



THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS



*"The bells of Up Holland" by Phil Hope,
round 2 winner in the photo competition organised by the Public Relations Workgroup*

2022 Annual Meeting Papers

From the President

One definition of being middle aged is that you have met all your friends, a reference to the fact that so many in younger generations have friends on social media who they have never met and will never meet. One of the pleasures for me over the last year of relative ringing freedom has been to start to meet some of the people who I have only ever met online. This is going to be a key feature of this year's AGM weekend – actually meeting all of you and talking to you in person!

A Council weekend is a time to think and talk about the 'big picture' of ringing – we are all here because we don't just care about what goes on in our own towers, branches or associations, but because we also see that there is a need for things to be done for the benefit of ringing as a whole, and that the Council, through its Executive and Workgroups, does that. Furthermore, our own organisations will be stronger if we share ideas, work together, and learn from each other. Ringing is changing, with traditional barriers being removed, so we need to adapt to survive and improve.

We learned a lot from the Survival and Recovery Champions and from the consultation events we did concerning direct membership, including that there was widespread dissatisfaction with current structures, and their failure to support ringing development. The dissatisfaction was not enough to force change but it ought to make us take a long, hard look at whether what the current local structures are doing is fit for purpose and is what their members want. Some associations are already doing this, with determination to evolve.

Of course our job is not made any easier by the external factors and influences. If we were all to make a list of our top five threats to the future of ringing we would almost certainly include many of the same things. Recovering from Covid would probably still be on there – many bands have recovered well but many have not. The threat of church closures (in the Church of England at least) would probably get on a few lists. Although that process is likely to be slow, it has not gone away. Safeguarding training requirements will definitely feature. This is a very delicate one for us to navigate, with profound implications. And then of course there is the need for more ringers. These are the sorts of subjects the Council attempts to tackle. We beaver away in the background, always with commitment and sometimes with thick skins.

An important part of the role of a CC Representative is to 'hold the Executive to account'. Our structure entrusts a lot to the Executive and Workgroups, and this annual meeting is a time when we have our homework marked and get some feedback. I would like to think we have got a reasonable mark, maybe a 7 (that's a B+ in old money), but to push the grade boundaries we need more people to volunteer to get involved and do things. The Workgroup leaders are going to be out hunting on Saturday morning so if your light is currently hidden under a bushel ...

There are a couple of significant votes on the agenda. We are replacing two Ordinary Trustees and the Secretary, and the newcomers will then also form part of the Executive, bringing fresh perspectives and experience. We are also voting on changing the model of affiliation fees which will break the link between membership fees and the number of Representatives, instead linking fees directly to the number of members of a guild or association. This has been widely discussed with associations, appears to be well supported, and gives greater flexibility about the future size of the Council.

Between us all we have a vast amount of ringing experience. We've been there, done it, and got the t-shirt. Our job is to use that experience to make sure that ringing in the future is at least as good as it has been so far, that even more people get to enjoy this fantastic activity we have, and in doing so continue to ring bells for our churches and communities. Together we can do it.

Simon Linford
President
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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The 125th Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Saturday 3rd September 2022 in the Teaching and Learning Building, Clifton Campus, Nottingham Trent University, NG11 8NS, starting at 2 pm.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 1.50 pm.

AGENDA

Welcome and introduction.

1. Opening prayer.
2. Application(s) to affiliate.
An application has been received from the Welsh Colleges Society.
3. Welcome to new members.
4. Apologies for absence.
5. In Memoriam.
6. Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting [\(p.6\)](#).
7. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
8. Annual Trustees' Report for 2021 [\(p.11\)](#).
9. Accounts for 2021 [\(p.14\)](#).
10. Annual Report of the Executive and Workgroups for 2021 – May 2022 [\(p.16\)](#).
11. Executive and Workgroup updates for May – August 2022.
12. Forward Plan for 2023.
13. Financial update for 2022 and outline General Fund budget for 2023 [\(p.40\)](#).
14. Election of Trustees: the following nominations have been received; supporting statements are given in Appendix A of this agenda [\(p.5\)](#):

<i>Office</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
Secretary	<i>None received: nominations will be taken from the floor</i>		
Ordinary Trustee	Catherine Lane	John Harrison	Alan Marchbank
Ordinary Trustee	Beverly Faber	Kate Flavell	Eileen Butler

15. Election of Independent Examiners (2):

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

16. Governance Review.

17. Motions.

- (A) *That Standing Order F1.1 be amended to read:*

The Annual Subscription for each Affiliated Society shall be £0.20 per member of that Society based on its Society Membership, subject to a minimum of £40 and a maximum of £400 per annum per Affiliated Society.

[Supporting statement: The current annual subscription is £40 per Council Member to which a society is entitled. This entitlement is in turn determined by the number of members of that society.

The current fixed link between the number of Council Members and the annual subscription would make it difficult for the Council to make future adjustments in its size, in particular if it chose to implement the recommendation from the CRAG Report, approved in 2017, that it should reduce in size.

Following positive feedback from a number of consultation events in 2021 the Executive consulted societies in February 2022 on a more flexible model, which links a society's subscription directly to its membership (subject to a maximum and minimum amount).

The vast majority of societies were in favour of remodelling the subscription along these lines and in May 2022 the Executive proposed fixing the annual subscription at 20p per society member, subject to a minimum of £40 per society (as currently) and a maximum of £400, as set out in the President's communication of 9th May.

The proposed model has been designed to be revenue neutral.]

Proposed by Simon Linford (Ex-officio) and seconded by David Kirkcaldy (Sussex County Association).

(B)

[Supporting statement: Standing Order G1.1 requires that each three years the Executive should review the Council's governance to assess whether it continues to be "effective and aligned with best practice" and the first of these reviews has taken place this year.

As part of this wider governance review, the Executive invited the Hon. David Bleby QC to conduct a technical assessment of the Council's Rules and Standing Orders to identify any errors, or wording which could be better expressed to achieve its intended purpose, and to recommend improved wording in each case.

The review included consideration of a list of issues raised by Council Members following a call for suggestions made by the President in March. The Technical Review Report recommended a number of improvements to individual Rules

and Standing Orders, which among other things clarify:

- arrangements when Trustees retire early
- the process of notifying society membership numbers to the Secretary
- technology requirements for Council Meetings held online
- meeting rules governing the allocation of time to each business item
- the 'call-in' procedure for small society applications.

At its meeting on 22nd June the Executive resolved to implement David Bleby's recommendations in full and this motion gives effect to them.]

That the Council notes the conclusions and recommendations of the Report to the Executive of the Technical Reviewer dated 19th May, 2022 (the "Technical Review Report"), commissioned as part of the 2022 governance review and thanks David Bleby for his work.

That with effect from the close of the 125th Annual Meeting of the Council held on 3rd September, 2022 the Council's Rules shall be amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Technical Review Report, by applying the revised wordings set out in Annexures 1 and 3 to that Report.

That the Council approves the amendments to its Standing Orders recommended by the Technical Review Report as set out in Annexures 1 and 4 to that Report.

Proposed by Phillip Barnes (Kent County Association) and seconded by Ian Roulstone (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths).

18. Future meetings.
2023: An invitation has been received from the Suffolk Guild.
2024: An invitation has been received from the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.
19. Any other business.
Please notify items in advance.

Mary Bone
Secretary

Appendix A Supporting Statements

Catherine (Katie) Lane

Ordinary Trustee

We are not a family of bell ringers so why learn? Even-song bells entranced me – a summons to attend the service and the memory endured.

A lifetime later, living in a village with six bells and ringers to be seen on the balcony, I called up to the tower captain, “Can anyone do this?” “Yes”, she said, “Tomorrow evening, 7.30 and I’ll teach you”. The rest is history.

Ringling is a tradition in peril unless we make certain it remains valued by society in this fast, technological age where instant success is expected, and entering a Christian church is unfamiliar.

Ringling is intriguing, brings lifelong friendships, ignores age, gender, race, wealth. It engages the intellect, brings a sense of belonging, and reminds the community that Christian worship remains an integral part of our culture.

The CCCBR must reach out to this diverse audience; be inspirational in the recruitment and retention of ringers, respect and support the small, steadfast bands, excite and extend youngsters who are the seed corn for our future.

The conundrum is how best to do it; perhaps I may be part of the team that supports the voluntary work of the CCCBR to face the challenges ahead.

Beverly Faber

Ordinary Trustee

My ringing background includes 11 years as the Membership Secretary for the North American Guild, and as local tower captain, secretary, and treasurer. I have been NAG CCCBR representative for 15 years, was on the Public Relations Committee for 11 years, and was on the committee organizing the CCCBR AGM in London in 2019. I was also volunteer genealogist assisting Alan Regin with the Roll of Honour during the WWI 100th Anniversary and the articles in *The Ringing World*. I have helped teach new learners in my local tower, and have been a helper at the Hereford Ringing Course for 11 years. My background was in Marketing and IT with an international company, working on two occasions in the UK. As David Smith is leaving as Trustee, having another ringer from overseas would be appropriate and helpful on the Executive. As I have a flat in central London, I often spend time in the UK, would be available to attend many of the live meetings, and have attended all the Council meetings since I have been a member. As Alison Everett is also leaving, it is very important to have another woman elected as a Trustee to diversify the Executive.

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 skills 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/

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Minutes of the 124th Annual Meeting held by video conferencing (Zoom) on Saturday 4th September 2021 at 10.30 am.

Present

Fellows: John Baldwin, Alan Frost.

Ex-officio: Mary Bone, Alan Glover, Simon Linford, Dickon Love, David Mattingley, Allen Nunley, Alan Regin, Fergus Stracey.

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

Australian & New Zealand Assn: David Bleby#, Peter Harrison, David Smith.

Bath & Wells Dio. Assn: Michael Hansford, Matthew Higby, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan.

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

Beverley & District Society: Rosina Baxter*, James Blackburn.

Cambridge Univ. Guild: David Richards, Richard Smith*.

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

Chester Dio. Guild: David Jones, Carole Hallam, Tom Nestor, Peter Wilkinson#.

Clerical Guild: Revd Jon Rose.

Coventry Dio. Guild: Annie Hall, John Newbold.

Derby Dio. Assn: Glen Fiddy, Andrew Hall, Susan Hall.

Devon Association: Joanne Tucker.

Devonshire Guild: Lynette Costello, Lynne Hughes, James Kirkcaldy*, Alena Wardle*.

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

Durham University Society: Phil Hughes.

East Derbys & West Notts Association: Edward Sterland.

Ely Dio. Assn: Philip Bailey, Sue Marsden, Daniel Stevens.

Essex Assn: Fred Bone, Paul Bray, Vicki Chapman, Martin Jones.

Four Shires Guild: Christopher Povey.

Gloucester & Bristol Dio. Assn: Simon Edwards*, Derek Harbottle, Richard While.

Guildford Dio. Guild: John Couperthwaite, Jackie Roberts.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Anthony Ellis#, Colin Ward.

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

Irish Assn: Don McLean, Michael Pomeroy.

Kent County Assn: Phillip Barnes, Caroline Stockmann, Jennifer Thomas*.

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

Lancashire Assn: Sam Brook, Beth Ingham.

Leicester Dio. Guild: Carol Franklin, Arthur Rees.

Lichfield & Walsall Archd. Society: Stephen Askew, Stuart Hutchieson, David Towell.

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, Beverly Faber, Christian Haller.

North Staffordshire Assn: Jan Hine, Tim Hine.

North Wales Assn: Antony Diserens, Beverley Furniss.

Norwich Dio. Assn: Katie Wright.

Oxford Dio. Guild: John Harrison, Lucy Hopkins Till, Graham John, Tim Pett.

Oxford Society: Dorothy Hall.

Oxford University Society: Craig Robertson.

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

Guild of St Agatha: Anne Bray.

St David's Dio. Guild: Chris Hughes.

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

Salisbury Dio. Guild: Tom Garrett, Anthony Lovell-Wood, Julian Newman, Vicki Rowse.

Scottish Assn: Ruth Marshall, Tina Stoecklin.

Shropshire Assn: Paul Lewis, E Ann Williams.

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

South African Guild: James Champion.

Southwell and Nottingham Dio. Guild: Jim Crabtree, Anne Sladen.

Suffolk Guild: Chris Birkby, Cath Colman*, Neal Dodge.

Surrey Assn: Kate Flavell, Paul Flavell, Jason Hughes.

Sussex County Assn: Alison Everett, Sue Gadd, David Kirkcaldy, Rob Lane, Stephanie Pendlebury.

Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Guild: David Katz.

Truro Dio. Guild: Robert Perry, Ian Self, Hayley Young*.

Univ. Bristol Society: Imogen Brooke, Patrick Wheeler.

Veronese Assn: David Roskelly.

Winchester & Portsmouth Dio. Guild: Michael Church, Michael Hopkins Till, Shân Nash, Allan Yalden.

Worcestershire & Districts Assn: Alison Hodge, James Mort.

Yorkshire Assn: Elva Ainsworth#, Barrie Dove, Elaine Scott, Peter Scott.

[* — new member; # — returning member]

The Barrow and District Society, Dorset County Association, East Grinstead and District Guild, Leeds University Society and the University of London Society were not represented.

The **Chair** was taken by the President, Simon Linford, who welcomed all members to the meeting. He particularly welcomed Michael Church to his 50th consecutive meeting. The President advised members wishing to speak on

the procedure and reminded them 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 explained how the electronic voting system would operate during the meeting*. He informed members that Robert Cooles, President of the Surrey Association and a long-serving former Council member, had suffered a stroke and conveyed the Council's good wishes to Bob and his family.

[* The electronic voting system records registered votes; it does not record those abstaining by non-participation in a vote.]

1. Opening Prayer

Revd Dr John C Baldwin, Fellow, led members in prayer.

2. Applications to affiliate

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).

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from David Kelly (Fellow), Ian Oram (Ex-officio, Steward of the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund), Tim Jackson (Ex-officio, Steward of the Dove database), Chris Ridley (Ex-officio, Historical & Archive workgroup leader), Mark Regan (Ex-officio, Senior Stakeholder Liaison workgroup leader), Tim Jones (Devon Assn), Helen Bridgman (Essex Assn), Mark Davies (Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Assn), Doug Davis (Kent County Assn), John Loveless (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Stephen Pettman (Suffolk Guild), Noel Gibbin (Surrey Assn) and Chris Tennant and Kathryn Cocks (Worcestershire & Districts Assn). Apologies were subsequently received from Cate Gardner (Lancashire Assn).

5. In Memoriam

The Secretary, Mary Bone, read the names of the following member and former members who had died since the last meeting: Ivor Nichols (Chester DG 1980–1983); David Kingman (Peterborough DG 2002–2006); Colin Tester (Kent CA 1969–1972); George Deas (Durham & Newcastle DA 1981–1984); Ronald Ducker (Beverley & District Society 1967–1972); Jennifer (Jay) Bunyan (Bath & Wells DA 2005–2021); Philip Morgan (Hereford DG 1964–1965); Alan Ellis (North American Guild 1999–2008, Honorary Member 2008–2010, Additional Member 2010–2011, North American Guild 2014–2019); William Dowse (National Police Guild 2011–2014 and 2014–2018); Alan Barber (Ely DA 1971–1978); A Terence (Terry) Collins (Winchester & Portsmouth DG 1987–1993); and Michael Sprackling (London CA 1987–1993). Members kept a period of

silence in memory of this member and these former members.

(The minutes, reports and accounts were published with the Central Council Meeting Papers on 6th August 2021. The relevant page numbers are shown against each item.)

6. Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting (pp7–12)

The Minutes were approved on the proposal of Allan Yalden and seconded by Alison Williams. The Minutes were approved nem con (124 in favour; 6 recorded abstentions).

The President reminded members to declare any relevant conflicts of interest and to treat each other with courtesy during debate as all members were volunteers. He reminded members of the Council's Rules which required payment of affiliation fees and notification of membership numbers to be made six weeks before the meeting. He regretted that in a few cases this had not been done and sought permission of the meeting to allow those members affected to participate fully. Fred Bone stated that the Rules were clear and that societies and members should comply with them, while Tina Stoecklin urged members to allow full participation this year and to enforce the Rules thereafter. Members voted to allow affected members to participate fully (124 in favour; 11 against; 6 recorded abstentions).

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

No member wished to raise any matter. The President noted that he would report on the series of consultations with members and others held in late 2020 at item 12.

8. Annual Trustees' Report for 2020 (pp13–15)

The President introduced the formal annual report of the Council to the Charity Commission for 2020 and noted that it had been approved by the Trustees on 15 May 2021. He invited the Secretary to comment on and update the report. The Secretary reported on changes to the membership figures in paragraph 7: there were 4 Fellows, 14 Ex-officio members, 181 representative members and 17 vacancies. The Australian and New Zealand Association was now only entitled to three members. The Secretary noted in particular the names of two members who had stood down prior to the meeting: Ken Davenport (Oxford DG 1996–2021) and Christopher O'Mahony (ANZAB 2008–2021; Vice-President 2014–2017 and President 2017–2019). She concluded by encouraging 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 Neal Dodge and approved unanimously.

9. Accounts for 2020 (pp16–17)

The Treasurer, Fergus Stracey, presented the Accounts. He thanked his predecessor, Andrew Smith, for a smooth transition and noted that the Independent Examiner had issued an unqualified report. The Accounts had been approved by the Trustees on 15 May 2021. He thanked the Independent Examiner, Caroline Stockmann for her work; he additionally thanked Ian Self (Library) and Beryl Norris (Publications) for their contributions. The Treasurer reported that the Council had total assets of £457,812 at 31 December 2020. The General Fund made a surplus of £4,054 as the usual major expenditure on the annual meeting was not incurred. Publications made a loss of £2,163 as sales were badly affected by the suspension of ringing during the pandemic and the Library also incurred a deficit for the year of £1,749. The Bell Restoration and Fred E Dukes funds paid out previously committed grants. The Treasurer noted that the Council currently benefited as a charity from Microsoft not charging for approximately the first £2,700 of hosting costs for the website etc. Robert Perry thanked the Council for the grant to Kenwyn, Truro, which was much appreciated.

The 2020 Accounts were received and adopted unanimously. The President thanked the Treasurer for all his work during his first year in office.

10. Annual Report of the Executive and Workgroups for 2020 to May 2021 (pp18–38)

The President introduced this item. He suggested that questions could be taken either at this item or at items 11 or 12. The sections would be considered in the order as printed.

On the **Executive** report, John Harrison commented on the fact that the Council was now seen as the first body to be consulted on ringing matters; he congratulated the Executive on this achievement and hoped that other bodies would follow the Church of England's lead on this. The President drew attention to the inclusion of quarter peal analysis in the **Performance Analysis**; quarter peals were a key indicator of the health of ringing, particularly at the grass roots. Tina Stoecklin concurred with this view. As a member of the "women in ringing" research group, Tina requested that gender analysis be included in future reports. Phillip Barnes responded by welcoming this suggestion. He urged all those submitting performances to check that names were submitted correctly so that individual ringers could be correctly identified. On **Publications**, Simon Dixon remarked that no new titles had been produced for the second year in succession; were there any plans for new titles? The President noted that the pandemic lockdown had prevented meetings of the Publications team. A number of short single topic booklets had been suggested and the team was also looking to refresh some older titles. The President mentioned the recent e-book *Calling It Round* by Bryn Marie Reinstadler (<https://callingitround.cccb.org.uk/>); this was a new venture for Council publications and broadened the delivery of information to ringers. The

Council recognised that there was still a market for printed publications.

The President proposed adoption of the report of the Executive and workgroups for 2020. This was seconded by Nick Elks and approved nem con (135 in favour; 3 recorded abstentions).

11. Executive and Workgroup updates for May–August 2021

The President noted that the Executive update would be taken at item 12. He considered that these updates formed an important part of the meeting and welcomed questions and comments.

Public Relations: Vicki Chapman, workgroup leader, drew attention to the Terms of Reference of this new group, which had replaced the former Communications & Marketing workgroup. Since April the workgroup had produced guidance for ringing to mark the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and was updating guidance for Operation London Bridge. The 200th anniversary of Ellacombe chimes and US Independence Day had been celebrated and both these had also featured on Radio 4's Bells on Sunday programme. A series of photo competitions had been launched to provide suitable images for an image library. Ringing was encouraged for the NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers' Day in early July and there were plans for this to become an annual event. Phillip Orme, workgroup member for Bells on Sunday, was preparing advice on producing high-quality recordings for the programme. Vicki referred to forthcoming media opportunities: Bells on Sunday, Heritage Open Days, ringing for the environment to mark the COP 26 conference in November, the Save the Parish campaign and Her Majesty the Queen's platinum jubilee in 2022. The group would be launching an online PR forum and working on plans for a Bell Sunday in churches, to mark the contributions of ringers to the life of the church and community, and for a PR Matters Day 2.0 seminar. Vicki concluded by inviting those with particular skills or from areas of the country not yet represented on the workgroup to contact her at pro@ccb.org.uk

Senior Stakeholder Liaison: in the absence of Mark Regan, workgroup leader, the report was given by the President. He reported that work with the House of Bishops Covid recovery team was now winding down. Useful contacts had been made, especially with Revd Mark Betson, National Rural Officer in the Church of England. The President and Mark Regan would be speaking at the national DAC conference later in September. Following agreement with the Church Buildings Council, Dove would now become the national database of bells and bellframes. The President highlighted the role of this workgroup in liaising with other workgroups and opening doors for them. Of particular concern was the Pastoral Measures Review (GS2222), which could lead to accelerated church closures, and the Save the Parish campaign. The President recommended that ringers should establish good contacts with their incumbents and PCCs and that associations should

compile registers of bells at risk. It was important that the question of removing and re-homing good rings of bells was discussed at an early stage in the church closure process. Robert Perry urged the Council to be cautious in its support for the Save the Parish campaign as this was a political campaign during the period of elections to the next General Synod. In response to Allen Nunley the President confirmed that this was a Church of England issue.

Stewardship & Management: the workgroup leader, Alison Hodge, thanked all members of the group and their additional specialist advisers for the amount of work they did answering large numbers of enquiries from parishes and ringers. She announced that the third Westley award for tower maintenance had been awarded to Oliver Watson, aged 17, and thanked the Westley Group for their continued sponsorship. The workgroup had identified a new conservation-accredited structural engineering company able to work on bell installations. Work continued on measuring tower movement with plans to acquire the necessary equipment and conduct practical tests. The *Manual of Belfry Maintenance* was being revised and updated as an online publication. All guidance notes and advice on the website were in the process of being revised and updated. These included *Bell Restoration Projects* and a new title *Running a Tower*. The workgroup also planned to produce videos and presentation materials on “what goes on upstairs” intended for both ringers and non-ringers. Alison concluded by mentioning areas where the group would welcome additional members with relevant expertise. Philip Green, supported by Kate Flavell and others, commented that there was still a demand for printed publications. While agreeing with this, Alison Hodge stated that online publications would become increasingly important. Peter Harrison commended online publications as particularly valuable for overseas ringers; he mentioned the ANZAB experience of recording bell maintenance sessions so that these could then be shared more widely.

Technical & Taxonomy: Graham John, workgroup leader, summarised the work of the group during the past year: it had continued to build method and composition collections; was preparing version 2 of the Framework for Method Ringing; had completed the transfer of Dove to its new platform and enhanced its scope; was forming a new team to investigate how digital services created by ringers can be protected for the future; and provided IT services for the Council itself. On the Framework for Method Ringing, Graham reported that the consultation on v2 was now complete and replies to consultation comments were being published on the Framework website at framework.ccebr.org.uk. A proposal to require a quarter peal rather than an extent for new methods on lower stages had proved unpopular and would not be taken forward. After all the changes had been incorporated the Framework would be submitted to the Executive and would come into effect 3 months after their approval and notification to members. Graham highlighted the launch of the new ringing forums —

subject-specific groups which would build communities of interest amongst ringers whilst avoiding the down side of social media and simple email lists. He thanked all members of the group for their work during the year. An organigram showing the main areas of work under the main headings of methods, compositions, Dove and ICT was displayed and Graham invited those interested in becoming involved to contact him. Tim Pett, Dove Steward, thanked John Baldwin for establishing and maintaining the Dove database, which had benefited so many ringers, for so many years. Jane Wilkinson, past President, endorsed Tim’s remarks. The Council formally recorded its thanks to John Baldwin.

Volunteer & Leadership: the workgroup leader, Tim Hine, began his presentation by referring to the group’s Terms of Reference, particularly the first point “to mobilise bell ringers to create and develop for themselves the teams, knowledge, resources and skills to enable ringing to flourish”. Tim drew attention to members’ work as recovery champions, producing material for the online toolkit and for the recovery convention held online earlier in the year. A number of articles had been written for *The Ringing World*. The group was working on activities to promote leadership, planning a residential ringing course in NW England for 2022, and developing recruitment and retention workshops in partnership with ART. Much of its work would be collaborative. Tim stated that a secretary was sought for the workgroup and the involvement of younger ringers would be welcome: people skills were more valuable than advanced theoretical ringing knowledge. Simon Edwards asked how younger ringers could be involved. Tim Hine replied that young ringers could help with attracting other young people to ringing and identifying the good ringers of the future.

Young Ringers — Schools & Youth Groups: Colin Newman, workgroup leader, reported on progress since last year. A Bluebells Challenge scheme had been developed for Guides as well as a suitable scheme for measuring progress at various levels for Duke of Edinburgh awards. Unfortunately the group’s work for Scouts had not coincided with that organisation’s badge review cycle. Useful contacts had been made with the Boys and Girls Brigades and with the Young Farmers amongst other groups. Bell-related lesson plans as part of the curriculum had been developed and trialled in Worcester, delivered by non-ringing teachers. Non-curriculum lessons and presentations had also been prepared for delivery to both schools and youth groups. Advice and information on engaging with local youth groups was being written and would be made available on the Council’s website. The group’s next steps would be to launch the Bluebells Challenge; remain engaged with the Scout movement; finalise, publish and publicise advice and materials; and formalise a wider school engagement strategy. They would also ensure that all materials were reviewed regularly and remained current.

Young Ringers — Universities & Colleges: the workgroup leader, Ian Roulstone, reported that very little university ringing had

taken place during the pandemic although a number of practices and tours had now resumed. Discussions had been held with ART on the suggestion of holding regional Freshers’ Festivals, perhaps commencing in 2022. Jacqui Brown had kindly updated the UniversityRinging.org website. Ian had also promoted the new registered small societies scheme, approved in 2020, to university societies. He clarified that Southampton University Guild had not yet formally applied to register. Other university societies had reported that they felt no need to register as they maintained good relations with their local territorial associations. The workgroup would have a stand at the RWNYC at Worcester on 11 September and intended to work with the new Young Change Ringers Association to avoid losing ringers between school and college. Ian stressed that recovery could only be measured in the university sector when data became available. He commended mutual support between university societies and territorial associations. Ian suggested that students would be more likely to support various forms of e-ringing once in-person lectures had resumed. He asked Council members to engage with local student ringing societies in their areas and to encourage use of UniversityRinging.org to put new students in touch with the relevant society. Ian concluded by highlighting work on ringing theory as an enrichment project at the new sixth form maths schools which were now being established.

Historical & Archive: in the absence of Chris Ridley, workgroup leader, the report was given by John Harrison. John noted that this was a diverse group; he referred to the group’s Terms of Reference and outlined the work of each of the sub-groups: belfry artefacts; biographies; a digital platform for historic archive resources; the Library collection and Friends of the Library; and the promotion of research and dissemination of information. The workgroup was under-resourced and John particularly mentioned the need for a new Steward for the Carter Ringing Machine collection and for volunteers to work on biographies and recordings, including oral histories.

The President thanked all the workgroup leaders and members for their work as volunteers for ringing and the Central Council. He confirmed, in response to Simon Dixon, that the workgroup presentations would be made available on the website.

12. Forward Plan for 2022

The President introduced this item, mandated by the new Rules adopted in 2018 (rule 6.1 b) (3)). He highlighted work on Covid-19 and on ringing chamber ventilation and CO₂ monitoring, and on ringing recovery champions and co-ordination with ART for a recruitment campaign in 2022. He noted that the Churches Conservation Trust had produced an excellent ringing recruitment video and had planned to launch this in early 2020; they now intended to launch their campaign in 2022. The President stated that the Strategic Priorities would be reviewed and updated as necessary. Much progress had been

made during the pandemic with most work carried out within workgroups. A National Heritage Lottery Fund bid for bells in schools had been prepared with the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain and the CCT; this project would be a long-term programme to engage young people with ringing and heritage. Work continued on Mobile Belfry 2.0; the bells for this had now been cast and test hung. A specific website for this project was being prepared. The Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust had kindly donated the bells and there would be other opportunities for sponsorship and donations towards the outstanding costs. The President mentioned the successful roll out of the Cast of 1000 project in RingingRoom and hoped that this would transition to tower bell ringing in 2022. He noted the launch of the new ringing forums. He referred to Strategic Priority 5 — that method ringing is not the only measure of success — and stated that a new national Call Change competition was planned. An initial competition had been held on RingingRoom during the lockdown. The President updated members on plans for a ringing centre as part of the CCT's development of the Old Black Lion site in Northampton. He reported that an updated organigram showing the Council's structure, including the workgroups, support group and Stewards, was available on the website. A leader and members were still sought for the events team which would work with the Deputy President on the arrangements for the 2022 annual meeting. The President noted that a small team was engaged in improvements to the website. He acknowledged that there had been insufficient update reports on workgroup activity during the year; this would be addressed during the coming months. As mentioned at item 7, the President reported on the consultations held in 2020 on direct membership, branding and reducing the size of the Council. The consultation results had been updated on the website. He noted that there was no single clear way forward on direct membership and branding. However these formed part of the mandated governance review which had to be held every 3 years and would therefore be examined again in due course. The President added that reducing the size of the Council had been supported in a recent consultation. Any options also had to address the basis of the affiliation fee. He stated that work on this would proceed with a view to bringing definite proposals to the 2022 meeting. The President reported that young ringers consulted in 2020 had decided to organise their own young ringers association and this would be launched at the RWNYS in Worcester on 11 September. The President concluded by noting the need for new blood in 2022: a new Secretary would be needed, there would be elections for two trustee positions, and a new leader was required for the Volunteer & Leadership workgroup.

Kate Flavell commented on the idea of reducing the size of the Council. Although much would depend on the replacement scheme, Kate stated that perceptions were important: the Central Council was a large body but the Executive and workgroup reports had highlighted the need for help which was not forthcoming from the current members. A smaller active Council would be preferable. Linda Garton thanked the

President and Executive for their work, noting how much work was being done and how many projects were under way. Allen Nunley pointed out that not all workgroup members were Council members: these were two distinct groups and there were many opportunities for non-Council members to become involved. John Baldwin thanked the current Secretary for her work.

13. Financial update 2021 and outline General Fund budget for 2022

The Treasurer introduced this item, mandated under the new Rules, and referred members to p39 of the meeting papers. He reported that a loan of up to £3,000 had been made available to the Young Change Ringers Association; the YCRA would also use the Council's no 2 bank account, thereby enabling them to establish a bank track record before setting up their own account in due course. The YCRA accounts would be included with the Council's accounts as a separate item. He noted that no small societies had yet been registered and that expenditure on safeguarding had been kept to a minimum thanks to additional work by Clyde Whittaker. The Treasurer stated that the outline budget for 2022 did not include the costs of the annual meeting itself; all ancillary events would be costed to break even. The President added that applications to register by small societies had been affected by the lack of ringing during the pandemic. He informed the meeting that the application from Derby City Centre ringers had been deferred pending further discussion and that the provisions approved in 2020 were not intended for single tower societies. Paul Flavell asked about the Council's reserves policy; the Treasurer referred him to section 5.1 of the Trustees' Report on p14. Steph Pendlebury queried the loan to the YCRA: should this have been a grant? The Treasurer and President confirmed that the YCRA had requested a loan and that their business plan included a repayment schedule.

14. Election of Trustees

Treasurer: Fergus Stracey, who had been proposed by Alena Wardle and seconded by Hayley Young, was the only nominee. The President declared him elected.

Ordinary Trustees: two nominations had been received for the two positions. Phillip Barnes had been proposed by Colin Newman and seconded by Doug Davis; Clyde Whittaker had been proposed by Phillip Barnes and seconded by Nick Elks. The President declared them elected.

15. Election of Independent Examiners

Caroline Stockmann had been proposed by Fred Bone and seconded by Doug Davis. There being no other nominations, the President declared her elected.

16. Governance Review

The President invited Phillip Barnes to speak to this item. Phillip reminded members

that a governance review had been one of the recommendations arising from the 2016–17 CRAG review and that this had been included in the Standing Orders adopted in 2018 (SO G1). The review should address the major questions: is the Council fulfilling its objects; is its expenditure aligned accordingly; is its structure and membership still appropriate? Part of the review would consider the Council's documentation: its Rules, Standing Orders and annual reports. It would also consider if the charitable purposes were still appropriate and if the strategic priorities were consistent with these. An independent external reviewer with experience of both ringing and the charitable sector was being sought. The report and any recommendations would be placed before Council members next year.

17. Motions

(A) Michael Church (Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) proposed:

That the Council's Rules and Standing Orders be amended as indicated below to allow for the possibility that only one Independent Examiner will be elected.

That Rule 6.1 b) (2) be amended to read:

the statement of accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 December previous, together with the report of the Independent Examiner or Examiners thereon;

That Rule 6.1 c) be amended to read:

to elect up to two Independent Examiners;

That Standing Order F4.1 be amended to read:

Up to two Independent Examiners shall at each Annual Council Meeting be elected from amongst the Council's Representative Members for a term of one year.

That Standing Order F4.3 be amended to read:

An Independent Examiner acting alone after consultation with the Trustees or the Independent Examiners acting together shall have power to employ the services of a professional accountant at the expense of the Council in pursuit of their duties.

Michael noted that he had served as one of the Council's then auditors during the first twenty years of his membership. He drew attention to the supporting statement and to the fact that no additional nominations for Independent Examiner had been received in 2020 or this year. The motion included the necessary changes to allow for only one Independent Examiner to be in accordance with the Rules. Derek Harbottle (Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association) seconded.

John Harrison (Oxford Diocesan Guild) supported the motion but considered that the

wording should be clarified; “up to two” could include zero and should be replaced by “at least one” or “one or two”. John then formally proposed that the motion be amended as follows:

That Rule 6.1 c) be amended to read:

One or two Independent Examiners;

and that Standing Order F4.1 be amended to read:

One or two Independent Examiners shall at each Annual Council Meeting be elected from amongst the Council’s Representative Members for a term of one year.

Alison Williams (Ladies Guild) seconded the amendments. Michael Church and Derek Harbottle considered that the original wording was clear and unambiguous and declined to accept the amendment. The President put the amendment to the vote. It was approved by majority (95 in favour; 30 against; 5 registered abstentions). Jane Wilkinson suggested that in future only the changes proposed by an amendment be displayed rather than the whole text. The President then put the amended motion to the vote. It was approved by majority (94% in favour; 4% against, 1% recorded abstention [the numbers were not announced]).

(B) John Harrison (Oxford Diocesan Guild) proposed:

That the Executive be encouraged to publish and maintain a list of its decisions that are currently in force.

John explained the background to this proposal. Not all Executive decisions resulted in changes to the Standing Orders or in formal Policies and currently members had to read

through all notes of Executive meetings to find the information. In the interests of transparency it was important that a definitive list of Executive decisions was available to members; such a list could be updated easily to show which decisions were in force or had been replaced. The motion was seconded by Ruth Marshall (Scottish Association).

The motion was passed nem con (128 in favour, 7 recorded abstentions).

18. Future meetings

The Deputy President, David Kirkcaldy, outlined initial plans for the 2022 meeting to be held in Nottingham on 3–4 September. An online poll was held to establish preferences for a social event after the Council and Ringing World annual meetings. Members were also invited to express their views on ringing events which would be attractive to non-Council members during the Saturday meeting. Overseas members urged the Council to make arrangements for participation via video conferencing as well.

Attendance

The table is appended below.

19. Any Other Business

(a) The Secretary thanked Fred Bone for again typesetting the annual meeting papers.

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

(c) The Secretary noted that the nomination deadline in 2022 would be six weeks before the meeting. Nominations would be required for Secretary, two Ordinary Trustees and one or two Independent Examiners. She reminded members

that she would not be standing for re-election and urged representative members to consider suitable candidates to ensure a range of ringing experience was reflected on the Executive.

(d) The Secretary reminded members of the procedure now in force since the adoption of the new Rules in 2018: an annual membership return was required and this plus the formal notification of a society’s membership numbers 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.

(e) The President endorsed the Secretary’s thanks to Fred Bone for his work on the annual meeting papers.

(f) The President reminded members that the Annual General Meeting of The Ringing World Ltd would be held at 3pm.

Votes of Thanks

The President thanked Colin Newman for all his assistance with the organisation and running of this meeting held by Zoom video conferencing and thanked the Secretary for all her work.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 1.46 pm.

Summary of Attendance

	Societies		Members	
	Present	Absent	Present	Absent
Fully represented	31	72	–	–
Partly represented	30	76	28	–
Not represented	5	–	5	–
	66	148	33	–
Fellows		2	2	–
Ex-officio Members		8	6	–
		158	41	–

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>.

Peals were also rung in 2019 for the Coventry Diocesan Guild, in 2021 for the Yorkshire Association, and in 2022 for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild..

Applications are invited from societies for future peals (mail to secretary@cccbr.org.uk)..

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Annual Trustees' Report for 2021

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, amended September 2020 and September 2021.

1.2 Trustees

The Council's Trustees during 2021 were:

President	Mr S J L Linford
Deputy President	Mr D Kirkcaldy
Secretary	Mrs M Bone
Treasurer	Mr F M S Stracey
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 by video conference on 4 September Mr F M S Stracey, Dr P R J Barnes and Mr C R Whittaker were re-elected for 3-year terms.

1.3 Principal Agents and Advisors

The Council's bankers are Lloyds Bank plc, Butler Place Branch, 1 Butler Place, Westminster, London, SW1H 0PR. Its Independent Examiner is Ms C A Stockmann. Its insurers are Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Benefact House, 2000 Pioneer Avenue, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4AW.

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 gen-

eral 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 eight workgroups: (1) Volunteer and Leadership; (2) Historical and Archive; (3) Public Relations; (4) Stewardship and Management; (5) Technical and Taxonomy; (6) Young Ringers – Schools and Youth Groups; (7) Young Ringers – Universities and Colleges; (8) Senior Stakeholder Liaison. 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); Small Society Representatives (elected or appointed by Registered Small 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. Applications to become a Registered Small Society are approved in accordance with the Rules and Standing Orders.

4. Progress and Achievements in 2021

2021 was a year in which ringing started to recover from its longest break since the Second World War. Gradually the restrictions that had been placed on ringing in every territory in the world were lifted with a return to a new form of normality in many places. Certainly throughout spring and summer many of the activities that bellringers enjoy got restarted, although we then shuddered to a near halt again as the Omicron variant hit the world towards the end of the year.

The Council's Covid guidance team continued to work closely with the House of Bishops' Recovery Group, but with a background of the Church of England at least not wishing to impose any restrictions over and above those required by law. By the end of the year changes to guidance had become infrequent as the last vestiges of externally imposed restrictions were removed, and we all moved towards just living with Covid. Ringers have become more used to keeping windows open to improve ventilation, and many ringers in situations such as face to face teaching or working with young ringers continue to wear masks just as they might in other aspects of daily life.

What became clear during lockdown when bells were silent, and then when ringing opened up again, was how much bells are part

of the community rather than just being in churches as a call to worship. For instance, bells were rung as part of the public appreciation of the NHS, and many towers received messages of support from local people. This underpins the public benefit of the charity.

The Council continues to work actively with its strategic partners to further its aims. During lockdown, the Council formed a partnership with the Association of Ringing Teachers to form a network of “Survival and Recovery Champions” – some nominated by branches or associations, and some just nominating themselves. The Champions met regularly on Zoom and formed a network interested in sharing experiences of keeping ringers motivated, and planning how to recover from the pandemic, seen as everything from something we will get over to an existential threat. The word “Survival” was dropped as ringing restarted, but we still have a network of Recovery Champions, all interested in how we can take ringing forward on a stronger footing and with wider participation.

Another strategic partner is the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT), which sees bells as an important part of attracting visitors to its heritage assets. Just before the suspension of ringing the Council was about to launch a major recruitment campaign in association with the CCT. That relationship is getting stronger at a time when an increasing number of churches with bells are heading into their care.

The Council holds a regular tri-partite meeting with the Association of Ringing Teachers and the Board of The Ringing World. Matters of mutual interest are discussed and the parties look for opportunities to work together and promote each others’ activities.

The Trustees and Executive continue to be guided by reference to its ‘Strategic Priorities’, released at the start of 2020. These have only been slightly adapted by the pandemic, and that has really been to recognise the importance of recruiting additional bellringers, and expanding the number of members of the general public who can enjoy and participate in this activity.

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

The Trustees and Executive delegate much of the work of delivering the Strategic Priorities to the workgroups, with regular progress reports from these workgroups. Each Workgroup has an Executive Sponsor from

the Trustees whose role is to ensure that activities are aligned with the Objects of the charity and that any issues and difficulties can be resolved quickly.

The Trustees and Executive are held to account by the members, who in turn are elected from the Affiliated Societies. All affiliated societies are involved in promoting ringing to the general public broadly in line with the Objects of the charity. Covid restrictions prevented the Council from having a physical face-to-face AGM again, so the experience of 2020 was put to good use by the running of a very efficient AGM using Zoom. There were 148 attendees, and many members said that while the other events usually accompanying the AGM were sadly missed, the meeting itself was surprisingly effective – perhaps even an improvement in some respects.

The Council Executive is consulting on reducing the size of the Council, i.e. reducing the number of members representing affiliated societies, in order to make the meetings of the Council more efficient, and to enable more of the resources of affiliated societies to be focused on their own activities. As reducing the number of members would reduce the Council’s income, the Executive is first consulting on decoupling the affiliation fees from the number of Representatives. A proposal to move to a fixed amount per member of each affiliated society, subject to a minimum and maximum fee was first tested on those larger societies that would pay more under such a model, and then at the start of 2022 the consultation was broadened out to all affiliated societies. There is broad support for such a model and it would keep the Council’s income the same.

In the first part of 2022, the Trustees will be undertaking the Council’s 3-yearly Governance Review, which will follow guidance from the Charity Governance Code. In advance, and as part of that Review, the Trustees have also started a review of the Rules and Standing Orders. With the Rules and Standing Orders having been in force since May 2018 this is an opportunity to see how they are operating in practice and correct any anomalies.

The Council continues to make progress on projects which are intended to expand the reaches of the charity and increase engagement with the public:

- NaRC
A project to create a ‘National Ringing Centre’ as part of a CCT development in Northampton. The Council has signed an MOU with the CCT to develop the centre, working with the local affiliated society.
- Mobile Belfry
A project to build a new mobile belfry which will make it easier to take ringing demonstrations to schools and large events.
- YCRA
The Young Change Ringers Association has been established as a stand-alone entity with the aim of strengthening the bond between young ringers at least throughout the British Isles, reducing the attrition rate as young ringers progress,

and generally increasing the sustainability of ringing.

The Trustees have identified the opportunity to expand greatly the charity’s reach particularly to young people, building on work already being done by its Schools and Youth Groups Workgroup. To exploit this opportunity fully would require more funding than the Council has available and hence the Trustees are working with partners (the Association of Ringing Teachers and the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain) on a Heritage Lottery Fund bid focused on taking bells into schools. The bid is expected to be submitted in 2022.

The President’s Blog, published fortnightly, continues to be a valuable and popular channel for connecting the activities of the Council with the wider ringing population. It exploits all the media channels the Council has available to it, and has done much to raise the profile of the Council. The Council makes good use of its media channels, with regular news stories promoted by its workgroups. The Council uses Twitter in particular to spread messages beyond the ringing community and engage with other partners and groups.

Safeguarding is critical to public participation in ringing, and is something that the Church also considers to be of paramount importance. During 2021, the Church of England moved towards implementation of a new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework, designed to apply to all those connected with the church, both clergy and laity. Whilst the new Framework is designed to support the needs of believers, who comprise the vast majority of those who take part in church activities, the Council recognises that church bellringers come from diverse backgrounds and that the future of ringing as a performing art depends on it being an open and inclusive activity, which welcomes all regardless of faith. With valuable support from the Guild of Clerical Ringers, the Council therefore embarked on a programme of engagement with the Church of England’s National Safeguarding Training and Development team to ensure that the new Framework is implemented appropriately for all bell ringers and that training offered to ringers is both relevant and inclusive.

The lack of a physical AGM again removed the major item of expenditure from the Council’s finances which means they remain very healthy, as we have 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 Compens-

ation 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. Further guidance has been issued on the implementation of the Church of England's new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework. A safeguarding policy applicable to the Council and its own activities and events was prepared in January 2020 and placed on the website.

5.7 Conflicts of Interest

A revised policy came into effect on 1 October 2020. Members of the Executive are required to complete an annual declaration which is available to the members.

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 2021 show total funds at the year-end of £459,104, of which £250,139 is in restricted funds. Income for the year totalled £32,806 (including a legacy of £11,303 from Philip Rolle, together with publications and library sales of £9,248, and £495 on behalf of YCRA). The main expenditure was for grants for bell restoration of £9,650, and publication cost of sales of £3,417. The pandemic resulted in a reduction in the sales of publications and corresponding reduction in the cost of sales, which seem to be on the rebound.

The 2021 figures include further donations for the Kilifi project totalling £120.

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 2022, are available and will be adequate to fulfil the objects of the Council in that year. The 2022 financial estimates were approved by the Executive in November 2021 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 included considerations of the impact of the pandemic in the longer term within their conclusions.

Although the pandemic has had a huge impact on ringing as described previously, in terms of risk assessment there is a positive financial impact to the CCCBR. Longer term risks such as fewer ringers returning to tower bell ringing are being addressed by some of the initiatives described in the report.

On reviewing the financial controls, aside from changes already mentioned, they are consistent with prior years.

7. Membership

At the close of the Annual General Meeting on 4 September 2021 the Council's membership comprised 4 Fellows, 14 Ex-officio Members and 181 Representative Members representing 66 affiliated societies. Since then one Ex-officio Member has retired and one has become a Representative Member. Seven Representative Members retired and three of these vacancies were filled. A further two vacancies were also filled. In October the Guild of Railway Ringers was admitted as a Registered Small Society. We regret to record the deaths of William Butler (Oxford Diocesan Guild 1957–60 and 1966–2012; Life Member 2012–18 and Fellow 2018–21); Rev Dr John Baldwin (Oxford Diocesan Guild 1972–75; Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association 1975–95; Life Member 1995–2018 and Fellow 2018–22); and Bruce Butler (North American Guild 2005–22). We note the retirement of Stephen Pettman (Suffolk Guild 1984–2022). Due to reduced membership numbers the North American Guild is now entitled to three members. Subject to any further changes, at the start of the 2022 Council meeting there will be 2 Fellows, 12 Ex-officio Members and 178 Representative Members representing 66 affiliated societies. There are 19 vacancies. There is one Registered Small Society with one representative. A full report on membership changes will be given at the 2022 annual meeting.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 28 July 2022.

S J L Linford
President

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	F Dukes Internat'l Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Expenditure									
Incoming Resources									
Affiliation fees		7,943						7,943	7,960
Other income								—	859
Subscriptions from friends of Library							1,464	1,464	1,374
Interest receivable	7	49		6	13	6	1	75	3,013
Sales of publications, books and CDs						6,134	1,400	7,533	8,927
Sales of training video/dvd		12						12	10
Stock written back						189		189	226
Donations to Kilifi, Kenya	8			120				120	120
Gift Aid								—	122
Library sundry Income								—	3
Other donations		11,583		337			55	11,975	25,126
Young Change Ringers Association		3,494						3,494	
Council Meeting								—	
		23,081	—	463	13	6,328	2,920	32,806	47,740
Resources expended									
Council meeting		326						326	309
Workgroup expenses	9	6,666					28	6,694	1,550
ART conference						12		12	500
Council and other committee costs								12	10
Recruitment leaflets		96						96	8
Cost of publications sold						3,417	346	3,763	5,848
Library maintenance							398	398	829
Equipment costs								—	29
Grants for bell restoration	10			9,650				9,650	5,550
Advertising						2,012	89	2,101	2,308
Storage and distribution	12					2,000		2,000	2,500
Stationery, postage and telephone						16	706	722	800
Insurance		2,705				397		3,101	2,843
Project Costs								—	26
Depreciation - Library Collection							1,683	1,683	1,717
Depreciation - shelving							106	106	106
Paypal charges						161		161	130
Sundry expenses		700						700	313
		10,493	—	9,650	—	8,015	3,355	31,513	25,376
Net incoming resources before transfers		12,589	—	(9,187)	13	(1,687)	(435)	1,292	22,365
Transfers between funds									
Net movement in funds		12,589	—	(9,187)	13	(1,687)	(435)	1,292	22,365
Balances at 31 December 2020		166,146	1,950	59,465	79,641	29,968	120,642	457,812	435,446
Balances at 31 December 2021		178,735	1,950	50,278	79,654	28,281	120,207	459,104	457,812

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

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 E Dukes International Bell Fund and the Library Fund are maintained for restricted purposes.

The YCRA income & expenditure is through the number two account and is included within the income & expenditure. The balance the Central Council holds at the end of the year was £2,890.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets								
Tangible assets								
Investments at cost	162,092		30,777	79,131			272,000	272,000
Library Collection						82,464	82,464	84,147
Library shelving						212	212	318
Total fixed assets	162,092		30,777	79,131	–	82,676	354,676	356,465
Current assets								
Stock					5,036	994	6,030	7,924
Debtors and prepayments	23		30	92		150	295	2,862
Cash on short term deposit and at bank	18,902	1,950	19,471	431	23,367	36,386	100,506	92,792
Total current assets	18,924	1,950	19,501	523	28,403	37,530	106,831	103,578
Current liabilities								
Creditors - amounts due within one year	(2,281)				(123)		(2,404)	(2,231)
Net current assets	16,643	1,950	19,501	523	28,281	37,530	104,428	101,347
Total assets less current liabilities	178,735	1,950	50,278	79,654	28,281	120,207	459,104	457,812
Funds								
Unrestricted	178,326						178,326	165,737
Unrestricted - designated	409	1,950			28,281		30,640	32,327
Restricted			50,278	79,654		120,207	250,138	259,748
Total funds	178,735	1,950	50,278	79,654	28,281	120,207	459,104	457,812

Notes to the accounts continued

5. Transfers between funds

No amounts have been transferred between funds.

6. Tangible assets and intangible assets

The major tangible assets of the Council are the Investments in National Savings Income Bonds and the Library Collection. The Library Collection is valued at a replacement cost of £95,000. The revaluation was undertaken by Roger Barnes of Church Green Books as at 31 December 2014. The policy 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*.

7. Interest receivable

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

National Savings Bonds	£45
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England	
Deposit account	£2
Other	£28

Amounts received were lower than 2020.

8. Donations and grants received**8.1 Kilifi, Kenya**

Donations have been received in respect of Kilifi, Kenya, for ropes and a train-

ing project. These are included in the Bell Restoration Fund as a restricted item and, together with any related gift aid, amounted to £150 in 2021, bringing the total now available to £957.

8.2 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.

8.3 Other Donations – Bell Restoration

During the year the Bell Restoration Fund received four donations from Amazon Smile totaling £86.66. A donation of £250.00 was received from CAF.

Both of the above were allocated to Bell Restoration at the Treasurer's discretion.

8.4 Other Donations

A legacy of £11,302 was received from the Estate of Philip Rolle. This has been noted as a designated fund, the use for which has yet to be decided.

9. Workgroup Expenses

Total workgroup expenses amounted to £6,694 across all activities, an increase from 2020.

Of these expenses the Executive accounted for £1,653 of which £960 was exceptional spending on Safeguarding.

10. Grants paid

During the year, no grants were paid from the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund.

The outstanding grant commitment was returned to the Fund as the scheme was

abandoned; one new award of £1,000 was granted leaving £3,413 available for new schemes.

During the year, the Bell Restoration Fund awarded £36,200 in 37 new grants.

Twelve grants totaling £9,650 were paid to: Stoke St Milborough (£1,500), Broadwell (£1,700), Little Horwood (£2,000), Moretonhampstead (£550), Braintree (£550), Dunkeswell (£250), Goathurst (£100), Honington (£350), Kenwyn (£450), Ramsbury (£550), Sheringham (£900) and Staplegrave (£750).

Outstanding commitments total £48,650.

11. Charitable commitments

There is one grant of £1,000 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund, and forty five grants totaling £48,650 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 £957.

12. Publications fund

Storage and distribution costs of £2,000 was paid to a Council member.

13. Payments to trustees

There were no payments to Trustees, except for the reimbursement of expenses in the course of their duties as members of the Executive.

14. Emoluments of employees

The Council had no employees during the year.

CCCBR 2021 Executive Report

This report forms part of the formal Executive Report to the Council, which is required, together with the detailed workgroup reports, in accordance with Rule 6.1 (b). It covers the first full year since ringing resumed after the Covid pandemic. The Executive has met monthly online either using Zoom or Teams, having benefitted from the experience of using online meetings to reduce travel and increase efficiency – one of the few good things to have come from the pandemic.

There have been a number of changes with our workgroups this year. The University and School groups have both hit the ground running and are already doing good work; some in conjunction with others i.e. the Young Change Ringers Association. Following on from the resignation of its leader, the Communications & Marketing workgroup has been given a slightly different and tighter focus. Under Vicki Chapman it is now the Public Relations workgroup, which we think will be better able to support ringing. Tim Hine finally managed to stand down as leader for Volunteer & Leadership, and we are grateful that he held the fort until his replacement, Paul Wotton, was in post; Paul is developing his strategy and is enthusiastic about the group's potential. Graham John is handing over the reins of the Technical & Taxonomy Workgroup to an identified successor after the AGM, but such success in finding workgroup leaders is the exception rather than the rule. We do have general concerns with regards to succession planning to ensure the Council's workgroups continue to function well. Most workgroups suffer from lack of suitable volunteers.

Our performance against the 2021 Forward Plan is a mixed picture, with progress restricted mainly through lack of capacity or resource. Covid guidance has now all but gone with the final relaxation of Government restrictions in the UK and similar changes overseas; however some towers are still very aware of the risks of poor ventilation. Concerns over changes in the Church of England's safeguarding training requirements have occupied much more of the Executive's time in the last 12 months and will continue to do so as we work hard to support societies and even individual towers in navigating this shifting safeguarding landscape.

There are three main points still outstanding from the CRAG report. Proposals will be put to the 2022 annual meeting to introduce affiliation fees based on membership num-

bers, removing one of the complications around reducing the size of the Council. The last point we consulted on, a direct membership organisation (DMO), is currently off the agenda – during our consultation there was substantial support for the concept but no clear way of making it happen. We are still very mindful that communication with all ringers is difficult, one of the issues a DMO could have improved. Consultation did not support re-branding of the Council itself, although a ringing branding project is underway (see below).

Other items from the 2021 Forward Plan where progress has been made are with the creation of the new Mobile Belfry, a first North West ringing course in August (hopefully a prototype for others), further development of the Dove database and changing the perception of call change ringing. The Women in Ringing initiative was very well received but must be developed further and adopted more widely in order to continue its momentum and benefit, while the 'Cast of 1000' probably needs a dedicated team to make it work. It is hoped that now ringing is returning to a more normal footing we can pick up these items.

The President continues to work with representatives of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild on the potential 'National Ringing Centre' as part of the Churches Conservation Trust's redevelopment of the Old Black Lion in Northampton. This complex project also has the potential to solve the problem of finding a new home for the Library.

We are developing the idea of a support group to assist the smooth running of the CCCBR but so far have failed to find a leader to develop our event management, which puts more burden on Executive members. While Publications has continued to seek new titles and revise existing ones we are mindful of the need to develop in the digital age; to this end two online offerings have been launched (one on Devon call change ringing and the other on calling and conducting) with a further one in the pipeline. There will undoubtedly be challenges in balancing this in the future.

Our idea for Ringing Forums was launched during 2021 and the numbers of those joining continues to slowly increase – the Forums cover a wide range of subjects and provide a safe online environment for discussion. Their use by societies could be beneficial – as we had hoped that they would be.

Our collaboration with ART on the Survival and Recovery project has just about run its course. During lockdown this provided a useful group to exchange ideas; the main task now is to try and retain these ringers as many, although keen to help make a difference, had not previously been involved with either ART or the Council. Members were in favour of a longer term strategy for training of teachers and recruitment of ringers; to support this we have started work on a major project concerning the re-branding of ringing, assembling a dedicated and experienced team to undertake that work, starting with a briefing to external branding and marketing agencies. We expect this to progress greatly through into 2023.

After accepting the idea of small societies registering to join the Council the take up so far has been slow – we have one registered and others are now in the pipeline. One society looked to register, and after calculating their membership found that they were too large and so now are looking to affiliate fully!

We have continued having our regular meetings with partner organisations: Church Buildings Council, Historic England, Ecclesiastical Insurance, ART and The Ringing World. We have also developed links with two respected external organisations for safeguarding advice.

The majority of the Council's work is carried out within the various workgroups and the full range of what has been undertaken and planned can be found either in the annual meeting papers or by talking to members of the workgroups during the weekend at Nottingham. In the timetable we have specifically allowed the first session on Saturday morning to be flexible to facilitate this. As has already been stated we are mindful to consider our succession planning; the Council needs volunteers if we are going to be able to provide services for all ringers in the future.

In closing the Executive would like to thank those who have come forward to give of their time and skill over the past 12 months for the benefit of the wider ringing community.

SIMON LINFORD (President)
 DAVID KIRKCALDY (Deputy President)
 MARY BONE (Secretary)
 FERGUS TRACEY (Treasurer)
 PHILLIP BARNES (Trustee)
 ALISON EVERETT (Trustee)
 DAVID SMITH (Trustee)
 CLYDE WHITTAKER (Trustee)

Performance Analysis

The Peals Analysis

We have recorded a total of 1576 peals rung in 2021 and published by The Ringing World via BellBoard up to March 31st 2022, of which 826 were on tower bells, 740 on handbells and 10 on distributed platforms. The total for 2020 is 1428 (as shown in the table below), an increase of 1 over that published in last year's report. Full details are included in the methods table that accompanies this report. The figures for the last few years are shown in the table below from which it can be seen that, whilst the 2021 total has been dramatically affected by the COVID pandemic, recovery has started as may also be seen in Figure 1.

	Tower bell	Hand bell	Simulated	Distributed	Total
2021	826	740	0	10	1576
2020	791	626	1	10	1428
2019	3750	780	3	0	4533
2018	3895	758			4653
2017	3890	846			4737
2016	4033	880			4913
2015	4134	826			4960

The Ancient Society of College Youths is the leading affiliated society this year with 138 peals, followed by the Chester Diocesan Guild and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths both with 66. The leading society for handbell peals in 2020 was also the Ancient Society of College Youths with 71, while the second place Chester Diocesan Guild rang 58. Please see separate tables for details of peals rung for each society and by method / method type.

We wish to take the opportunity to thank all those who have helped with our work over recent years including Andrew Craddock, Will Bosworth and his team and the former members of the Analysis group.

Leading Towers

Usually, the towers where 10 or more peals were rung in the year are listed but in this unusual year there were only 6 towers that managed that so we list below those towers where 5 or more peals were rung.

- 27 Huntsham
- 23 Sproxton
- 17 Leeds, Cath S Anne
- 15 Milton
- 13 Lundy Island

- 10 Birmingham, S Paul
- 8 Birmingham, Cath; Maidstone, All Saints
- 7 Bristol, St John on the Wall; Church Lawford, The Plantagenet Ring; City of London, S Michael, Cornhill
- 6 Awbridge, Clock House Bells; Bishopstoke; Coseley; East Huntspill, Little Orchard Tower; Edgbaston; Exeter, S Mark; Kingsteignton, Kings-Ting-Tong; Worcester, Barbourne; Yarkhill
- 5 Bradford Peverell; Saltby; Sheffield, Dore; Sydney, Cath S Mary; Tulloch, The Last Tower; Willoughby on the Wolds

There were more than ten handbell peals rung at the following locations.

- 107 Reading, 26 Redlands Road
- 40 Liverpool, 21 Darrel Drive
- 29 Godmanchester, The Old Post Office; Great Longstone, The Vicarage
- 23 Bromley, 10 Wharton Road
- 19 Whimble, 17 Bramley Gardens
- 14 Cranage, Appledore, Goostrey Lane
- 13 Peterborough, 5 Woodfield Road
- 12 Macclesfield, 33 Sandringham Road; Yattton, 89 Wheatear Road
- 11 Aston Rowant, The White House; Poynton, 2 Adlington Close; Willaston, 14 Park Road
- 10 Bosham, Little Creed Cottage, Green Lane; Bridstow, 4 Bannutree Cottages; Tilehurst, 15 Lytham End; Wilmslow, 9 Hawthorn Lane

First pealers and firsts as conductor

32 people rang their first peal in 2021, which reflects the slow return to ringing once lockdown finished.

There was only one first as conductor in 2021, impressively 41 Spliced S Minor on handbells.

Gender balance in peal ringing

We have been asked to look at the gender balance in performances. For peals, we are fortunate to have the data from Andrew Craddock's PealBase site, with permission. Over many years, considerable time and effort has gone into producing a system to precisely identify individual ringers and link them to their peals. Using these data, we show the gender balance for 2019 and 2021 in the table below and for

	Female peal ringers	Female peal conductors	Male peal ringers	Male peal conductors
2021	312	12	902	228
2019	702	41	1639	435

2007–21 in the accompanying Figures 2 and 3.

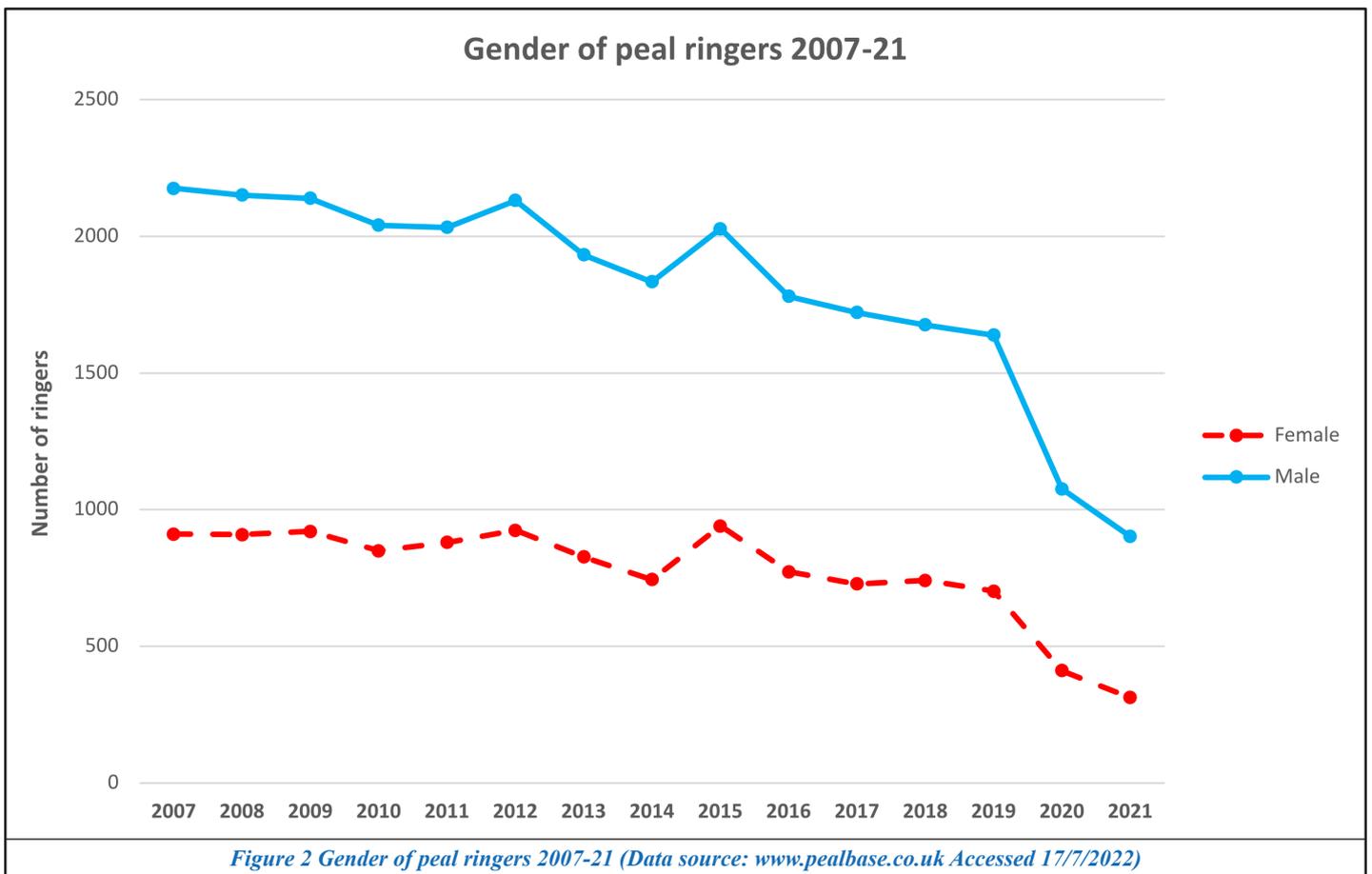
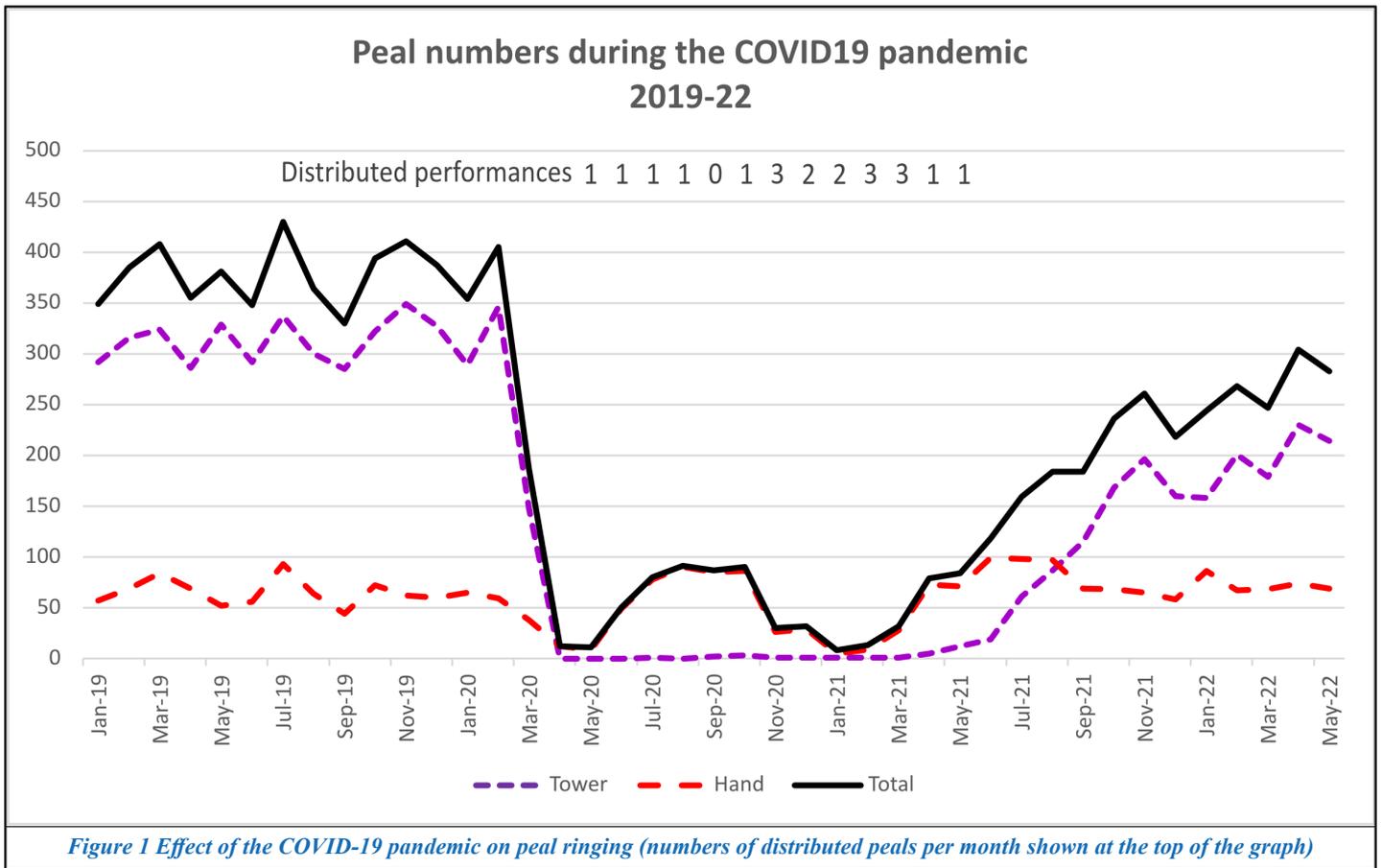
The Felstead Project

During 2021 the work of maintaining the accuracy of the Felstead database has continued under the quiet and effective hand of Alan Baldock. It was a great loss to the ringing community when he died in December and he was working on the Felstead records until a few days before his death. The number of additions and corrections was once again well in excess of 200. Over half of these have been due to researches made by John Eisel, Colin Turner and Neil Bennett. 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. We are extremely grateful for all hard work put in by these dedicated historians and record keepers.

A replacement for Alan Baldock is currently being sought and we extend our sympathies to his family. We will miss him and the work he did.

First peals in methods on Tower Bells.

- April
 - 4 5040 Goulburn S Royal ANZAB
- August
 - 19 5056 Pusillanimous T P Major Devons Soc
 - 20 5040 Hurlock S Royal Devonshire G
 - 26 5032 Ichthyocprolite A Major Bath & Wells DA
 - 30 5100 Newton Abbot A Major Devonshire G
- September
 - 2 5088 Doddy D Major W&P DG
 - 2 5054 Oodwail A Major Devonshire G
 - 6 5760 Harvey D Minor Lincs A
 - 11 5120 Queenie S Major SRCY
 - 13 5184 Maze As A Brush A Major Devonshire G
 - 15 5124 Bird A Major Lincoln DG
 - 16 5076 Xter A Major Dorset CA
 - 29 5096 Sleaford A Major Lincoln DG
 - 30 5000 Angletwich A Major Dorset CA
- October
 - 9 5056 Alden S Major G&B DA
 - 10 5040 Tedding Bob Doubles Peterboro DG
 - 10 5096 Oxfordshire A Major S Blaise S
 - 13 5152 Holme on Spalding Moor D Major Lincoln DG
 - 14 5184 Cockchafer S Major Dorset CA
 - 17 5152 Dirty Gertie D Major SRCY
 - 20 5152 Buachaille Etive Mor D Major Lincoln DG
 - 21 5184 Horsted Keynes S Major Devons Soc
 - 21 5024 Balerno S Major Scottish A
 - 26 5040 Asterby S Royal Trent Valley A
 - 27 5056 Ivy-Leaved Toadflax D Major Yorks A
 - 27 5160 Land Of Green Ginger A Major Lincoln DG
 - 31 5040 Ted S Minor Peterboro DG
 - 31 5024 Wye Valley D Major S Blaise S



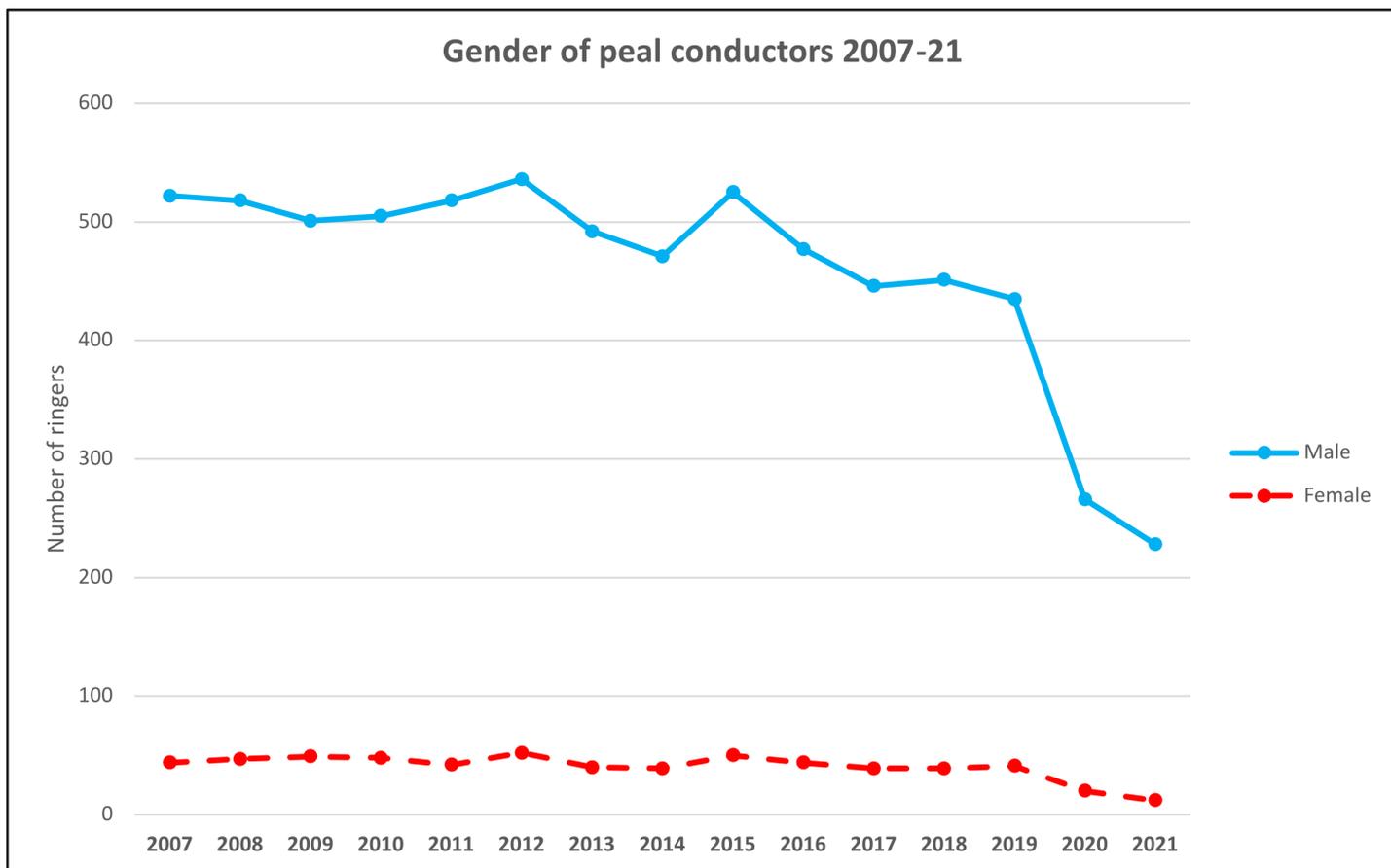


Figure 3 Gender of peal conductors 2007-21 (Data source: www.pealbase.co.uk Accessed 17/7/2022)

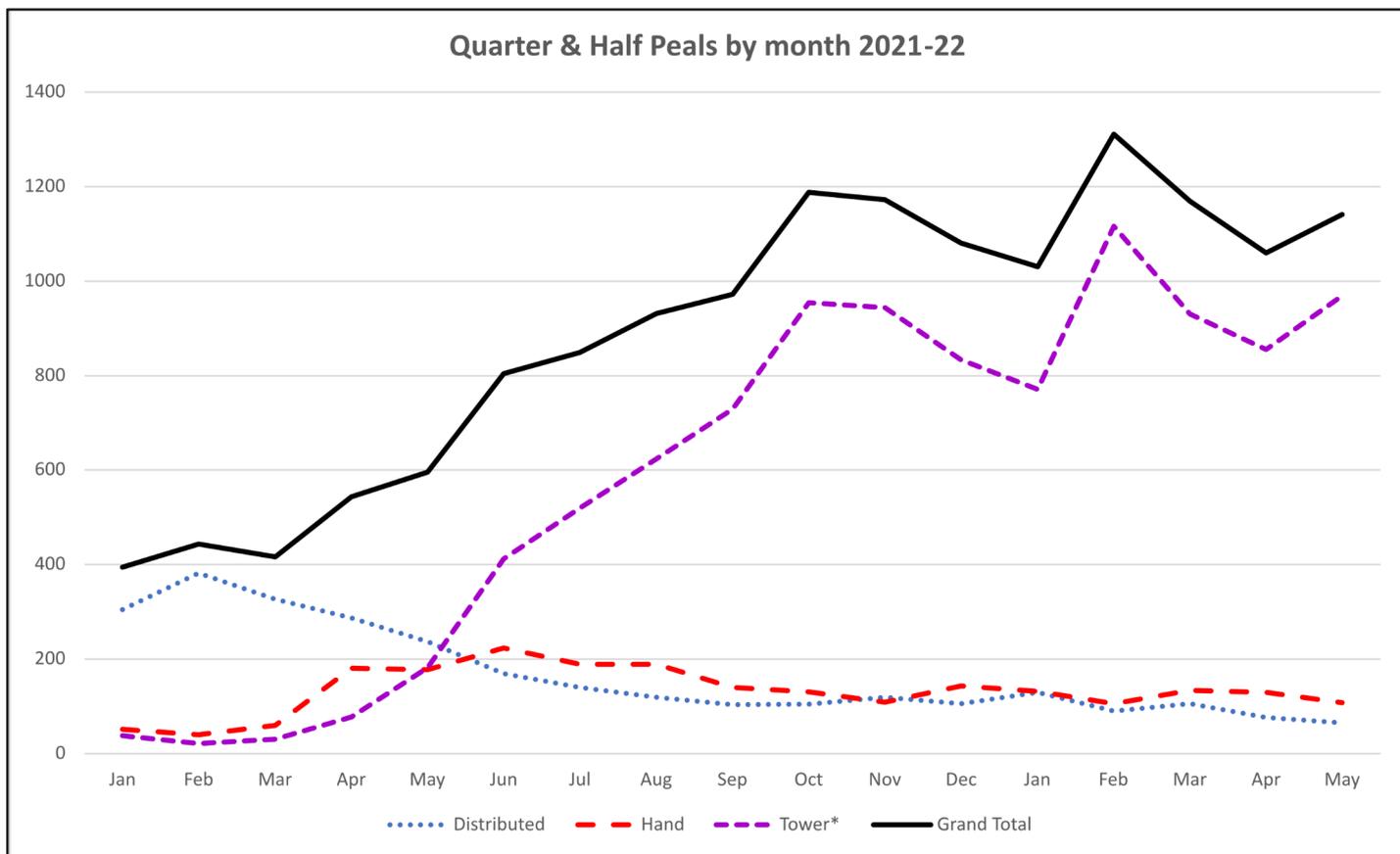


Figure 4 The return to quarter peal ringing during 2021 following removal of COVID restrictions (Original BellBoard data accessed 1/6/2022)

Analysis of Peals by Method and Change on Year

	Tower			Hand			Simulated			Distributed			Total		
	2021	2020	+/-	2021	2020	+/-	2021	2020	+/-	2021	2020	+/-	2021	2020	+/-
Sixteen	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Fourteen	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
<i>Maximus</i>															
Cambridge Surprise	12	11	1	8	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	12	8
Bristol Surprise	9	8	1	10	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	16	3
Spliced Treble Dodging	6	1	5	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	7
Spliced Surprise	4	10	-6	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	13	-4
Zanussi Surprise	2	1	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	5
Spliced	5	9	-4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	9	-3
Plain Bob	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Yorkshire Surprise	2	7	-5	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	-6
Kent Treble Bob	0	0	0	2	4	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	-2
Other	2	1	1	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	4
Maximus	42	48	-6	41	22	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	70	13
Cinques and Maximus	1	3	-2	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	-3
<i>Cinques</i>															
Grandsire	0	2	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-2
Stedman	19	14	5	8	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	18	9
Plain Bob	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
Cinques	19	17	2	8	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	21	6
<i>Royal</i>															
Cambridge Surprise	12	14	-2	19	21	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-1	31	36	-5
Yorkshire Surprise	10	14	-4	14	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	26	-2
Bristol Surprise	10	8	2	11	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	15	6
Kent Treble Bob	0	0	0	19	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	11	8
Lincolnshire Surprise	3	2	1	11	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	11	3
Spliced Surprise	7	7	0	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	11	3
London No 3 Surprise	5	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	2
Plain Bob	1	0	1	3	6	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	-2
Sgurr A'Chaorachain Surprise	0	1	-1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2
Swindon Surprise	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
Other	10	23	-13	7	16	-9	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	39	-22
Royal	60	74	-14	97	89	8	0	0	0	0	1	-1	157	164	-7
Caters and Royal	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Caters</i>															
Grandsire	14	10	4	2	3	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	13	3
Stedman	16	11	5	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	11	9
Plain Bob	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caters	30	21	9	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	24	12
<i>Major</i>															
Spliced Surprise	47	55	-8	79	50	29	0	0	0	1	3	-2	127	108	19
Yorkshire Surprise	33	30	3	50	46	4	0	0	0	0	1	-1	83	77	6
Bristol Surprise	35	31	4	24	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	53	6
Plain Bob	6	10	-4	50	48	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	58	-2
Kent Treble Bob	0	1	-1	50	29	21	0	0	0	0	1	-1	50	31	19
Cambridge Surprise	23	27	-4	26	19	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	46	3
Superlative Surprise	20	10	10	10	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	17	13
Lessness Surprise	12	8	4	7	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	11	8
Double Norwich Court Bob	9	6	3	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	12	4
Lincolnshire Surprise	4	4	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	0
London Surprise	6	9	-3	7	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	14	-1
Other	143	204	-61	56	51	5	0	1	-1	2	1	1	201	257	-56
Major	338	395	-57	375	295	80	0	1	-1	3	6	-3	716	697	19
Triples and Major	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
<i>Triples</i>															
Grandsire	9	9	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	10	-1
Stedman	19	12	7	0	3	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	15	4
Plain Bob	7	2	5	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	4
Other	0	4	-4	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	-5
Triples	35	27	8	0	6	-6	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	33	2
<i>Minor</i>															
Surprise 7m	87	65	22	20	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	72	35
Other Minor	40	33	7	62	53	9	0	0	0	1	2	-1	103	88	15
Spliced Surprise	45	33	12	24	15	9	0	0	0	3	0	3	72	48	24
Other Treble Dodging	14	14	0	45	41	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	55	4
Other multi Surprise	33	12	21	12	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	16	29
Spliced Treble Dodging	10	5	5	16	9	7	0	0	0	3	1	2	29	15	14
Plain Bob	7	7	0	13	37	-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	44	-24
Cambridge Surprise	13	11	2	2	3	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	14	1
Spliced Delight	5	6	-1	2	5	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	11	-4
Other Delight	3	4	-1	1	8	-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	-8
Other Surprise	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Minor	258	190	68	198	182	16	0	0	0	7	3	4	463	375	88
Doubles and Minor	4	1	3	1	4	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0
<i>Doubles</i>															
Grandsire	3	3	0	0	2	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	-2
Stedman	9	0	9	1	2	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2	8
Plain Bob	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	19	12	7	3	4	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	16	6
Doubles	31	15	16	4	8	-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	23	12
Minimus	3	0	3	6	11	-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	11	-2
Singles and Minimus	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Singles	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Grand Totals	826	791	35	740	626	114	0	1	-1	10	10	0	1576	1428	148

November

3	5152 Grafton Regis D Major	Lincoln DG
4	5040 Dreckly A Major	Dorset CA
11	5076 Emmet A Major	Dorset CA
14	5130 Armistice A Major	S Blaise S
14	5152 Swan on The Stray S Major	Yorks A
18	5004 Back se fore A Major	Dorset CA
23	5025 Silver A Royal	Trent Valley A
24	5120 Patrick D Major	Yorks A
24	5096 Spennymoor A Major	Lincoln DG
27	5040 Waldegrave D Royal	Bath & Wells DA

December

1	5096 Ebchester A Major	Lincoln DG
1	5088 Devon Square D Major	Devonshire G
2	5076 Janner A Major	Dorset CA
3	5040 Aisthorpe D Royal	Trent Valley A
8	5096 Hedgehope A Major	Lincoln DG
9	5016 How Be Ackin A Major	Dorset CA
18	5124 Lancashire A Major	Lancs A
23	5000 Snishums A Major	Devonshire G
27	5184 Bovey Tracey Christmas D Major	Devonshire G
28	5000 Castletorpe D Royal	Trent Valley A
29	5096 Newbiggin A Major	Lincoln DG
30	5120 Hazlehurst S Major	Yorks A

First peals in methods on Handbells

February

10	5056 Basingstoke S Major	ANZAB
22	5088 Sussex S Major	Non

March

1	5088 Newcastle S Major	Non
8	5120 Newlyn S Major	Non
17	5088 Malpas S Major	Non

April

5	5088 Kendrick S Major	G St Cuileain
13	5088 Caterham S Major	G St Cuileain

May

2	5152 Carolina Reaper TB Major	G St Cuileain
11	5152 Tillington S Major	Hereford DG
21	5120 John of the Cross S Major	ASCY

June

1	5152 Upton Bishop S Major	Hereford DG
7	5184 Ditchling S Major	G St Cuileain
21	5152 Forbury Lion S Major	G St Cuileain
29	5040 Undershaft Doubles	BUSCR

August

16	5152 Rook and Gaskill S Major	G St Cuileain
16	5056 Westmorland S Major	G St Cuileain
16	5136 Bowcliffe S Maximus	G St Cuileain
25	5040 Longis Bay S Royal	Oxford DG

October

14	5040 Bolonium S Maximus	G St Cuileain
15	5040 Jovium S Royal	G St Cuileain

November

18	5088 Piranesi D Maximus	G St Cuileain
20	5152 Wild Hare S Major	Sussex CA

Record peals on Handbells

June

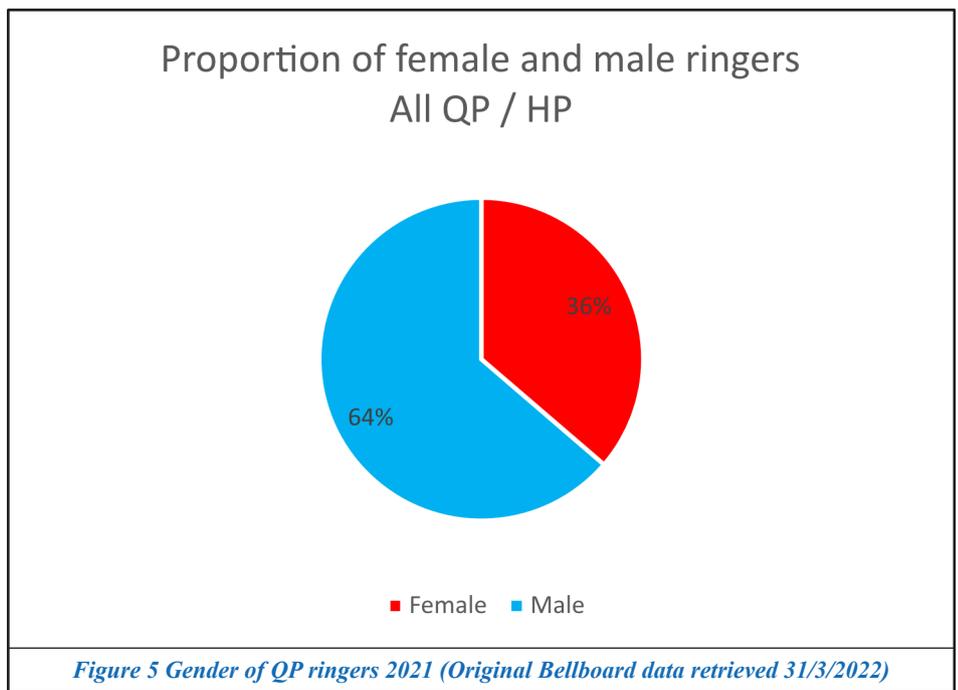
18	30240 Spliced TD Minor (212m)	SRCY
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September

15	32767 Spliced TD Minor (336m)	SRCY
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Quarter and Half Peals Analysis

We have again used the available data from BellBoard to make an analysis of Quarter Peals and Half Peals, using the same basis for classification in our analyses

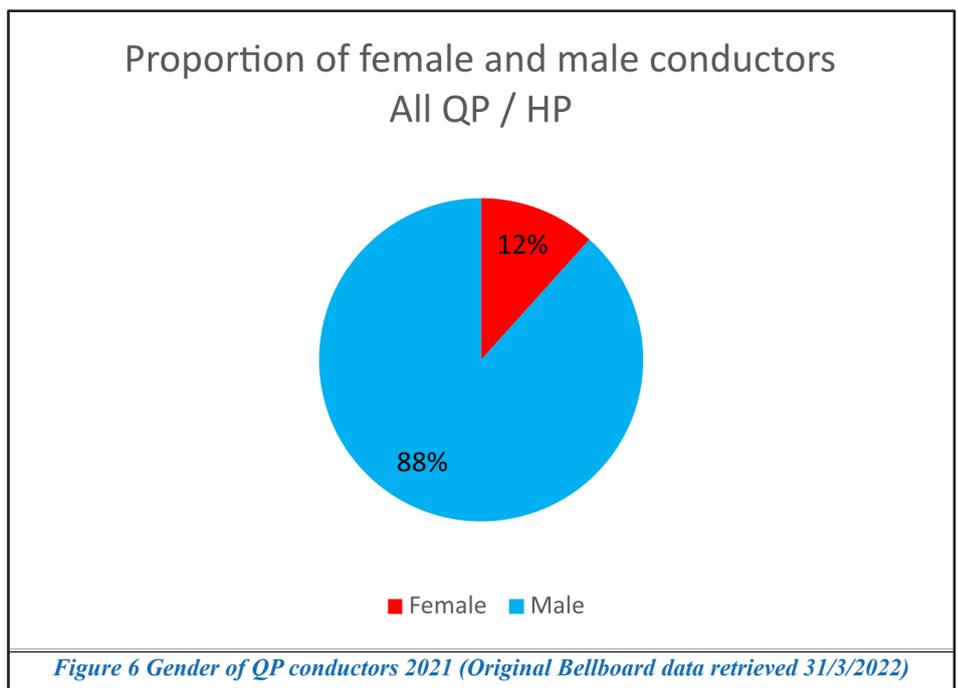


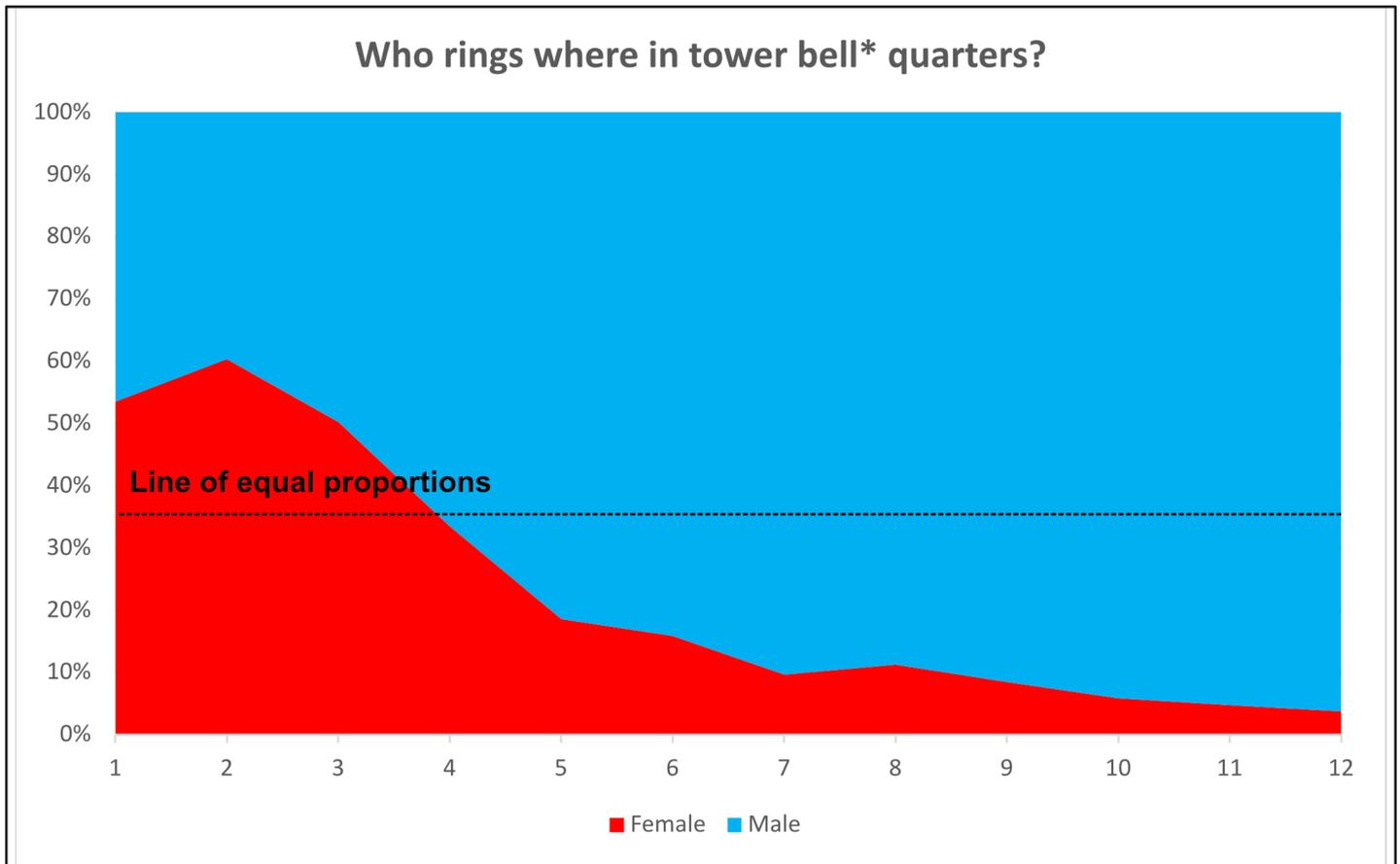
as before. This follows the Framework for Method Ringing but seeks to simplify those cases where a performance fits into more than one category. An example is those performances on real handbells where the ringers were in different locations and the sound +/- video transmitted over some form of video conferencing platform. We have counted these as Distributed performances as we have also done for two quarters rung on rope and wheel dumbbell simulators in different places interfaced with Ringing Room. All the performances shown as “simulated sound” were on single-site rope and wheel based simulator installations.

least one bell was rung by a computer rather than a human. In most of these the majority of the bells were controlled by a computer. While they are a valuable form of practice activity for individuals (or occasionally small) groups, we have not undertaken any further analysis here – focusing on ringing by complete bands.

Of the rest, there were 9,390 performances published of between 1,250 and 4999 changes, including eight over 2500 changes (five of which were on tower bells and 3 in hand). This is 50% greater than the total for 2020 but still only about half of the total for the last pre-pandemic year (2019). The graph shown in Figure 4 shows that from the early summer onwards the number of

We identified a total of 443 performances published on BellBoard where at





*Figure 7 Who rings where? Gender distribution of ringers around the circle in tower bell performances *including simulated sound (Original Bellboard data retrieved 31/3/2022)*

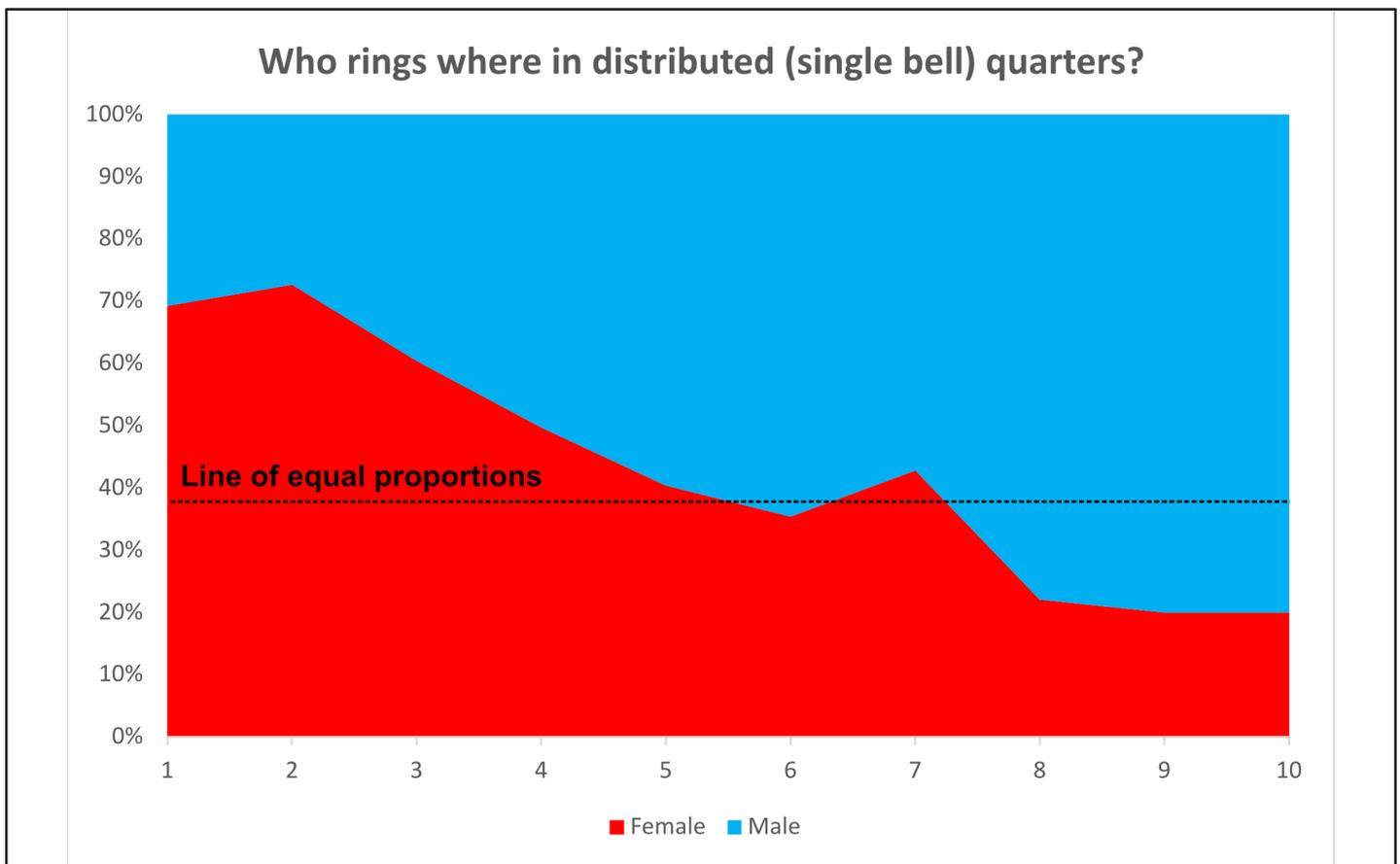


Figure 8 Who rings where? Gender distribution of ringers around the circle in distributed performances (Original Bellboard data retrieved 31/3/2022)

Analysis of Quarter and Half Peals by Stage

	Tower		Hand		Sim Sound		Dist.		Grand Totals	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Two	4	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	5
Singles	62	48	0	1	2	0	1	1	65	50
Singles & Minimus	1	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	3	4
Minimus	86	86	139	434	1	1	45	36	271	557
Minimus & Doubles	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Doubles	1674	1132	13	28	12	6	102	80	1801	1246
Doubles and Minor	5	8	1	1	0	0	1	1	7	10
Minor	1762	1007	620	609	26	6	1125	433	3533	2055
Triples	565	423	22	13	1	1	55	16	643	453
Triples & Major	0	6	0	0	0	0	5	1	5	7
Major	748	681	681	558	3	3	935	315	2367	1557
Caters	199	127	14	9	0	0	7	9	220	145
Caters & Royal	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Royal	107	131	117	109	0	0	91	49	315	289
Royal & Cinqes	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cinqes	64	34	4	6	0	0	1	2	69	42
Cinqes & Maximus	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Maximus	39	67	17	7	0	0	23	24	79	98
Fourteen	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0
Sixteen	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Grand Totals	5318	3756	1630	1779	45	17	2397	967	9390	6519

Analysis of Quarter and Half Peals by County / Country 2021

	Tower		Hand		Sim Sound		Dist.		Grand Total	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Asia	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	-	0	1
Aust & NZ	221	247	51	67	4	0	-	-	276	314
Bedfordshire	44	34	4	7	3	0	-	-	51	41
Berkshire	81	71	103	104	0	0	-	-	184	175
Buckinghamshire	61	43	16	9	0	1	-	-	77	53
Cambridgeshire	148	122	84	109	0	0	-	-	232	231
Channel Is	114	84	29	33	0	0	-	-	143	117
Cheshire	90	61	25	62	0	1	-	-	115	124
City & Greater London	229	142	8	2	0	0	-	-	237	144
Cornwall & Is of Scilly	53	15	5	21	0	0	-	-	58	36
County Durham	48	47	40	46	0	0	-	-	88	93
Cumbria	14	20	2	10	0	5	-	-	16	35
Derbyshire	81	83	22	41	4	1	-	-	107	125
Devon	142	67	74	104	0	0	-	-	216	171
Dorset	91	81	18	26	0	1	-	-	109	108
East Riding of Yorks	76	35	39	24	1	1	-	-	116	60
East Sussex	147	57	20	77	0	0	-	-	167	134
Essex	135	116	21	18	0	0	-	-	156	134
Europe	8	16	2	1	0	0	-	-	10	17
Gloucester & Bristol	329	290	26	30	0	0	-	-	355	320
Greater Manchester	22	16	8	0	1	0	-	-	31	16
Hampshire & I of Wight	199	131	55	63	0	0	-	-	254	194
Herefordshire	117	64	17	16	0	0	-	-	134	80
Hertfordshire	148	107	114	31	0	0	-	-	262	138
Ireland	0	4	0	1	0	0	-	-	0	5
Kent	367	184	66	102	1	0	-	-	434	286
Lancashire & I of Man	35	16	3	1	3	0	-	-	41	17
Leicestershire	55	49	13	51	0	0	-	-	68	100
Lincolnshire	184	115	11	21	0	0	-	-	195	136
Merseyside	58	17	2	1	0	0	-	-	60	18
Mid and W Wales	29	32	2	2	0	0	-	-	31	34
Middlesex	17	15	8	13	0	0	-	-	25	28
North America	51	34	42	25	0	0	-	-	93	59
North Wales	25	14	0	2	2	3	-	-	27	19
North Yorkshire	141	71	5	13	2	1	-	-	148	85
Norfolk	168	83	23	39	21	0	-	-	212	122
Northamptonshire	95	25	3	11	0	0	-	-	98	36
Northumberland, T&W	28	26	11	2	0	0	-	-	39	28
Nottinghamshire	88	49	98	76	0	0	-	-	186	125
Oxfordshire	158	127	259	226	1	0	-	-	418	353
Rutland	4	3	2	2	0	0	-	-	6	5
Scotland	54	7	55	16	0	0	-	-	109	23
Shropshire	76	67	31	51	0	0	-	-	107	118
Somerset	295	294	21	50	0	0	-	-	316	344
South Wales	24	29	38	32	0	0	-	-	62	61
South Yorkshire	57	18	14	12	2	1	-	-	73	31
Staffordshire	99	57	15	18	0	1	-	-	114	76
Suffolk	158	99	55	21	0	1	-	-	213	121
Surrey	53	62	26	8	0	0	-	-	79	70
Warwickshire	79	51	0	1	0	0	-	-	79	52
West Midlands	62	65	6	13	0	0	-	-	68	78
West Sussex	43	44	14	29	0	0	-	-	57	73
West Yorkshire	79	33	8	7	0	0	-	-	87	40
Wiltshire	52	40	7	11	0	0	-	-	59	51
Worcestershire	86	77	8	20	0	0	-	-	94	97
"In transit"	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	-	1	0
Multisite	-	-	-	-	-	-	2397	967	2397	967
Grand Totals	5318	3756	1630	1779	45	17	2397	967	9390	6519

tower bell performances increased steadily although, unusually, falling back in December. Numbers of handbell performances rose a little earlier before falling back a little once there were more tower bell performances. Nearly all the performances in early months of the year were distributed but this fell as in person forms of ringing increased. There has been some further decline in the number of distributed performances in the early months of 2022 but little change for either tower bells or handbells.

There are signs that the recovery in numbers between 2020 and 2021 has been greatest for Doubles and Minor, with a good proportion of quarters in 2021 on tower bells at these two stages being of either Plain Bob or Grandsire. This is encouraging and suggests that the grass roots is returning to ringing. It is however, early days and the number of quarters per month is nowhere near pre-pandemic levels yet.

We have attempted this year to analyse the number of ringers taking part in quarter and half peals, and their gender. Inconsistencies in the style of name data entered onto BellBoard have made this an extremely difficult task and the data are at best an approximation and there is no similar resource to PealBase for shorter performances to help us. In addition, there are many more ringers and thus more scope for ringers with the same name. We are not sure that the information available on BellBoard is of sufficient quality to warrant making this an annual exercise.

With all of the above caveats, in the quarter and half peals analysed we identified 6450 different names of which 3902 were male (60%) and 2548 female (40%). In terms of proportion of the total number of bells rung (a total of 53126), 64% were rung by males and 36% by females. There were a total of 1425 different conductors comprising 256 females (18% of performances) and 1169 males (82%). Overall, while nearly 30% of males called a quarter peal, for females this was only 10% – a very significant difference. In addition we can show that the tendency for female ringers to be over-represented on lighter bells and under-represented at the back end is true for both tower bell and distributed performances (Figures 7 & 8).

A fuller article on this analysis and the resulting insights is being produced for publication.

RICHARD ALLTON
PHILLIP BARNES

Stocklist at December 31st 2021

Title	Sales to 31 Dec 2021	Stock at 31 Dec 2021
New Ringers Book	96	389
Beginners Handbook	42	96
Towards Better Striking	4	24
Raising and Lowering	40	115
Ringing Jargon Made Easy	56	26
Beginners Grandsire	33	125
Beginners Plain Bob	36	65
Ringing Circles	172	860
Ringing Basics for Beginners	5	8
The Learning Curve Vol 2	0	117
The Learning Curve Vol 3	3	108
The Learning Curve Vol 4	1	137
Listen to Ringing CD 1/CD2	3/2	5/14
Beginners Guide to Change Ringing on Handbells	17	21
Standard Eight Surprise Major	13	43
Service Touches	29	0
A Tutors Handbook	4	99
Teaching Beyond Bell Handling	2	125
Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles	9	13
Kaleidoscope Ringing	28	116
Teaching Unravelling	8	9
Starting a New Band	8	21
Teaching Tips	13	51
Manual of Belfry Maintenance	82	91
Towers and Bells Handbook	8	43
Organising a Bell Restoration Project (2016)	10	5
Splicing Bellropes	21	139
On This Day	4	18
Change Ringing History Vol 1/Vol 3	5/3	91/116
Centenary History of the Central Council	0	53
Giants of the Exercise Vol1/Vol2	3/1	132/10
A J Pitman Biography	1	89
Dove's Guide 11	50	137
Belfry Offices	3	19
Judging Striking Competitions	4	27
One per Learner	1015	1808
Follow-on Book	155	361
Exercise Book	24	42
Method Leaflets	12	9
Bell Club Cards	132	323
Badges	404	199
20 Questions & 19 Answers	22	5

The following 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, Collection of Twelve Bell Compositions.

Publications

No new titles were published during the year and five titles were reprinted: *Beginners Handbook, Towards Better Striking,*

Ringing Jargon made Easy, The Follow-on Book and 20 Questions and 19 Answers. In addition more badges were made. Twenty six titles are available for download free of charge.

The volume of sales fell again. The best sellers, all with reduced numbers, were: *Dove 11*, *New Ringers Book*, *Ringling Circles*, *Manual of Belfry Maintenance*, and the whole Sherbourne Teaching Aids range. These titles have been the best sellers for several years.

No meetings were held during the year but the usual large number of telephone and e-mail conversations took place. No bulk discounts were offered in March but advertisements were again placed in a number of Association reports.

The income from sales was £6,134, slightly down from £6,690 in 2020. Expenditure exceeded income by £1,688. The value of stock held fell to £5,036 from £6,650 and at year end the total cash available was £23,600. The Fund remains well able to finance any likely future work. 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

Safeguarding

The past 12 months have been busy and have seen constructive advances with regard to the CCCBR's effort to provide safeguarding advice and guidance to ringers and ringing societies.

In August we held a workshop facilitated by the Social Care Institute for Excellence. This was enormously useful in identifying priorities, how we could clarify safeguarding and safeguarding processes and reduce ambiguity regarding what the CCCBR can and cannot do.

This led to a list of 15 action points, most of which have been completed.

These include:

- A CCCBR Mission Statement on safeguarding
- The need for a lead Trustee for safeguarding
- Updated Safeguarding pages on the CCCBR website, including new, clearer, safeguarding process flows, updated CCCBR Safeguarding Officer role job description and updated Safe-

guarding for Ringers guidance document

- An agreement that CCCBR Safeguarding Officers cannot advise on specific cases but guide and encourage good safeguarding practice
- Direct communication from the CCCBR to Diocesan SG Advisers to increase their understanding of ringing and ringers.

A Code of Conduct/behavioural checklist for ringers to address bullying concerns remains outstanding.

A principal focus has been to encourage society safeguarding leads to develop a good working relationship with their local Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser(s). This is already happening in many areas with very positive results.

The Church of England's new Learning and Development Framework has raised some challenges, especially with regard to the Leadership module. The Learning and Development Team have made it clear that there is not a "one size fits all" approach and it is up to individual dioceses to decide how much of a role in shaping the church's culture rests with Tower Captains. Many dioceses have taken a relaxed view on this but some are insistent that all Tower Captains should complete the module. In some areas specific courses have been arranged which cover the safeguarding content with less focus on the theological aspects of the church's mission. This would seem to be a way forward worth exploring.

Another area of concern which may grow over coming months is the expectation in some parishes and cathedrals that ringers be subject to the Safer Recruitment process.

Additional support for affiliated societies has been made available. Two safeguarding charities, 31:8 and the Ann Craft Trust, have agreed to provide advice on specific cases and to offer a policy checking service for a reasonable cost. This was piloted – at the expense of the CCCBR – with two safeguarding policy documents and was found to be extremely useful.

After over two years of significant activity and a few challenges, Ann White and Dave Bassford have decided it is time to allow some fresh minds to take things forward. We are delighted that Helen Fuller-Whelan has agreed to become involved and hope that others will soon present themselves to join her. In the meantime, Dave and Ann will continue to be part of Helen's 'team' as things move on.

We are grateful for the unstinting support we get from Clyde Whittaker and for the work of Helen Allton in producing the process flows and for co-ordinating the information about which dioceses require what safeguarding training for their ringers.

DAVE BASSFORD
ANN WHITE

Bell Restoration Fund Grants Panel

The Panel was appointed at the Executive meeting held on 21st November 2020. Its task is to review grant applications to the Fund and provide recommendations for approval by the Trustees.

Applications to the Fund were invited in *The Ringing World* issue of 11th December 2020 and details of the 36 applications were circulated to the Panel. Following discussion by members, recommendations for grants to all the parishes were submitted to the Executive and approved at its meeting on 28th April 2021.

The list of recipients was published on page 691 of *The Ringing World* issue of 30th July.

Until further income is received into the Fund, there is no further work required of the Panel as a whole.

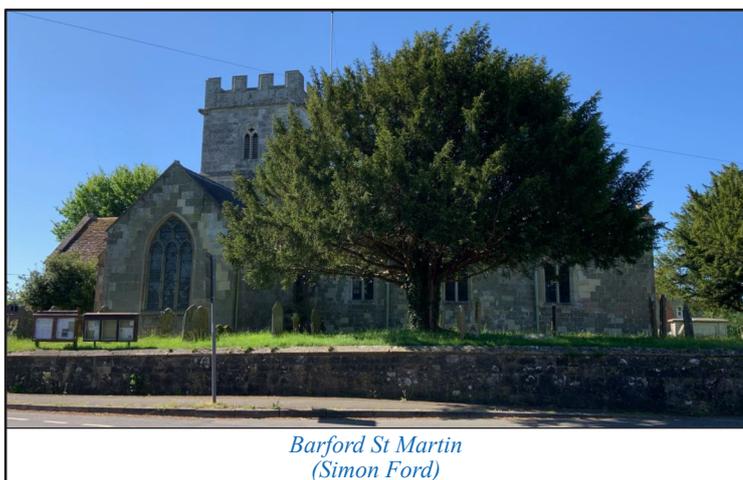
In the meantime the Fund Administrator continues to deal with enquiries for assistance and progresses payment of approved grants.

CHRIS BIRKBY
KEITH BROWN
PETER KIRBY
IAN ORAM (Fund Administrator)

Report of recent activities of the CCCBR Bell Restoration Fund

Unlike many Association / Guild Bell Restoration Funds which tend to have regular annual income from various sources, that of the CCCBR relies on ad-hoc donations or, more likely, bequests. Consequently, grants are only made infrequently when the funds allow but the approach is that, when funds are available, these are disbursed in total with little or no residue.

We were fortunate to receive a generous bequest from the late John Barnes. Along with a repayment of a loan from the Keltek Trust and sundry donations an amount of



*Barford St Martin
(Simon Ford)*

£36,000 was available for distribution thus allowing an invitation for applications to be considered for a grant. As many of you may be aware, John was a leading advocate of Bell Restoration being a member of the CCCBR Bell Restoration Committee from its inception in 1971 until his death in 2019.

Some 36 applications were received for consideration ranging from unringables (some for many years) to augmentations and general, but costly, work to make existing installations good for many years to come. Following some initial due diligence of the projects it was agreed that all should benefit from a grant ranging from £100 up to the maximum allowed in the guidelines of £2,000. A full list of these recipients can be found at the end of this article.

A full review of all the projects would fill the pages of *The Ringing World* so a brief overview of a selective few follows to highlight the kind of work being undertaken.

The highlight of this list of applications is that of Dundee Cathedral – the first time an application from Scotland has been received. Here the project is to augment from 8 to 10 with the two new lighter bells making it easier for trainees to handle. It is

hoped that this project will be completed by December 2021.

There are 5 projects to make unringable bells ringable again. At Filby in Norfolk these long unringable 5 bells from the C17 and C18 are to be augmented to 6 with a treble donated by the Keltek Trust. Another tower augmenting their unringable 5 is that at Longworth in Oxfordshire where 3 additional trebles are to be added. Sheringham in Norfolk have had their 1841 ring of Thomas II Mears bells rehung – this work is now complete. The derelict ring of 6 at South Wraxall in Wiltshire by Abraham Bilbie of 1769 is to be rehung in a new steel frame and will include sound control. Lastly, the 1676 Miles III Graye ring of 4 bells at West Hanningfield in Essex is to be restored where there are 12 potential recruits wishing to learn!

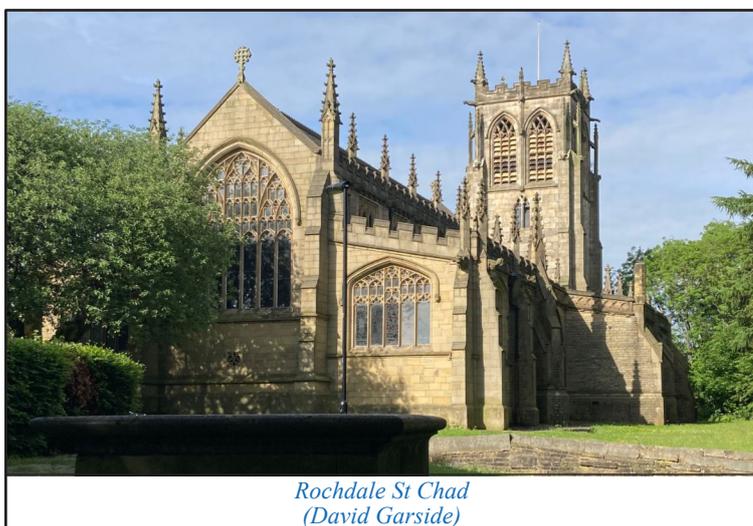
Excluding Dundee, a further 5 towers are progressing projects to augment. Barnoldswick in Lancashire (formerly in the West Riding of Yorkshire) plan to add 2 further bells to complete the octave. Clyro in Powys (the only application from Wales) are augmenting to 6 and repairing the cracked 1708 Henry Williams 2nd along

List of Recipients		
Tower	County	Grant
Alfriston	East Sussex	£1,150.00
Audlem	Cheshire	£750.00
Barford St Martin	Wiltshire	£1,000.00
Barnoldswick	Lancashire	£150.00
Belton	Lincolnshire	£850.00
Braintree	Essex	£550.00
Bratton	Wiltshire	£500.00
Bubwith	East Riding of Yorkshire	£800.00
Clyro	Powys	£2,000.00
Desford	Leicestershire	£100.00
Didbrook	Gloucestershire	£850.00
Dundee, Cathedral	City of Dundee	£750.00
Dunkeswell	Devon	£250.00
East Anstey	Devon	£850.00
East Pennard	Somerset	£100.00
Filby	Norfolk	£2,000.00
Frensham	Surrey	£350.00
Goathurst	Somerset	£100.00
Hatherleigh	Devon	£1,700.00
Honington	Warwickshire	£350.00
Kenwyn	Cornwall	£450.00
Lanteglos-by-Camelford	Cornwall	£1,550.00
Lincoln, St Benedict	Lincolnshire	£1,450.00
Longworth	Oxfordshire	£2,000.00
Milton Abbot	Devon	£1,800.00
Pattishall	Northamptonshire	£2,000.00
Ramsbury	Wiltshire	£550.00
Rochdale	Greater Manchester	£2,000.00
Rochester, Cathedral	Kent	£2,000.00
Sheringham	Norfolk	£900.00
South Wraxall	Wiltshire	£1,500.00
Staplegrove	Somerset	£750.00
Stoke Prior	Worcestershire	£200.00
Stranton	County Durham	£2,000.00
Tattenhall	Cheshire	£300.00
West Hanningfield	Essex	£1,500.00

with a new frame and fittings. In Northamptonshire at Pattishall the plan is to install a new frame and augment from 6 to 8 with new fittings for all the existing bells. At Rochdale St Chad, the project is to replace their existing ring of 8 with the lighter ring from the closed church of Glodwick (Oldham) and augment to 10. The last in this group is Rochester Cathedral where this 1921 G&J ring of 10 will be augmented to 12 plus a semitone to provide a lighter ring.

There is only one new ring – that being at Lincoln St Benedict where the plan is to install a light ring of 8 bells with the back 4 being donated by the Keltek Trust. Ultimately this will become the University tower and a training tower for the area as sound control is part of this project.

Equally as important are the other towers who are undertaking refurbishment, rehanging, retuning, frame strengthening



*Rochdale St Chad
(David Garside)*

and overhaul projects. These works will ensure that these bells will ring out for many years to come. Many of these have included an allowance for the provision of sound control but it is pleasing to note that some do not require this as “the sound of the bells does not cause complaints”. Some projects include recasting of poor tone bells such as that at Barford St Martin in Wiltshire, whilst at Goathurst in Somerset the cracked 5th will be welded alongside the replacement of all fittings.

As part of the application process parishes were asked to submit details of funds raised to date, especially grants accrued from Associations / Guilds and other grant making bodies. It is pleasing to note that many of the applicants have secured significant funds from these sources which is often a major stepping stone in making pro-

jects financially viable. In addition, parishes were asked to indicate the number of ringers / potential recruits they had, and many reported either a reasonable number of both and others intimating a recruitment drive once the bells are easier to ring. Although many promised voluntary labour to assist the bell hangers, the pandemic has created a few issues where social distancing may make this less practical with either an escalation of the cost or extended timescales until such a time that voluntary labour can take part again.

It is pleasing to see that these projects are managing to progress even with the issues we have faced in the last 18 months or so and that much work continues to be achieved in the background with fundraising meetings and presentations. Grateful

thanks must be given to those working hard to see the fruits of their labours driving forwards and it is hoped that all these projects come to a successful completion in the next few years. The grants awarded from the CCCBR BRF are valid for three years.

I am sure that John Barnes will have approved of our deliberations as he often had an involvement in the early stages of some of these projects and nothing pleased him more than to see projects come to fruition. Please do consider contributing to the CCCBR BRF either as a one-off donation or as part of a bequest in your will. You can be assured that any monies received will be passed on to projects that are well deserving.

PETER KIRBY

Senior Stakeholder Liaison Workgroup

For many bellringers, the eventual lifting of the lockdowns meant that things would return to how things were before Covid. The world in which bellringing happens has changed.

Relations with Church House, the Church Buildings Council (CBC) and Historic England (HE) are in a good place. The bridges were always there anyway. We just walked over them and engaged. Zoom calls have been a good thing for opening meaningful dialogues. Simon Linford and I have started a dialogue with the Bishop of Ramsbury who, with the Bishop of Bristol, leads on the future of our churches. We are in regular contact with key people at Church House.

Membership of the CBC’s committees for the first time is now advertised openly. The CBC has encouraged applications from all bellringers via *The Ringing World* and social media. The same principle is being encouraged for membership of DACs. There is a need for transparency in the appointment of members of these advisory roles. Our lobbying has influenced these decisions.

The work on Dove continues and the Dove database is now recognised as the

central reference point for everyone with an interest in bells, frames, and fittings. I know this was the intent of John Baldwin and his team. This is John’s legacy.

Simon and I were invited to present to the national DAC conference about bellringing recovery and some innovative work on the measurement of tower movement. It was good to see bellringing on the national DAC agenda – a first.

Bellringing in England is dependent on the Church of England; however, the Church of England (CofE) will struggle to survive or even exist in 50 or 100 years’ time. The statistics speak for themselves. The CofE’s movement towards centralisation of resources led to the setting up of the Save the Parish campaign which is successfully lobbying Synod. The move to a house church style evangelism does question the purpose of 16,000 churches in England. Our group has helped the Save the Parish campaign and I would encourage all bellringers to look at its mission and objectives.

Working with Colin Newman, two schools in Worcestershire successfully tested Jason Hughes’ curriculum-based school lessons using bellringing as a platform. Jason’s lessons for Mathematics,

English, Science, History, Geography, Drama and more are an excellent way to encourage an interest in bellringing for teacher and pupils. This work is being developed by Colin’s Workgroup. It was a fascinating day and I would like to say thank you to Kempsey Church of England Primary School, Christopher Whitehead Language College and their teachers for working with us.

It has always been my wish for bellringing to be recognised as a performing art by the Arts Council, performing arts bodies, trusts, charities and the DCMS. The long-term benefits are obvious. This work is the next major piece of work for the CCCBR should they wish to pursue it.

It has been an enormous privilege to be asked to do this role and I would like to thank my colleagues, Chris Pickford, Nigel Herriott and Robert Sulley, and especially the CCCBR Executive for believing in us. Please engage with your DACs and clergy.

I have resigned from the Stakeholder Liaison Group in order to concentrate on other projects outside ringing, and I wish the CCCBR and its work every success in the future.

MARK REGAN

Stewardship & Management Workgroup

Introduction

Activities of the Workgroup have continued to support ringers and ringing, particularly as Covid 19 restrictions were relaxed. Many towers followed advice to check their bell installations when ringing resumed. While very few matters were identified that had specifically arisen due to the bells being out of use, it appears that these more systematic checks have exposed and led to the remedy of issues that may not have been spotted otherwise. This shows again the value of routine checks of bell installations.

The Workgroup has not yet met as a group this year, but maintained our activities using electronic means even more than in the previous few years. We are planning to meet virtually in early June and face-to-face during the CCCBR AGM in Nottingham.

Westley Award sponsored by Westley Group

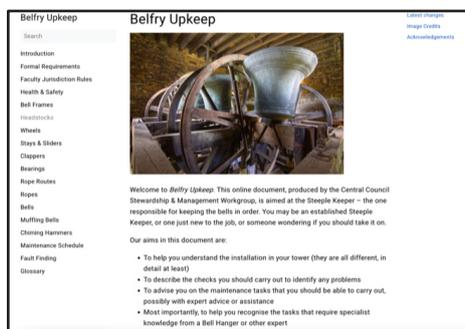
This year the 3rd Westley Award of £100 prize money and a Certificate was given to Oliver Watson from Sussex. Interestingly, three of the 12 nominees were NON-ringers, exploiting skills and expertise from professional and other interests, and building their knowledge of bell installations alongside others. The judges were pleased that two nominees were under the age of 25. The 2022 Westley Award is open for applications as this report is being prepared; we still await applications for an award from outside England!

Tower movement studies

During the year, we have continued our investigations into tower movement. In particular, the CCCBR Executive agreed to the purchase of new specialist equipment to enable us to measure tower movement. This has been used experimentally in a tower with interesting results. We are having preliminary discussions with engineering companies about how this type of work could be offered more widely as a service. We have also reviewed previous records of work on tower movement and collected a lot of the equipment developed and used by members of the former Towers & Belfries Committee. This was summarised in *The Ringing World* in February 2022.

Events and activities

The most significant pieces of work continuing this year are the complete revision of the advice offered on the CCCBR website by the Workgroup. Although still in preparation and not available at the time of writing, we are intending that preliminary content will be available later in 2022 covering most topics addressed by the Group. The picture shows a screenshot of an opening page of the new document entitled “Belfry Upkeep” that will replace *Manual of Belfry Maintenance*.



We have provided occasional advice in *The Ringing World* and on the CCCBR website, for example on weather protection, emergency lighting, using Ellacombe chimes safely, tying bells for practices, maintenance checks, painting bell frames, tower meeting agenda, and how church projects may affect bells and ringing. We have also responded to many enquiries from ringers, individual churches and a school (regarding their school bell), averaging about two enquiries per week. These have included questions about bell noise inside towers, risk assessments, insurance, ventilation, safeguarding, ladders, rope spiders and fund raising. Concerns about the noise from bells is a topic raised repeatedly, especially during good weather and when neighbours are in gardens or have windows open, as has been encouraged during Covid. Since some enquiries have been from local authorities, basic information about ringing has been prepared for Environmental Health professionals and this is currently being consulted with the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) with a view to this being published on both the CCCBR and CIEH websites.

Another topic that we continue to address is electrical equipment in towers, in particular for items that are specific to

ringing such as simulators and rope driers. Concerns are raised about these, for example during church quinquennial and other inspections. The concerns arise as the equipment appears “home made” and not marked as conforming to recognised standards. Another common problem noted is poor practice in the use of electrical extension leads and multiway power sockets.

In support of the CCCBR photo competitions, three members of the Workgroup judged the “Bells and Installations” section.

Members of the Workgroup have maintained links with other organisations relevant to ringing such as major insurers, the Churches Conservation Trust and the Church Buildings Council. The Workgroup had also planned the second day of the ART conference in May 2022, but regrettably this event was cancelled.

Having prompted the need for online “networking” tools for ringers, the Technical & Taxonomy Workgroup set up “Ringing Forums” <https://www.ringingforums.org/>. Since Autumn 2021, usage of this online system has increased steadily with a wide range of questions being asked and topics discussed. We encourage others to use this tool.

As the use of cash diminishes, we have also been considering the impact of this on ringers and ringing. Like many organisations and venues, churches are installing card readers and fewer people now carry cash. This is making donations to tower funds, ringers’ teas, peal fees, sharing wedding fees etc more complicated, but a solution has not been found, other than to remind ringers to bring cash (and not just high value notes from the cash machine!).

Plans for 2022-2023

Our major activities will be focused on providing more advice that is accessible online, virtually and in occasional topical articles in *The Ringing World*. We will continue to respond to individual enquiries and those raised on “Ringing Forums”. Members of the Group will also support events such as the National 12-bell Striking Contest in Guildford in June and the CCCBR North West Ringing Course to be held near Preston in August, as well as the CCCBR AGM weekend in September.

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We take this opportunity to thank all members of the Workgroup for their contri-

butions during the last year, and several others who provide specialist advice from their knowledge as professionals and / or voluntary activities.

We wish to welcome new members to the Workgroup, particularly considering the succession that will be required in the next year or so for the Workgroup Leader and Secretary, and to fill our 2 long-standing vacancies for Theme Leaders. Please contact the Secretary, Robin Shipp, if you may be interested in helping the Workgroup in any way.

ALISON HODGE

Technical & Taxonomy Workgroup

Highlights for the last year include the migration of frame data to the new Dove Database, implementation of version 2 of the Framework for Method Ringing that covers online ringing innovations, and the establishment of Ringing Forums to support better communication among ringers and provide private forums for groups with a specialist focus, such as safeguarding, young ringers and project teams. In addition, a new website has been created for the CCCBR Variations and Calls Library.

Work on a substantive review of Method Extension has just started, and the new project team working on ‘Securing the future of key services and data valued by ringers’ is recruiting new team members to make progress with this important objective.

After five years in the role, Graham John is standing down as Workgroup leader

at the 2022 AGM; a successor has been identified

The services provided by the Workgroup, and the status of current projects is shown in Figure 1.

Methods

The CCCBR Methods Library (methods.cccb.org.uk) continues to be updated weekly with new methods rung and named. At the beginning of January 2022 it contained 23,210 methods, an increase of 653 methods during 2021.

A review of the capitalisation, diacritics and punctuation used in method names has been undertaken, following which a number of method names have been updated to present them in a more consistent style in the Library. In particular, there are a very large number of methods named after Scot-

tish mountains, and these have been brought in line with the presentation used by the Walk Highlands website.

The Workgroup’s methods panel has answered various method-related questions received via email at methods@cccbr.org.uk and also discussed and agreed any actions when issues have arisen in the naming of new methods. Its members have also responded directly to questions posed on ringing email lists, social media and *The Ringing World*.

A number of interesting articles about methods have appeared in *The Ringing World* over the past year along with David Smith’s regular *Education Column* contributions.

Framework for Method Ringing

Work on version 2 of the Framework for Method Ringing was completed in April 2021. Details of the changes made were included in last year’s AGM report, so are not repeated here. The changes are also described in Appendix G, Section D on the Framework website at framework.cccb.org.uk.

A ringing community consultation on v2 ran from June 4 to July 16, 2021 and nine people provided comments. Our thanks go to these submitters for their valuable feedback, much of which was incorporated into the final draft approved by the Council Executive on January 26, 2022 with an effective date of May 1, 2022

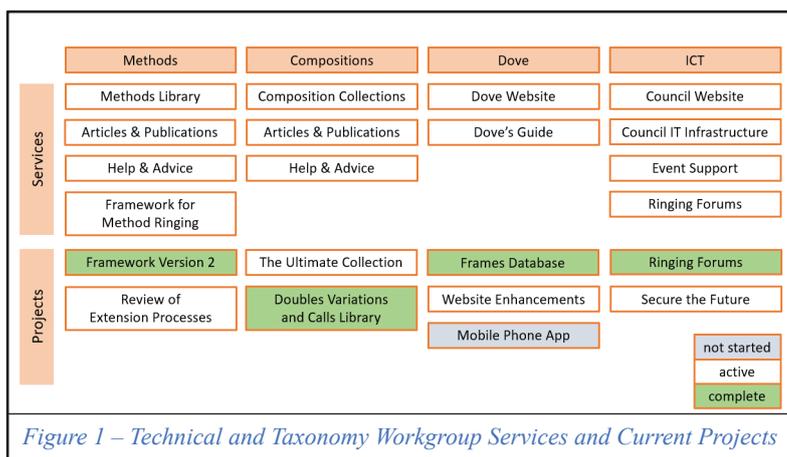


Figure 1 – Technical and Taxonomy Workgroup Services and Current Projects

(allowing for the 3-month notice period under CC rules).

Further work

Three areas of work are now in progress relating to the Framework:

- A review of all the Framework's extension requirements and processes is in progress to see if there are opportunities to streamline, simplify and/or otherwise improve this complex area.
- Refine the recommended set of Unicode characters to be used in method names (see Appendix B) to ensure that names can be properly displayed in common fonts, and method names can be easily distinguished from one another.
- Rework the Framework website so that it is easier to maintain, and easier to use on small screen devices (i.e., smartphones).

Team

The following team worked on developing version 2 over an 11-month period: Tim Barnes, Mark Davies, John Harrison, Graham John, Don Morrison and Philip Saddleton.

In addition, Adam Beer and Robin Woolley assisted with enquiries sent to the Methods team. Robin Woolley has now joined with the rest of the Framework team to work on the extension review.

Compositions

With the resumption of tower bell ringing there has been renewed interest in the availability of compositions. Conductors are now well-supplied through Composition Library (Complib) and there have been no enquiries this year via the compositions@cccbr.org.uk address. Nevertheless, this route for submission of compositions for publication remains available and is still well-used by a small number of composers who are not yet ready to self-publish on Complib. A small number of queries relating to published compositions, and how to self-publish, have also been addressed through this channel.

Complib itself has grown by another 8,000 compositions over the last twelve months, now featuring over 53,000 compositions. Members of the Workgroup have continued their focus to collate novel and historical compositions as these become available. 142 rung long length composi-

tions have been added to the collection over the last twelve months as part of a joint effort with Martin Whiteley to ensure that as full as possible details are available for all known tower bell peals of over 10,000 changes. A new listing for such peals and their compositions is now available in Complib.

The group continues to reference compositions used when new methods are first rung, provided these details are available. The vast majority of performances now include such details and conductors are encouraged to continue to provide these. Andrew Johnson has continued collating historical compositions including Graham John's *Cambridge Major Tenors Together – The Full Monty*, a collection of long lengths published in old ringing books, and Tony Smith's collection of Grandsire Doubles touches.

Complib itself has seen a number of upgrades over the last twelve months that will provide composers and conductors with an increased toolset. An avenue to commission compositions through the platform has led to some interesting discussions, though little of these have resulted in performances. Presentation of course lengths has been enhanced, to the particular benefit of conductors of odd-bell methods. Since early May, a more sophisticated analysis of existing compositions to highlight identical, rotated or reversed callings is now performed when new compositions are entered, with the intention of further reducing reinvention.

In August, *The Ringing World* published a pair of articles on 240s of Plain Bob Doubles written by Richard Pullin on behalf of the group. The Workgroup also contributed the 2022 Date Touch collection for this year's *Ringing World Diary*.

Doubles Variations and Calls

A new Variations website (varlib.org) was set up in the last quarter of 2021 to become the new home of the Central Council Library of Variations and Calls. Since then, 20 new variations have been added to the Library, and many other details of existing variations have been added or amended. The code and database behind the website have been further developed, particularly to improve presentation and search facilities. We are extremely grateful to Peter Hinton for creating this excellent new resource for us.

As at 1 June 2022 there were 5,665 named variations recorded. It also contains

a list of issues on variation naming (varlib.org/DebatedNames.htm). Any further information or views on how best to resolve individual issues would be welcome.

The screenshot shows a webpage for a variation named 'Jubilee'. It includes the following text:

Name: Jubilee

Code: 53je

Method: Wainfleet Place

A diagram of the variation is shown with callings 'Plain' and 'Old Hudibras Single'.

Ringing World reference: 2012/783

Rung: Ampost, 4 Jun 2012

Figure 2 – The variation Jubilee Doubles from the CCCBR Variations and Calls Library website

Stewards of the Dove Database

During the past year, the two major items to report on are the migration of data on frames from the old database to the new, and the expansion of the scope of Dove to include details on all bells in buildings under the jurisdiction of the Church of England.

Key achievements

Dove scope extended to cover all CofE buildings

Almost 10,000 new bell collections comprising 14,000 bells have been added to Dove, extending the scope to cover CofE jurisdiction towers. This has been done in partnership with the Church Buildings Council, and Dove now has the responsibility of maintaining this data, negating the need for the CBC to do this in parallel. With Dickon Love now being a member of the Bells Committee of the CBC, we hope Dove can be adapted to capture more information about the reasons for listing bells and frames for preservation in the future.

Bellframes

During the year we migrated the data previously held on the “old database” into a newly designed database. Now the data is there, work is taking place to adapt the data structures into a more sustainable way of describing bellframes. There is a backlog of a year’s amendments on frames to be entered into Dove as well as a programme of data cleansing of the data already there.

Search facilities

Improvements have been made on searches on bells by founder, date, and other attributes. Other searches have been introduced to identify rings by the same founder.

Quality

We continue to maximise the quality of the updates and data contained in Dove. The team works hard to scrutinise and verify submissions, as well as peer review each other's inputs.

A few coverage statistics (as at May 2022)

Bell collections	
Full circle rings	7,937 (7,148 with at least 3 bells)
Carillons	15
Chimes	7,030
Display bells	50
Ancillary bells	1,758
Other categories	28
Bells	
Standard	60,323
Hemispherical	245
Tubular	1,085
Fragments	17

Future work to begin in the next year

- Complete the frames design and quality work, entering the backlog of frames data built up over the year for full-circle rings and upload frames data from other chimes.
- Extend the scope to include mini rings.
- Develop a means for people to log in and record tower grabs and related data.
- Improve the way information on bells is displayed on the website.
- Make information available on partial frequencies, literary references and specific bell tuning histories.
- In due course, we'll also extend the scope to include lost rings, and bells in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, as well as considering bells in Roman Catholic churches, chimes in secular buildings, and bells notable for their size or age.

The Dove Team

The team continues to be led by Dickon Love, with Tim Jackson and Tim Pett as Dove Stewards and Richard Smith as the

Lead Developer. They are assisted by Dove Clerks Lewis Benfield and Neal Dodge who joined the team in the past year. Richard is assisted by David Giles in web development and Doug Davis who maintains the DoveTickets software. Chris Pickford acts as a consultant on bellframes and Scott Orr (Secretary of the Carillon Society of UK and Ireland) on carillons.

We were very sorry to learn of the death of the Revd Dr John Baldwin in March 2022. John succeeded Ron Dove in taking on the collection and maintenance of information on rings of bells, and was the first to digitise it just after the 1982 edition was published. This led to the first website appearing in 1998 and the extension of the scope to include details on individual bells and frames. John continued to lead the team as Dove Master until his retirement in 2017, although he continued to take a valuable active role until the database was transferred to its present form in 2020.

ICT

Websites

The majority of the work since the last annual report has been the support and maintenance of the websites and Microsoft 365, led by Doug Davis. Mark Elvers and Ian Mozely have undertaken the day-to-day updates of the main website on behalf of the Executive and workgroups. The hosting of the website, regular backups and our DNS services are provided using Azure with the majority of the cost funded from Microsoft's sponsorship scheme for non-profit organisations. The website has become slow under load on occasions, and has been allocated more memory to help it cope with increased demand, while keeping within the sponsorship budget.

In the last year we launched a new website for the Mobile Belfry project (mobilebelfry.cccb.org.uk), provided website hosting and email services for the Young Change Ringers Association (ycra.org.uk), and offered hosting for the National 12-bell Contest website.

Andrew Hall is currently working with Alan Regin on the next large batch of data to be imported into the Rolls of Honour database.

Events

The 2021 AGM was again held via Zoom. Our thanks go to Colin Newman who was both technician and facilitator on

the day for both the Council AGM and The Ringing World AGM.

eBooks

A second eBook, *Devon Call Changes* by Simon Linford, has been hosted using the CCCBR GitHub account, which provides version control, archiving and web hosting in a single service. This mechanism is also used to deliver the eBook, *Calling It Round* by Bryn Reimer; the CCCBR Methods Library; and source control for CCCBR software, such as the Dove Database.

Ringing Forums

Following selection of a suitable application, the Council launched Ringing Forums in October 2021 to provide a better means of focussed communication between ringers than email groups or Facebook groups. All the discussion categories are ringing related and there is no external advertising. It is free to sign up and post messages to the forums and users can elect to receive a weekly summary of contributions and email notifications for comments to topics they are following. Most of the forums are public, but private forums can be set up on request for special interest groups or project work where this is beneficial. Most of the categories are monitored by subject experts from the Council workgroups so it is the ideal place for anyone to ask any questions about ringing related matters, or search for previous answers.

<https://www.ringingforums.org/>

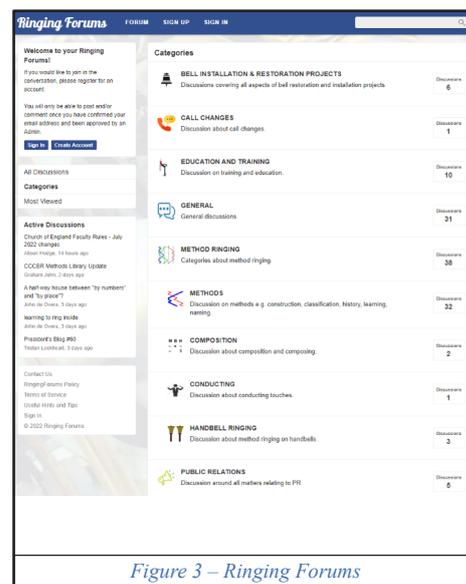


Figure 3 – Ringing Forums

Securing the Future

A team was established in April 2021, led by John Martin, to start work on one of the objectives that the Workgroup set itself on its inception, but did not have the resources until now to start work, namely to:

Secure the future of key services and data valued by ringers, by

- identifying what existing services, whether provided directly by the Council or not, are important to ringers
- taking steps to provide assurance that appropriate measures are in place to protect data and software, ensure continuity of service, and provide succession for the future
- offering hosting for independent developer's web sites, source code and data archives
- offering to act as provider of last resort in the event that a developer is unable to continue providing a key service.

While a start has been made on creating a Service Catalogue, additional volunteers are being sought to strengthen the team and

start making some demonstrable progress. If you have any expertise to bring to this project and a little time to spare, please contact John Martin.

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Doubles Variations and Calls Library
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Securing the Future
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Volunteer & Leadership Workgroup

Firstly, I have to report the loss of Bruce Butler, North American Guild, a dedicated member of the Workgroup. Bruce died unexpectedly in January 2022. As Mary Bone wrote at the time: "Bruce had been a member of the PR Committee, the Education Committee and latterly the PR and V&L Workgroups." Bruce, together with Eileen, provided a valuable North American voice to the group, which helped keep us aware of the international spread of ringing. Eileen remains a member of the Workgroup and is carrying on Bruce's good work.

Tim Hine announced his intention to resign as our leader in late 2021, and I was elected as Chairman in January 2022, pending the appointment by the CC Executive of a new Workgroup leader. The CC Executive confirmed me as WG Leader in May 2022.

The work of the group has continued throughout the year as the number of ringers returning after the pandemic in-

creases. Much of this work involves integrating our efforts with ART and the Recovery Champions, both of which are represented in the V&L membership.

- Other specific activities included:
- Printed version of *Education Column* series 1 to 4 plus Christmas Specials have been edited and published. They are available from the Ringing World Shop website.
 - Contribution to thinking on new SMWG Running a Tower document.
 - Planning, confirmation and publicity for the first NW course in August 2022.
 - Draft 'Running a practice' section produced at request of SMWG for Running a Tower document.
 - Ran pilot virtual Recruitment and Retention Workshop in partnership with ART in April 2022.
 - Developing V&L publicity material, initially for use at the stand at the National 12 bell at Guildford.

I would like especially to thank Andy Ingham for his work in setting up the first NW training course which takes place this August. One of the activities for the next 12 months is to make sure we capture all the Learning From Experience (LFE) lessons we can and make them available to others who are thinking about running residential ringing courses.

The other major activity that has been completed is a review of the mission and what current key activities of the Workgroup should be. This has been documented and has now been internally reviewed and discussed face to face with the CC President. This should give clarity to our work, allow us to form sub-groups to carry forward specific areas of work and facilitate recruiting members to the group by having a clear sense of what their role will be. The Volunteer & Leadership page on the CCCBR Website now reflects this review and includes the following:

Mission

The mission of the Volunteer & Leadership Workgroup is to facilitate and encourage the development of Suitably Skilled and Experienced People (SSEP) to ring, train, lead and support ringing wherever it can take place.

Current key activities

- Assessing the state of ringing
- Train the trainers
- Skill development
- Volunteer enlargement.

The following have supported the Workgroup by membership during this period:

LESLEY BELCHER
 BRUCE BUTLER (to Jan 2022)
 EILEEN BUTLER
 ALEX BYRNE
 VICKI CHAPMAN (to Nov 2021)
 SONIA FIELD
 TIM HINE (Leader to Feb 2022)
 LUCY HOPKINS TILL
 MIKE HOPKINS TILL
 GEOFF HORRITT
 ANDY INGHAM

MATT LAWRENCE
 DEB MARGASON-BAKER
 DON MCLEAN
 COLIN NEWMAN
 STEPH PENDBURY
 JAMES RAMSBOTTOM
 NICH WILSON
 PAUL WOTTON (Leader from May 2022)
 HAYLEY YOUNG

Finally, I would like to thank all V&L WG members for their support and tolerance as I get to grips with my new role.

PAUL WOTTON

Young Ringers – Schools & Youth Groups Workgroup

The work of this group has continued to focus primarily on increasing the awareness of bell ringing amongst the young community, with the aim of inspiring a few

to ‘give it a go’, whilst providing a level of interest for all.

For engagement in school environments, a set of lesson plans covering mul-

multiple subjects has been created for Year 5 children which can be delivered by non-ringing teachers. At the time of writing, this set of plans is currently being trialled in a couple of schools to help us streamline the documentation before it is made available more widely. The same approach is being taken to cover Year 7, and this is in an earlier stage of development.

The Workgroup has been actively working at various levels in the Scouting and Guiding movements, to produce badge programmes and challenges for their members to follow. Within the Guides, work has been completed to re-vamp the Bluebells’ Challenge, originally created in memory of Alison Regan, ready for re-launch. It is hoped this can be fully launched in the summer, following the completion of a supporting video depicting a tower visit for Guides and Scouts. Within the Scouting Movement, work is in progress to produce an ‘Occasional Badge’ which will initially be launched locally and then higher up to both county and national levels. It will be along similar lines to Bluebells’ using the same supporting video content.

For other youth organisations, a number of ‘How To’ documents have been produced, providing useful information on how to contact and engage with local groups, and then what to do when they pay

Central Council Publications Price List 2022

New Ringer’s Book	£10.00	Teaching Unravelled	£3.00
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a visit to the tower. In addition to this, a framework to help manage and measure progress by Duke of Edinburgh candidates has been drawn up and is in the final stages of review. Some tower captains are using this framework already and feedback has been positive.

Working alongside the Young Change Ringers Association (YCRA), planning is under way to run a summer school for young ringers who aspire to teach. The event will take place in Bristol on the weekend following the CCCBR meeting and Roadshow in Nottingham, fitting nicely between the end of the school summer

break and freshers' week. The format of the event will see the aspiring teachers receive tuition via an ART M1 course and then a session the next day where they can practice their skills on some locally engaged potential young ringers. The aim is to provide ringing students with the skills required to teach those newly recruited whilst at university.

An initial 'mock up' of some web pages for the group has been completed and it is hoped that, by the time we reach the meeting in Nottingham, much of the material developed by the group will be fully available.

The following people have contributed to the group over the past 12 months:

- COLIN NEWMAN
- JEN THOMAS
- ALENA WARDLE
- MARK PLACE
- JASON HUGHES
- ARTHUR REEVES
- NICH WILSON

Also, many thanks must go to Allen Nunley for his support in creating the web pages for the group.

COLIN NEWMAN

Young Ringers – Universities & Colleges Workgroup

With universities and colleges (U&C) returning to teaching in-person, ringing activity by students in higher education has resumed, albeit gradually, and with inevitable gaps in terms of geographical coverage. *The Ringing World* published a series of accounts about ringing recovery in university and college societies, and the Christmas double issue featured follow-up stories from Birmingham, Cambridge, Leeds, London, and Oxford. In these and other well-established centres of ringing, societies are doing well, and in some cases benefitting from support from local associations.

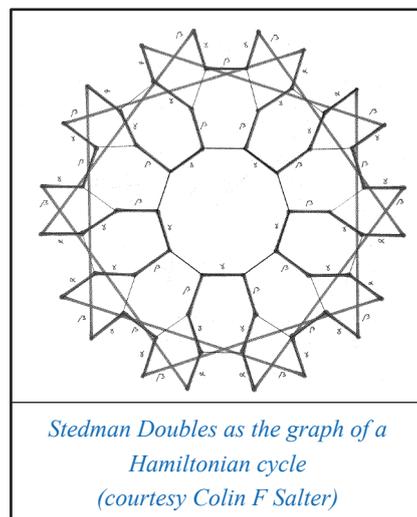
The U&C Workgroup had a stand at the RWNYC in September at Worcester. There was certainly interest from young ringers and their families about the opportunities for ringing while away at college, and it was clear that there is a lack of awareness of such opportunities – so there's work for the U&C group to do! In terms of getting the message out there, working with the YCRA, SYG, and to an extent with ART, is going to be essential. All of these groups will be involved with delivering an ART M1 course for young ringing teachers in the format of a summer school in September 2022. The YCRA and U&C will also join

forces to stage a "speed dating" service as part of the Roadshow at the CC meeting in Nottingham, with the aim of putting those heading to college in touch with ringing societies in their area. In the meantime, Jacqui Brown continues to promote the website UniversityRinging.org via Facebook groups, and this remains a valuable resource in terms of advertising activity in universities and colleges.

In last year's report it was mentioned that an opportunity exists to promote ringing via extra-curricular projects in the new specialist A-Level mathematics schools, which are currently being established by the Department for Education in conjunction with a select group of universities. King's College School, London, and Exeter Mathematics School lost no time in responding to our request to share material they currently use to support their students engaging with project work. A meeting with Colin Wyld, Mark Davies, and Graham John resulted in the creation of material that explains the basics of change ringing from a mathematical perspective, together with suggestions for projects that students could research, thereby developing and demonstrating their mathematical abilities. In terms of learning new math-

ematics, students would be introduced to topics such as group theory and graph theory (see figure below), and discover how they underpin the theory of change ringing. This material has now been shared with King's and Exeter, and it is very likely they will introduce ringing theory as a novel application of mathematics in the coming academic year. While this is not quite an overt advertisement for bell-ringing, it is hoped that it might attract talented new recruits.

IAN ROULSTONE

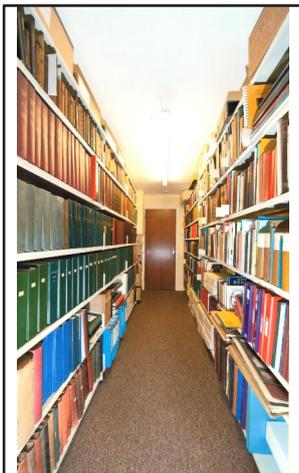


Historical & Archive Workgroup

The Workgroup has held four virtual meetings in the last 12 months to review progress against agreed work plans as well as to discuss other emerging issues. Activity for the year was restricted at times because of on-going Covid restrictions. Simon Aves has stood down from the Biographies Sub-Group. There were no changes to the Workgroup membership during the year.

Library Collection

A key activity has been on the need to find a new home for the CCCBR Library Collection. The Collection is currently housed in a room measuring 5m x 4m on 92m of shelving. In addition, the archive material is stored in suspension files held in cabinets with a total of 7 drawers, together with 8 plastic storage boxes (each measuring 50cm x 38cm x 25cm). It continues to expand as new items are added and additional storage space would be welcomed.



An article was published in *The Ringing World* (1 April 2022, p.291). This set out the results of approaches made to 17 organisations. Initial feedback from most of them highlighted that either (i) they were not interested in housing the Library Collection (i.e. not relevant to their academic interests, lack storage space or cited the cost involved in providing storage); or (ii) they would wish to cherry pick selected/attractive items and have items donated rather than given on long term loan. The latter arises because some libraries already have ringing book collections and would not wish to house duplicate copies unless they had a significant provenance (e.g. contain the signature of a noteworthy individual). There was also the further question of public ac-

cess to material which would need to be managed given the market value of certain books.

Ten responses were received to the *Ringing World* article. The feedback highlighted that many associations and guilds had already disposed of their libraries and others may follow. The Library Collection should therefore be regarded as the “for ever” collection for source information on bells and ringing and the Council must preserve it in its entirety. The Collection content has two distinct parts – the ‘standard’ printed material will have multiple copies held in other libraries, but the other archival, manuscript and rare printed material (e.g. sets of territorial society annual reports, early ringing books) are unlikely to be held elsewhere and will be unique in nature. While separate storage arrangements for the former might be considered to address the difficulty of housing such a large collection of material the latter will need to be readily accessible by a future Library Steward.

At the time of the report (end of May 2022) we are continuing to consider location options for the Collection and seeking to identify potential new Library Stewards after Alan Glover retires from the role.

Publications

The Ringing World has taken on responsibility for the sale of back issue DVDs. Other Library publications, if not already available on-line, can continue to be purchased direct. Orders submitted via the Council’s publications group will be forwarded to us.

Belfry artefacts

Main areas of research

Peal Boards
Digitised Society Annual Reports
Historical photographs

Sub-Group participants

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Work on defining the data set to be used for building a record of peal boards with links to other relevant databases (e.g. peal records)

is continuing. This will initially involve a pilot scheme to ensure the data capture meets user requirements before it is rolled out across the wider ringing community by regional participants in this project.

While almost complete runs of printed ringing society annual reports are held within the Library Collection a number of these societies have begun to digitise their own sets of Annual Reports for ease of access. These are being researched with the intention of developing a listing to provide a reference source of where these exist and can be consulted on-line.

Biographies

Main areas of research

Rolls of Honour

Sub-Group participants

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Main areas of research

Ringer biographies
Obituary Index
History CC Committees/WGs
History ringing societies

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(i) Rolls of Honour

The Rolls of Honour now have details of 2,040 known ringer casualties of the two world wars.

There are 1,195 names in the original Great War Roll of Honour: 1,063 in the main section of the Roll, of which 14 are not yet fully identified and 2 are known to be duplicate entries; 35 in the Great War Addendum 1, of which 1 is not yet fully identified; 20 in the Great War Addendum 2; and 77 in the Great War Addendum 3. There are 173 names already written in the 2nd Great War Roll of Honour with 292 to be added to that Roll in the future.

There are 299 names in the Second World War Roll of Honour of which 17 are not yet fully identified; one, Petty Officer

Stoker Harry Thomas Chandler, who is recorded three times; and there are 85 to be added to that Roll in the future.

(ii) Biographies

Work to record and make accessible information about the lives of ringers has been slow this year. There are currently 965 biographic records on the web, of which three were added and one had a major revision. A further four are in progress with 75 awaiting production. Progress is limited by available resources – volunteer authors/researchers are always welcome. If this might interest you then contact John Harrison biographies@cccbr.org.uk for more information.

The Obituaries Index has been extended to cover more sources spanning the period 1870 to March 2022 and now contains references to over 12,000 names.

We are developing an Integrated Online Biographic Resource, with information about ringers' lives – CC biographies, obituaries, prolific peal ringers and mini biographies of war dead – with a comprehensive index leading to the relevant documents or articles.

In December we published an article about the past, present and future of ringing biographies, one result of which was an agreement that we could access all online tributes to former members of the Ancient Society of College Youths as part of the integrated biographic resource.

(iii) Deaths of Council members

The following members and former members died between 1 May 2021 and the end of 2022:

- William Henry Dowse, National Police Guild 2011–2014, 2014–2017, attended 5 meetings, died 12 June 2021.
- Alan Michael Barber, Ely Diocesan Association 1971–1978, attended 7 meetings, died 12 July 2021.
- Arthur Terence Collins, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild 1987–1993, attended 6 meetings, died 30 July 2021.
- Dr Michael Thomas Sprackling, London County Association 1987–1993, attended 6 meetings, died 26 August 2021.
- David George Salter, Suffolk Guild 1994–2014, attended 20 meetings, died 10 September 2021.
- Bryan Derek Castle, Salisbury Diocesan Guild 1981–1983, attended 2 meetings, died 12 June 2021.
- Avice Doreen Edwards, Chester Diocesan Guild 1963–1966, attended 3 meetings, died 29 September 2021.
- Anthony Ronald Peake, Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association 1969–1978,

attended 9 meetings, died 18 October 2021.

- William Frederick John Butler, Oxford Diocesan Guild 1957–1960, 1966–2012, Life member 2012–2018, Fellow 2018–2021, attended 49 meetings, died 21 October 2021.
- Alan Robert Baldock, Sussex County Association 1978–2014, Additional member 2014–2018, attended 36 meetings, died 16 December 2021.
- James Timothy Shepard, London County Association 1978–1987, attended 6 meetings, died 12 December 2021.

The following members and former members died in the first four months of 2022:

- Bruce N Butler, North American Guild 2005–2022, attended 16 meetings, died 18 January 2022.
- Beverley Anne Winter, Coventry Diocesan Guild 1984–2005, attended 21 meetings, died 19 January 2022.
- Roger James Palmer, Ely Diocesan Association 1978–1981, attended 1 meeting, died 16 February 2022.
- Professor George Walton Williams, North American Guild 2011–2014, attended 3 meetings, died 25 February 2022.
- Rev Dr John Charles Baldwin, Oxford Diocesan Guild 1972–1975, Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association 1975–1995, Life Member 1995–2018, Fellow 2018–2022, attended 42 meetings, died 23 March 2022.
- Tom Page, Guildford Diocesan Guild 1969–1981, attended 11 meetings, died 20 April 2022.
- Rachael Mary Rodway, Carlisle Diocesan Guild 1993–2002, attended 7 meetings, died 25 April 2022.

Online resource for historic and archive information

Main areas of research

H&A Workgroup website
Data infrastructure

Sub-Group participants

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We have begun development of an online database to provide researchers and others with good access to the growing body of historical information about ringers and ringing. When this is complete the tem-

porary website at bellringinghistory.org.uk will be retired and the new resource will be available at a cccbr.org.uk address. Initial work is focusing on biographic resources and this will then be extended to cover other information including catalogues of the Library and various artefact collections.

Historical research and dissemination of information

Main areas of research

Ringling in wider historical perspective
Engaging/supporting new researchers
Website et al as source of information
Promotion of ringing through use of historical data

Sub-Group participants

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As well as curating and creating historical information, the Workgroup is aiming to facilitate wider access to it: to encourage ringers to become more aware of ringing history and to help non-ringers become more aware of ringing. As such we can play a supporting role to PR initiatives at both national and local level. Only limited progress unfortunately has been made recently, but the intention is to be able to become more proactive on this activity as ringing returns to normal after Covid.

Library collection and Friends

Main areas of research

Books and archives
Friends of the Library

Sub-Group participants

Alan Glover (Library Steward)
Linda Georgiades
Ian Self

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No visits to the Library took place during the year, but 33 items were sent out on loan and 212 queries dealt with electronically. A further 48 items (excluding annual reports and newsletters) were added to the catalogue.

Membership of the Friends at 31 December 2021 consisted of 4 Honorary Life Members, 37 Life Members, 87 Mem-

bers and 29 Corporate Members giving a total of 157, one fewer than the previous year. Total expenditure for the 2021 financial year was £1,281.23 against income of £2,919.90.

Acquiring and cataloguing relevant material, arranging binding and conservation work, facilitating loans and answering queries continues. Work has also commenced on creating a database of other significant sources of ringing information (e.g. national libraries, territorial ringing society libraries and other libraries) with contacts.

Recordings

Main areas of research
 Bells
 Oral histories

Sub-Group participants
 Volunteers sought

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Although the Library Collection holds some vinyl records this is an area that might usefully be further expanded. We currently do not have the resources to progress this work and continue to look for volunteers.

Ringling artefacts

Main areas of research
 Ringing machines

Sub-Group participants
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 Bill Purvis

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Both the Carter and Cummins ringing machines are currently stored at the Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust pending the further development of the facilities there. Requests to demonstrate the Carter ringing machine at events are no longer considered



to be feasible given the fragility of the equipment and cost of transporting it to events that may only involve a couple of hours demonstration.

Main areas of research
 Library collection of Society Badges

Sub-Group participants
 Alan Glover (Library Steward)

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Main areas of research
 Membership certificates
 Society logos
 Historical prints
 Illuminated peal books

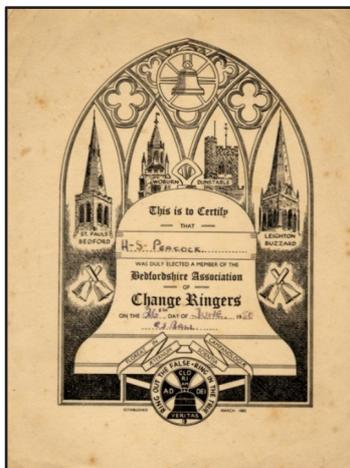
Sub-Group participants
 Chris Ridley (Co-ordinator)

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Work completed during the year included:

- Expansion of the Society Badge Catalogue and collection.
- Creation of both a Society Membership Certificate and Historical Campanological Print catalogue. Bound printed copies of both are already in the Library with on-line versions to follow.

Further work on creating collections of digital images of society and other ringing related logos and attractive illuminated peal book entries continues.



CHRIS RIDLEY



“St Mary’s Kingskerswell (The New Ringing Chamber)” by Philip Stevens, round 4 winner in the photo competition

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Public Relations Workgroup

Over the last year the PR Workgroup has been focusing on a number of initiatives and events:

- Developing videos for publicity purposes, working with George Perrin and colleagues to video young ringers events to support the Schools & Youth Workgroup, and extending that out to other aspects of ringing. This will provide us with material to produce a selection of short pieces to use as adverts, but also a longer piece to show what ringing is about.
- Photo competitions have now been completed leaving a legacy of photographs that can be used for promotional purposes. Thank you to all those who submitted photos and judged the various categories. The Stewardship & Management Workgroup have been making good use of the Bells and Installations category.
- Ringing for political reasons is always something the CCCBR tries not to get involved in but the groundswell of support that was generated in ringing for the Cop26 UN Climate Change Conference held in Glasgow last October took us all by surprise. The initiative gathered a lot of press interest, and Philip Orme was able to connect Bells on Sunday with this event by having a recording from Glasgow.
- HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee gave a great opportunity to link with communities and local and national media. Through centralized PR support various national articles were published and TV appearances by ringers, particularly John Girt and Cliff Izzard who were interviewed by the online news channel

GB News. I am grateful to Will Bosworth and the BellBoard team who turned our certificate design into something that could be auto populated and printed off when performances were linked to the Platinum Jubilee events on BellBoard.

- Bells on Sunday recordings have increased following an updated "how to" guide published earlier this year. We continue to get one or two offers of recordings each month in response to the article. In the last 3-4 months about half of each month's broadcasts are new and those old recordings we do repeat are at least 4-5 years old. Feedback on Facebook at least is favourable. As far as practicable recordings are linked to special events or anniversaries.
- RingingForums.org has a channel dedicated to PR, a place to ask questions, share good ideas and good practice and offer advice. Topics have included ringing for COP26 and the Queen's Jubilee, what's been successful at raising awareness and how to engage better contact with church authorities.



I am grateful to John Harrison who continues to be the conduit for supplying posters and leaflets available from our resources page at <https://cccbr.org.uk/resources/publicity-material/> John also keeps the Things to Ring For page <https://cccbr.org.uk/bellringing/things-to-ring-for/> updated regularly with church and secular anniversaries and events.

More recently our Workgroup numbers have diminished. We were sorry to have said goodbye to Jane McCutchan from the

Truro Guild who decided to pursue other interests. We were extremely saddened by the death of Bruce Butler, a stalwart supporter of the PR Workgroup in all its past iterations; and pleased Eileen Butler felt able to continue to support us and offer an international perspective that is so important we don't lose sight of. Martin Mellor had also taken a temporary back seat as work commitments took over.

Some of the remainder of the Workgroup members had specific areas of interest they developed over the year, whilst others continue to support us however they can:

- Sue Hall – materials design
- Neal Dodge – social media
- Philip Orme – Bells on Sunday
- Eileen Butler – US and International
- Martin Mellor – Scottish Association
- Viv Nobbs – W&P Diocesan Guild

There are several activities we would appreciate some help with in taking forward, including:

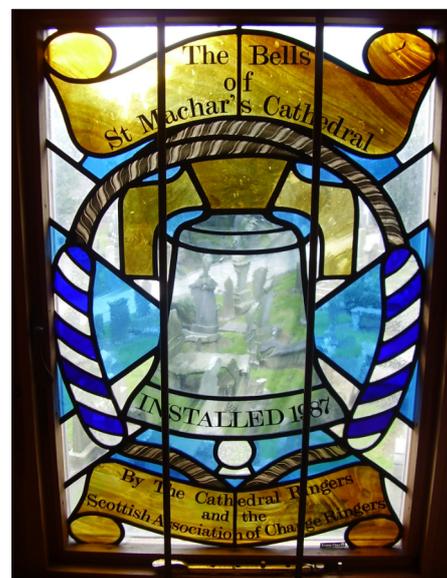
- PR Matters Day v2.0 – a day of talks and workshops to support PR activity;
- Bell Sunday – an annual day recognised by the Church for all things bells. We are working with the Guild of Clerical Ringers to bring this about;
- Publicity materials and guidance.

If you have an interest in, or can offer support to, any of our activities we would love to hear from you: you can contact me at pro@cccbr.org.uk.

VICKI CHAPMAN



"Dunblane Cathedral" by Chris Frye, round 1 winner in the photo competition



"Stained glass window at St Machar, Aberdeen" by Lian von Wantoch, round 3 winner in the photo competition

Financial Update 2022 and Outline General Fund Budget for 2023

Purpose of the report – To inform Members of the current financial position for 2022 and to give an outline to the 2023 General Fund budget.

1. Introduction

This report gives Members –

- A summary of the current financial position across all funds for 2022 and
- Gives an outline to the 2023 General Fund budget, prior to formal and more detailed consideration by the Executive in the autumn of 2022.

This type of report is presented as part of the enhanced governance arrangements now

being followed by the Council. The accounts for 2021 are shown elsewhere on the agenda.

2. Financial Update 2022

At the time of writing, the Council is about halfway through its 2022 financial year with ringing activities steadily returning to normal. The Executive approved the following General Fund budget for 2022 in autumn 2021 and it is set alongside the current projection of actual income and expenditure for 2022 below.

The actual General Fund balance brought forward of £178,735 was greater than previously estimated when the budget was set due, principally, to the inactivity resulting from the pandemic. The budget was set on the assumption that expenditure would exceed income for the year.

Actual income and expenditure is currently projected to overspend the budget by approximately £20,000 due, principally, to the increased expenditure from the workgroups.

£4,000 from the legacy of £11,302.84 from the estate of Mr P Rolle has been allocated to the Bell Restoration Fund for West Country projects and £2,000 towards the Mobile Belfry 2.0. This leaves an unallocated balance of £5,302.84.

The Trustees approved a grant of £2,500 for the NW Ringing Course; £1,950 will be from the Education Fund and the balance from General Funds.

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

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

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

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

3. Outline 2023 General Fund Budget

Prior to formal consideration, amendment and approval by the Executive in autumn 2022 the following is presented to Members for information.

Whilst the anticipated budget for 2023 shows an excess expenditure over income this can be explained in that a number of projects included in the 2022 budget are unlikely to complete in the year. As a result the 2022 budget for the majority of the workgroups will not be fully spent. (The revised budget for 2022 includes the potential costs of these projects should they complete). These ongoing projects and costs have therefore been included in the 2023 budget.

The budget of the 2023 Council meeting has yet to be finalized and the Executive will endeavour to ensure that any additional events will break even.

The overall assumption is that expenditure will exceed income, leaving the Council with a balance of £153,805 to carry forward to future years. When the years affected by the pandemic and subsequent recovery (2020, 2021 and 2022) are considered as a whole, expenditure will be expected to have exceeded income by approximately £1,300.

The Executive will need to give further consideration to workgroup activities and other projects, particularly in the context of its Strategic Priorities, and this may lead to some significant variations to the illustrative budget for 2023.

FERGUS STRACEY
CCCBR TREASURER

General Fund – Budget agreed by Executive and Current Projection for 2022

	2022 Budget	2022 Budget Revised 30/6/22
Income	£	£
Affiliation Fees	7,920	7,900
Small Societies Affiliation Fees	40	40
Interest receivable	15	700
Donations and other income	250	250
Total income	8,225	8,890
Expenditure		
Council meeting	5,080	5,080
Sponsorship & Prizes	1,100	600
Workgroup net expenditure (*see below)	20,660	20,000
Ringing Remembers project costs	0	0
Insurance	2,800	2,800
Sundry expenses	100	100
Total expenditure	29,740	28,580
Excess of (expenditure over income) / income over expenditure	(21,515)	(19,690)
Balance of fund – 1st January 2022 – actual figure now shown	178,735	178,735
Balance of fund – 31st December 2022	157,220	159,045
*Workgroup net expenditure		
Administrative / Executive	1,750	1,750
Technical and Taxonomy	1,800	1,800
Public Relations	3,000	3,000
Historical and Archive	5,500	5,500
Volunteer and Leadership	5,860	5,200
Stewardship and Management	2,150	2,150
Senior Stakeholder	500	500
Young Ringers	100	100
Total	20,660	20,000

General Fund – Outline Budget 2023

	2023 Estimate	Notes / Assumptions
Income	£	
Affiliation fees	7,900	197 members x £40
Small Societies Registration Fees	60	
Interest receivable	800	Assume interest rates are maintained at current level
Donations and other income	500	Prudent assumption
Total income	9,260	
Expenditure		
ART conference / sponsorship	500	Assume continued support of ART
Workgroup net expenditure	10,000	Assumes only ongoing expenditure only
Insurance	3,000	Similar to 2022
Sundry expenses	1,000	Broad estimate
Total expenditure	14,500	
Excess of (expenditure over income) / income over expenditure	(5,240)	
Balance of fund – 1st January 2023	159,045	Assumes 2022 overspent
Balance of fund – 31st December 2023	153,805	