

2019 Annual Meeting Papers



From the President

For 2019, the annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers represents a major departure from previous years. This is the first time that the meeting is being held in September, which we believe provides flexibility on venue choice, as well as opportunities for wider participation. In terms of that wider participation, the 2019 event includes a rich programme of presentations, workshops and activities. As well as offering a showcase of Council services, we are delighted to include involvement from members of the bell trade and a number of third parties and partners with links to ringing. I do hope you can make the most of the Central Council weekend.

Although much time has passed since 2018, the main focus of this annual report is on activities that took place in that year. And what a year it was!

Following the calls for reform in 2016 and 2017, a major focus of activity for 2018 was to prepare the enabling structures of a renewed central ringing organisation – to “ring out the old, and ring in the new”. I express my gratitude to the team tasked with drafting an entirely new constitution consistent with Charity Commission guidelines, fit-for-purpose for the needs of the exercise. At the Lancaster meeting in May 2018, the new constitution was resoundingly endorsed by Central Council representatives, with a “yes” vote of over 85%.

Developing and implementing a new constitution may appear somewhat inward-looking, but at the same time throughout 2018 Council members were busy delivering numerous projects and services for the wider ringing community.

Arguably the most visible activity of 2018 was Council’s “Ringing Remembers” campaign, which attracted a huge amount of positive public interest nationally and internationally, as well as igniting the enthusiasm of bellringers everywhere. On 11th November, ringers truly demonstrated our volunteer spirit, stepping up in solidarity with local communities and churches. My sincere thanks goes to all those involved in the Ringing Remembers project.

Although not quite so visible, important work continued in many other areas – leadership case studies, third-party engagement, statutory compliance guidelines, website development, library digitisation, *Dove* database upgrades, financial services and more. Whilst perhaps esoteric for most ringers, ongoing work on the “Framework for Method Ringing” continued throughout 2018, coming to fruition in early 2019. This re-stating of core principles for method description and classification represents a paradigm-shift in approach, offering an essential toolkit for composers and conductors.

Reports on all these activities and more, along with our statutory Charity Commission returns, can be found in this annual report.



In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude to the many unsung heroes and heroines who serve ringing through the Central Council. Through their expertise, enthusiasm and countless volunteer hours of commitment, the wider community of ringing is well served. Thank you!

Christopher O'Mahony
President
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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The 122nd Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Saturday 7th September 2019 at Goldsmiths, University of London, New Cross, London SE14 6NW starting at 12.45 pm.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 12.40 pm.

There will be a short tea break at 2.45 pm; the meeting will resume at 3.15 pm.

AGENDA

1. Opening prayer.
2. Application(s) to affiliate.
3. Welcome to new members.
4. Apologies for absence.
5. In Memoriam.
6. Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting (p.5).
7. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
8. Annual Trustees' Report for 2018 (p.11).
9. Accounts for 2018 (p.14).
10. Annual Report of the Executive and Workgroups for 2018 (p.16).
11. Executive and Workgroup updates for January – August 2019.
12. Forward Plan for 2020.
13. Financial update for 2019 and outline General Fund budget for 2020 (p.35).
14. Election of Trustees: the following nominations have been received; supporting statements are given in Appendix A of this Agenda (p.4):

<i>Office</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
President	Simon Linford	Phillip Barnes	Linda Garton
Secretary	Mary Bone	Andrew Wilby	Jay Bunyan
Ordinary trustees (2)	David Smith	Peter Harrison	David Grimwood
	Alison Everett	Robert Lane	Chris Turner
15. Election of Independent Examiners (2).
Nominations will be taken at the meeting.
16. Governance Review.
17. Future meetings.
2020 meeting.
2022: An invitation has been received from the Suffolk Guild for 2022.
2023: The invitation received from the Irish Association for 2023 has been withdrawn.
2024: An invitation has been received from the Guild of Devonshire Ringers for 2024.
18. Any other business.

Mary Bone
Secretary

Appendix A

Supporting Statements

Simon Linford

President

Christopher O'Mahony said in his note "Ask not what ringing can do for you, rather ask what can you do for ringing?"

I am not accepting nomination as President because I want this job on my ringing CV for some sort of personal fulfilment, but because I think I can make a difference at a time of change that needs to be grasped. I have a reputation for doing things, changing things, persuading others, making people believe the very difficult can be done. From leadership of the ASCY, record peals of spliced, the St Martin's Guild, Birmingham's School and Brumdingers, I have done this at all levels.

Christopher also said "ringing is in great shape". I beg to differ – ringing has very serious issues to address. There are far fewer young ringers than there used to be and we cannot afford to lose any of them. Change ringing is becoming more and more focused on urban areas. Churches will be closing, ringing opportunities ceasing, the current golden era of peal ringing will start to tail off. Those who represent the future of ringing do not communicate in the same way that we do.

There is much to be done.

Mary Bone

Secretary

Mary has been a member of the Council since 2009. Prior to this she served as Secretary of the Essex Association for 1998 – 2008; this period included Ring in 2000, the Association's 125th anniversary and the Central Council's visit to Colchester in 2004. She has also held a number of district and Association offices in Essex, most recently as organiser of the Essex Ringing Course for nine years. She learnt to ring at Blackmoor, Hants, and is currently a member of the band at Sawbridgeworth, Herts, where she (mostly) runs the practice nights. Mary has been a helper at nearly all the Sparsholt, Crowthorne and Bradfield courses as well as having helped or been a tutor at every Essex Ringing Course.

Mary is the Executive sponsor for the Historical & Archive workgroup. She spent her career at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) as documentalist / librarian. For the last thirteen years she also serviced enquiries for the Institute's archives and was instrumental in setting up a large digitisation project. She is the co-author of *Chatham House: its history and inhabitants* (London, RIIA, 2004).

David Smith

Ordinary Trustee

Having served one year on the newly-formed Executive, I have volunteered to be one of the two elected members to retire, as the rules require. I have offered to seek re-election for a three-year term to continue to serve, to maintain the current reform process and to provide continuity.

My current or recent appointments include: immediate past president of ANZAB; member of CRAG review team; ART tutor since 2014; Executive sponsor of V&L workgroup; author of *The Ringing World's* "Education Column"; standing for election as a board member for The Ringing World; member of the Whiting Society.

I feel that I am able to offer a view of ringing from outside the UK – it is after all a world-wide exercise – and that I have helped to bring various parts of the ringing community into a better and closer working relationship, notably Central Council and ART, through having a foot in various camps. This is exemplified by the two ART/CC weekend conferences in the last two years. I see this, and other reforms, as a work in progress: much remains to be done, and I will push for reform to continue neither at snail's pace nor at a precipitate rush.

Alison Everett

Ordinary Trustee

Alison brings a fresh perspective to the world of bellringing. Not having been born into a ringing family she found the complexities around guilds, associations and societies intriguing and at times quite opaque. Finding herself part of a cohort of 30,000 or so ringers worldwide was an unexpected bonus and she feels optimistically, potentially full of promise. Learning later in life in a rural tower puts her closer to what the new rank and file learner is experiencing too. Alison became Communications & Events Team Leader of the Sussex Association in 2016, she joined the Central Council Review Action Group as Deputy Chair and Public Relations, worked as part of the shadow Executive following the 2017 Edinburgh meeting and was elected to the Executive at Lancaster 2018. Alison is adept at using social media platforms, for promotion, communication and marketing, liaising and engaging with communities and stakeholder heritage and ecclesiastical organisations. Currently working in the housing sector, Alison brings a wide variety of experience from the University of Life as well as event planning, local government and a strong volunteering ethos.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Minutes of the Second Session of the 43rd Council (121st Annual Meeting), held at Lancaster University, Bailrigg, Lancaster, commencing on Sunday 27th May 2018 at 5.30 p.m.

Present

Life Members: John Barnes, Alan Frost, David Kelly, Andrew Stubbs§.

Additional Members: Alan Baldock, Tim Barnes, Robert Lewis.

Ex-officio: Mary Bone, Tim Jackson, Nigel Orchard, Bill Purvis, Alan Regin.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Richard Allton, Andrew Wilby§.

Australian & New Zealand Assn: Will Bosworth (alternate member)§, Peter Harrison, Christopher O'Mahony, David Smith.

Barrow & District Society: David Hibbert.

Bath & Wells Dio. Assn: Roland Backhurst, Jay Bunyan, Michael Hansford, Aaron Moulder, George Wyatt.

Bedfordshire Assn: Patrick Albon, Linda Garton, Richard Horne.

Beverley & District Society: James Blackburn.

Cambridge Univ. Guild: David Richards.

Carlisle Dio. Guild: Christine de Cordova, Duncan Walker.

Chester Dio. Guild: David Jones, Peter Wilkinson§, Stefan Zientek.

Coventry Dio. Guild: Annie Hall, Becki Johnson, Christopher Mew, Joy Pluckrose.

Derby Dio. Assn: Andrew Hall, Susan Hall, Gill Hughes.

Devonshire Guild: Lynne Hughes, Fergus Stracey.

Dorset County Assn: Maureen Frost, Andrew Smith.

Durham & Newcastle Dio. Assn: Howard Smith§, Barbara Wheeler.

Durham University Society: Jeff Ladd.

East Derbys & West Notts Assn: Edward Sterland*.

East Grinstead & District Guild: Kate Wills.

Ely Dio. Assn: Philip Bailey, Sue Marsden, Sally Mew.

Essex Assn: Fred Bone, Paul Cammiade, Vicki Chapman, Wendy Godden, Stephen Nash.

Gloucester & Bristol Dio. Assn: Mark Davies§, Derek Harbottle.

Guildford Dio. Guild: Mike Bale, Beryl Norris, Jackie Roberts#.

Hereford Dio. Guild: Colin Ward.

Hertford County Assn: Tony Crowther§, Trevor Groom, Geoff Horritt, Margaret Horritt.

Irish Assn: Vyvyenne Chamberlain, Don McLean.

Kent County Assn: Phillip Barnes, Douglas Davis, David Grimwood, Catherine Lewis, Caroline Stockmann.

Ladies Guild: Rosemary Hemmings, Jan Wyatt.

Lancashire Assn: Giles Blundell, Ernie de Legh-Runciman, Chris Fletcher, Beth Ingham.

Leicester Dio. Guild: Lianne Brooks, Carol Franklin, Steve Millington*, Arthur Rees.

Lichfield & Walsall Archd. Society: Stuart Hutchieson§.

Lincoln Dio. Guild: Philip Green, Christopher Turner.

Liverpool Universities Society: Martyn Bristow§.

Llandaff & Monmouth Dio. Assn: Sam Bolingbroke, Pip Penney.

Middlesex County Assn & London Dio. Guild: Sonia Field*§, Clyde Whittaker.

National Police Guild: John Cousins*.

North American Guild: Bruce Butler, Eileen Butler, Beverly Faber.

North Staffordshire Assn: Jan Hine, Tim Hine.

North Wales Assn: Antony Diserens, Beverley Furniss§.

Norwich Dio. Assn: Peter Adcock, Pippa Hughes, Katie Wright§.

Oxford Dio. Guild: Ken Davenport, John Harrison, Lucy Hopkins Till, Graham John, Alan Marchbank, Timothy Pett.

Peterborough Dio. Guild: Simon Dixon, Nick Elks, Jane Sibson.

Guild of St Agatha: Anne Bray.

St David's Guild: Ian Hastilow.

St Martin's Guild: Richard Andrew, James Ramsbottom.

Salisbury Dio. Guild: Tom Garrett, Andrew Howes, Anthony Lovell-Wood, Julian Newman.

Scottish Assn: Ruth Marshall, Tina Stoecklin.

Shropshire Assn: Alan Glover, Peter Woollam§.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Ben Duke, Derek Sibson, Jane Wilkinson§.

Society of Sherwood Youths: Robin Woolley.

South African Guild: James Champion.

Southwell and Nottingham Dio. Guild: Chris Birkby§, Jim Crabtree, George Dawson§, Anne Sladen.

Suffolk Guild: Neal Dodge, Veronica Downing§, Stephen Pettman§.

Surrey Assn: Jeremy Cheesman, Kate Flavell, Paul Flavell, Richard Wallis.

Sussex County Assn: Alison Everett*, Graham Hills, David Kirkcaldy§, Rob Lane, Stephanie Pendlebury.

Swansea & Brecon Dio. Guild: Paul Johnson, David Katz.

Truro Dio. Guild: Helen Perry, Robert Perry, Ian Self.

Univ. Bristol Society: Imogen Brooke*, Patrick Wheeler.

Univ. London Society: Jacqui Brown.

Veronese Assn: David Roskelly.

Winchester & Portsmouth Dio. Guild: Michael Church, Allan Yalden.

Worcestershire & Districts Assn: Alison Hodge, Paul Marshall, Stuart Piper.

Yorkshire Assn: Barrie Dove, Janine Jones, Peter Kirby.

[* - new member; # - returning member; § - did not sign the roll or was not present on Sunday 27 May.]

The Devon Association, Four Shires Guild, Leeds University Society, Oxford Society and Oxford University Society were not represented.

The Chair was taken by the President, Christopher O'Mahony. He reminded members to sign the attendance roll and to do so again the next day.

1. Opening Prayer

Peter Wilkinson, Chester Diocesan Guild, led members in prayer.

2. Report as to membership and subscriptions

The Hon Secretary, Mary Bone, reported that 66 societies were affiliated to the Council with 189 representatives; there were 10 vacancies. There were 6 Life Members, 4 Additional Members and 5 ex-officio Members. David Thorne, former editor of *The Ringing World*, had resigned as a Life Member. All subscriptions had now been paid. The President paid tribute to the work of Ian Oram and David Thorne for the Council; Ian had been a member since 1960 and had served as Secretary 2001-9. The President also congratulated Derek Sibson and Bill Butler on their long service.

3. Welcome to new members

The President gave a warm welcome to new and returning members (indicated by * and # respectively in the list of those present).

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Revd John Baldwin (Life Member), Peter Trotman (Additional Member), Leigh Simpson (Ancient Society of College Youths), Derek Williams (Australian & New Zealand Assn), Jenny Halliday (Derby DA), Robert Brown and Mervyn Way (Devon Assn), David Willis (Guild of Devonshire Ringers), Matthew Kemble and Chris Povey (Four Shires Guild), Patrick Hickey and Angela Newing (Gloucester & Bristol DA), John Croxton and Jane Mason (Hereford DG), Helen Webb (Ladies Guild), Katharine Thorley (Leeds University Society), Chris Sharp (Lincoln DG), Alan Ellis (North American Guild), David Westerman (Peterborough DG), Mary Jones and Norman Mattingley (Truro DG), Andrew Johnson, David Mattingley and Peter Niblett (Winchester & Portsmouth DG), and Andrew Aspland and Susan Welch (Yorkshire Assn). Further apologies were presented from John Couperthwaite (Guildford DG) and Eles Belfontali (Veronese Assn).

5. Loss of members through death

Members stood in silence as the Hon Secretary read the names of the following former members who had died since the last meeting: John Gipson (Ely DA 1957-1984); John K Smith (Midland Counties Guild 1975-1978); A J (Jim) Phillips (Ancient Society of College Youths 1993-1999); Malcolm Phipps (Derby DA 1963-1969 and 1972-1978); James Taylor (Gloucester & Bristol DA 1966-1993; Honorary Member 1994-1999 and Bath & Wells DA 1999-2011); John Partington (Lancashire Assn 1964-1975). Revd David Grimwood, Kent County Association, led members in prayer.

The President asked members wishing to speak to wait for a microphone and to give their name and that of the society they represented. He informed members that the proceedings were being live streamed to the Internet and were also being recorded to assist with the Minutes.

(The reports were published with the Central Council Meeting Papers on 27th April 2018. The relevant page numbers are shown against each report.)

6. Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection (p19)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Bill Purvis and seconded by James Blackburn. The President thanked the stewards for their work displaying the machines during the weekend. The report was adopted.

7. Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour (p19)

Proposing adoption of the report, Alan Regin thanked *The Ringing World* for their assistance in continuing to publish details from the First World War Rolls of Honour regularly. He reported that 112 names awaited adding to the Rolls and a further 45 names were being researched. Alan concluded by paying tribute to Private S G Stacey MM of Arborfield, Sapper A Hall of Bamburgh, Private F Chilton of Malins Lee, Private D C Hodgkin of Marden, Private F J Cross of Norwich and Private R G Haines of Tilehurst, all of whom died on 27 May 1918. Nick Elks seconded the report. The President congratulated Alan on the award of the MBE in the New Year Honours list (applause). Chris Mew asked for information on the display case at St Paul's Cathedral. Alan replied that the case was being inspected with a view to possible extension; he added that a further memorial book might be needed in future as more names were recorded. Alan thanked those who had supported his nomination for MBE which should be seen as an award to all ringers. The report was adopted.

8. Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database (pp19-20)

Tim Jackson proposed adoption of the report and reported that the Dove database had been successfully transferred to the BellBoard server. The stewards were working to prepare a new print edition. Doug Davis seconded. The President congratulated the stewards on the work done to secure the future of the database. The report was adopted.

9. Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting (pp8-14)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2017 had been published on the Council's website in October 2017 and were included with the papers for this meeting. The Hon Secretary noted that an incorrect spelling in the Minutes as originally published had been corrected for the minute book.

The Minutes were approved and signed by the President.

10. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

No member wished to raise any matter.

11. Annual Report of the Council (pp15-16)

The Hon Secretary noted corrections to the figures in the fourth paragraph: at the close of the 2017 annual meeting there were 187 Representative Members (not 188); the figure in the penultimate sentence should therefore have read 189 Representative Members. Adoption of the report was then proposed by the Hon Secretary and seconded by the Vice-President, David Kirkcaldy. The report was then agreed.

Members adjourned at 6 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 9.30 a.m. on Monday 28th May.

The President introduced a new member who had been absent the previous day, reminded members wishing to speak to wait for a microphone and to give their name and that of the society they represented. He repeated that the proceedings were being live streamed to the Internet and were also being recorded to assist with the Minutes. He stressed that members should sign the attendance roll.

The President requested members to declare any relevant interest in the bell-related trade before speaking at the meeting. The President asked members to treat each other with courtesy as all members were volunteers, and checked that all members had received the necessary ballot papers.

12. Accounts for 2017 (pp16-18)

The Hon Treasurer, Andrew Smith, reported that the independent examiners had issued an unqualified report. He noted errors in the comparative income figures for 2016: Royalties re Three Rings amounted to £8, and £409 referred to Beverley & District for Education. The net movement of funds for 2017 was a deficit of £9,499 following payment of bell restoration grants of £13,800. Interest rates remained low. Council Review Action Group expenditure amounted to £2,285. Total funds, including Gift Aid, raised towards Christchurch NZ were £15,994 of which £10,000 was paid to leave a balance of £5,994. Donations towards the Kilifi project in 2017 were £1,047, giving a total before expenditure of £3,501; expenditure amounted to £3,145, leaving a balance of £356. The Hon Treasurer drew attention to the Notes to the Accounts and confirmed that the Council continued to operate with an underlying deficit. The Hon Treasurer thanked the officers and his predecessor for their assistance during his first year in office. He then formally proposed the adoption of the Accounts; this was seconded by Michael Church. Fred Bone asked if National Savings offered the best rate of return on the invested funds; the Hon Treasurer confirmed that investments and available interest rates are under constant review. Adoption of the accounts was agreed.

13. Motions

The President explained that the Motion would be proposed and seconded; debate would then be open to the floor. Any amendments would be subject to the procedures laid down in the current Rules. Adoption of the Motion would require a two-thirds majority.

(A) Clyde Whittaker proposed:

That the Council adopt the Revised Rules of the Council, the Standing Orders of the Council and the other provisions of this Transition Motion below.

In this Motion and its schedule:

a. the "Existing Rules" means the Rules of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in operation at the commencement of the meeting at which this Motion is agreed.

b. the "Adoption Date" means the date on which this Motion is agreed.

c. the "121st Annual Meeting" and "this Meeting" each mean the 121st Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers held on 27th/28th May 2018.

That with effect from the close of the 121st Annual Meeting of the Council held on 27th/28th May 2018:

Rules and Standing Orders

1. the Council:

(a) adopts the 'Revised Rules of the Council' dated 17th March 2018 to replace its

existing rules; and (b) adopts the ‘Standing Orders of the Council’ dated 14th April 2018;

now tabled and initialled by the chair of this Meeting (both collectively referred to below as “the Revised Constitution”) to take effect from the close of the 121st Annual Meeting;

The Decisions

2. the Council’s Decisions current under the Existing Rules shall have effect as Decisions under Rule 10.4 of the Revised Constitution;

Continuing Officers (Trustees)

3. the following persons holding office under the Existing Rules shall hold office under the Revised Constitution in the respective positions shown below, to serve for a first term ending at the Annual Council Meeting in the year shown:

Current Name	New Position	Term ends in Year
The President	President	2020
The Vice President	Deputy President	2020
The Honorary Treasurer	Treasurer	2021
The Honorary Secretary	Secretary	2019

New Ordinary Trustees

4. the four persons who have complied with the procedure set out in Schedule 1 to this Motion shall hold office as Ordinary Trustees under the Revised Constitution, as referred to in Rule 7.2b) of that constitution;

5. two of the Ordinary Trustees referred to in paragraph 4 of this Motion (as shall be determined by the President) shall hold office for a first term ending on conclusion of the Annual Council Meeting held in 2019 with the remaining two holding office for a first term ending on conclusion of the Annual Council Meeting held in 2021;

Stewards

6. the persons holding the office of Steward shall each be deemed appointed to hold office in the position of the same name under the Revised Constitution;

Independent Examiners

7. the persons appointed as Independent Examiners shall each be deemed appointed to hold office in the position of the same name under the Revised Constitution for a first term ending at the Annual Council Meeting in 2019;

Other Officers, Committees and Members

8. all other offices and committees established under the Existing Rules shall be discontinued;

9. Life Members of the Council elected under the Existing Rules:

(a) shall instead become Fellows for the purposes of Standing Order M2 of the Revised Constitution; and

(b) shall in addition, while they remain Fellows, be entitled to vote and shall be treated

in all other respects as Representative Members for the purposes of the rules (except rules 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and 9.7), standing orders and policies of the Revised Constitution;

10. Representative Members elected under the Existing Rules shall be deemed elected as Representative Members under the Revised Constitution; and

11. the position of Additional Member shall be discontinued and Additional Members of the Council elected under the Existing Rules shall cease to be Members of the Council.

SCHEDULE 1

Election Procedure for Ordinary Executive Members

The four Ordinary Trustees referred to in paragraph 4 of this Motion shall be those persons who have complied with the following procedure:

1. They shall either:

(a) have been nominated for election as an Ordinary Trustee in advance of the 121st Annual Meeting in accordance with the requirements for nominations set out in Rule 11(i) of the Existing Rules; or

(b) (in the event that the number of such nominations is less than four) have been nominated in person by those present at the 121st Annual Meeting.

2. They shall (where more than four persons have been nominated in accordance with this Schedule) have been elected by ballot at the 121st Annual Meeting by members of the Council entitled to vote at that meeting, with each such member able to vote for four persons, as follows:

(a) those four persons receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be elected; and

(b) in the event of a tied vote, the person or persons deemed to have the most votes shall be selected by the drawing of lots.

3. In all other respects the Council’s Existing Rules and conventions governing elections and the conduct of its meetings shall apply.

Clyde began his presentation by thanking *The Ringing World* for publishing the series of six articles on reform of the Council’s Rules, all those who had responded to the three consultations and members of the rules working group, especially Dan Meyer and Andrew Wilby. He listed the tests which the proposed new rules should pass (do they implement CRAG proposals A to D(ii); do they establish a simple and more user-friendly organisation; do they introduce more straightforward decision-making; has there been sufficient consultation; do they improve accountability; do they make the Council more open to new volunteers; are they “production-strength” - resilient and compliant; are they democratic; are they future-proof; do they retain the Council’s ethos, heritage and strength). Clyde examined each of these tests in turn. He noted that some of the CRAG proposals were out of scope for the proposed new rules, explained the structure of the new rules and compared the current structure of the Council and its officers and committees

with the proposed new structure of an Executive and workgroups. Andrew Wilby, seconding the motion, thanked Clyde for all his work (applause). Andrew stated that the group had been faced with a difficult task and a strict timetable. The review group, consisting of David Bleby, Pat Wheeler and himself, had conducted numerous telephone consultations and scrutinised the various drafts extensively. They were satisfied that the proposed new rules were in line with the CRAG proposals and could safely be adopted.

Chris Mew thanked the group and expressed a number of reservations. The proposed new rules would change the Council radically and introduce a more top-down structure with almost unlimited power granted to the Executive; there was no information about possible future activity; there had been no analysis of committee workloads or consideration of how additional volunteers might be found; the rôle of society representatives would be reduced; the new rules had only been published a few months earlier making it impossible for societies to consider them fully; and there had been a poor response to the consultations. He reminded members that the officers had always been able to act speedily when required and that co-ordination of committee work and possible amalgamation of committees was already in hand. Chris stated that key questions on accountability and representation remained unanswered. He pointed out that workgroup leads would be appointed by the Executive and that their reports would not be considered directly by members. There was lack of clarity on possible direct membership: models of representation which worked well in areas such as Scotland or Australia could not necessarily be applied within England and Wales. Chris concluded by suggesting that the proposed new rules should be referred for independent review and that they should enter into force at the close of the 2019 meeting. He formally proposed:

That the Council refers the Revised Rules of the Council, the Standing Orders of the Council and other provisions of the Transition Motion for consideration by an independent review group appointed by the present Trustees with a view to presenting revisions for adoption at the close of the 122nd annual meeting of the Council in September 2019.

This amendment to the motion was seconded by Roland Backhurst.

Doug Davis said that delay would be a retrograde step; it was now time for the Council to move forward and the rules could be changed in future. His view was supported by Linda Garton, Nick Elks, Alan Frost and others. Jane Wilkinson suggested that it would be wise to improve the new rules further, build on the work already done, and have a greater vote in favour of adoption in September 2019. Michael Church considered that implementation at the end of the triennium was more logical. Chris Mew stated that he was in favour of change; a review would not hinder the Council’s work in the meantime but would allow time for more consideration of the detail and more information on future plans.

Roland Backhurst remarked that a review would allow more time for consultation within societies, provide an opportunity for some improvements to be made, and that the end of the triennium would be a natural time for implementation. The amendment was put to the vote and lost (applause).

Jackie Roberts asked for information on the handover of committee work to the new workgroups and in particular on provisions for the future operation of committee bank accounts. The President assured her that this was underway. Veronica Downing suggested that there should be more emphasis on a two-way flow of information between the Council and ringing societies.

Fred Bone stated that the elected trustees should benefit from the whole-hearted support of the members. He therefore proposed that they should be elected by a simple majority of members of Council and that this phrase be inserted in clause 2 of the Schedule to the Motion. George Dawson seconded this. Members considered that the intention of the current wording was sufficient; the amendment was put to the vote and lost. Fred Bone commented that a section on society membership in a previous draft of the new rules had now been moved to the standing orders (Standing Order S1.1) without adequate explanation. He also regretted that current ex-officio Council members would be deprived of their voting rights. Peter Harrison and others commented that ex-officio members only represented themselves and it was therefore proper that they should not vote in an organisation of societies.

Kate Flavell pointed out that most association members are not interested in the work of their own societies or the Central Council. The problems of recruiting and retaining enough ringers and obtaining volunteers to hold office remained. Jane Wilkinson paid tribute to the amount of work done by the rules group. However, adoption would involve major changes in the way the Council worked and it would become a more top-down organisation. The Council should concentrate on those matters which were best dealt with centrally and needed a non-prescriptive set of rules for this. Phillip Barnes stressed that the new rules should be seen as facilitative; they would enable the Council to lead as the key representative body for ringers and adequately reflected the underlying principles of the CRAG report.

Clyde Whittaker concluded the debate by responding to some of the specific points raised. He emphasised that the new rules did not change the Council's strategy in any way but provided a firm decision-making framework. A further period of consultation would not change matters. The new structure would allow change to occur between Council meetings but delegation of powers to the Executive was qualified as members reserved the right to require change to be implemented by resolution at a Council meeting. The new structure would enable the Council to attract more volunteers to participate

in its work and to be a simpler, more open and accountable body. It was time for the Council to go forward and work more effectively for the benefit of ringers. Andrew Wilby expressed his pleasure at the quality of the debate and urged members to support the result of the vote.

The President thanked all those who had participated in the debate and confirmed that a two-thirds majority was required for adoption of the motion. A proposal for a paper ballot made by Fred Bone and Jane Wilkinson was lost.

Voting was by show of hands and the motion was carried by majority (137 in favour; 8 against; 10 abstentions).

14. Election of Additional Members

The President stated that, with the adoption of the new Rules which would come in to effect at the close of the meeting, no elections would be held as this category of Council membership would no longer exist.

15. Elections to the Executive

Five nominations had been received for four positions on the new Executive: David Smith had been proposed by Peter Harrison and seconded by Pip Penney; Ernie de Legh-Runciman by Beverley Furniss and Richard Andrew; Phillip Barnes by David Grimwood and Leigh Simpson; Clyde Whittaker by Phillip Barnes and Tim Hine; and Alison Everett by Nick Elks and Graham Hills. Voting was by paper ballot. The following were declared elected: Phillip Barnes, Alison Everett, David Smith and Clyde Whittaker.

16. Workgroup introductions

The President introduced the leaders of the new workgroups: Louise Nightingale (Communications & Marketing); Doug Hird (Historical & Archive); Alison Hodge (Stewardship & Management); Graham John (Technical & Taxonomy); and Tim Hine (Volunteer & Leadership). He then invited members to listen to short presentations by the workgroup leads before adjourning for lunch.

The President asked members to notify any items of any other business to the Hon Secretary during the lunch break. The meeting resumed at 2.00 p.m.

17. Committee Reports

(The reports were published with the Central Council Meeting Papers on 27th April 2018. The relevant page numbers are shown against each report.)

(a) Administrative (p20)

Adoption of the report was proposed by the Hon Secretary. She reported that the meeting

papers had not been produced as a supplement to *The Ringing World* but placed on the website with paper copies sent in advance only to those members without email; she thanked Fred Bone for his assistance with its production. The Hon Secretary apologised to Neil Thomas for the failure to credit his photograph of the Ypres bells used on the cover of the document. She drew attention to the forthcoming meeting with Historic England and the Church Buildings Council in July and asked members to notify her of any item which should be raised at the meeting. She urged members to notify changes to their email addresses promptly. The Hon Secretary then formally proposed adoption of the report; this was seconded by Anthony Lovell-Wood and adopted. The President thanked all those who had served as members of the Administrative Committee over the years.

(b) Public Relations (pp20-22)

Kate Flavell proposed adoption of the report. She noted ongoing work with BBC Blue Peter linked with the RW National Youth Competition and drew attention to new leaflets aimed at recruiting young ringers. Kate concluded by wishing the new workgroup every success. Bruce Butler seconded. John Barnes raised the issue of communication with both ringers and non-ringers: many of his bell restoration contacts were unaware at first of how much advice was available, most of which was free to the recipient. He suggested that direct links should be created with a representative from each active tower and that articles featuring restoration projects could be placed in diocesan magazines. John added that professional communications support might be needed in future and that this could be funded by a levy on each ringer; he offered personal financial support. Kate Flavell thanked John for his suggestions and paid tribute to his own work promoting bell restoration, for example at the Newbury Roadshow seminar. The President also thanked John. James Champion commented that the new recruitment leaflet only featured white youngsters and would be unsuitable for use in South Africa. The report was adopted.

(c) Publications (pp22-23)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Beryl Norris, seconded by Mike Hansford and agreed. Roland Backhurst thanked the Committee for their assistance with the publication of the new *Manual of Belfry Maintenance*.

(d) Towers & Belfries (pp23-24)

Proposing adoption of the report, the Vice-President, David Kirkcaldy, noted good sales of the *Manual of Belfry Maintenance*. David noted ongoing work on measuring tower movement; a paper on this would be presented at the forthcoming Church Buildings Council DAC bell advisers' conference. Alan Frost seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

(e) Tower Stewardship (p24)

Ernie de Legh-Runciman proposed adoption of the report and thanked the President and Chris Mew for their work on data protection (General Data Protection Regulation). The report was seconded by Chris Mew. Tina Stoecklin reiterated thanks to Chris Mew for the advice to associations on GDPR and asked about the application of the new regulations to the Council itself. The President replied that work on this was already in hand and a policy would be produced. The report was adopted.

(f) Bell Restoration (p24-25)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Peter Wilkinson. Peter paid tribute to the work of Ian Oram for the Committee and reported that Ian would continue with his work administering applications for grants from the Council's bell restoration funds. Sponsorship of the 2018 Ringing World calendar had proved to be a worthwhile outreach exercise. Peter further noted that the new jigsaw featuring the Ypres bells had sold out. Peter referred to the Committee's current terms of reference for grants from the Bell Restoration Fund which limited an individual grant to no more than £1,000; the Committee proposed that the maximum individual grant be increased to £2,000 and he asked members to indicate their support for this change. Members so indicated by a show of hands. Jay Bunyan seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

(g) Redundant Bells (p25)

Julian Newman proposed adoption of the report. He reported that a proposal had been developed to transfer the bells at Hanley to Stafford. Julian noted that the Rescue Fund had now been closed and the funds transferred to bell restoration. Ian Hastilow seconded. Peter Woollam asked if the protocol developed with the Churches Conservation Trust had been published. The President commented that the new workgroup will continue Robert Wood's work with the CCT, including work on the protocol and its future publication. The report was adopted.

(h) Education (p25)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Tim Hine. Tim referred to publication of the Education Column articles in *The Ringing World*, to promotion of the handling posters, and to development of a leadership workshop with the Association of Ringing Teachers. He thanked Roger Booth and Geoff Horritt for their work organising the simulator sessions at this year's ART conference. Tim added that two interviews had already been conducted with ringing leaders and these would be published in *The Ringing World*. Lucy Hopkins Till seconded and the report was adopted. Veronica Downing noted that both her name and that of David Hibbert had been omitted from the list of

Committee members published with the report. Tim Hine apologised for these omissions.

(i) Ringing Centres (pp25-26)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Maureen Frost. Maureen drew attention to the dumb bell which had been available for use in the foyer during the Council weekend and to an article by Paul Marshall on the use of dumb bells in the latest issue of *Training Times*. She noted that *Training Times* was available on the website. Maureen reported that any future work would continue within the Volunteer & Leadership workgroup. Philip Bailey seconded and the report was adopted.

(j) Ringing Trends

The entire Committee had resigned in 2016 and, as no volunteers had come forward, no work had been conducted since then.

(k) Compositions (p26)

Proposing adoption of the report, Richard Allton noted that very few submissions had been received for review during the year. The report was seconded by Paul Flavell and agreed.

(l) Information and Communications Technology (p26)

David Richards proposed adoption of the report. He stated that difficulties with web streaming of the Council meeting had now been resolved. Dave commented that aspects of the Committee's work could be allocated to both the Communications & Marketing and Technical & Taxonomy workgroups. The report was seconded by Doug Davis and adopted.

(m) Methods (p26)

Proposing adoption of the report, Graham John reported that the correct title of the new workgroup was Technical & Taxonomy, and not as printed in the report. The report was seconded by Mark Davies and agreed.

(n) Peal Records (pp27-31)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Richard Allton, who commented on the number of 2017 peals which had not yet been published in *The Ringing World*. Paul Cammiade seconded. Peter Harrison noted that the heading in the table on page 28 of the meeting papers should be 2017 (not 2016). George Dawson pointed out that 12 peals were rung at Willoughby on the Wolds (not Wold). Joy Pluckrose added that the Plantagenet Ring, with 21 peals, was at Church Lawford (not Lawton). The report was adopted.

(o) Biographies (pp31-32)

John Harrison proposed adoption of the report. John referred to the seminar on biographies and ringing history held during the

Council meeting. He confirmed that the Committee was always willing to provide advice on research. John noted that 956 records were now available on the Council's website and he encouraged all those interested in this topic to contribute to biographical records. David Jones seconded. John urged new members of Council to complete a biographical information sheet and to supply a photograph. Adoption of the report was agreed.

(p) Library (p32)

Proposing adoption of the report, Alan Glover noted that the online catalogue had been updated, a fourth volume of *Order and Disorder* had been produced, and the latest DVD of *The Ringing World* for 2001-2017 was on sale. Alan stated that the surplus from sales of this DVD would be passed to The Ringing World Ltd. He thanked all members of the Committee for their work on the different tasks involved with its work. Paul Johnson seconded. The President thanked the Committee and congratulated them on the work completed (applause). Alan Glover confirmed, in reply to Caroline Stockmann, that the Friends of the Library scheme would continue as usual. Adoption of the report was agreed.

18. Ringing Remembers

Vicki Chapman began her presentation by recalling the background to this project to recruit sufficient new recruits to replace those ringers who died during the Great War and her appointment as co-ordinator. She thanked Alan Regin for his numerous radio and television interviews, which could be consulted on the Council's website and used as examples for media activity. Vicki reported that 559 contacts were recorded on the database on the previous Tuesday; this had risen to 571 by Saturday. Vicki displayed a 'heatmap' derived from the database showing geographically where most interest in the UK had arisen. She urged members to ensure that Ringing Remembers featured prominently on their association websites, to use all possible opportunities to promote the campaign to recruit new ringers and to make sure that all new recruits were registered on the database. Vicki noted that the Big Ideas Company wished to keep in touch with recruits and an appropriate data privacy notice and policy was in force. She drew attention to current plans for commemorative ringing on 11 November with a proposal for half-muffled ringing in the morning and open ringing later in the day, and stressed that all ringing on 11 November should be co-ordinated with local events. A BellBoard event would be created to link performances and certificates would be available to download. Vicki concluded by thanking Council officers and committees for their advice and assistance; David Smith and Andrew Hall for work on the database; the Association of Ringing Teachers for support; Bruce and Eileen Butler for recording contacts and ensuring that potential recruits were placed

in contact with towers and teachers; and Colin Chapman for his assistance with despatching publicity materials (applause). In response to questions, Vicki confirmed that potential recruits should register individually and that the database naturally only recorded contacts, not all of whom would have proceeded to learn to ring. Kate Flavell added that anyone who began to ring from August 2017 onwards was eligible to register. Bruce Butler expressed his thanks to all those engaged in teaching and following up the initial enquiries and asked associations to keep their public relations contacts up-to-date. The President thanked Vicki for all her work on this important project (applause).

19. New Framework for Method Ringing (p32)

Tim Barnes referred to the mandate approved by CRAG proposal H at the Edinburgh meeting: that the Decisions be replaced with a simple and permissive descriptive framework for ringing with only the minimal detail required to maintain the historical record, and that the publication and maintenance of this framework be the responsibility of the Executive. Recent articles in *The Ringing World* had covered aspects of the work of the group established for this. The group had had many detailed exchanges and were now ready to proceed to a wider consultation with ringers. Tim stated that the key words were “permissive” and “descriptive”; the Decisions had become much more permissive in recent years and the group’s work continued this approach. He gave examples of increased permissiveness in the proposed new framework and explained the rationale for these. The group had aimed to achieve simplicity by, for example, including a single definition of truth, defining all terms used in the framework and including examples and explanations as appropriate. On historical continuity, Tim remarked that most ringers would not be affected by the new framework unless they chose to take advantage of the new features; however, the group had been unable to agree on aspects of method classification and two different proposals were therefore included in the consultation draft. He concluded by asking interested ringers to participate in the consultation and by thanking all the members of the group.

20. Future meetings

Andrew Wilby outlined plans for the 2019 meeting to be held in London during the weekend of 6 – 8 September, with the meeting itself commencing on Saturday 7 September. He thanked members for their feedback on arrangements for the Lancaster meeting. As noted on the agenda, an invitation had been received from the Irish Association for 2023. On behalf of the Suffolk Guild, Neal Dodge invited the Council to Suffolk in 2022 – the beginning of the Guild’s centenary year.

Attendance

The Hon Secretary reported on attendance at the meeting as set out in the table below and thanked Stephen Franklin for compiling the attendance records. [Post-meeting note: the attendance figures are based on those who signed the Roll for Monday 28 May; in the list of those present § indicates that that member either did not sign the Roll or was not present on Sunday 27 May.]

21. Other Business

(a) Richard Andrew, St Martin’s Guild, informed members of recent changes to the St Martin’s Guild constitution. The principal changes included removing the territorial designation of the Guild and the category of non-resident member.

(b) The Hon Secretary reported that David Kelly had informed her that he would not exercise his vote as a Fellow.

(c) Members were reminded to return their feedback forms.

(d) Derek Sibson, on behalf of Peter Blight, expressed his concern at the use of data from Peter’s website for a bulk mailing to ringers; he was advised that this was illegal under the PECR (Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations). Both the President and Phillip Barnes reiterated their earlier apologies to Peter Blight and confirmed that the database they had created for the mailing had been destroyed. The President noted that over 500 ringers had signed up to receive Central Council news as a result.

(e) The Hon Secretary reminded members to return their badge holders.

(f) The Hon Secretary noted that the nomination deadline in 2019 would be six weeks before the meeting.

(g) The Hon Secretary alerted members to changes in procedure which would come in to force with the adoption of the new Rules: (i) an annual membership return would be required and this plus the formal notification of a society’s members and payment of the affiliation fee must be received six weeks before the meeting – members would not be able to speak or vote at the meeting if these had not been received by the deadline; (ii) the category of alternate member for overseas societies was abolished and all societies would be able to change their members as they saw fit; the Hon Secretary urged societies to use this provision with care so that they did not bring their societies into disrepute. David Smith highlighted the difficulties for overseas societies and suggested that operation of this aspect of the new Rules could be reviewed in future.

(h) The Hon Secretary noted that she had been informed during the meeting that Michael Clements was no longer a representative for the Norwich Diocesan Association: all membership figures should be adjusted accordingly.

(i) The Hon Secretary reminded committee officers that committee records should be organised and passed to the Library Steward for safekeeping in either paper or electronic (PDF)

format. Phillip Barnes and Stephen Pettman added that important committee correspondence should also be included, not just minutes. Doug Davis offered the services of the Technical & Taxonomy workgroup in the protection of digital assets, while Alison Hodge added that this was an issue for workgroup leads to address. Chris Mew emphasised the importance of an orderly transfer of data and the need for recognition of historical records. The Hon Secretary added that Helen Webb had professional experience of records management and had offered to advise on this.

(j) The Hon Secretary noted that the newly elected members of the Executive would be required to complete the relevant Charities Act declarations.

(k) The President sought leave for the ballot papers to be destroyed and this was given.

Votes of Thanks

The President thanked the officers, committee members and stewards for their work for ringing and the Council throughout the year and thanked members for their support at the meeting. He particularly thanked those who would no longer be Council members.

The President moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those involved in the Council’s visit to Lancaster: to the organising committee: Ernie de Legh-Runciman, Giles Blundell, Richard Allton, Andrew Wilby and Chris Fletcher; to Doug Davis and David Richards for IT support; to all the members of the Lancashire Association who acted as stewards, tellers and microphone operators; and to all the incumbents and ringers of local churches who made bells available during the weekend for Sunday Service ringing; and to Canon Chris Pullin for his speech at the Dinner yesterday (applause).

Kate Flavell thanked the President for his chairmanship of the meeting and for his part in organising the Council’s meeting in Lancaster.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 4.54 p.m.

Summary of Attendance

	Members		
	Societies Present Absent		
Fully represented	33	85	–
Partly represented	28	66	31
Not represented	5	–	7
	66	151	38
Life Members		4	2
Ex-officio Members		5	–
Additional Members		3	1
		163	41

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Annual Trustees' Report for 2018

1. Legal and Administrative Information

1.1 Charity

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers ("the Council") was founded in 1891 and is a registered charity, no.270036. Its address is that of its Secretary for the time being, namely 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, CM21 9DB. The constitution and conduct of the Council is governed by its Rules, last revised in May 2018.

1.2 Trustees

The Council's Trustees during 2018 were as follows:

until 28 May 2018

President	Dr C D O'Mahony
Vice-President	Mr D Kirkcaldy
Hon Secretary	Mrs M Bone
Hon Assistant Secretary	Mrs C N J Franklin

Hon Treasurer	Mr A G Smith
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from 28 May 2018

President	Dr C D O'Mahony
Deputy President	Mr D Kirkcaldy
Secretary	Mrs M Bone
Treasurer	Mr A G Smith
Ordinary Trustee	Dr P R J Barnes
Ordinary Trustee	Ms A M Everett
Ordinary Trustee	Mr D L Smith
Ordinary Trustee	Mr C R Whittaker

1.3 Principal Agents and Advisers

The Council's bankers are Lloyds Bank plc, Butler Place Branch, 1 Butler Place, Westminster, London, SW1H 0PR. Its Independent Examiners are Mr J D Cheesman, Mrs W E Godden (to May 2018) and Ms C A Stockmann (from January 2019). Its insurers are Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Beaufort House, Brunswick Place, Gloucester, GL1 1JZ.

2. Objectives and Activities

2.1 Charitable Objects (as defined in Rule 3.2):

To advance the practice, heritage and appreciation of bell ringing as an enjoyable mental and physical exercise and unique performing art for the public benefit of both church and community, in particular but not exclusively by:

Communications and Relationships

- a) encouraging the growth and public appreciation of bell ringing;

- b) representing the interests of bell ringing and ringers through promoting the development of strong relationships with the church, stakeholders, the media and others outside the bell ringing community;
- c) facilitating communication and cohesion amongst ringers and bell ringing societies to assist ringers in supporting each other and achieving their bell ringing objectives;
- d) using its efforts to foster the continuing recruitment and retention of ringers;

Learning and Development

- e) promoting excellence in ringing by encouraging relevant technical and leadership training;

Stewardship and Management

- f) encouraging sources of funding, products, expertise and facilities to support ringing and the availability of bell installations;
- g) sharing, promoting, and advising on best practice relating to the maintenance and improvement of bell installations and training facilities;
- h) promoting best practice relating to statutory compliance, safety and governance in relation to ringing;

Technical and Taxonomy

- i) defining and publishing technical standards in bell ringing;
- j) encouraging research and innovation in the advancement of bell ringing, its methodologies, tools and technologies;

Historical and Archive

- k) promoting the availability and appreciation of historic resources, publications and artefacts relating to the heritage of bell ringing and the role of individual ringers.

2.2 Public Benefit

The public benefits from the following areas of activity of the Council:

- (i) the promotion of public worship by the ringing of church bells;
- (ii) the preservation of the tradition and heritage of change ringing;
- (iii) the encouragement and promotion of high standards of ringing;
- (iv) the provision of financial and specialist knowledge in the support of belfry repairs and maintenance;
- (v) the provision of guidance and specialist knowledge with regard to health and safety, safeguarding, noise control, data protection, fire risk assessment and insurance matters, as they relate to ringers and ringing;

- (vi) the preparation and publication of educational and training materials.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

3.1 Executive

The Executive is responsible to the members, through the annual meeting, for the general running of the Council. It holds regular meetings during the year and is in contact by electronic means between meetings. Executive members, who are also the trustees, are directly elected by the members. They retire in rotation and are limited to a maximum of six years on the Executive unless the members resolve otherwise at an annual meeting. The Executive appoints the workgroup leaders and individual Executive members act as sponsors for workgroups.

3.2 Working Groups

The Council has five workgroups: (1) Volunteer and Leadership; (2) Historical and Archive; (3) Communications and Marketing; (4) Stewardship and Management; (5) Technical and Taxonomy. Most of the work of the Council is carried out by these workgroups.

3.3 Membership

The Council's membership comprises Representative Members (elected or appointed by affiliated societies); the trustees, stewards and workgroup leaders who shall be ex-officio members if not otherwise members; and Fellows. Only Representative Members and Fellows (elected prior to 28 May 2018) may vote at an annual meeting. Applications by societies to affiliate are approved at an annual meeting.

4. Progress and Achievements in 2018

2018 was characterised as a year of significant structural change for the Central Council, as well as a year of renewal and regeneration for ringing.

In terms of structural change, the reform programme mandated in 2017 required the drafting of an entirely new constitution. This document was tabled at the annual general meeting in May 2018 and received overwhelming support. In turn, the newly-approved constitution enabled further structural reforms to proceed.

In terms of regeneration, 2018 witnessed significant achievement in terms of new ringer recruitment and increased positive public awareness of ringing. The key event motivating this work was the centenary of the First World War Armistice on 11th November 2018, which inspired ringers, central government and the wider public, resulting in over 2,000 new recruits.

Technical elements of the Council's work have progressed well. Achievements have included the launch of a new platform for the Council's definitive collection of methods and compositions, a major project to rewrite the theoretical underpinnings of method construction, definition and extension, and ongoing development of the Dove database of towers and bells.

Outreach work has included the Council organising a one-day workshop on simulators in March 2018, aligned with the annual ART conference, and promoting a series of stalls, demonstrations and workshops in May 2018, aligned with the Council's annual general meeting. The Council has also continued to maintain and develop links with relevant third parties, holding meetings with the Church Buildings Council, Historic England, Ecclesiastical Insurance, Heritage Alliance, Historic Religious Buildings Alliance, Churches Conservation Trust, DAC Bell Advisers, Department of Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS), the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), and the Worshipful Company of Founders.

Other services to ringers have been maintained and extended. Best selling publications were the *New Ringers Book*, *Ringling Circles*, *Manual of Belfry Maintenance*, and the *Sherbourne Teaching Aids* range. Publication of a new edition of *Dove* is expected in early 2019. CCCBR Library enquiries have remained steady, and various advice services (eg noise complaints, safeguarding, insurance, bell restoration and the like) continue to be well used. Links with other ringing-related service providers are healthy and amicable – The Ringing World, the Association of Ringing Teachers, and those involved in the bell trade.

The Council's finances remain healthy, as reported in Section 6 here.

The Trustees of the Central Council are confident that progress and achievements will continue to be made across all the Council's stated Objects.

5. Statement of Policies

5.1 Reserves

- (i) **General Fund** – the balance on the General Fund is invested to produce income which, together with member societies' affiliation fees, provides sufficient funds to support the work and activities of the Council. The balance also facilitates cash flow and enables the development of new projects and initiatives. The Trustees have agreed that a minimum of £75,000 needs to be kept as a reserve in the general fund. This is in order

to cover three years of overheads, provide adequate cash flow and give a reasonable level of contingency against any unforeseen financial risks. This fund is unrestricted.

- (ii) **Education Courses Fund** – the balance provides cash flow to enable the Education Committee (to 28 May 2018) / Volunteer and Leadership workgroup (from 28 May 2018) to run various training courses; in general the costs are recouped from attendees. This is an unrestricted designated fund.
- (iii) **Bell Restoration Fund** – the balance is fully allocated to bell restoration projects and paid on satisfactory completion of the work. Grants are made in proportion to the types of applications received and in accordance with priorities agreed by the Council and reviewed annually. Members approved an increase in the maximum possible grant to £2,000 in May 2018. This is a restricted fund.
- (iv) **Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund** – Grants from the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund are made in accordance with the terms of Mr Dukes' legacy. Grants are awarded from the interest on the legacy and reviewed annually. This is a restricted fund.
- (v) **Publications Fund** – the balance represents the stock of publications held and a cash balance to facilitate the production of new titles and the reprinting of existing publications. This is an unrestricted designated fund.
- (vi) **Library Fund** – this fund represents the value of the library as well as sundry income items and is restricted to use for the benefit of the library, which is maintained for use by council members and affiliated societies.

5.2 Investment

Funds are invested in low risk investments and bank accounts. The need for regular income from investments is considered important to support the work of the Council.

5.3 Investment and Borrowing Powers

The Trustees have the power to invest money and adopt such measures as seem to them necessary in the interest of the Council. They do not have any power to borrow money, except by Council resolution.

5.4 Expenses

Revised guidance on expenses was approved by the Executive on 1 July 2018.

5.5 Safeguarding

The Council's guidance note on safeguarding was last reviewed in September 2017.

5.6 Conflicts of Interest

Revised guidance on conflicts of interest was approved by the Executive on 1 July 2018.

5.7 Data Protection (GDPR)

The guidance note on data protection was last reviewed in January 2018. A privacy notice is available on the website.

6. Review of Financial Activities

The accounts for 2018 show total funds at the year-end of £444,438 of which £256,159 is in restricted funds. Income for the year totalled £112,845 (including a 'one off' grant of £20,000 to support 'Ringing Remembers' activities, income for the 2018 Council meeting of £30,557, other donations for bell restoration of £26,341 and publications sales of £13,683). Main areas of expense included the costs of the 2018 Council meeting of £30,846, 'Ringing Remembers' project costs to date of £4,323, grants for bell restoration of £11,400 and publication costs of £7,713.

The 2018 figures include further donations for the Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, bells restoration and the Kilifi project.

No significant fund-raising activity has been carried out during the year.

The Council had no employees during the year. All of its work is carried out on a voluntary basis.

It is confirmed that the Council's assets, together with the expected income for 2019, are available and will be adequate to fulfil the objects of the Council in that year. 2019 financial estimates were approved by the Executive in October 2018 and they support the fact that the trustees consider that the CCCBR is a going concern, ie that the Central Council can meet its commitments for the foreseeable future.

7. Membership

At the close of the Annual General Meeting on 28 May 2018 the Council's membership comprised 6 Life Members, 4 Additional Members, 5 Ex-officio Members and 189 Representative Members representing 66 affiliated societies. The new Rules came into effect on the close of the meeting: Life Members were renamed as Fellows and the category of Additional Member was abolished. Since then 5 Ex-officio members have been added; 4 Representative Member vacancies have been filled; and 3 members resigned and their vacancies have been filled. Due to changes in their membership numbers, the Dorset County Association will now be entitled to one Representative

Member and the Truro Guild to 4. The Irish Association has increased its membership and will be entitled to 3 Representative Members. Subject to any further changes, at the start of the 2019 Council meeting there will be 6 Fellows, 10 Ex-officio

Members and 186 Representative Members representing 66 affiliated societies. There are 12 vacancies.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 18 May 2019.

Dr C D O'Mahony
President

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018

1. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

2. Accounting policies

The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the going concern, accruals, consistency and prudence concepts.

2.1 Incoming resources

Interest is accounted for when receivable.

Donations, grants and legacies are accounted for as soon as the Council is notified of the legal entitlement and the amount due.

2.2 Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Grants are accounted for when paid over.

3. Consistency

The accounts are prepared on a consistent basis with the previous year and in accordance with the accounting policies.

4. Funds

The General Fund is unrestricted and includes designated funds raised and held for a particular purpose.

The Education Courses Fund and Publications Fund are unrestricted designated funds.

The Bell Restoration Fund, the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund and the Library Fund are maintained for restricted purposes.

5. Transfers between funds

No amounts have been transferred between funds.

6. Tangible assets and intangible assets

The major tangible assets of the Council are the Investments in National Savings

Income Bonds and the Library Collection. The Library Collection is valued at a replacement cost of £95,000. The revaluation was undertaken by Roger Barnes of Church Green Books as at 31 December 2014. The policy is to revalue the collection every five years. It is being depreciated for accounting purposes at 2% on the reducing balance per annum. An asset register is maintained for other tangible assets. The policy is to treat assets of an individual cost up to £1,000 as fully depreciated in the year of purchase.

The major intangible asset of the Council is the copyright of *Dove's Guide*.

On closure of the Bell Rescue Fund (a separate charity) remaining assets and liabilities were transferred to the Council. There is a long term loan of £8,500 to the Keltek Trust which has no repayment date. Therefore, prudently, it is not included as a realisable asset of the Council.

7. Interest receivable

Interest, in a continued climate of low interest rates, was received from -

National Savings Bonds	£2,569
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit account	£65
Other	£50

Amounts received were very similar to 2017.

8. Donations and grants received

8.1 Christchurch, New Zealand

Donations received in respect of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, bells restoration following the damage caused by the earthquake to the City of Christchurch are included in the Bell Restoration Fund as a restricted item and, together with any related gift aid, amount to £75 for 2018. The total amount of the donations received to date is £16,069. A grant payment of £10,000 was made in 2013, leaving £6,069 available.

8.2 Kilifi, Kenya

Donations have been received in respect of Kilifi, Kenya, for ropes and a training project. These are included in the Bell Restoration Fund as a restricted item and, together with any related gift aid, amounted

to £150 in 2018, bringing the total now available to £506.

8.3 Ringing Remembers

A grant of £20,000 was received to support the Ringing Remembers project and other related activity. £4,323 was spent during 2018, with the balance carried forward as part of general balances for future related work.

8.4 Other Donations - Bell Restoration

A legacy of £20,000 was received in 2018, as well as the remaining cash balance from the Bell Rescue Fund of £6,341.

9. Committee expenses

2017 was a year of transition from committees to workgroups. Total committee and workgroup expenses amounted to £2,883 which is a similar level to previous years' total committee expenses.

10. Grants paid

During the year, the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund paid two grants totalling £1,600. There are no outstanding grant commitments, with £5,569 available for new schemes.

During the year, the Bell Restoration Fund awarded 32 grants totalling £27,200. Fourteen grants were paid. Outstanding commitments total £43,975.

11. Charitable commitments

There were no unfulfilled charitable commitments at 31st December 2018 in respect of grants awarded but not yet paid by the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, and forty eight grants totalling £43,975 awarded but not yet paid by the Bell Restoration Fund. There is also a charitable commitment to Christchurch Cathedral New Zealand bells restoration in respect of the balance of donations received but not yet paid amounting to £6,069 and, similarly, £506 in respect of Kilifi.

12. Publications fund

Storage and distribution cost of £2,500 was paid to a Council member.

13. Payments to trustees

There were no payments to Trustees.

14. Emoluments of employees

The Council had no employees during the year.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Note	General Fund	Education Courses	Restoration Fund	Bell F Duke's Internat'l Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2018	Total Funds 2017
Income and Expenditure									
Incoming Resources									
Affiliation fees		7,960	-	-	-	-	-	7,960	5,970
Other income		1,549	-	-	-	-	-	1,549	-
Subscriptions from friends of Library		-	-	-	-	-	1,226	1,226	1,369
Interest receivable	7	1,414	-	340	830	50	50	2,684	2,290
Sales of publications, books and CDs		-	-	-	-	13,683	5,180	18,863	19,662
Sales of jigsaw puzzles and prints		-	-	1,690	-	-	-	1,690	314
Sales of training video/dvd		25	-	-	-	-	-	25	-
Council Meeting		30,557	-	-	-	-	-	30,557	-
Courses and seminars		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stock written back		-	-	-	-	517	-	517	545
Donations to Christchurch Cathedral, NZ	8	-	-	75	-	-	-	75	500
Donations to Kilifi, Kenya	8	-	-	120	-	-	-	120	892
Gift Aid		-	-	30	-	-	66	96	474
Grant for Ringing Remembers	8	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	-
Other donations	8	1,071	-	26,341	-	-	71	27,483	10,109
		62,576	-	28,596	830	14,250	6,593	112,845	42,125
Resources expended									
Council meeting		30,846	-	-	-	-	-	30,846	2,159
Ringing World supplement		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,431
Committee expenses	9	2,883	-	-	-	90	191	3,164	4,142
ART conference		1,187	-	-	-	-	-	1,187	-
PR Matters Day - net cost		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104
Central Council Review Action Group (CRAG)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,285
Regional seminars		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Council and other committee costs		-	-	-	-	61	-	61	172
Ringing Remembers project costs	8	4,323	-	-	-	-	-	4,323	-
Recruitment leaflets		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	698
Cost of publications sold		-	-	-	-	7,713	737	8,450	10,032
Ringing World DVD expenses		-	-	-	-	-	1,626	1,626	-
Cost of jigsaws		-	-	909	-	-	-	909	40
Kilifi - cost of project	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,145
Library maintenance		-	-	-	-	-	2,052	2,052	745
Equipment costs		-	-	-	-	-	76	76	280
Grants for bell restoration	10	-	-	9,800	1,600	-	-	11,400	13,800
Advertising		-	-	-	-	2,196	258	2,454	2,364
Storage and distribution	12	-	-	-	-	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
Stationery, postage and telephone		-	-	-	-	-	946	946	781
Insurance		2,394	-	-	-	432	-	2,826	2,700
Stock write off provision		-	-	-	-	178	-	178	-
Stock written off and disposed of		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126
Roll of Honour		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Library outreach day deficit		-	-	-	-	-	1,564	1,564	-
Depreciation - Library Collection		-	-	-	-	-	1,788	1,788	1,835
Depreciation - shelving		-	-	-	-	-	106	106	106
Paypal charges		-	-	-	-	249	-	249	246
Website		12	-	-	-	-	-	12	174
Sundry expenses		783	-	-	-	-	-	783	558
		42,428	-	10,709	1,600	13,419	9,344	77,500	51,624
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		20,148	-	17,887	(770)	831	(2,751)	35,345	(9,499)
Revaluation of Library Collection		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		20,148	-	17,887	(770)	831	(2,751)	35,345	(9,499)
Balances at 31 December 2017		139,766	2,169	34,587	81,580	25,365	125,626	409,093	418,592
Balances at 31 December 2018		159,914	2,169	52,474	80,810	26,196	122,875	444,438	409,093

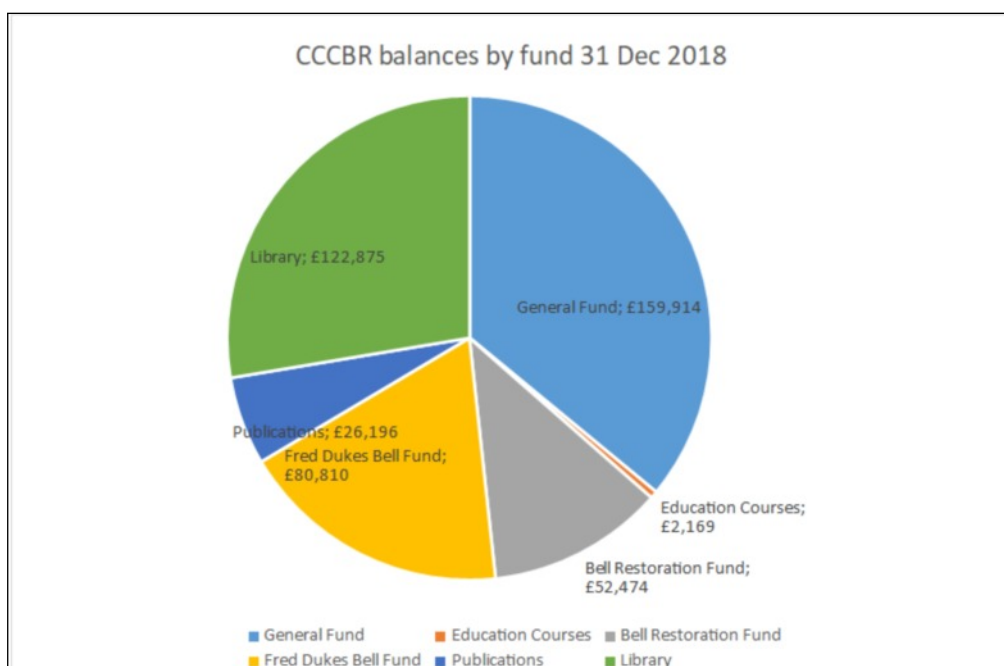
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	F Dukes Internat'l Fund	Public-ations Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2018	Total Funds 2017
Fixed assets								
Tangible assets								
Investments at cost	154,967	-	31,777	80,256	-	-	267,000	242,000
Library Collection	-	-	-	-	-	87,616	87,616	89,403
Library shelving	-	-	-	-	-	530	530	636
Total fixed assets	154,967	-	31,777	80,256	-	88,146	355,146	332,039
Current assets								
Stock	-	-	-	-	8,988	3,603	12,591	10,845
Debtors and prepayments	2,611	-	54	61	-	150	2,876	3,452
Cash on short term deposit and at bank	5,036	2,169	20,643	493	17,389	30,976	76,706	66,015
Total current assets	7,647	2,169	20,697	554	26,377	34,729	92,173	80,312
Current liabilities								
Creditors - amounts due within one year	(2,700)	-	-	-	(181)	-	(2,881)	(3,258)
Net current assets	4,947	2,169	20,697	554	26,196	34,729	89,292	77,054
Total assets less current liabilities	159,914	2,169	52,474	80,810	26,196	122,875	444,438	409,093
Funds								
Unrestricted	159,505	-	-	-	-	-	159,505	139,357
Unrestricted - designated	409	2,169	-	-	26,196	-	28,774	27,943
Restricted	-	-	52,474	80,810	-	122,875	256,159	241,793
Total funds	159,914	2,169	52,474	80,810	26,196	122,875	444,438	409,093



CCCBR 2018 Executive Report

In March 2018, the CCCBR Administrative Committee met for the last time. The main focus of that meeting was the forthcoming annual meeting at Lancaster, with consideration of possible outcomes of motions for constitutional change. As a result, whilst part of the Administrative Committee meeting considered “business as usual” items, a large amount of time was spent considering preparations for a “yes” vote. The Committee was updated on the work of the “shadow” executive and intentions for workgroups to potentially replace committees.

As the prospect of a “yes” vote would mean the winding-up of the Administrative Committee, the President took the opportunity to thank all members of the Committee for their contributions.

Following the vote in May 2018 to adopt an entirely new constitution, structures that had been operating in “shadow” were mobilised as soon as possible, enacting the will of representatives at the Lancaster meeting, with the workgroup leaders being formally appointed on 3 June 2018.

Since May 2018, the eight members of the CCCBR Executive have met monthly. These meetings are usually by Skype. On a quarterly basis, instead of a Skype call, the Executive has met face-to-face for an extended session, which also brings together the five Workgroup Leaders, and recently a member of The Ringing World board.

Foremost in all these meetings is a focus on agreed strategic objectives, thus:

To encourage and celebrate excellence in ringing by:

1. recruiting and developing new learners and new leaders;
2. engaging maturely with the Church and other relevant stakeholders;
3. continuing to raise positive public awareness of ringing;
4. celebrating and promoting the historical legacy of ringing;
5. promoting excellence in standards;
6. increasing direct participation in the central ringing organisation’s activities.

As outlined in the new CCCBR constitution, the rôle of the Executive is to support workgroups and workgroup leaders in delivering on these strategic objectives, to scrutinize and critique the work, and to provide guidance and encouragement. As well as monitoring existing programmes and services, the Executive also considers forward work plans, approves budget for workgroup activity, and votes on the adoption or amendment of Council’s standing orders, policies, procedures and standards.

Standing orders, policies and procedures that have been either adopted or updated since May 2018 include:

Item	Status	Date
Conflicts of Interest	Guidance	01.07.2018
Expenses	Guidance	01.07.2018
Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund	Standing Order	23.01.2019

The Executive also approved 2019 forward budgets (on 28 November 2018), appointed a new Independent Examiner (Caroline Stockmann, to replace Wendy Godden) on 23 January 2019, and continued the usual routine meetings with Ecclesiastical Insurance, DAC Bell Advisers, Church Buildings Council, Historic England, Churches Conservation Trust and the Historic Religious Buildings Alliance. Specific activities of the Workgroups and Stewards can be found in the detailed reports on subsequent pages of this document. This top-level report, together with the subsequent detailed reports herein, together form the formal Executive Annual Report to Council, in accordance with Rule 6.1(b).

CCCBR Executive:

CHRISTOPHER O’MAHONY (*President*)

DAVID KIRKCALDY (*Deputy President*)

MARY BONE (*Secretary*)

ANDREW SMITH (*Treasurer*)

PHILLIP BARNES (*Trustee*)

ALISON EVERETT (*Trustee*)

DAVID SMITH (*Trustee*)

CLYDE WHITTAKER (*Trustee*)



Communications & Marketing Workgroup

The Communications and Marketing Workgroup brings together the work of two former Committees: Public Relations and Publications

Public Relations (Committee report to end May 2018)

Kate Flavell, Surrey Association, and Public Relations Committee Chairman proposed the following report at the 2018 Annual Meeting:

The Committee held its final meeting yesterday here in Lancaster. Louise Nightingale, the leader for the new Communications & Marketing Working Group attended.

Our main focus now is to achieve the number of 1400 new ringers in the period between August 2017 and November 2018 to meet the aim of Ringing Remembers. This is a great opportunity and I would ask you all please to ensure that your associations sign up to the Ringing Remembers website anyone who has started to learn since August 2017. They just need to state that they are already learning so that they are not referred on to a new tower. And of course to display the posters and to respond positively and well to approaches from new recruits.

I would like to wish every success to the new Communications & Marketing Working Group and have pleasure in proposing the adoption of the report.

This was seconded by Bruce Butler, North American Guild and member of the Public Relations Committee.

In addition, Caroline Stockmann stood down from her position as Public Relations Officer, although she remained active with the group for a short period to lead an initiative she had arranged with the BBC. Blue Peter sent a team to film at the Ringing World National Youth Competition in July 2018, with their presenter having ‘learnt the ropes’ the week before with Tom Hinks and the teams from KCACR and SCACR. Dickon Love kindly supported with logistics for the various churches involved in filming, and additional involvement on the day of the competition came from the Derbyshire team. It was hoped that the show would be broadcast in September and would drive a final recruitment push for Ringing Remembers. However the airing was postponed a number of times and finally made it to screen and streaming on 10 January 2019. Feedback on the Blue Peter broadcast was generally positive and it was a good promotion opportunity.



Young ringers with Blue Peter presenter Lindsey Russell during filming

Communications & Marketing Workgroup report 29 May 2018 – 31 Jan 2019

The Workgroup operated in a shadow form prior to May, defining terms of reference for the group and reviewing what was already in place. So much good work has taken place over the years that it was important we continued this and built on the strong foundations put in place by the existing committees.

At a high level, the responsibilities of the Workgroup fall into the following categories:

Communications & Marketing Work Group				
Communications / PR	Media Relations	Publications & Materials	Digital	Operations
Internal Comms	Bells on Sunday	Design / Production	Website Content	Reporting
External Comms	Media Enquiries	Sales / Distribution	Social Media	Budgets
Campaigns		Fulfilment	Multimedia / YouTube	Fundraising
Societies Support			Apps	

Planning and Priorities

By mid-July the Workgroup had a short-term plan to end 2018 and a pipeline of activity for 2019. Our aim is to fully utilise the Microsoft tools available to us to manage our plans and facilitate collaboration between meetings.

Encourage growth and public appreciation of bell ringing

- A number of the group were fully engaged in the overwhelmingly successful Ringing Remembers campaign (reported separately); their hard work and dedication has been widely recognised but a special mention must be made of the members of the Communications & Marketing Workgroup who dedicated a huge amount of time and energy to the campaign: Vicki Chapman, Bruce Butler and Eileen Butler, with Neal Dodge providing social media support.
- A small group reviewed the CCCBR brand and shared findings with the Executive. It was agreed that the current Central Council logo is fit for purpose and it is the responsibility of this Workgroup to ensure that the branding is applied consistently going forwards. There are many Council assets which still bear the previous logo, or none at all, so as material and guidelines are updated the Workgroup will ensure the logo is incorporated accordingly.

- Throughout the year we have received a number of requests to attend events throughout the UK to represent the Council and promote bell ringing. It's not practical for the members of the group to attend every event – and could work out very costly for our volunteers and the Council. Whilst the Workgroup will continue to review requests and evaluate if Workgroup representation is required, our agreed approach is to encourage Council representatives from the local guilds, associations and socie-

ties to represent the interests of the Council in addition to the local organisation.

- In order to provide support to national events, we are working on the concept of “Event in a Box” – this will comprise promotional material, banners and flags which would be useful for promotional activity at ringing and non-ringing events and can be loaned to association representatives (subject to availability and distribution logistics).
- Various media enquiries have been received throughout the year and handled promptly. There were two peaks in activity in the year which were associated with Armistice/Ringing Remembers and the national press coverage of an incident at Abingdon.
- A request from the Heritage Alliance was received for a case study on “The positive effects of bell ringing on health and well-being” following a presentation given by CCCBR President Christopher O’Mahony.

Represent the interests of bell ringing and ringers

- The Workgroup has published a number of pieces in *The Ringing World* and via email distribution channels as well as provided support to other workgroups for communications activity.
- Publications – activity reported below.

Foster recruitment and retention of bell ringers

- The major recruitment activity in 2018 was the Ringing Remembers campaign. This has been reported separately.
- “Things to ring for” (TTRF) – we are grateful to John Harrison for his continued support for the Workgroup and in particular his efforts in maintaining the TTRF information. You can find the results of his hard work, and things to ring for here: ccabr.org.uk/things-to-ring-for
- We have also agreed a number of campaigns in 2019 which we hope will increase engagement and support retention of ringers:
 - 250th anniversary of Queen Victoria’s birth – 24 May.
 - 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 Moon landing – 16 July.
 - Ringing Remembers related campaign (tbc) – potentially aligned with a significant historical date or “one year on” Quarter Peal or Peal challenge.

Communications & Marketing Support for the Council’s work

- The Workgroup Leaders have met on a number of occasions to discuss activity and areas of potential collaboration.
- The new website (reported in further detail below) has been a main area of collaboration to date with the Leaders providing information and resources to populate their respective areas of the site.
- Sue Hall, Derby Diocesan Association, has continued to support the workgroups with artwork and formatting of updated materials. She has provided assistance to the Stewardship and Management Workgroup throughout the year, putting their updated guidance notes into format consistent with our branding approach.

Support Executive to develop strong relationships with key partners

- Workgroup member Odette Dawkins has taken on a revised Public Relations Officer rôle and her first challenge is to look at how we can develop a relationship with the *Church Times* and get regular communications via that channel.
- Workgroup member Allen Nunley worked with Lesley Belcher (ART) and Tim Hine (V&L Workgroup Leader) to plan and issue various communications via multiple channels to promote the ART Conference, and in particular the V&L-led Sunday sessions.

Objectives	Activity	Description
Encourage growth and public appreciation of bell ringing	External Communications	<i>Ongoing plan and activity, including channels/media/materials for communications outside ringing community.</i>
	Review Brand	<i>Review and refine the brand, developing a simple brand toolkit which can be used to ensure consistent communication and materials. Develop/update marketing literature as required.</i>
	Approach to supporting National Events	<i>Undertake an analysis of national events (ringing and non-ringing) and create an “Event in a Box” with material and ideas for event support to maximize CC exposure and promotion of bell ringing. Maintain logistics process for shipping banners/flags.</i>
Represent the interests of bell ringing and ringers	Internal Comms Plan	<i>Draft a strategy and plan, including channels/media for communications within the ringing community – including workgroup progress / updates.</i>
	Publications Strategy / Update Materials	<i>Review existing publications and draft a strategy / plan to modernise and update in line with branding and Council Strategy.</i>
	Develop Apps / Alternative Media and Channels	<i>Identify assets and material which can be developed into mobile apps or built onto alternative media platforms. Working with Technical and Taxonomy to ensure suitable platforms and development methods are adopted.</i>
Foster recruitment and retention of bell ringers	Marketing Campaigns (recruitment related)	<i>“Lessons learned” compiled from Ringing Remembers to inform future campaigns / activity. Plan 2019 Marketing campaigns. Sub-group formed to plan / run agreed campaign(s).</i>
	Support Volunteer & Leadership on Recruitment/ Retention	<i>Provide comms support to Volunteer & Leadership (working with ART) to produce a recruitment and retention workshop.</i>
Communications & Marketing Support for the Council’s work	Support & promote other workgroups plans / activity	<i>Identify and plan activities and initiatives requiring cross-workgroup collaboration.</i>
Support Executive to develop strong relationships with key partners	Create view of stakeholders	<i>Identify key stakeholders internal and external to Central Council, key contacts or individuals and relationship management activity.</i>
	Partners (external sites /resources)	<i>Identify key partners to the Central Council e.g. ringing resources and websites which can be endorsed / supported by the Council; organisations which can help to promote the objectives of the Council. Define and execute engagement activity.</i>
Operational / Ongoing	Further develop PRO framework / guidance	<i>Building on the PRO framework and guidance developed by the Public Relations Committee, maintain the PRO network and improve cascade of communications through this network. Ensure a feedback mechanism in place for PRO network.</i>
	Social Media Activity	<i>Appoint Social Media “Team” responsible for maintaining CC presence across sites. Develop principles and process for social media updates – move to more proactive approach. Identify and propose new channels to target wider audience.</i>
	Website	<i>Working with Technical & Taxonomy to update website structure and content. Explore options for Internal / External views and devolved publisher model.</i>

Operational / Ongoing Activity

- Workgroup member and former Public Relations Committee member Neal Dodge continues to lead our social media activities, supported by Alison Everett and Doug Davis. For most organisations this can be a full time job and we cannot underestimate the importance of maintaining an active social media presence. We are reviewing our approach and exploring tools which can automate some of the posts on Facebook and Twitter and actively seeking more volunteers to support Neal.
- Updates were made to the current Central Council website where possible to reflect the workgroup structure and new contacts as well as maintaining the news feed. The website is the result of hard work from lots of volunteers over a number of years and has hundreds of pages of content and a spiders web of

links between pages. Rather than try to update the existing pages we felt it easier to start from scratch. However, we didn’t want to throw away any of that hard work that is still needed so used analytics from the website to make sure we recreated the pages that are most visited. The new website will be made available to the ringing community ahead of launch to gather feedback. The initial launch will deliver the “must-have” content and further phases will see content expanded as required and following on from any feedback received.

- In August we learned that Mike Orme had sadly passed away following a sudden, short illness. For many years Mike worked closely with the BBC producers of *Bells on Sunday* and played a vital rôle in ensuring quality of recordings, and that accurate information was available to the presenters. Alex Fish-

burn agreed to take on the rôle and continue the great work started by Mike. During the last quarter of the year, Alex has sourced new material and developed his relationship with the BBC producers.

- Beverly Faber continues to support with administration of the Societies email list.

Publications (includes Committee activity to end May 2018 and delegated activity as part of Workgroup)

No new titles were published. Ten titles were reprinted: *New Ringers Book*, *The Beginners Handbook*, *Towards Better Striking*, *Ringing Jargon Made Easy*, *Ringing Circles*, *Listen to Ringing CD1*, *Listen to Ringing CD2*, *Manual Of Belfry Maintenance*, *One per Learner*, and *Method Leaflets*. The last two items are part of the *Sherbourne Teaching Aids* range. All reprints and new titles carry the new CC logo.

Stocklist at December 31st 2018

Title	Sales to 31 Dec 2018	Stock at 31 Dec 2018
New Ringers Book	311	989
Beginners Handbook	108	178
Towards Better Striking	20	42
Raising and Lowering	51	39
Ringing Jargon Made Easy	80	21
Beginners Grandsire	42	32
Beginners Plain Bob	64	2
Doubles and Minor for Beginners	23	3
Triples and Major for Beginners	0	1
Ringing Circles	407	604
Ringing Basics for Beginners	14	39
The Learning Curve Vol 1	0	1
The Learning Curve Vol 2	11	124
The Learning Curve Vol 3	9	114
The Learning Curve Vol 4	10	146
Listen to Ringing CD 1/CD2	20/7	35/30
Beginners Guide to Change Ringing on Handbells	32	17
Change Ringing on Handbells	18	41
Standard Eight Surprise Major	14	78
Method Splicing	3	1
Will You Call a Touch Please, Bob?	35	3
Service Touches	34	80
Conducting Stedman	6	1
A Tutors Handbook	4	112
One Way to Teach Handling	4	7
Teaching Beyond Bell Handling	5	131
Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles	6	36
Kaleidoscope Ringing	51	27
Teaching Unravelling	18	34
Starting a New Band	3	34
Teaching Tips	22	97
Manual of Belfry Maintenance	246	303
Towers and Bells Handbook	13	83
Schedule of Regular Maintenance	47	35
Organising a Bell Restoration Project (2016)	38	43
Sound Management	8	40
Splicing Bellropes	56	15
On This Day	31	61
Change Ringing History Vol 1/Vol3	7/8	112/131
Centenary History of the Central Council	1	63
Giants of the Exercise Vol1/Vol2	2/3	143/18
A J Pitman Biography	6	100
Dove's Guide 10	49	3
Belfry Offices	2	32
Organising an Outing	3	4
Belfry Warning Notices	2	22
Church Towers and Bells	3	16
Getting it Right	2	107
Judging Striking Competitions	18	52
CC Rules and Decisions 2016	0	40
Stedman Compositions	1	5
DVDs	5	8
One per Learner	2923	1545
Follow-on Book	519	512
Exercise Book	335	510
Method Leaflets	440	72
Bell Club Cards	269	264
Badges	957	1038
20 Questions & 19 Answers	740	99

The following titles are available for download free of charge: Doubles and Minor for Beginners, Triples and Major for Beginners, Learning Methods, Method Splicing – Practical Hints, Understanding Place Notation, Conducting Stedman, Tower Captain's Handbook, One way to Teach Bell Handling, Teaching Beyond Bell Handling, Getting it Right – Guidance for Officers of Ringing Societies, CC Rules and Decisions (2013), Giants of the Exercise Vol 2, A J Pitman Biography, Collection of Plain Minor Methods, Treble Dodging Minor Methods, Handbook of Composition, Collection of Stedman Compositions, Collection of Grandsire Compositions, Collection of Ten Bell Compositions, Collection of Twelve Bell Compositions.

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Our best sellers were: *The New Ringer's Book, Ringing Circles, Manual of Belfry Maintenance*, and the whole *Sherbourne Teaching Aids* range.

No appropriate opportunities to charge for downloads using the new Central Council website or to use "print on demand" arose, but a close eye is kept on these possibilities.

At year end work to produce "*Dove 11*" was nearly complete, with publication expected in the first few weeks of 2019.

Three meetings were held during the year, and the usual large number of telephone and e-mail conversations took place. Bulk discounts were offered in March and advertisements were again placed in a number of association reports.

The income from sales fell to £13,700 from £17,200, largely due to the absence of new titles, and income exceeded expenditure by £830. The value of stock held rose to £9,000 and at year end the total cash available had fallen by £2,400 to £17,400. The fund remains well able to finance any likely future work. The popularity of PayPal transactions again rose, accounting for 62% of sales. BACS transfers and cash payments accounted for 18% and 20% of sales respectively. Discounts continued to be available for bulk orders using PayPal as well as for those using BACS and cash payments.

Members of the CCCBR Committees (until May 2018)

- Public Relations

KATE FLAVELL (*Chairman*)
 CAROLINE STOCKMAN (*PR Officer*)
 MIKE BALE
 JACQUI BROWN
 BRUCE BUTLER (*Secretary*)
 VICKI CHAPMAN
 NEAL DODGE
 NICK ELKS
 BEVERLY FABER

SUSAN HALL
JOHN HARRISON
CLYDE WHITTAKER

- Publications
JOHN COUPERTHWAIT (Chairman)
PHILIP GREEN
MICHAEL HANSFORD
BERYL NORRIS
BARBARA WHEELER
JAN WYATT

Members of the Communications & Marketing Workgroup

- Core Members
LOUISE NIGHTINGALE (Workgroup Leader)
BRUCE BUTLER
EILEEN BUTLER
VICKI CHAPMAN
NEAL DODGE
ODETTE DAWKINS
PHILIP GREEN
ALLEN NUNLEY
JAMES RAMSBOTTOM
BARBARA WHEELER
- Non-core members supporting activities of Workgroup
BEVERLY FABER
SUSAN HALL
JOHN HARRISON
- Non-core members supporting Publications
JOHN COUPERTHWAIT
MICHAEL HANSFORD
BERYL NORRIS
JAN WYATT

International Reports

ANZAB

In 2018 ANZAB opened one new tower, Ingleburn (6, 2-3-0). A local band is being taught by ringers from nearby towers. Work continues for Rosemeddow which will be a nearby ring of 8. Work also continues with three more towers in NSW and Queensland, with the aim that these will be completed in either 2019 or 2020.

One of these new towers, Parramatta RC Cathedral, will have the Ron Shepherd Tribute bell. This bell will be the treble and was paid for by the North Eastern branch of ANZAB and local ringers/towers. In fact the bell was over subscribed and the extra funds will help with paying for the fittings and installation of the bell.

Like the rest of the world, we observed the centenary of Armistice Day. We had CCCBR flyers out in towers around both countries to get new learners, and a number were able to ring on November 11, 2018. There was also a lot of publicity for what ringers were doing with local and national press (in both countries), and ringers were able to conduct interviews and have practices interrupted so filming could take place at short notice.

ANZAB continues to grow steadily and is in a healthy state. Local towers/branches organise training days/weekends on a regular basis, and the 12 bell weekends continue. The 12 bell weekends in 2019 will be in Adelaide in March and Perth in September. Our AGM and Ringing Festival will be in Hamilton this year from May 31 – June 3 with ringing either side of it in Auckland

and Wellington. We hope as usual to welcome a good number of overseas visitors. More details of everything going on can be found on our website <https://anzab.org.au> which is always kept up to date.

Peter Harrison
ANZAB President

Central European Association

Another successful year for the CEA with a maintained active membership – it being in the nature of things on mainland Europe to have some “ex-pats” returning to the UK and others arriving. Will Brexit impact this? The CEA AGM week end was held in May at Dordrecht, attended by members from The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France and some ex-residents returning from the UK. Several peals were rung both in tower and in hand.

The number of peals (7) credited to the CEA has reduced compared to previous years but this year these have been dominated by resident members. Handbell peals still feature but regular meetings have suffered from the return to the UK of a couple of key ringers.

We are very pleased that after last year’s 100% increase in towers (excluding mini-rings) on mainland Europe (from 1 to 2: with the addition of Ypres), much progress has been made on a new ring of 10 to be installed in Vernet-les-Bains, France. Jeff Ladd has very successfully organised the fund raising and the bells were cast in Loughborough in December. We look forward to their installation in 2019, and, as with Ypres, the training of a local band.



Attendees at the 2018 NAGCR AGM held in Hendersonville.

In November a peal weekend took place in Dordrecht, with peals (including Project Pickled Egg core 7) and much socialising in the normal “Dordrecht style”. This year our week end coincided with the arrival of Sinterklaas, sailing in from his holiday pad in Spain to the delight of the local children. A quarter of Kent Maximus in hand being our first foray into 12 bell ringing for some years!

If you are living in Europe and would like to get involved with the CEA then please make contact as below. We would be very pleased to hear from you.

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North American Guild of Change Ringers

During 2018, the North American Guild of Change Ringers continued to grow and now has approximately 600 members. Sadly the anticipated new tower in Nashotah has failed to materialize and plans for the bells are uncertain. However, a new handbell group and change chiming group has been formed in Indianapolis. Peal ringing continues to produce several new firsts including first as conductor. There were several groups from overseas visiting our towers some of which were peal tours.

Regular events on the calendar have continued to provide excellent ringing opportunities around the Guild. A very successful AGM was held in Hendersonville in September. Our 2019 AGM will be held in Boston MA in August. Please plan a visit to North America and visit some of our towers and participate in one of our ringing events. www.nagcr.org for more details.

Bruce Butler
 NAGCR President

Harare

In the past hello and goodbye was a major factor in the life of the tower and Guild. 2018 was no different, we welcomed new learners and in July 2018 we lost our beloved long time member of the tower, librarian, tutor, teacher and founder member of the Guild, Frankie Milford (née Pellatt). She had moved to the UK in July 2007 with her husband James who was also a long serving member of the tower. Her support will be missed by all of us who knew her.

However 2018 was a year with its own style which for Harare tower can be summed up in 4 areas: commitments, achievements, difficulties and communication.

We managed to keep up our band with learners, and now have 12 ringers, and

managed to practice almost every Saturday and ring for every service.

The learners have progressed to plain hunt and tenor behind enabling the rest of the band to try and ring Single Court and Grandsire Doubles; however we have not achieved this without a large number of broken stays! The bells particularly affected are the 2 and the 5 but we are lucky in that funds are donated to replace these and we have spare stays at present.

One of the most public achievements of this last year was to ring for the centennial anniversary of Armistice Day on 11 November 1918, celebrations commemorating 100 years since the end of World War 1. With the British and German Ambassadors watching this achievement, and with an all African band, we rang 8 bells in support of world peace. The range of ringers was amazing, ages 11 to 65 years with 6 months to 47 years ringing experience!

We have occasionally had to cancel ringing due to church functions and because other commitments by ringers make it a problem getting a band together for ringing. The main problem we face with both these issues is that of timely communication with ringers. Occasionally ringers arrived at the tower to find they cannot ring or start to ring and are asked to cease; this is somewhat frustrating and every effort is made by the Tower Secretary to avoid these problems so please bear with her when they do occur.

We are committed to the ringing of the bells every Sunday and will continue to pursue the training of ringers to that end while enjoying the exercise and company and trying to improve so that our ringing becomes both more than a half glass empty and more like a half glass full.

Teddy Kabwemba



History & Archive Workgroup

Like all the other workgroups, this Workgroup was formed out of the old committees which continued until the end of May 2018. The Workgroup also contains four Stewards who continue as part of the Workgroup through the year.

The Committees and Stewards: Jan–May 2018

Carter Ringing Machine Collection

The display of ringing machines at Lancaster was well supported.

The Carter Ringing Machine remains at Loughborough.

Biographies

The Biographies Committee ran a very interesting session, which included a talk by Alan Regin, at Lancaster. Although only a few people attended there were sufficient for an informative discussion. During the year, the members continued to work on their areas of specialism although the period of change seems to have resulted in an understandable slowing down of Biographies. Occasional articles by Bill Butler have been published in *The Ringing World*.

Library

The Library Publications stall at Lancaster was a popular spending point and also provided an opportunity for members to discuss matters of interest with Library Committee members. There was much discussion on the future of the Library both at Lancaster and by e-mail in which Committee members did a good job of explaining the purposes and benefits of the Library.

Rolls of Honour

The year commenced with the welcome news that the Steward, Alan Regin, received the MBE in the New Year's Honours list 'For services to Campanology and its Heritage.'

Readers of *The Ringing World* will be familiar with the continuing work of Alan and his team. This has carried on as in previous years and accounts of 184 ringers who died in WW1 were published in *The Ringing World* in this early part of 2018. The Rolls of Honour books received a great deal of interest at Lancaster, members being impressed with both the quantity and quality.

Peals Analysis

Activity at the start of the year focused on the production of the 2017 peal analysis.

History & Archive Workgroup June–Dec 2018

During much of the preceding year, the list of potentially interested people was worked through and matched to areas of interest. It became clear that there were already a number of overlaps. For example, a number of former Biographies people are actually spending time on Rolls of Honour as 2018 was a key year for that. This flexibility and diversity is expected to become useful as we progress.

In order to retain a degree of continuity while we established what needed to be done and what actually can be done, we decided to keep the old Committee sub-

structure within the Workgroup. Those parts that were busy before remain busy now. Quieter areas, such as Biographies, have been retained as we can still see potential for future development.

Carter Ringing Machine Collection

Bill Purvis and James Blackburn, Stewards, continue as Stewards of the ringing machines.

The Carter Ringing Machine remains in the Loughborough Foundry Museum.

Towards the end of the year, Bill expressed his wish to stand down as Steward of the Carter Ringing Machine at the next opportunity. The time and work that Bill has invested in this project is greatly appreciated. His web pages are a great help to anyone interested in these fascinating devices and his experience in this and allied technologies has been of great benefit. I am sure we will continue to ask for his help and advice in the future.

Biographies

John Harrison remains the point of contact for the Biographies team. Several of the team have been more active in Rolls of Honour research so this has been a relatively quiet area this year.

Other members of the Biographies team are:

- Gareth Davies
- David Willis – also working on Rolls of Honour
- Richard Andrew

Members and former members of the Council who died in 2018 are:

James Russell Taylor, Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association 1966–1993, Honorary 1994–1999, Bath & Wells Diocesan Association 1999–2011, attended 42 meetings, died 3 March 2018.

John Philip Partington, Lancashire Association 1964–1975, attended 10 meetings, died 31 March 2018.

John Michael Jelley, Leicester Diocesan Guild 1963–1996, attended 31 meetings, died 20 July 2018.

Owen Christopher Robert Webster, Essex Association 1978–1990, attended 12 meetings, died 27 July 2018.

Colin Michael Richard Orme, Chester Diocesan Guild 2002–2018, attended 14 meetings, died 17 August 2018.

John Douglas Gallimore, Honorary 1993–1996, Veronese Association 1996–2002, attended 8 meetings, died 10 August 2018.

Peter Thomas Hurcombe, Sussex County Association 1976–1995, attended 15 meetings, died 4 October 2018.

Library

Alan Glover, Library Steward, remains the point of contact for the Library. Supporting the Library are:

- Ian Self – finances
- Paul Johnson – website and DVDs
- Sue Marsden – distribution of publications
- Linda Foddering – not part of the Workgroup but providing valuable support for the Friends of the Library

2018 was busier for the Library than the previous four years, with three personal visits, ninety-two queries dealt with by phone or email, and thirty-eight items sent out on loan. The majority of these items went to The Whiting Society, who continue their valuable work of scanning and publishing online a range of bell and ringing related texts.

After a process of wide consultation and discussion, the Central Committee of the Worcestershire and Districts Association decided in November to reduce the size of their library, narrowing the focus mainly to those items relevant to the Association and local ringing. As a result of this, a number of items were offered to the Central Council library.

Towards the end of the year, we were advised that the Cambridge University Guild was also disposing of most of its library collection, one which pre-dates the Central Council Library. They are auctioning a number of items which we lack, and bids have been placed for these.

Routine binding and maintenance work has been carried out throughout the year by Les and Brenda Stallard at The Binding Place in Worcester. Sadly for us, they have finally decided to retire and the business has been sold to a firm in Newent. Les will be working part-time with the new owners and the hope is that, in time, they will be able to offer the same level of service which we have enjoyed at Worcester. If this doesn't work out, George Pipe has been able to recommend another possible book binder in Royal Wootton Bassett.

The day-to-day routine of running the Library and the tasks involved in our various publications appear to be running quite smoothly at the moment, so we would welcome suggestions of any other projects which we could consider. We have funds available to finance schemes which help us to achieve our aims, which might be summed up in very general terms as collecting material on bells and ringing and then making it available in appropriate forms as widely as possible. If you have any ideas, please get in touch with the Steward and we will be happy to discuss them.

One long-standing project with which we hope to make more progress in 2019 is the transformation of the main online catalogue to make it much more user-friendly. This will largely be an enhanced search facility and whatever other changes to the layout that are required. Any comments or suggestions from those who have used the online catalogue would help to inform our decisions over the changes necessary.

Rolls of Honour

Alan Regin, Steward of the Rolls of Honour, remains the main point of contact for this and continues to bring the subject into the wider ringing community by means of visits where the Rolls of Honour books are displayed and explained. Accounts of 224 ringers who died in WW1 were published in *The Ringing World* in this second part of 2018.

Alan has received help with family history research from Yvonne Cairns of Jesmond, Kathryn Pearce of Bradoc, Beverly Faber of Stamford CT, and David Willis of Braunton (and Central Council Biographies Committee), with additional assistance from David Underdown and Jennifer Sparling. This help is very much appreciated. David Willis has also undertaken a search of online resources, mainly but not exclusively newspapers, which has revealed a large number of bell ringers who were not included in the original 1924 Roll of Honour. Further work is being undertaken and this is likely to result in over 200 names being added to the WWI Roll of Honour.

Rolls of Honour supporters who have agreed to be part of this Workgroup are:

- David Willis
- David Underdown

Peals Analysis

Richard Allton remains the main point of contact for the Peals team. This team also has links to the Technical and Taxonomy Workgroup where it is concerned with new methods. The routine checking and verification of long length peals has continued.

Other members of the Peals team are:

- Alan Baldock – pre 1990 Felstead records
- Richard Andrew
- Simon Aves – historical peals in Scotland
- Alan Buswell – adviser on Quarter Peals

The Peals Analysis

We have recorded a total of 4617 peals rung in 2018 and published in *The Ringing World* up to April 19th this year, of which 3866 were on tower bells and 751 on handbells. The revised total for 2017 is 4737 (3890 t/b, 846 h/b, simulator 1), an increase of 43 over that published in the last year's report. Full details are included in the methods table that accompanies this report. The figures for the last five years are shown below:

	Tower bell	Handbell	Total
2018*	3869	752	4621
2017†	3890	846	4737
2016	4033	880	4913
2015	4134	826	4960
2014	4012	772	4784
* Published up to the RW of 12th April			
† Including corrections listed below.			

The Yorkshire Association is again the leading society with 330 peals, 75 more than the second place Oxford D.G. with 255, the difference having decreased somewhat this year. The leading society for handbell peals in 2018 was again the Oxford D.G. with 105, while second place Chester D.G. rang 88; the difference (17) has more than halved from 40 in 2017. Fourteen affiliated societies rang 100 or more peals in 2018, one fewer than in 2017. Please see separate tables for details of peals rung for each society and by method / method type.

There are a number of peals known to have been rung last year but not yet published in *The Ringing World* including some from the first half of the year. **We would encourage the organisers and conductors of peals to submit their peals for publication promptly, and then ensure that they are printed as expected.** Please also ensure that any corrections made on BellBoard after submitting the peal to *The Ringing World* are notified separately to the Ringing World office otherwise the correction will not be applied to the printed version.

Record peals

There were two record peals rung in 2018, both on tower bells. The record peals are detailed in the Records table below.

Peals not complying with the Decisions on Peal Ringing

There were no peals rung in 2018 and submitted to BellBoard that failed to comply with the CC Decisions on Peal Ringing as amended at the CCCBR meeting in 2017.

Leading Towers

Ten or more peals were rung in the following 76 towers in 2018 (66 in 2017).

- 52 Sproxtton
- 50 Leeds (RC Cathedral)
- 40 Dordrecht ('t Klockhuys)
- 38 Huntsham
- 36 East Huntspill (Little Orchard Tower)
- 34 Hughenden
- 29 Portsmouth (St Agatha)
- 28 Milton
- 25 Church Lawford (Plantagenet Ring), Thorverton
- 23 Birmingham (St Philip's Cathedral), Maidstone (All Saints), Sheffield (Dore)
- 21 Oxford (St Thomas)
- 20 Keele (Woodlands), Kingsteignton (Kings-Ting-Tong), London (St Magnus the Martyr), Lundy, Shoreditch
- 19 Bovey Tracey (Wobbly Bob's Campanile), Longcot, London (St James Garlickhythe)
- 18 Bristol (St John), Marston Bigot (St Leonard)
- 16 Bradford Peverell, Burnley (St Peter), Warnham (Bell Meadow Peal), Westminster (St Clement Danes)
- 15 Ipswich (The Wolery, Old Stoke), Shepton Beauchamp, Winford, Worcester (Barbourne)
- 14 Knottingley, Rothwell (Northants), South Petherton, Thatcham, West Bridgford, Willoughby on the Wolds
- 13 Amersham, Barrow Gurney, Basingstoke (All Saints), Farnworth and Kearsley, London (St Dunstan in the West), London (St Mary le Bow), Pershore (Parish Centre), Stoke Poges, Ypres
- 12 Birmingham (St Paul), Bishopstoke, Bristol (St Philip & Jacob), East Ilsley, Great Ryburgh, Handsworth (S Yorks), Middleton (Gtr Man), Worcester (All Saints)
- 11 Accrington, Burton Latimer, Campton, Coseley, London (St Michael, Cornhill), Meldreth, Spitalfields, Worcester (Cathedral), Yarkhill
- 10 Abergavenny, Bushey, High Wycombe, Inworth, Newcastle (St John), Oxford (St Mary Magdalene), Pontefract (All Saints), Rotherham (All Saints), Saddleworth, Saltby, Timsbury (The Pig Sty), Weston super Mare

There were also 21 handbell venues where 10 or more peals were rung in 2018 (22 in 2017).

First pealers and firsts as conductor

127 ringers rang their first peals in 2018, but only 126 of these had their peals published in *The Ringing World*. This represents a very small, but nonetheless welcome, increase in the number of first pealers compared with the last couple of years.

There was also a small increase in the number of firsts as conductor in 2018 compared to 2017 with 24, although only 21 of these new conductors had their peals published in *The Ringing World* by the cutoff date.

Do these figures indicate that the recent likely year on year decline in the number of active change ringers has finally been reversed? We would need to see an increase in these numbers next year too, for this to be confirmed we feel.

Corrections to the 2017 Analysis

There are several alterations to the 2017 Analysis owing to late publication which are detailed below. Corrections relate to tower bells except where specified.

ASCY	Major +1, Maximus +1
Bath & Wells Diocesan Association	Major +3
Derby Diocesan Association	Maximus +1
Ely Diocesan Association	Major +1 (handbells)
Hertford County Association	
	Major +1 (handbells)
Kent County Association	Major +3
Lancashire Association	
	Triples/Major +1, Major +2
Leicester Diocesan Guild	Minor +1
North American Guild	Minor +1 (handbells)
Oxford Diocesan Guild	
	Major +1, Cinques +1 (h/b)
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	
	Minor +1, Major +1
Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Guild	
	Major +1
Suffolk Guild	Minor +1
Surrey Association	Doubles +1
Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild	
	Major +1, Maximus +1
Yorkshire Association	Major +1
Non-Association	Minor +2, Major +2, Caters +1, Royal +1, Maximus +1
Non-Affiliated	Major +3, Caters +1, Royal +2, Minor +2 (h/b), Major +1 (h/b), Maximus +1 (h/b)

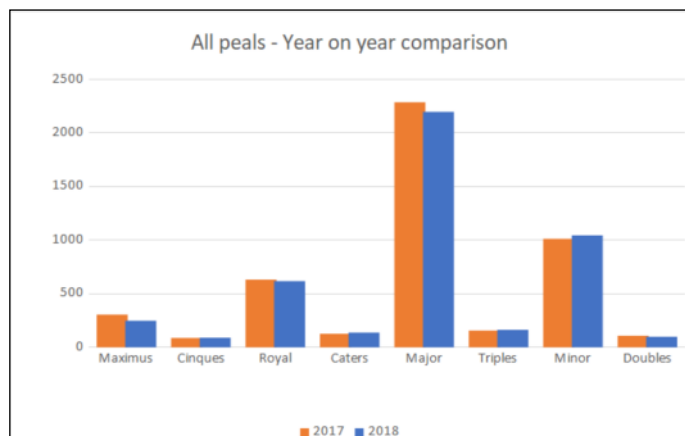
The amended methods analysis for 2017 is shown in the 2018 methods table, which forms part of this report. Revised totals for 2017 are: tower bells 3890, handbells 846, Simulator 1, total 4737.

Analysis of Peals by Society

2018		TOWER										HAND										Tower total	Hand Total	Society Total					
Society		5	5/6	6	7	7/8	8	9	9/10	10	11	11/12	12	13	14		5	6	7	8	9	9/10	10	11	12	13	14		
Ancient Society of College Youths		5	0	15	6	0	73	7	0	36	19	1	34	0	5	201	0	1	0	5	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	13	214
Australian and New Zealand Association		0	0	4	1	0	10	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Barrow and District Society		1	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association		4	0	53	2	1	138	0	0	15	2	0	11	0	0	226	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	229
Bedfordshire Association		0	0	8	4	0	8	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	23
Beverley and District Society		2	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Bristol University Society		0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Cambridge University Guild		0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Carlisle Diocesan Guild		0	0	7	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	14
Chester Diocesan Guild		0	0	10	4	0	16	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	36	0	38	0	30	0	0	18	0	2	0	88	124	
Coventry Diocesan Guild		2	0	23	1	0	37	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	68
Derby Diocesan Association		1	0	10	2	0	22	0	0	12	1	0	4	0	0	52	0	0	0	10	0	6	1	0	0	0	17	69	
Devonshire Guild		2	0	37	1	0	84	1	0	38	1	0	9	0	0	173	0	10	0	13	1	8	0	1	0	0	33	206	
Dorset County Association		0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association		0	1	14	1	0	30	1	0	6	1	0	1	0	0	55	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	56	56
Durham University Society		0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3
Ely Diocesan Association		1	0	18	3	0	46	2	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	75	0	4	0	43	0	4	0	1	0	0	52	127	127
Essex Association		0	0	21	2	0	16	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	43
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association		4	0	25	11	0	78	9	0	6	4	0	6	0	0	143	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	144	144
Guild of St Agatha		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Guildford Diocesan Guild		0	0	2	5	0	13	1	0	10	1	0	7	0	0	39	0	2	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	51	51
Hereford Diocesan Guild		7	0	2	6	0	9	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	27	0	3	0	22	0	2	0	0	0	0	27	54	54
Hertford County Association		2	0	7	0	0	15	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	12	0	17	0	0	3	0	1	0	33	59	59
Irish Association		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Kent County Association		5	0	38	7	0	37	4	0	22	0	0	1	0	0	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	114
Ladies' Guild		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lancashire Association		2	0	35	6	0	77	2	0	34	2	0	3	0	0	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	161	161
Leeds University Society		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Leicester Diocesan Guild		0	0	8	1	0	19	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	7	0	14	0	6	0	0	0	0	27	61	61
Lichfield and Walsall Archdeacons Society		2	0	11	3	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	28
Lincoln Diocesan Guild		5	2	22	2	0	61	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	97	0	7	0	11	0	14	0	0	0	0	32	129	129
Liverpool Universities Society		0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association		7	0	6	4	0	5	7	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	34	0	2	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	12	46	46
London University Society		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Middlesex County Assoc. & London Diocesan Guild		1	0	13	5	0	8	8	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	11	0	6	0	0	0	0	18	58	58
North American Guild		0	0	0	3	0	18	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	7	0	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	23	48	48
North Staffordshire Association		0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
North Wales Association		1	1	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Norwich Diocesan Association		1	0	22	1	0	7	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	39	39
Oxford Diocesan Guild		3	0	31	10	0	69	3	1	24	2	0	6	0	0	149	0	0	0	32	0	49	0	24	0	0	105	254	254
Oxford Society		0	0	0	0	0	6	4	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	17
Oxford University Society		0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Peterborough Diocesan Guild		4	0	18	0	0	29	3	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	68
Salisbury Diocesan Guild		5	0	10	4	0	16	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	39	39
Scottish Association		0	0	7	1	0	12	2	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	30	0	1	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	39	39
Shropshire Association		3	0	3	3	0	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths		1	0	9	2	0	80	3	0	29	0	2	19	0	0	145	0	6	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	157	157
Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Guild		0	0	31	1	0	26	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60
St Martin's Guild		0	0	7	8	0	14	0	0	3	6	1	15	2	0	56	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	69	69
Suffolk Guild		6	0	34	4	0	52	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	104	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	107	107
Surrey Association		0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Sussex County Association		0	0	9	5	0	36	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	55	1	4	0	14	0	8	0	2	0	29	84	84	
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild		0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3
Truro Diocesan Guild		1	0	3	2	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	12
Wincchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild		2	0	14	5	0	49	3	0	9	1	0	4	0	0	87	0	11	0	14	0	10	0	0	0	0	35	122	122
Worcestershire and Districts Association		0	0	8	1	0	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	21
Yorkshire Association		1	0	59	4	0	170	17	0	32	3	0	14	0	0	300	0	1	0	21	0	8	0	0	0	0	30	333	

Analysis of Peals by method and change on year

	TOWER			HAND			TOTAL		
	2018	2017	+/-	2018	2017	+/-	2018	2017	+/-
Sixteen	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	1	-1
Fourteen	5	1	+4	2	0	+2	7	1	+6
Sextuples	2	0	+2	0	0	0	2	0	+2
Maximus									
Spliced S	26	26	0	6	11	-5	32	37	-5
Spliced Treble Dodging	5	10	-5	11	5	+6	16	15	+1
Other Spliced	22	20	+2	0	1	-1	22	21	+1
Bristol Surprise	44	51	-7	8	12	-4	52	63	-11
Cambridge Surprise	50	54	-4	4	10	-6	54	64	-10
Yorkshire Surprise	29	36	-7	3	3	0	32	39	-7
Other Single Surprise	21	26	-5	8	22	-14	29	48	-19
Other	3	5	-2	8	12	-4	11	17	-6
Total Maximus	200	228	-28	48	76	-28	248	304	-56
Cinques/Maximus	13	9	4	0	1	-1	13	10	3
Cinques									
Stedman	73	73	0	7	8	-1	80	81	-1
Other	10	7	+3	0	0	0	10	7	+3
Total Cinques	83	80	+3	7	8	-1	90	88	+2
Royal/Cinques									
Royal									
Spliced Surprise	42	45	-3	16	13	+3	58	58	0
Other Spliced	25	10	+1	8	7	+1	33	17	+16
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	0	+1	24	24	0	25	24	+1
Cambridge Surprise	62	78	-16	22	47	-25	84	125	-41
Yorkshire Surprise	64	53	+1	15	16	-1	79	69	+10
Bristol Surprise	59	43	+1	13	9	+4	72	52	+20
London No.3 Surprise	37	48	-11	3	7	-4	40	55	-15
Swindon Surprise	23	17	+6	3	1	+2	26	18	+8
Lincolnshire Surprise	10	11	-1	16	16	0	26	27	-1
Other Surprise	86	91	-5	16	13	+3	102	104	-2
Single Delight	20	21	-1	19	23	-4	39	44	-5
Other	17	18	-1	17	21	-4	34	39	-5
Total Royal	446	435	+1	172	197	-25	618	632	-14
Caters/Royal	3	0	+3	1	0	+1	4	0	+4
Caters									
Grandsire	67	54	+1	1	3	-2	68	57	+11
Stedman	64	62	+2	2	4	-2	66	66	0
Other	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	0
Total Caters	135	120	+1	3	7	-4	138	127	+11



	TOWER			HAND			TOTAL		
	2018	2017	+/-	2018	2017	+/-	2018	2017	+/-
Major									
Spliced Surprise	291	331	-40	56	69	-13	347	400	-53
Other Spliced	7	19	-12	6	9	-3	13	28	-15
Bristol Surprise	166	191	-25	26	30	-4	192	221	-29
Yorkshire Surprise	148	148	0	40	46	-6	188	194	-6
Cambridge Surprise	94	107	-13	41	34	+7	135	141	-6
Superlative Surprise	66	50	+1	9	13	-4	75	63	+12
London Surprise	48	55	-7	10	8	+2	58	63	-5
Lessness Surprise	46	45	+1	9	5	+4	55	50	+5
Lincolnshire Surprise	35	32	+3	15	14	+1	50	46	+4
Cornwall Surprise	27	12	+1	1	2	-1	28	14	+14
Glasgow Surprise	19	20	-1	1	0	+1	20	20	0
Uxbridge Surprise	16	12	+4	1	3	-2	17	15	+2
Turramurra Surprise	14	4	+1	3	0	+3	17	4	+13
Belfast Surprise	11	7	+4	0	0	0	11	7	+4
Pudsey Surprise	11	20	-9	2	10	-8	13	30	-17
Dereham Surprise	10	12	-2	0	1	-1	10	13	-3
Rutland Surprise	9	23	-14	4	5	-1	13	28	-15
Cassiobury Surprise	9	11	-2	0	1	-1	9	12	-3
Other Surprise	432	478	-46	16	28	-12	448	506	-58
Cooktown Orchid Delight	29	4	+2	2	0	+2	31	4	+27
Single Delight	159	181	-22	12	7	+5	171	188	-17
Double Norwich Court Bob	33	23	+1	4	13	-9	37	36	+1
Plain Bob	31	21	+1	43	55	-12	74	76	-2
Kent Treble Bob	1	3	-2	40	36	+4	41	39	+2
Other	142	74	+6	4	16	-12	146	90	+56
Total Major	1854	1883	-29	345	405	-60	2199	2288	-89
Triples/Major	1	3	-2	0	0	0	1	3	-2
Triples									
Stedman	47	66	-19	13	11	+2	60	77	-17
Grandsire	77	55	+2	0	0	0	77	55	+22
Plain Bob	13	16	-3	0	0	0	13	16	-3
Other	12	8	+4	0	0	0	12	8	+4
Total Triples	149	145	+4	13	11	+2	162	156	+6
Minor									
Spliced surprise	137	159	-22	5	5	0	142	164	-22
Spliced other	41	35	+6	1	5	-4	42	40	+2
8+ Methods Surprise	78	63	+1	3	2	+1	81	65	+16
Other	14	15	-1	18	12	+6	32	27	+5
7 Methods Surprise	306	331	-25	14	16	-2	320	347	-27
Other	132	109	+3	22	12	+1	154	121	+33
2-6 Methods Surprise	14	19	-5	1	2	-1	15	21	-6
Other	68	63	+5	62	37	+2	130	100	+30
Plain Bob Minor	27	19	+8	21	28	-7	48	47	+1
Cambridge Surprise	36	44	-8	7	5	+2	43	49	-6
Other Surprise	5	8	-3	3	11	-8	8	19	-11
Other	8	7	+1	2	5	-3	10	12	-2
Total Minor	866	872	-34	159	140	+1	1025	1012	+13
Doubles/Minor	7	5	+2	0	1	-1	7	6	+1
Doubles									
2+ Methods	78	90	-12	0	0	0	78	90	-12
Grandsire	7	9	-2	0	0	0	7	9	-2
Stedman	10	5	+5	1	0	+1	11	5	+6
Other	3	4	-1	0	0	0	3	4	-1
Total Doubles	98	108	-10	1	0	+1	99	108	-9
Minimus	4	1	+3	0	0	0	4	1	+3
TOTAL	3866	3891	-25	751	846	-95	4617	4737	-120

The Felstead Project

During 2018 the work of maintaining the accuracy of the Felstead database has continued, the number of additions and corrections being somewhat higher than the previous year. The number of additions made as a result of John Eisel continuing his search of digitised newspapers, mainly from the 19th century, has increased to 99, with a further 28 corrections being made. A further 102 additions/corrections have been notified by Colin Turner and, in addition to his much appreciated work of adding all new peals and making any necessary corrections to the post-1989 data, Andrew Craddock has found 18 previously unrecorded peals and 62 corrections to the earlier data. Alan Glover has again been very helpful in answering a number of queries by reference to materials in the Library, which has enabled a number of corrections to be made. Work is continuing to add the source references to the database during which a number of corrections have been made. Notifications from several other people have resulted in a further six additions and ten corrections and gratitude is expressed to all who have contributed in any way to the accuracy of the database.

First peals in methods on Tower Bells.

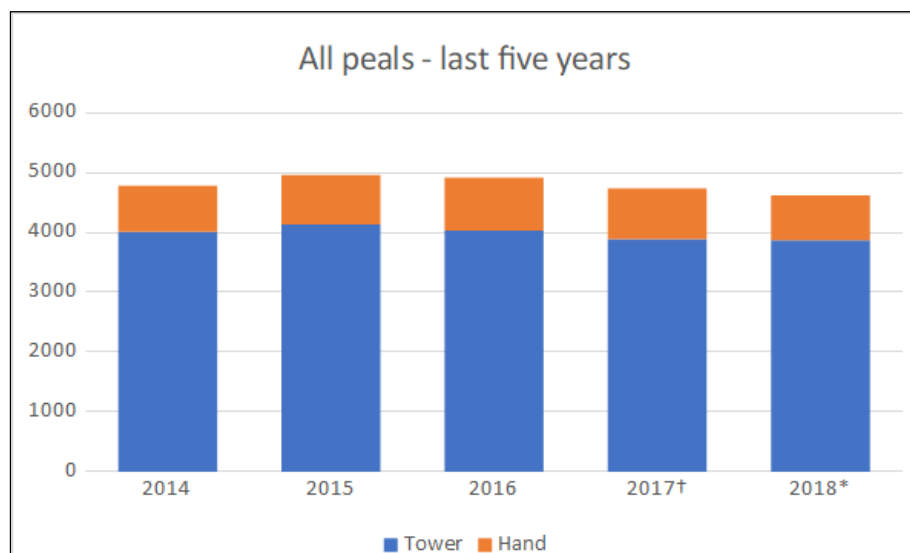
January

1	5056 Damflask Surprise Major	Yorks A
2	5024 Smithworth Surprise Major	Yorks A
4	5040 Bovey Tracey Hybrid Major	Bath & Wells DA
6	5152 Hartlepool Delight Major	Lincoln DG
10	5152 Whickham Delight Major	Lincoln DG
10	5152 VietJet Air Treble Place Major	Yorks A
11	5152 Humphlet Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
11	5152 Far Headingley Surprise Major	Yorks A
12	5088 Carys Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA
13	5184 Euximoor Fen Surprise Maximus	Guilford DG
17	5100 Stocksfield Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
19	5056 Whittlesey Treble Place Major	S&N DG
20	5152 Swavesey Delight Major	S&N DG
21	5088 Boo Boo Bear Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
23	5004 Danegate Alliance Royal	Trent Valley A
24	5120 Blackcap Surprise Major	Yorks A
24	5130 Uppertown Alliance Major	Trent Valley A
24	5040 Slaley Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
26	5024 Counterslip Delight Major	S Michaels S
26	5040 Huchedene Alliance Major	Amersham G
30	5130 Moreton in Marsh Alliance Major	V Evesham S

February

1	5088 Abbotsham Hybrid Major	Bath & Wells DA
2	5040 Snowdrop Treble Bob Minor	S&N DG
2	5184 Pinetrees Surprise Major	G&B DA
3	5056 Mickleton Delight Major	S Northants S
3	5040 Urmston Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
6	5024 Yewdall Surprise Major	Yorks A
7	5040 St Barnabas Bob Triples	Suffolk G
12	5088 Vintners Surprise Major	St James G
12	5088 Bovey Tracey Treble Place Major	Bath & Wells DA
14	5024 Haydon Bridge Delight Major	Lincoln DG

16	5040 Flax Bourton Alliance Major	G&B DA
17	5024 Haynes Treble Place Major	Peterboro DG
21	5184 Xeranthemum Delight Major	Yorks A
22	5088 Armistice Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
23	5056 Telos Surprise Major	ASCY
23	5024 Great Kingshill Surprise Major	Amersham G
26	5040 Leeds Alliance Major	Yorks A
March		
7	5120 Kingfisher Surprise Major	Yorks A
7	5088 Lexicon Bracknell Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
8	5040 Spidean Mialach Surprise Royal	Devonshire G
11	5056 Hywyn Sant Surprise Major	Yorks A
11	5088 Cindy Bear Surprise Major	Devonshire G
15	5012 Ultracrepidarian Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
15	5130 Yarkhill Alliance Major	V Evesham S
15	5040 St Chads Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
20	5080 Uppermill Treble Place Royal	Lancs A
21	5040 Welbeck Delight Minor	S&N DG
21	5120 Fieldfare Surprise Major	Yorks A
21	5551 The Unknown Warrior Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
21	5096 Derwent Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
21	5040 March Alliance Major	Amersham G
21	5096 Pozieres Alliance Major	Lancs A
22	5100 Zwodder Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
23	5024 Downderry Beach Delight Major	ASCY
24	5024 Fern Surprise Major	G&B DA
25	5088 The Wombles Delight Major	G&B DA
28	5088 Sunnyside Delight Major	Lincoln DG
29	5088 75th Birthday Surprise Major	Coventry DG
April		
3	5152 Yewdale Surprise Major	S&N DG
4	5120 Easter Delight Major	Yorks A
5	5054 Okilly Dokilly Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
6	5040 Glassthorpe Alliance Royal	Peterboro DG
9	5024 Vimy Ridge Surprise Major	Oxford DG
9	5152 Semicentennial Delight Major	Non
11	5070 Hardwick Hall Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
12	5096 Partington Alliance Major	Lancs A
17	5056 I Can't Believe It's Not Cambridge Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
17	5040 Romsey Treble Place Minor	Freehold S
18	5120 Long-tailed Tit Surprise Major	Yorks A
18	5088 Grosmont Castle Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
18	5152 Uppertown Surprise Major	Lincoln DG
23	5152 St George's Day Delight Major	Amersham G
24	5000 Saltby Surprise Royal	Trent Valley A
26	5134 Quantum Leap Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
28	5120 Xini Delight Major	Oxford DG
28	5100 Beacham Alliance Major	Coventry DG
29	5056 Xiamen Surprise Major	V Evesham S
May		
2	5152 Redwing Surprise Major	Yorks A
2	5040 Natrium Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
3	5124 Veggiemonger Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
4	5040 Miles Platting Delight Royal	Lancs A
5	5088 Isles of Scilly Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
5	5040 Byermoor Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
7	5040 East Retford Delight Royal	E meets W
8	5024 Lower Loxley Surprise Major	ASCY
10	5040 Xtraction Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
20	5152 Ranger Smith Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
20	5124 Sussex Alliance Major	G&B DA
22	5016 Southwell Alliance Royal	S&N DG
23	5088 Burnham Abbey Delight Major	Amersham G
30	5096 Hertfordshire Alliance Major	St James G
30	5100 Oswaldtwistle Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
31	5040 Ben Cruachan Delight Royal	Devonshire G
June		
1	5040 Deenethorpe Surprise Royal	Peterboro DG
2	5040 Port Erin Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
6	5040 St John the Baptist Bob Triples	Suffolk G
6	5040 Kings Norton Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
7	5088 Knickknackatory Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
7	5024 Sutton-cum-Lound Delight Major	S&N DG
13	5152 Rebecca Delight Major	W&P DG
14	5088 Morrocosialatydolychachacha Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
14	5040 Kanchenjunga Surprise Royal	Devonshire G
14	5024 Cattistock Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA
16	5088 XX Surprise Major	Yorks A
19	5088 Gateacre Surprise Major	V Evesham S
20	5024 Newton Hall Delight Major	Lincoln DG
21	5124 Buckinghamshire Alliance Major	Amersham G
22	5056 Failand Surprise Major	G&B DA
23	5088 Seminary Surprise Major	NAG
24	5024 Jellystone Park Surprise Major	Devonshire G
27	5040 Truro Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
July		
1	5152 Klockhuys Delight Major	Dordrecht S
3	5088 Xenia Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA
4	5120 Yarrow Delight Major	Yorks A



4	5152 Independence Day Delight Major	Lincoln DG	14	5040 St Hilary Bob Doubles	Peterboro DG	March	
5	5088 Shepton Beauchamp Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA	17	5152 Velocity Surprise Major	Lincoln DG	11	5040 Westwood Delight Royal Lincoln DG
6	5112 Armston Alliance Royal	Peterboro DG	17	5152 Lowther Castle Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA	12	5152 Winchester Delight Major Leicester DG
7	5096 Swanmore Alliance Major	G&B DA	18	5184 Scratchy Bottom Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	25	5152 Fryerning Surprise Major Llan & Mon DA
7	5100 Fulbeck Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	18	5040 Mount Everest Delight Royal	Devonshire G	25	5040 An Teallach Delight Royal Lincoln DG
16	5152 Newton Bushell Surprise Major	Devonshire G	19	5040 Yealmpton Alliance Major	Dorset CA	April	
16	5088 William Smith Delight Major	Coventry DG	20	5088 St Ethelflaeda Delight Major	W&P DG	12	5184 Iodine Surprise Major G St Cuileáin
18	5088 Johnstone Castle Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	20	5088 Wombling Free Delight Major	G&B DA	22	5040 Schiehallion Delight Royal Lincoln DG
18	5152 Swanmore Delight Major	W&P DG	21	5088 Yakky Doodle Surprise Major	Devonshire G	29	5040 Xixabangma Feng Delight Royal Lincoln DG
18	5040 Gainford Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	21	5040 Cape Trafalgar Surprise Royal	Trent Valley A	May	
20	5040 Middlesex Bob Caters	St Margaret's S	22	5056 Eboracum Delight Major	Oxford DG	9	5090 Zeals Knoll Delight Maximus Oxford DG
21	5088 Oakham Ales Delight Major	F Reunited	23	5040 Upthorpe Delight Royal	Trent Valley A	13	5040 Pilton Delight Royal Lincoln DG
24	5040 Kilo Delight Royal	Chester DG	24	5088 Toby Surprise Major	Yorks A	20	5040 Fiftieth Day Delight Royal Lincoln DG
24	5184 Marisco Alliance Royal	Lundy IS	24	5160 Beverley Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	June	
24	5004 Beaumont Alliance Royal	Trent Valley A	26	5184 Eellogofusciohipoppokunurious Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA	4	5152 Sunderland Delight Major Leicester DG
25	5056 Crowning Glory Surprise Major	Yorks A	28	5130 Lower Broadheath Alliance Major	V Evesham S	July	
25	5040 Swineshead Alliance Major	Lincoln DG				18	5136 Snow Tiger Delight Maximus Oxford DG
27	5120 Puffin Alliance Royal	Lundy IS				24	5120 Docklow Surprise Major Hereford DG
30	5040 Crimson Surprise Maximus	St Martin's G				27	5040 Gleann Caoin Delight Royal G St Cuileáin
August			November			August	
2	5184 Floccinaucinihilipilification Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	1	5088 Rottenegg Treble Place Major	Bath & Wells DA	8	5040 Jewellery Quarter Surprise Maximus Oxford DG
2	5040 Lhotse Delight Royal	Devonshire G	2	5004 Barnsdale Surprise Royal	Peterboro DG	20	5088 Tipperary Surprise Maximus G St Cuileáin
7	5120 Valeswood Surprise Major	S&N DG	2	5024 Armistice 100 Delight Major	Non	September	
9	5040 Cho Oyu Surprise Royal	Devonshire G	3	5068 Xray Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	4	5152 Eardisley Surprise Major Hereford DG
10	5152 Humphlet No 2 Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	6	5040 Norman's Delight Minor	Truro DG	October	
15	5184 Kenilworth Castle Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	6	5040 Jacob Delight Royal	Kent CA	2	5056 Fownhope-on-Sea Surprise Major Hereford DG
15	5152 Bishopwearmouth Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	7	5200 Dore Bob Major	Yorks A	8	5152 Alpine Delight Major Leicester DG
16	5088 Hagley Hall Surprise Major	Devonshire G	8	5088 Ding Dong Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	17	5024 Cooktown Orchid Delight Major Oxford DG
17	5056 Dordrecht Treble Bob Major	Dordrecht S	8	5040 Dhaulagiri Surprise Royal	Devonshire G	November	
19	5088 Snagglepuss Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	10	5040 Royal British Legion Delight Royal	Kent CA	6	5120 Garway Surprise Major Hereford DG
22	5040 Sedbergh Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	14	5040 Raunds Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	12	5152 Leysland Delight Major Leicester DG
25	5700 Haddington 700 Surprise Major	Scottish A	15	5088 Windpassing Treble Place Major	Bath & Wells DA	December	
28	5000 Rylands Surprise Royal	Trent Valley A	17	5120 Toby Adam Surprise Major	G&B DA	10	5056 Huancayo Delight Major Leicester DG
29	5160 Low Gate Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	18	5088 Major Minor Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	Record Peals on Tower Bells	
September			18	5152 Cori Celesti Surprise Major	SRCY	November	
2	5760 Aaliyah Delight Minor	Lincs A	22	5088 Krappenhofen Treble Place Major	Bath & Wells DA	17	10082 Zanussi Surprise Maximus ASCY
4	5088 Valedico Delight Major	V Evesham S	28	5096 Tantobie Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	December	
6	5040 Shepton Beauchamp Halt Surprise Royal	Bath & Wells DA	December			28	10192 Spliced Surprise Fourteen (14m) ASCY
7	5082 Brixworth Surprise Royal	Peterboro DG	1	5040 Haydon Bridge Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	The Future	
10	5152 Nascot Surprise Major	St James G	5	5184 Horton Kirby Surprise Major	Kent CA	The aim of this Workgroup is to provide historical resources and services that are of benefit to ringers and non-ringers. To achieve that it is often helpful for members and supporters to carry out research and development projects that will also identify the infrastructure needed for wider use. These look like individual activities now but are expected to transform into more widely used tools and resources. For example, a couple of current projects are:	
12	5160 Marple Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	5	5120 Goldfinch Surprise Major	Yorks A	● On-line searching of the Central Council Library list, and other association library lists. The database for this is a starting point. Adding book indexes with links to scanned pdf pages provides much	
13	5184 Selling Surprise Major	Kent CA	5	5040 Zulu Alliance Major	Lincoln DG		
16	5088 Chudleigh Knighton Hybrid Major	Bath & Wells DA	16	5184 De Lacy Delight Major	Yorks A		
19	5040 Whitley Chapel Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	17	5010 Xmas Alliance Major	Coventry DG		
20	5088 Xenonosocomiophobia Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	19	5152 Ares Surprise Major	Yorks A		
20	5152 Winford Manor Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA	24	5184 Scrooge Surprise Major	Devonshire G		
23	5130 Diglis Alliance Major	Non	25	5100 Christmas Day Alliance Major	Lincoln DG		
23	5004 Ullock Pike Alliance Royal	Lancs A	26	5040 Woolloomooloo Alliance Major	Devonshire G		
24	5100 Quinn's Alliance Major	Coventry DG	31	5056 New Year's Eve Bob Major	D&N		
26	5152 Thurlby Delight Major	Lincoln DG	31	5080 Kable Alliance Royal	Peterboro DG		
29	5057 Earl Waldegrave Surprise Major	Dorset CA	First peals in methods on Handbells				
30	5088 Blackdown Surprise Major	G&B DA	January				
October			2	5152 Adforton Surprise Major	Hereford DG		
3	5096 Pickering Nook Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	9	5152 Bridstow Surprise Major	Hereford DG		
3	5100 Ramicourt Alliance Major	S&N DG	23	5152 Cradley Surprise Major	Hereford DG		
6	5152 Cushat Law Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	28	5040 Kilo Delight Royal	Lincoln DG		
7	5060 Diamond Wedding Treble Place Major	Bath & Wells DA	February				
10	5000 Athelney Castle Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	4	5040 Halley Delight Royal	Lincoln DG		
10	5040 Dipton Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	11	5040 Norburn Delight Royal	Lincoln DG		
11	5184 Tittybong Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	18	5040 Old Bill Delight Royal	Lincoln DG		
12	5024 Meminimus Surprise Major	Lincoln DG	21	5040 Fallingwells Surprise Maximus	Oxford DG		
			25	5040 Ruwenzori Delight Royal	W&P DG		

greater accessibility. A prototype has proved the concept which just needs to be transferred to the CCCBR site. Then it just needs a workforce of volunteers to gradually add more indexes. Thanks to The Whiting Society for access to their scanned pdf collection.

- Back-populating BellBoard and adding images of peal boards can be done now but will be made very much easier with the addition of a *Ringling World* lookup in the Library list. Expect to see instructions for this soon.

Structurally, the Workgroup will continue as a core of people looking after each sub-group and a number of advisers / consultants / helpers supporting them. This will provide both quality of input with the flexibility to respond to varying queries and the introduction of new ideas.

DOUG HIRD (*Workgroup Leader*)



Local ringers with clappers old and new, at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton. The CCCBR Bell Restoration Fund supported the installation of the new ring of 12.



Stewardship & Management Workgroup

The formation of the Workgroup was formally agreed at the CCCBR meeting held in Lancaster in May 2018. The Workgroup brings together the work of four former CCCBR Committees:

- Tower Stewardship
- Towers & Belfries
- Bell Restoration
- Committee for Redundant Bells

This report is therefore in two parts – first, reports for the activities in each of the Committees (until end of May 2018), plus a report from the new Workgroup (from June 2018).

Committee Reports

Towers & Belfries

In the first few months of the year, members of the Committee advised on enquiries from towers on topics ranging from lightning conductors and their bonding to metal bell frames, to earthquake resistance for towers (Christchurch, New Zealand). Committee members also prepared and updated advice on telecoms equipment installations in towers.

Following the launch of the *Manual of Belfry Maintenance* in 2017, sales continued well and the book is proving to be a valuable resource. Work has continued with a major piece of theoretical work on tower movement.

At the CCCBR meeting in Lancaster, members of the Committee presented a “hands on” guide on practical belfry maintenance at St John’s Church, Pilling. This 2

hour session included both theory then a practical inspection in the bell chamber. This event was attended by a small group of people and was well received.

The Committee held one meeting during the period and most Committee members agreed to join the Stewardship & Management Workgroup.

Tower Stewardship

In the first half of the year, Committee members continued to provide advice in response to enquiries on topics such as safeguarding, insurance, data protection, sound control and complaints about noise. Members of the Committee are monitoring the progress of the pilot studies launched in Manchester and Suffolk as part of the Taylor Review of the “Sustainability of English Churches and Cathedrals”.

Bell Restoration

The Committee continued to provide advice and help to churches involved in restoration projects.

Several enquiries are received every month and many projects continue over a period of a few years.

The Committee took on responsibility for sales of the BRF fundraising jigsaws but this responsibility is now passing to the Communications & Marketing Workgroup. In 2018 the jigsaw picture was especially topical showing the bells of Ypres Memorial Chapel prior to their installation in the tower. 52 have been sold.

The Committee now administers the allocation of grant awards from two funds.

The awards made in the period up to end May 2018 were as follows:

CCCBR Bell Restoration Fund

New grants – None.

Awards paid – 2, total value £1,700, awarded in March 2015 and 3, total value £1,250, awarded in March 2017.

Fred Dukes International Bell Fund

New grant – 1, value £700.

Awards paid – 1, value £900, awarded in March 2017 and 1, value £700 awarded in March 2018.

The Committee intended to present a session on bell restoration projects at the Lancaster CCCBR meeting in May. This was regrettably cancelled due to lack of registrations for the session.

Committee for Redundant Bells

The transfer of the residual sum of money in the Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells to the CCCBR Bell Restoration Fund was completed.

Contact with the Churches Conservation Trust has continued at a low level. It is still hoped that a protocol for management of bells in their churches will be developed. This may also be appropriate for bells in other towers that are not owned and / or managed by the Church.

Stewardship & Management Workgroup

Organisational structure

Provisional preparations for the new Workgroup were underway during the first part of 2018, with implementation from June 2018 after the CCCBR decision to go ahead at the meeting in Lancaster. The

Workgroup is led by Alison Hodge, with Robin Shipp as Secretary. Including the Leader and Secretary, there are 22 members (as at end of January 2019), all but three of whom are Central Council members. In addition, the Workgroup has identified “specialists” who are available to advise on specific topics as required, but do not participate in the Workgroup routinely. In view of the size and geographical spread of the members of the group, work is progressed by email, teleconferences and occasional face-to-face meetings. Four teleconferences and one physical meeting have been held in the half year.

Recalling the Terms of Reference for the Workgroup, we are addressing topics that relate to the care of bells and their installations, ringers and others in and around bell towers. We are therefore structuring our activities under three main themes. Topics covered include

- Tower infrastructure – bells, frames, fittings, tower structures, access and security, acoustics and noise, other tower users, etc.
- Tower operation – safeguarding, data protection, health & safety, insurance, equality and diversity, conflicts of interest, ringer and tower captain responsibilities, church liaison, etc.
- Major projects – all aspects of installations and restorations, tower structures and bells, managing projects, bidding for grants and raising funds, stakeholder and community engagement, etc.

Activities

Many of the activities of the Workgroup, like those of the former Committees, are invisible to all but the few people involved. We typically respond to about 10 enquiries from ringers, towers, parishes and other stakeholders every month on topics relating

to ringers, bells, towers and ringing. Responses may be relatively straightforward for members of the Group but in other instances members of the Group work for long periods with an extended network of specialists and other contacts in order to optimise information and advice. Replies may be needed in very short timescales and some may be in circumstances that require sensitivity and discretion. Enquiries are wide-ranging and demonstrate the scope of the issues faced by ringers during their ringing activities. They come from throughout Britain, Ireland and overseas. Examples have included

- Visible cracking in a headstock, is it serious?
- Acoustics inside towers
- Bell noise external to towers
- Smoke alarms and fire protection
- Corrosion of a bell frame
- Structural integrity of towers
- “Rehoming” an old bell
- Lightning protection
- Installing a complete new ring of bells
- Replacement bells following a fire
- Requests for financial support
- Advice on fund raising
- Managing bell restoration projects
- Engaging the community in bells projects
- Risk management and insurance for ringers
- Data protection and GDPR
- Safeguarding formalities
- Tower constitution
- Terms of reference for tower captains
- Roles and responsibilities of ringers.

Members of the Workgroup participate in meetings and events to share their expertise more widely and to keep up to date with their own knowledge. For example, several members spoke at and participated in the Diocesan Advisory Committee Bell Advisers Conference in June 2018 and diocesan

events on volunteers working with local communities. We have contributed to and reviewed documents being prepared by other organisations such as the Churches Conservation Trust and Historic England.

The CCCBR provides advice and information in the form of Guidance Notes, freely available on the website. With the formation of the Workgroup, a major activity is the revision and expansion of the set of Guidance Notes. Priorities have been assigned and this is underway. Note that since the respective Committees each had their own numbering scheme which now overlap each other in the Workgroup, the whole set will be renumbered. The first few will be available early in 2019 on the revised CCCBR website. They will be announced in *The Ringing World*.

The occasional notes in *The Ringing World* giving topical advice (“When did you last do it”) are being extended from those offered by the Towers & Belfries Committee to encompass activities of the whole Workgroup. They will also be added to the CCCBR website for reference.

The administration of the CCCBR Bell Restoration Fund and Fred E. Dukes International Fund is a responsibility of this Workgroup and 4 Stewards are appointed by the Executive to undertake this rôle; Ian Oram is continuing his involvement as a Steward. Since June 2018, the following awards have been made:

CCBRF

New grants awarded – 32, total value £27,200; these concern 5 rings of 3, 5 of 5, 5 of 6, 12 of 8, 4 of 10 and 1 of 12. Of particular interest is the scheme to rehouse the long unringable 10 from Hanley, Staffs and the first award to a European church at Vernet-les-Bains.

Awards paid – 9, total value £6,750, awarded in March 2017 and 1, value £750 awarded in June 2018.

Fred E. Dukes International Bell Fund

New grants are due to be awarded in the early part of 2019. There are no outstanding awards to be paid.

Towards the end of 2018, members of the Workgroup spent a few days at Wingrave tower undertaking experimental measurements on the tower, the bells and bell installation to complement the theoretical work that has been underway for some while. The results are now being analysed and will be published when complete. From a bell ringing perspective, bell tower motion affects bell handling. The ultimate aim of this work is to be able to predict theoretically, within practical engineering accuracy, the tower motion that results from ringing bells.



The new bells arriving in Taunton. The first peal on the new bells was on 11th November 2018

For all the work of the Workgroup, acknowledgement is due for the immense contributions made by members of the Workgroup and specialists. Their expertise is invaluable and it is gratifying when we receive thanks from appreciative recipients. Much of this expertise has been accumulated over many years through both professional and voluntary work.

Plans for next 3 years

The Workgroup will continue its advice, guidance and training in response to enquiries. Arrangements are being put in place to ensure that requests for assistance are efficiently routed to a suitable adviser. Meanwhile comments or questions can be directed to the Workgroup Leader. Revision and addition of Guidance Notes is a major undertaking and we will aim to provide information in new formats, such as webinars and on-line videos as well as traditional text formats.

We will be holding occasional seminars and workshops on topics within the scope of the Workgroup. As part of this, we would like to get to know and work more closely with guild and association representatives, officers and members who share the same interests. We are collaborating with the other Workgroups and organisations such as ART wherever our interests converge. We also liaise and maintain links with other organisations that have related interests – church groups, heritage bodies, and specialist professionals.

We welcome new members to the Workgroup – it is no longer a requirement to be a member of the CCCBR to be a Workgroup member! Please contact the Secretary, Robin Shipp (smSec@cccbr.org.uk).

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- Tower Stewardship
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 MICHAEL HANSFORD
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 CHRIS MEW
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- Bell Restoration
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 JOHN BARNES
 JAY BUNYAN (*Secretary*)
 KEN DAVENPORT
 GRAHAM HILLS
 PETER KIRBY
 IAN ORAM
 PETER WILKINSON (*Chairman*)

- Committee for Redundant Bells
 IAN HASTILOW
 TIM JACKSON
 JULIAN NEWMAN
 HELEN WEBB
 DAVID WESTERMAN

Members of Stewardship & Management Workgroup (joined since June 2018)

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 TONY CRABTREE
 KEN DAVENPORT
 GEORGE DAWSON
 ALAN FROST
 TONY GOODMAN (*Resigned*)
 IAN HASTILOW (*Resigned*)
 DAVID HIBBERT
 GRAHAM HILLS (*Resigned*)
 ALISON HODGE (*Workgroup Leader*)
 PETER KIRBY
 DAVID MATTINGLEY
 CHRIS MEW
 JULIAN NEWMAN
 ALLEN NUNLEY
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Technical & Taxonomy Workgroup

The Technical & Taxonomy Workgroup was established as part of the new organisational structure of the Central Council in anticipation of the change in rules adopted at the AGM in May 2018. Its remit is:

- To maintain and publish for the Council authoritative reference standards for change ringing.
- To ensure that authoritative records and analysis of published methods, published compositions and significant tower & handbell peals are available.
- Where requested to provide guidance on methods, compositions and aspects of ringing theory.
- To promote innovation and interest in the theory of ringing and the use of technology to support ringing.
- To develop and maintain technology platforms:
 - support the Council's work and the objectives of its other Workgroups and Stewards.
 - support individual ringers and ringing societies where this will deliver significant benefits to the ringing community.

This encompasses the activities that were formerly undertaken by the Methods Committee, the Compositions Committee, the ICT Committee and the Dove Stewards. It is also responsible for the Framework for Method Ringing.

The Workgroup's services and current projects are:

	Methods	Compositions	Dove	ICT
Services	Methods Library	Composition Collections	Dove Website	Council Website
	Articles & Publications	Articles & Publications	Dove's Guide	Council IT Infrastructure
	Help & Advice	Help & Advice		Event Support
	Framework for Method Ringing			
Projects	Framework Version 1	The Ultimate Collection	11 th Edition	Ringing Remembers
	Framework Implementation	Doubles Variations and Calls Library	New Dove Database	New Website
	Review of Extension Processes		Dove iOS App	Office 365 Migration
				not started
				active
				complete

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ICT ict@cccbr.org.uk	Doug Davis - team leader; Andrew Hall; Dave Richards ; Leigh Simpson
PROJECTS	
Framework for Method Ringing (Version 1)	Core: Tim Barnes - project leader; Mark Davies; John Harrison; Graham John; Philip Saddleton Reviewers: Philip Earis; Andrew Johnson; Don Morrison; Peter Scott; Leigh Simpson; Richard Smith; Derek Williams; Robin Woolley
Ringing Remembers Website & Database	Andrew Hall
Dove 11	Compilers: John Baldwin; Tim Jackson; Ron Johnston Contributors: Nick Bowden; David Cawley; Philip Green; David Kelly; Chris Pickford; Neil Skelton; Michael Williams
New Dove Database	Tech Lead: Richard Smith Contributors: Peter Harrison; Steve Nash; Leigh Simpson; Dove Stewards: Doug Davis; Tim Jackson; Tim Pett
Dove for iOS	Jeremy Knowles
New CCCBR Website	Doug Davis
Office 365 Migration	Doug Davis

The Workgroup consists of teams based around this structure, with a core providing the services and project teams that bring together core members and additional specialists as required.

Methods Library

The CCCBR Methods Library had been diligently maintained for many years by Tony Smith on behalf of the Methods Committee, and we thank Tony on behalf of all ringers for the huge amount of painstaking work involved over such a long period. This required inspecting all the performances reported in *The Ringing World* for new methods, checking that they comply with the Decisions on naming, classification and extension, liaising with conductors where issues arise, before recording them and the associated references in the collections. Tony had indicated that he did not wish to continue this work on behalf of the Council after the 2018 AGM, so the Technical and Taxonomy Workgroup has maintained the Methods Library since 29 May 2018.

A new approach was needed to maintain the Methods Library and generate the various list formats provided to ringers. The Composition Library website and its associated database was ideal for the purpose, given that it already had most of the functionality required to support maintenance of the methods, and was already being kept up to date with new methods. Leading up to the

May 2018 Council meeting, its software was enhanced to help the Workgroup's methods curator quickly identify BellBoard performances containing new methods, perform checks against existing place notations, names and candidate extensions, and provide the correct classification, identifying any potential issues for further investigation. Once accepted, new methods are made public on the Composition Library website with a reference link back to the source performance on BellBoard. This website provides much greater accessibility to the CCCBR Methods Library for ringers, as it has a comprehensive search using a wide variety of criteria, displays the blue line and other method properties, lists suitable compositions, and ringers can use it to validate new methods for themselves.

Additional software was written to generate the various lists of methods by place notation, similar to those previously provided. A text format is provided for browsing and downloading into spreadsheets, an XML format is provided for PC and mobile phone applications, and now the MicroSiril format, used by a number of older applications, is also generated automatically. All these files are available from the Council website at methods.cccbr.org.uk and every version is automatically archived in the Council's GitHub repository. This means that a full history is maintained of changes and, once the lists have been generated,

there is no dependency on Composition Library.

New methods published on BellBoard that meet the naming requirements defined in the Council Decisions have been added to the Methods Library in weekly updates, and as at 31 December 2018, it held 20,703 methods. Notification of recent additions have been provided on the CCCBR website, optionally by email to registered users of Composition Library and via a posting to members of the Ringing Methods Facebook Group. 494 methods were added in 2018, equivalent to just over 40 methods each month. Of these 355 were rung in peals, 26 in extents, and 113 in quarter peals, the latter demonstrating a popular step forward in making the Council's services more relevant to "grass roots" ringing following the changes to the Decisions in 2016 and 2017. However, it has still been the case that non-method blocks and new methods rung in spliced can only be named if rung in a peal. This is addressed by the Method Ringing Framework which is effective from June 2019.

The Workgroup's methods panel has answered a number of questions received via email at methods@cccbr.org.uk and its members have also responded directly to questions posed on ringing email lists and social media.

Framework for Method Ringing

The new Framework for Method Ringing was drafted and reviewed during 2017/18 and implemented by the CC Executive on 24 February 2019, with an effective date of 1 June 2019. At the same time, all existing Decisions of the Council were retired, effective from the same date.

The Framework is a ‘standard’ in the Council’s rules, which is a type of policy as defined in Council rule 10.4. It will be maintained by the Technical & Taxonomy Workgroup under the supervision of the Executive.

The Framework transitions us from the rules-based approach of the Decisions to a descriptive approach. Ringers and bands decide what they’d like to ring, and the Framework provides standard terminology for describing what was rung in a consistent way. This removes the Council from its previous rôle of arbiter of what is and isn’t considered a peal and a method, and leaves it to ringers to decide what they think of published performances. The Framework also provides detailed definitions, explanations and examples for any terminology used.

The Framework is available at <https://framework.cccbr.org.uk> and development of the Framework was documented in five *Ringling World* articles. These articles are available in appendix G of the Framework.

The working draft of the Framework has been publicly available on the Internet since October 2017, and two ringing community consultations were widely publicized, including in *The Ringling World*, on ringers’ email lists, on Facebook and Twitter, on the CC website, and by communication to all CC members and to all CC-affiliated societies. Over 40 ringers participated, raising over 130 points between them, and the feedback resulted in many improvements to the Framework. The consultation submissions and our responses are in appendix H.

While there will never be a version of the Framework that all ringers fully agree with, we believe we’ve created a Framework that will be acceptable to a large majority of ringers, and which satisfies, to the extent possible, our mandate of simple, permissive and descriptive while maintaining historical continuity.

The implemented Framework is version 1. The Framework team intentionally left some things to consider in subsequent versions, since trying to do everything in one go would have taken too long. In particular, the Framework’s method extension requirements largely follow those in the Decisions, but this is an area where more analysis may

lead to improvements and simplification. Timing for a second version of the Framework has not yet been determined, but will likely follow between 6 and 12 months after version 1.

Finally, a big thankyou to everyone who helped in the development of the first version of the Framework – those in the core team and the review group, those who sent in consultation submissions, and everyone else who otherwise gave suggestions and feedback along the way. This was very much a team effort.

Compositions

Since Composition Library has provided the ability for composers and others to self-publish compositions on the Internet, and searchable online collections have reduced the demand for printed publications, the need for a number of the services historically provided by the Compositions Committee has declined. This has given the new Workgroup compositions team the opportunity to rethink what ringers now need with regard to composition, while embracing new technology to improve the composition resources available to conductors, composers and researchers.

The initial focus has been on capturing compositions used when methods are first rung, to quickly disseminate innovative and noteworthy compositions that have been rung recently, and ultimately to capture compositions from all printed and online collections to provide a single comprehensive reference resource for compositions – a prerequisite to solving longstanding issues around originality and ‘reinventing the wheel’ in composition. Workgroup team members have added over 500 compositions to Composition Library in 2018 and over 600 from January to March 2019. It is growing rapidly and now holds around 29,000 compositions including 900 short

touches; 5,000 quarters and date touches; 23,000 peals; and 200 long lengths – more than any other single collection.

Those interested in composition have been well-served by *The Ringling World* during 2018. The team prepared and published a collection of Date Touches for 2019 in the Christmas edition. There have also been a number of excellent independent articles recently on composition published such as *An Extent of Royal* (Richard Pullin), *Scientific Triples – Solving John Carter’s Puzzle* (Colin Wyld), *Binning the Bob* (Glenn Taylor), *Norman Smith’s Composition of 23-spliced Surprise Major Recognised* (John Fielden), *Project Pickled Egg* (Simon Linford), and compositions for *The Ringling World’s* Diary Method of the Month (David Hull).

For 2019, Richard Pullin is writing a series of articles on ‘Notable Composers of the Past’ for publication in *The Ringling World*, and in due course it is the intention to also provide these articles and those written by others as a permanent online resource.

Many of the Council’s publications for composition, while out of print, are still available from the Council’s website, where they can be downloaded for free.

Stewards of the Dove Database

During 2018 we made 1064 updates to the information that we show against a ‘Dove entry’, and 917 updates to the information held in the prototype-National Bell Register (pNBR), the former representing an 20% increase on the number of changes made during 2017.

The number of Dove entries, and the changes that occurred during this period, are summarised as follows:

	Rings			Unringable		
	As at 1 Jan	As at 31 Dec	Change	As at 1 Jan	As at 31 Dec	Change
16s	3	3	0	0	0	0
15s	1	1	0	0	0	0
14s	1	1	0	0	0	0
12s	138	139	+1	0	0	0
10s	283	285	+2	2	2	0
8s	1896	1896	0	39	46	+7
6s	2933	2948	+15	85	102	+17
5s	600	593	-7	133	131	-2
4s	317	310	-7	152	147	-5
3s	974	969	-5	573	576	+3
Total	7146	7145	-1	984	1004	+20

We list three rings for the first time (namely Ingleburn, Australia; Kilmoord, Ireland; and Moresby, Cumbria) but no longer list seven others (namely Bolton Percy, N Yorks; Carlton Scroop, Lincs; Foxholes, N Yorks; Newton St Petrock, Devon; Paisley, Scotland; Sancton, ER Yorks; and Sigglesworth, ER Yorks). In addition, in the light of new information received, we re-list three rings previously de-listed (namely Little Wilbraham, Cambs; Theddlethorpe All Saints, Lincs; and Thurlby (SK96), Lincs). We have been notified of 16 augmentations, nine rings that are no longer unringable, and 32 rings that are now unringable. In addition, following a policy change, we now take into account all the bells in a ring even if one bell has been re-hung for chiming only and, as a consequence, we now list ten rings with one bell more than we did at the end of 2017.

We thank all who have notified us of changes. Once again, the majority were provided by a small number of contributors, with over 90% of pNBR updates being supplied by fewer than 20 people. We are grateful to those who keep us informed of changes within their own locality.

We sincerely thank John Baldwin for his continued active participation as DoveMaster.

We are delighted to report that the *Dove II* project has been completed. We achieved a publication date of 31 December 2018 with the book going on sale via CCCBR Publications on 4 February 2019. We would like to express our gratitude to Ron Johnston, for his invaluable contribution in assisting John Baldwin and Tim Jackson to compile this latest edition; to David Cawley, for authoring eleven of the appendices; to Philip Green, for his guidance in turning the manuscript into a real book; and to everyone else who helped to bring this project to a successful conclusion.

The popular Dove iOS app, written by John Baldwin's son Sid, has not been available for some time because it no longer runs under current versions of iOS and has become incompatible with some of the external services on which it depends. As Sid is no longer able to maintain the app following his stroke, we are pleased to report that Jeremy Knowles, a ringer from Yorkshire, is working on a replacement.

We apologise for a slight hiccup in October when a change in policy by the provider resulted in a short outage (of less than one day) in the Google Maps capability of the Dove website. Although Google now charge for the use of Google Maps, the usage to date on the Dove website remains

below the threshold at which costs are incurred.

We attended the DAC Bell Advisers' Conference, held at Loughborough in June, at which Church Care outlined their progress in compiling an independent database of bells and bell frames. We have suggested to Church Care that the two parties should consider the sharing of data, to eliminate inconsistencies between the two data sets and to avoid duplication of effort, but we have heard nothing since.

Richard Smith and his team continue to make good progress in developing a replacement solution for Dove using up-to-date technology. Key achievements during 2018 are as follows:

- Migrated Dove to the same server as BellBoard (March).
- Upgraded that server to Debian 9, running MariaDB 10.1 (March).
- Deployed new User Management and Authentication subsystem, this being the first bit of database-driven functionality on the Dove site (June).
- Deployed a versioning system, so that all previous versions of any data item are retained, and a complete audit log, so that all changes to any data item are recorded; converted the News Bulletin subsystem to use them (November).
- Currently developing a hierarchical system of regions (countries, counties, dioceses, and territorial associations).
- Currently planning an API for Dove.

ICT

The ICT team's focus during 2018 has been to continue to provide support for the Council's IT infrastructure while helping the newly established Executive and Workgroups with planning in a number of areas.

As part of the Ringing Remembers campaign a website and associated database to record participants was built by Andrew Hall and maintained throughout the project.

Support has been provided for a number of events including recording and live streaming sessions at the AGM.

As well as ongoing maintenance, a number of interim changes have been made to the CC website to introduce the new organisational structure, add the new rules and decisions, and make other updates as requested by the Executive and Workgroup leaders. As the website had become rather large and unwieldy over time, joint workshops with the Communications & Marketing Workgroup considered how it can be made more appealing as well as easy to navigate from the particular perspective of different audiences. Work started on a new version intended to go live in mid 2019.

Following discussion with The Ringing World it has been agreed to set up automated news feeds in both directions between the respective websites.

We have been working on plans to migrate the Council's email services to Office 365, which is provided free by Microsoft as part of its commitment to charities and non-profit organisations. In due course it will enable the officers and Workgroups to have individual @cccbr.org.uk email addresses and provide them with access to the collaboration tools and workspaces that come with an Office 365 subscription.



Volunteer & Leadership Workgroup

The formation of the Workgroup was agreed at the CCCBR meeting held in Lancaster in May 2018. The Workgroup largely replaces two former CCCBR Committees: Education and Ringing Centres. However it will not seek to replicate their previous activities exactly.

This report is in two parts – first, reports for the activities in each of the Committees (until the end of May 2018), plus a report from the new Workgroup (from June 2018 to January 2019).

Committee Reports

Education

Education Column: During this part of 2018 the Education Column reached its third series in *The Ringing World*. There was an enthusiastic response. It was agreed to continue production, and articles (now into series 4) are still appearing.

Handling posters Sales of the A3 illustrated handling posters continued and were well received.

Conference run jointly with ART. The Education Committee organised a conference on simulators in partnership with ART on Sunday 2 March 2018. People were able to talk to developers and try different systems on various dumb bells. Feedback was extremely positive. Roger Booth has organised a number of ART workshops which have followed on from this event.

At the CCCBR meeting in Lancaster, members of the Committee assisted with the youth seminar organised by Giles Blundell.

Ringing Centres

In the first half of 2018, Ringing Centres Committee carried out a survey of ringing centres.

The Committee noted that ringing centres have certain features in common but they are increasingly diverse. The Committee continued to encourage good governance and sound practice.

“Bell Ringing Centres” on Facebook have grown as a means of communication where members can swap experiences, seek advice, pass on information, promote events and share concerns.

The Committee issued *Training Times* in May 2018.

The Committee had a dumbbell on display at the Lancaster CCCBR meeting in May.

Volunteer & Leadership Workgroup

Organisational structure

Provisional preparations for the new Workgroup began in October 2017, with a liaison group to the shadow Executive. Implementation was from June 2018 after the CCCBR decision in Lancaster. The Workgroup is led by Tim Hine. There are 20 members (as at 1 February 2019), 12 of whom are Central Council members. The Workgroup also has some supporters who do not participate in the Workgroup routinely. This is not a “top down” movement. The Workgroup is looking for people to run things in a devolved manner.

We will not have many large group meetings. Communication in the group is largely by email and phone / video calls. There were multiple email exchanges. One “in person” meeting took place in October 2018.

Plans for next 3 years

Having regard to the Terms of Reference for the Workgroup and colleagues in other workgroups and ART, we aim to address three very important and topical priorities:

- Youth
- Leadership
- Retention as part of recruitment.

This work is best supported by a working partnership with the ART body.

Activities

Youth: Planning a conference on Sunday 3 March 2019 at Worcester. From autumn 2018, with support from David Smith, the group planned the conference with a range of speakers and a “have your say” component. Workgroup members did the hosting and gained the support of some excellent leaders in the field of youth ringing for this event. We will report later on the outcomes.

Interviews with leaders: Four interviews were carried out with ringing leaders during 2018 by Elva Ainsworth and David Smith. These appeared in *The Ringing World*. It is intended to broaden the range of interviewees – not all will be widely known.

Ringing Centres: Maureen Frost, who has a particular interest in ringing centres, transferred to V&L. We aim to support, talk with and encourage communication among ringing centres. We have discussions on the Ringing Centres Facebook group. Centres that returned a survey in 2018 have been sent a further survey form this year. The

survey is a data collecting exercise and includes some open questions. The results will inform a website update and future actions.

Education column: Articles from David Smith continued to be very well received during the half year.

Can you help?

This Workgroup is very new and entirely depends on the energy and skill of volunteers for future success. Ideas for new services or projects are welcome. If you would like to contribute actively to the working of this group then we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Workgroup Leader, Tim Hine (vllead@cccbbr.org.uk).

Members of CCCBR Committees (until May 2018)

- Education
 - LESLEY BELCHER (*consultant*)
 - VERONICA DOWNING
 - DAVID HIBBERT
 - TIM HINE (*Chairman*)
 - LUCY HOPKINS TILL (*Secretary*)
 - GEOFF HORRITT
 - GILL HUGHES
 - PIP PENNEY
 - ANNE SLADEN
 - DAVID SMITH
 - CLYDE WHITTAKER
- Ringing Centres
 - MAUREEN FROST
 - PAUL MARSHALL
 - PHIL BAILEY (*co-opted*)

Members of Volunteer & Leadership Workgroup (joined since June 2018)

- DEB BAKER
- LESLEY BELCHER
- BRUCE BUTLER
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- VICKI CHAPMAN
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2018 Simulator conference at Royston – dumbbells

Financial Update 2019 and Outline General Fund Budget for 2020

Purpose of the report – To inform Members of the current financial position for 2019 and to give an outline to the 2020 General Fund budget.

1. Introduction

This paper gives Members a) a summary of the current financial position across all funds for 2019 and b) an outline to the 2020 General Fund budget, prior to formal and more detailed consideration by the Executive in the autumn of 2019.

This type of report is presented for the first time as part of the enhanced governance arrangements now being followed by the Council. The accounts for 2018 are shown elsewhere on the agenda.

2. Financial Update 2019

At the time of writing the Council is around halfway through its 2019 financial year, the Executive having approved the following General Fund budget for 2019 in autumn 2018.

The most significant items contributing to the one off budgeted deficit for the year being the spending of the remaining Ringing Remembers grant, received in 2018, on relevant projects and one off costs to be incurred by workgroups. Budgeted figures were consistent with bringing overall General Fund balances back to December 2017 levels at around £132,000.

Actual income and expenditure is currently projected to largely equal the budget, except for some modest Communications and Marketing, and Volunteer and Leadership workgroup under-spends estimated to be £2000 in total, arising from such things as greater than expected event income and reduced meeting costs.

The Council also operates a number of other funds, namely –

The Bell Restoration Fund where grants are awarded within available funds to local restoration schemes.

The Fred Dukes International Bell Fund where grants are awarded within available funds and in accordance with the wishes of the Will of the late Fred Dukes.

The Education Fund where designated funds are available for suitable education courses.

The Library Fund which is expected to make a modest surplus for the year.

and

The Publications Fund which is expected to make a modest surplus for the year.

3. Outline 2020 General Fund Budget

Prior to formal consideration, amendment and approval by the Executive in autumn 2019 the following is presented to Members for information.

The overall assumption is that income will equal expenditure, leaving the Council with an unchanged balance of £132,000 to carry forward to future years.

Andy Smith
CCCBR Treasurer
August 2019

General Fund – Budget 2019 – agreed by Executive 28 November 2018

	2019 Estimate
Income	£
Affiliation fees	7,960
Council Meeting	28,000
Interest receivable	1,320
Donations and other income	-
Total income	37,280
Expenditure	
Council meeting	31,000
ART conference / sponsorship	500
Workgroup net expenditure (*see below)	14,760
Ringing Remembers project costs	17,500
Insurance	2,500
Sundry expenses	500
Total expenditure	66,760
Excess of (expenditure over income) / income over expenditure	(29,480)
Balance of fund – 1st January 2019	161,446
Balance of fund – 31st December 2019	131,966
*Workgroup net expenditure	
Administrative / Executive	600
Technical and Taxonomy	800
Communications and Marketing	9,750
Historical and Archive	500
Volunteer and Leadership	2,360
Stewardship and Management	750
Total	14,760

General Fund – Outline Budget 2020

	2020 Estimate	Notes
Income	£	
Affiliation fees	7,840	196 members x £40
Council Meeting	28,000	Similar to 2019
Interest receivable	1,300	Similar to 2019
Donations and other income	1,500	Prudent assumption
Total income	38,640	
Expenditure		
Council meeting	30,000	Similar to 2019
ART conference / sponsorship	500	Agreed by Executive to support ART
Workgroup net expenditure (*see below)	4,650	Assumes only ongoing expenditure, no one-offs.
Ringing Remembers project costs	-	Assumes all grant spent before 2020
Insurance	2,600	Similar to 2019 plus inflation
Sundry expenses	890	Broad estimate
Total expenditure	38,640	
Excess of (expenditure over income) / income over expenditure	-	
Balance of fund – 1st January 2020	132,000	
Balance of fund – 31st December 2020	132,000	
*Workgroup net expenditure		
Administrative / Executive	600	Subject to further formal consideration
Technical and Taxonomy	800	Subject to further formal consideration
Communications and Marketing	1,000	Subject to further formal consideration
Historical and Archive	500	Subject to further formal consideration
Volunteer and Leadership	1,000	Subject to further formal consideration
Stewardship and Management	750	Subject to further formal consideration
Total	4,650	

RINGING REMEMBERS



FOLLOWING THE WORK of Alan Regin, Steward of the Rolls of Honour, who discovered that there were 1,400 bellringers who had died during the First World War, it was decided that the ringing community needed to do something special to commemorate their sacrifice. In the summer of 2017 members of the Central Council, Alan and a non-profit community projects company, The Big Ideas Co, met to agree a project with the main objective of recruiting 1,400 new ringers in memory of those who had died. And so was born the Ringing Remembers project.

In November 2017, Vicki Chapman was invited to co-ordinate the project on behalf of the Central Council and be the main liaison with the Big Ideas Co for the campaign. It was agreed early on the Big Ideas Co would handle external promotion, whilst the CCCBR would handle internal promotion within the ringing community.

It seemed that this project had captured the imagination of the national press, and an official launch was made on 11th November 2017 from Edington, a tower that had lost its entire band during the war. Alan Regin was interviewed on BBC Breakfast TV, with ringing and a look at the beautiful manuscripts that are the Rolls of Honour.

Funding for the campaign came from Department of Community and Local Government and the Department of Culture, Media and Sport. The funding was to support the development of a recruitment platform to bring together a central database of new recruits and a simple website.

The database collected the details of those who registered an interest in learning to ring for the Armistice Centenary in November 2018. Within the first month, 99 potential new recruits had registered in response to the BBC Breakfast piece.

Big Ideas Co commissioned an artist that they had used for previous projects to create some artwork specifically for the Ringing Remembers campaign and that would be made freely available for the project, and individuals to use if they wanted to create their own publicity materials. Although this artwork was not universally welcomed, it became synonymous with the campaign. 3,000 A3 posters and 60,000 trifold leaflets were produced and made available, free of charge, for anyone holding recruitment events, or for general publicity materials.

By the end of February 2018, 338 new contacts had been recorded, with just over 100 of those having already started lessons. Social media sites were now up and running and providing a useful tool for engaging with new recruits and updating existing ringers with information about the campaign.

Small grants were made available to assist with local recruitment and training events. Grants could be made up to a value of £250.

In June 2018, BBC Radio 4's *The Archers* started a storyline of one of their characters learning to ring and one episode was practically given over to the details of the campaign. Subsequent episodes followed the character's learning journey. This resulted in another spike in recruitment, a much needed boost at this half-way point in the campaign.

In July 2018, Lord Bourne launched the new recruits badge in Northumberland to celebrate the 1,000th sign up to the database. Work started to ensure that recruits information was up to date so that when ready, badges could be issued promptly. Media interest also started to increase. The Department of Culture, Media and Sport finally confirmed the timing of the (inter)national moment as 12.30 on 11th November, to coincide with the Nations Thank You march past.

August 2018 saw a dramatic increase in media interest with at least 18 interviews across BBC local radio stations on 5th August. Articles were also published in major newspapers and an appearance on Sky News.

By September 2018, the total number of new recruits who had indicated on their registration that could either ring rounds without help, had had their first lesson, or could ring both strokes unaided had reached exactly 1,400, our initial target. A huge sigh of relief. It was agreed with *The Ringing World* to set up a BellBoard event to enable people to register their intentions to ring, then confirm their ringing on the day to a linked event and be able to download a special certificate so that they could record the names of all ringers who took part in commemorative ringing on the day.

October 2018 saw the total number of registrants on the database at nearly 3,000; however, over 200 had not updated their status to confirm they were ringing and a similar number still claimed that they had not been contacted by a teacher yet. 800 badges for new recruits were issued by the end of the month which created a stir on social media and prompted more registrants to update their status.

The total number of people who registered an interest on the Ringing Remembers database climbed to 3,335, with over 1,000 new registrations in the last 2 months. Inevitably some have dropped out or did not update their status to indicate that they had actually started learning: approximately 10%. That said, 2,759 confirmed that they could ring rounds without help, had their first lesson or could ring both strokes by 11th November. A further 168, some of whom only registered on the last day, are waiting for contact or have their first lesson booked. Either way, it's reasonably safe to say that not only did we reach our target, we almost doubled it and the campaign for recruitment was a huge success.

Even well after the event into March 2019, recruits were still getting in touch, particularly those that did not initially update their status, as they remembered they wanted their badge!

The individual stories behind why some people chose to take part is extremely touching. They wanted to remember relatives who fought, they wanted to remember all who fought, they wanted to participate in something to mark this 100th anniversary of the Armistice. A great sense of community engagement and connectedness was apparent in some of the stories shared on social media. There was a growing conversation around bellringing and wellbeing with a number of stories about recruits who were re-engaging with their communities and highlighting bellringing as an activity that can break down loneliness and social isolation.

The Ringing World Ltd has published a number of wonderful articles from Ringing Remembers recruits and their teachers, with many wanting to contribute / participate / engage more fully in ringing.

The many hundreds of people who have assisted with recruitment, training and encouragement, whether through formal support, such as the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) or less formal routes, has been phenomenal and provided a great insight into traditional ways of recruitment and teaching and the need to rethink how we cope with new learners, particularly in such large numbers.

Support from the Association of Ringing Teachers has been extremely helpful with an increase in learning to teach and learners taking part in the Learn to Ring programme.

A final thank you to those who worked behind the scenes on behalf of the Central Council: Alan Regin whose work in researching the Rolls of Honour has been staggering, not to mention the number of interviews and talks he's given over the last few months; Andrew Hall the brains behind the database that has allowed us to capture all this information and process these thousands of entries; Bruce & Eileen Butler who have been connecting learners to teachers and keeping the database up to date with progress; Colin Chapman who posted out 127 separate parcels of posters and leaflets, then all the badges and supported me in so many other ways; and Christopher O'Mahony for keeping me sane in times of overwhelming frustration.

We must now turn to the task of retention. We have nearly 3,000 new ringers that we didn't have this time last year, and we need to encourage them to stay with it and continue their progress. I'm sure that in most cases that will be easy because of the friendly, supportive learning experience they have received.

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