editor until 1972 while his wife Joyce typed all Gestetner stencils for the first 15 years to 1986. The first printed Annual Report in A5 booklet format was printed in 1988 and has continued in this format to the present, utilising the considerable word processing expertise available within the Association membership; not least that of Phil Hopkins, our editor since 2012.

Over the years the presentations of both the Newsletters and the Association Annual Reports have been greatly enhanced with the incorporation of the impressive line drawings of Association towers produced by Nevil James.

The Llandaff Newsletter commenced in 1974, All copy was typed on to Gestetner stencils by Joyce Pryor up to 1986. Joyce was also Editor for 25 editions between 1977-86. The first printed A5 booklet followed in 1995, with the Newsletter name 'Look To' established in 2001. The Newsletter continued to develop both in style and content with colour being introduced in 2019 by the present editor, Joy Kipling. Two notable previous editors were Mike Thomas, 28 editions (1996-2004) and Pat Moore 56 editions to (2005-2018).

The Monmouth Newsletter commenced in June 1987 and soon settled in its present A4 format with colour being introduced in 2003. The content of the Newsletter was firmly established by David Price who edited the Newsletter for 40 editions to 2008. The present editor, Matthew Turner, continues the high quality of the Newsletter and has edited 24 editions to date.

In normal circumstances members are welcome to visit the Library by prior arrangement and items can be borrowed for a limited period. A catalogue of the books in the Library is maintained and can be viewed on the Association website.

David J Llewellyn
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Association Webmaster's Report

The website has continued to operate during 2020 unaffected by lockdowns or anything else going on in the wider world. It has been unaffected by any virus which might have tried to attack it...!

What was affected was the content; there's nothing on the Calendar after the end of May 2020 except for Association Management Committee Meetings and the Branch and Association AGMs. The Calendar will, however, be the place to look for events, practices and meetings as and when ringing is allowed to restart, particularly since the Association isn't going to be producing a printed "Fixture Card" for 2021-22.

The most effective way to have the Calendar to hand is to subscribe to the website's Calendar on your PCs, laptops, tablets and smart-devices; the guide to doing this is available through:

<https://www.llanmon.org.uk/calendar/calendar-subscription-guide>

The website has been used to facilitate pre-registration for the online Association and Branch AGMs. The link to pre-register for the 2021 Association AGM on 10th April is:

<https://www.llanmon.org.uk/calendar/2021-association-agm-registration>

These forms are new and just one of the upgrades applied to the website during the year; the code has been kept up to date and a major overhaul is in the pipeline for later this year. The website continues to be backed-up regularly (and frequently) and there have been no data breaches, other security incidents or significant "outages" during 2020 to report.

I am grateful to Peter Giles for offering to assist with the upkeep and maintenance of the website into the future.

As always, please let me know if you become aware of anything amiss, wrong with or missing from the website or if there's a feature that you would like to see added.

John Vesey
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Association Daytime Practice Report

Well, a year ago, who would have thought that we'd have only two Friday Daytime Practices in 2020?

On a mild 31st January (just as well, as we had to wait a bit to be let in) 13 of us gathered to ring at St Edeyrn's Church, Llanedeyrn. Our raising the bells was a bit of a jangle (maybe a comment on Brexit Day!) but the lowering was good. We rang the basic Doubles methods as well as Little and Plain Bob and Kent Minor.

Friday 28th February was 'deluge day' but the torrential rain didn't stop 14 of us going to St Mary's Church, Whitchurch, although we all encountered flooded roads on our way home. The welcome and the ringing room were warm and we rang the usual standard methods on 5 and 6 bells and managed a touch of Plain Bob Major and some Stedman Triples.

Because the ringers who attend these practices come from far and wide, I suspect, sadly, that we'll not be starting them up again in the near future. But, when we can, we will – and we'll contact you all directly once this is able to happen. In the meantime, take care and stay safe.

Jenny Mole
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Association Surprise Major Practice Report

Only two practices were able to be held before the Covid-19 lockdown.

The January one was, as is the tradition, at St John's Cardiff and was attended by a select group of eight ringers. We used both the front and back 8 bells, ringing Cambridge & Yorkshire plus two unsuccessful but valiant attempts at Venusium which was the special method.

In February we went to Llandaff Cathedral where we met rather short with only six ringing members present. However it proved to be a very useful evening for Jonathan Lewis's son Tom, who was able to practise very capably a variety of Doubles and Minor methods, including Cambridge Surprise.

Sadly that was all for 2020, the restrictions coming into being about the same time as we were due to go to Cowbridge in March.

Thanks as usual to tower captains and church/cathedral authorities for the use of their bells and to those who attended the practices.

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Association 12 Bell Practice Report

Just two practices and one 12-bell quarter peal attempt were held in 2020 before the restrictions imposed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic brought ringing as we know it to a halt.

In January 2020, after three years of running the practices, I decided it was time for me to hand over the organisation of the Association 12-bell practice to someone else. Mark Bennett volunteered for the role, but has not yet taken up the post because of Covid restrictions.

In the previous three years, the number of people taking part in the 12-bell practices, and the number of 12-bell quarter peals rung by the Association had both increased, and we were pleased to have put in a creditable performance at the South West 12-bell Striking Competition in 2019. We had accepted an invitation to take part in the competition for 2020, but that event was also cancelled owing to Covid restrictions. I would like to thank all of the ringers who have supported me and taken part in the 12-bell practices and quarter peal attempts over the three years and wish Mark every success when we are able to hold 12-bell practices again in the future.

Helen Phillips

I never imagined when I agreed to take over the Association 12-bell Practices that a year later I would still be waiting to run my first practice – and it is going to be quite a while yet until that happens. Any hopes of an easy transition have long gone and we will have to start again.

However, what I did have planned back then was to try and continue Helen's good work. Keep the practices and quarters going and enter the South West 12-bell Striking Competition. The primary emphasis is on good striking and increasing the number of 12 bell ringers in the Association. We will probably ring more Cambridge and Stedman as they are simple to learn, but not so easy to strike as Yorkshire and Grandsire with less reliance able to be placed on rope sight alone. Plus, I really like Stedman.

Helen and I talked about the idea of a 'party piece'. Something particularly challenging but with a high musical reward. That is probably not one for the near future, but I would like to introduce more Spliced and, at some point, Bristol.

Another idea I had was to spread our wings a little and ring at some 12 bell towers that are not Newport or Llandaff. Perhaps as quarters, peals or ½ day outings. I think it would be good to experience other 12 bell towers.

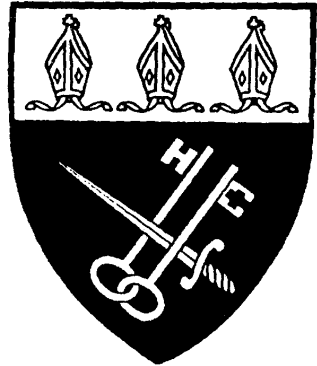
I look to seeing you all in a tower at some point.

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Llandaff Branch

Branch Officers 2020

Joint Masters: Dr Peter Giles
Mr Kevin Musty
Mr James Bulleid
Chairman: Mr Chris W Kipling
Secretary: Ms Hilary Evans
Treasurer: Mr Phil Williams
Newsletter Editor: Mrs Joy E Kipling



Management Committee Representatives 2020

Dr Peter Giles
Mr Chris W Kipling
Mrs Patricia A Moore
Dr Fredrick Jackson
Mrs Joy Kipling
Mr Phil Williams

Llandaff Branch Master's Report

With a new plan afoot after the last AGM to share the job of Ringing Master around between James Bulleid, Kevin Musty and me, I had the pleasure of running the March 2020 practice at Newton Nottage where 15 ringers managed ringing, ranging from Rounds and Call Changes to Yorkshire Surprise Major. Life seemed good.

Concerns over a new virus spreading globally meant that a week later we were advised to stop all unnecessary social contact and, a week after that, the country came to a hard stop with the first national lockdown. Ringing would have to cease nationally for the first time in 80 years.

It wasn't until mid July that Ringing was allowed to commence again by the Church in Wales, but not ringing that any of us would recognise. Social distancing of 2m would be required, along with lashings of hand sanitiser, masks and ringing would be time limited to 15 minutes and only for services. It took another couple of months for many churches to open again and ringing to commence in those towers. From reports I've read, it seemed widely appreciated that bells were ringing again as we embraced what we hoped would be a slow return to normality.

Alas, the virus had other ideas and ringing had to stop again for the second national lockdown in Wales at the end of October (3 Sunday's ringing stopped), followed by another hard stop of an as yet unknown length starting in December.

I'm heartened to hear many stories of how towers in our branch have been keeping up contact between members online during the last year and hope and expect that our pent up desire to do things and see people again will blossom when ringing can resume in the form that we all know and love so much.

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LLANDAFF BRANCH ACCOUNTS 2020

RECEIPTS				2020	2019
Subscriptions	123	@	£6.00	£	
	3	@	£3.75	£	
Late for 2019	0	@	£7.50	£	
	0	@	£3.75	£	
Early for 2021	6	@	£6.00	£	
	0	@	£3.75	£	
HLM's	8	@	£0.00	£	
Total subscriptions				£	785.25
Donations				£	151.50
Deposit Account at bank Interest				£	0.50
				£	<u>937.25</u>
					<u>973.50</u>
PAYMENTS					
Branch Levy				£	781.00
Donation to Ringing World				£	0.00
Newsletters				£	105.34
Hereford Course Sponsorship				£	0.00
ART Course Sponsorship				£	0.00
Quarter Peal Fortnight donations to Ringing World				£	0.00
Secretary/Treasurer Expenses				£	26.66
Excess of Receipts over Payments				£	24.25
				£	<u>937.25</u>
					<u>973.50</u>
BALANCE AT YEAR START					
Current Account at Bank				£	1,170.02
Deposit Account at Bank				£	502.41
Cash in Hand				£	0.00
Excess of Receipts over Payments				£	24.25
				£	<u>1,696.68</u>
					<u>1,672.43</u>
BALANCE AT YEAR END					
Current Account at Bank				£	1,220.43
Deposit Account at Bank				£	502.91
Cash in Hand				£	0.00
Less unrepresented cheques				£	(26.66)
				£	<u>1,696.68</u>
					<u>1,672.43</u>

Signed: Richard Hall, Independent Examiner Date: 17/01/2021

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Llandaff Branch Members

The numbers after a tower indicate the number of peals rung at that tower, with the number of peals for the Association in brackets. The numbers after a member's name indicate the peals rung for the Association by that member to the end of 2020, with the number conducted in brackets. The number conducted includes any peals jointly conducted. If you do not agree with the details as given, please contact the Peal Recorder.

To comply with GDPR rules, only those for whom a subscription was received by the Llandaff Branch in 2020 are listed. If you do not agree with the subscription record indicated, please contact the Branch Treasurer urgently.

ABERAVON	184	(152)	CARDIFF	277	(241)
Karen Davies	-		Andrew M Bull (HLM)	155	(51)
Fr Terry Doherty	-		Evan M Chapman	2	(-)
Len Jones	-		Stephen Dutfield	-	
Kevin J Musty	16	(-)	Ann Fairhurst	-	
Jennii Shaw	-		Richard J Hall	101	(2)
			Mary E Hardy	132	(-)
ABERDARE	50	(36)	Robert E Hardy (HLM)	581	(149)
Evan C Davies	-		Glenys Hearne	9	(-)
			Neil Jones	-	
BAGLAN	31	(21)	Andrew M Muir	84	(-)
Ann Chant	-		David Slater	-	
Anne Harris	-		Timothy N Taylor	1	(-)
Jennifer Malcolm	-		Christine Taylor	-	
BONVILSTON	22	(21)	CILYBEBYLL	0	(0)
No members			No members		
BRIDGEND	230	(226)	COITY	43	(42)
No members			Philippa Coulson	-	
			Frederick G Custerson	3	(-)
CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH	336	(260)	Stuart Davidson	-	
Lynne Brunt	-		Shanne De Clerk	-	
Ian W Cole	2	(-)	Neil Luckett	2	(-)
Andrew C John	557	(18)	Barry D Morgan	17	(1)
Yvonne R John	83	(1)	Glenda Oglesbee	-	
Rebecca E John	1	(-)	Melville Oglesbee	-	
Alwyn R Lewis (HLM)	861	(235)	Marice R Sherlock	8	(-)
Keith Tucker	12	(-)	Philip Williams	-	
Elizabeth Walters	49	(-)			
Huw Walters	-				
Tyla Williams	-				
CAERPHILLY	107	(91)			
Brian Backhouse	1	(-)			
Alan Bartley	3	(-)			
Philip J Evans	84	(14)			
G Andrew G Hurd	4	(-)			
Elizabeth Jones	-				
Peter M Jones	5	(2)			
David J Marshall	4	(-)			
Pauline Morris	2	(-)			
Mike Rivers	-				

COWBRIDGE	73	(69)	LLANISHEN	27	(23)
Stephen Adams	-		Lorena Hume	-	
Helen Barrie	-		Andrew T Potter	-	
James O Bulleid	1	(-)	Ann Rowe	-	
Susan Davies	-		Richard A Rowe	3	(-)
Mike Jackson	-				
Penny Jarvis	-		LLANTRISANT	33	(33)
Isabelle Jones	-		No members		
Andrea S Kane-Akers	5	(-)			
Mike Kemp	-		LLANTRITHYD	0	(0)
Christopher W Kipling	134	(20)	No members		
Joy E Kipling	51	(-)			
Evie Kwan	-		LLANTWIT MAJOR	19	(17)
Michael Legrove	1	(-)	David Bounds (HLM, RIP)	114	(32)
Millie Lowe	-		Roger Bradshaw	-	
Julie Morgan	-		Peter Dickson	-	
Dilys Robertson	-		Hilary Evans	-	
			Peter Grace	-	
DYFFRYN	23	(18)	Helen Giles	-	
No members			Sue Gordon	-	
			Peter G Mayle (HLM)	17	(2)
LALESTON	4	(3)	Rachel Pearce	-	
Martin Edey	-		Noel Harris	-	
Rev Michael Lewis	-		Roger Sheal	-	
Sarah Thomas	-				
			MERTHYR TYDFIL	33	(26)
LLANBLETHIAN	20	(18)	Douglas G Davison	50	(-)
Joint with Cowbridge			Lisa Drury	-	
			Mike Maguire	-	
LLANCARFAN	14	(12)			
No members			NEATH	89	(50)
			Theresa Edmunds	-	
LLANDAFF	317	(247)	Lynda Powell	-	
Beryl W Baldwin (HLM)	3	(-)	Paul Wheeler	-	
John C Baldwin (HLM)	62	(6)			
Marie Carson	11	(-)	NEWTON NOTTAGE	85	(82)
Anthony E Davies	24	(-)	No members		
Lily Gainsbury	-				
Meriel A Gainsbury	1	(-)	PENARTH	44	(40)
Frederick B Jackson	66	(-)	Martin Batten	5	(-)
Myra A Jenkins	1	(-)	Valerie Batten	1	(-)
David A Jones	71	(1)	Patricia M Brooks	-	
Bryn C Kipling	34	(-)	Peter J Giles	1	(-)
Jessica L Kipling	2	(-)	David P Greenaway	-	
David J Llewellyn (HLM)	868	(58)	Matthew D Greenaway	2	(-)
Rebecca L Melen	2	(-)	Sarah K A Greenaway	1	(-)
David F Moore	494	(15)	Barbara Jacklin	-	
Patricia A Moore	3	(-)	David A Jacklin	13	(2)
Dorothy M Morgan	4	(-)	Fr Mark Jones	-	
Paul J Rogers	17	(-)	Helen Kerbey	-	
John A Vesey	196	(79)	Alex G Saunders	1	(-)
Marcus A G Williams	517	(159)	Christopher E Saunders	1	(-)
Robert C Woodward	39	(-)	Anne Saunders	-	
LLANGYNWYD	34	(32)			
No members					

PENDOYLAN	10	(10)	ST ANDREWS MAJOR	0	(0)
Julian Carter	-		No members		
Philip D Glanville	1	(-)	ST ATHAN	5	(5)
Heather Hensman	-		No members		
Roger Masterman	-		ST BRIDES MAJOR	67	(66)
Ed Rees	-		Paul Brabban	-	
PENMARK	6	(4)	Stephen G Coleman	5	(-)
Maureen MacMeechan	-		Margaret Lewis	-	
Clive B Moncrieff	1	(-)	Sue Morgan	-	
Harriet G Moncrieff	16	(-)	Roger Norfolk	-	
Norman Waite	-		Chris Rogers	-	
Barrie Williams	-		Elaine Thomas	-	
PENTRE	106	(91)	Christopher Thorpe	-	
No Members			ST HILARY	16	(15)
PEN-Y-FAI	4	(4)	Joint with Cowbridge		
No members			ST MARY HILL	1	(1)
PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY	11	(10)	No members		
No members			ST NICHOLAS	1	(1)
PONTYPRIDD	167	(157)	No members		
Cheryl Lavington	-		SULLY	28	(26)
PORTHKERRY	11	(10)	Julian C Parker	391	(8)
Will Power	-		WHITCHURCH	139	(123)
Helen Williams	-		Shelley Rundle	-	
Laura Williams	-		Barbara Jackson	29	(-)
Jon Williams	-		Chris James	-	
Mark Williams	-		Charles W J Pearcy	-	
Matthew A Williams	3	(-)	Heather Picton	-	
Simon Williams	-		Tim Rich	-	
Kim Wilson	-		Lynne Workman	-	
RADYR	34	(31)	UNATTACHED	0	(0)
Andrew Gainsbury	-		Douglas C Dabb	4	(-)
Kristy Greenow	-		Andrew Giles	141	(3)
Derek Griffiths	-		John M Hughes	195	(9)
Nevil A James (HLM)	79	(-)	Marina E J Thomas	3	(-)
Andrew J T Jones	6	(-)			
William Jones	-				
Marian Lewis	-				
Trevor T Lewis (HLM)	123	(12)			
Wendy Lewis	-				
Steven Thatcher	-				
Lauren Thomas	-				
Margaryta Tsugorka	-				
Tetyana Tsugorka	-				
Robert Williams	-				

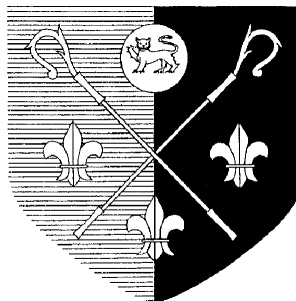
Total recorded Llandaff membership in 2020:

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Monmouth Branch

Branch Officers 2020

Master: Mrs Debbie J Turner
Chairman: Mr Peter S Bennett
Secretary: Revd Canon Jenny V Mole
Treasurer: Mrs Jen Mundy
Training Coordinator: Mr Andrew J Phillips
Newsletter Editor: Mr Matthew S Turner



Management Committee Representatives 2020

Mrs Hilary A Brown Mr Jonathan W Lewis
Mr Andrew J Phillips Mrs Helen Phillips

Monmouth Branch Master's Report

My initial recollection of 2020, was that nothing much happened in terms of ringing!

However, looking back through my reports to the Branch Committee during the year brought back many fond memories of ringing and socialising before Covid took hold, an appreciation of what we had and a hope for an improved 2021 as the vaccination process begins to be rolled out.

Last year's AGM at Usk, was very well attended with over 30 ringers in the tower and many more who did not venture upstairs for a ring. It was great to see members from a wide number of different towers also in attendance. The "bring and share" tea provided by members of the Branch was also very well received.

A few weeks later was the Branch Ringing Course (Part 1). It is a measure of the success of the course that, owing to over subscription, it was necessary to plan two branch ringing courses in 2020. Part 1 consisted of three bell handling groups and three Plain Hunt groups involving 26 learners and 32 helpers, plus other Newport Cathedral ringers who were helping out on the day. It was also lovely to see so many people who have previously been students on the course become helpers on this occasion.

It was a very productive day and many students came away feeling (rightly) proud of the steps forward they had made. It was great to see students chatting about their ringing with fellow students and for them to be able to exchange ideas, potential pitfalls and share struggles. My thanks to Andrew Phillips for organising the event and to all who came along to support, to make the day such a success.

Part 2 of the Ringing Course, which was aimed at Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, was due to take place in April but, unfortunately, was unable to go ahead as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.

A couple of 8 bell practices and 6 bell practices took place, which were well attended before ringing was required to stop in March.

I'm sure it was very sad occasion for many people; ringing the bells down in their tower for the last time before going into lockdown with no idea as to when they were to be rung again.

I understand that some towers have been holding regular practices via Ringing Room and others have been learning to ring handbells either with real bells or via Handbell Stadium. Other towers have been keeping in touch, as best as they can, to offer each other support, which is so important with many people isolating, shielding or working from home with limited opportunities for social interaction.

Some towers have been able to ring some bells for Sunday services, with risk assessments approved by their church authorities, following the guidance from the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. This involves two-metre social distancing at all times, wearing face coverings, hand sanitising before and after ringing, leaving at least 48 hours between each ringing session, ventilating the ringing area and limiting ringing for only 15 minutes at a time to reduce the risk of aerosol transmission.

At this stage, we do not know when things may return to normal but, with vaccinations beginning to be administered, we can hope for a better 2021. The Branch Masters have been collaborating as part of a working party to discuss and put together a Covid Recovery Plan to be considered by the Association Management Committee about how and when we can restart ringing and the various considerations that may need to be taken into account. Fingers crossed that it will not be too long before some of these plans are able to come into fruition.

In the meantime, stay safe, stay in touch and I hope to see many of you in person during 2021.

Debbie Turner
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MONMOUTH BRANCH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2020

RECEIPTS

					2020	2019
Subscriptions	87	@	£7.00	£		
	105	@	£5.00	£		
Late for 2019	1	@	£6.00	£		
	0	@	£4.00	£		
Early for 2021	0	@	£7.00	£		
	0	@	£5.00	£		
HLM's	6	@	£0.00	£		
Total subscriptions				£	1,134.00	1,040.00
Donations for Branch Funds				£	14.00	9.00
Donation from RSPB Living Levels				£		36.00
Surplus on Branch Outing				£		21.00
Reimbursement from AMC				£		10.30
Branch Training Course				£	35.08	(38.45)
Excess Payments over Receipts				£		185.04
				£	1,183.08	1,262.89

PAYMENTS

Branch Levy				£	880.00	824.00
Officers' Expenses		Newsletter Editor		£		62.64
		Secretary		£		
		Treasurer		£	14.64	12.95
Hire of hall for AGM				£	0.00	40.00
Expenses in respect of Striking Competition				£		7.00
Distribution of Association Annual Reports and Cards				£		10.30
Cost of Books for RSPB Living Levels				£		36.00
Sponsorship of ART Course				£		70.00
Sponsorship of External Events – Caerleon Festival				£		200.00
Cost of 2021 Branch Dinner Deposit				£	200.00	
Excess of Receipts over Payments				£	88.44	0.00
				£	1,183.08	1,262.89

BALANCE AT YEAR START

Current account at Bank				£	2,537.28	2,735.20
Cash in Hand				£	44.00	31.12
Less unrepresented cheques				£		
Excess of Receipts over Payments				£	88.44	
				£	2,669.72	2,766.32

BALANCE AT YEAR END

Current account at Bank				£	2,645.28	2,537.28
Cash in Hand				£	24.44	44.00
Less unrepresented cheques				£		
Excess of Payments over Receipts				£		185.04
				£	2,669.72	2,766.32

Signed: Helen Phillips, Independent Examiner
Signed: Kenneth Phillips, Independent Examiner

Date: 28/12/2020
Date: 17/12/2020

Jen Mundy
monmouthtreas@llanmon.org.uk

Monmouth Branch Training Co-ordinator's Report

The year started with the annual Monmouth Branch Training day on 15th February, which was based at St Woolos', Newport due to Magor Church Hall being unavailable. This year the courses were over subscribed, with 39 people requesting training that ranged from bell handling to Plain Bob & Grandsire Doubles. Unfortunately, there was also a large short fall in helpers available to support so many students, which, with a maximum of 5 students per group, would require at least 48 helpers and tutors to support 8 groups.

Therefore a decision was made early on during the organisation for the training day to move the Doubles courses to the next Branch Training day scheduled for 18th April. This allowed some of the people wishing to do the Doubles courses to become helpers instead on the February courses, for which I'm very grateful that they agreed to help.

My thanks to the Cathedral authorities for allowing us to use the Cathedral Hall and to Carol Brown for sorting out the refreshments during the day. Thanks to the tutors and helpers for giving up of their time on the day and to the towers used during the day.

Then in mid-March Covid-19 and lockdown struck, resulting in most ringing and all training events for the rest of 2020 to be cancelled. This also included the planned Living Levels Open Day at Caldicot, which was due to take place at the beginning of April. It is hoped that this can be re-scheduled for a suitable time in the future.

At the Branch Committee meeting in early March, Marianne Fisher offered to run a Foundation Skills Ringing Course at a suitable time in 2020. This offer was accepted by the Branch Committee, but before any organisation for this could be carried out, all ringing was halted. Marianne has agreed to run this course at a suitable time in the future after 'normal' ringing has resumed in 2021 / 22.

Towards the end of the year, a small working group on the AMC has met to discuss and start looking at what needs to be done across the Association when the go ahead is finally given in Wales, to allow ringing to restart. It is envisaged that part of the plan will be to have re-introduction sessions, where required, to ease people back into ringing, with sessions such as bell handling refreshers, method refreshers etc. being made available, as well as social get-togethers. More details will be available when it becomes evident that ringing in Wales will be allowed to resume on a wider scale.

Andrew Phillips
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Monmouth Branch Members

The numbers after a tower indicate the number of peals rung at that tower, with the number of peals for the Association in brackets. The numbers after a member's name indicate the peals rung for the Association by that member to the end of 2020, with the number conducted in brackets. The number conducted includes any peals jointly conducted. If you do not agree with the details as given, please contact the Peal Recorder.

To comply with GDPR rules, only those for whom a subscription was received by the Monmouth Branch in 2020 are listed. If you do not agree with the subscription record indicated, please contact the Branch Treasurer urgently.

ABERGAVENNY	214	(97)	CAERLEON	60	(42)
Val Deisler	-		Craig Davis	-	
David Hoddy	-		Barbara Gordon	3	(-)
Michael Hoult	28	(-)	Ann Cadogan	-	
Catherine Jones	-		Andy Dunn	-	
Sue Prangley	-		Sandra Hitchin	-	
Diane Summers	-		Dave Jones	-	
			Julia Jones	-	
BASSALEG	37	(31)	Canon Jennifer V Mole (HLM)	29	(-)
Lana Fox-Smith	-		Kath Neale	-	
Jackie Jones	-		Sarah Purnell	-	
Nicholas W Jones	66	(3)	Carrole Russell	-	
Ian Methuen	-		Philip Sergeant	-	
			Carol Wilkinson	-	
BEDWAS	0	(0)	CALDICOT	94	(64)
No members			George Comins	-	
BEDWELLY	43	(39)	Steve Comins	-	
No Members			Stephanie Davies	4	(-)
			Steve Drowley	-	
BLAENAVON	125	(100)	Barbara Hull	-	
Craig Brown	2	(-)	Mark R T Lewis	1	(-)
Emma Jones	-		Graham Lockley	-	
Lee Matthews	-		Beryl Pugh	-	
Glynis I Pressland	-		CHEPSTOW	103	(65)
Lyndon Stephens	-		Leighton Cooke	-	
Heather Watkins	-		Jack Hoskins	7	(-)
Pamela Watts	-		CWMCARVAN	6	(5)
Helena Williams	-		No members		
			CWMYOY	0	(0)
			No members		
			DINGESTOW	8	(6)
			No members		
			EBBW VALE	100	(62)
			No members		

GROSMONT	49	(15)	LLANTILIO CROSSENNY	34	(14)
Helena Jackson	2	(-)	Richard Booth	-	
Martyn O Jackson	3	(-)	Mary Davies	-	
Jane Moggridge	-		Jon Hazlewood	-	
			Sarah Heath	-	
LLANARTH	10	(9)	John Jenkins	-	
No members			Margaret Slater	-	
			Les Taylor	-	
LLANDENNY	0	(0)	Stephen Watkins	-	
No members			Myfanwy Williamson	-	
LLANEDEYRN	20	(19)	LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY	8	(5)
Paula Bristow	-		Derek Batten	-	
Deepti Dasari	-		Tim Davies	-	
Georgia Emmott	-		Peter Griffin	-	
Samantha Emmott	-		Damaris Gurney (RIP)	-	
Amanda Gilbert	-		Caroline Harrison	-	
Martin Gilbert	-		Katharine Moreton	-	
Amanda Smith	-		Paula Park	-	
John Smith	-		Gwyn Sayce	1	(-)
David Weston	-		Linda Smith	-	
			Maria Spencer	-	
LLANFRECHFA	45	(43)	LLANWERN	6	(5)
John A Challenger	5	(-)	Jennifer L Beaven	1	(-)
Pat Hassan	-				
LLANGATTOCK-VIBON-AVEL	5	(4)	MACHEN	42	(36)
Five Cram	-		George Hughes	-	
Kathy Cram	-				
Laurence Fossey	-		MAGOR	11	(9)
Phil Miles	-		Ian J Benton	7	(-)
Dean de Ste Croix-Stewart	-		Barbara Hayden-Jones	-	
Kate de Ste Croix-Stewart	-		Debbie James	-	
			John Nicholson	-	
LLANGYBI	55	(44)	MARSHFIELD	65	(63)
Jonathan A Hiscox	4	(-)	No members		
Susan Hiscox	-				
LLANOVER	21	(12)	MATHERN	23	(17)
No members			Andrew J Mead	39	(4)
			Alex Osley	6	(-)
LLANTARNAM	15	(13)	Dudley Surman	21	(1)
Tim Hallett	-		Anthony R Utting	-	
John E Hopkins	55	(-)	Rebecca A Utting-Bateson	6	(-)
Philip D Hopkins	217	(15)	Sally A Utting	4	(-)
Helen Lewis	6	(-)	C Monnica Williams	7	(-)
Jonathan W Lewis	347	(25)			
Thomas Lewis	-		MICHAELSTON-Y-FEDW	11	(8)
Donald J Morgan	4	(-)	No members		
Sally Partridge	-				
			MONMOUTH	34	(20)
			John Rosser	-	
			Keith Wrightson (RIP)	-	
			Margaret Wrightson	-	

MYNYDDISLWYN	17	(11)	RHYMNEY	0	(0)
No members			No members		
NASH	44	(38)	RUMNEY	33	(32)
No members			Susan Bradshaw	1	(-)
			Nye Brown	1	(-)
NEWPORT CATHEDRAL	308	(232)	Fr John Connell	-	
Marion R Bennett	8	(-)	Jane Craddock	8	(-)
Mark C Bennett	143	(16)	Jane Dumont-Jones	-	
Peter S Bennett (HLM)	1092	(567)	Lynn Hair	-	
Carol Brown	-		Angharad Jones	-	
Hilary A Brown	81	(-)	Margaret Matthews	1	(-)
Kimberley Deer	-		Mike Matthews	-	
Lisa Eyles	-		Wendy Reilly	4	(-)
Zoe Eyles-Vaughan	-		Cyril G Sedgbeer	-	
Aled G Jones	20	(-)	Lesley Sheppard	-	
Barry J Hayman (HLM)	299	(1)	Adam Turner	-	
Anne D Hayman	175	(-)	Debbie J Turner	37	(1)
Fay Howe	-		Matthew S Turner	153	(51)
Andrew J Phillips	297	(26)	Perry R Turner	19	(-)
Helen Phillips	628	(201)	Zoe Ward	-	
Stephen Taylor	-				
Keith Tomlinson	-		ST BRIDES WENTLOOG	0	(0)
Catherine Walsh	-		No members		
Eveline Wickens	-				
John Wickens	-		ST MELLONS	25	(24)
Paul A Williams (RIP)	184	(15)	Michael Byrne	-	
Frances S Younson	1	(-)	Caroline Hartfield	-	
			Ian R Hartfield	14	(-)
PANTEG	0	(0)	David Mundy	-	
No members			Jen A Mundy	1	(-)
			Kathryn Pegington	-	
PENHOW	33	(25)	SHIRENEWTON	17	(14)
Helen Bignell	-		Sam Bolingbroke	4	(-)
Neil Bignell	-		Charles E Eickhoff	1	(-)
Jenny Dunford	-		Chris Jones	-	
Brian Dunford	-		James Leney	1	(-)
Keith Jones	-		Jane Leney	-	
Linda Stephens	-		Nicholas Lockhart	-	
Paul Waters	-		Simon Lockhart	-	
PENRHOS	1	(1)	Glynis MacDonald	3	(-)
No members			Robert I Millar	2	(-)
			John Montague	-	
PETERSTONE WENTLOOG	25	(23)	Andrew Oliver	-	
No members			Cheri Oliver	-	
			Michael D Penney (HLM)	89	(7)
REDWICK	5	(4)	Pip R Penney (HLM)	76	(-)
Rosemarie Ballard	-		Christine Stanley	-	
John E Evans	-		Simon J Stanley	2	(-)
Colin Hewlett (RIP)	1	(1)			
Janet Hewlett	-		SKENFRITH	8	(3)
Selwyn S Monk	-		No members		
Barbara Ward	-				
			TREDUNNOCK	36	(32)
			Richard James	-	

TREGAER	7	(2)	USK	200	(149)
No members			Marianne A Fisher	3	(-)
			Philip J Huxley	90	(2)
TRELLECH	5	(3)	Brian S B Kear	8	(-)
Chris Derret	-		Kenneth Phillips	109	(5)
Colin Harris	-		Jon Prince	-	
David Llewelyn	-		Jon Stephens	-	
Christina McFarlane	-		UNATTACHED	0	(0)
Peter Mossman	-		Stephen Avery	24	(3)
Nigel Morris	-		Catherine Bleach	1	(-)
Margaret Morris	-		Adrian Fawcett	77	(2)
Sarah Robson	-		Catherine A Jones (HLM)	52	(1)
Edward Rogers	-		Peter J Munday	81	(3)
Felicity Taylor	-		Sheila E M Parry	67	(-)
Mark Thorneycroft	-				
Yvonne Turner	-				
TREVETHIN	22	(18)			
Nicholas D Jones	181	(82)			
Rhian Jones	-				

Total recorded Monmouth membership in 2020: 206

Editorial

It is a very unique year when I top the Association's list of peal conductors and certainly 2020 was that. Although we've had our movements and ringing restricted, this report is full of information from the Association Officers and optimism for the time ahead when we shall recommence our hobby.

This report for 2020 is the first time the Association Annual Report has gone fully digital – not a printed copy in sight. Whilst this has been largely “forced” by the Covid-19 situation it is maybe the correct direction for us to head in. Printing Annual Reports has been a significant expense for the Association and there is a moral obligation on all of us to consider the climate impact of our activities – electronic, rather than printed, reports save trees and remove our distribution carbon footprint.

The Annual Report for 2021 will be my tenth and last (in this stint at least!) as Editor. Therefore the Association will be looking for someone to take this on – could this be you?. Very much an annual task; it is an activity where you can take pride in a job well done whilst giving back to the Association.

My thanks to everyone who has contributed to this Report. Individual thanks go to Nevil James – for the continued kind permission for the use of his tower line drawings and Julian Parker for his services in proof-reading the Report.

If you notice any mistakes in this Annual Report then please advise the Association General Secretary, so that they can be corrected for next year.

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Tower Details and Correspondents

NOTE: The following lists are as supplied by the Tower Correspondents and others at the time of going to press (February 2021). If you are going to a tower to which you do not normally go, check ringing times first; where no ringing is shown, ringing is possible by arrangement. Practice times are 7.30-9.00 unless otherwise stated.

The correspondence address, telephone number, and association email address for tower correspondents are published in this Annual Report and on the Association's Website, to allow members and potential tower visitors to contact a local tower. Access to the relevant section on the website is restricted to current members of the Association. The information is updated when the Association Secretary is informed of a change to the correspondent for a particular tower.

Updates to information held by the Association should be made through the Llandaff and Monmouth website.

ABERAVON, St Mary

8, 16-1-2 in F SS763902
PN: THU 7.00 - 8.30pm
Additionally, 8-Bell Practice on 1st Monday of month
Sun: 10.30 - 11.00am (1st Sunday of month)
Mr L Jones, 55 Tydraw Street,
Port Talbot, SA13 1BR
Tel: (01639) 898939
aberavon@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

ABERDARE, St Elvan

8, 16-0-25 in E SO003026
Mr M Lewis, 4 The Close, Aberdare, CF44 7HB
Tel: (01685) 881335
Mob: 07889 815476
aberdare@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

ABERGAVENNY, St Mary

10, 25-0-18 in D SO301141
PN: MON
Sun: 10.30-11.00
Ms V Deisler, 18 Ostringen Close, Abergavenny,
Monmouthshire NP7 5LY
Tel: (01873) 852427
abergavenny@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

BAGLAN, St Catharine

6, 12-3-8 in G SS753923
Sun: 5.30-6.00
Mrs J Malcolm, 26 Hilltop Close, Baglan, Port Talbot,
SA12 8YH
Tel: (01639) 768678
baglan@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

BASSALEG, St Basil

8, 14-1-17 in F ST277871
No regular practice and no regular Sunday morning ringing.
Mrs J Jones, 45 Laurel Road, Bassaleg, Newport,
NP10 8PL
Tel: (01633) 893018
bassaleg@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

BEDWAS, St Barrog

6, 8cwt in G ST171892
Unringable. Fittings in dangerous state. Tower access and chiming not allowed.
Association Branch: Monmouth

BEDWELLTY, St Sannan

8, 14-0-14 in G (GF) SO166003
Revd B Jones, 9 Railway View, Fleur de Lis,
Blackwood, Torfaen, NP12 3UR
Tel: (01443) 820441
bedwellty@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

BLAENAVON, St Peter

8, 9-1-0 in Ab SO251087
PN: FRI
Sun: 9.15-9.30
Mrs P Watts, 24 Edward Street, Griffithstown,
Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 5HD
Tel: (01495) 751446
blaenavon@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

BONVILSTON, St Mary V

6, 10cwt in F# (GF) ST064741
Ringing not permitted at present on advice of church architect
Mr P Gianville, Springfield House, Pendoylan,
Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7UG
Tel: (01446) 760875
bonvilston@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

BRIDGEND (Newcastle), St Illtyd

8, 16-0-3 in F SS903800
Ringing currently suspended pending tower repairs.
Revd D E C Lloyd, The Vicarage, 1 Walters Road,
Bridgend, CF31 4HE
Tel: (01656) 655999
Association Branch: Llandaff

CAERLEON, St Cadoc

8, 8-1-21 in Bb ST339906
PN: WED
Sun: Ringing by arrangement
Mr P Sergeant, 95 Trinity View, Caerleon, Newport,
NP18 3SW
Tel: 07866 445705
caerleon@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, St Catwg

6, 7-2-2 in B SS756986
PN: WED
Sun: 9.00-9.30, 3.00-4.00 (Evensong ringing 1st
Sunday of month only)
Mrs Y R John, 9 Lancaster Close, Glynneath, Neath,
SA11 9EF
Tel: (01639) 721762
cadoxton@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

CAERPHILLY, St Martin

8, 13-0-1 in F ST155864
PN: WED
Sun: 10.00-10.30
Mr P Jones, 24 Corbett Crescent, Caerphilly,
CF83 1HP
Tel: (029) 2086 9833
caerphilly@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

CALDICOT, St Mary Virgin

8, 12-3-10 in F ST483886
PN: MON (most! Visitors are advised to check with
Tower Correspondent before attending)
Sun: 9.30-10.00, Evensong by arr
Mrs B Pugh, 5 Alianore Road, Caldicot,
Monmouthshire, NP26 5DF
Tel: (01291) 425505
caldicot@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

CARDIFF, St John Bapt

10, 25-0-23 in D ST183765
PN: THU
Sun: 9.15-9.55, 5.00-5.55
Mr Bob Hardy, 34 Triscombe Drive, Llandaff, Cardiff,
CF5 2PN
Tel: (029) 2055 9039 or
Mob: 07791 098332
cardiff@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

CHEPSTOW, St Mary

10, 16-1-24 in Eb ST536939
Sun: 10.30-11.00
Mr L Cooke, Oakleigh, Bayfield, Chepstow,
NP16 6AD
Tel: (01291) 622029
chepstow@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

CILYBEBYLL, St John Ev

3, 6-1-0 (GF) SN743047
Sue Smith, 15 Edward St, Alltwen, Pontardawe,
Swansea, SA8 3DB
Tel: 01792 865603
Association Branch: Llandaff

COITY, St Mary

6, 8-3-5 in G# SS924815
PN: WED 7.15 - 8.45pm
Sun: 9.00-9.30, 5.30-6.00
Mr F G Custerson, 12 Anglia Close, Litchard,
Bridgend, CF31 1QX
Tel: (01656) 659741
coity@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

COWBRIDGE, Holy Cross

8, 15-3-13 in E SS994746
PN: TUE (not 1st)
Sun: 10.15-10.45 (alt with St Hilary, check
beforehand)
Mrs D Robertson, Å 61 The Verlands, Cowbridge,
Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7BY
Tel: (01446) 774551
Mob: 07929 604239
cowbridge@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

CWMCARVAN, St Clement

6, 7cwt in G (GF) SO477074
Mr W R Powell, Springfield, Cwmcavran, Monmouth,
NP25 4JP
Tel: (01600) 740325
Association Branch: Monmouth

CWMYOY, St Martin

6, 9cwt in F# SO298233
Unringable. 2008: tower unsafe (it leans), bells in
original frame, tenor cracked, wheels/stays/pulley
blocks derelict, Ellacombe chimes serviceable.
Association Branch: Monmouth

DINGESTOW, Ss Dingat and Mary

6, 8-0-9 in F# (GF) SO457103
Sun: 3rd S 10.30-11.00
Ms S Cole, The West, Dingestow, Monmouth,
NP25 4DX
Tel: 07534 299082
dingestow@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

DYFFFRYN, St Matthew

6, 12-1-0 in G SS738998
PN: THU (5:30 - 6:45pm, check with tower correspondent before going)
Sun: 10.15 - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Sundays of month)
Mr P J Kirk, 140 Brecon Road, Ystradgynlais, Swansea, SA9 1QN
Tel: (01639) 844863
dyffryn@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

EBBW VALE, Christ Church

8, 24-3-25 in D SO168088
Sun: 10.00-10.30
Ms H Millard, 1 Redwood Place, Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent, NP23 6BJ
Tel: (01495) 350348
ebbwvale@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

GROSMONT, St Nicholas

6, 7-2-23 in Ab SO404243
PN: TUE (1st and 3rd Tuesday of month, works together with Llantilio Crossenny, Llantilio Pertholey and Skenfrith on a rota. Please contact Gwyn Sayce if planning to visit)
Sun: 10.30-11.00 (2nd, 4th), 5.30-6.00 (1st, 3rd)
Mr M O Jackson, Pigeon Close, Grosmont, Abergavenny, NP7 8LW
Tel: (01981) 240376
Association Branch: Monmouth

HENLLYS, St Peter

3, approx 5 cwt in Bb ST267910
Unringable.
2001: 2nd cracked.
2008: bells in original frame, wheels/stays/pulley blocks all removed, Ellacombe chimes derelict, recorded bells used.
Association Branch: Monmouth

LALESTON, St David

6, 12-3-26 in G SS875799
PN: WED 18.00-19.30
Mr M W Edey, 6 Laleston Court, Laleston, Bridgend, CF32 0HQ
Tel: (01656) 660680
laleston@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

LLANARTH, St Teilo

8, 12-2-4 in F# (GF) SO375108
Association Branch: Monmouth
Bells removed at the end of November 2014.

LLANBLETHIAN, St John Baptist

6, 8-3-24 in G SS985740
PN: TUE (1st only, alt with St Hilary, check beforehand)
Sun: 8.45-9.15
Mrs D Robertson, 61 The Verlands, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7BY
Tel: (01446) 774551
Mob: 07929 604239
llanblethian@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

LLANCARFAN, St Cadoc

6, 5-1-11 in C, (GF) ST052702
PN: THU (rotates with Penmark and Porthkerry, check before visiting)
Sun: 10.30-11.15 (rotating as above)
Dr H Moncrieff, The Mount, Penmark, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3BP
Tel: (01446) 710345
llancarfan@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL, Ss Peter and Paul, Dyfrig, Teilo and Euddogwy

13, 24-1-15 in Eb ST156781
PN: TUE
Sun: 10.10-10.55
Mrs P A Moore, 3 Cathedral Court, The Cathedral Green, Llandaff, Cardiff, CF5 2EB
Tel: (029) 2115 4275
llandaff@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

LLANDENNY, St John

6, 8cwt in A SO415039
Unringable-4th cracked
Association Branch: Monmouth

LLANEDEYRN (St Edeyrn's Village), St Edeyrn

6, 6-0-20 in B ST221819
PN: WED 7.00 - 9.00pm
Sun: 9.00 - 9.30
1. Martin Gilbert, 56 Cork Drive, Pontprennau, Cardiff, CF23 8PU
Tel: 07740 098459 or:
2. The Parish Office, 256 Cyncoed Road, Cyncoed, Cardiff, CF23 6RU.
Tel: (029) 2075 2138 (09:00 - 12:30hrs, Weekdays)
llanedeyrn_stedeyrns@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

LLANFAPLEY, St Mabel

2, 6cwt in Db SO367141
Unringable.
Larger bell on belfry floor, smaller bell hung dead and is chimed by "clocking".
Association Branch: Monmouth

LLANFRECHFA, All Saints

8, 5-2-27 in Bb (GF) ST321936
PN: TUE
Sun: 10.30-11.00, 5.30-6.00
Mr J A Challenger, 109 Caernarfon Cres, Llanyrafon,
Cwmbran, Torfaen, NP44 8SX
Tel: (01633) 484546
Association Branch: Monmouth

LLANGATTOCK VIBON AVEL, St Cadoc

6, 8cwt in G# SO456157
Mrs C Harbottle, Church Farm, St Maughans,
Monmouth, NP25 5QF
Tel: (01600) 750214
Association Branch: Monmouth

LLANGYBI, St Cybi

8, 12-0-25 in F# (GF) ST374967
Mrs S Hiscox, 6 The Croft, Llangybi, Usk,
Monmouthshire, NP15 1TX
Tel: (01633) 450398
llangybi@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

LLANGYNWYD, St Cynwyd

6, 8-0-16 in A (GF) SS858888
Ringing currently prohibited on architect's advice.
Mr Cyril Phillips, 61 Llwydarth Road, Maesteg,
CF34 9HE
Tel: (07870) 423086
Association Branch: Llandaff

LLANISHEN, St Isan

6, 3-3-20 in Eb (GF) ST177818
PN: MON
Sun: 10.00-10.30
Mr R S Harpole, 32 Gwynant Crescent, Cardiff,
CF23 6LT
Tel: (029) 2075 9384
llanishen@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

LLANOVER, St Bartholomew

5, 5-2-24 in C SO317094
PN: THU
Revd J Collier, The Rectory, Nantyerry,
Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, NP7 9DW
Tel: (01873) 880378
Association Branch: Monmouth

LLANTARNAM, St Michael & All Angels

6, 4-2-14 in D ST307932
PN: THU 6.30-8pm
Mr D Morgan, 8 Magna Porta Gardens, Llantarnam,
Cwmbran, Torfaen, NP44 3HF
Tel: (01633) 873887
llantarnam@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

LLANTILIO CROSSENNY, St Teilo

8, 4-2-4 in D SO398149
PN: TUE (2nd, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month,
works together with Grosmont, Llantilio Pertholey and
Skenfrith on a rota. Please contact Gwyn Sayce_if
planning to visit)
Sarah Heath, Trewaelod Farm, Llantilio Crossenny,
Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, NP7 8TF
Tel: (01600) 780516
llantiliocrossenny@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY, St Teilo

6, 12-0-18 in F# SO311163
PN: THU (not 5th Thursday of month, works together
with Grosmont, Llantilio Crossenny, and Skenfrith on
a rota. Please contact Gwyn Sayce_if planning to
visit)
Sun: 10.00-10.30
Mr P Griffin, 19 St Teilo's Road, Abergavenny,
NP7 6EU
Tel: (01873) 850684
llantiliopertholey@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

LLANTRISANT, Ss Illtyd, Gwynno & Tyfodwg

8, 10cwt in G ST047834
PN: MON
Sun: Check beforehand.
Mr P Morris, 21 Greenlands Road, Llantrisant,
Pontyclun, CF72 8QD
Tel: (01443) 226059
Association Branch: Llandaff
Ringing now discouraged, frame in poor condition.

LLANTRITHYD, St Illtyd

5, 6cwt in B (GF) ST044728
Unringable-3rd cracked
Association Branch: Llandaff

LLANTWIT MAJOR, St Illtyd

6, 11-3-17 in G SS966687
PN: THU
Sun: 9.30-10.00
Dr P Dickson MBE, Fairfield, Cowbridge Road,
Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan, CF61 2YS
Tel: (01446) 790393
Mob: 07947395719
llantwitmajor@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

LLANVETHERINE, St James the Elder

2, SO364172
Unringable.
Association Branch: Monmouth

LLANWERN, St Mary

5, 7-0-6 in A ST371878
PN: WED (works together with Magor, Nash and Redwick on a rota organised by Ian Benton. Please contact to check arrangements if planning to visit)
Sun: By arrangement
Mr I Benton, Yew Tree Cottage, West End, Magor, Caldicot, NP26 3HT
Tel: (01633) 881582
llanwern@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

MACHEN, St Michael

8, 12-0-0 in G ST227881
PN: FRI
Sun: 10.40-11.10
Mr D Norman, 1 Nant-y-Felyn, Draethen, Lower Machen, Newport, NP10 8GE
Tel: (01633) 440976
Association Branch: Monmouth

MAGOR, St Mary Virgin

6, 7-2-20 in A (GF) ST424869
PN: WED (works together with Llanwern, Nash and Redwick on a rota organised by Ian Benton. Please contact to check arrangements if planning to visit)
Sun: 10.00-10.30, evening by arr.
Mr I Benton, Yew Tree Cottage, West End, Magor, Caldicot, NP26 3HT
Tel: (01633) 881582
magor@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

MARSHFIELD, St Mary Virgin

8, 10cwt in A ST262826
Mr M A G Williams, 18 Nant-y-Moor Close, Coedkernew, Newport, NP10 8HH
Tel: (01633) 817882
Association Branch: Monmouth

MATHERN, St Tewdric

6, 8-2-3 in Ab ST523908
PN: THU
Sun: 8.30-9.00, Evensong by arr
Mr A R Utting, Silverstone, Newton Green, Mathern, Chepstow, NP16 6HS
Tel: (01291) 625020
mathern@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

MERTHYR TYDFIL, St Tydfil

8, 20-0-15 in F SO049058
PN: TUE (19:00-21:00, check with Yvonne John (07779 925015) or Marina (07957 219464) before visiting)
Sun: 5.30-6.00 (last Sunday of month)
Mr D G Davison, Ynyscynon Cottage, Cwmbach Road, Aberdare, Rhondda Cynon Taff, CF44 0PA
Tel: (01685) 879999
merthyrtidfil@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

MICHAELSTON-Y-FEDW, St Michael

8, 7-3-0 in A ST241845
Mrs M R Roberts, The Rectory, Michaelston-y-Fedw, Cardiff, CF3 6XS
Tel: (01633) 309691
michaelston@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

MITCHEL TROY, St Michael

3, 6cwt in B (GF) SO493104
Mr D Price, Lydart Farm, Lydart, Monmouth, NP25 4BD
Tel: (01600) 712957
Association Branch: Monmouth

MONMOUTH, St Mary Virgin

8, 16-3-1 in Eb SO508129
PN: TUE
Mrs M Wrightson, Hazelmere, Lone Lane, Penallt, Monmouth, NP25 4AJ
Tel: (01600) 715752
Association Branch: Monmouth

MYNYDDISLWYN, St Tudor

8, 12-1-4 in F# (GF) SO193939
PN: THU (check beforehand)
Sun: by arrangement
The Reverend M Owen, The Vicarage, Commercial Street, Pengam, Blackwood. NP12 3TX
Tel: (01443) 836805
Association Branch: Monmouth

NASH, St Mary

6, 7-3-18 in B (GF) ST343837
PN: WED (works together with Llanwern, Magor, and Redwick on a rota organised by Ian Benton. Please contact to check arrangements if planning to visit)
Mr I Benton, Yew Tree Cottage, West End, Magor, Caldicot, NP26 3HT
Tel: (01633) 881582
nash@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

NEATH, St Thomas

6, 8-0-2 in A SS753977
PN: MON
Sun: 9.00-9.30
Miss T Edmunds, 7 Brunel Close, Tonna, Neath, SA11 3JY
Tel: (01639) 636396
Association Branch: Llandaff

NEWCHURCH, St Peter

1 bell, 2cwt (GF) ST454976
Dr M D Penney, Lower House Cottage, Earlswood, Chepstow, NP16 6RH
Tel: (01291) 650653
Association Branch: Monmouth

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL, St Woolos

13, 21-2-20 in D ST308876
PN: TUE
Sun: 9.45-10.30, Quarter 5.15-6.30
Mrs A D Hayman, 33 Bryngwyn Road, Newport,
NP20 4JU
Tel: 07884 392955
newport@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

NEWTON NOTTAGE, St John Bapt

8, 8cwt in Bb (GF) SS837774
PN: MON (Check beforehand)
Mrs R Birch, c/o Fr P Masson, The Rectory, 64
Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl, Bridgend, CF36 3HE
Tel: (01656) 786899 (Parish Office try this first) or
(01656) 782042 (Rectory)
newtonnottage@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

PANTEG, St Mary Virgin

3 bells, 5cwt approx ST311991
Mr D Craxford, Tir-y-Dderwen, Jerusalem Lane,
New Inn, Pontypool, NP4 0NS
Tel: (01495) 756489
Association Branch: Monmouth

PENALLT OLD CHURCH, no dedication

4 bells SO522107
Unringable.
2008: bells fixed dead in original frame,
wheels/stays/pulley blocks all removed, Ellacombe
chimes in excellent condition.
Association Branch: Monmouth

PENARTH, St Augustine

8, 12-2-9 in F# ST188721
PN: WED 19.30-20.30
Sun: 10.00-10.45
Dr H Kerbey, Rockleigh, Southra, Dinas Powys,
Vale of Glamorgan, CF64 4DL
Tel: (029) 2051 3901
penarth@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

PENDOYLAN, St Cadoc

6, 8cwt in A ST060767
PN: MON (alt with Peterston-super-Ely, check
beforehand)
Mr P Glanville, Springfield House, Pendoylan,
Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7UG
Tel: (01446) 760875
pendoylan@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

PENHOW, St John Baptist

6, 5-2-16 in B (GF) ST424908
Mrs L Stephens, Tan-y-Coed, Castle Farm, Penhow,
Newport, NP26 3AD
Tel: (01633) 400888
penhow@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

PENMARK, St Mary

6, 8cwt in A ST058688
PN: THU (rotates with Llancarfan and Porthkerry,
check before visiting)
Sun: 8.15-9.00 (rotating as above)
Dr H Moncrieff, The Mount, Penmark,
Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3BP
Tel: (01446) 710345
penmark@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

PENRHOS, St Cadoc

4, 8-2-9 in A (GF) SO416117
Revd H Prince, The Vicarage, Llantilio Crossenny,
Abergavenny, NP7 8SU
Tel: (01600) 780240
Association Branch: Monmouth

PENTRE, St Peter

8, 26-3-10 in Eb SS969962
All ringing by arrangement
In the first instance, please contact the Vicar
Association Branch: Llandaff

PEN Y FAI, All Saints

6, 14-1-15 in F# SS893818
PN: MON
Sun: 10.30-11.00
Mr D Oates, 24 Parkfields, Pen y fai, Bridgend,
CF31 4NQ
Tel: (01656) 650556
Association Branch: Llandaff

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, St Peter

6, 10-0-18 in Ab (GF) ST084764
PN: MON (alt. with Pendoylan, check beforehand)
Mrs E M Child, Trecaetan, Main Avenue,
Wyndham Park, Peterston-super-Ely, Cardiff,
CF5 6LQ
Tel: (01446) 760538
peterston@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

PETERSTONE WENTLOOG, St Peter

8, 8 in Ab ST267800
Church closed; bells not available.
Association Branch: Monmouth

PONTYPRIDD, St Catherine

8, 12-2-21 in F# ST071902
PN: WED (locals often go to Whitchurch, check
beforehand)
Sun: 10.30-11.00
Mrs C A Lavington, 4 Pencoed Avenue,
The Common, Pontypridd, CF37 4AN
Tel: (01443) 406072
Mob: 07811 744636
pontypridd@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

PORTHKERRY, St Curig

6, 7cwt in A (GF) ST083666
PN: THU (rotates with Llancafarn and Porthkerry, check before visiting)
Sun: 10.55-11.25 (rotating as above)
Mrs H Williams, 20 Llanmead Gardens, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3HX.
Tel: (01446) 719475
porthkerry@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

RADYR, Christ Church

8, 12-0-15 in G (GF) ST133802
PN: THU
Sun: 10.00-11.00
Mr R Williams, 19 Clos-y-Cwarra, St Fagans, Cardiff, CF5 4QT
Tel: (029) 2059 3540
Mob: 07810 754335
radyr@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

REDWICK, St Thomas Apostle

6, 9-1-27 in G (GF) ST412842
PN: WED (works together with Llanwern, Magor and Nash on a rota organised by Ian Benton. Please contact to check arrangements if planning to visit)
Sun: 8.30-9.00 (1st), 10.30-11.00 (others)
Ms R Ballard, The Poplars, Redwick, Caldicot, Monmouthshire, NP26 3DE
Tel: (01633) 880265
redwick@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

RHYMNEY, St David

6, 6cwt in Bb SO113080
Unringable.
2008: wheels/stays/pulley blocks all derelict, Ellacombe chimes in poor condition.
Association Branch: Monmouth

ROCKFIELD, St Cenedlon

3, approx 6 3/4 cwt in C (GF) SO481148
Unringable.
2008: Fittings unserviceable. Can be swing-chimed.
Association Branch: Monmouth

RUDRY, St James

3, 7 1/4 cwt in B ST193865
Unringable.
2009: All frame, wheels headstocks, stays, pulleys, etc. were completely removed over 40 years ago. Bells now hung dead from an RSJ. Clocking has been used in the past but is now not allowed.
Association Branch: Monmouth

RUMNEY, St Augustine

6, 9-1-27 in F# ST214792
PN: MON
Sun: 9.30-10.00
Mr P R Turner, 25 Downton Rise, Rumney, Cardiff, CF3 3BH
Tel: (029) 2077 7350
rumney@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

ST ANDREW'S MAJOR, St Andrew

5, 10cwt in G (anticlockwise) ST138715
Unringable, tower unsafe
Association Branch: Llandaff

ST ATHAN, St Tathan

6, 7cwt in A ST017680
To be confirmed.
stathan@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff
For safety reasons, all ringing is suspended until further notice.

ST BRIDE'S MAJOR, St Bridget

6, 10-3-23 in G SS894750
PN: MON
Sun: 10.30-11.00
Mr C Thorpe, Kings Hall, Wick Road, St Bride's Major, Bridgend, CF32 0SE.
Tel: (01656) 880791
stbridesmajor@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

ST BRIDE'S WENTLOOG, St Bridget

6, 9cwt in A ST293824
Unringable - tower unsafe (it leans).
2009: bells in original frame, tenor hung dead, wheels/stays/pulley blocks all removed, Ellacombe chimes serviceable.
Association Branch: Monmouth

ST HILARY, St Hilary

6, 7-1-26 in B ST016733
PN: TUE (1st only, alt. with Llanblethian, check beforehand)
Sun: 10.15-10.45 alt. with Cowbridge (check beforehand)
Mrs D Robertson, 61 The Verlands, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, CF71 7BY
Tel: (01446) 774551
Mob: 07929 604239
sthilary@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

ST MARY HILL, St Mary

4, 5-1-5 in C# (GF) SS957793
Ringing arrangements - check beforehand.
Mrs M Lloyd, Hill House, St Mary Hill, Bridgend, CF35 5DT
Tel: (01656) 860881
Association Branch: Llandaff

ST MELLONS, St Mellon

6, 11cwt in G ST228814
PN: FRI
Mrs J Mundy, 1 Rhododendron Close, Cyncoed,
Cardiff, CF23 7HS
Tel: (029) 2073 1089
stmellons@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

ST NICHOLAS, St Nicholas

5, 7cwt in A ST090743
Unringable, fittings derelict
Association Branch: Llandaff

SHIRENEWTON, St Thomas-a-Becket

6, 5-2-2 in B ST478936
PN: FRI
Sun: 8.45-9.30
Dr M D Penney, Lower House Cottage, Earlswood,
Chepstow, NP16 6RH
Tel: (01291) 650653
trellch@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Monmouth

SKENFRITH, St Bridget

6, 7-3-0 in Ab SO456203
PN: THU (4th and 5th Thursday of month, works
together with Grosmont, Llantilio Crossenny and
Llantilio Pertholey on a rota. Please contact Gwyn
Sayce if planning to visit)
Mr P Buchanan, Sunlock, Newcastle,
Monmouthshire, NP25 5NT
Tel: 07973 831309
Association Branch: Monmouth

SULLY, St John Baptist

6, 6-0-2 in Bb (GF) ST152683
PN: WED 18.30-19.30
Sun: By arrangement.
Mr J C Parker, 125 Roma, Victoria Wharf,
Watkiss Way, Cardiff, CF11 0SH
Tel: (029) 2053 1007
Mob: 07887 578380
sully@llanmon.org.uk
Association Branch: Llandaff

TREDUNNOCK, St Andrew

6, 8-3-3 in Ab (GF) ST379948
PN: FRI
Mr R James, Little Ton Farm, Tredunnoch, Usk,
Monmouthshire, NP15 1LY
Tel: (01633) 450598
Association Branch: Monmouth

TREGAER, St Mary

5, 8cwt in G# (GF) SO418103
Awaiting details
Association Branch: Monmouth

TRELLECH, St Nicholas

6, 7-1-8 in A SO500055
PN: MON
Sun: 9.45-10.30 (2nd, 3rd & 4th)
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TREVETHIN, St Cadoc

8, 10-1-2 in G SO284020
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USK, St Mary

8, 14-1-7 in F# SO379008
PN: THU
Sun: 9.15-10.00, 3.15-4.00 Winter, 5.15-6.00
Summer
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WENVOE, St Mary

3, 8-1-9 in A ST122727
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WHITCHURCH, St Mary

8, 12-2-24 in F ST153801
PN: WED
Sun: (1st) 9.00-9.30, (others) 10.30-11.00; (Evenings
usually) 5.30-6.00
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WOLVESNEWTON, St Thomas-a-Becket

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PRACTICE NIGHTS

MONDAY:

Aberavon (8, 1st)
Abergavenny (10)
Caldicot (8, call first)
Llanishen (6)
Llantrisant (8)
Neath (6)
Newton Nottage (8, 7.45-9.00)

Pendoylan (6, alt. with Peterson-s'-Ely)
Pen-Y-Fai (6, 7.00-8.00)
Peterston-S'-Ely (6, alt. with Pendoylan)
Rumney (6, learners 7.00-7.30
main practice 7.30-9.00)
St Brides Major (6)
Trellech (6)

TUESDAY:

Cowbridge (8, rotates with Llanblethian
& St Hilary)
Dingestow (6)
Llanblethian (6, rotates with Cowbridge
& St Hilary)
Llandaff Cathedral (12, 7.15-9.00)

Llanfrecdfa (8)
Merthyr Tydfil (8, 7.00-9.00, call first)
Monmouth (8)
Newport Cathedral (12)
St Hilary (6, rotates with Llanblethian
& Cowbridge)

WEDNESDAY:

Cadoxton-Juxta-Neath (6)
Caerleon (8)
Caerphilly (8)
Coity (6, 7.15-8.45)
Laleston (6, 6.00-7.30)
Llanedeyrn (6, 7.00-9.00)
Llanwern (5, by arrangement)

Magor (6, by arrangement)
Nash (6, by arrangement)
Penarth (8, 7.30-8.30)
Pontypridd (8, call first)
Redwick (6, by arrangement)
Sully (6, 6.30-7.30)
Whitchurch (8)

THURSDAY:

Aberavon (8, 7:00-8:30)
Cardiff (10)
Cwmcarvan (6)
Dyffryn (6, 5:30-6:45, call first)
Llancarfan (6, rotates with Penmark
& Porthkerry)
Llanover (5)
Llantarnam (6, 6.30-8.00)

Llantilio Pertholey (6)
Llantwit Major (6)
Mathern (6)
Penmark (6, rotates with Llancarfan
& Porthkerry)
Porthkerry (6, rotates with Llancarfan
& Penmark)
Radyr (8)
Usk (8)

FRIDAY:

Aberdare (8, learners 6.00-7.00
main practice 7.30-9.00)
Blaenavon (8)
Machen (8)

St Mellons (6)
Shirenewton (6)
Tredunnoch (6)

SUNDAY:

Trevethin (8, 6:30-8:00)

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