

Branch Committee 2005

Revd Peter Mills	President	625 4459
Alex Martin	Chairman	652 5192
David Jones	Ringling Master §	336 6857
Peter Robson	Dep. Ringling Master	648 6691
Peter Humphreys	Secretary §	608 9434
Steven Hughes	Treasurer §	334 7632
Peter Humphreys	Webmaster	608 9434
Randle Tinkler	(West Kirby)	625 9542
John Collinson	(Eastham)	327 2597

§ = Also Branch Representative on Guild Executive Committee.

Tower Correspondents

For your information, telephone numbers of tower correspondents at Wirral Branch Towers, are shown below.

If there are any subsequent changes, do please let the Secretary know as soon as possible.

<u>Tower</u>	<u>Correspondent</u>	<u>☎</u>
Bebington	Les Coventry	342 3800
Bidston	Connie McArdle	652 5438
Bromborough	Steven Hughes	334 7632
Burton	Jane Davies	334 2096
Capenhurst	Sydney Roberts	339 6563
Eastham	Sharon Williams	327 1340
Heswall	Peter Newton	648 4240
Liscard	Terry Halliday *	201 0146
Neston	Charmian Eastwood	336 4315
Oxton	Alex Martin	652 5192
Port Sunlight	Peter Humphreys	608 9434
Rock Ferry	Pauline Evans	645 8295
Shotwick	Robert McConnell **	01244 - 300239
Thurstaston	Peter Robson	648 6691
Upton	Wendy Jones	677 5864
Wallasey St H	John McCulloch	691 1022
Wallasey St N	Hazel Bailey	630 4002
West Kirby	Tony Power	625 5584
Woodchurch	Revd. Peter Mills #	625 4459

= Assistant Priest; ** = Churchwarden;
* = Verger.

VIVIAN BOASE



Vivian, former Tower Correspondent at Wallasey St Hilary died in November 2004 at the age of 83. He had been a member of the St Hilary band since 1948 and rang his first peal in 1950.

Among the ringing tributes was a half-muffled peal rung by Wirral ringers on 27th November.

History of Wirral Bells

Do you know when each of the Wirral towers had their bells installed? Or when any installation was augmented? Or which was the first 5-Bell, 6-Bell or 8-Bell tower in Wirral? And when these were installed?

Well, all you need do is look at the table on page 3 (opposite) to find the answers to all these questions – and others too!

The table starts in 1549, the date of the Edward VI survey, prior to which very few records were kept. Bells would, therefore, have been present in these towers prior to this date.

Wedding Fees Survey

You new Branch Treasurer, Steven Hughes, has been collecting information from Wirral towers to update the table of wedding fees last published in 2002. The results are tabulated on page 4.

Thanks to Steve for doing all this, and to all the towers who were kind enough to participate.

As previously, the results are for information only. There is no suggestion that a standard minimum fee be charged as local factors need to be taken into consideration. However, ringers may wish to advise their incumbents / PCCs so that any decision on future wedding fees can be made on an informed basis.

Tower Links

Branch Committee members have been appointed as the 'Tower Link' as shown in the table below, this, of course, in addition to his own tower.

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Tower/s</u>
John Collinson	Capenhurst
Randle Tinkler	Rock Ferry
Peter Humphreys	Bidston, Wallasey St Nicholas
David Jones	Burton, Heswall
Peter Robson	Upton
Steven Hughes	Wallasey St Hilary
Alex Martin	Bebington

Each Committee member to make timely visits to linked tower, the aims being:

- i) Deliver documentation e.g. Branch Notice for Annual Programme, Guild Reports etc.
- ii) Check Monthly Meeting Notice/s are displayed in the Tower.
- iii) Encourage participation in Branch events, reassuring that all levels of ability are catered for.
- iv) Identify any specific needs of the Tower and ways in which the Branch could possibly help.