



THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS



The 2019 meeting and Roadshow
(Image: Colin Chapman)

2020 Annual Meeting Papers

From the President

When I became President in September last year, little did I know that we were facing the longest period without any ringing in 80 years. As I write this, I have not touched a bell rope for over three months, and face the prospect of a very limited return to ringing over the rest of the year. Weekends of outings, quarters, peals and Sunday service ringing have been replaced with Zoom calls, virtual handbell ringing, and in my case a great deal of work for the Central Council.

A year ago, Christopher O'Mahony introduced the September AGM as a major departure from the form of AGMs in the past, with the shift to September and the inclusion of the programme of presentations, workshops and activities that drew in far more ringers than would normally attend the Council weekend. It was all part of the reforming agenda that he drove through as President. Last year's departure from tradition was nothing compared to this year's!

Being elected to replace Chris before the end of his expected term of office presented me with the opportunity to build on the very strong foundations he had built, with a team of volunteers fresh with ideas and enthusiasm. We set about developing a strategy that would guide our next few years of activity, a strategy that was not scared to face up to some of the existential threats that ringing faces. Now the Coronavirus lockdown may yet have a much greater effect on ringing than anyone suspects. We may have more than a year with no real recruitment, no teaching, ringers drifting off to other less stressful activities, and bands with more elderly members losing critical mass. By the time ringing gets back to normal, normal may be quite different, in the British Isles at least.

Our task is therefore even greater than it was a year ago. Faced with this unprecedented period in ringing's history we are going to have to work incredibly hard to shape a successful future. The Strategic Priorities, which are reproduced on [page 37](#), give us some structure to work with but we will need to recruit, train, and support our fellow ringers in a way that has perhaps never happened before.

One of the most encouraging aspects of my work so far has been in bringing new faces to the work of the Council. From people I have targeted to set up new workgroups, ringers I have encouraged to be in those workgroups, and volunteers who have seen progress and volunteered to help, the team that is active in trying to help ringing generally is increasing. Sometimes I have to step back and remind myself that we are all volunteers.



If you are reading this you are probably a Representative of your guild or association. You may be wondering what your role is in this new structure, given volunteers are being sourced more widely. "Holding the Executive to account" is all very well, but that may not be what you signed up for. I see a very useful role in Representatives being advocates for the Council's work, helping to disseminate ideas and building support.

For most of us, getting back to ringing will be a slow process. We are probably going to have to accept that 16th March 2020 was the day that ringing changed, and it is for all of us to make sure that ultimately it will have been a change for the better.

Simon Linford
President
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Registered Charity No 270036

The 123rd Annual Meeting of the Council will be held by video conference (Zoom) on Saturday 5th September 2020 at 10.30 am.

Members will need to register in advance by going to [the AGM page on the Council website](#), where you will be asked to enter your name, society, and email address. This will enable you to vote. The Zoom session will be open from 10.15 so you will be able to join at any time from then on, and ideally before 10.25.

AGENDA

Welcome and introduction.

1. Opening prayer.
2. Application(s) to affiliate.
An application has been received from the Guild of Clerical Ringers.
3. Welcome to new members [\(p.39\)](#).
4. Apologies for absence.
5. In Memoriam.
6. Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting [\(p.7\)](#).
7. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
8. Annual Trustees' Report for 2019 [\(p.11\)](#).
9. Accounts for 2019 [\(p.14\)](#).
10. Annual Report of the Executive and Workgroups for 2019 [\(p.17\)](#).
11. Executive and Workgroup updates for January – August 2020
12. Forward Plan for 2021.
13. Financial update for 2020 and outline General Fund budget for 2021 [\(p.38\)](#).
14. Election of Trustees: the following nominations have been received; supporting statements are given in Appendix A of this Agenda [\(p.6\)](#):

<i>Office</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
President	Simon Linford	Nick Elks	David Smith
Deputy President	David Kirkcaldy	Kate Flavell	David Grimwood
Treasurer	Fergus Stracey	Lynne Hughes	Ian Self

15. Election of Independent Examiners (up to 2); a supporting statement is given in Appendix B of this agenda [\(p.6\)](#):

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
Caroline Stockmann	Fred Bone	Doug Davis

16. Governance Review.

17. Motion:

- (A) *That the Council's Rules, and Standing Orders, be amended to allow smaller ringing societies to join the Council as Registered Small Societies:*

[Supporting statement: a) This Motion enables the Council to make better provision for smaller ringing societies (membership below 75), without disturbing the existing structure of affiliation. In doing so, the Council becomes

stronger by virtue of having a broader and more diverse membership, which more accurately reflects the state of ringing. The Church of England values the Council's role in promoting a network of strong, interconnected societies.

b) This is achieved via a Register of Small Societies to which smaller societies may belong. A rigorous admissions policy (set out in the Standing Orders) ensures societies registering are fit for inclusion and have the overwhelming support of Affiliated Societies.

c) Registering will enable smaller societies to:

- Strengthen connections with the Council and larger guilds
- Influence debate
- Demonstrate adherence to best practices (eg. safeguarding)
- Benefit from stronger support in the event of unforeseen problems.

d) Registering will also be open to any Affiliated Society in danger of losing their affiliation through declining numbers, connecting them with the Council until their membership revives.

e) Each Registered Small Society may appoint a non-voting Member to take part in Council Meetings, meaning the Council's accountability to existing Affiliated Societies remains undiluted.]

That with effect from the close of the 123rd Council Meeting on 5th September 2020:

1. Rule 1.1 (Definitions) is amended as follows to define a Registered Small Society, its Annual Subscription and Society Contacts:

1.1. The following new definitions are INSERTED:

Registered Small Society	A bell ringing society which appears on the Council's Register of Small Societies in accordance with Rule 4.
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Small Society Representative	A non-voting member appointed to represent a Registered Small Society in accordance with Rules 5.7 and 5.8.
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1.2. The following existing definition is REPLACED as shown below:

Annual Subscription	A subscription defined by Rules 4.10 or 4.11.
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1.3. The following existing definition is REPLACED as shown below:

Society Contact	The contact of an Affiliated Society or Registered Small Society, whose details have been notified by that society to the Secretary, and to whom notices to that society in connection with the Council's business shall be sent.
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2. To set out the terms governing the admission of Registered Small Societies, the following rules are INSERTED after Rule 4.4 (and subsequent rules re-numbered accordingly):

Registered Small Societies

- 4.5 Subject to Rule 4.8 any bell ringing society whose application has been approved under Rules 4.6 and 4.7 shall be listed on the Council's Register of Small Societies.
- 4.6 Applications from smaller bell ringing societies to become Registered Small Societies shall be made to the Secretary accompanied by a certificate signed by at least two of the society's officers confirming that:
- a) its Society Membership is less than 75 (25 in the case of societies operating wholly outside the British Isles);
 - b) its purpose is to promote the ringing of bells by a group or association of bell ringers; and
 - c) it undertakes to abide by the Council's Rules and Decisions.
- 4.7 A bell ringing society making an application under Rule 4.6 shall be entered on the Council's Register of Small Societies on such date as the Executive shall determine provided that the society's application has been approved in accordance with the Standing Orders.
- 4.8 A society shall be removed from the Register of Small Societies if:
- a) it becomes an Affiliated Society; or
 - b) its Society Membership rises above 100; or
 - c) any Annual Subscription due under Rule 4.11 is more than 12 months in arrears; or
 - d) a Motion to remove the society's registration is agreed by a majority of Representative Members present and voting at a Council Meeting; or
 - e) a decision to remove the society's registration is made by the Executive in accordance with the Standing Orders; or
 - f) a request to remove the society's registration is given to the Secretary by at least two of the society's officers.
- 4.9 An Executive Decision made in accordance with Rule 4.8e) shall cease to have effect unless ratified by Resolution at the first Council Meeting thereafter.

3. To provide for the additional Rules shown above, the reference to "Rule 4.5" in existing Rule 4.4 b) is AMENDED to "Rule 4.10".

4. To empower the Council to set an Annual Subscription for Registered Small Societies, the following new rule is INSERTED before Rule 5:

- 5.11 Where determined by the Standing Orders, each Registered Small Society shall pay an annual subscription, which shall become due on 1st January and shall be of such sum as may be stated by the Standing Orders in relation to that society's registration.

5. To permit one person from each Registered Small Society to participate in Council Meetings (in a non-voting capacity), the line "Small Society Representatives;" is INSERTED after Rule 5.1a) so that Rule 5.1 reads as follows:

- 5.1 The Council shall consist of the following members:
- a) Representative Members;
 - b) Small Society Representatives;
 - c) Individual Members enrolled or appointed as may be determined by the Standing Orders; and
 - d) the Council's Trustees, Stewards and Workgroup Leaders, who shall be ex-officio members.

6. To set out the arrangements by which representatives of Registered Small Societies are appointed and retire, the following rules are INSERTED after Rule 5.6 (and subsequent rules renumbered accordingly):

Small Society Representatives

- 5.7 Each Registered Small Society shall be entitled to send one Small Society Representative to attend each Council Meeting provided that no later than six weeks before that meeting's date:

- a) where determined by the Standing Orders, that society's Annual Subscription for the year in which the Council Meeting takes place has been received by the Treasurer; and
- b) its Society Membership has been notified to the Secretary.

- 5.8 Subject to Rule 5.7:

- a) a Registered Small Society may register or amend the name and contact details of its Small Society Representative at any time by giving notice to the Secretary; and
- b) each Small Society Representative shall be deemed appointed from the point at which their name is confirmed in accordance with these Rules, and shall remain appointed until the Registered Society notifies the Secretary of a change.

7. As a Registered Small Society may not also be an Affiliated Society the line "it becomes a Registered Small Society; or" is INSERTED after Rule 4.4a) so that Rule 4.4 reads as follows:

- 4.4 A society shall cease to be an Affiliated Society if:
- a) its Society Membership falls below 50 (25 in the case of societies operating wholly outside the British Isles); or

- b) it becomes a Registered Small Society; or
- c) its Annual Subscription under Rule 4.10 is more than 12 months in arrears; or
- d) a Motion for disaffiliation is agreed by no less than two-thirds of Representative Members present and voting at a Council Meeting; or
- e) notice of disaffiliation is given to the Secretary by at least two of the society's officers.

Annual Subscription for Registered Small Societies

That in accordance with Rule 7.13 and with effect from the close of the 123rd Council Meeting on 5th September 2020, the Council APPROVES an Annual Subscription of £20 for each Registered Small Society.

Admission Criteria for Registered Small Societies

That the Council NOTES the detailed admission criteria for Registered Small Societies, approved by the Executive on 26th July 2020 and published in Edition 4 of the Standing Orders, which following approval of this Motion will become effective on 1st November 2020.

Proposed by Clyde Whittaker (Middlesex County Association & London Diocesan Guild) and seconded by Linda Garton (Bedfordshire Association).

18. Future meetings.
2021 meeting: the Deputy President will report.
2023: The invitation received from the Suffolk Guild has been transferred to 2023.
2024: An invitation has been received from the Guild of Devonshire Ringers for 2024.
19. Any other business.
Please notify items in advance.

Mary Bone
Secretary

Appendix A

Supporting Statements

David Kirkcaldy

Deputy President

David has been a member of the Council since 2007, of the Towers & Belfries Committee since 2008 and its Chairman 2016/7. As Chairman he managed to bring the excellent Manual of Belfry Maintenance to print, a project that took many years to finalise. He also helped to arrange a long-discussed bell frame recording day. He became Council Vice-President in 2017. During his time as Vice- and Deputy President he has worked hard supporting the President and the Executive to introduce the changes recommended by CRAG, as well as on the arrangements for the annual meetings. He has been a keen supporter of change and modernisation of the Council. I know he will bring his enthusiasm to continuing this work as Deputy President.

David learnt to ring in 1967 and has held various offices with the Sussex County Association, including Master and Secretary of the Sussex Churches BRF, as well as divisional office and teaching a new team of ringers at his own tower.

He retired after 30 years' service with Sussex Police.

I have no hesitation in recommending David as our Deputy President.

Kate Flavell

Fergus Stracey

Treasurer

Since January 1997 I have run my own General Accountancy Practice, first as sole trader and incorporated the practice in April 2013. Currently there are four members of staff & myself working in the practice. The practice handles the affairs of approximately 300 small businesses which are a mixture of trades and are a mix of Sole traders, partnerships and limited companies. In the past we have acted as Accountants for a few charities.

I am a member of ICPA (The Institute of Certified Practising Accountants) and a member of the IAB (International Association of Book Keepers) my membership number is 194698.

On the ringing front I am Tower Captain & Ringing Master of Plymouth Minster and have been since the death of my predecessor in 2006. I have been a member of Council for six years representing The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

Fergus Stracey

Appendix B

Supporting Statements

Caroline Stockmann

Independent Examiner

I am a Chartered accountant (FCA, trained with KPMG), and hold a Diploma in Charity Accounting from the ICAEW. My day job is Chief Executive of the Association of Corporate Treasurers, a Chartered professional body.

I have been Independent Examiner since 2018 and examine all the component parts directly, apart from Publications which Jeremy reviewed. I then further review Publications, as I need to be in a position to give the overall sign-off. For the 2018 examination I introduced some best practices such as completing the Charity Commission checklist, updating the IE Report and sending a letter to the trustees highlighting the work done and any points of note.

I am happy to continue as IE. I am also happy to take on the whole examination if there is no additional IE (the CCCBR can have "up to two"). I am having to sign off on everything anyway, so there is little additional time involved. Jeremy has kindly walked me through all his work as a form of handover. If there are two IEs then the only benefit would be if both carried out a full review, or one reviewed the other's work, but that seems disproportionate.

Caroline Stockmann FCA DChA



David Kirkcaldy and Simon Linford,
at the dinner after the 2019 Council meeting
(Photo: Kathy Howard)

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Minutes of the 122nd Annual Meeting held at Goldsmiths, University of London, New Cross, London on Saturday 7th September 2019 at 12.45

Present

Fellows: John Barnes, Alan Frost, David Kelly, Andrew Stubbs.

Ex-officio: Mary Bone, Alan Glover, Doug Hird*, Tim Jackson, Louise Nightingale*, Alan Regin, Andrew Smith.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Richard Allton, Colin Newman*, Andrew Wilby.

Australian & New Zealand Assn: Peter Harrison, Christopher O'Mahony, David Smith, Derek Williams.

Barrow & District Society: David Hibbert.

Bath & Wells Dio. Assn: Jay Bunyan, Aaron Moulder, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan*.

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

Cambridge Univ. Guild: David Richards.

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

Chester Dio. Guild: Tom Nestor*, Peter Wilkinson, Stefan Zientek.

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

Derby Dio. Assn: Andrew Hall, Susan Hall.

Devonshire Guild: Lynette Costello*, Lynne Hughes, Fergus Stracey.

Dorset County Assn: Maureen Frost.

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

Durham University Society: Phil Hughes*.

Ely Dio. Assn: Sue Marsden.

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, John Couperthwaite, Beryl Norris, Jackie Roberts.

Hertford County Assn: Stuart Brant*, Tony Crowther, Geoff Horritt, Margaret Horritt.

Irish Assn: Vyvyenne Chamberlain, Robert MacDonald*, Don McLean.

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

Ladies Guild: Rosemary Hemmings, Alison Williams#, Jan Wyatt.

Lancashire Assn: Giles Blundell.

Leicester Dio. Guild: Carol Franklin, Arthur Rees.

Lichfield & Walsall Archd. Society: Stuart Hutchieson, Andrew Ogden.

Lincoln Dio. Guild: Philip Green, Christopher Sharp, Christopher Turner.

Liverpool Universities Society: Martyn Bristow.

Llandaff & Monmouth Dio. Assn: Matthew Turner*, John Vesey*.

Middlesex County Assn & London Dio. Guild: Sonia Field, Robert Lewis#, Adrian Udal#, Clyde Whittaker.

National Police Guild: John Cousins.

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

North Staffordshire Assn: Jan Hine, Tim Hine.

North Wales Assn: Antony Diserens.

Norwich Dio. Assn: Raymond Harwood*, Katie Wright.

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

Oxford Society: Emma Stanford.

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

St David's Guild: Chris Hughes*.

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: Peter Woollam.

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

Society of Sherwood Youths: Robin Woolley.

South African Guild: James Champion.

Southwell and Nottingham Dio. Guild: Jim Crabtree.

Suffolk Guild: Chris Birkby, 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.

Truro Dio. Guild: Helen Perry, Robert Perry.

Univ. Bristol Society: Imogen Brooke, Patrick Wheeler.

Univ. London Society: Jacqui Brown.

Veronese Assn: David Roskelly.

Winchester & Portsmouth Dio. Guild: Michael Church, Michael Hopkins Till#, Adrian Nash*, Shan Nash*, Allan Yalden.

Worcestershire & Districts Assn: Alison Hodge, Stuart Piper.

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

[* – new member; # – returning member]

The Beverley & District Society, Devon Association, East Derbys & West Notts Association, East Grinstead & District Guild, Four Shires Guild, Hereford Diocesan Guild, Leeds University Society, Oxford University Society, Guild of St Agatha and the Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Guild were not represented.

The Chair was taken by the President, Christopher O'Mahony.

1. Opening Prayer

Robert Perry, Truro Diocesan Guild, led members in prayer.

2. Applications to affiliate

The Secretary, Mary Bone, reported that no applications had been received.

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). He encouraged all new members to complete and return a data consent form to the Secretary. The President particularly welcomed a number of members with long service to the Council and Exercise: Derek Sibson, Alan Frost, John Barnes, Chris Mew and Alan Glover (applause).

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Revd John Baldwin and Bill Butler (Life Members), David Mattingley and Ian Oram (Ex-officio, Stewards of the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund), Bill Purvis (Ex-officio, Steward of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection), Leigh Simpson (Ancient Society of College Youths), Mike Hansford and George Wyatt (Bath & Wells DA), James Blackburn (Beverley & District Society), David Jones (Chester DG), Jenny Halliday and Gill Hughes (Derby DA), Edward Sterland (East Derbys & West Notts Assn), Kate Wills (East Grinstead Guild), Philip Bailey, Sally Mew and Paul Seaman (Ely DA), Matthew Kemble and Chris Povey (Four Shires Guild), Angela Newing (Gloucester & Bristol DA), Ernie de Legh-Runciman and Beth Ingham (Lancashire Assn), Naomi Calvert (Leeds University Society), Lianne Brooks (Leicester DG), Beverley Furniss (North Wales Assn), Anne Bray (St Agatha Guild), Ben Duke (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), George Dawson and Anne Sladen (Southwell & Nottingham DG), Neal Dodge (Suffolk Guild), David Katz (Swansea & Brecon DG) and Ian Self (Truro DG). Further apologies were presented from Eles Belfontali (Veronese Assn). The President urged societies to elect as representatives those who would be able to attend the annual meetings.

5. In Memoriam

Members stood in silence as the Secretary read the names of the following former members who had died since the last meeting: John Jelley (Leicester DG 1963-1996); Owen Webster (Essex Assn 1978-1990); Michael Orme (Chester DG 2002-2018); John Gallimore (Honorary Member 1993-1996, Veronese Assn 1996-2002); Peter Hurcombe (Sussex County Assn 1976-1995); Christopher M P Johnson (Cambridge UG 1960-1975); Peter Eves (Essex Assn 1960-1966); Mrs Jacqueline King (Llandaff & Monmouth DA

1957-1981); Basil Jones (Chester DG 1969-1976); Keith Game (East Grinstead & District Guild 1969-1975); Roland Cook (Leicester DG 1972-1975). Peter Wilkinson, Chester Diocesan Guild, led members in prayer.

(The minutes, reports and accounts were published with the Central Council Meeting Papers on 9th August 2019. The relevant page numbers are shown against each item.)

6. Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting (pp 5-10)

The Secretary had previously apologised to members for late publication of the Minutes, caused by the theft of her laptop computer in a burglary in autumn 2018.

The Minutes were approved on the proposal of Philip Green, seconded by Doug Davis, and signed by the President.

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 President reminded members to declare any relevant conflicts of interest.

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

No member wished to raise any matter.

8. Annual Trustees' Report for 2018 (pp11-13)

The President introduced the formal annual report of the Council to the Charity Commission for 2018 and noted that it had been approved by the Trustees on 18 May 2019. He asked the Trustees to identify themselves to the members and then invited the Secretary to comment on and update the report. The Secretary reported on changes to the membership figures in paragraph 7: there were 11 Ex-officio members, 177 representative members and 23 vacancies. The Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths were now also entitled to 4 representative members. She apologised to Peter Trotman whose long service from 1996 to 2018 should have been recorded in the Report. The Secretary concluded by urging societies to elect members to fill the vacancies: the Executive wished to be held to account and wanted members who would participate and contribute to the Council's strategic direction and work. The President proposed that the members receive and adopt the Annual

Trustees' Report; this was seconded by Fred Bone and approved.

9. Accounts for 2018 (pp13-15)

The Treasurer, Andrew Smith, presented the Accounts and noted that the Independent Examiners had issued an unqualified report. The Accounts had been approved by the Trustees on 18 May 2019. He thanked the Independent Examiners for their work and additionally thanked Ian Self (Library) and Beryl Norris (Publications) for their contributions. He pointed out that the entry under Resources Expended for "Library outreach day deficit" properly related to project expenses for the *Order & Disorder* publications. The Treasurer added that the 2018 Council meeting in Lancaster had achieved a good financial result with a smaller deficit than in previous years and that the monies received for bell restoration in 2018 were now mostly committed. Some £15,000 of the government grant for Ringing Remembers remained unspent and would be allocated to related projects. The Treasurer reported that, after taking expert advice, the Executive had approved a change in the Library revaluation policy from 5 years to 20 years. He added that, under the terms of the bequest from the late Robert M Kilby received in 2017, a peal of Stedman Caters had been rung in October 2018 for the Leicester Diocesan Guild. Chris Turner commented that it was impossible for members to scrutinise the accounts fully when copies were only received a few hours before the meeting; both the Treasurer and Secretary responded that the accounts and other meeting papers were available electronically earlier and members were notified of this by email. Andrew Wilby recommended that the Library should be revalued at least in line with inflation every year – a 20 year revaluation policy was not appropriate; the Treasurer replied that the policy would be kept under review. The President confirmed to Philip Green (who declared an interest as printer for Council publications) that the Ringing Remembers grant was unencumbered and unexpended funds did not require repayment; the balance would be allocated to suitable projects. Anthony Lovell-Wood asked if the Council would consider a grant towards the costs of the Salisbury Guild publication on its ringers who fell in the Great War if this did not cover its expenses; the President stated that this could be considered. The Treasurer proposed that the members receive and adopt the 2018 Accounts; this was seconded by Michael Church and approved.

10. Annual Report of the Executive and Workgroups for 2018 (pp16-34)

The President invited the workgroup leaders to identify themselves to the members and commented that the report fully demonstrated the range and number of Council activities in the past year. He then asked for any corrections to the report as printed. The Secretary, as Executive Sponsor for the Historical & Archive workgroup, apologised to Paul Cammiade, Ben Duke and Derek Sibson whose names had been omitted from the list of those working on the peals analysis. Richard Allton added that Chris Turner's name had also been omitted from this section. Stuart Piper noted that, in the list of leading towers on page 23, Pershore should now be correctly known as the St Andrew's Centre. The President then invited questions on each section of the report.

Executive report: Adrian Udall queried the appointment of a former Council officer, Public Relations Officer Caroline Stockmann, as an Independent Examiner. The Treasurer responded that Caroline had had no involvement with the Accounts during her previous role as Public Relations Officer and had not been a Trustee of the Council.

Communications & Marketing: John Harrison commented that many resources which had been collected over the years had not been transferred to the new website and were now unavailable; he considered that the new website should not have gone live. Louise Nightingale, workgroup leader, replied that the old website with all its material was still available. She added that a website would always be a work in progress; the next phases of work would be agreed with the other workgroup leaders and the schedule would be published. Tina Stoecklin expressed appreciation for the work of the Ringing Remembers team which had done so much to increase awareness of ringing among the wider public as well as to recruit new ringers. Stefan Zientek stated that the report contained very little on promoting and marketing ringing to young people; he felt that this should be the focus for the next 12 months. Timothy Hine, Volunteer & Leadership workgroup leader, noted that over 30 younger ringers had attended the second day of the ART (Association of Ringing Teachers) conference in Worcester on 3 March 2019 which had concentrated on a vision for the future of youth ringing. The workgroups recognised the importance of this issue and hoped to do more. Jacqui Brown drew attention to the university ringing website.

Historical & Archive: Paul Cammiade pointed out that, in the first column of the Analysis of Peals by method and change on year, incorrect totals were given for tower bell

peals of Royal and Caters; the figures should be +11 for Royal and +15 for Caters.

Stewardship & Management: there were no questions.

Technical & Taxonomy: Robin Woolley asked if the names of previous committee members could be added to the report as was the practice in other workgroup reports. Graham John, workgroup leader, replied that the report included an account of the work done by members of the previous committees in the workgroup and their names were thus listed.

Volunteer & Leadership: there were no questions.

The President proposed the adoption of the Executive and workgroup reports for 2018; this was seconded by Phillip Barnes and approved.

11. Executive and Workgroup updates for January – August 2019

The President introduced this item, remarking that it was an opportunity to show how much work had been done so far this year. For the Executive, he noted that regular monthly calls were held by Skype and there were quarterly meetings with the workgroup leaders. The Executive had approved the new Framework for Method Ringing, which came into effect on 1 June 2019; developed and approved a new Standing Order governing the management of the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund and appointed stewards for the Fund; approved a privacy notice for the website; studied and approved both the Trustees' Report and the Accounts for 2018; considered and approved a revised timescale for revaluation of the Council Library; and been heavily involved with preparations for the 2019 annual meeting and mini roadshow.

Volunteer & Leadership: Timothy Hine, workgroup leader, reported that a well-received conference day on youth ringing had been held in March with an attendance of 90; a number of other interviews with ringing leaders had been conducted; a workshop on recruitment and retention was being developed and trialled, and this topic would be the focus of the second day of the ART conference in March 2020; the workgroup advocated partnerships, especially with *The Ringing World* and ART; work continued on the Education Column, developing ringing centres and improving website content. The workgroup was ambitious and Tim appealed for volunteers to assist with their work. Fergus Stracey asked how young ringers in towers where there were no other youngsters, and where perhaps *The Ringing World* was not taken, could be reached and supported. Tim replied that social media, the Lilliputters Guild and the National Youth Competition all had a role to play. Tina Stoecklin suggested that a

subscription to *The Ringing World* would be a suitable gift for young ringers.

Historical & Archive: the workgroup leader, Doug Hird, reported a large amount of regular continuing work, for instance on the articles and presentations given on the Rolls of Honour, research assistance from the Library and the peals analysis. A project to make the contents of the Library more accessible with a new interface had been started and work had also begun on entering older peals onto BellBoard; this latter project would also enable historic peal boards to be recorded. Doug thanked all former committee members who continued to work for the group during a period of transition as well as the Stewards, Friends of the Library and the BellBoard team. He concluded by asking new members of Council to meet him during the afternoon for photographs.

Stewardship & Management: Alison Hodge, workgroup leader, reported that the group had 3 major themes: tower infrastructure, tower operation and major projects. The group received on average 10 new enquiries a month. She appealed for those with relevant experience and expertise to volunteer to join the workgroup or act as specialist advisers. She also urged those outside south and central England to be involved so that the group had a wider geographic spread and could more easily offer assistance. Alison explained that the group wished to expand its electronic resources, including the use of videos, as this was now the principal way of engaging with younger ringers. The President added that a volunteer was also sought to take over work on safeguarding from Chris Mew, who now wished to relinquish this task. Chris Mew commented that much of the safeguarding work was carried out in the background and required confidentiality and discretion. Paul Flavell asked if training was still part of the workgroup's remit; Alison responded that the group wished to co-operate on training with other workgroups and in particular with guilds and associations. Stefan Zientek commented that the group's major themes covered a large number of items: which of these carried risks to the future of ringing and should be seen as critical areas? Alison replied that, in her personal opinion, the major risks were of accidents, noise complaints (both of hearing loss and of noise outside the tower) and on safeguarding issues.

Technical & Taxonomy: the workgroup leader, Graham John, referred members to the diagram on p30 of the meeting papers, which showed the group's current services and projects. Graham explained that updates to Dove could not be accepted at present due to technical issues with the underlying database; the team were accelerating their efforts to replace the system. The Internet site itself was not affected. Graham noted that the Framework for Method Ringing had been

approved by the Council Executive in February and came into effect on 1 June 2019. The group was now heavily involved in implementing the necessary changes to the method libraries and working on retrospective recognition of both methods and performances (see *The Ringing World*, 6 September 2019, p869). David Kelly asked if the additional information held in Dove (prototype-National Bell Register) would also be included in the replacement system; Graham John confirmed that this would be so. John Harrison added that information on bells was held in both the pNBR and on George Dawson's own website; which site was definitive and were there any plans to merge them? Tim Jackson, Dove Steward, replied that adding the additional data from George Dawson's site remained the long-term aim of the stewards. John Harrison further commented that all the data on George Dawson's site was accessible, whereas this was not the case on Dove for bells which were not part of a ring of 3 or more bells; was the aim for this data also to be accessible in future? Graham John again confirmed that this was included in the project. Chris Mew, past President, referred to the formal agreement on the replacement Dove system agreed between the BellBoard team and the Council; the aim should be to include and co-ordinate not only data from George Dawson but that held also by other bell historians and by the Church of England. Graham responded that he hoped that co-ordination would continue to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort.

Communications & Marketing: Louise Nightingale, workgroup leader, displayed a "cloud" image showing the range of activities of the group. The first phase of work on the new website had been completed; the group were taking the opportunity to review all website material, for instance to ensure that it carried the appropriate logo. The workgroup was frequently asked to support events and was developing an "event in a box" set of best practice guidelines and material which could be used; this had been trialled at the London Landmarks Half Marathon. The new Public Relations Officer, Vicki Chapman, was revising and updating lists of guild and association PR contacts. The main focus in 2020 would be the VE Day 75th anniversary in May. The group were also studying the different constituencies in ringing in order that messages could be tailored appropriately.

The President thanked all the workgroups and leaders for the work they had already done in 2019 (applause).

12. Forward Plan for 2020

The President introduced this item, mandated by the new Rules adopted in Lancaster (rule 6.1 b) (3)). He stated that change would take time and repeated his thanks to all those who had served on past committees of the Council; the previous

agenda items showed how much had been achieved and was in progress. There had been wide consultation on preparing the Forward Plan both within the Executive and workgroups and more widely, and all the officers welcomed feedback from Council members and others to guide and develop the strategy. The President repeated his call for more volunteers to assist with the work. The Council's mission, vision and high-level objectives remained unchanged. These had been developed into four key themes for the future: building partnerships; being efficient and effective; engaging in data gathering and analysis; and delivering focused services. He expanded on each of these themes in turn, mentioning partnerships with *The Ringing World*, ART and external organisations such as church dioceses, Historic England, the National Trust, Churches Conservation Trust, government and others; avoiding duplication of effort and streamlining operations; conducting a feasibility study on the benefits and costs of direct membership, analysis of possible future church closures, analysis of, for example, BellBoard data and other data sources to understand key trends in ringing; and delivering a Recruitment and Retention workshop in March 2020, promoting ringing for the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May, organising a Focus Day on libraries and archives, preparing training materials on tower stewardship and management, developing other communities of practice, sponsoring a new residential training course focusing on Ringing Remembers recruits, delivery of regional tower leadership courses and encouraging the highest standards of ringing and the pursuit of excellence. The President concluded by reminding members that the plan would be subject to further revision by the new Executive team and he invited comments and suggestions.

John Harrison referred to the valuable work done earlier on ringing trends and for the need for this work to be continued after a gap of several years. The President stated that analysis of existing data formed a useful starting point and he supported the idea of annual spot surveys which gathered comparable data over time. Stefan Zientek pointed out that the partnership organisations referenced had older memberships themselves; there was no mention of the BBC and other media organisations or of links to educational institutions in order to establish relationships with younger people. Jim Crabtree suggested that the number of towers holding regular practices provided a useful statistic. He also asked about liaison with theological colleges. The President responded that the colleges already had a very full syllabus and feedback had been that the *Bells in Your Care* leaflet was most useful in a parish context. Kate Flavell added that an email list of diocesan communications officers had been compiled and would be passed to the PRO. A number

of these communications officers had used material in diocesan newsletters. The President encouraged ringers to be creative in their use of the media as partner organisations would often re-use material and give it wider circulation. Jane Wilkinson recalled that the *Bells in Your Care* leaflet had been sent to all diocesan secretaries some years ago for inclusion in diocesan mailings; perhaps this exercise should be repeated? Peter Wilkinson reminded members of different types of clergy training, much of which now was at diocesan rather than college level. David Grimwood, member of the Clerical Guild, stated that it was preferable to forge good local links with the clergy rather than adding to their paperwork. Ruth Marshall suggested the possibility of sponsoring younger ringers on relevant courses, for instance on engineering or data gathering and analysis, to help fill the skills gap in ringing. Nick Elks spoke of the importance of the Council's public relations to the ringing community itself: the majority of the ringing community was unaware of the Council's work. He hoped that younger ringers would become involved in the Council. The President regretted that much of the Council's work appeared invisible to ringers at large. Will Bosworth (*The Ringing World*) asked for further information on possible direct membership of the Council, a key part of the CRAG report. The President replied that the first step would be a fact-finding exercise. A feasibility study would test which benefits and services might be offered and whether this would be on a subscription or donation basis. The President thanked all members for their contributions and suggestions.

The meeting resumed at 3.15pm after a short tea break.

13. Financial update 2019 and outline General Fund budget for 2020

The Treasurer introduced this item, mandated under the new Rules, and referred members to p35 of the meeting papers. The 2019 budget approved in late 2018 had included expenditure of the remaining Ringing Remembers grant and some additional workgroup expenditure; some of this expenditure might be delayed until 2020. The aim was to return General Fund balances to December 2017 levels. The 2020 budget would be considered in detail by the Executive in October/November; a balanced draft budget had been prepared which assumed a small deficit on the 2020 Council annual meeting and workgroup expenditure at the usual levels of recent years. He confirmed, in response to Nick Elks, that the update and outline budget were only concerned with the General Fund. Richard Allton asked about any plans to increase the affiliation fee; the Treasurer

replied that this was reviewed regularly but an increase was not currently under consideration. John Harrison referred to previous discussions in the Administrative Committee on moving the affiliation fee to a different system so that the amount paid per individual member of a society was more equitable; he suggested that these discussions should be revisited, especially as some smaller societies were considering disaffiliation and the level of the fee was a factor in this. The Treasurer responded that, although the affiliation fee was not set at a rate per individual guild member, it did in fact reflect the different sizes of guilds in that the larger guilds were entitled to more representatives. Jacqui Brown suggested that university societies would welcome a different basis for the fee or a reduction in the fee, and James Champion confirmed that the level of the fee was a factor in continued affiliation by the South African Guild.

14. Election of Trustees

President – Simon Linford, who had been proposed by Phillip Barnes and seconded by Linda Garton, was the only nominee. The President invited both Phillip and Linda to speak on Simon's experience, particularly of recent changes in the St Martin's Guild and of his skills as a ringer. Due to a prior commitment, Simon Linford was unfortunately unable to be present; a short video clip was played, in which Simon explained his reasons for accepting nomination (see also p4 of the meeting papers for his supporting statement and *The Ringing World*, 13 September 2019, pp885-886). The video concluded with a performance by the Brumdingers (applause). The President declared him elected.

Secretary – Mary Bone, who had been proposed by Andrew Wilby and seconded by Jay Bunyan, was the only nominee. The President declared her elected.

Ordinary Trustees: two nominations had been received for the two positions. David Smith had been proposed by Peter Harrison and seconded by David Grimwood, and Alison Everett had been proposed by Robert Lane and seconded by Chris Turner. The President declared them elected.

15. Election of Independent Examiners

Caroline Stockmann had been proposed by Doug Davis and seconded by Phillip Barnes. Jeremy Cheesman was proposed by Kate Flavell and seconded by Paul Flavell. There being no other nominations, the President declared them elected.

16. Governance Review

The President advised members of the text of Standing Order G1, which required a review of the Council’s rules, standing orders and governance and an assessment of the transfer of powers of representative members to individual members. The review was mandated to commence in May 2019 and to be held every 3 years. He explained that the new Council structures had only been in place since the end of May 2018; the Executive intended to commence the review, to listen to feedback on the operation of the new structures, and to consider external assessment.

17. Future meetings

Pat Wheeler outlined initial plans for the 2020 meeting to be based at the University of Nottingham’s Jubilee Campus.

Jay Bunyan indicated that an invitation from the Bath & Wells Diocesan Association for the 2021 event, to be based at Bath Spa University, was under consideration.

The information on the agenda (withdrawal of the Irish Association invitation for 2023 and Guild of Devonshire Ringers invitation for 2024) was noted. [Post-meeting note: the Suffolk Guild invitation for 2022 has been transferred to 2023 to coincide better with the Guild’s centenary year.]

Attendance

The Secretary reported on attendance at the meeting as set out in the table below and thanked Stephen Franklin for compiling the attendance records. Linda Garton asked if there were any particular reasons for non-attendance by so many members; the Secretary replied that the reasons given varied considerably. John Harrison commented that in some societies representatives were not informed of their election (laughter).

18. Any Other Business

(a) Allan Yalden asked for information on the number of non-Council members

attending. On behalf of the organising team, Clyde Whittaker stated that some 25% of registrations were from non-Council members. He mentioned some of the highlights of the Sunday programme and encouraged those present to attend and support this, which would become the pattern for future events.

(b) Tina Stoecklin, Scottish Association, queried if it were necessary for all representatives to attend the meeting in person: with streaming of the proceedings to the Internet could they not participate remotely and contribute by Skype? Peter Harrison spoke of the ANZAB experience of broadcasting annual meetings: it was difficult to broadcast externally and allow participation by Skype simultaneously.

(c) The Secretary thanked Fred Bone for typesetting the annual meeting papers, Sue Hall for the image on the front cover, and Carol Franklin for producing the Attendance Roll sheets.

(d) The Secretary urged members to notify any changes in their contact details promptly and to check that their association contact was receiving Council emails.

(e) Members were reminded to return their evaluation forms as well as badge holders and lanyards.

(f) The Secretary noted that the nomination deadline in 2020 would be six weeks before the meeting. Nominations would be required for President, Deputy President, Treasurer and two Independent Examiners.

(g) The Secretary reminded members of the changes in procedure now in force with the adoption of the new Rules: an annual membership return was 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.

Votes of Thanks

The President thanked the officers, Executive members, workgroup leaders and members for their work for ringing and the

Council throughout the year and thanked members for their support and contributions at the meeting. The President moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those involved in the Council’s visit to London: to the organising team led by David Kirkcaldy and Clyde Whittaker, the stewards, tellers and microphone operators, all those assisting with the mini-Roadshow on Sunday, Doug Davis and Dave Richards for IT support, the incumbents and ringers of churches where bells were made available on Friday, including the St Paul’s Guild, and the Revd Canon Stephen Evans and Mrs Diana Evans (dinner guests) (applause).

Chris Mew thanked the President for his chairmanship of the meeting and for his role in steering the Council through the recent period of change.

David Kirkcaldy, Deputy President, endorsed these remarks and made a presentation to Christopher O’Mahony, retiring President. Christopher responded that it had been a privilege to serve as President for these 2 years.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 4.13 pm.

The new President, Simon Linford, was invested with the badge of office during the dinner that evening.

Summary of Attendance

	Members		
	Societies	Present	Absent
Fully represented	29	81	–
Partly represented	27	57	26
Not represented	10	–	13
	66	138	39
Fellows		4	2
Ex-officio Members		7	4
		149	45

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Annual Trustees’ Report for 2019

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 2019 were as follows:

until 7 September 2019

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

At the Annual Meeting held in London on 7 September Dr C D O’Mahony stood down as President upon his forthcoming return to Australia. Mr S J L Linford was elected as President to complete Dr O’Mahony’s term expiring in September 2020 (rule 6.11). In accordance with the Transition Motion approved on 28 May 2018 the Secretary and two Ordinary Trustees were required to stand down; Mrs M Bone, Secretary, and Ms A M Everett and Mr D L Smith, Ordinary Trustees, were re-elected for a 3-year term.

Trustees from 7 September 2019

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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 and Ms C A Stockmann. 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

- encouraging the growth and public appreciation of bell ringing;
- 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;
- facilitating communication and cohesion amongst ringers and bell ringing societies to assist ringers in supporting each other and achieving their bell ringing objectives;
- using its efforts to foster the continuing recruitment and retention of ringers;

Learning and Development

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

Stewardship and Management

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

Technical and Taxonomy

- defining and publishing technical standards in bell ringing;

- encouraging research and innovation in the advancement of bell ringing, its methodologies, tools and technologies;

Historical and Archive

- 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:

- the promotion of public worship by the ringing of church bells;
- the preservation of the tradition and heritage of change ringing;
- the encouragement and promotion of high standards of ringing;
- the provision of financial and specialist knowledge in the support of belfry repairs and maintenance;
- 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;
- 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 2019

2019 was the first full year of the Central Council operating under its new operational framework – an Executive and five Workgroups. The Executive held seven electronic communications during the year and four face-to-face meetings which included the workgroup leaders.

Technical elements of the Council's work have progressed well. The Framework for Method Ringing, a major project to rewrite the theoretical underpinnings of method construction and definition, came into effect on 1 June 2019. The Dove tower database remained a major technical project on which progress was made. The "Ringing Remembers" campaign was highly successful, recruiting over 3000 new ringers. Its chief architect, Vicki Chapman, has since been appointed as the Council's Public Relations Officer. The Stewardship and Management Workgroup continued to provide a wide range of technical advice to ringers across a broad range of subjects, while the Communications and Marketing Workgroup developed a new website for the Council.

Outreach work included a one-day workshop on youth ringing in March 2019, aligned with the annual ART conference, and a very successful "Mini Roadshow" as part of the AGM weekend in September. This latter event comprised a large number of commercial and non-commercial stalls, demonstrations and workshops, and a conference programme including talks from external agencies such as the Churches Conservation Trust. The Council has also continued to maintain and develop links with relevant third parties, such as the Church Buildings Council, Historic England, Ecclesiastical Insurance, the Churches Conservation Trust, DAC Bell Advisers, and the Worshipful Company of Founders. A reception at Winfield House, the official residence of the US Ambassador in London, was an opportunity for a broad cross section of ringing leaders to come together and recognise the contribution ringing makes to the life of the country. Plans were initiated for ringing to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May 2020.

Other services to ringers have been maintained and extended. Best selling publications were the *New Ringers Book*, *Ringing Circles*, *Manual of Belfry Maintenance*, and the *Sherbourne Teaching Aids* range. The new 11th edition of *Dove* was published in early 2019. CCCBR Library enquiries have remained steady, and various advice services (noise complaints, safeguarding, insurance, bell restoration etc) 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.

At the AGM in September, Simon Linford replaced Christopher O'Mahony as President

and embarked on further development of the Council's strategy, building on the Vision and Mission statement of the Council by creating a set of Strategic Priorities that could guide the Executive and Workgroups through 2020 and beyond.

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 Volunteer and Leadership workgroup 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 Risk Assessment

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which they believe the Council may be exposed and have taken steps to minimise and manage those risks.

The Council's banking deposits are fully protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). Expenditure is only incurred on receipt of relevant supporting documentation and proof of service delivery. Bank statements are electronically available to the Treasurer. The Treasurer provides a financial update to each Executive meeting, highlighting financial issues that need to be brought to the Executive's attention.

5.5 Expenses

Updated guidance on expenses was approved by the Executive in November 2019.

5.6 Safeguarding

The Council's guidance on safeguarding was revised in June 2019 and issued to societies and members.

5.7 Conflicts of Interest

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

5.8 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 2019 show total funds at the year-end of £435,446 of which £240,578 is in restricted funds. Income for the year totalled £61,272 (including income for the 2019 Council meeting of £10,768, other donations, mainly for bell restoration, of £8,844 and publications and library sales of £25,889). Main areas of expense included the costs of the 2019 Council meeting of £15,701, grants for bell restoration of £19,225 and publication costs on sales of £14,144.

The 2019 figures include further donations for the Kilifi project.

No significant fundraising 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 2020, are available and will be adequate to fulfil the objects of the Council in that year. 2020 financial estimates were approved by the Executive in October 2019 and they support the fact that the Trustees consider that the CCCBR is a going concern, i.e. that the Central Council can meet its commitments for the foreseeable future. The Trustees have included consideration of the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis in drawing their conclusions on this.

7. Membership

A number of members with long service stood down prior to the 2019 meeting. They included Jane Mason (Hereford DG), elected 2002; Peter Adcock (Norwich DA), elected 1966, served until 1973 and re-elected 2008; Paul Johnson (Swansea & Brecon), elected 1997; Norman Mattingley (Truro DG), elected 1996, and previously Hereford DG 1981-94; and Peter Niblett (Winchester & Portsmouth), elected 2008, and previously Oxford US 1984-2008. Eighteen new or returning members had been elected prior to the meeting. At the close of the Annual General Meeting on 7 September 2019 the Council's membership comprised 6 Fellows, 12 Ex-officio Members and 177 Representative Members representing 66 affiliated societies. There were 23 vacancies. We regret to report the deaths of 2 Fellows: John Barnes (SRCY 1969-2016; Life member 2016-18; Fellow 2018-19) and Andrew Stubbs (ASCY 1975-2008; Life Member 2008-18; Fellow 2018-20). A full report on membership changes will be given at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 17 May 2020.

S J L Linford
President

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	General Fund £	Education Courses £	Bell Restoration Fund £	F Dukes Internat'l Bell Fund £	Publications Fund £	Library Fund £	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2018 £
Income and Expenditure									
Incoming Resources									
Affiliation fees		8,000	–	–	–	–	–	8,000	7,960
Other income		1,848	–	–	–	–	–	1,848	1,549
Subscriptions from friends of Library		–	–	–	–	–	1,444	1,444	1,226
Interest receivable	7	1,814	–	446	915	86	63	3,324	2,684
Sales of publications, books and CDs		–	–	–	–	23,791	2,098	25,889	18,863
Sales of jigsaw puzzles and prints		–	–	211	–	–	–	211	1,690
Sales of training video/dvd		17	–	–	–	–	–	17	25
Stock written back		–	–	–	–	566	–	566	517
Donations to Christchurch Cathedral, NZ	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	75
Donations to Kilifi, Kenya	8	–	–	120	–	–	–	120	120
Gift Aid		39	–	30	–	–	67	136	96
Grant for Ringing Remembers	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20,000
Sale of PDF's		–	–	–	–	–	105	105	–
Other donations	8	335	–	8,500	–	–	9	8,844	27,483
Council meeting		10,768	–	–	–	–	–	10,768	30,557
		22,821	–	9,307	915	24,443	3,786	61,272	112,845
Resources expended									
Council meeting		15,701	–	–	–	–	–	15,701	30,846
Workgroup expenses etc	9	1,569	–	–	–	80	11	1,660	3,164
ART conference		1,943	–	–	–	–	–	1,943	1,187
Council and other committee costs		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	61
Ringing Remembers project costs		71	–	–	–	–	–	71	4,323
Recruitment leaflets		61	–	–	–	–	–	61	–
Cost of publications sold		–	–	–	–	12,979	1,165	14,144	8,450
Ringing World DVD expenses		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,626
Cost of jigsaws		–	–	25	–	–	–	25	909
C'church Cath NZ – project cost	8	–	–	6,069	–	–	–	6,069	–
Library maintenance		–	–	–	–	–	388	388	2,052
Equipment costs		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	76
Grants for bell restoration	10	–	–	17,225	2,000	–	–	19,225	11,400
Advertising		–	–	–	–	2,202	81	2,283	2,454
Storage and distribution	12	–	–	–	–	2,500	–	2,500	2,500
Stationery, postage and telephone		–	–	–	–	–	766	766	946
Insurance		2,479	–	–	–	377	–	2,856	2,826
Stock write off provision		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	178
Order and Disorder expenses		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,564
Depreciation – Library Collection		–	–	–	–	–	1,753	1,753	1,788
Depreciation – shelving		–	–	–	–	–	106	106	106
Paypal charges		–	–	–	–	371	–	371	249
Website		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12
Sundry expenses		124	219	–	–	–	–	343	783
		21,948	219	23,319	2,000	18,509	4,270	70,265	77,500
Net incoming resources before transfers		873	(219)	(14,012)	(1,085)	5,934	(484)	(8,993)	35,345
Revaluation of Library Collection		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Transfers between funds		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Net movement in funds		873	(219)	(14,012)	(1,085)	5,934	(484)	(8,993)	35,345
Balances at 31 December 2018		159,914	2,169	52,474	80,810	26,197	122,875	444,439	409,094
Balances at 31 December 2019		160,787	1,950	38,462	79,725	32,131	122,391	435,446	444,439

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	F Dukes Internat'l Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets								
Tangible assets								
Investments at cost	157,092	–	35,777	79,131	–	–	272,000	267,000
Library Collection	–	–	–	–	–	85,864	85,864	87,616
Library shelving	–	–	–	–	–	424	424	530
Total fixed assets	157,092	–	35,777	79,131	–	86,288	358,288	355,146
Current assets								
Stock	–	–	–	–	6,195	2,439	8,634	12,591
Debtors and prepayments	2,673	–	58	62	–	150	2,943	2,876
Cash on short term deposit and at bank	3,263	1,950	2,627	532	26,109	33,514	67,995	76,706
Total current assets	5,936	1,950	2,685	594	32,304	36,103	79,572	92,173
Current liabilities								
Creditors – amounts due within one year	(2,241)	–	–	–	(173)	–	(2,414)	(2,880)
Net current assets	3,695	1,950	2,685	594	32,131	36,103	77,158	89,293
Total assets less current liabilities	160,787	1,950	38,462	79,725	32,131	122,391	435,446	444,439
Funds								
Unrestricted	160,378	–	–	–	–	–	160,378	159,505
Unrestricted – designated	409	1,950	–	–	32,131	–	34,490	28,774
Restricted	–	–	38,462	79,725	–	122,391	240,578	256,160
Total funds	160,787	1,950	38,462	79,725	32,131	122,391	435,446	444,439

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019

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

Notes to the accounts continued

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 now is to revalue the collection every twenty years, but keeping the policy under review. 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*.

The long term loan of £8,500 to the Keltek Trust was repaid by the Trust during 2019 and is now included in the assets of the Bell Restoration Fund.

7. Interest receivable

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

National Savings Bonds	£3,152
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit account	£109
Other	£63

Amounts received were slightly higher than 2018.

8. Donations and grants received

8.1 Christchurch, New Zealand

The remaining balance of £6,069 from previous donations, held on behalf of Christchurch Cathedral, was used to repay loans and initial works in support of the restoration scheme.

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 2019, bringing the total now available to £657.

8.3 Ringing Remembers

The remaining balance, at 31 December 2019, of the Ringing Remembers Grant of £15,606 is held within general balances for future related work.

8.4 Other Donations – Bell Restoration

The long term loan of £8,500 was repaid by the Keltek Trust.

9. Workgroup Expenses

Total workgroup expenses amounted to £1660 across all activities, a reduction from 2018.

10. Grants paid

During the year, the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund paid three grants totalling £2,000. There is one outstanding grant commitment, with £2,485 available for new schemes.

During the year, the Bell Restoration Fund awarded no new grants. Nineteen grants totalling £17,225 were paid. Outstanding commitments total £26,750.

11. Charitable commitments

There is one grant of £2,000 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, and twenty nine grants totalling £26,750 awarded but not yet paid by the Bell Restoration Fund. There is also a charitable commitment to Kilifi bell restoration in respect of the balance of donations received but not yet paid amounting to £657.

12. Publications fund

Storage and distribution costs 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.

Young Ringers – Schools & Youth Groups Workgroup

“Schools and Youth Groups” is a recently formed workgroup with the aim of addressing item one in the “Strategic Priorities 2020 and beyond” document published shortly before the Covid-19 Lockdown. The goal of the group is “To establish new long terms sources of recruits from schools and youth groups.” in order to realise an increase of younger people taking up ringing as a long-term activity.

At the time of writing, there are currently 6 members of the workgroup

Colin Newman – Lead
Jason Hughes
Jennifer Thomas
Arthur Reeves
Mark Place
Nich Wilson

.. who are currently working to understand what the deliverables might look like to enable the current ringing establishment to engage with, recruit and educate ringers in the youth community. Thigs are very much in the formative stages of finding contacts and engaging with organisations such as Scouts, Guides, Boys Brigade, DofE and the teaching profession, and hopefully by the time of the Council AGM in September there will be some clear deliverables on which to report.



CCCBR 2019 Executive Report

2019 is the first full year under the new Rules and Standing Orders which were approved at Lancaster in May 2018. This report along with the following detailed workgroup reports form the formal Executive Report to Council in accordance with Rule 6.1 (b).

Throughout the year the Executive have met on a regular basis; Skype has been used and in addition every quarter we have held face to face meetings. These have also brought together the workgroup leaders for part of the day and have allowed them to have time talking with each other which has proved useful.

New Standing Orders for the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund were approved on 23rd January 2019. On 24th February 2019 a Privacy Policy was approved. At this meeting we also implemented the new Framework for Method Ringing with an effective date of 1st June 2019. This was a particularly large piece of work and was completed after wide ranging consultation. Our grateful thanks to all those who contributed to this project. At our meeting on 16th November 2019 we approved revised guidance on expenses.

On 9th May 2019 the US Ambassador, Robert Wood Johnson, hosted a reception at his official residence, Winfield House in the Regent's Park area of London. The original invitation had been made to the ringers at St Paul's Cathedral, London after he had been given a tour of the ringing chamber and bells there, and at Holy Trinity, Kingston-upon-Hull. The invitation had been extended to others nominated by the Central Council; around 150 representatives of guilds, associations, the bell trade and other ringing bodies enjoyed a memorable evening. Unfortunately the weather was not conducive to exploring the extensive grounds.

At the end of June Vicki Chapman, already a member of the Communications and Marketing workgroup, was appointed to the post of Public Relations Officer. Just after this Christopher O'Mahony, our President, announced his departure back to Australia and his intention to stand down at the AGM in September. We would like to put on record our thanks to Christopher for all his work in ensuring a smooth transition for the Council during a period of dramatic constitutional change. Simon Linford was elected to the office of President for the remaining part of the three year term.

This change gave us the opportunity to reflect on the progress made since the CRAG reform, and as a result a revised set of strategic priorities for 2020 and beyond were agreed:

- Find alternative long term sources of recruits who have the potential to be good ringers
- That no ringer should hit a barrier to their own progression
- The pursuit of excellence in everything we do
- The sound of church bells remains part of our cultural soundscape and is appreciated and understood
- The pursuit of method ringing is not the only measure of success for a ringer
- The Church continues to value our contribution.

Our AGM, held over the weekend of 6th to 8th September 2019 at Goldsmiths College in SE London, followed a new structure. Although numbers at the actual AGM on Saturday were down the Roadshow element on the Sunday proved popular with over 200 ringers and friends in attendance. There was a full day of seminars and activities with the majority of the feedback being positive. A big thank you to all members of the organising team for all their

hard work to make a success of this event which we hope to repeat in the future.

The Executive approved a forward budget for 2020 (although this has subsequently been affected by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic). In conjunction with the budget the Executive considered the forward plans from the individual workgroups. In addition we monitored existing services offered to ringers in general and programmes that seek to support our six strategic priorities.

We have continued to work with partner organisations and individuals. There have been regular meetings with The Ringing World and the Association of Ringing Teachers. Meetings have also been held during the year with Ecclesiastical Insurance, Church Buildings Council, Historic England, Historic Religious Buildings Alliance, and Churches Conservation Trust. Links with the last body have proved particularly useful, especially for some of our forward plans.

All members of the Executive are all aware of the need to be flexible in how we deliver on our strategic priorities, and at the end of 2019 work was commenced to see how this could be best delivered. The new structure adopted by the Council has given us the freedom to do this in a timely manner.

CCCBR Executive:

SIMON LINFORD (*President*)

DAVID KIRKCALDY (*Deputy President*)

MARY BONE (*Secretary*)

ANDREW SMITH (*Treasurer*)

PHILLIP BARNES (*Trustee*)

ALISON EVERETT (*Trustee*)

DAVID SMITH (*Trustee*)

CLYDE WHITTAKER (*Trustee*)

Robert Kilby Memorial Peal

In 2017 the Central Council received a legacy from Robert M Kilby to support the ringing of Stedman Caters – specifically, the Council organises a peal of Stedman Caters each year with the band containing at least one ringer for whom it is the first peal of Stedman Caters. The first peal was rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild at St Mary de Castro, Leicester on Saturday 27 October 2018 <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1252159>.

The 2019 peal was rung for the Coventry Diocesan Guild at St Mary's Warwick on Saturday 21 December 2019

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1315812>.

Applications from societies for future peals (mail to secretary@cccbr.org.uk) will be invited when peal ringing is again possible.

Historical & Archive Workgroup

During the year we were saddened to hear of the death of David Willis. David had worked on the Biographies Committee and helped with research for the Rolls of Honour.

An observation I have made several times is that historical research is generally a very individual activity. There is a lot of information out there but it takes the work and time of individuals to turn it into something interesting and useful. We don't therefore have a group of people all working on the same project. We have several people each working on their own projects and a number of contacts who are very knowledgeable in the field. That means that we have many skills and experiences that can be shared but no real need for Workgroup meetings.

The exception to that is the peals analysis group who communicate by email, phone and virtual meetings in the few weeks it takes to compile their report (see below). Alan Buswell has kindly agreed to be an adviser to the Workgroup in the field of quarter peal analysis. His quarter peal reports will be familiar to readers of *The Ringing World* and his final report is included below. Our thanks go to him for this. As he says, this was his last report so a volunteer to continue this analysis would be welcome.

The Central Council Library is a significant resource which benefits from someone knowledgeable looking after it. We are all grateful to Alan Glover for all his work on this.

Library

Alan Glover writes:

We were saddened to hear of the deaths of two former Friends: John Barnes was a long-standing and generous supporter who had served on the CC Library Committee in its early days in the 1970s; Jim Cook was an Honorary Life Member. When his brother Bill, a former CCCBR Librarian, died, Jim made a donation to the Library in his memory and later added Bill's membership certificates to our collection.

Among the items donated to the Library during the year were the peal records of two notable ringers: that of John Jelley, with the transfer arranged by Rupert Clarke, while the family of Tony Price donated Tony's peal book.

Four ringing badges were added to the collection: John Elvin donated his Durham University badge and we bought a 25th anniversary badge of the HRGB, a silver

Stacey Lancashire Assn badge inscribed to commemorate a peal rung for the 1937 coronation, and a silver example of the first Guildford DG badge.

As anticipated last year, George Pipe donated his copy of *The Church Bells of Huntingdonshire* by Revd T W N Owen. This is No 1 of a limited edition of 30 of the Imperial Quarto version and was the author's own copy, with his signature, additional MS notes and various ephemera.

George Barrett donated a beautifully rebound 1871 first edition of *Music and Morals* by Revd H R Haweis.

A number of authors have presented copies of their works: Anthony Tibbles (one of the Friends) gave us *We ring the quick to church – A Group of Bell-ringing Boards in Cornish Churches*, and Michael Hatchett (another Friend) gave us a copy of *Change Ringing at Huntsham and the attendance & fine book*. We received the Salisbury Diocesan Guild *Great War Memorial Booklet* from the compiler, Robert Wellen, and *The Bells of Exeter Cathedral* from Ian Campbell, who has updated Revd John Scott's 1964 text. All of these are worth adding to any ringing library.

Stella Bianco continued to supply us with Ringing World calendars and Michael Smethurst gave us an early Liverpool Diocesan Guild report. Harry and Mary Poyner donated a Mears and Stainbank Church Bells catalogue of about 1895 and a copy of *The Bells of Shrewsbury Abbey* by David Davies. We received various duplicate items from the Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association library through the efforts of Philip Twentymen (another Friend).

Among the items published in 2019 and acquired by purchase were Matthew Smith's two-volume *Buckinghamshire Bells and Belfries*, and *Exploring England's Belfries – A Pictorial Essay*, with photographs by Chris Dalton and text by Richard Jones.

The Library has a very good archive of Association/Guild/Society annual reports. These are regularly used to provide answers to queries and much effort goes in to trying to keep the collection up to date by acquiring the latest edition each year, but in some cases this has proved very difficult. We would be very grateful if anyone could arrange for us to receive copies of the following reports. We would be happy to reimburse any costs involved:

- Beverley and District 2018
- Durham and Newcastle 2018
- Lancashire Association 2018/19 with peal report.

Usage of the Library was broadly in line with other recent years. Six people visited the Library during 2019 and 69 items were borrowed. A further 60 queries were dealt with by phone or email.

In addition, at the end of the year, the Tim Wooding Badge Collection was formally offered to the Library Collection on permanent loan. It was originally hoped that Tim's collection could be put on display in a Northamptonshire church but concerns over security made that impossible.

Carter Ringing Machine Collection

As mentioned last year, Bill Purvis wishes to retire as a Steward of the Carter



*The Carter Ringing Machine, on display at the Loughborough Bellfoundry Museum.
(Photo: D Hird)*

Ringing Machine Collection. Bill has done a great deal to make the Carter machine itself more widely known. He has kindly given permission for his web pages to be re-used in the website (see below).

Biographies

Members and former members of the Council who died in 2019 are:

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL PALEY JOHNSON, Cambridge University Guild 1960–1975, attended 12 meetings, died 5 January 2019.

PETER JOHN EVES, Essex Association 1960–1966, attended 6 meetings, died 4 February 2019.

JACQUELINE SUSAN KING (née Evans), Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Associa-

tion 1957–1981, attended 21 meetings, died 15 February 2019.

BASIL JONES, Chester Diocesan Guild 1969–1976, attended 3 meetings, died 7 May 2019.

KEITH GEORGE GAME, East Grinstead & District Guild 1969–1975, attended 6 meetings, died 6 June 2019.

ROLAND HARRY COOK, Leicester Diocesan Guild 1972–1975, attended 2 meetings, died 16 July 2019.

MELVYN JOHN HILLER, Salisbury Diocesan Guild 1972–1975, Kent County Association 1975–1981, attended 8 meetings, died 18 October 2019

ARTHUR FIDLER, Devon Association 1969–1971, attended no meetings, died 19 October 2019.

JOHN SPENCER BARNES, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths 1969–2016, Life member 2016–2018, Fellow 2018–2019, attended 51 meetings, died 19 October 2019.

NORMAN MALLETT, Guild of Devonshire Ringers 1961–1972, attended 8 meetings, died 22 November 2019.

DAVID C WILLIS, Additional member 2011–2017, Guild of Devonshire Ringers 2017–2019, attended 2 meetings, died 10 December 2019.

Rolls of Honour

Activity on the Rolls of Honour has settled down to non-WW1 centenary levels with some thought being given to a new display case and book. That is not an excuse for the rest of us to forget this though. If you come across any information that Alan Regin, the Steward, may not have, such as photos, newspaper references etc, feel free to send them. It is all appreciated.

Alan has received help from the late David Willis who searched all available online newspapers for possible new cases and was responsible for identifying a large number of new entries. Family history research assistance has been provided by Yvonne Cairns of Jesmond, Kathryn Pearce of Bradoc, Beverly Faber of Stamford CT, with additional assistance from Michael Day, David Underdown and Jennifer Sparling. IT support was provided by Doug Davis and Andrew Hall who loaded updates prior to the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May 2020.

The Peals Analysis

We have recorded a total of 4484 peals rung in 2019 and published in *The Ringing World* up to March 20th this year, of which 3714 were on tower bells and 770 on handbells. The revised total for 2018 is 4653 (as shown in the table below), an increase of 36

	Tower bell♦	Handbell	Total
2019*	3714	770	4484
2018†	3895	758	4653
2017	3890	846	4737
2016	4033	880	4913
2015	4134	826	4960
♦ Including those rung on a simulator * Published up to the RW of March 20 th † Including corrections listed below.			

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 in the table above from which it can be seen that the 2019 total continues the downward trend and is nearly 10% less overall than 5 years ago.

The Yorkshire Association is again the leading society with 299 peals, but is only 29 more than the second place Oxford D.G. with 270, the difference having decreased again this year. The leading society for handbell peals in 2019 was again the Oxford D.G. with 123, while second place Chester D.G. rang 89; the difference (34) has doubled from 2018. Twelve affiliated societies rang 100 or more peals in 2019, two fewer than in 2018. Please see separate tables for details of peals rung for each society and by method / method type.

There are again a significant number of peals known to have been rung last year but not published in *The Ringing World* by March 20th, including some from the first half of the year. **We would encourage the organisers and conductors of peals to submit them 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 three record length peals rung in 2019, all on tower bells. In addition there was a peal of 210 Treble Dodging Minor methods, which, whilst not a record length, was the most methods yet rung all the work. These peals are detailed in the Records table below.

Leading Towers

Ten or more peals were rung in the following 65 towers in 2019 (76 in 2018).
63 Sproxtton
44 Huntsham

43 Leeds (RC Cathedral)
35 Kingsteignton (Kings-Ting-Tong), Milton
32 Dordrecht ('t Klockhuys)
31 Lundy
29 Oxford (St Thomas)
27 Birmingham (St Philip's Cathedral)
26 Church Lawford (Plantagenet Ring), Meldreth, Portsmouth (St Agatha)
25 Hughenden
24 East Huntspill (Little Orchard Tower), Maidstone (All Saints), Ypres
23 London (St Magnus the Martyr), Sheffield (Dore)
22 Bristol (St John), Thorverton
21 Keele (Woodlands), Shepton Beauchamp
18 Barrow Gurney, Birmingham (St Paul), London (St James Garlickhythe)
17 Burnley (St Peter), Winford
16 Cambridge (St Mary)
15 Bishopstoke, Rotherham (All Saints), Spitalfields
14 Marston Bigot (St Leonard), Worcester (Barbourne)
13 Birmingham (Edgbaston), Chilcompton (St John), East Ilsley, Hanbury
12 Awbridge (Clock House), Coseley, Highweek, Middleton (Gtr Man), Newcastle (St John), Oxford (St Mary Magdalen), Thatcham
11 Backwell, Bradford Peverell, Campton, Coddington, Knottingley, Saddleworth, Sheffield (Cathedral), Worcester (Cathedral), Yarkhill
10 Accrington, Aldeburgh, Basingstoke (All Saints), Burton Latimer, London (Cornhill), Potterhanworth, Saltby, Shoreditch, Stratton St Margaret, Strensall, Willoughby on the Wolds, Worcester (All Saints)

There were also 24 handbell venues where 10 or more peals were rung in 2019 (21 in 2018).

First pealers and firsts as conductor

139 ringers rang their first peals in 2019 (127 in 2018), but only 137 of these have had their peals published in *The Ringing World*, at the time of writing this report. This therefore maintains the slight increase in the annual number of first pealers that was noted last year. There was also an increase in the number of firsts as conductor in 2019 with 33, compared to 24 last year. However, only 32 of these 33 peals have currently been published in *The Ringing World*.

Last year we speculated that the slight rise in first peals might indicate that the recent likely year on year decline in the number of active change ringers has finally

been reversed. This year's figures would continue to support that view.

Corrections to the 2018 Analysis

There are several alterations to the 2018 Analysis owing to late publication which are detailed below. Corrections relate to tower bells except where specified.

Australian and New Zealand Association	Major +1
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association	Major +1
Bristol University Society	Minor +1
Chester Diocesan Guild	Royal +1 (handbells)
Derby Diocesan Association	Caters +1
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association	Minor +1, Caters +1
Ely Diocesan Association	Major +1
Irish Association	Major +1
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	Major +1, Royal +1
Norwich Diocesan Association	Minor +1
Peterborough Diocesan Guild	Major -1
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	Minor -1, Royal +1
St Martin's Guild	Maximus +3, Triples +1 (handbells)
Suffolk Guild	Minor +1 (handbells)
Surrey Association	Doubles +1
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild	Triples +1, Major +2, Maximus +1
Yorkshire Association	Major +2
Non-Affiliated	Major +8, Maximus +1, Minor +4 (handbells)

The amended methods analysis for 2018 is shown in the "Analysis of Peals by Method" table, which forms part of this report.

The Felstead Project

During 2019 the work of maintaining the accuracy of the Felstead database has continued, the number of additions and corrections once again being higher than the previous year. The number of additions made as a result of John Eisel's continuing search of digitised newspapers has now decreased considerably but a few still come to light from time to time. Some 660 corrections to dates have been made as a result of research by Colin Turner, many of them being due to being published with mismatched days and dates or transcription errors. Andrew Craddock continues his valuable work of adding all new peals as they are published and has also found a number of errors as he has extended the scope of his PealBase site to earlier years. Alan Glover has again been very helpful in

answering a number of queries by reference to materials in the Library. Progress is being made in adding *Bell News* and *Ringling World* references to the entries, which has resulted in several other errors being corrected. Notifications from several other people have resulted in a further 14 additions / 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

3	5056 Tintinnabulation Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
4	5040 Ecclefechan Alliance Royal	Peterboro DG
5	5100 Victoria Garesfield Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
8	5040 Stanhope Delight Minor	D&N
9	5040 Quebec Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
10	5040 Huntsham Hybrid Major	Bath & Wells DA
16	5056 Nunney Castle Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA
18	5152 Hen Harrier Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
19	5040 Nuro Fen Surprise Maximus	SRCY
23	5184 Winter Aconite Delight Major	Yorks A
23	5040 Low Fell Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
26	5024 Harry's Delight Major	Devonshire G
30	5096 India Alliance Major	Lincoln DG

February

2	5096 Alpha Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
5	5056 Xylobium Surprise Major	S&N DG
6	5120 Crow Surprise Major	Yorks A
6	5096 Uniform Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
7	5040 Makalu Delight Royal	Devonshire G
8	5152 Deoxyribonucleic Acid Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA
13	5096 Kilo Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
14	5088 River Severn Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
19	5088 Waldron Delight Major	Kent CA
20	5120 Great Tit Surprise Major	Yorks A
20	5056 Quernendon Surprise Major	Trent Valley A
20	5152 Oxford Castle Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
20	5096 Echo Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
22	5152 White-Tailed Eagle Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
22	5120 Harborne Delight Major	SRCY

March

4	5000 Holderness Surprise Royal	Yorks A
6	5152 Glenside Delight Major	Lincoln DG
7	5184 Bracknell Treble Place Major	Bath & Wells DA
8	5056 Merlin Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
13	5120 Wren Surprise Major	Yorks A
14	5040 Manaslu Surprise Royal	Devonshire G
16	5056 Dordrecht Treble Place Major	Dordrecht S
17	5100 Water-Ma-Trout Alliance Major	Devonshire G
18	5056 Menin Gate Surprise Major	Ypres BRG
20	5088 Pendennis Castle Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA
20	5096 Foxtrot Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
21	5056 Risegate Alliance Royal	Trent Valley A
23	5024 Scilly Surprise Major	Truro DG
26	5152 Cambridge Blue Surprise Major	W&P DG
26	5088 Drake Delight Major	V Evesham S
26	5000 Jordonston Delight Royal	Trent Valley A
27	5040 Lima Alliance Major	Lincoln DG

April

2	5024 Yarbridge Surprise Major	S&N DG
3	5096 Whiskey Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
4	5152 Ventongimps Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
5	5184 Sparrowhawk Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
6	5096 Bedlington Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
10	5088 Goldcrest Surprise Major	Yorks A
10	5096 Oscar Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
11	5032 Blatherskite Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
16	5024 Kingsbridge Surprise Major	Devonshire G
18	5184 Bovey Tracey Bridge Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA
19	5040 Awbridge Delight Royal	W&P DG
21	5130 Easter Alliance Major	V Evesham S

May

2	5184 Winterfell Delight Major	Non
3	5088 Tour de Yorkshire Delight Major	Yorks A
4	5068 Golf Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
5	5040 Dudley Alliance Royal	Trent Valley A
8	5120 Wild Garlic Delight Major	Yorks A
8	5032 Hotel Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
9	5184 Minions Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
15	5088 Queenborough Castle Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
15	5040 Yankee Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
16	5088 North Wootton Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
17	5056 Vialls Delight Major	Peterboro DG
18	5152 Dungannon Delight Major	D&N
18	5012 Wortley Alliance Major	Yorks A
21	5060 Fustyweed Surprise Major	Devonshire G
22	5024 Tawny Owl Surprise Major	Yorks A
23	5088 Chittlehampton Treble Place Major	Bath & Wells DA
28	5040 Kingsgate Alliance Royal	Trent Valley A
29	5096 Bravo Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
30	5152 Egglestone Surprise Major	E meets W
30	5088 Terminological Inexactitude Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA
31	5152 Bushey Manor Surprise Major	St James G

June

1	5040 Charlie Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
2	5040 Chevening Alliance Major	SRCY
4	5040 Upton cum Chalvey Surprise Royal	Derby DA
5	5040 Delta Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
6	5066 Morning Star Treble Place Major	Bath & Wells DA
7	5040 Darlington Delight Royal	Lancs A
10	5040 Somerton Delight Royal	Trent Valley A
12	5096 Papa Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
13	5152 Chilcompton Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA
13	5080 Chichester Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
14	5088 Strawberry Line Delight Major	G&B DA
17	5024 Widford Surprise Major	St James G
19	5088 Collared Dove Surprise Major	Yorks A
19	5152 Richmond Castle Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA
19	5096 Victor Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
20	5076 Querulous Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA

July

2	5120 Kirkby Woodhouse Surprise Major	S&N DG
2	5024 On The Ball City Delight Major	Norwich DA
3	5100 Juliet Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
6	5100 Kingsbury Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
9	5088 Daresbury Delight Major	Chester DG
10	5120 Song Thrush Surprise Major	Yorks A
10	5040 Clenchwarton Alliance Major	Lincoln DG

11 5024 Yeolmbridge Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA	24 5152 Oscar Surprise Major	Trent Valley A	June	
17 5024 Sham Castle Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	25 5120 Backwell Alliance Royal	Bath & Wells DA	3 5184 Gracechurch Delight Maximus	G St Cuileain
18 5040 Mountjoy Surprise Royal	Devonshire G	29 5088 Kegworth Delight Major	Freehold S	4 5152 Kingstone Surprise Major	Hereford DG
20 5024 Hawkins Delight Major	Devonshire G	30 5120 Rook Surprise Major	Yorks A	18 5056 Lugwardine Surprise Major	Hereford DG
21 5130 Ronkswood Alliance Major	V Evesham S			21 5024 Jovium Surprise Major	Yorks A
24 5120 Electra Surprise Major	Yorks A	November			
24 5040 Sierra Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	1 5040 Freshwater Surprise Minor	Trent Valley A	July	
25 5040 Annapurna Surprise Royal	Devonshire G	5 5024 100 Surprise Major	Yorks A	16 5088 Madley Surprise Major	Hereford DG
25 5184 Kittiwake Alliance Royal	Lundy IS	6 5056 Bowland Delight Major	Lancs A	24 5184 Ra Surprise Maximus	Oxford DG
26 5024 Pink Fizz Delight Major	Derby DA	6 5160 November Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	28 5152 Around Surprise Major	Around R
30 5184 Ivington Surprise Major	Around R	7 5040 Isle of Wight Treble Place Minor	Trent Valley A	29 5160 Winston the Bull Surprise Royal	G St Cuileain
August		9 5096 The New Highweek Alliance Major	Devonshire G	August	
2 5040 Colby Treble Place Royal	Peterboro DG	11 5096 Penwortham Alliance Major	Lancs A	7 5088 The Moon Surprise Major	Devonshire G
3 5096 Montana Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	12 5024 Myrmica Treble Place Major	Bath & Wells DA	14 5040 Dewi Sant Delight Royal	Oxford DG
8 5096 Nethertown Alliance Major	Trent Valley A	14 5024 Easton-in-Gordano Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA	19 5088 Coniston Bluebird Delight Major	G St Cuileain
11 5040 Concrete Pigeon Surprise Royal	Oxford S	14 5112 Dipsophobia Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA	September	
14 5096 Romeo Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	16 5040 Wyevale Surprise Royal	SRCY	4 5040 Bishop Stamer Delight Royal	Oxford DG
15 5004 Shaggs Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA	17 5130 Vesta Tilley Alliance Major	V Evesham S	11 2090 Metheringham Fen Surprise Maximus	Oxford DG
17 5152 Carmela Delight Major	Chester DG	17 5100 Centennial Alliance Major	SRCY	October	
18 5130 Tolladine Alliance Major	V Evesham S	19 5024 Vicissitudinous Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA	2 5184 Maidenhead Delight Maximus	Oxford DG
18 5040 Gillett Alliance Major	S Blaise S	20 5088 Jackdaw Surprise Major	Yorks A	9 5088 Paludian Surprise Maximus	Oxford DG
20 5130 Pinvin Alliance Major	V Evesham S	22 5376 West Town Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA	16 5024 Versailles Surprise Major	Oxford DG
21 5024 Taunton Castle Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	27 5096 Mike Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	31 5088 Newtown Cross Surprise Major	Hereford DG
21 5096 Fenham Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	28 5088 Riddle-Me-Ree! Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA	November	
22 5040 Changabang Surprise Royal	Devonshire G	30 5130 Clifford Alliance Major	S Blaise S	13 5088 Nephthys Surprise Maximus	Oxford DG
22 5130 Rampisham Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA	December		19 5088 Orcop Surprise Major	Hereford DG
24 5040 Blue Sapphire Surprise Royal	Suffolk G	2 5024 Teignwick Delight Major	Devonshire G	26 5056 Pencombe Surprise Major	Hereford DG
24 5056 Llanfeugan Delight Major	ASCY	3 5152 Embarcadero Surprise Major	W&P DG	December	
27 5004 Outgate Alliance Royal	Trent Valley A	4 5152 Morton Surprise Major	Lincoln DG	4 5040 Whistler Delight Maximus	Oxford DG
28 5152 Ridware Delight Major	Lincoln DG	6 5088 St Nicholas's Day Surprise Major	St Nicholas S	Record Peals on Towerbells	
29 5040 Fryerning Alliance Major	Oxford DG	7 5096 Stannum Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	May	
29 5040 Aimlessneses Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA	8 5088 North Creake Surprise Major	Norwich DA	10 10080 Addington Surprise Major	Lancs A
September		9 5088 Boxmoor Delight Major	St James G	July	
4 5096 Grangetown Alliance Major	Trent Valley A	12 5076 Tickle Cock Bridge Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA	12 10500 Doubles and Minor (14 methods)	N Wales Assoc
5 5040 Wokey Hole Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA	16 5040 Aldwych Surprise Royal	St James G	October	
6 5024 Haselbech Alliance Royal	Peterboro DG	17 5100 Lord Hereford's Knob Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA	12 10018 Spliced Cinques and Maximus (2 methods)	ASCY
7 5096 Hookergate Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	17 5054 Verbigeration Alliance Major	Devonshire G	December	
9 5122 Castle Baynard Surprise Major	St James G	17 5004 Fallgate Alliance Royal	Trent Valley A	21 25200 Spliced Treble Dodging Minor (210 methods, all the work)	ASCY
11 5088 Purple Loosestrife Delight Major	Yorks A	18 5120 Siskin Surprise Major	Yorks A		
11 5096 Tango Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	18 5040 Rho Alliance Major	Lincoln DG		
12 5012 Fulking Hill Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA	24 5040 Willingham Surprise Minor	D&N		
15 5032 Vorlus-Snorlus Alliance Major	Devonshire G	25 5096 Happy Christmas Alliance Major	Lincoln DG		
18 5088 Urquhart Castle Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA	31 5100 Gollumpus Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA		
18 5120 Rome Delight Major	Yorks A	First peals in methods on Handbells			
18 5040 Eastwood Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	January			
20 5088 Dordrecht Little Surprise Major	Dordrecht S	15 5152 Hentland Surprise Major	Hereford DG		
22 5040 Veryan Alliance Major	S Blaise S	22 5152 Ivington Surprise Major	Hereford DG		
24 5000 Eastgate Alliance Royal	Trent Valley A	30 5184 Osiris Surprise Maximus	Oxford DG		
25 5040 Cramlington Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	February			
26 5096 Firkytoodle Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA	5 5152 Jalsagor Surprise Major	Hereford DG		
27 5088 Chelsfield Delight Major	S Michaels S	March			
30 5040 Boghead Surprise Royal	Devonshire G	12 5040 www Delight Royal	S Olaves S		
October		24 5056 Fiskerton Delight Major	Lincoln DG		
2 5096 Black Five Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	April			
5 5024 Almondbury Delight Major	SRCY	14 5056 Wye Surprise Major	Lincoln DG		
5 5096 Omega Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	15 5088 Poperinge Delight Maximus	G St Cuileain		
10 5040 Ama Dablam Surprise Royal	Devonshire G	17 5184 Maryland Surprise Maximus	Oxford DG		
13 5184 Nevison's Leap Surprise Major	Yorks A	18 5088 Ely Surprise Major	G St Cuileain		
15 5040 Zhongshan Surprise Royal	Lancs A				
16 5184 Wood Pigeon Surprise Major	Yorks A				
16 5040 Lambda Alliance Major	Lincoln DG				
17 5060 Wobbly Bobs Treble Place Major	Bath & Wells DA				
19 5152 Kelway Surprise Major	Coventry DG				
22 5056 Northgate Alliance Royal	Trent Valley A				
23 5040 Scholfield Bob Major	Suffolk G				

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Analysis of Peals by Society

Society	2019													Tower Total	Simu- lator	HAND												Hand Total	Society Total
	4	5	5/6	6	7	7/8	8	9	9/10	10	11	11/12	12			13	13/14	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
Ancient Society of College Youths	0	4	0	20	9	0	74	6	0	32	12	2	38	0	0	197	0	0	6	1	2	2	1	8	1	21	218		
Australian & New Zealand Association	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9		
Barrow & District Society	0	4	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10		
Bath & Wells Diocesan Association	0	7	0	48	6	0	135	1	0	18	2	0	8	0	0	225	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	234		
Bedfordshire Association	0	0	0	8	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16		
Beverley & District Society	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	4			
Birmingham University Society	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7		
Bristol University Society	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5		
Cambridge University Guild	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5		
Carlisle Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5		
Chester Diocesan Guild	0	0	1	6	4	0	19	2	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	39	0	0	33	0	43	0	12	0	1	89	128		
Coventry Diocesan Guild	0	1	0	15	0	0	45	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	64		
Derby Diocesan Association	0	2	0	8	2	0	39	1	0	14	0	1	5	0	0	72	0	0	1	0	3	0	6	0	3	13	85		
Devonshire Guild	0	2	0	64	0	0	74	2	0	31	1	0	11	0	0	185	1	0	3	0	22	0	6	0	0	31	217		
Dorset County Association	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8		
Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association	0	1	0	11	1	1	31	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	48		
Durham University Society	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8		
Ely Diocesan Association	0	3	0	21	0	0	24	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	90	0	0	2	0	31	1	0	0	1	35	125		
Essex Association	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2		
Four Shires Guild	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2		
Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association	0	2	0	17	7	0	54	4	0	8	1	0	1	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	94		
Guildford Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	1	7	0	25	4	0	11	3	0	2	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	17	70		
Hereford Diocesan Guild	0	3	0	11	5	0	22	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	1	2	1	12	0	2	0	18	64		
Hertford County Association	0	1	0	7	0	0	16	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	7	0	12	0	4	0	23	50		
Kent County Association	0	3	0	61	5	0	54	4	0	15	0	0	1	0	0	143	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	145		
Lancashire Association	0	3	0	20	1	0	74	3	0	32	1	0	1	0	0	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	135	
Leicester Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	5	2	0	16	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	2	0	5	0	1	0	0	8	36		
Lichfield & Walsall Archdeacons Society	0	1	0	4	2	0	19	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	32	32	
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	0	3	0	19	2	0	66	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	92	0	0	9	1	12	0	2	0	0	24	116		
Liverpool Universities Society	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3		
Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association	0	5	0	4	3	0	7	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	1	0	12	0	5	0	1	19	44		
London University Society	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5		
Middlesex County Association & London Diocesan Guild	0	1	0	1	4	0	9	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	10	0	4	0	0	14	34		
North American Guild	0	1	0	2	2	0	12	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	2	0	5	1	0	1	0	9	34		
North Staffordshire Association	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
North Wales Association	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6		
Norwich Diocesan Association	0	3	0	14	1	0	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	27	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	34		
Oxford Diocesan Guild	0	3	0	25	4	0	84	3	0	21	1	1	5	0	0	147	0	0	2	0	30	0	56	0	35	123	270		
Oxford Society	0	0	0	1	2	0	10	9	0	11	0	1	3	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	38	38	
Oxford University Society	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3		
Peterborough Diocesan Guild	0	1	0	21	1	0	30	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60		
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	0	4	0	7	2	0	18	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	33		
Scottish Association	0	0	0	2	0	0	16	1	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	29	29	
Shropshire Association	0	2	1	6	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15		
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	0	0	0	12	2	0	71	7	1	25	3	2	30	0	0	153	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	16	170	170	
Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	17	1	0	13	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	34		
St David's Diocesan Guild	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2		
St Martin's Guild	0	0	0	18	10	3	5	2	0	2	8	2	19	1	0	70	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	85	85	
Suffolk Guild	0	4	0	21	3	0	49	2	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	87		
Surrey Association	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7		
Sussex County Association	0	0	0	7	1	0	21	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	34	0	0	3	0	8	0	12	0	0	23	57		
Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4		
Truro Diocesan Guild	0	1	0	1	6	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	16	16		
Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild	0	2	0	19	2	0	47	3	0	15	2	0	5	1	0	96	0	0	3	0	26	0	8	0	0	37	133		
Worcestershire & Districts Association	0	1	0	6	1	1	9	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	24		
Yorkshire Association	0	3	0	42	2	0	151	6	0	38	8	0	14	0	0	264	0	0	1	0	32	1	1	0	0	35	299	299	

Analysis of Peals by Method and Change on Year

	TOWER			HAND			TOTAL		
	2019	2018	+/-	2019	2018	+/-	2019	2018	+/-
Fourteen	0	5	-5	0	2	-2	0	7	-7
Septuples/Fourteen	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sextuples	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Maximus									
Spliced Surprise	18	26	-8	12	6	6	30	32	-2
Spliced Treble Dodging	10	5	5	5	2	3	15	7	8
Other Spliced	34	23	11	1	9	-8	35	32	3
Bristol Surprise	58	46	12	16	8	8	74	54	20
Cambridge Surprise	40	51	-11	4	4	0	44	55	-11
Yorkshire Surprise	24	29	-5	4	3	1	28	32	-4
Other Single Surprise	26	22	4	11	8	3	37	30	7
Other	8	3	5	10	8	2	18	11	7
Total Maximus	218	205	13	63	48	15	281	253	28
Cinques/Maximus	13	13	0	0	0	0	13	13	0
Cinques									
Stedman	71	73	-2	9	7	2	80	80	0
Grandsire	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	5
Plain Bob	2	10	-8	0	0	0	2	10	-8
Total Cinques	78	83	-5	9	7	2	87	90	-3
Royal/Cinques									
Royal									
Spliced Surprise	33	42	-9	13	16	-3	46	58	-12
Other Spliced	12	24	-12	7	8	-1	19	32	-13
Kent Treble Bob Royal	0	1	-1	23	24	-1	23	25	-2
Cambridge Surprise	70	62	8	28	22	6	98	84	14
Yorkshire Surprise	62	65	-3	24	15	9	86	80	6
Bristol Surprise	64	59	5	5	13	-8	69	72	-3
London No.3 Surprise	33	37	-4	9	3	6	42	40	2
Swindon Surprise	13	23	-10	5	3	2	18	26	-8
Lincolnshire Surprise	9	11	-2	14	16	-2	23	27	-4
Other Surprise	101	86	15	16	16	0	117	102	15
Single Delight	19	20	-1	8	19	-11	27	39	-12
Plain Bob	6	0	6	8	0	8	14	0	14
Other	13	18	-5	0	18	-18	13	36	-23
Total Royal	435	448	-13	160	173	-13	595	621	-26
Caters/Royal	1	3	-2	0	1	-1	1	4	-3
Caters									
Grandsire	60	67	-7	3	1	2	63	68	-5
Stedman	57	66	-9	1	2	-1	58	68	-10
Other	3	4	-1	0	0	0	3	4	-1
Total Caters	120	137	-17	4	3	1	124	140	-16
Caters/Major									
Major									
Spliced Surprise	242	292	-50	46	56	-10	288	348	-60
Other Spliced	36	7	29	11	5	6	47	12	35
Bristol Surprise	157	168	-11	27	26	1	184	194	-10
Yorkshire Surprise	165	151	14	53	40	13	218	191	27
Cambridge Surprise	106	97	9	33	41	-8	139	138	1
Superlative Surprise	32	66	-34	16	9	7	48	75	-27
London Surprise	49	48	1	6	10	-4	55	58	-3
Lessness Surprise	52	46	6	3	9	-6	55	55	0
Lincolnshire Surprise	18	35	-17	10	15	-5	28	50	-22

	TOWER			HAND			TOTAL		
	2019	2018	+/-	2019	2018	+/-	2019	2018	+/-
Major (continued)									
Cornwall Surprise	23	27	-4	8	1	7	31	28	3
Ytterbium Surprise	17	0	17	0	1	-1	17	1	16
Uxbridge Surprise	13	16	-3	0	1	-1	13	17	-4
Turramurra Surprise	46	14	32	3	3	0	49	17	32
Painswick Surprise	14	0	14	2	0	2	16	0	16
Pudsey Surprise	14	11	3	1	2	-1	15	13	2
Ely Surprise	11	0	11	1	0	1	12	0	12
Rutland Surprise	17	10	7	4	4	0	21	14	7
Jovium Surprise	11	0	11	1	0	1	12	0	12
Frodsham	10	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	10
Other Surprise	421	485	-64	28	16	12	449	501	-52
Cooktown Orchid Delight	30	29	1	8	2	6	38	31	7
Single Delight	154	160	-6	6	12	-6	160	172	-12
Double Norwich Court Bob	34	33	1	6	4	2	40	37	3
Plain Bob	31	32	-1	53	43	10	84	75	9
Kent Treble Bob	2	1	1	40	40	0	42	41	1
Single Alliance	135	119	16	0	0	0	135	119	16
Other	20	23	-3	12	5	7	32	28	4
Total Major	1860	1870	-10	378	345	33	2238	2215	23
Triples/Major	5	1	4	0	0	0	5	1	4
Triples									
Stedman	66	47	19	17	14	3	83	61	22
Grandsire	40	78	-38	2	0	2	42	78	-36
Plain Bob	10	13	-3	0	0	0	10	13	-3
Other	6	12	-6	0	0	0	6	12	-6
Total Triples	122	150	-28	19	14	5	141	164	-23
Minor									
Spliced surprise	134	135	-1	6	6	0	140	141	-1
Spliced other	59	39	20	2	1	1	61	40	21
8+ Methods Surprise	55	78	-23	7	3	4	62	81	-19
Other	8	14	-6	15	19	-4	23	33	-10
7 Methods Surprise	254	307	-53	12	16	-4	266	323	-57
Other	123	135	-12	10	22	-12	133	157	-24
2-6 Methods Surprise	12	14	-2	4	1	3	16	15	1
Other	57	69	-12	53	62	-9	110	131	-21
Plain Bob Minor	23	28	-5	17	22	-5	40	50	-10
Cambridge Surprise	28	36	-8	8	7	1	36	43	-7
Other Surprise	7	5	2	0	3	-3	7	8	-1
Other	5	8	-3	1	2	-1	6	10	-4
Total Minor	765	868	-103	135	164	-29	900	1032	-132
Doubles/Minor	7	7	0	0	0	0	7	7	0
Doubles									
2+ Methods	68	79	-11	0	0	0	68	79	-11
Grandsire	6	7	-1	1	0	1	7	7	0
Stedman	5	10	-5	0	1	-1	5	11	-6
Other	7	3	4	0	0	0	7	3	4
Total Doubles	86	99	-13	1	1	0	87	100	-13
Minimus/Doubles									
Minimus	1	4	-3	1	0	1	2	4	-2
TOTAL	3714	3895	-181	770	758	12	4484	4653	-169

One of our early project suggestions was the formation of a network of ringing historians. As is often the way, where a group of people see a need for something they will create it. The various Facebook groups, as well as Dickon Love's Bell-Historians mailing group has effectively filled this gap, so there is little to be gained from this Workgroup trying to fill the space. However, one drawback of social media is that useful information and advice only appears once and then becomes hard to find. There is a requirement for something that retains information as a reference source.

So, building on the content that used to be on the old CCCBR website, a new bell ringing history website has been set up to contain historical ringing content, advice and information. This is at: <http://www.bellringinghistory.org.uk/Default.aspx> Some historical content has been re-instated on the new CCCBR website but it is not entirely clear that such content fits in with what that site wants to achieve. The new site allows us to use a database to combine information from different aspects of Historical & Archive which should lead to a richer output. If the same content, layout and search capabilities can be built into a CCCBR site then all of this can be transferred back. Meanwhile, the new site will act as a prototype.

In January 2020, with a couple of other CCCBR representatives, I attended a consultation meeting for the Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust to see the conservation plans proposed by their architects. The wide range of attendees demonstrated the degree of support that this project has and the interest in ringing history generally.

Future plans

Some of the planned projects are now getting started and others are being defined. These now have a section on the new website and articles in *The Ringing World* are planned through 2020.

A seminar is being developed to explore the roles and purposes of association libraries in a digital world. It is hoped that this will be held, in some form, towards the end of 2020. This will be in conjunction with an investigation into the possibility of forming some sort of grouping of the main association libraries and the Central Council Library.

The shape of the Workgroup and its constituent parts is always being re-considered. It was formed out of the old committees and Stewards. Reviewing some of these while building the new website may show up overlaps, gaps and opportunities.

As mentioned above, we actively seek volunteers to continue the quarter peal analysis and act as a Steward of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection. If you are interested yourself, or know of anyone, please contact halead@cccbr.org.uk.

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Quarter peal report for 2019

The health of the Exercise can generally be shown by the number of quarter peals rung. It is known that not all quarters sent to BellBoard (BB) are published in *The Ringing World*. This is a pity, as readers can easily miss an augmentation or restoration of an unringable tower; a "hatch, match or a despatch" and other social announcements. Seeing it on BB, this is not obvious as these one-line entries are valueless unless one digs deeper. On the other hand, in a list of one month of entries, one sees a healthy variety of methods being rung at all stages.

The figures in this 2019 report have been extracted from BellBoard about six weeks after the end of each month. (There are also quarters included in my totals left over from 2017.) There is a huge variant between what has been published in *The Ringing World* and that indicated on BB: those published in *The Ringing World* number about 12,000 compared to 17,800 on BB. The number of towers where quarters have been rung has also increased. 1,320 towers scored one quarter and 695 scored two. Three scored 50, though no tower rang 49. Some with higher numbers will be found in the Leading Towers column. These figures are only an indication of what was rung and may not agree with tower records.

By tradition, quarters are submitted by tower and location. These roughly cover association territorial areas but vary in size, number of towers and population. To place each on the same footing for comparison purposes, averages and percentages are given. Somerset, for example, scored 1,201 quarters in their 360 or so towers or 4.6 per tower, on 72.7% of their ringable towers. Mini rings are an unknown number and are shown with a 100% return.

Compiling these records commenced in 1960. Now is an opportune time to cease producing these reports. There is no other place where one can search for such comprehensive tower records going this far back. Searches going further back may be found in the Central Council's library and their online publications.

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Quarter Peals Published in 2019

County/Country	+/- on 2018	Total	Towers Rung	No. Per Tower	% Towers rung	Leading Tower with	
Australia & N Z	141	314	42	7.5	60.9	Wellington, Cathedral	47
Bedfordshire	51	151	36	4.2	44.4	Woburn	24
Berkshire	-6	290	38	7.6	54.3	Tilehurst	39
Buckinghamshire	138	300	71	4.2	63.4	Reading, S Lawrence	41
C. I. & I o W	58	172	17	10.1	77.3	St Peter Port, C.I.	55
Cambridgeshire	173	577	89	6.5	63.6	Peterborough, S Mary	99
Cheshire	62	269	54	5	67.5	Chester, Cathedral	47
City & Gtr London	322	1043	138	7.6	84.7	Hornchurch	51
Co Durham	51	163	25	6.5	80.6	Brancepeth	31
Cornwall	26	145	67	2.2	45	Carbis Bay	14
Cumbria	-1	101	29	3.5	58	Brampton	21
Derbyshire	136	397	70	5.7	61.9	Derby, S Peter	50
Devonshire	248	481	159	3	42.3	Lundy Island	62
Dorset	146	490	101	4.9	79.5	Sturminster Marshall	33
East Sussex	-4	277	48	5.8	70.6	Eastbourne, ChCh	36
E.R. of Yorkshire	64	148	22	6.7	62.9	Beverley, S Mary	46
Essex	116	476	97	4.9	62.6	Langdon Hills	29
Europe & Others	63	100	6	16.7	54.5	Dordrecht	50
Gloucester & Bristol	324	849	179	4.7	85.2	Leckhampton	57
Gtr Manchester	60	116	35	3.3	52.2	Salford, Sacred Trinity	21
Hampshire	77	450	101	4.5	68.2	Basingstoke ASS, Hursley =	27
Herefordshire	112	263	56	4.7	61.5	Bromyard	48
Hertfordshire	160	420	65	6.5	68.4	Bushey	35
Ireland	7	26	14	1.9	37.8	Belfast S Don, Hillsboro =	4
Kent	264	1016	155	6.6	76	Maidstone, S M&AA	73
Lancashire & I o M	60	124	43	2.9	55.1	St Annes on the Sea	14
Leicestershire	72	216	87	2.5	54.7	Sapcote	12
Lincolnshire	147	505	120	4.2	61.2	Potterhansworth	39
Merseyside	13	70	16	4.4	39	Liverpool S.F.X.	16
Mid & West Wales	60	112	33	3.4	64.7	Prestigne	21
Secular & Mini Rings	253	837	57	14.7	100	Wellington, N.Z. JDMR	100
Norfolk	246	371	83	4.5	49.1	Loddon	45
North American Guild	23	201	34	5.9	65.4	Washington, Cathedral	37
North Wales	34	90	22	4.1	68.8	Chirk	24
North Yorkshire	140	403	74	5.4	69.8	Escrick	53
Northamptonshire	15	231	81	2.9	40.5	Higham Ferrers, Pattishall =	12
Northumb, T & W	-7	98	23	4.3	69.7	Newcastle, Cathedral	25
Nottinghamshire	63	295	83	3.6	62.9	Beeston	21
Oxfordshire	52	550	112	4.9	63.6	Oxford, S Nicholas	64
Rutland	23	32	18	1.8	62.1	Four towers =	3
Scotland	59	121	17	7.1	85	Tulloch, Ringing Centre	45
Shropshire	47	324	50	6.5	52.1	Shrewsbury, S Chad	53
Somerset	491	1201	261	4.6	72.7	Bath, S. Mary V.	55
South Africa	-4	0	0	0	0		
South Wales	73	206	51	4	60	Newport	38
South Yorkshire	60	149	33	4.5	76.7	Sheffield, Cathedral	31
Staffordshire	37	253	66	3.8	62.3	Cannock	21
Suffolk	248	543	116	4.7	56.6	Pettistree	67
Surrey	82	300	66	4.5	77.6	Guildford, Cathedral	32
Warwickshire	60	292	79	3.7	69.3	Kineton	27
West Midlands	55	259	47	5.5	66.2	Birmingham, S Peter	52
West Sussex	-12	179	54	3.3	78.3	Warnham	29
West Yorkshire	38	215	51	4.2	57.3	Kirkheaton	26
Wiltshire	76	286	110	2.6	70.5	RW Bassett, Swindon (10) =	11
Worcestershire	33	307	65	4.7	63.7	Pershore, Parish Centre	61
TOTAL	5325	17804	3666	4.9	62.9	E & O E	
				<-Average->			



Stewardship & Management Workgroup

Introduction

The Workgroup completed its first full year of operation in 2019. Many of our activities are “behind the scenes” providing advice and guidance in support of ringing and ringers. The Workgroup does not meet regularly but completes its work using whatever methods are appropriate – phone, email, Skype, etc. This year we have established a system such that enquiries are “triaged” by one of our “theme leaders” who then respond directly or refer the request on to other specialists in the Workgroup and elsewhere. We have updated several Guidance Notes during the year and these are made available on the CCCBR website. We hope to expand these by using other formats, such as webinars and online videos to supplement traditional text formats. We also publish brief topical advice in *The Ringing World* every month or so.

Activities

Workgroup activities are grouped under 3 themes –

- Tower infrastructure – essential equipment and installations used for ringing
- Tower operation – management and organisation of ringing and ringers
- Major projects – bell restoration, fund raising, church and community engagement.

The highlight of the year was the first Westley Award for Church Bell Maintenance, at the CCCBR conference in September 2019.

This new award aims to recognise people who have become involved in the maintenance of tower bells in the last 5 years, and show the most commitment to developing and using their own skills and those of others. The judges received 17 nominations and were pleased to see the enthusiasm and scope of the projects with which applicants were involved. We thank the Westley group for their sponsorship of this award, especially since they have already agreed to sponsor a similar award in 2020.

Several questions about tower management are received every week across all the topics that ringers now have to consider – safeguarding, data management, tower funds, insurance, health and safety, and risk assessments.

Enquiries about tower infrastructure have covered a broad range of topics.

Several questions have been asked about sound management, inside and outside towers. These questions are often arising from developments around churches that bring more people within the audible range of the bells. Other enquiries have focused on louvres and bird control, lightning conductors, radio mast installation in towers, and appropriate methods of cleaning up significant accumulations of dirt and debris in towers.

Potential sources of funds dominate the enquiries in relation to bell restoration projects. Other questions have been about the faculty process. It is noted that changes were agreed to the Faculty Rules Lists A and B, taking effect from April 2020. Some of the changes do affect works related to bell installations.

Members of the Workgroup maintain links with other relevant organisations such as major insurers, Churches Conservation Trust, Church Buildings Council, and represent the CCCBR at events such as the Diocesan Bells Advisers Conference, the ART conference (Worcester March 2019), and a consultation meeting at Taylors Bell Foundry. At the CCCBR conference at Goldsmiths College in September 2019, the Workgroup led sessions on safeguarding, sound control, insurance, restoration projects, tower environments, as well as answering questions on the Workgroup display stand.

The Workgroup also oversees the administration of the CCCBR Bell Restoration Fund and Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund. The latter fund makes grants only from interest on the capital, approximately £770-800pa at present with the low interest rates prevailing. In 2019, the grants from 3 previous schemes were lapsed, due to the schemes having been cancelled for the foreseeable future, so that more money was available for distribution. Four towers benefited as summarised in *The Ringing World*, Issue 5633, 12th April 2019, page 367, as follows:

- Christ Church, Bundaberg, Queensland – grant £250
- The Trinity Tower of the Transitional Cathedral, Christchurch, New Zealand – grant £2,000
- Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow, New South Wales – grant £1,000
- St George, Vernet-les-Bains, France – grant £750.

There were no grants awarded from the CCCBR Bell Restoration Fund during 2019.



David Smith (Member of CCCBR Executive) presenting Simon Burren with his highly commended certificate in Middleham, North Yorkshire



Tom Westley, Chairman of Westley Group, presenting Ron East from Carlisle with his winner's certificate at Goldsmiths College

Future plans

Our overall aims are to encourage and offer advice to help ringers create and maintain good environments in the towers where we ring. As well as the bells and their installations, maintenance and restoration projects, we include the organisation and operation of the tower.

We intend to hold occasional seminars and workshops on topics within the scope of the Workgroup. As part of this, we hope to work more 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 will continue to liaise and maintain links with other organisations that

have related interests – church groups, heritage bodies, and specialist professionals.

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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 and numbers are not limited. Please contact the Secretary, Robin Shipp. In particular, we would like assistance with the following specific interests –

- Social media, video compilation, event organisation
- Financial matters – such as fund raising, grants, VAT, gift aid, charity accounts etc
- Restoration projects – bid writing, project management, community engagement, faculties
- Belfry installations – maintenance, inspections, advice (especially in Wales, Scotland, Ireland, northern England).

We take this opportunity to thank all members of the Workgroup for their significant contributions during 2019. In particular we note the passing of John Barnes. Numerous bell restoration projects had benefited from his personal advice and guidance over many years. We must also thank others who are not full members of the group but who provide specialist advice from their knowledge as professionals and / or voluntary activities.

Technical & Taxonomy Workgroup

The organisation of the Workgroup is unchanged from 2018, with four teams handling Methods, Compositions, Dove and ICT. The services and projects supported by the Workgroup and projects are as follows:

1st 2019, superseding the Central Council Decisions.

Following implementation, 582 methods were retitled as set out in the Framework Transitional Arrangements – Appendix F,

nallynamed) that could be included if we are provided with a report of a qualifying performance, the composition where needed to establish truth, and a revised name where there is naming conflict.

The Workgroup's methods panel has answered various method-related 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 main activity during the year was related to implementation of the Framework on 1 June. Composition Library, which is used to maintain method data, was updated with the changes to classification and terminology, requirements for naming, support for historic names, and provision of on demand reports for retroactive recognition and provisional names. The Framework FAQs were published in *The Ringing World* as a series, followed by articles on implementation and retroactive recognition.

Framework version 2

Following intensive work on version 1 of the Framework in 2017, 2018 and early 2019, the team did not produce an update in 2019, as no significant issues had been

	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	Initial Framework Implementation	The Ultimate Collection	New Dove Database	New Website Migration
	Framework Version 2	Doubles Variations and Calls Library	New Dove iOS App	Office 365 Migration
	Review of Extension Processes			
				not started active complete

Methods

1,160 new methods were added to the CCCBR Methods Library (methods.cccbr.org.uk) in weekly updates throughout the year, bringing the total number of methods to 21,863 at the end of 2019.

The Central Council Framework for Method Ringing became effective on June

and 756 methods have been added to the Library under the provisions for retroactive recognition. These are methods that did not qualify for inclusion based upon the Decisions at the time of ringing, but would have qualified had the Framework been in place at the time. Further methods will be added in this way as they come to light. For example, there are still 90 methods on a list of provisionally named methods (<https://complib.org/report?name=provisio>

raised. However, in preparation for a version 2, several smaller items were worked on in 2019 as follows:

- A proposed notation for describing jump changes has been finalised. This will be added to Appendix A (Place Notation).
- With assistance from the Ringing Theory email group, details of all known rung jump methods and their first performances have been compiled. There are 12 of these methods, rung between 1976 and 2016. These will be added to the Methods Library under the retroactive recognition provisions once the Library's software has been upgraded to handle jump changes.
- We finalised our proposal for how methods with jump changes should be classified – this was a potentially unfinished item in v1 of the Framework. The proposal doesn't result in any changes to the workings of the current Framework classification system, but some explanation sections of the Framework will be edited for clarity.
- Progress was made on refining the recommended set of Unicode characters that can be used in method names to make uniqueness of names more apparent, ensure that names can be properly expressed in common fonts, and ensure that ringing software developers know which characters they should be able to support. Once this work is completed, it will be incorporated as an updated Appendix B.
- Several minor issues relating to the operation of Section 6.A of the Framework (performance title and performance detail) were uncovered, mostly by Don Morrison as he implemented the Framework's definitions into his ringing software, e.g. the performance title definition needs revising to cater for some edge case performances of spliced. These issues have been compiled, and will be addressed in 2020.

Additional work planned for 2020 by the Framework team includes:

- A review of the Framework's extension processes with the aim of documenting existing extension anomalies in the Methods Library; identifying shortcomings in processes and documentation; and developing tools that could bring an appreciation and practical application of method extension to a wider audience.
- Adding tables of false course heads to the Framework appendices.
- Supplementing the table of Leadhead Codes (Appendix C) with a relative lead

notation (Plain Bob = +1, Cambridge = +2, Bristol S Major = -1n, etc).

- Developing standard language relating to the Central Council Framework for affiliated societies to include in their rules if needed. Some societies' rules make specific reference to the rules-based approach of the former Central Council Decisions, which no longer applies under the Framework.

Stewards of the Dove Database

During 2019 we made 662 updates to the information that we show against a "Dove entry", and 1048 updates to the information held in the prototype-National Bell Register (*pNBR*). The latter represents a 14% increase on the number of changes made during 2018 and the former a 38% decrease. One significant factor in this decrease was the publication of *Dove 11* at the end of 2018 and the work that we undertook beforehand to ensure that the Dove entries were as up-to-date as could be.

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

	Rings			Unringable		
	<i>As at 1 Jan</i>	<i>As at 31 Dec</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>As at 1 Jan</i>	<i>As at 31 Dec</i>	<i>Change</i>
16s	3	3	0	0	0	0
15s	1	1	0	0	0	0
14s	1	1	0	0	0	0
12s	139	140	+1	0	0	0
10s	285	288	+3	2	1	-1
8s	1896	1898	+2	46	47	+1
6s	2948	2953	+5	102	102	0
5s	593	591	-2	131	131	0
4s	310	308	-2	147	146	-1
3s	969	964	-5	576	577	+1
Total	7145	7147	+2	1004	1004	0

We list seven rings for the first time (namely **Bundaberg**, Australia; **Clifton**, Corpus Christi, Notts; **Dorstone**, Herefs; **Drayton Beauchamp**, Bucks; **Rosemeadow**, Australia; **Singapore**; **Vernet-les-Bains**, France) but no longer list six others (namely **Bacup**, S Saviour, Lancs; **Farewell**, Staffs; **Feock**, Cornwall; **Kettlethorpe**, Lincs; **Medmenham**, Bucks; **Stoke, Hanley**, Staffs). In addition, we re-list one ring previously de-listed (namely **Winforton**, Herefs). We have been notified of 14 augmentations, four rings that are no

longer unringable, and seven rings that are now unringable.

We thank all who have notified us of changes. Once again, the majority were provided by a small number of contributors, with almost 50% of Dove updates and over 80% of *pNBR* updates being supplied by fewer than 10 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 *Dove 11* has sold well during 2019 with around 750 copies purchased, 75% of the initial print run. We have no current plans to produce an updated book.

We suffered a major problem at the end of August when we lost our ability to update the Dove website from the old DataEase-based Dove database. The website itself remained fully functional, albeit frozen in time. We were able to update the website again from the beginning of November, although we were still unable to accept changes submitted via the website. This remains the situation at the end of 2019, although we hope to be in a position to

provide full website capability once more during the first quarter of 2020.

To eliminate our dependence on old technology for Dove, Richard Smith and his team have accelerated development of the replacement solution using up-to-date technology. Key achievements during 2019 included:

- Deploying a hierarchical system of regions (countries, counties, dioceses, and territorial associations).

Development of a replacement for the popular Dove iOS app, written by John Baldwin's son Sid, has been put on hold

pending completion of our move to the new Dove database.

Tim Jackson again attended the DAC Bells Advisers' Conference, this time in Oxford, at which Church Care outlined the limited progress made in compiling an independent database of bells and bell frames. We have put on hold our suggestion to Church Care to consider the sharing of data pending completion of our move to the new Dove database.

Our plans for 2020 are summarised as follows:

- To restore full Dove website capability, with a target of the first quarter of 2020
- To complete development, testing, and deployment of the new Dove database such that we eliminate our dependence on the old one
- To develop a new call handling system for incoming updates so that we can take over the receipt of messages submitted to the *DoveMaster* email address from John Baldwin; the intention is to facilitate the sharing of the processing of these updates across the team
- To resume development of the replacement Dove iOS app
- To resume dialogue with Church Care around the sharing of bells and bell frames data.

Compositions

Over the past twelve months, Composition Library has increasingly been demonstrating its worth. There have been no requests for compositions directed towards the Workgroup, and only a handful of compositions submitted by email to compositions@cccbr.org.uk for publication. While this facility remains available, it's clear that the conducting community is well-served with resources and able to source compositions without our assistance. Workgroup members were approached by *The Ringing World* for input into this year's *Ringing World Diary* and were able to provide a collection of quarter peal length compositions suitable for a variety of Major methods. *The Ringing World* also published compositions as part of the Method of the Month series.

Workgroup members have continued to contribute heavily to Composition Library, providing an ever-increasing catalogue. The overall count of compositions available has risen by 7,000 to a total of over 36,000 compositions. Particular focus on the Central Council's printed collections has seen the whole of the 2004 *Collection of Ten Bell Compositions* added (731 compositions) providing good coverage for the

ten-bell method collection. A similar task is now underway with the Council's 2004 *Collection of Twelve Bell Compositions*. There is an ongoing focus on ensuring that, when made available, compositions used when methods are first rung are captured and linked to performances. Conductors are encouraged to make sure that such compositions are made clear in BellBoard submissions. Workgroup members are also making available smaller collections including historic compositions (e.g. *Bell News*, *Clavis Campanalogia*) and individual composers' collections.

Richard Pullin's series of *Notable composers of the past* has continued to appear in *The Ringing World* over the last twelve months and has been well-received. Andrew Johnson issued a challenge in a Christmas issue article on Stedman Triples, and a number of other interesting articles on composition have been published by other composers.

In preparation for creating a definitive Library of Doubles Variations and Calls, Peter Hinton prepared a detailed report on Doubles Variations in September outlining a number of issues in this area, an analysis of newly rung variations, naming conflicts, and name changes. Following this analysis, Peter has rewritten his Doubles Variations website with a new database backend, so that it can now provide much more detail about doubles variations rung to date. It is expected that we are now in a stronger position to deal with any future queries or naming clashes in this area.



The online
Dove's Guide
for Church Bell Ringers
can be found at:

dove.cccbr.org.uk/home.php

Updates to your tower's information
(such as change of practice night) are really
helpful to potential visitors.

Also – do please supply full details of
your bells and frame if not already shown.

ICT

Most of the time spent during the past year has been on the introduction and ongoing updating/maintenance of the “new” website, as well as a fair amount of time spent building a booking system for the 2019 Annual Meeting at Goldsmiths.

David Richards and his team provided technical support and the live stream for the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Office 365 work is ongoing, with two workgroups now trialling the functionality and we expect to move over to it fully in 2020.

Andrew Hall has done some additional work on the database elements behind the website, and there is ongoing work to update the Rolls of Honour in conjunction with Alan Regin.

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Volunteer & Leadership Workgroup

Our plans

Original aims – The V&L team had several significant developments on its plate from the very beginning. Our ability to realise our ambitions would depend on the available time and appropriate skills, and good partnerships. In early 2019 we aimed to address several linked themes, in strategic partnership with the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) and *The Ringing World*. When the following was presented to the Council in September 2019, the top three themes were developing areas in the plan:

- Youth
- Leadership
- Retention as part of recruitment
- Educational developments
- Support (includes 2020 Roadshow and Ringing Centres)
- Resources (develop website content & workshop/talk materials).

2020 strategy – The agenda has both grown and focused with the arrival of a comprehensive and well supported strategy for the Council. This new strategy recognises the importance of much of the work the V&L leader originally considered vital to securing the future of ringing. It also means that this single group as first set up cannot really carry out well constructed projects and lead developments in the whole of this set of large and urgent tasks. By the time the Council holds its AGM several new workgroups, formal or otherwise, will be operating alongside V&L on some of what it started. Therefore V&L will be in a better position to focus attentions on doing a smaller number of things – with an improved chance of achieving good results.

This note is about the outcome of those earlier plans, and new ideas that came in later.

Outcomes of the Youth Conference in March 2019 at Worcester

Introduction – The conference – *a vision for the future of youth ringing* – generated a good deal of interest. Approximately 90 people attended. A key element, billed as “have your say”, was to include four interactive discussion groups: School groups, Youth groups and the RWNYS, Running mixed age groups, and University.

Feedback and interest generated – The interactive sessions allowed many people to express views. The delegates also completed

questionnaires. A set of desired outcomes was generated based on these views.

Youth topics at September 2019 Central Council Roadshow –

The CCCBR benefited from two well-arranged events:

Universities event: chaired by Chris Ridley, with Peter Jasper, Claire Pearson, Phill Ridley

Youth band presentation: chaired by David Pearson and involving a group of young ringers.

Follow-up in the 2020 strategy – Some of these desired action areas are confirmed in the 2020 strategy and structures are being set up. There is now a University Workgroup and a Youth Ringers support group. While it would be best not to overclaim the direct outcomes of the V&L conference or the follow up, they were influential.

Leadership

This has not progressed entirely as planned for much of the period of 2019 as set out below.

Articles based on interviews with leaders – the last one was printed at the beginning of 2019. This was due to the shortage of people with the skills and time to carry out interviews and convert the material into a *Ringing World* article. *Actions in progress*: In early 2020 the workgroup recruited two people who have an interest in the area of leadership. *Videos of recruits* – see below – may be useful in raising awareness about how to manage practices.

Leadership is a focus in the 2020 strategy. The work will be in partnership with ART.

Recruitment and retention

Main work – The Workgroup formed a subgroup with an interest in recruitment and retention. They agreed to work closely with ART to produce a workshop based on materials mainly gathered and invented by them. The success of Matt Lawrence’s workshop in Shropshire was a good start. Matt worked with the group and, with the assistance of Lesley Belcher, devised a format based on the ART 10-point plan. The V&L Workgroup ran this workshop in Sussex in February 2020 with Matt as leader. This event had good feedback. Recent recruits were included, and the view was that they did provide a different dimension to the discussion.

Videos of recruits – *The idea* – The group has started to produce videos of

recruits recounting their experiences. We only have prototype “draft” videos so far. This may seem a surprising topic, but such material can be useful in future, for example within recruitment and retention workshops. Videos of the unvarnished views of recent recruits might have a salutary impact on some involved in recruitment – ringers who learned decades ago.

Further work is still needed to get the right technical level and increase the number and variety of interviews. Some might be generated over the next few months using Zoom during the lockdown.

2020 ART conference

The plan – V&L arranged the Sunday part of the ART conference in March 2020. They intended to air and generally launch the Recruitment and Retention workshop – which could be run anywhere and would form part of the ART and CCCBR portfolio. The entire event was coordinated with ART, who also ran the Saturday conference.

External factors – Some concern started to emerge about the Covid 19 virus by around 8 March. Some of the planned supporters, including several key local people and one major facilitator, could not make the conference, so we had to modify the programme and schedule of presenters at a late stage. Thanks are due to the people including the President who stepped up to the plate and made a good day in difficult circumstances.

The execution – The workgroup had considerable assistance from Matt Lawrence who was the first speaker and introduced many of the ideas. The leaders/facilitators included people from both V&L and ART. The key elements planned were:

- Four workshops on the pattern used for the Sussex event, split into the following interest groups:
 - Focus on your branch or association
 - Focus on your tower
 - Focus on youth
 - Focus on mature recruits
- A group of 10 recent recruits who would be able to relate their experiences and help focus the minds of people planning in the recruitment workshop. Most of these recruits were unable to attend for understandable reasons.

Recruits themselves – Because there were only three recruits available, we decided to change the plan and set up a viewing of around 10 prototype (partially

edited) videos with recruits over lunchtime. Time pressure and the “on the hoof” nature of this move meant that these potentially valuable pieces received less attention than would have been ideal. The panel session at the end was dropped, and Mary Jones, “the Accidental Ringer”, spoke with great effect to the conference about listening to the voice of the recruit. The loss of the panel session was unfortunate, but most people were extremely understanding in their feedback.

Follow up – The conference generated quite a lot of interest. The workshop will be available via the CCCBR website. We agreed to write a series of supporting *Ringling World* articles, aiming to encourage people to plan effective recruitment during the lockdown, as part of the Ringling Returns campaign.

Educational developments

Education Column – During 2019 the Education Column continued to be produced in *The Ringling World*. Series 5 is shortly to begin publication and the earlier series will be published as booklets. The production work for these articles is very detailed and involves considerable editing support from Sonia Field.

New residential courses – This is a 2020 strategy action. V&L have been requested to support the establishing of two new courses, probably residential, based in the

work on this at the time of compiling this report (i.e. lockdown). He has, as in other cases, looked beyond V&L members, contacting several networks for help. V&L will be producing talks alongside Stewardship & Management, and, as with many other issues, this is closely coordinated with ART.

Support

The September 2019 CC mini Roadshow – The event was rather different and also highly successful. While support for this was not a formal responsibility of V&L, several key people spent a great deal of time and effort and weren’t available for work on other V&L things.

Vicki Chapman (PRO but also member of V&L) was extremely active in the preparations for the event. She arranged the PR both in *The Ringling World* and social media. Vicki wrote and produced the event Programme. She gave a presentation about Ringling Remembers, produced a video on Ringling Remembers for the Dinner, and with the help of her husband Colin produced and placed all the directional information. Vicki also collated the workgroup slides for the CC meeting on the Saturday.

Organising Sunday Speakers: Steph Pendlebury was responsible for this. Since there were quite a number of speakers, this was no mean task.

Help desk: Sonia Field (Organiser),

members. Also editions of *Training Times* 13 and 14 were published. We are indebted to David Smith for his input on policy. Work has progressed rather slowly. Currently we are building up a list of centres, but we are not publishing the list until it has a significant number of entries on it.

Resources (Develop website content & workshop/talk materials)

Website – the group advised on what could most sensibly be transferred from the old website and the leader provided support when, as was inevitable, certain problems emerged with broken links etc.

Workshop materials – see recruitment and retention section.

Membership

Current Full working members (March 2020):

TIM HINE (Workgroup Leader)
LESLEY BELCHER
BRUCE BUTLER
EILEEN BUTLER
VICKI CHAPMAN
SONIA FIELD
LUCY HOPKINS TILL
DEB MARGASON-BAKER
GRAHAM NABB
COLIN NEWMAN (from Oct 2019)
STEPH PENDLEBURY
JAMES RAMSBOTTOM
PHIL RAMSBOTTOM

Current Associate members:

MARIANNE FISHER (from Jan 2020)
MAUREEN FROST
MIKE HOPKINS TILL
GEOFF HORRITT
DON MCLEAN
LUCY NAISH (from Mar 2020)

Previous Associate members:

ELIZABETH CRANFIELD (to Feb 2020)
DAVID GRIMWOOD (to Oct 2019)
BERNARD PETERKEN (to Feb 2020)
SELWYN PETERKEN (to Feb 2020)



The 2019 AGM helpdesk team, staffed mainly by V&L members and friends

north of England. At the time of writing, the Workgroup leader and the President are discussing the path to this, moving first to agree leadership and the geographical base. These courses may look like Hereford and Bradfield, and they will need to coordinate their dates in 2021 but the leaders will be completely free to innovate. We are encouraging people to “start small and think big”.

Online learning – This is a new development. Any work is likely to lead to talks and webinars which will be held on a portal. The leader is looking to drum up support for

Maureen Frost (helpdesk);

Giving talks: Social Media – Deb Baker; Vicki Chapman (see above); V&L talks for Saturday and Sunday (includes co-writing and co-presenting) – Steph Pendlebury – an important task this, since V&L were looking to recruit!

Mini Ring set up: Mike Hopkins Till
Wombel: Geoff Horritt

Ringling Centres – From previous work we have the Bell Ringling Centres Facebook Group which is flourishing with over 300

COMPLAINTS HELPLINE

If you need help in dealing with a complaint about your bells, contact David Mattingley by e-mail (preferable) at complaints@cccbr.org.uk or phone 07503 152223



Communications & Marketing Workgroup

Throughout the year the activity of the workgroup was aligned to the strategic priorities and objectives as set out in 2018. The table below shows the scope of activity for the group, aligned with the strategic objectives.

The Central Council receives many requests to attend events and promote bell-ringing. The group is too small and lacks geographical representation to support every event. It was agreed that the group would support a request to attend the London

invited in to have-a-go at ringing, supported by helpers from Sussex and Kent Associations.

- Helpers were outside with leaflets and interacting with members of the public.
- Overall the feedback was positive from

Objectives	Activity	Description
Encourage growth and public appreciation of bell ringing	External Communications	Ongoing plan and activity, including channels/media/materials for communications outside of ringing community
	Review Brand	Continuous review and updates for publicity and marketing literature as required
	Approach to supporting National Events	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. Support logistics process for shipping banners/flags
Represent the interests of bell ringing and ringers	Internal Comms Plan	Draft a strategy and plan, including channels/media for communications within the ringing community – including workgroup progress / updates
	Publications support	Provide marketing support to publications group as well as branding advice where required
Foster recruitment and retention of bell ringers	Marketing Campaigns (recruitment related)	Plan and execute 2019 Marketing campaigns. Sub-group formed to plan / run agreed campaign(s). Plan 2020 campaigns, including activities in line with VE75 campaign
	Support V&L on Recruitment/ Retention	Provide comms support to V&L (working with ART) to produce a recruitment and retention workshop and marketing activity for the ART conference
C&M Support for the Council's work	Support & promote other workgroups plans /activity	Identify and plan activities and initiatives requiring cross-workgroup collaboration
Support Executive to develop strong relationships with key partners	Create view of stakeholders	Identify key stakeholders internal and external to Central Council, key contacts or individuals and relationship management activity
	Partners (external sites /resources)	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
Operational / Ongoing	Further develop PRO framework / guidance	Building on the PRO framework and guidance developed by the PR committee, maintain the PRO network and improve cascade of communications through this network. Ensure a feedback mechanism in place for PRO network
	Social Media Activity	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
	Website	Working with T&T to update website structure and content. Explore options for Internal / External views and devolved publisher model

Key highlights and updates from the strategic objectives:

Encourage growth and public appreciation of bell ringing

A case study was completed in response to a request from the Heritage Alliance. The subject was **The positive effects of bell ringing on health and wellbeing** and the study included feedback from the Ringing Remembers campaign. The report highlighted the individual physical and mental benefits as well as the benefit to the community.

Landmarks Half Marathon which uses St Mary le Bow as a landmark. As well as promoting bell ringing to the general public, this was also used as an opportunity to understand the types of promotional material the Council could provide for future events. Key highlights from the event include:

- The local band rang a half peal (for the half marathon!) and projected the "action" from the ringing chamber onto the wall within the vestibule.
- The Charmborough Ring was erected inside the church and people were

participants; however the number of participants was lower than expected due to the nature of the event (they were supporting runners in the half-marathon so keen to see the people they were supporting and not engage in other activities).

The stock of flags and banners is available to associations and guilds to support events.

Various media enquiries are received throughout the year and handled promptly. Two spikes in activity were associated with the Notre Dame fire and #BellsForBrexit.



*Setting up the Charmborough Ring for the London Landmarks Half Marathon
L-R: Roger Booth, Christopher O'Mahony, Simon Meyer, Carl Nightingale, Andrew Wickenden, Johnny Lagdon*

In particular the #BellsForBrexit campaign generated a high volume of messages from non-ringers requesting bells to ring at their local church.

Eileen and Bruce Butler continue to manage the "Learn to Ring" enquiries. Since January 2019 there have been 97 and these have been forwarded to the appropriate association representatives. Unfortunately, it is not known how many of these new recruits have taken up the art. Obviously, this does not compare to the numbers we were receiving during the Ringing Remembers campaign.



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.

Dove 11 launched, with good promotion via social media. 150 copies sold in first 2 weeks.

Workgroup member Vicki Chapman led the marketing activity for London 2019, supported by other members of the group.

Foster recruitment and retention of bell ringers

Communication and PR support for ART conference, leveraging the Central Council distribution groups and social media platforms.

Marketing campaigns for a number of "Things to ring for":

- 250th anniversary of Queen Victoria's birth – article in *The Ringing World* and BellBoard event set up as well as social media activity
- 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 moon landing
- 75th anniversary of D-Day.

"Things to ring for" (TTRF) – we are grateful to John Harrison for his continued efforts in maintaining this area of the website and providing support to the group on queries about significant events / anniversaries.

A *Blue Peter* broadcast featuring a presenter learning to ring was aired on 10th January 2019. The engagement with *Blue Peter* was originally started by the Public Relations Committee; due to changes to the *Blue Peter* schedule it finally aired in 2019 and was a positive endorsement of ringing, showcasing young ringers and the RWNVC.

C&M Support for the Council's work

Odette Dawkins stood down as PRO due to other commitments and was replaced by Vicki Chapman. The Council is grateful to Odette for her efforts in the time she was part of the group. Vicki is well known throughout the ringing community, particularly for her incredible efforts in leading the Ringing Remembers campaign (at this point it is important to acknowledge the support she had from her sidekick and husband Colin!). She has established lots of media relationships on the back of Ringing Remembers which she plans to leverage in her new role as PRO.

Following the devastating fire at Notre Dame Cathedral, the Council received numerous emails and requests for ringing in support of the Cathedral. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York published a request for bells to toll which meant the Workgroup had to mobilise to respond rapidly. After the event, the Workgroup reviewed the processes and procedures in place to determine whether a standard plan could be put in place with pre-defined activities and owners for other such events in the future, making our response more efficient.

Members of the group produced and had approved the guidance document for ringing

when a senior royal dies, along with the procedure for assessing whether the Council would support and promote a call for ringing for special events made by an external party.

Support Executive to develop strong relationships with key partners

Vicki Chapman, PRO, has started to build a network of clergy and Diocesan contacts, including contacts within the offices of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

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.

Alex Fishburn had to step back from being the main point of contact for BBC *Bells on Sunday*. The Council appreciates Alex's efforts since taking on the role. He has been replaced by Philip Orme who has *Bells on Sunday* in his genes! His appointment came just before the Coronavirus restrictions, but once lockdown and restrictions are lifted he is keen to get lots of new material in line with the Council's new strategic objective: **Promoting excellence in ringing**.

Operational / Ongoing

In conjunction with the Technical & Taxonomy Workgroup, the Workgroup helped to overhaul the Central Council website. The previous website contained a huge amount of information, resources and assets but over the years the navigation and menu structure had become increasingly difficult to use and maintain. Some of the information had been superseded and some of the existing links were broken, however there was still a wealth of excellent information that needed to be migrated. Following discussion it was agreed to start from scratch with the new site and phase the releases of migration as well as new content/information:

- The website launched in June 2019 with an updated design and menu structure. The most accessed content from the previous site was migrated prior to launch.
- The workgroups continue to migrate, create, update content for the new website.
- The access and authoring processes have been put in place putting content owners in place for areas of the site.

- A new website editor was appointed to maintain content and ensure standards are maintained.
- Much more content being posted to the CC website including guidance around ringing during the pandemic, support for the Australia fires, etc.

Workgroup member Neal Dodge continues to lead our social media activities, supported by others.

- A number of #onthistoday features have been promoting ringing achievements, historical events and prolific ringers.
- Since Jan 2019 we have posted over 300 tweets, gained 218 followers bringing our total to 1092, with our tweets having been seen over 300,000 times. Our most popular tweet was relating to ringing for Brexit which was seen by over 9,000 users.
- Our Facebook page has been liked by 391 new people since January 2019 giving a total number of likes of 1,093. We've published 225 posts, excluding those made in groups, up from 170 in 2018, with the most popular relating the ringing for Notre Dame reaching around 5,300 people. The average reach of our posts has more than doubled since last year allowing the Council to more effectively communicate with ringers.
- The revived President's blog has proved very popular and we have taken to posting this directly into ringing related Facebook group including those of affiliated societies. This has enabled the blog to be seen by ringers who do not closely follow the work of the Council giving us greater positive exposure to members of the exercise.

PR enquiries. Vicki Chapman, PRO, receives and responds to messages directed to the PRO contact via the website.

Members of the Communications and Marketing Workgroup

Core Members

LOUISE NIGHTINGALE (Workgroup Leader)
 BRUCE BUTLER
 EILEEN BUTLER
 VICKI CHAPMAN (PRO)
 NEAL DODGE
 PHILIP GREEN
 ALLEN NUNLEY
 JAMES RAMSBOTTOM
 BARBARA WHEELER

Core Members who retired from the workgroup in the year
 ODETTE DAWKINS

Non-core members supporting activities of Workgroup

BEVERLY FABER
 SUSAN HALL
 JOHN HARRISON
 PHILIP ORME

Publications

Dove 11 was published at the beginning of the year and ten titles were reprinted: *Raising and Lowering*, *Ringing Jargon Made Easy*, *Beginners Grandsire*, *Beginners Plain Bob*, *Doubles and Minor for Beginners*, *Beginners Guide to Change Ringing on Handbells*, *Kaleidoscope Ringing*, *Splicing Bell Ropes*, *Method Leaflets*, and *20 Questions and 19 Answers*. The last two items are part of the *Sherbourne Teaching Aids* range.

Twenty four titles are available for download free of charge: *Ringing Basics for Beginners*, *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*, *Beginners Guide to Change Ringing on Handbells*, *Change Ringing on Handbells*, *Giants of the Exercise Vol 2*, *A J Pitman Biography*, *Starting a New Band*, *Organising an Outing*, *Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles*, *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*, and *Collection of Twelve Bell Compositions*.

Our best sellers were: *Dove 11*, *New Ringers Book*, *Ringing Circles*, *Manual of Belfry Maintenance*, and the whole *Sherbourne Teaching Aids* range. These were the same best sellers as in 2018, with the addition of *Dove 11*.

We continued to assess opportunities to charge for downloads and to use "print on demand".

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

The income from sales rose sharply to £23,800 from £13,700 and income exceeded expenditure by £5,900, mostly due to the expected heavy initial sales of *Dove 11*. The value of stock held fell to £6,200 and at year end the total cash available rose by £8,700 to £26,100. The fund remains well able to

Stocklist at December 31st 2019

Title	Sales to 31 Dec 2019	Stock at 31 Dec 2019
New Ringers Book	379	610
Beginners Handbook	106	72
Towards Better Striking	37	5
Raising and Lowering	53	189
Ringing Jargon Made Easy	70	66
Beginners Grandsire	64	178
Beginners Plain Bob	92	138
Doubles and Minor for Beginners	22	5
Ringing Circles	469	133
Ringing Basics for Beginners	15	24
The Learning Curve Vol 1	1	0
The Learning Curve Vol 2	4	120
The Learning Curve Vol 3	3	112
The Learning Curve Vol 4	4	141
Listen to Ringing CD 1/CD2	19/6	16/24
Beginners Guide to Change Ringing on Handbells	56	71
Change Ringing on Handbells	33	8
Standard Eight Surprise Major	11	68
Service Touches	35	45
A Tutors Handbook	7	105
One Way to Teach Handling	7	0
Teaching Beyond Bell Handling	3	128
Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles	11	25
Kaleidoscope Ringing	88	160
Teaching Unravelling	11	23
Starting a New Band	5	29
Teaching Tips	27	70
Manual of Belfry Maintenance	223	87
Towers and Bells Handbook	22	61
Schedule of Regular Maintenance	32	3
Organising a Bell Restoration Project (2016)	16	27
Sound Management	11	29
Splicing Bellropes	46	184
On This Day	20	41
Change Ringing History Vol 1/Vol 3	9/8	103/123
Centenary History of the Central Council	8	55
Giants of the Exercise Vol1/Vol2	3/4	140/14
A J Pitman Biography	3	97
Dove's Guide 11	759	247
Belfry Offices	1	31
Organising an Outing	4	0
Belfry Warning Notices	1	21
Judging Striking Competitions	11	41
DVDs	4	4
One per Learner	2042	503
Follow-on Book	303	209
Exercise Book	128	382
Method Leaflets	232	260
Bell Club Cards	272	500
Badges	706	332
20 Questions & 19 Answers	379	386

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finance any likely future work. PayPal transactions accounted for 53% of sales, BACS transfers for 27% of sales and cash payments for 20% of sales. Discounts continued to be available for all bulk orders.

The people delegated to manage the Council's publications business and to operate the Publications Fund during the year were

JOHN COUPERTHWAITE
PHILIP GREEN
MICHAEL HANSFORD
BERYL NORRIS
BARBARA WHEELER
JAN WYATT.

International Reports

Compiled by Bruce Butler, NAGCR Representative to the Central Council

ANZAB

2019 started with celebrations for ANZAB as Life Member Ron Shepherd was made an OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia) for his services to bellringing. This was recorded in our *Ringing Towers* as well as front page news in *The Ringing World* (2019 page 101). At least 23 of recent towers in Australia have been started by Ron's tireless work, and it was only right that his hard efforts have been recognised.

During 2019 ANZAB opened two new towers: Rosemeadow, NSW (8, 4-3-17) and Bundaberg, Qld (6, 14-2-24). The Rosemeadow ringers are being taught by some of the local towers, which in turn is helping the ringers from Ingleburn, which opened in 2018. The Bundaberg ringers are being taught by the ringers from Maryborough, but given the distances between the two towers this is not a weekly occurrence. Some of the Brisbane ringers have either flown up or driven up to help over some weekends, too. The bells of Walkerville, SA are currently out of the tower for a complete refurbishment of the tower (fittings, ringing room, etc.). It's a big job as the church clock is also having a major service at the same time while it's out of the tower. The bells are planned to be back and ringing in September 2020. Old St Paul's Cathedral, Wellington, NZ is also closed as the building is being earthquake strengthened. The plan is for the bells to be available in May 2020. Both of these dates may move for obvious reasons.

We had two ART courses in ANZAB territory in 2019, with one after the Hamilton (North Island, NZ) AGM weekend and another in Lithgow (Blue Mountains/Central West NSW) in Novem-

ber. Both were well attended and Kathi Downs is now an ART Tutor.

During the year we had a survey to find out what the situation was with Safeguarding in all our towers, as the current CCCBR information is very much based on the Church of England and English law. Given we cover two countries, and one of those has different laws in 6 states and 1 territory where we have bells, and four different churches on top of some civic towers, this was a very difficult and big thing for us to cover. At the end some guidelines were published in *Ringling Towers*, and the guidelines are on our website so members can easily find them, and these guidelines can be updated as required.

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 were held in Adelaide in March and Perth in October. These were both well attended and managed to ring QPs of Bristol S Maximus, amongst other QPs and general ringing. Some locals were able to get involved and increase their ropesight on higher numbers.

Like the rest of the world, we have been affected by COVID-19. Ringing gradually decreased until March 23 when it was recommended that all ringing ceased in our territories. Because of this, the planned 12 bell weekend in Brisbane has been postponed and no decision (at the time of writing) has been made over the planned weekend in Wellington in November. The AGM in Maryborough and Bundaberg is going to look very different as people will not be able to travel to Queensland. We are keeping our members updated, but with things changing so quickly and dramatically communications have been kept at a minimum as any updates will become out of date very quickly, so everyone is following their local government and health authorities. 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 year and another new European tower! The delightful light new ring of 10 at Vernet-les-Bains in the Pyrenees first rang out for Easter Sunday and in late September was dedicated and pealed as part of the town's annual fête – including music, historic costumes and dancing with 60+ ringers present. Jeff Ladd should be congrat-

ulated on the completion of an excellent project and is now occupied with the ongoing training of a local band. Vernet is in a beautiful mountain setting, so do think of possible holidays.

Sadly, the CEA lost one of its founder members, Tony Parry, in April after a long illness. Tony had been a driving force in finding ringers who were scattered across Europe and in getting them together to ring, socialise and form an association. When he could no longer ring, he donated his mini ring to the CEA. A band from Switzerland, France and the Netherlands rang several touches on handbells at his funeral in Würenlingen.

A handbell weekend was held in Brandau, Germany in February, and in May the CEA AGM week end took place in Ypres, Belgium for the first time, though it was not as well attended as some other years. Here, besides the bells, the war graves are well worth a visit.

A successful peal weekend was held by the CEA in November in Dordrecht – one of many such weekends held throughout the year involving different groups coming from the UK to Dordrecht. A visit to the main church tower revealed the first signs of a new frame being constructed (adjusting to the slope of the floor in the not quite vertical tower!). This will no doubt feature in next year's report – stay tuned!

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

Boston hosted this year's AGM with impressive organization and enthusiasm. Perhaps most encouraging was the organizational leadership from many younger ringers. About 100 ringers attended the meeting, representing 23 ringing areas. Groton, Orleans, Hingham, Old North and Advent hosted ringing sessions. We are looking forward to the 2020 AGM in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Other significant gatherings included:

- the Toronto 12-bell weekend, a rare chance to ring 12 bells for North American ringers. (Particularly valuable as the New York bells, the only other 12 in the guild, are currently out of service.)
- the 7 Towers Festival, this year in Shreveport, where experienced ringers helped new recruits, quarter peals were scored and a striking competition was held.
- the Philadelphia quarter peal weekend with 23 quarter peal attempts.



St George, Vernet-les-Bains

While the North American Guild hasn't seen any new installations for several years, an enthusiastic and interesting change ringing group developed recently in Indianapolis. For several years, Bill Cummings has been interested in change ringing. Recently, he has enticed both coworkers and members of his church to give it a try. They ring handbells and non-swinging tower bells. In February 2020, several of the Indianapolis ringers made the 3 hour trip to Chicago, the nearest change ringing tower, to see the ringers in action, get some handling lessons and ring handbells together.

The Guild introduced a young ringer award to a) encourage young people to try ringing and develop their skill and b) create a publicity event to raise awareness of change ringing. The award is named in honor of Jeff Smith, who started the change ringing group at Kalamazoo College, taught hundreds of students how to ring and inspired the college to install bells in Stetson Chapel. The requirements for the award are a) membership in the guild; b) 22 years old or younger; c) rung a peal or quarter peal within the last year; and d) a statement from a local ringing master that the ringer has contributed to the health of the local ringing

community. We were pleased to recognize 7 awardees this summer. We hope that the award will be aspirational, both for the young ringers and the local bands as they help their young ringers advance.

Tom Farthing,
Public Relations Officer, NAGCR

South Africa

Ringling continues in the main South African centres of Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg, with the usual ups and downs experienced by bands everywhere. There is unfortunately no ringing at Makhanda, formerly Grahamstown, at present due to lack of numbers, but the bells remain available and in good order. All ringing has had to be suspended during the national Covid-19 lockdown, presently extended until April 30th. The special event that was planned for Durban this year was the commemoration in May of the 100th Anniversary of the bells in both towers of St Mary's Church, Greyville and St Paul's Church in the centre of Durban. To celebrate this auspicious occasion Durban was to host the South African National Guild of Church Bellringers' Annual General Meeting. This event not

only included our meeting but a weekend of bell ringing and a celebratory dinner. Unfortunately we have had to cancel this as a result of the Corona Covid 19 Virus pandemic. Special services were to be held in both Churches including tributes to Simon Milliken, our late National Ringing Master and the blessing of two plaques in his memory. He was murdered in 2018. This has been postponed until May 2021 and arrangements are being made to conduct business by email and telephone in the interim.

The only other news that may be of interest is that the Durban band was asked by AMAFA (Zulu for "Heritage KwaZulu-Natal") – the local historical organisation, to assist with possible information regarding the restoration of the Durban post office clock and bells in the post office tower. After visiting the tower 3 members of the Durban band were able to give some advice regarding the old clock striking mechanism and the series of pulleys and ropes that cause the bells to strike. Progress of the restoration is ongoing and we await further information from the post office.

Richard Roberts and Nola Mitchell

Strategic Priorities 2020 and beyond

1 Find alternative long term sources of recruits who have the potential to be good ringers

We can no longer rely on the church to supply us with recruits, particularly youngsters, and we have to work harder to attract and retain them.

2 That no ringer should hit a barrier to their own progression

If a ringer wants to progress, they should always be able to find a pathway that helps them, although it will probably not just be at their own tower.

3 The pursuit of excellence in everything we do

The pursuit of high quality performance is something that binds together all the different strata and styles of ringing. To achieve this we need the best possible ringing environments, organisation and leadership.

4 The sound of church bells remains part of our cultural soundscape and is appreciated and understood

The sound of church bells is quintessentially British, although it exists more widely. When people hear bells it should not only

remind them of the presence of the church, but they should recognise and appreciate the skill involved.

5 The pursuit of method ringing is not the only measure of success for a ringer

No one should feel a failure if they do not do method ringing. All ringers are valued.

6 The Church continues to value our contribution

We must retain the Church's goodwill in order to continue to have access to their bells.

A series of articles explaining these in detail appeared in *The Ringing World*: issue 5685 (10 April 2020) p357; issue 5686 (17 April 2020) p387; issue 5687 (24 April 2020) p407; issue 5689 (8 May 2020) p454; issue 5690 (15 May 2020) p489; issue 5691 (22 May 2020) p508. An updated version may be found on the Council's website at ccbr.org.uk/strategic-priorities-2020-and-beyond/

Financial Update 2020 and Outline General Fund Budget for 2021

Purpose of the report – To inform Members of the current financial position for 2020 and to give an outline to the 2021 General Fund budget.

1 Introduction

This paper gives Members –

- a) A summary of the current financial position across all funds for 2020 and
- b) Gives an outline to the 2021 General Fund budget, prior to formal and more detailed consideration by the Executive in the autumn of 2020.

General Fund – Budget agreed by Executive and Current Projection for 2020

	2020 Budget	2020 Projection
Income	£	£
Affiliation fees	7840	7960
Council Meeting	28000	0
Interest receivable	1300	1000
Donations and other income	1500	1500
Total income	38640	10460
Expenditure		
Council meeting	30000	500
ART conference / sponsorship	500	500
Workgroup net expenditure (*see below)	4650	5010
Ringing Remembers project costs	0	0
Insurance	2600	2600
Sundry expenses	890	850
Total expenditure	38640	9460
Excess of (expenditure over income) / income over expenditure	0	1,000
Balance of fund – 1st January 2020 – actual figure now shown	160790	160,790
Balance of fund – 31st December 2020	160790	161790
*Workgroup net expenditure		
Administrative / Executive	600	600
Technical and Taxonomy	800	1160
Communications and Marketing	1000	1000
Historical and Archive	500	500
Volunteer and Leadership	1000	1000
Stewardship and Management	750	750
Total	4650	5010

This type of report is presented for the second time as part of the enhanced governance arrangements now being followed by the Council. The accounts for 2019 are shown elsewhere on the agenda.

2 Financial Update 2020

At the time of writing, the Council is around halfway through its 2020 financial year in unprecedented times that are severely affecting ringing activities. The Executive approved the following General Fund budget for 2020 in autumn 2019 and it is set alongside the current projection of actual income and expenditure for 2020 below.

The actual General Fund balance brought

funds and in accordance with the wishes of the Will of the late Fred Dukes.

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

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

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

3 Outline 2021 General Fund Budget

Prior to formal consideration, amendment and approval by the Executive in autumn 2020 the following is presented to Members for information.

General Fund – Outline Budget 2021

Estimate	2021	Notes / Assumptions
Income	£	
Affiliation fees	8000	200 members x £40
Council Meeting	28000	Similar to 2019
Interest receivable	600	Assume interest rates still minimal
Donations and other income	1500	Prudent assumption
Total income	38100	
Expenditure		
Council meeting	30000	Similar to 2019
ART conference / sponsorship	500	Assume continued support of ART
Workgroup net expenditure (*see note below)	3800	Assumes only ongoing expenditure, no one-offs.
Insurance	2800	Similar to 2019 plus inflation
Sundry expenses	1000	Broad estimate
Total expenditure	38100	
Excess of (expenditure over income) / income over expenditure	0	
Balance of fund – 1st January 2021	161790	Assumes 2020 is underspent by £1000.
Balance of fund – 31st December 2021	161790	

forward of £160,790 was greater than previously estimated when the budget was set due, principally, to still unspent Ringing Remembers grant and buoyant miscellaneous income. The budget was set on the assumption that income would equal expenditure for the year.

Actual income and expenditure is currently projected to underspend the budget by approximately £1000 due, principally, to minimal net costs being required for the AGM and buoyant miscellaneous income, offset, to some degree, by a further reduction in interest rates and a small workgroup overspend.

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

**Workgroups are evolving, including the very recent establishment of new groups, so, at the time of writing, it is too early to establish their net expenditure requirements. A total “illustrative only” figure is therefore shown.*

The overall assumption, before a reappraisal of, in particular, workgroup financial activities is that income will equal expenditure, leaving the Council with an unchanged balance of £161,790 to carry forward to future years.

The Executive will need to give further consideration to workgroup activities and other projects, particularly in the context of “Ringing Returns”, which is likely to lead to some significant variations to the illustrative budget for 2021.

Andy Smith,
CCCBR Treasurer,
July 2020

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers 2020

- Fellows:** John Baldwin, William Butler, Alan Frost, David Kelly.
- Ex-officio:** Mary Bone, Alan Glover, Tim Jackson, Simon Linford#, Dickon Love*, David Mattingley, Louise Nightingale, Allen Nunley, Ian Oram, Bill Purvis, Mark Regan*, Alan Regin, Christopher Ridley#, Andrew Smith.
- Ancient Society of College Youths:** Richard Allton, Colin Newman, Leigh Simpson, Andrew Wilby.
- Australian & New Zealand Assn:** Peter Harrison, Christopher O'Mahony, David Smith, Derek Williams.
- Barrow & District Society:** Peter Limage*.
- Bath & Wells Dio. Assn:** Jay Bunyan, Michael Hansford, Aaron Moulder, David Parfrey*, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan.
- Bedfordshire Assn:** Patrick Albon, Linda Garton, Richard Horne.
- Beverley & District Society:** John Atkinson, James Blackburn.
- Cambridge Univ. Guild:** David Richards. One vacancy.
- Carlisle Dio. Guild:** Christine de Cordova, Duncan Walker.
- Chester Dio. Guild:** David Jones, Carole Hallam*, Tom Nestor, Stefan Zientek.
- Coventry Dio. Guild:** Annie Hall, Joy Pluckrose. Two vacancies.
- Derby Dio. Assn:** Andrew Hall, Susan Hall, Jenny Halliday, Gill Hughes.
- Devon Assn:** Tim Jones*, Joanne Tucker*.
- Devonshire Guild:** Lynette Costello, Lynne Hughes, Fergus Stracey. One vacancy.
- Dorset County Assn:** One vacancy.
- Durham & Newcastle Dio. Assn:** Howard Smith, Barbara Wheeler. Two vacancies.
- Durham Univ. Society:** Phil Hughes.
- East Derby & West Notts Assn:** Edward Sterland.
- East Grinstead & District Guild:** Kate Wills.
- Ely Dio. Assn:** Philip Bailey, Sue Marsden, Paul Seaman, Daniel Stevens*.
- Essex Assn:** Fred Bone, Paul Bray*, Helen Bridgman*, Paul Cammiade, Vicki Chapman.
- Four Shires Guild:** Matthew Kemble, Chris Povey.
- Gloucester & Bristol Dio. Assn:** Mark Davies, Derek Harbottle, William Nash, Richard While*. One vacancy.
- Guildford Dio. Guild:** John Couperthwaite, Jackie Roberts. Two vacancies.
- Hereford Dio. Guild:** Colin Ward. Three vacancies.
- Hertford County Assn:** Stuart Brant, Tony Crowther, Geoff Horritt, Margaret Horritt.
- Irish Assn:** Robert MacDonald, Don McLean, Michael Pomeroy#.
- Kent County Assn:** Phillip Barnes, Douglas Davis, David Grimwood, Caroline Stockmann, Nick Wilkins*.
- Ladies Guild:** Rosemary Hemmings, Alison Williams, Jan Wyatt.
- Lancashire Assn:** Sam Brook*, Cate Gardner*, Beth Ingham, Andrew Kayll*. One vacancy.
- Leeds Univ. Society:** Naomi Calvert.
- Leicester Dio. Guild:** Lianne Brooks, Carol Franklin, Steve Millington, Arthur Rees.
- Lichfield & Walsall Archd. Society:** Stephen Askew*, Derek Giddins, Stuart Hutchieson.
- Lincoln Dio. Guild:** Philip Green, Chris Sharp, Chris Turner. One vacancy.
- Liverpool Univ. Society:** Martyn Bristow.
- Llandaff & Monmouth Dio. Assn:** Matthew Turner, John Vesey. One vacancy.
- Middlesex County Assn. & London Dio. Guild:** Sonia Field, Robert Lewis, Adrian Udall, Clyde Whittaker.
- National Police Guild:** John Cousins.
- North American Guild:** Bruce Butler, Eileen Butler, Beverly Faber, Christian Haller*.
- North Staffordshire Assn:** Jan Hine, Tim Hine. One vacancy.
- North Wales Assn:** Antony Diserens, Beverley Furniss.
- Norwich Dio. Assn:** Raymond Harwood, Katie Wright. Two vacancies.
- Oxford Dio. Guild:** Ken Davenport, John Harrison, Lucy Hopkins Till, Graham John, Alan Marchbank, Tim Pett.
- Oxford Society:** Dorothy Hall*.
- Oxford Univ. Society:** Craig Robertson*.
- Peterborough Dio. Guild:** Simon Dixon, Nick Elks, Jane Sibson, David Westerman.
- St Agatha Guild:** Anne Bray.
- St David's Dio. Guild:** Chris Hughes.
- St Martin's Guild:** Richard Andrew, James Ramsbottom.
- Salisbury Dio. Guild:** Tom Garrett, Max Knight*, Anthony Lovell-Wood, Julian Newman. One vacancy.
- Scottish Assn:** Ruth Marshall, Tina Stoecklin.
- Shropshire Assn:** Paul Lewis*. One vacancy.
- Society of Royal Cumberland Youths:** Ian Roulstone*, Derek Sibson, Jane Wilkinson. One vacancy.
- South African Guild:** James Champion.
- Southwell and Nottingham Dio. Guild:** Jim Crabtree, Anne Sladen. Two vacancies.
- Suffolk Guild:** Chris Birkby, Neal Dodge, Stephen Pettman. One vacancy.
- Surrey Assn:** Kate Flavell, Paul Flavell, Jason Hughes*. One vacancy.
- Sussex County Assn:** Alison Everett, Sue Gadd*, David Kirkcaldy, Rob Lane, Stephanie Pendlebury.
- Swansea & Brecon Dio. Guild:** David Katz.
- Truro Dio. Guild:** Robert Perry, Ian Self. Two vacancies.
- Univ. Bristol Society:** Imogen Brooke, Patrick Wheeler.
- Univ. London Society:** Anne Hughes*.
- Veronese Assn:** Michele Giovanni Cambareri*, David Roskelly.
- Winchester & Portsmouth Dio. Guild:** Michael Church, Mike Hopkins Till, Adrian Nash, Shan Nash, Allan Yalden.
- Worcestershire & Districts Assn:** Kathryn Cocks*, Alison Hodge, Paul Marshall. One vacancy.
- Yorkshire Assn:** Robert Cater#, Barrie Dove, Simon Plows*, Elaine Scott*, Peter Scott*.

New member: *
Returning member: #

If any member would prefer to be known by a different name, would they please contact the Secretary.

28 July 2020

Bell Ringers Reception, May 2019

US Ambassador Johnson hosts Bell Ringers from across the UK at Winfield House.



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