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St Mary le Tower, Ipswich
Photo - Colin Chapman

From the President

We all have our individual reasons for being on the Council. When I first became a Representative member for the College Youths, still being a youth myself, I didn't do anything at all in the actual Council meetings that I attended (two of which were entirely taken up with a painful process of electing people onto committees) – people with far more experience than me dominated the talking and that seemed to be how it worked. I was encouraged to join a committee that interested me, which was Education, and it was there that I got involved in things I still see making a difference today.



The thing that links us all is that we care about the bigger picture of ringing, and while we represent the members of our own ringing organisations, we are hoping that those organisations will be stronger by learning from each other, by contributing to the whole, and by pooling resources and ideas. Since the adoption of the CRAG report the purpose of Representative Members is to hold the Executive to account, to make sure it is acting in the best interests of the ringers you represent, and ringers generally. And it's important to remember who those ringers are; because the median ringer can ring Plain Bob Minor. Half of the ringing population is not ringing anything more than that and may not aspire to. The biggest difference we can make is in helping and meeting the aspirations of that half. It has been a big criticism of the Central Council, in the past, that it is not relevant to 'ordinary ringers'. I sincerely believe that is changing.

This year there is not much on the agenda to actually be decided but that's part of the point. The Council's role is to make sure the Executive is doing its job, and it doesn't need 200 people to do that. Hence the one major item to be decided at this meeting is the reduction in the number of Representatives. You'll hear arguments from both extremes of opinion. On the one hand, reducing the size of the Council may be described as madness, while others will advocate that the proposed reduction does not go far enough. It depends on what you think the Council is for.

It may seem strange to vote for something that may well mean you won't be here next year, the words 'turkeys' and 'Christmas' have been banded around, but if the reduction in numbers is agreed, that doesn't need to be the end of your or anyone's involvement. Indeed, it could be the start of something much greater. As you are probably aware, I was not a Representative member when I was elected President, and after the meeting this year, I will continue not being a Representative member. I feel no need to be. I want to continue to be very active in the work of the Council, or more specifically, the work directed by the Executive in pursuit of its strategy, which the Representatives will have reviewed, interrogated, and then hopefully given blessing to. You will see that the strategy is supported by a large number of projects and initiatives, all of which, ideally, will involve quite a lot of people for it to succeed.

Executive members and workgroup leaders will all be out looking for willing volunteers this weekend (and in the future). While it is true that the work that the Executive directs can be done by any ringer, those who have stepped forward to be Representatives are a rich source of potential helpers. Don't worry if you don't know exactly where you fit in – speak to any of the Executive or the Workgroup leaders and they will register your interest and make sure you find the right slot.

I am very interested to see how ringing is going to develop over the next 10 years. If we are successful in the branding and marketing of ringing, hopefully bringing in new audiences, then we will be in a very different place. By 2030 more than half of bell ringers will be people who do not yet ring. The average age of the ringing community will fall. The dynamics of my own band has changed since last year. Ring for the King and associated publicity has added six to our ranks and they have injected fresh enthusiasm. The use of the word 'Adventure' in the Yellowwoyo work was questioned, but these new ringers really do see ringing as an adventure they wish they had discovered earlier.

So as you elect a new President and Deputy President, who in turn will be looking for new Workgroup leaders, I hope you will join me in supporting them as they set about delivering their future plans.

Simon Linford
President
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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The 126th Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Saturday 2nd September 2023
 at The Hold (Suffolk County Archive), 131 Fore Street, Ipswich, IP4 1LP
 starting at 2.00 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 to affiliate
 An application to affiliate has been received from The Central European Association
3. Welcome to new members
4. Apologies for absence
5. In Memoriam
6. Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting. *Page 6 of the meeting papers*
7. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
 (Please notify the secretary in advance, if possible)
 - a. Governance Review
8. Annual Trustees' Report for 2022 *Page 18 of the meeting papers*
9. Accounts for 2022 *Page 13 of the meeting papers*
10. Annual Report of the Executive and Workgroups for 2022 – May 2023. *Page 23 of the meeting papers*
11. Executive and Workgroup updates for May – August 2023
12. Forward Plan for 2024. *Page 11 of the meeting papers*
13. Financial update for 2023 and outline General Fund budget for 2024. *Page 16 of the meeting papers*
14. Election of Trustees: the following nominations have been received;
 supporting statements are given in the Appendix of this agenda. *Page 5 of the meeting papers*

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Tina Stoecklin	Linda Garton Bedfordshire Association	Dorothy Hall Oxford Society
Deputy President	Vicki Chapman	David Smith ANZAB	Mary Bone Essex Association
Ordinary Trustee (1)	Alison Hodge	Rhona McEune Barrow & District Society	Chris Povey Four Shires Guild
	Ian Roulstone	Paul Flavell Surrey Association	Phillip Barnes Kent County Association
15. Election of Independent Examiners (2).

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

16. Motions.

- (A) The Annual Subscription of each registered Small Society shall be £10.

Proposed by Jim Banner,
Guild of Railway Ringers
Seconded by E de Legh-Runciman,
Ex Officio

Supporting Statement

This change suggested by the Guild of Railway Ringers and supported by the Executive, brings the subscription of small societies more in line with the affiliated society subscription of £0.20 per member, as agreed by the Council at the 2022 meeting. The current small society annual subscription is £20. A flat rate subscription for small societies continues to be considered appropriate for smaller societies as it is simpler to administer.

- (B) The number of Representative Members to which each Affiliated Society is entitled under Rule 5.4 shall be based on its Society Membership as follows:

- a) Society Membership up to 200 members
= one Representative Member
- b) Society Membership 201 – 400 members
= two Representative Members
- c) Society Membership over 400 members
= three Representative Members

Proposed by David Kirkcaldy,
Sussex County Association.
Seconded by Kate Flavell,
Surrey Association.

Supporting Statement:

In 2017 the CRAG report was presented to the annual meeting. One of the principles for change in the report (F) was that 'To be effective it is desirable that it [the representative body] be significantly smaller than the current Central Council'. The Proposals to that meeting which were carried by a large majority included D(iii) which required the Executive to develop proposals for change which 'should explicitly consider the feasibility of reducing the size ... to 25-40% of its current size with each society retaining representation'.

The Executive have worked on this proposal, unfortunately delayed by Covid and the subsequent recovery of ringing, consulted further and have now agreed to bring this motion forward to the annual meeting for a decision. If this motion is carried, then the number of representatives would be reduced by about 50%.

Whilst much has changed over recent years it is long overdue to pursue what is one of the major proposals already accepted from the CRAG review. Bear in mind that much of the work of

the CCCBR is undertaken by non-Representatives and that the key role of the Representative body is to hold the Executive to account.

- (C) The Council endorses the paper from the Workgroup Leader of the Historical & Archive Workgroup exploring the options for future siting of the Council Library and supports the migration of the Library to the Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust on such commercial terms as the Council Trustees may negotiate and agree.

Proposed by Phillip Barnes,
Kent County Association
Seconded by Beverly Faber,
NAGCR

Supporting statement:

The current Library Steward, Alan Glover, stood down from his role a few years back but agreed to continue to house the CCCBR Library Collection and answer enquiries pending a new Library Steward and home for the Collection being found. Inevitably this has taken over 18 months to try and resolve and we are extremely grateful to Alan for continuing meanwhile to undertake this role. Any new location found for the Collection will invariably impact upon appointing both a new Library Steward and additional Carter Ringing Machine Steward.

From a longlist of 17 options, two potential locations for the Library Collection, Cambridge University Library or the Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust, have emerged. The advantages and disadvantages of each considered by the Council Trustees who have decided to progress the option of housing the Library in Loughborough, subject to satisfactory agreement on commercial terms.

If a solution cannot be agreed by the current calendar year end then it is likely the Library Collection would need to be placed in an appropriate heritage storage facility with a result cost to the CCCBR. This has not been precisely costed but enquiries suggest something in the order of £2,000 per annum.

17. Future meetings.

- 2024: An update on the 2024 meeting, from the Guild of Devonshire Ringers
- 2025: An invitation has been received from the Yorkshire Association

18. Any other business.

Please notify items in advance to the secretary

Ernie De Legh-Runciman
Secretary

Agenda Appendix - Supporting Statements - Elections

Tina Stoecklin - President

I have nearly 40 years involvement in change ringing and change ringing organisations. I have held several roles and offices including Editor of The Ringing World, Publicity Officer for the North American Guild, Secretary of the Scottish Association, and I'm currently the Leader of the Technology and Taxonomy Workgroup. I have also been Ringing Master at Glasgow Cathedral and at Inveraray. I have been a representative on the Central Council off and on since 1997 and am a member of ART (and an active ringing teacher). Recently I worked on the Women in Ringing working group, which I believe set a benchmark for using data to define and evidence issues in ringing. With my husband Simon Gay, I have co-written two books on change ringing on handbells. I created and continue to maintain the Learning to Ring Handbells blog. Professionally I work as a digital project/programme manager, with a specialisation in project rescues and strategic planning, plus I have a background in front end development and user research. This gives me the background and skills to lead the Council through its next priorities. I would work together with other key ringing organisations to increase and diversify participation at all levels.

Vicki Chapman - Deputy President

Vicki Chapman has been a member of the Council since 2016, a member of the Public Relations Committee, Communications & Marketing and Volunteering & Leadership Workgroups before taking on the role of CCCBR Public Relations Officer and leading the PR Workgroup.

Having held a number of District and Association roles, including Association Secretary and Communications Officer, Vicki also organised the 3-day Essex Ringing Course for many years, demonstrating her organisational and communication skills. Vicki was instrumental in the Ringing Remembers campaign in 2016-18 acting as the Council's project lead, liaising with external partners and co-ordinating PR opportunities. The Ring for the King campaign having been her latest project to get bell ringing into the public consciousness.

As CCCBR PRO Vicki has given many interviews to the media and facilitates opportunities for local ringers to gain publicity.

Vicki attends the Executive meetings in order to keep informed in case of enquiries and find opportunities to reach out to the wider public about bell ringing and understands how the Executive and Workgroup Leads work together for the benefit of ringing.

Vicki has the skills and knowledge for this role and is keen to support the Council in its plans for Ringing 2030 and beyond.

Prof Alison Hodge MBE - Ordinary Trustee

Alison has supported the CCCBR since 1990 initially as a Representative for ASCSV then for WDCRA. She is approaching the end of her 6 year term as the first Leader of the newly created 'Stewardship & Management' Workgroup. The group has published a completely new online trilogy with information on running towers, maintaining bell installations and managing restoration projects. She also devised the 'Westley Award for Church Bell Maintenance'. Previously, she served on several former CCCBR committees – PR, Trends, Library and Towers and Belfries (the first female member of the latter!)

Since learning to ring as a university student, she has lived in Worcestershire. For WDCRA she is currently General Secretary and Convenor of the Belfry Advisory Panel, and previously has been Association Archivist / Librarian and held posts in the Western Branch.

Alison enjoys visiting towers across the country and further afield, rings a few quarter peals and has rung just 6 peals. Her main interests are in encouraging the continuation of ringing, especially by helping ringers maintain and improve bell installations, and to make towers safe and pleasurable places to ring, often exploiting her professional training as a physicist and engineer.

Ian Roulstone - Ordinary Trustee

Ian learned to ring at Melbourne, Derbyshire in 1972. He joined the Cumberland Youths in 1982 and is also a member of both the ULSCR and OUSCR. He is now joint ringing master (with his wife) at Bramley in Hampshire where they have trained five people to ring since lockdown and are now leading a bell restoration project. Previously he led local ringing at another local five bell tower and is an active supporter of local specialist practices in the Basingstoke District of the W&P. He has also been a member of the St Paul's Cathedral Guild since 2008 and is an active peal ringer and conductor.

Ian joined the Council in 2019 and is workgroup lead for universities and colleges. He is keen to help the Executive to encourage more younger ringers to get involved with CC initiatives, focusing on good succession planning at all levels.

Until his recent retirement, he was Professor of Mathematics at the University of Surrey and Head of Department from 2015-2020. During this period, as well as the inevitable university admin, there was a focus on career development within his Department and the development of multiple external collaborations including a new Surrey Maths School.

Minutes of the 125th Annual Meeting

held at Nottingham Trent University on Saturday 3rd September 2022 at 2 pm.

Present

Fellows: Alan Frost, David Kelly.

Ex-officio: Mary Bone, Alison Everett, Alan Glover, Tim Jackson, Simon Linford, Christopher Ridley, Fergus Stracey, Paul Wotton*.

Affiliated Societies:

Ancient Society of College Youths:

Richard Allton, Tom Hinks, Colin Newman, Andrew Wilby.

Australian & New Zealand Assn:

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: Carole Hallam, David

Jones, Tom Nestor, Peter Wilkinson.

Coventry Dio. Guild: Annie Hall, John

Newbold, Tracey Newbold*, Joy Pluckrose.

Derby Dio. Assn: Glen Fiddy, Gill Hughes.

Devon Association: Tim Jones.

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.

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

Richard While.

Guildford Dio. Guild: Jackie Roberts.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Anthony Ellis, Abi Pugh*.

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

Irish Assn: Don McLean.

Kent County Assn: Phillip Barnes, Doug Davis, Dickon Love.

Ladies Guild: Allison Devine*, Rhiannon Pugh*, Elizabeth Smith*.

Lancashire Assn: Cate Gardner,

Beth Ingham, Andrew Kayll.

Ernie de Legh-Runciman#,

Leeds University Society:

Tristan Lockheart*.

Leicester Dio. Guild: Carol Franklin, Steve Millington, 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: Helen Phillips*, Matthew Turner.

Middlesex County Assn & London Dio.

Guild: Sonia Field, Adrian Udall, Clyde Whittaker.

National Police Guild: John Cousins.

North American Guild: Eileen Butler, Beverly Faber, Christian Haller.

North Wales Assn: Antony Diserens, Beverley Furniss.

Norwich Dio. Assn: Raymond Harwood.

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

Oxford Society: Dorothy Hall.

Oxford University Society:

Craig Robertson.

Peterborough Dio. Guild: Simon Dixon, Nick Elks.

Guild of St Agatha: Anne Bray.

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

Salisbury Dio. Guild: Vicki Rowse.

Scottish Assn: Tina Stoecklin.

Shropshire Assn: E Ann Williams.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths:

John Loveless, Ian Roulstone, Jane Wilkinson.

South African Guild: James Champion.

Southwell and Nottingham Dio. Guild:

Jim Crabtree, Chris Glenton*, Graham Hayward*, Anne Sladen#.

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

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

Sussex County Assn: Sue Gadd, David Kirkcaldy, Rob Lane, Philip Pawley*,

Stephanie Pendlebury.

Truro Dio. Guild: Robert Perry.

Univ. Bristol Society: Imogen Brooke, Patrick Wheeler.

Veronese Assn: David Roskelly.

Welsh Colleges Society: Poppy Wheeler*.

Winchester & Portsmouth Dio. Guild:

Michael Hopkins Till, Allan Yalden.

Worcestershire & Districts Assn: Kathryn Cocks, Alison Hodge, James Mort, Chris Tennant.

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

Registered Small Societies:

Guild of Railway Ringers: Jim Benner*.

[* - new member; # - returning member]

The Barrow and District Society, Guild of Clerical Ringers, Dorset County Association, East Grinstead and District Guild, Four Shires Guild, North Staffordshire Association, St David's Diocesan Guild, Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild and the University of London Society were not represented. The Lilliputters Guild of Ringers (Registered Small Society) was also not represented.

The Chair was taken by the President, Simon Linford, who welcomed all members to the meeting, the first in-person meeting of the Council since 2019. 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 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 two cases this had not been done and informed members that those affected had been contacted and had agreed not to participate actively in the meeting. He informed members that the proceedings were being recorded. The President regretted that livestreaming of the meeting had not been possible.

1. Opening Prayer

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

2. Applications to affiliate

The Secretary, Mary Bone, reported that an application had been received from the Welsh Colleges Society. A letter signed by the Master and General Secretary confirmed a membership of over 75; that the purpose of the Society is to promote the ringing of bells; and that the Society undertook to abide by the Council's Rules and Decisions. Peter Scott asked if the Society's safeguarding arrangements had been reviewed.

The Secretary noted that the provisions approved in 2020 applied to those applying to register as Small Societies; they did not apply to existing affiliated societies or those applying to affiliate. Poppy Wheeler, Welsh Colleges Society, confirmed that the Society has safeguarding policies in operation. The application to affiliate was approved nem con. The President welcomed Poppy to the meeting as the representative for the Society; he added that three generations of the Wheeler family were now present as representative members.

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 Alan Regin (Ex-officio, Steward of the Rolls of Honour), David Mattingley and Allen Nunley (Ex-officio, Stewards of the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund), David Bleby (ANZAB), Rhona McEune (Barrow & District Society), David Parfrey (Bath & Wells Diocesan Assn), Revd Jon Rose (Clerical Guild), Andrew and Susan Hall (Derby Diocesan Assn), Joanne Tucker (Devon Assn), Paul Seaman (Ely Diocesan Assn), Helen Bridgman (Essex Assn), Chris Povey (Four Shires Guild), John Couperthwaite (Guildford Diocesan Guild), Michael Pomeroy (Irish Assn), Caroline Stockmann and Jen Thomas (Kent County Assn), Sam Brook (Lancashire Assn), Lianne Brooks (Leicester Diocesan Guild), Robert Lewis (Middlesex County Assn & London Diocesan Guild), Katie Wright (Norwich Diocesan Assn), Jane Sibson (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Robert Crighton, Anthony Lovell-Wood and Julian Newman (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Ruth Marshall (Scottish Assn), Paul Lewis (Shropshire Assn), Derek Sibson (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), David Katz

(Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Guild), Ian Self and Hayley Young (Truro Diocesan Guild), Anne Hughes (University of London Society), Michele Giovanni Cambareri (Veronese Assn), Michael Church (Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) Molly Smith (Lilliputters Guild).

5. In Memoriam

The Secretary read the names of the following members and former members who had died since the last meeting: Bryan Castle (Salisbury DG 1981–1983); David Salter (Suffolk Guild 1994–2014); A Doreen Edwards (Chester DG 1963–1966); Anthony (Tony) Peake (Gloucester & Bristol DA 1969–1978); William (Bill) Butler (Oxford DG 1957–1960 and 1966–2012, Life Member 2012–2018, Fellow 2018–2021); James Shepard (London County Assn 1978–1987); Alan Baldock (Sussex County Assn 1978–2014, Additional Member 2014–2018); Bruce Butler (North American Guild 2005–2022); Beverley Winter (Coventry DG 1984–2005); Prof George Williams (North American Guild 2011–2014); Revd Dr John Baldwin (Oxford DG 1972–1975, Llandaff & Monmouth DA 1975–1995, Life Member 1995–2018, Fellow 2018–2022; Vice-President 1984–1987, President 1987–1990); Tom Page (Guildford DG 1969–1981); Rachael Rodway (Carlisle DG 1993–2002); George Francis (Sussex County Assn 1968–1976); Margaret Chapman (Winchester & Portsmouth DG 1960–1961); Allan Keen (Dorset County Assn 2002–2007); William (Mick) Exton (Southwell DG 1963–1984).

The Revd Canon Tony Ellis (Hereford DG) led members in prayer.

(The minutes, reports and accounts were published with the Central Council Meeting Papers on 5th August 2022. The relevant page numbers are shown against each item.)

6. Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting

The Secretary reported that E Ann Williams had been a new member last year and the relevant symbol should be shown by her name, and that an error in the attendance figures in the version of the Minutes circulated in January had since been corrected. She had also been informed that Cath Colman was a returning member.

The President sought leave of the meeting to sign the Minutes and this was granted on a general 'aye'. The President then signed the Minutes as an accurate record of the 2021 annual meeting.

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.

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

No member wished to raise any matter.

8. Annual Trustees' Report for 2021

The President introduced the formal annual report of the Council to the Charity Commission for 2021 and noted that it had been approved by the Trustees on 28 July 2022. 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 now 2 Fellows, 13 Ex-officio members, 67 affiliated societies with 181 representative members and 17 vacancies, and two registered small societies.

The North American Guild was now only entitled to three members. She urged 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.

Geoff Horritt queried the statement that reducing the size of the Council would make meetings more efficient: a reduction in the number of representatives would not necessarily reduce the time spent in the annual meeting. Geoff asked who the Council Executive had consulted. The President replied that this referred to the earlier round of consultations held in late 2020.

The President proposed that the members receive and adopt the Annual Trustees' Report; this was seconded by Paul Flavell and approved nem con (one abstention).

9. Accounts for 2021

The Treasurer, Fergus Stracey, presented the Accounts. He noted that the Independent Examiner had issued an unqualified report. The Accounts had been approved by the Trustees on 28 July 2022. He thanked the Independent Examiner, Caroline Stockmann, for her work; he additionally thanked Ian Self (Library), Beryl Norris (Publications) and John Harrison (publicity leaflets) for their contributions. The Treasurer reported that the Council had total assets of £459,104 at 31 December 2021. The General Fund again recorded a surplus as the usual major expenditure on the annual meeting was not incurred. Publications made a loss of £1,687 as sales continued to be affected by the suspension of ringing during the pandemic and the Library also incurred a small deficit for the year. The Bell Restoration Fund paid out 12 grants. One grant was returned to the Fred E Dukes Fund as the scheme was abandoned. The Treasurer noted that the Council currently benefited as a charity from Microsoft not charging for part of the hosting costs for the website etc. Alison Hodge commented on note 6: was revaluation of the Library at 20 year intervals still appropriate? Many insurance companies required more frequent revaluations. Alison also referred to note 12 and urged the Publications group to review the storage costs and consider print on demand. Fred Bone subsequently noted

that the change in revaluation frequency of the Library had been made in 2019. Nick Elks queried the size of the Council's total funds. Both the Treasurer and President stated that the Forward Plan included proposals for expenditure from the reserves while noting the distinction between the various restricted, designated and undesignated funds. Lynette Costello asked about the status of the Ringing Remembers grant (note 8.2). The President and Treasurer responded that this balance was held as an unrestricted item within general funds; the intention was to spend this on public relations, recruitment and marketing initiatives.

The 2021 Accounts were received and adopted unanimously on the proposal of Fergus Stracey, seconded by Sue Marsden.

10. Annual Report of the Executive and Workgroups for 2021 to May 2022

The President introduced this item and requested questions and comments. There would be a further opportunity for discussion at items 11 and 12. The sections would be considered in the order as printed.

On the **Executive** report, Annie Hall referred to the statement on collaboration with the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) on the Survival and Recovery project. She requested that the contribution of the recovery champions should be recorded. The President thanked Annie for her remarks. In response to Simon Dixon, the President said that plans for the Old Black Lion site in Northampton would be discussed at item 12 (Forward Plan).

The President proposed adoption of the report of the Executive and workgroups for 2021. This was seconded by Linda Garton and approved.

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.

Stewardship & Management:

Alison Hodge, workgroup leader, highlighted work on an online document to replace the *Manual of Belfry Maintenance*. This was one of a future series of online documents which would replace out-of-date information, could be updated easily and quickly, and could include videos. She welcomed comments and constructive criticism on these initiatives. Alison also urged members to encourage applications for the 2023 Westley award for tower bell maintenance; the award was for those new to steeple-keeping and applications from outside England or the UK would be welcomed. Philip Green declared an interest as printer of Council publications; he stated that demand for printed books had increased in recent years and that both printed and online publications were needed (applause). Philip's remarks were endorsed by others. Jim Crabtree stressed the importance of up-to-date and accurate

information. Tina Stoecklin asked the workgroup to consider print on demand and noted the benefit to non-UK ringers of online publications. Alison Hodge confirmed that the online document would include a printing option; the new documents would be online-only in the first instance. She concluded by saying that the workgroup's priority was to update information in its range of publications.

Volunteer & Leadership:

The workgroup leader, Paul Wotton, opened his remarks by mentioning the group's recent Mission and Activities paper (<https://ccabr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/VL-WG-Mission-and-Activities-2022-V1.0.pdf>). He referred to the North West Course which had been held successfully in August; plans were in-hand for a 2023 Course and the group were also investigating the possibility of other residential courses to fill gaps in provision in other regions. The workgroup had been asked by the Council Executive to work on a striking and listening project; a team would be formed to work on this. Paul displayed a slide showing the revised structure of the workgroup; there would be a particular focus on recruitment and retention, the return of lapsed ringers, education and leadership. The group intended to work closely with other workgroups, ART and the Young Change Ringers Association (YCRA). Paul recognised that many of the tasks involved local work at association and tower level. Paul Flavell asked if the number of experienced ringers failing to return to ringing after the Covid pandemic had affected matters as their skills had not been passed on. The workgroup leader undertook to study this aspect. Anne Sladen commented on the unattractiveness of many ringing chambers and the importance of first impressions to potential recruits. Alison Hodge, Stewardship & Management, pointed out that this was an area where groups could work together. There were many tasks in towers which did not require an expert ringer and could involve all ringers. Alison added that towers should also check the safety of old electrical equipment. Tristan Lockheart requested further information on the number of leaders in ringing; was this a local problem or a general issue showing the vulnerability of ringing? Ed Sterland remarked that investigations and consultations should involve all ringing societies and not be limited to the Council's affiliated societies.

Young Ringers - Universities & Colleges:

Ian Roulstone, workgroup leader, introduced his report by stating that university ringing was still affected by the pandemic; he expected much greater activity in the year ahead. The YCRA was encouraging young ringers to join university and college societies and would be present at the Roadshow on 4 September. An ART course to train young ringers as teachers before they attended university would be held shortly. There was a major need for better communication throughout the Exercise so that young ringers preparing for college were aware of the opportunities for ringing. Daniel Stevens referred to

increases in college tuition fees which deterred many young people from applying to university or college; the workgroup should focus on young adult ringers in general. Ian Roulstone accepted this comment and noted joint work with the Schools & Youth Groups workgroup. Tristan Lockheart stated that the University Ringing.org website was out-of-date. He suggested that successful university societies should actively assist others by mentoring nearby societies. Ian thanked Jacqui Brown for her work on the UniversityRinging.org website and Facebook page.

Young Ringers - Schools & Youth Groups:

The workgroup leader, Colin Newman, reported progress on producing a video showing a youth group visiting a tower; this would be available on the Central Council's YouTube channel. The Bluebells Challenge for Guides had been relaunched and the ART course for young ringers arranged. The group were completing lesson plans for Years 5 and 7. There would be further contact and engagement with the Scouts. Colin was also keen to ensure that all the documentation produced was uploaded to the website and updated as necessary. There were no questions.

Historical & Archive:

Chris Ridley, workgroup leader, asked members to make a correction to the group's report on p37 of the meeting papers: the entry reporting the death of Roger James Palmer should be removed. He apologised for this error. Chris referred to the strategy document on the future of the Library which had been circulated; a new home and a new Steward were needed for the collection. He emphasised that the Library formed the unique collection of books and ephemera on ringing. Some rationalisation of the holdings (e.g. the removal of reprinted editions) would be possible to reduce the amount of space needed slightly. Chris referred to the earlier remarks on insurance and valuation (item 9): the price of older books, especially those which had been digitised, varies, thus making a valuation for insurance purposes difficult. The situation had also been affected by the recent death of Roger Barnes of Church Green Books, who had conducted the last valuation. Chris noted that, as well as a new Library Steward, the workgroup also sought to recruit a new Steward for the Carter Ringing Machines collection, and volunteers to work on oral histories and other recordings and on other projects mentioned in the report. The Library also wished to fill gaps in its collection of society annual reports. Chris responded to queries on the physical size of the Library and on different methods of reaching a valuation. Neal Dodge requested advice for societies wishing to digitise their annual reports. Alison Hodge commented that the Worcestershire & Districts Association had decided not to insure unique items in its library holdings; she emphasised the need for secure storage arrangements for rare items. Chris Ridley confirmed that record offices would only accept a limited number of items as donations.

Public Relations:

The workgroup leader, Vicki Chapman, reported on successful ringing to mark HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June. Allison Devine had joined the workgroup and Vicki hoped for further recruits after meeting members earlier in the day. The President had been interviewed by BBC radio on plans for the national ringing centre in Northampton, and Neal Dodge had been interviewed by Talk TV. The workgroup had finalised the filming schedule for the videos which were being prepared. Vicki also mentioned a proposal for an international Bell Festival on New Year's Day and ringing for the 10th anniversary of the Commonwealth Charter in March 2023. The workgroup had been approached for assistance with a musical composition project inspired by Sir John Betjeman's *Summoned by Bells*. There were no questions.

Technical & Taxonomy:

Graham John, workgroup leader, referred to the diagram of workgroup services and projects (p30 of the meeting papers). Graham reminded members that the Executive had appointed Tina Stoecklin as the new leader for the workgroup (see note of the Executive meeting of 27 August 2022). He would continue to be involved in projects and would maintain the methods library and Complib. David Kelly commented on the delay in updating the Dove database and on the quality of some changes: the team's priorities should be to update entries on ringing peals of bells and to implement updates in chronological order. Dickon Love, Dove Steward, explained the expansion of the database following agreement with the Church Buildings Council and noted that far more updates were now being received. The Dove team were constantly working to improve the accuracy of the database and Dickon paid tribute to the work of the team. Jane Wilkinson urged the Dove team to follow the late John Baldwin's emphasis on accuracy in the national bells register. Paul Flavell asked about measures to secure the future of Complib data. Mark Davies thanked Graham John for all his work in making Complib the definitive collection of compositions. Graham responded that the aim was to make a comprehensive collection which would also include historical compositions. John Harrison asked a further question about securing resources for the future, especially those maintained by private individuals. Graham replied that a team had been formed to work on this issue: the workgroup understood the importance of service continuity and he would welcome offers of assistance. Will Bosworth, editor of *The Ringing World*, requested further information on the new website on Doubles variations and calls. Graham thanked Peter Hinton for all his work on this resource and noted that some additional work was needed before wider publicity could be given to it.

Senior Stakeholder Liaison:

The President thanked Mark Regan, previous workgroup leader, for his work. Discussions continued with a potential successor to Mark as workgroup leader.

Jason Hughes asked whether there had been any progress in gaining recognition of ringing as a performing art by the Arts Council; the President replied that this was under review. Adrian Udall drew attention to the comment in the report (p28 of the meeting papers) that the Church of England would struggle to survive; the President commented that this was Mark Regan's own view. The President thanked all the workgroup leaders and members for their work as volunteers for ringing and the Central Council.

12. Forward Plan for 2023

The President introduced this item, mandated by the new Rules adopted in 2018 (rule 6.1 b) (3)). He focused his remarks on the challenges facing ringing which had been brought into sharp focus by the pandemic of 2020–21. Trends in ringing, particularly the lack of younger recruits, had been ignored and many towers, branches and even associations were now struggling as older ringers retired and were not replaced. The President emphasised that ringing is in competition with other attractions and how it was described, branded and marketed needed to change. He then spoke on Ringing 2030, branding and marketing, a bid to the National Heritage Lottery Fund to take bells into schools, mobile belfries, the proposed National Ringing Centre, and the Central Council's finances, stressing that action on these initiatives needed to be co-ordinated. He also mentioned a pilot national call change competition to be held at Moseley in June 2023. The President stated that the November meeting of the Council's Executive and workgroup leaders would focus on Ringing 2030: current young ringers would not necessarily support the current structures of branches and associations, and a direct membership organisation might be part of the future. He spoke further on the Council's finances and organisation: affiliation fee income was insufficient to fund necessary projects and the Council's reserves would be used; however, the future funding model should be addressed. Other issues included the need for more volunteers, particularly for an events management team, work on reducing the size of the Council, and new blood as existing trustees and workgroup leaders came to the end of their periods in office. The President noted that he would only serve until the next annual meeting in 2023.

The following points were made in the extensive discussion after the President's remarks: what was the future role of ringing centres; the need to share information on how ringing "works"; the size of the Council should be reduced to produce a more effective body; that non-representatives can be engaged in the Council's work; that the Council is seen as undemocratic; that those representatives who do not speak are still interested and engaged; and that the compelling vision in the 2017 CRAG report appeared to have been "parked". There was further discussion on the link between ringing and the Church of England, with the church seen as a toxic brand amongst some potential recruits. The President

thanked members for their contributions to the debate.

13. Financial update 2022 and outline General Fund budget for 2023

The Treasurer introduced this item, mandated under the new Rules, and referred members to p40 of the meeting papers. He confirmed that the Council now had two Registered Small Societies. The Treasurer expected that the North West residential course would break even; the Council had made a grant to fund the purchase of simulators. The Treasurer drew attention to work on the branding project with the Yellowyoyo consultancy which had been approved by the Executive in August. He noted that donors to Mobile Belfry 2.0 would need to complete the relevant declarations for the Council to recover Gift Aid. Income had also been received via Amazon Smile. The outline budget for 2023 was provided for information; underspent project expenditure in 2022 would be rolled forward to 2023. The Treasurer stated that the Council would incur expenditure from its reserves but would maintain the level of reserves set by the Trustees (note 5.1 (I) to the Trustees' Report). Mark Davies asked how much had been received via Amazon Smile and the Treasurer responded that some £80 had been received in 2021 which had been credited to the Bell Restoration Fund.

14. Election of Trustees

Secretary: the President invited nominations from the floor as no nominations had been received in advance. Ernie de Legh-Runciman was proposed by Beverley Furniss and seconded by Cate Gardner. There being no further nominations, the President declared Ernie elected.

Ordinary Trustees: two nominations had been received for the two positions. Catherine Lane had been proposed by John Harrison and seconded by Alan Marchbank; Beverly Faber had been proposed by Kate Flavell and seconded by Eileen Butler. The President declared them elected.

15. Election of Independent Examiners

Caroline Stockmann had been proposed by Fred Bone and seconded by Doug Davis. The President invited further nominations from the floor as the Rules allowed for two Examiners. Duncan Walker was proposed by James Blackburn and seconded by Lynne Hughes. The President declared Caroline and Duncan elected.

16. Governance Review

The President invited Phillip Barnes, Executive Member and Trustee, to speak to this item. Phillip reminded members of the text of Standing Order G1 which required a review every three years to assess whether the Rules, Standing Orders and governance continue to be effective and aligned with best practice. The review conducted in 2021–22 had concentrated on the Council's governance and controls, its funding, and a technical review of the Rules and Standing Orders. The review and consultation on funding had resulted in Motion A, while the technical review of the Rules and Standing

Orders resulted in Motion B. The Executive had decided to use the Charity Governance Code (www.charitygovernancecode.org/en/pdf). The Code required a review of 7 main areas: organisational purpose; leadership; integrity; decision-making, risk and control; board effectiveness; equality, diversity and inclusion; and openness and accountability. As previously reported to members, pairs of trustees had each worked on two of these areas. Their work resulted in over 50 potential recommendations, some of which were more for ringing generally rather than being specific to the Council. The new Executive would continue to study these recommendations with a view to prioritising and making proportionate changes; for instance, earlier action was required on financial control policy, review of risk register, agenda management, succession planning and volunteer recruitment, and managing the risk of future joint projects. A code of conduct was also under consideration. Phillip confirmed that the final results of the review will be published to members. Fred Bone asked if the success of the Registered Small Societies scheme had been included in the review as required by the motion approved on 5 September 2020. Phillip agreed that this should be included. The President thanked Phillip Barnes for all his work on this.

17. Motions

(A) The President, Simon Linford (Ex-Officio member), proposed:

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.

The President recalled that an earlier attempt to change the basis of the affiliation fee had been lost in 2007. However, recent consultations had shown general support for this idea and had led the Executive to prepare the current motion. The proposal would be revenue-neutral. The motion was seconded by David Kirkcaldy (Sussex County Association).

John Harrison (Oxford Diocesan Guild) proposed that the motion 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.

John welcomed the move to a fairer basis for assessing affiliation fees but stated that the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the only society which would be affected by the maximum £400 fee, should not receive special treatment. Alan Marchbank (Oxford Diocesan Guild) seconded the amendment.

The amendment was supported by both Tristan Lockheart, Leeds University Society, and James Champion, South African Guild. The President confirmed that passing the amendment would lead to a reduction in the

Council's income.

The amendment was put to the vote and approved nem con (one abstention).

David Roskelly (Veronese Association) proposed a further amendment:

That the Executive be required to amend Standing Order S1 on Society Membership to accommodate the Veronese Association, with the required change(s) coming into effect before the 2023 subscription year.

David reminded members that the Veronese Association was one of the larger affiliated societies. Its members practised full-circle ringing. The Association valued its membership of the Central Council but much Council activity was not relevant to Italian ringers and implementation of the motion as currently worded would probably lead to withdrawal from the Council. He argued that the Veronese Association was a special case and it was possible that there might be further special cases in future. Andrew Wilby warned that declared membership numbers could be expected to decline and the amount per ringer would need to increase. Fred Bone (Essex Association) seconded the amendment and it was approved nem con (one abstention).

In response to Charles Pipe-Wolferstan, the President noted that a society's membership was defined according to Standing Order S1.1 and the Rules established the number of representatives to which a society was entitled. The motion as amended above was put to the vote and approved nem con (one abstention).

(B) Phillip Barnes (Kent County Association) proposed:

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.

Phillip reminded members that the proposed changes had arisen from a technical review of the Council's Rules and Standing Orders after four years of operation. A number of issues had been raised by members, as well as by members of the Executive. Phillip thanked those who had contributed to the process. He stated that there was no

intention to change the intention of any of the existing Rules and Standing Orders, merely to improve clarity about their application. The motion was seconded by Ian Roulstone (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths). The motion was put to the vote and approved nem con (6 abstentions).

The President thanked David Bleby, Phillip Barnes and Clyde Whittaker for their work on this.

18. Future meetings

Neal Dodge, Suffolk Guild, spoke about the initial arrangements for the 2023 annual meeting which would be held in Ipswich. Chris Tennant asked if the meeting date could be moved away from school holidays. Philip Green reminded the meeting that members had voted previously to retain the late Spring Bank Holiday date. The President stated that the Executive would look at the date question again. Tristan Lockheart requested a range of accommodation options to encourage younger members to attend.

Attendance

The Secretary reported on attendance at the meeting as set out in the table below and thanked Stephen Franklin for compiling the attendance records.

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 2023 would be six weeks before the meeting. Nominations would be required for President, Deputy President and one or two Independent Examiners.

(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. She urged members to ensure that their guild officers were aware of the changes introduced by Motion A. The Secretary apologised to those societies which had been asked to supply their membership numbers when they had in fact already done so.

(e) David Smith recorded the Council's appreciation of all the work done by Tim Hine as leader of the Volunteer & Leadership workgroup since 2018, and previously as chairman of the Education Committee, until he stood down early in 2022 (applause).

(f) The President recorded the Council's thanks to Graham John for his work as leader of the Technical & Taxonomy workgroup (applause).

(g) Alison Hodge asked if the Minutes of the 2020 and 2021 annual meetings, held by video conference, had been signed. The President confirmed that this had been done.

(h) Kate Flavell thanked the President for his

work in arranging the meeting and for his conduct of the meeting (applause).

Votes of Thanks

The President thanked the Deputy President, Jim Crabtree (Southwell & Nottingham DG) and all those involved in arranging the Council's meeting in Nottingham, the incumbents and tower captains of the towers made available on Friday and those hosting Sunday Service ringing, and all those assisting with the Roadshow the next day.

The President presented gifts to the retiring Trustees, Alison Everett and David Smith, and to the retiring Secretary, Mary Bone. The Secretary thanked her predecessor, Ian Oram, and all past and present officers, Executive members, *Ringing World* editors and Council members who had assisted her during her 13 years in office (applause).

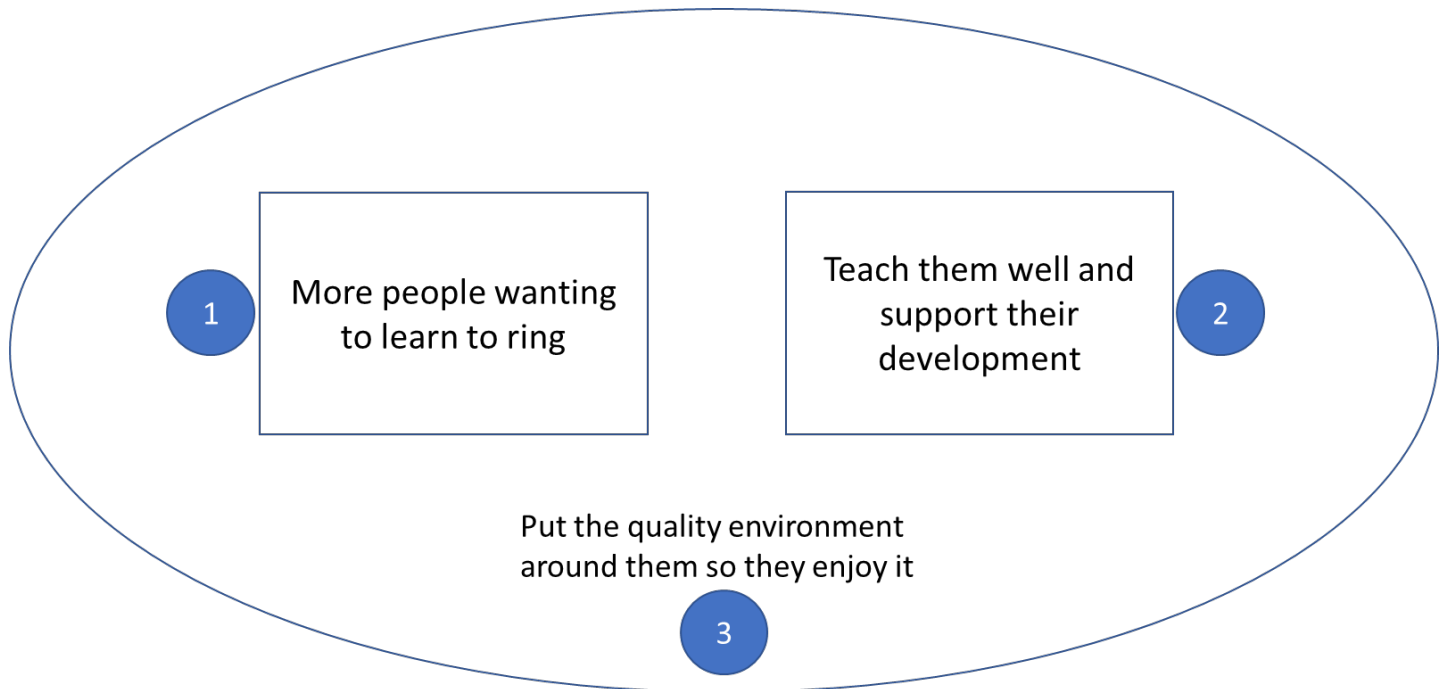
There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 6 pm.

Summary of Attendance

	Voting Societies	Representative Members	
		Present	Absent
Fully Represented	30	76	
Partially Represented	28	64	32
Not Represented	9		9
	67	140	41
	Small Societies	Representative Members	
		Present	Absent
Fully Represented	1	1	-
Not Represented	1	-	1
	2	1	1
		Present	Absent
Fellows		2	-
Ex-Officio Members		8	5
		151	47

Strategy to support Ringing 2030

Giving bell ringing a sustainable future



Three Pillars

1

Publicity and Marketing: Raise awareness of the art of bellringing and promote it as a social and voluntary activity. Drive new recruits to us with better targeted marketing initiatives.

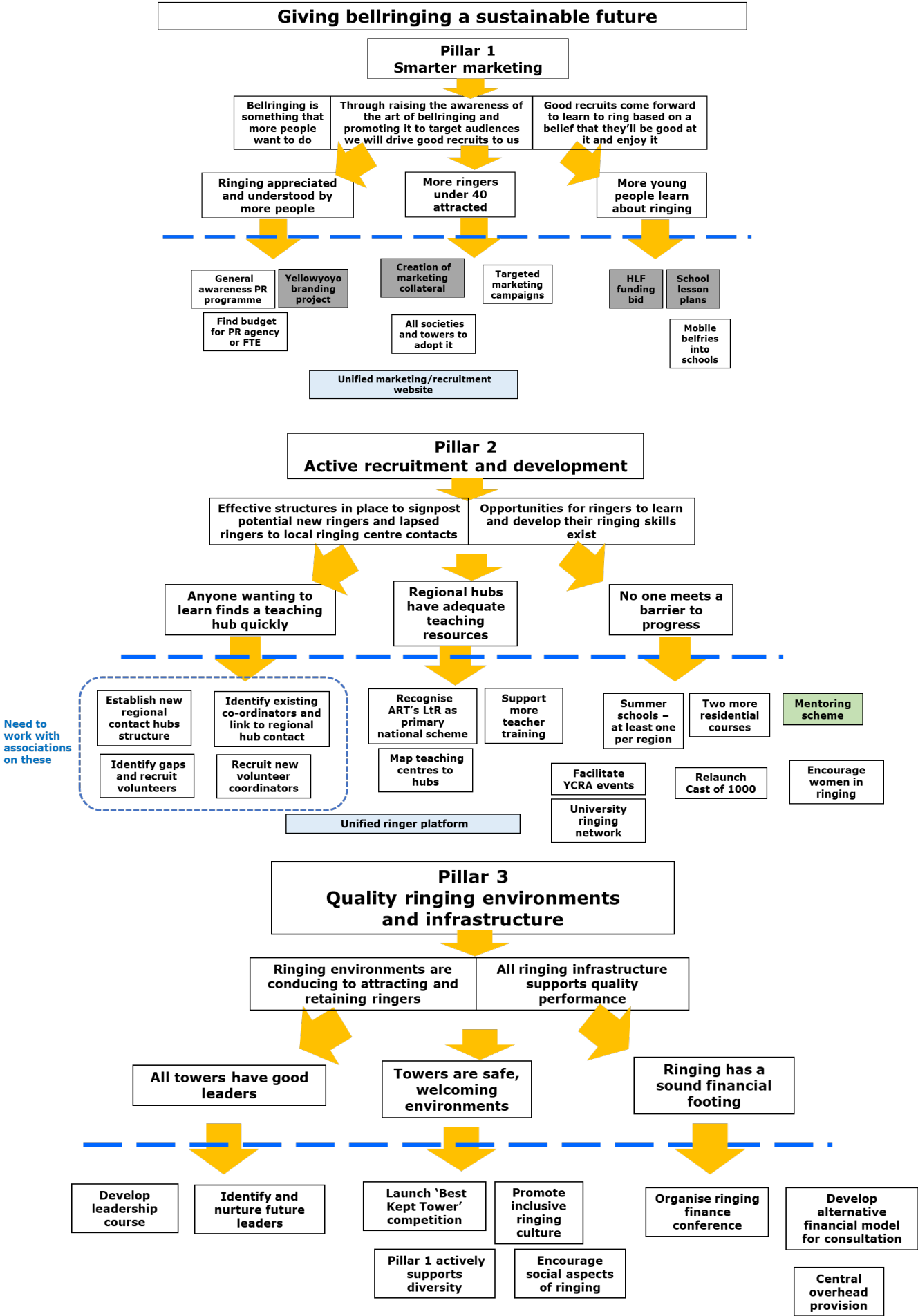
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Recruitment and Development: Encourage the development of local and regional structures to recruit potential new ringers and attract lapsed ringers back to ringing, then ensure their expectations are met as they progress.

3

Quality Environment: Teachers, teaching structures, leadership, bell installations, ringing environments, safeguarding, etc. We have to create a quality environment that makes people enjoy ringing and want to stay doing it.

CCCBR - Ringing's Strategic Plan



CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	F Dukes International Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Expenditure									
Incoming Resources									
Affiliation fees		7,969						7,969	7,943
Legacies									11,303
Subscriptions from friends of Library							1,029	1,029	1,464
Interest receivable	7	1,517		322	747	138	109	2,833	75
Sales of publications, books and CDs						12,721	694	13,415	7,533
Sales of training video/dvd									12
Stock written back						1,033		1,033	189
Donations to Kilifi, Kenya	8			120				120	120
Mobile Belfry	8	16,013						16,013	-
Other donations	8	1,000		185			62	1,247	672
AGM Weekend		10,563						10,563	-
Young Change Ringers Association		853						853	3,494
		37,915	-	627	747	13,892	1,894	55,075	32,806
Resources expended									
AGM Weekend		18,705						18,705	326
Workgroup expenses	9	8,829						8,829	6,694
Council and other committee costs							76	76	12
Recruitment leaflets		706						706	96
Cost of publications sold						6,981	994	7,975	3,763
Library maintenance							607	607	398
Grants for bell restoration	10			11,450				11,450	9,650
Advertising						1,294		1,294	2,101
Storage and distribution	12					2,000	91	2,091	2,000
Stationery, postage and telephone						3	586	589	722
Insurance		2,562				347		2,909	3,101
Stock written off and disposed of						541		541	-
Depreciation - Library Collection							1,649	1,649	1,683
Depreciation - shelving							106	106	106
Bank Charges							69	69	
Paypal charges		165				270	1	436	161
Website								-	-
NW Course Grant		2,500						2,500	-
Young Change Ringers Association		31						31	-
Mobile Belfry	8	10,000						10,000	-
Sundry expenses								-	700
		43,498	-	11,450	-	11,436	4,179	70,563	31,513
Net incoming resources before transfers		(5,583)	-	(10,823)	747	2,456	(2,285)	(15,488)	1,292
Transfers between funds		6,000	(1,950)	4,000		(10,000)		(1,950)	-
Net movement in funds		417	(1,950)	(6,823)	747	(7,544)	(2,285)	(17,438)	1,292
Balances at 31 December 2021		178,735	1,950	50,278	79,654	28,281	120,207	459,105	457,812
Balances at 31 December 2022		179,152	-	43,455	80,401	20,737	117,922	441,667	459,104

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	General Fund £	Education Courses £	Bell Restoration Fund £	F Dukes International Bell Fund £	Publications Fund £	Library Fund £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fixed assets								
Tangible assets								
Investments at cost	162,092		30,777	79,131			272,000	272,000
Library Collection						80,815	80,815	82,464
Library shelving						106	106	212
Total fixed assets	162,092	-	30,777	79,131	-	80,921	352,921	354,676
Current assets								
Stock					3,469		3,469	6,030
Debtors and prepayments	251		78	215		168	712	295
Cash on short term deposit and at bank	19,517		12,600	1,055	17,391	36,852	87,415	100,506
Total current assets	19,768	-	12,678	1,270	20,860	37,020	91,596	106,831
Current liabilities								
Creditors - amounts due within one year	(2,708)				(123)	(19)	(2,850)	(2,404)
Net current assets	17,060	-	12,678	1,270	20,737	37,001	88,746	104,428
Total assets less current liabilities	179,152	-	43,455	80,401	20,737	117,922	441,667	459,104
Funds								
Unrestricted	170,730						170,730	178,326
Unrestricted - designated	8,422				20,737		29,159	30,640
Restricted			43,455	80,401		117,922	241,778	250,138
Total funds	179,152	-	43,455	80,401	20,737	117,922	441,667	459,104

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Basis of accounting

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

2. Accounting policies

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

2.1 Incoming resources

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

2.2 Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Grants are accounted for when paid over.

3. Consistency

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

4. Funds

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

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

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

5. Transfers between funds

£10000 was transferred from Publications to the General Fund.

£4000 was transferred from The General Fund to the Bell Restoration Fund in respect of the Rolle legacy.

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

7. Interest receivable

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

National Savings Bonds	£ 2,545
Central Board of Finance of the	£ 253
Church of England Deposit account	
Other	£ 35

Amounts received were higher than 2021 as a result increases to bank base rate.

8. Donations and grants received

8.1 Kilifi, Kenya

Donations have been received in respect of Kilifi, Kenya, for ropes and a training project. These are included in the Bell Restoration Fund as a restricted item and, together with any related gift aid, amounted to £150 in 2022, bringing the total now available to £1,107.

8.2 Ringing Remembers

The remaining balance, at 31 December 2022, of the Ringing Remembers Grant of £15,606 is held within general balances for future related work. Some of these funds have been allocated to the production of ringing films. April 2022 Executive meeting notes refer.

8.3 Other Donations - Bell Restoration

During the year The Bell Restoration received four donations from Amazon Smile totalling £59.38, Paypal £6.00. A donation of £100.00 was received from CAF. These were allocated to Bell Restoration at the Treasurer's discretion.

A donation of £20.00 was received from Miss Bygraves re David Andrews deceased.

8.4 Other Donations - Mobile Belfry

During the year donations totalling £18,013.02 were received for the Mobile Belfry, which includes £8,263 from Crowd Funder and £2,000 from the Rolle legacy. Other donations towards the Mobile Belfry totalled £7,750. A payment of £10,000 was made to the Mobile Belfries Trust leaving a balance of £8,013.02.

8.5 Other Donations

Of the £11,302 received last year from the Estate of Philip Rolle, £4,000 was allocated to Bell Restoration projects in the South West and £2,000 to the Mobile Belfry. The balance of £5,302 is yet to be allocated.

£1,000 was received from the Bruno Peek Foundation for the promotion of ringing.

9. Workgroup Expenses

Total workgroup expenses amounted to £8,829 across all activities, an increase from 2021. Of these expenses The Executive accounted for £2,322.

10. Grants paid

During the year, no grants were paid from the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund paid. There are one outstanding grant commitment of £1,000, and three new awards totalling £2,500 were granted.

During the year, the Bell Restoration Fund awarded £4000 in four new grants. .

Fifteen grants totalling £11,400 were paid to: Stockton Heath (£350), Great Oakley (£200), Alfriston (£1,150) Barford (£1,000), Belton (£850), Bratton (£500), Bubwith (£800), Desford (£100), Didbrook (£850), East Anstey (£850), Frensham (£350), Milton Abbot (£1,800), West Hanningfield (£1,500), Witney (£150), Denbury (£1,000).

Outstanding commitments total £41,200.

During the year a grant of £2,500 was made to the North West Course, £1,950 from the Education Fund, the balance of £550 being from the General Fund.

11. Charitable commitments

There are four grants totalling £3,500 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, and thirty four grants totalling £41,200 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 £1,107.

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.

Financial Update 2023 and Outline General Fund

Purpose of the report - To inform Members of the current financial position for 2023 and to give an outline to the 2024 General Fund budget.

1. Introduction

This report gives Members -

- A summary of the current financial position across all funds for 2023 and
- Gives an outline to the 2024 General Fund budget, prior to formal and more detailed consideration by the Executive in the autumn of 2023.

This type of report is presented as part of the enhanced governance arrangements now being followed by the Council. The accounts for 2022 are shown elsewhere on the agenda.

2. Financial Update 2023

At the time of writing, the Council is about halfway through its 2023 financial year with ringing activities steadily returning to normal. The Executive approved the following General Fund budget for 2023 in autumn 2022 and it is set alongside the current projection of actual income and expenditure for 2023 below.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

General Fund – Budget agreed by Executive and Current Projection for 2023

	2023 Budget	2023 Budget Revised
Income	£	£
Affiliation Fees	7,129	6,934
Small Societies Affiliation Fees	40	40
Interest receivable	1,950	4,000
Donations and other income	500	250
Total income	9,619	11,224
Expenditure		
Council meeting	3,000	3,000
Sponsorship & Prizes	500	500
Workgroup net expenditure (*see below)	19,597	24,050
Insurance	2,800	2,800
Sundry expenses	100	100
Total expenditure	25,997	30,450
Excess of (expenditure over income) / income over expenditure	(16,378)	(19,226)
Balance of fund - 1st January 2023 - <u>actual</u>	179,152	179,152
Balance of fund - 31st December 2023	162,774	159,926
*Workgroup net expenditure		
Administrative / Executive	2,100	8,000
Technical and Taxonomy	1,917	1,900
Public Relations	3,500	3,500
Historical and Archive	6,000	6,000
Volunteer and Leadership	3,000	3,000
Stewardship and Management	1,550	1,550
Senior Stakeholder	500	
Young Ringers	1,030	100
Total	19,597	24,050

The actual General Fund balance brought forward of £179,152 was greater than previously estimated when the budget was set. 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 £19,250 due, principally, to the expenditure from the workgroups. One off spending has been Yellowyoyo (£4,400), film expenses by Blue Pine films (£1,800), Ring for the King ART admin support (£900).

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Outline 2024 General Fund Budget

Prior to formal consideration, amendment and approval by the Executive in autumn 2023 the following is presented to Members for information.

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General Fund - Outline Budget 2024

Whilst the anticipated budget for 2024 shows an excess expenditure over income this can be explained in that a number of projects included in the 2023 budget are unlikely to complete by the end of the year. As a result the

	2024	Notes / Assumptions
	Estimate	
Income	£	
Affiliation fees	7,000	35,000 members x £0.20
Small Societies Registration Fees	40	
Interest receivable	4,000	Assume interest rates are maintained at current level
Donations and other income	500	Prudent assumption
Total income	11,540	
Expenditure		
ART conference / sponsorship	500	Assume continued support of ART
Workgroup net expenditure	10,000	Assumes 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	(2,960)	
Balance of fund - 1st January 2024	159,926	Assumes 2023 overspent
Balance of fund - 31st December 2023	156,966	

2023 budget for the majority of the workgroups will not be fully spent. (The revised budget for 2023 includes the potential costs of these projects should they complete). These ongoing projects and costs have therefore been included in the 2024 budget.

The budget of the 2024 Council meeting has yet to be finalized & the Executive will endeavour to ensure that any additional events over the weekend will break even.

The overall assumption is that expenditure will exceed income, leaving the Council with a balance of £159,966 to carry forward to future years.

The Executive will need to give further consideration to workgroup activities and other projects, particularly in the context of its Strategic Priorities and this may lead to some significant variations to the illustrative budget for 2024.

Fergus Stracey, CCCBR Treasurer, July 2023

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Annual Trustees' Report for 2022

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, currently 10 Derwent Drive, Onchan, Isle of Man, British Isles, IM3 2DG. The constitution and conduct of the Council is governed by its Rules, last revised in May 2018, amended September 2022.

1.2 Trustees

The Council's Trustees during 2022 were as follows:

President	Mr S J L Linford
Deputy President	Mr D Kirkcaldy
Secretary	Mrs M Bone to 3 rd September 2022
Secretary	Mr E de Legh-Runciman from 3 rd September 2022
Treasurer	Mr F M S Stracey
Ordinary Trustee	Dr P R J Barnes
Ordinary Trustee	Mr C R Whittaker
Ordinary Trustee	Mr D Smith - to 3 rd September 2022
Ordinary Trustee	Ms A Everett - to 3 rd September 2022
Ordinary Trustee	Ms B Faber - from 3 rd September 2022
Ordinary Trustee	Ms C M A Lane - from 3 rd September 2022

At the Annual Meeting held in Nottingham on 3rd September, Mr de Legh-Runciman, Ms Faber and Ms Lane were elected for a 3-year term.

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 Mr D Walker. 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

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

b) representing the interests of bell ringing and ringers through promoting the development of strong relationships with the church, stakeholders, the media and others outside the bell ringing community;

c) facilitating communication and cohesion amongst ringers and bell ringing societies to assist ringers in supporting each other and achieving their bell ringing objectives;

d) using its efforts to foster the continuing recruitment and retention of ringers;

Learning and Development

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

Stewardship and Management

f) encouraging sources of funding, products, expertise and facilities to support ringing and the availability of bell installations;

g) sharing, promoting, and advising on best practice relating to the maintenance and improvement of bell installations and training facilities;

h) promoting best practice relating to statutory compliance, safety and governance in relation to ringing;

Technical and Taxonomy

i) defining and publishing technical standards in bell ringing;

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

Historical and Archive

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

2.2 Public Benefit

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

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

3. Structure, Governance and Management

3.1 Executive

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

3.2 Workgroups

The Council has seven 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. Most of the work of the Council is carried out by these Workgroups. Other activities are carried out by Stewards and other volunteers who look after, inter alia, safeguarding, performance recording, equality and diversity monitoring and advice, and publications.

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 2022

Following the upheaval of the previous two years, most towers found in 2022 that their bands had stabilised, and so in most cases were coming to terms with fewer ringers. Those ringers who wanted to come back to ringing after the pandemic have done so, and those that have not come back are probably lost. Some towers have lost a significant number of ringers, and a drop of about 10% across the board might be a fair estimate. This led to a lot of towers looking at recruitment and a general call for the ringing community and the Council to target and plan for growth. Some towers have already benefited from an increased interest in ringing as a result of local marketing efforts, finding people keen to try something new, maybe with more leisure time from working at home, or different work life priorities.

The importance of bells as community assets became clear once again with the death of HM Queen Elizabeth. 'Operation London Bridge' procedures, which had been many years in the planning, swung into action. Bells were rung muffled immediately after the death, and remained muffled until the funeral. Ringing of bells featured in much of the media coverage.

The forthcoming Coronation of King Charles has given an opportunity for recruitment, and a campaign called "Ring for the King" was launched. A Ring for the King logo has been used in many local recruitment efforts, and there was extensive media coverage of the campaign, continuing into 2023. The Council's PR Workgroup worked with the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) to create a single website for media and individual interest in Ring for the King.

The relationship with ART remains strong, recognising ART's focus on training trainers and ringers. ART is not universally supported by ringers and associations so the Council has never endorsed ART as the only ringing training route. However ART is strategically aligned with the Council and hence there are many opportunities to work together.

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 will bells are heading into their care. We have been working on developing a ringing centre as part of a CCT project in Northampton, where they have an NHLF grant to bring and old coaching inn back into use alongside the Grade I listed St Peter' church.

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 continue to be guided by reference to the Council's 'Strategic Priorities', released at the start of 2020 and regularly updated since.

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

The Church continues to value our contribution

The Trustees and Executive delegate much of the work of delivering the Strategic Priorities to the Workgroups, with regular progress reports from those 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.

At the Nottingham AGM the Trustees announced Ringing 2030 - a major project to create a sustainable future for change ringing, reversing negative trends and building on many positive initiatives. Ringing 2030 is about considering what ringing needs to be like in 2030, what needs to change in order to get there, and then making sure that change is effected. This project is guiding a strategic review to be completed in 2023.

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. After two years of not being able to hold a face to face AGM, the Council was able to meet in person in Nottingham in September. While the meeting was useful in bringing Council members together, it was noted that with so much of the work now done by the Executive and Workgroups there isn't actually much left for the Council to decide in an annual meeting.

At the AGM the Trustees presented the findings of its 3-yearly Governance Review, which followed guidance of the Charity Governance Code. As part of that Review, the Trustees engaged a Council member with extensive legal expertise, the Hon David Bleby QC, to review the Rules and Standing Orders to see how they are operating in practice and correct any anomalies. His review recommended a number of amendments and improvements which were agreed and adopted by Council Members.

The Council Executive has an ongoing consultation 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 first consulted on decoupling the affiliation fees from the number of Representatives. A proposal was passed at the AGM which moved the subscription to a

fixed amount per member of each Affiliated Society, keeping the Council's income broadly the same, but placing a much larger burden on the larger societies with more members and consequently more income. This paves the way for a proposal on reducing the number of members which will be put to the 2023 AGM.

The Trustees also took the opportunity to hold a 'Roadshow' in Nottingham as part of the AGM weekend. This ringing exhibition brought together a wide variety of trade suppliers along with expert talks and demonstrations, widening the outreach of the Council.

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 a Memorandum of Understanding with the CCT to develop the centre, working with the local Affiliated Society. Little progress was made in 2022 as the CCT needed to seek additional funding for the project, however they were successful at the end of the year so the project can progress.

Mobile Belfry 2.0

The new mobile belfry that will make it easier to take ringing demonstration to schools and large events was completed and demonstrated at the AGM in Nottingham. It still needs refinement and some further engineering to make it truly mobile but this is expected to be completed in 2023. The Trustees decided that the ownership and management of the Mobile Belfry was best combined with two other existing mobile belfries, so the project will be completed by the Mobile Belfries Trust (formerly the Charmborough Trust), who will own and operate the belfry.

Youth work

A 'scheme of work', or suite of school lesson plans covering various aspects of the National Curriculum using ringing related themes, has been trialled in two schools in Worcester. This scheme of work was a personal project of a ringer who is now a member of the Schools and Youth Workgroup, and the Council is looking to roll this out more widely as a way of getting an understanding of ringing into school children from an early age.

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. Through 2022 Church of England Dioceses started implementing the new Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework, which is designed to apply to all those connected with the church,

both clergy and laity. Many Bell ringers have completed this training. 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 Bell ringers 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.

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. It was found that the nature of ringing was poorly understood, and working with the Guild of Clerical Ringers and two supportive Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers (DSAs), the Council published a booklet "From Practice to Perfect – How Church bell ringers are trained, safeguarded and organised". This publication was so well received that it was distributed to all DSAs by the Church of England's National Safeguarding Team, who have agreed to consider how bell ringers' specific safeguarding training can be developed so it is more relevant. We expect this to start being developed in 2024.

The Council's finances remain very healthy, as we have reported in Section 6 of this Report. Two years without holding face to face AGMs removed a major item of expenditure. However projects the Council is now engaged with have significant cost implications so the Council expects to be able to apply its funds to these projects in the near future.

The Trustees of the Central Council are confident that progress and achievements will continue to be made across all the Council's stated Objects. This is assuming that the level of volunteering continues to be at least what it is now, with ringers stepping forward to lead Workgroups, be working members of Workgroups, and undertake other roles that support the Council's work.

5. Statement of Policies

5.1 Reserves

(i) **General Fund** – the balance on the General Fund is invested to produce income which, together with member societies' affiliation fees, provides sufficient funds to support the work and activities of the Council. The balance also facilitates cash flow and enables the development of new projects and initiatives. The Trustees have agreed that a minimum of £75,000 needs to be kept as a reserve in the general fund. This is in order to cover three years of overheads, provide adequate cash flow and give a reasonable level of contingency against any unforeseen financial risks. This fund is unrestricted.

(ii) **Education Courses Fund** – the balance provides cash flow to enable the Volunteer and Leadership Workgroup to run various training courses; in general the costs are recouped from attendees. This is an unrestricted designated fund.

(iii) **Bell Restoration Fund** – the balance is fully allocated to bell restoration projects and paid on

satisfactory completion of the work. Grants are made in proportion to the types of applications received and in accordance with priorities agreed by the Council and reviewed annually. Members approved an increase in the maximum possible grant to £2,000 in May 2018. This is a restricted fund.

(iv) **Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund** – Grants from the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund are made in accordance with the terms of Mr Dukes' legacy. Grants are awarded from the interest on the legacy and reviewed annually. This is a restricted fund.

(v) **Publications Fund** – the balance represents the stock of publications held and a cash balance to facilitate the production of new titles and the reprinting of existing publications. This is an unrestricted designated fund.

(vi) **Library Fund** – this fund represents the value of the library as well as sundry income items and is restricted to use for the benefit of the library, which is maintained for use by council members and affiliated societies.

5.2 Investment

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

5.3 Investment and Borrowing Powers

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

5.4 Risk Assessment

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

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

5.5 Expenses

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

5.6 Safeguarding

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

Members of the Executive are required to complete an annual declaration of Conflicts of Interest 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 2022 show total funds at the year-end of £441,667, of which £241,778 is in restricted funds. Income for the year totalled £55,075 (including Mobile Belfry fundraising of £18,013, together with publications and library sales of £13,415 and £853 on behalf of YCRA). The main expenditure was for grants for bell restoration of £11,400, and publication cost of sales of £6,981. Publication sales continued to increase from the low base resulting from the pandemic. A grant of £2,500 was awarded to the North West Course for the start up costs of equipment purchases. The course is now self-financing.

The 2022 figures include further donations for the Kilifi project totalling £120.

The only significant fundraising activity during the year was for the mobile belfry which raised £18,013, of which £10,000 has been paid to Charnborough Bell Trust leaving a balance of £8,013.

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 2023, are available and will be adequate to fulfil the objects of the Council in that year. The 2023 financial estimates were approved by the Executive in November 2022 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 change of affiliation fee calculation from a

representative base to a per capita base is expected to result in a small reduction of income for 2023 (2 – 5%). The increase in activity resulting from the Ring for the King initiative is expected to increase the affiliation fees for 2024, provided those recruited become members of Affiliated Societies.

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 3rd September 2022 the Council's membership comprised 2 Fellows, 13 Ex-officio Members and 181 Representative Members representing 67 affiliated societies. Since then, one Representative Member has become an Ex-officio Member. We regret to report the death of Dr Michael Pomeroy (Irish Association, 1990-2002 & 2020-2023).

Subject to any further changes, at the start of the 2023 Council meeting there will be 2 Fellows, 14 Ex-officio Members and 175 Representative Members representing 67 affiliated societies and 2 small societies. In addition, there are 29 vacancies.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 12th July 2023.

S J L Linford
President



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CCCBR Executive Report for 2022/23

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). The Executive has met monthly online plus one physical meeting that was specifically to work on the new strategic plan.

There have been a couple of changes with our workgroups this year. Graham John handed over the reins of the Technical and Taxonomy Workgroup to Tina Stoecklin, but such success in finding workgroup leaders is the exception rather than the rule. Alison Hodge is due to stand down as leader of the Stewardship & Management Workgroup in September and we are still to find a replacement. Furthermore, two of our workgroup leaders, Tina Stoecklin and Vicki Chapman, are standing for President and Deputy President respectively, and Ian Roulstone has been nominated as an Ordinary Trustee; the Executive will need to replace them should they be elected. We do have general concerns with regards to succession planning to ensure the Council's workgroups continue to function well. Most workgroups suffer from a lack of volunteers willing to get involved. Our Workgroup leaders often then find they are shouldering a lot of the work.

We have made progress against most items in the 2022/3 Forward Plan, those where we do not seem further forward are restricted mainly through a lack of capacity or resource, or through projects being quite long term.

We have made good progress on the first major task of the Ringing 2030 project; the consideration of how ringing is branded and marketed, with a large team established to feed thoughts into an external branding agency, Yellowyoyo, who are helping us. The output of the review of ringing and their initial thoughts on how we move forward with branding and marketing have been published. The next stage is for Yellowyoyo to develop the imagery and messaging that we will use to introduce ringing to new audiences and we hope to be able to share those very shortly. There were some telling observations in Yellowyoyo's analysis of ringing, and probably some serious challenges to be overcome, but that is why we have the Ringing 2030 plan.

We have also completed a lot of work on bringing forward a new Council strategy to support the ambitions of Ringing 2030. We have been fortunate in this to have the advice of Charles Hobson, who put himself forward as someone with extensive experience in developing strategic plans for volunteer and third sector organisations. The new strategy is based on three pillars, representing those that the Executive consider to be the main areas in which the Council needs to support the development of ringing and ringers:

Publicity and Marketing: Raise awareness of the art of bell ringing and promote it as a social and voluntary activity. Drive new recruits to us with better targeted marketing initiatives.

Recruitment and Development: Encourage the development of local and regional structures to recruit

potential new ringers and attract lapsed ringers back to ringing, then ensure their expectations are met as they progress.

Quality Environment: Teachers, teaching structures, leadership, bell installations, ringing environments, safeguarding, etc. We have to create a quality environment that makes people enjoy ringing and we therefore retain them.

The new strategy will replace the current Strategic Priorities and be used as the basis on which future plans are developed, in addition it will be used to judge the Executive.

The proposed National Call Change Competition was organised by Simon Linford at his home tower of Moseley and successfully encouraged experienced call change bands from the South West and method ringing bands from further afield to engage in competition call change ringing.

Three projects from the 2022/3 Plan which have only moved forward slowly but remain very much alive are; the National Ringing Centre in Northampton, where we have been waiting for the Churches Conservation Trust to complete the project finances and start on site (which they have recently done), and the Mobile Belfry, which has been hampered by a lack of resources at Taylors leading to us needing to find a third party able to progress the trailer design. The NHLF bid for taking bells into schools is not far from being ready to submit; it was held up by a change in leadership at ART, with the new Chair of ART then also wanting to know that the new President of the Council would be behind it!

Coronations do not come along very often, but when they do they provide an ideal opportunity to promote ringing. The Council initiated and then supported the "Ring for the King" initiative which was one of the most successful PR and recruitment campaigns in recent years. Vicki Chapman as the leader of the PR Workgroup deserves special mention for the huge amount of work she completed. The team worked closely with ART who were able to provide the additional resources needed to manage over 2500 learn to ring enquiries generated by this campaign; we supported this with financial assistance.

The Council's Safeguarding Officers continue to give ad hoc advice to affiliated societies on safeguarding policy matters. In the case of the Church of England, individual dioceses are given considerable latitude as to the way in which national policy is applied and awareness of bell ringing varies significantly by area. The Council therefore developed a pamphlet "From Practice to Perfect", designed to improve understanding of the place of ringing in the church, the way ringing is organised and how ringers are safeguarded. The pamphlet was sent by the Church of England to all diocesan safeguarding advisers in December 2022, and a number have distributed it to their parishes. If your parish safeguarding officer has not received a copy, the Council would encourage you to consult your DSA to

see whether they can re-issue it.

The safeguarding team has also been lobbying the Church of England to develop safeguarding training that is specific to the bell ringing community. This has borne fruit and we are now developing a number of ringing-related case studies that can form part of both the Basic Safeguarding and Leadership training.

We have continued having our regular meetings with partner organisations, Church Buildings Council, Historic England, Ecclesiastical Insurance, ART and the Ringing World.

The majority of the CCCBR 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 also by talking to members of the workgroups during the weekend at Ipswich. Once again 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 Central Council needs volunteers if we are going to be able to provide services for all ringers in the future.

Which leads on to the outstanding matters from the CRAG report. Now we have affiliation fees based on membership numbers, this year the meeting will consider a proposal to reduce the size of the Council, an issue which identifies great differences of opinion; not only on the size of the Council but also its role. The question of a DMO has not been forgotten; the forthcoming ringing survey, being developed by V&L, is going to be specifically asking about ringer's willingness to consider such a membership model.

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, and the President for his blogs which have done much to bring the work of the Council closer to the ringing community.

Simon Linford (President)
David Kirkcaldy (Deputy President)
Ernie de Legh-Runciman (Secretary)
Fergus Stracey (Treasurer)
Phillip Barnes (Trustee)
Clyde Whittaker (Trustee)
Catherine Lane (Trustee)
Beverly Faber (Trustee)

Senior Stakeholder Liaison WG Report for June 2022 - May 2023

This has been a year without anyone in the role of leading the Workgroup and as such it has been quiet, but the additional lines of communication opened by Mark Regan remain in place and have been used a few times to assist us in various matters. Following Mark's resignation the Executive agreed that I would keep a 'watching brief' on any items that would have previously been dealt with by the Workgroup.

Members of the Executive have had their annual meeting with Historic England and the Church Buildings Council, which gives the opportunity for updates on work which is of mutual interest, and particularly the interests of the ringing community in such areas as the closure of churches, historic bell frames, and development of the listing criteria. Ringers are well represented on the CBC Bells Committee, and the CBC is very happy with the continued development of the Dove database.

We continue to keep a watching brief on the Save the Parish campaign which appears to have relatively influential support but without getting much traction. This again feeds into the future of bells in closed or closing churches and therefore is of key importance to ringers.

The Churches Conservation Trust has had a change of Chief Executive, with Greg Pickup taking over from Peter Aiers who had been such a good advocate for ringing since he was invited to our annual meeting in London.

Although we are in regular contact with the CCT on the Northampton project, we still need to develop such a similarly strong relationship with Greg Pickup as we had with Peter.

The Historic Religious Buildings Alliance conference at St John's Waterloo Road again proved to be a useful opportunity to maintain contacts with key people such as the Bishop of Ramsbury, joint lead bishop for church and cathedral buildings, who wrote the Foreword to the Clerical Guild's "The Voice of the Church" (which he was very impressed with) and Emily Gee, the new Director for Cathedral and Church Buildings for the Church of England.

So, although this Workgroup is now being dissolved, as advised to Members, its important work is going to continue, at least on a reactive basis. I offered to undertake the role as I have relationships with the organisations and people mentioned above, as well as access to Mark Regan's contact base; and his help should I need it. As I will be standing down from my present role as President in September the Executive have already expressed their support that I continue to oversee this work.

Simon Linford

Bell Restoration Fund

Report for June 2022 - May 2023

The Central Council received a bequest during the year, of which £4,000 was allocated to the Fund for grants to projects in the West Country, the donor having connections there. Applications were invited from parishes in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset.

Following analysis of the applications received, the Grants Panel made recommendations for grants to the Executive, which approved the following:

- Abbotsbury, Dorset - £100 for replacement of the bushes to all clappers;
- Compton Dando, Somerset - £400 for clapper restoration, cast-in crown staple removal, new headstock for 4th and replacement of roller boxes;
- Compton Dundon, Somerset - £1,750 for provision of new frame (the bells had been hung dead in 1935) and hanging for full-circle ringing and augmentation to 6;
- St Cleer, Cornwall - £1,750 for casting and installing 8 bells, tenor 16 cwt, plus additional sharp 5th to enable a middle six.

Until new income is received by 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
Peter Kirby

Keith Brown
Ian Oram (Fund Administrator)

Historic and Archive Workgroup

Report for June 2022 - May 2023



The Workgroup (WG) has held 4 virtual meetings in the last 12 months to review progress against agreed work plans as well as to discuss other emerging issues. Sue Marsden stood down from the WG in March 2023 because of other commitments. No new members joined the WG during the year leaving 11 members at the year end. Although we have a vacancy for both a Library Steward and Carter Ringing Machine Steward both posts are currently in abeyance pending a new home being agreed for the Library Collection. I will be standing down as Lead for the WG in September 2024, so we continue to look for volunteers to fill vacant posts in addition to progress key areas of activity.

Library collection and Friends

Main areas of research

Books and archives

Alan Glover

(Library Steward)

Friends of the Library

Linda Georgiades

Ian Self

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(i) Library Collection

The original list of 17 potential candidates able to provide

a new home for the Collection has now been reduced to two, namely the Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust and Cambridge University Library. The National Ringers' Centre in Northampton was also a candidate until recently but there may now be insufficient suitable accommodation there. Discussions with both candidates are continuing and we hope to be able to provide the Council with the preferred option endorsed by the CCBBr Executive by the September 2023 AGM. If chosen, the Loughborough option will not be available until 2024, because of on-going refurbishment work there, and we are grateful to Alan Glover for continuing to house the Collection and answer enquiries in the interim period.

Meanwhile, the day-to-day activities of the Library including the purchasing of new items, loan of books and answering queries has continued.

(ii) Ringing Machines

Both the Carter and Cummins ringing machines have been stored at Loughborough for many years. The Carter machine is a potential display item for the new Bell Museum. The Cummins machine, although a set of machines representing early examples of electronic ringing equipment, do not fall into this category – although well-constructed they do not always lend themselves to being attractive display items in a museum context. Some machine cases and workings are in poor condition. Bill

Purvis has kindly offered to test them before they are then documented and photographed for the record. This will allow us to identify those examples worth salvaging before finding suitable future homes for them (some expressions of interest have already been received including one from the late Peter Cummin's home tower in Cornwall).

(iii) Friends of the Library

Our Treasurer, Ian Self, has overcome numerous obstacles to set up a new bank account for the Friends of the Library. This account with Lloyds Bank (Friends of the CCCBR Library, Sort Code: 30 99 50, Account No: 53009668) does not impose usage fees on the Friends, unlike the previous HSBC account. Both accounts will run for some time, but we would urge all Friends to note and use the new account.

Belfry artefacts

Over the past year a major project has been on working with the H&A Workgroup's IT specialist Doug Hird to develop a template to collect peal board information, including photographs, and load these details to a new database.

Main areas of research

Peal Board database
Historic photographs
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(Co-ordinator)
Gareth Davies

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A selection of peal board photographs from a small number of towers in different parts of the country were loaded to a test database and used in an online display which formed part of the WG display at the Roadshow held at Nottingham in September 2022. This included a request for anyone interested in acting as a contact to collect photographs of peal boards in their local area, for us to then load into the new database. As a result of the interest generated, we now have a contact in Northern Ireland who has volunteered and already supplied a small number of peal board photographs, with a promise of more to follow in due course. We have also loaded examples of some peal boards in Cambridgeshire towers supplied by a member of the WG.

Since the Central Council weekend Roadshow, the database has been developed further to allow the loading of peal board photographs by people other than the Workgroup's IT specialist. This involved several trial runs which identified some issues which were then resolved successfully. Following on from this, an article has been prepared for submission to the Ringing World to publicise

the Workgroup's project to collect peal board photos from as many different areas as possible, both in this country and abroad, and also to ask for volunteers to be contacts in their local areas to collect and supply peal board photographs which can then be loaded to the database to make them available to the wider ringing community in due course.

A further development has been to consider how to link Bellboard photographs with the new peal board database. As a result of this, the Belfry Artefacts subgroup representative has been liaising with Will Bosworth and others to look at how this might best be achieved.

Biographies

(i) Rolls of Honour

The Rolls cover 1,751 known casualties of the two World Wars. All the mini biographies of war casualties written by Alan Regin in the run up to the First World War centenary are now available via the integrated index of ringers' biographies.

(ii) Biographies

There are currently 966 biographic records on the history website. Relatively few have been added recently, limited by available resources – volunteer authors/researchers are always welcome, either to work on biographies generally or to write about a particular individual. If this might interest you then please contact John Harrison biographies@cccbr.org.uk for more information. Now that direct access to published obituaries is available, we intend to give priority to ringers for whom no other account is available. For former Council members, that applies to 32 out of 96.

Main areas of research

Rolls of Honour
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(Rolls of Honour Steward)

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Ringer biographies
Obituary Index
John Harrison (Co-ordinator)

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History CC Committees/WGs
History ringing societies
Richard Andrew
Ian Self
David Underdown

(iii) Deaths of Council members

The following members died between 1 May 2022 and the end of April 2023:

George Francis, Sussex County Association
1968 – 1976, attended 5 meetings,
died 1 May 2022

Margaret E L Chapman (née Beamish)
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild
1960 – 1961, attended no meeting,
died 4 May 2022

Allan Graham Keen, Dorset County Association
2002 – 2007, attended 5 meetings,
died 23 May 2022

William Leonard (Mick) Exton,
Southwell Diocesan Guild
1963 – 1984, attended 18 meetings,
died 31 August 2022

Bryan John Robert Gross,
Peterborough Diocesan Guild
1993 – 1999, attended 4 meetings,
died 23 September 2022

Anthony James Thomas (Tony) Evans,
Peterborough Diocesan Guild
1999 – 2005, attended 5 meetings,
died 28 September 2022

Frank Thomas Blagrove, Middlesex County
Association and London Diocesan Guild
1957 – 2016, attended 55 meetings,
died 11 October 2022

Jean Jeffery (néé Stewart),
Irish Association
1953 – 1960, attended 7 meetings,
died 15 October 2022.

Albert Victor Sheppard, Sussex County
Association
1963 – 1969, attended 6 meetings,
died October 2022

Lionell Stanley Woods, Essex Association
1959 – 1960, attended 1 meeting,
died 11 November 2022

Eric George Henry Godfrey, Surrey Association
1978 – 1993, Honorary member 1993 – 2010,
Additional member 2010 – 2011, attended 32
meetings
died 17 December 2022

Peter Kemp, Middlesex County Association and
London Diocesan Guild,
2012 – 2016, attended 3 meetings,
died January 2023

Donald Richard Marshall, North Wales Guild
1987 – 1993, 1997 – 2005, attended
14 meetings,
died 4 January 2023

Robert Bevis Smith, Honorary member
1969 – 1993, 1994 – 2000, attended 28
meetings,
died 3 February 2023

Ronald Keith Russ, Middlesex County Association
and London Diocesan Guild
1987 – 1993, attended 6 meetings,
died 25 January 2023.

Denis Noel Layton, University of London Society
1956 – 1966, attended 7 meetings,
died 28 February 2023

Harry Poyner, Shropshire Association
1960 – 1963. Southwell Diocesan Guild 1967 –
1972, attended 7 meetings,
died 11 March 2023

Eric J Hitchins, Salisbury Diocesan Guild
1969 – 1993, attended 24 meetings,
died 27 December 2022

Michael John Pomeroy, Irish Association
1990 – 2002, 2021 – 2023, attended 9 meetings,
died 13 March 2023

The following member's death in earlier years has come to light:

John Scott, Chester Diocesan Guild
1963 – 1966, attended 2 meetings,
died 9 November 2016

Online Historical Information

We have developed a comprehensive online database to provide researchers and others with good access to the growing body of historical information about ringers and ringing. It sits within the CC domain at history.cccbr.org.uk/ but is largely self-contained (as Dove is). It will go live before the Council meeting, and the information elsewhere that it replaces will be retired.

Main areas of research

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

Gareth Davies (Co-ordinator)
John Harrison
Doug Hird
David Underdown

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A major feature is the index giving integrated access to information about the lives of ringers, which now gives direct links to many sources, internal and external: CC biographies, Prolific Peal Ringer articles, Obituaries in The Ringing World and Bell News, Roll of Honour with associated stories, ASCY tributes and Whiting Society author biographies. Indexes and articles are also included

for the contents of the Central Council Library and other collections (ringing machines, society badges and membership certificates). There is rudimentary information about other aspects of ringing history, including ringing societies, peal boards and performance records. Future work will fill out areas that are incomplete and will provide more cross linking between different areas.

We would welcome the opportunity to link to any on-line biographies hosted by ringing societies.

Recordings

The lack of volunteers has prevented further work being undertaken on developing this area of activity further during the past year.

Main areas of research

Bells
Oral histories
Volunteers sought
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Ringing artefacts

The future of the ringing machines owned by the Central Council are linked to discussions on a new home for the Library Collection as already mentioned.

Main areas of research

Ringing machines
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Bill Purvis
Library collection of Society Badges
Alan Glover
(Library Steward)
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Membership certificates
Society Logos
Historical prints
Illuminated peal books
Chris Ridley (Co-ordinator)
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Three Royal events in the past year together with some territorial society anniversaries has led to the production of commemoratives society badges. In particular, Sally Brown has marked the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and then subsequent death, as well as King Charles' Coronation, with attractive commemorative badges raising substantial financial sums for her local bell restoration fund in the process.

Copies of all new examples have been added to the catalogue and Library collection where these have been made available, in addition to some earlier examples being purchased or donated during the year. Updated catalogues for both society badges and membership certificates will be available through the new online historical website.

Historic Peal and Quarter Peal records

Updating previous peal records with new historical information was previously undertaken by the late Alan Baldock. Richard Pullin has kindly agreed to take on this task. Although this activity no longer falls within the remit of our WG we are pleased this work will now be progressed.

Chris Ridley



PUBLICATIONS REPORT 2022

Two new titles were published during the year: *Beginners Stedman* and a revised version of *Will You Call a Touch Please, Bob*. Eight titles were reprinted: *Beginners Handbook*, *Towards Better Striking*, *Ringing Jargon made Easy*, *Manual of Belfry Maintenance*, *One per Learner*, *The Follow on Book*, *Method Leaflets* 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 of the most popular titles rose significantly. The best sellers were: *Dove 11*, *Beginners Handbook*, *Beginners Stedman*, *New Ringers Book*, *Ringing Circles*, *Manual of Belfry Maintenance*, and the whole *Sherbourne Teaching Aids* range. .

One meeting was held during the year and the usual large number of telephone and e-mail conversations took place. Bulk discounts were offered in March and advertisements were again placed in the *Ringing World* and in a number of Association reports.

The income from sales was £12,721, a significant increase from £6,134 in 2021. Income exceeded expenditure by £2,457. The value of stock held fell to £3,469 from £5,036. During the year we judged it appropriate to transfer £10,000 from the Publications Fund to the General Fund. At year end the total cash available was £17,391. The fund remains well able to finance any likely future work. Discounts continued to be available for all bulk orders.

We thank David Kirkcaldy for his help and support during the year.

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, and Jan Wyatt.

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Stocklist, at Dec 2022

	SALES TO 31 DEC 2022	STOCK AT 31 DEC 2022
New Ringers Book	284	120
Beginners Handbook	108	96
Towards Better Striking	23	35
Raising and Lowering	60	55
Ringing Jargon Made Easy	50	0
Beginners Stedman	119	148
Beginners Grandsire	35	90
Beginners Plain Bob	39	26
Ringing Circles	358	502
Ringing Basics for Beginners	8	0
The Learning Curve Vol 2	7	110
The Learning Curve Vol 3	6	102
The Learning Curve Vol 4	5	132
Listen to Ringing CD 1/CD2	4/6	1/8
Beginners Guide to Change Ringing on Handbells	7	14
Standard Eight Surprise Major	15	28
Will You Call a Touch Please Bob	51	166
Service Touches	43	18
A Tutors Handbook	11	87
Teaching Beyond Bell Handling	9	116
Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles	12	1
Kaleidoscope Ringing	28	88
Teaching Unravelling	9	0
Starting a New Band	8	21
Teaching Tips	28	23
Manual of Belfry Maintenance	131	60
Towers and Bells Handbook	20	16
Organising a Bell Restoration Project (2016)	5	0
Splicing Bell ropes	48	91
On This Day	7	12
Change Ringing History Vol 1/Vol 3	8/8	83/108
Centenary History of the Central Council	2	51
Giants of the Exercise Vol1/Vol2	6/2	126/8
A J Pitman Biography	3	86
Dove's Guide 11	113	18
Belfry Offices	7	11
Judging Striking Competitions	24	4
One per Learner	2031	2787
Follow-on Book	363	1001
Exercise Book	142	232
Method Leaflets	150	143
Bell Club Cards	254	69
Badges	816	253
20 Questions & 19 Answers	485	257

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.

Public Relations Workgroup

Report for June 2022 - May 2023



Well, that was quite a year!

Having just had a bumper crop of publicity about ringing for the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee it was rather sad to have followed it only a few months later with muffled ringing for her death. Over the previous couple of years, I had spent time working with Lambeth Palace and Buckingham Palace to fine tune arrangements for ringing throughout what was known as Operation London Bridge. Despite this, several last-minute changes in communications did cause some chaos amongst ringers regarding when muffles should or shouldn't be on, what to do if there's a wedding during the official mourning period and so on. Despite this, ringing was the soundscape to the commemorative events and the proclamation of King Charles III. For some, guidance is helpful, for others its an opportunity to nitpick, however guidance is always just that, it's not law.

Bells and Bell ringers have been seen and heard in many different places this year including as a "backing track" to TV coverage of Wimbledon celebrating the All England Tennis Club's 100 years last July.

Ringers were once again invited to ring out for climate change on 5th November ahead of COP 27. We are often asked to ring for specific events or causes and CCCBR's policy is to not get involved with anything directly politically motivated. There are arguments either way as to whether or not COP27 was a political event, and there is of course politics involved with any intergovernmental talks. Ringing has various functions: it can, amongst other things, signal an event or issue, celebrate an event or issue and raise awareness of an event or issue.

In November we launched the Ring for the King campaign for new recruits with coverage on the BBC Radio 4 Today Programme and in The Times newspaper. Several other outlets picked it up from there but it was generally "too soon" for many. Luckily, those introductions meant it was diarised for the new year where it substantially picked up.

Support from the US came in the form of the UK being the spotlight for the New Year's Eve Bell Festival and invited UK ringers to participate. They have some grand plans for a bell ringing centre they'll be launching soon and I am grateful to Eileen Butler who liaises with them.

Jazz trumpeter Chris Hodgkins was putting together a project inspired by the John Betjeman poem "Summoned By Bells". In essence, the project involves a tour of churches with his band, combining music with church bells and poetry readings. Several towers got in touch to see if they were suitable for the programme which will take place over the summer of 2023.



Before the late Queen passed away Bruno Peek was asking us to support his latest venture to mark the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Commonwealth Charter, as a definitive expression of our values and aspirations – and the essential commitment of all Commonwealth countries. After some explaining about how ringing works (again) we settled on ringing at least 10 whole pulls of Queen's to mark the occasion. He asked for a copy of the music and the details of the composer, so I told him "ringers will know".

Ring for the King kicked off big style in February when I received several phone calls within a space of about 10 minutes. Some might say we shouldn't do PR when we don't have a fully functioning support mechanism underneath, and I agree to an extent. However, it would have been remiss of us not to use the coronation as an opportunity to raise awareness and recruit, and highlight that ringing isn't just for the coronation, but beyond. It does of course highlight our shortcomings as far as being able to register new recruits and teach them. I am grateful for ART for stepping in to help with the registration and follow up of recruits, and am aware that many have made direct contact with local towers and other teachers not affiliated to ART. I am also grateful to members of the PR Workgroup, and Simon Linford, for helping find suitable locations, and all those ringers who accepted an invitation to be filmed, interviewed and photographed. The logo, designed by Sue Hall, was extensively used throughout media and promotional materials. It's been used on badges, mugs and t-shirts. I was personally involved in somewhere over 200 interviews for national and international media, that's without the local media interest many towers and associations led on directly. I received demands for filming from Australia, France, Italy, Holland, Germany, the USA and others. We haven't had this much attention since 2018.



Bell Sunday was finally boosted with the support of the Clerical Guild, particularly Rev Max Drinkwater, who reached out to the Bishop of St Albans, a ringer, who was able to put his support behind the idea and publicise it through The Church Times. Sunday 14th May was chosen as being the Sunday before St Dunstan's Day, the Patron Saint of Bell Ringers. The intention of Bell Sunday was twofold. Firstly, it will be an opportunity for us to get our churches and congregations more aware of, and interested in, their bells and ringers. Secondly, an opportunity for church congregations to acknowledge the contribution of bell ringers to the life of the church community and thank them for it. Resources for hymns, readings, music, etc. were made available to help



formulate an event we hope will become an annual recognition of the work of Bell ringers in the life of the Church and community. It was a fairly quiet affair this year coming immediately after the coronation, but many reports have been posted on social media, and its something to build on for next year. The date for next year will be 12th May due to Pentecost. Information and resources are available at <https://bellsunday.org/>

Things got sticky when we were asked to support the 2023 Marmalade Competition, organised by Dalemain, encouraging ringers to enter the Marmalade Awards Campanologists' category and participate in ringing Marmalade Delight Minor. A slightly tenuous publicity stunt, but one that reaches an audience as many ringers are already stuck into making preserves.



Significant progress has been made with our filming project. George Perrin, creator of *The Craft of Bell ringing* was able to record at a number of different towers over a two week period in April, looking at different aspects of the appeal of ringing. This will be edited into 3 separate pieces of different lengths that can be used to

show at talks and for promotional events and will be widely available via the CCCBR's Youtube channel. We'll let you know when they are available. A huge thank you to the ringers at Skipton, Barbon, East Grinstead, Horsham, Itchingfield and the young ringers of Kent who rang at Aylesford, who all feature.

Phillip Orme continues to supply BBC Radio 4 with clips of bell ringing from across the world for the Bells on Sunday programme, often linking the venue to specific events locally, nationally or internationally. Guidance on how to submit ringing to be included can be found here <https://cccbr.org.uk/2022/01/28/bells-on-sunday-guide-to-making-a-recording/>

I am grateful to John Harrison continuing to 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/bell-ringing/things-to-ring-for/> updated regularly with church and secular anniversaries and events.

I am particularly grateful for the support of Mark Elvers who assists with uploading information to the website for me and was instrumental in the Bell Sunday webpage.

The Council is always conscious of the international reach of bell ringing and look for opportunities to reach out and include activities overseas and would welcome participation in our workgroup to represent these areas.

I am always grateful to everyone who has promoted bell ringing to the public, especially members of the PR Workgroup, some who have had to take a back seat this year for various reasons, but still support our work.

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

Vicki Chapman

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Simon Linfo

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Allison Devine
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Martin Mellor
Phillip Orme
Rhi Pugh

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).

Safeguarding

Report for June 2022 - May 2023

2022 saw further development in the range of safeguarding resources offered by the Council on policy matters and to improve awareness of ringing within the church community.

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.

Led by Dave Bassford and with support from the Guild of Clerical Ringers, the Council worked with the Church of England's National Safeguarding Training and Development team (the "NST") to ensure that the new Framework was implemented with the needs of bell ringers in mind and that training was relevant.

As a consequence, in January 2022, the NST issued specific guidance to diocesan safeguarding advisers on bell ringing, clarifying that whilst all bell ringers should complete the first level of training (basic awareness), and tower captains and those teaching children should complete the second (foundation), the third (leadership) was intended only for tower captains at prominent towers and district safeguarding leads. This was followed up by articles in *The Ringing World*.

As implementation is in the hands of dioceses, who are not obliged to follow national guidance, associations were invited to report back on approach taken in their territories. The consolidated feedback, maintained by Helen Allton was published on the Council's website and proved useful in informing conversations with diocesan safeguarding advisers during the year. This process of engagement continues.

In April 2022, the Safeguarding section of the Council's website was remodelled with new practical resources added and links to further sources of support. This is still work in progress and a number of older guidance documents still need to be refreshed and moved to the new section.

A recommendation from the Social Care Institute for Excellence in 2021 was that the Council develop a

recommended code of conduct for ringers, whose purpose is to set out the standards of behaviour expected by the ringing community and indicate to the wider public that ringing offers a safe and welcoming environment. A draft code, developed by Ann White during 2022, is expected to be published in 2023 following consultation with interested societies.

Along with Ann, the Council's new Safeguarding Officer, Helen Fuller-Whelan dealt with a number of enquiries from both associations and individual ringers on policy matters during the year.

Finally, the Council developed a pamphlet on safeguarding in ringing "From Practice to Perfect", designed to improve awareness of the place of ringing in the church, the way ringing is organised and how ringers are safeguarded. The pamphlet was sent by the NST to all diocesan safeguarding advisers in December 2022, and a number of DSAs have distributed it to their parishes. It can be downloaded from the Council's website and we would ask you to check whether your diocese has promoted it and if not encourage them to do so.

A priority in 2023 is to continue work to improve awareness of bell ringing among church safeguarding professionals and to promote the development of training and recruitment procedures which recognise that Bell ringers 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.

As highlighted in last year's report, Dave Bassford and Ann White stood down during 2022 and in early 2023 respectively, when Helen Fuller-Whelan and Simon Ridley joined the team. The current Safeguarding Officers would like to express their thanks to Ann and Dave, who developed the Council's work on Safeguarding during two challenging years and set a course of engagement with the Church of England which has already proved productive.

Helen Fuller-Whelan
Simon Ridley

Stewardship and Management Workgroup

Report for June 2022 - May 2023



Introductory highlight

The launch of “*Belfry Upkeep*” at the CCCBR AGM in September 2022, aimed to provide expanded and up to date information primarily for steeple keepers, in a new online format. This was followed in March 2023 by information about “*Running a Tower*” for tower captains, and “*Belfry Projects*” in May 2023 which provides advice for those organising bell restoration projects. This trilogy replaces many former CCCBR publications as well as other related information that had been available on the CCCBR website in various formats. It is the culmination of several years’ work developing the new format and style as well as new contents in each.

These are not ‘static’ documents; the online format makes them easy to update. More detailed addenda are being added to some chapters and links to other more detailed material can be referenced at the end of chapters. This means that the documents are developing as a rich source of material to support ringers and the owners of bell installations. Requests have been made for paper copies of the information but the feasibility of ‘print on demand’ and e-reader services have still to be explored with other Workgroups of the CCCBR.

Events and activities

The Workgroup has continued to operate using electronic means with just one meeting of Group members on 30th January 2023. Nine of 13 members participated.

Members of the Workgroup continue to respond to specific enquiries from ringers, churches and others. Topics raised this year have included noise control both for ringers while ringing and neighbouring properties, the fees charged for weddings, insurance, health and safety, raising money for bell projects and diversity in ringing. Other enquiries have included clock repairs, woodworm control, rope repairs, risk assessments, staircase handrails, simulators, maintenance courses and how to deal with bird mess and avian flu. We emphasise increasingly, the need for the environments in towers to be welcoming – clean and tidy, safe and secure, for ringers, other tower users and visitors.

Unsurprisingly, we received many requests for information about muffles, double muffles, and the protocol for ringing on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in September 2022. This was followed by further requests for information about arrangements for ringing for the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

 	<h3>Belfry Upkeep</h3>  https://belfryupkeep.cccbr.org.uk
 	<h3>Belfry Projects</h3>  https://belfryprojects.cccbr.org.uk
 	<h3>Running a Tower</h3>  https://runningatower.cccbr.org.uk

Since some enquiries have been from local authorities, basic information about ringing has been provided for Environmental Health professionals and this is currently being consulted with the Chartered Institute of Environmental (CIEH) Health 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 specifically related to ringing such as simulators and rope driers. Concerns have been raised about these, for example during church quinquennial, electrical and insurance inspections. The concerns arise as the equipment appears “home made” and not marked as conforming to recognised standards. Another common problem reported is poor practice in the use of electrical extension leads and multiway power sockets in towers.

Members of the Workgroup presented the work of the Group at the National 12 Bell Competition held in Guildford in 2022. With good weather, listening to the ringing and the beer tent outside proved to be rather more popular than visits to the stand inside the Cathedral.

A stand was also set up at the Roadshow held during the CCCBR AGM Weekend in Nottingham. Ringers visiting the stand were interested in looking at the exhibits and discussing issues of relevance to running towers, maintaining belfries and planning bell restoration projects.

Short articles, most headed "When Did You Last Do It -", have been prepared for The Ringing World during the year. These aim to alert readers periodically to matters that may need attention in the towers where they ring. A longer article was also published in The Ringing World on avian flu, and a set of short 'fillers' has been prepared to remind readers of the advice offered by the Workgroup. As part of the CCCBR Ringing 2030 initiative, we recognise that the environment in towers for ringers and ringing needs to be clean, tidy, warm and welcoming.

We have also started a major piece of work in conjunction with several stakeholders on planning for the bells and ringing when churches are at risk of closure or change of use.

The SMWG Resource pages on the CCCBR website have been revised to improve navigation, with links added to the new online publication sites, '*Belfry Upkeep*', '*Running a Tower*' and '*Belfry projects*'. A review of all the material available online identified a large number of documents that have been superseded. These are to be archived and removed from the website.

Members of the Workgroup have maintained links with other organisations relevant to ringing such as major insurers, Heritage England, Churches Conservation Trust and Church Buildings Council.

Westley Award sponsored by Westley Group

The 2023 Westley Award is open for applications as this report is being prepared; we still await applications for an award from outside England! The emphasis this year has been changed, with greater recognition being given where nominees are shown to be sharing their knowledge and training others.

Tower movement studies

This work has stalled this year due to professional commitments of the key person involved.

Plans for 2023-2024

Our major activities will be focused on providing more advice that is accessible online, virtually and in

occasional topical articles in The Ringing World. As part of this, many out of date documents that reside on the CCCBR website will be archived so that they are no longer found in searches. 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 Sheffield in June and the CCCBR AGM weekend in Ipswich in September.

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We take this opportunity to thank all members of the Workgroup for their contributions 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 for the Workgroup Leader; a role description and announcement was prepared in Spring 2023. Please contact the Secretary, Robin Shipp, if you may be interested in helping the Workgroup in any way.

Alison Hodge

Technical and Taxonomy Workgroup

Report for June 2022 - May 2023



Overview

This year has focused mostly on business as usual (BAU) activities, and reprioritisation of projects and activities. The main priority for the group as a whole will be the support of initiatives for Ringing 2030. While goals have not yet been finalised for this, a general outline is clear enough to begin some discovery, which is underway. The ringing survey being undertaken by the V&L workgroup will be a valuable source of insight as well, so that we can target relatively scarce resource where it will be most effective.

In other projects, the Method Extension Review will continue its work throughout 2023 and 2024, while the Compositions Team is working on a collection to target new conductors. Although focus rightly remains on data quality and updates, the Dove team has plans for further enhancements to the Dove website.

Methods

The Methods team maintains resources pertaining to method records and names, including the Framework for Method Ringing and the Methods software library. The team also responds to requests about methods and method names and produces method-related articles.

Methods Library

At the end of 2022, there were 23,568 methods recorded in the CCCBR Methods Library, an increase of 389 from the previous year. Additionally, four Dynamic methods such as Dixon's Minor are now included. These are specified descriptively as no concise notation has yet been devised for Dynamic methods.

Five new methods rung in 2022 did not qualify for inclusion in the CCCBR Methods Library: One was not rung to a qualifying length (Framework 5.E.1 (a)); one was not rung to a true touch (5.E.1 (d)); and three methods were not rung by an all-human band (5.E.1 (g)). Bands are requested to take particular care regarding truth when ringing new methods and to include the composition with the performance report so this can be verified.

The Methods team has responded to a number of enquiries about methods through social media and by email. In addition, Adam Beer wrote an article for *The Ringing World* on the new methods and variations that were rung and named for the coronation.

Method Extension Review

Work continues the review of method extension processes. We expect this to take another 1 - 2 years to complete as team members are also working on many other projects. A generalized approach for extending almost any method has been proposed by Philip Saddleton. Graham John has proposed an extension process, tentatively named EP4, which has the following features:

1. Supports all existing EP1 and EP3 extensions.

2. Supports single stage extensions, e.g., Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Erin, Original
3. Uses more flexible change boundaries to support extension for methods such as Bristol Surprise at all stages.
4. Enables expanding lead-length extensions for principles and Little methods, which supports extension for methods such as Penultimus Little Place.

Where EP4 produces additional extensions beyond those produced by EP1 and EP3, these are now displayed in the Related Methods section of CompLib method pages. Graham has also developed an extension visualiser in CompLib that shows in place notation how an extension series is derived and displays a grid showing how the blue line characteristics expand. This is in beta and can be viewed by clicking on the extension process in Related Methods.

We are also working on characterizing extensions of general leadhead orders, i.e., those other than the Plain Bob order. For example, a Major method with cyclic leadheads should perhaps retain this feature at higher stages.

Once the team is ready with proposals for updated extension processes, we will conduct a full review with the ringing community to gather comments and feedback.

For reference purposes, a list of extension anomalies is also under development -- these are existing methods that do not follow current extension requirements in some way. These names are grandfathered in and are not anticipated to change -- this list will be for reference only.

Other Framework work

A revised Appendix B (Method Name Syntax) has been prepared that makes some simplifications to the current version and addresses a few issues that could occur in edge cases. This will be rolled out at a suitable opportunity in the coming year.

Richard Smith has demonstrated a process for storing the Framework's content in a way that allows it to be easily viewed on a website or downloaded as a properly formatted .pdf file. We aim to implement this as a 2024 project.

Methods Team

Team leader: Tim Barnes

Graham John runs the process to extract newly rung methods from BellBoard and add them to the Methods Library.

The extension review is being performed by Tim Barnes, Mark Davies, John Harrison, Graham John, Don Morrison, Philip Saddleton and Robin Woolley. Adam Beer assists with enquiries sent to the Methods team.

Compositions

The compositions team supports composition collections and the online library of doubles variations and calls, as well as answering questions and providing articles about compositions.

Simon Bond has retired as team leader but remains as a Composition Library administrator. Richard Pullin has also retired from the team, taking up the role of Felstead curator instead. Thanks go to both for their work over the last five years, which was instrumental in getting the new team up and running.

Collections

Composition Library remains a primary resource for compositions, and now features 61,165 compositions from 1,081 composers, with 7,996 compositions having been added since May of 2022 (including 1,300 of compositions added in one week by one composer).

While compositions@cccbr.org.uk remains an option to submit compositions for publication, thanks to CompLib's user-friendly interface and Graham's work with individual composers, there are presently no regular composition submissions via this method. The email address remains open for all enquiries, help, or advice requested.

Special thanks to Andrew Johnson, who over the past year has added over 200 historical compositions to CompLib. The group will continue to work through compositions from sources such as the Ringing World, Bell News, and ringing.info, and add them to collections on CompLib.

Peter Hinton continues to maintain and update varlib.org, a website for Variations and Calls for the Central Council Library; as of May 2023 there are 5,696 Doubles Variations, 66 names have been added or changed from 1st June 2022 to 31st May 2023 -- including some corrections, more newly named variations. In addition to the general maintenance, including adding a lot of historic performance references, another key addition in the past year has been the addition of a database of callings for all the variations.

Future Projects

The workgroup is looking to work on collections of compositions specifically geared toward new and beginner conductors. As collections are published, accompanying articles and resources will be simultaneously made available on CCCBR platforms, aligned with the initiative to ensure resource resiliency. The workgroup is also considering potential additional CompLib search features to allow conductors to find compositions fitting their exact specifications.

Composition Team

Team leader: Kira Chase

Simon Bond, Peter Hinton, Andrew Johnson, Graham John, Richard Pullin, David Thomas

ICT team

The ICT team looks after the Council ICT infrastructure, maintains the Central Council website, the Ringing Forums website, and supports the development of other Council websites and digital publications. The team also offers event support for recording and live streaming.

BAU and support

Throughout the year there has been ongoing support and maintenance of the Central Council's web server and Microsoft collaboration services (email, Teams, Sharepoint etc.), as well as ongoing maintenance of the Central Council members database and mailing lists. This is often an invisible task that happens quietly in the background but is an essential piece of the ICT team services, and many thanks go to Doug Davis and the team for keeping the digital engines running.

As demand for both general support and support for specific projects grows, the near-term focus will be on ensuring business continuity and succession planning. Research and planning are also underway to structure a support offering for association webmasters.

CCCBR website

The website team continues to respond to requests for amendments or updates to the website. A targeted team has been working to improve the display and navigation of the website proactively and incrementally, many thanks to Allen Nunley and Ian Mozely for taking on the bulk of this work. Projects completed this year include:

- Creating a new page for the Bluebells Challenge
- Changes to SMWG resources page supporting launch of three new online documents (Belfry Upkeep, Running a Tower, and Belfry Projects)
- Created pages and uploaded content for Schools and Youth Workgroup
- Reorganized and relocated links from elsewhere to Resources page
- Reorganized Home Page
- Reorganized Bell Fund Links
- Roughed out Document Standards for documents to be loaded onto website

Planned work

Action (delete, archive or leave in place) identified pdfs from Stewardship and Management Working Group on CCCBR website – many documents are on website that no longer serve any purpose. A similar process will be in consultation with the Historical and Archive Working Group.

The team plans to Review other document types and add keywords to make them findable.

Ringing Forums

Ringing Forums now has 267 users, who have posted over 2,268 comments. Growth is slow but steady, and the activity has reached a self-sustaining level. This is a useful forum for ringing queries, reactions to ringing news stories and general advice and support in an independent platform.

Digital publications/microsites

These are hosted using the Github Pages service and lets us store source files and code in an easily maintained repository. There are now 9 separate publications hosted, including three new online publications from the Stewardship and Management Working Group.

There have also been microsites created for Bell Sunday and the National Call Change Competition. Discussion is underway with the publications group on how to use this service to connect online and offline publications more effectively.

Other projects

The Securing the Future group has been stood down for now to regroup and redefine the scope and goals of the work. The group has produced valuable research on over 80 ringing-related websites, apps and software projects. However, before offering a wider redundancy/continuity service, we should ensure that the Council's own services are properly documented and safeguarded.

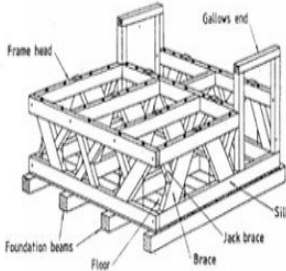


Many thanks go to Tim Gatland, who has been evaluating specs for a potential striking app, including helpful guidance on developing use cases and creating value. More discovery work needs to be done to ensure we are committing resource to a thing that people might want.

The ICT Team







Team leader: Doug Davis
Andrew Hall, Mark Elvers, Alison Everett, Ian Mozley, Colin Newman, Allen Nunley, Matt Thewsey, David Richards, Leigh Simpson





Stewards of the Dove Database

The past year has been one of consolidation following a couple of years of deployment of the new databases and expansion of the scope of Dove. We have continued to drive quality using development to minimise inconsistencies, and running projects to pick out inaccuracies. A huge number of hours go into maintaining and developing Dove and the team is proud of the results we are seeing. Whilst maintaining Dove is a bigger task than it used to be with the addition of other CofE bells, the team is bigger, the tools are better, and everyone is equally passionate about getting things right.

	<p>Bellframes</p> <p>Migrating the bellframes data last year from the old database into the new gave us the ability to analyse its quality and consistency in a way not possible before. Effort has been put into highlighting and addressing those inconsistencies to improve accuracy. There is still more to be done in this area, both in terms of the quality of the data already there while we continue to fill gaps. The highest quality submissions are those following physical inspections, rather than viewing photographs and videos, so we remain cautious with updates we accept. We have worked with Chris Pickford to provisionally extend his layout scheme pending his more substantive review.</p>
	<p>Location</p> <p>The historical county for each tower has been identified. In due course, we will allow the reader to choose which to highlight by default. We hope this will appeal to all those who mourned the deprecation of Middlesex! Other metropolitan and city regions have also been assigned. This has helped us revise our approach to whether a place should be principally referred to by its suburban name or wider area, to follow popular use. Thus we find Moseley, Birmingham rather than Birmingham, Moseley.</p>
	<p>References, notes and audit trails</p> <p>There is greater facility to add commentary, references and notes, either for public information or for admin purposes. Notes are being added to individual towers, bells or frames, with the option to include media. Admins can also access the full audit trail of all changes and even view the website as it would have looked on a particular day since the new database was launched.</p>

A few coverage statistics (as of June 2023)

	Bell Collections	(last year)	(latest)
	Full circle rings (at least 3 bells)	7,937 (7,148)	7,946 (7,153)
	Carillons	15	15
	Chimes	7,030	7,083
	Display sets	50	63
	Ancillary sets	1,758	1,700
	Bell Frames		
	Frames	8,288	8,775

	Bells	(last year)	(latest)
	Standard	60,323	60,569
	Hemispherical	245	248
	Tubular	1,085	1,118
	Fragments	17	26
	There were 14,137 separate updates to Dove between Jun 2022 and Jun 2023 (with bulk updates counting as 1 update)		

Future work to begin in the next year

- Continue our focus on the quality and input of data on **bellframes**.
- Extend the scope of Dove to include **mini rings** and **portable rings**.
- Develop the means to record **events** against individual bell collections and bells themselves, i.e. when a ring turned into a chime, when a bell was tuned or had its canons removed, when and where a ring was transferred from one place to another.
- A project on **dates**, how we store and display them and note uncertainties and attributions.

Plus target work carried over from last year:

- Prepare for users to **log in**, register preferences and ultimately **record tower grabs** and related data.

- Improve the way information on bells is **displayed** on the website.

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 Neal Dodge and Lewis Benfield. Richard is assisted by David Giles in web development and we are pleased to welcome back Peter Harrison. Doug Davis maintains the *DoveTickets* software that organises the practicalities of passing updates to the team. Chris Pickford acts as a consultant on bellframes, Scott Orr (Secretary of the Carillon Society of Great Britain and Ireland) on carillons and Michael Williams on mini-rings.

Tina Stoecklin

Volunteer and Leadership Workgroup Report for June 2022 - May 2023



The work of the Volunteering and Leadership Workgroup has 6 main work streams, each with their own team leaders. These are:

- Intelligence – Tristan Lockheart
- Recruitment and Retention – Matt Lawrence
- Education – Lucy Hopkins Till
- CC Supported Courses – Andy Ingham (NW) & Hayley Young (SW)
- Towards Decent Striking – Mike Hopkins Till
- Leadership – Paul Wotton

Intelligence

Intelligence in the military sense (your WG Leader is ex Royal Navy) is key to understanding the state of ringing, providing information on which the Central Council and affiliated societies can make informed decision.

The Intelligence section's main project for the year has been the creation of a standardised survey for ringers by Tristan Lockheart and Jason Carter. We are looking at ringing demographics, skills, and opportunities, aligned with the outcomes of Yellowyoyo's marketing report and the Executive's plans for *Ringling 2030*; having a standardised set of questions enables the easy comparison of data between areas and over time. At the time of writing, we are discussing piloting the survey

with officers of local affiliated society in three areas; we hope to have results of these pilot surveys to report at the AGM in September. Thanks are due to local association officers and ringers in the trial areas for their support. Our eventual intention is to make the survey available to all districts to enable data collection on a rolling basis. Tristan Lockheart has also been liaising with the Universities and Colleges Workgroup to ensure that as much of what is discussed and actioned by V&L is applied within the U&C sphere of influence.

Whilst we await the results of the survey, the anecdotal evidence gathered by talking widely to ringers at all levels indicates very variable strength of ringing. This is not new but appears to have become more pronounced post-pandemic with a general worsening of the number of active ringers and towers with regular Sunday Service ringing.

Recruitment and Retention

Ring for the King has meant that the workgroup had to do little to increase recruitment this year; how many will be retained? The main issue with both recruitment and retention is the number and quality of teachers. This is not just to teach bell-handling; teachers and mentors are also needed to advance new ringers so as to retain their interest and increase the pleasure they derive from ringing. We continue to work with ART on this. Ideally all competent ringers would be seen as coaches or mentors in various aspects of ringing. There remains much work to do in this area.

Education

An education team has been established and 2 additional team members recruited. There are developing a role as providers of 'Infrastructure Materials'. That is they provide Tower Captains, Society Officers and Course Organisers with assets that help them in their roles and make their roles easier. The focus this year has been on the acquisition of training materials such as A4 Good/Bad Handling Posters which are available to societies/associations and individual towers on request and 3D printed model bells. Also available are a 2 page piece on the benefits of volunteering as a helper in support of ringing training courses.

Further posters are also being considered. Potential subjects are: Ringing Rounds, Call Changes, Plain Hunt, Developing Ropesight, Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Central Council Supported Ringing Courses

The council is supporting the establishment of residential ringing courses in regions where there are not already ones. This consists of:

- Financial support by providing funds that can be drawn on to cover initial outlay or operating deficits whilst courses become established.
- Engagement on the course management teams.
- Presence at courses

The inaugural North West ringing course was successfully held in August 2022 at Myerscough College, Lancashire. Financially the course basically broke even. Based on this success the 2023 course will go ahead with every prospect of this becoming an established event in the diary. There has also been a partial refresh of the NW Course management team. This will be an essential requirement for the long term viability of this and other CC supported courses. A healthy turnover of course management volunteers is needed to keep a good balance of experienced people and new blood. It also avoids putting new volunteers off by the feeling that they may get stuck in the role. An issue which needs to be addressed across the whole range of voluntary roles within ringing.

The setting up of a South West course based on the NW course model is being investigated. Haley Young has agreed to lead this work and will be consulting in the near future with Andy Ingham, who is the V&L lead for the NW course. Experience from the NW course, and indeed the other established courses, is that they are both valuable for developing skills and highly enjoyable social events. Achieving this take careful planning over a number of years as the NW course showed. Without looking for reasons to prevaricate, it is very important that inaugural courses are a success. The emphasis will therefore be on getting it right rather than being overly driven by a deadline. An inaugural SW course could run in either 2024 or 2025.

Towards Decent Striking

This is a new initiative by the workgroup aimed at helping towers achieve a standard of ringing that is pleasurable both to the involuntary public audience and to participants. The name of the initiative is meant to suggest that this not about achieving elite level ringing but rather acceptable ringing, the quality of which will not upset the neighbours. I believe that those who get around to a number of local practices will recognise that there is a need for work in this area.

The first stage of the project is information gathering – finding what resources and programmes are already in existence and avoiding reinventing the wheel. Following a literature search a request has now gone out to affiliated societies asking if there is anything they are specifically doing around promoting or developing striking.

We will then explore how good practice can be spread and what resources can be developed to help ringers develop decent striking.

Leadership

It has frequently been mentioned to me that leadership throughout ringing is one of the key issues to be addressed to achieve the council's Vision 2030. To address this we are developing a ringing leadership course with a 2 part structure. The first part will talk about general leadership principles and will take an unashamedly collaborative approach to leadership rather than an authoritative one. In management theory terms a Theory Y rather than a Theory X bias. The second part will aim to introduce aspects of ringing management that are needed to be a safe and effective ringing leader.

And Finally: What's in a Name

When I was asked to take over the leadership of the Volunteering and Leadership Workgroup, I naturally gave much thought to what the workgroup was about and also what the name meant. For most of my 1st year in office, I was unsure about that the name was appropriate. As I have grown into the role, I have come to see that not only is the name fine but that Volunteering and Leadership is central to the health of ringing. Central leadership and that of affiliated societies can only encourage and facilitate improvements in both the number and ability of ringers. The achievement of this mission, the council's 2020 vision, and making ringers lived experience align with the branding being developed with Yellowyoyo can only occur on the ground. It rests on a host of local volunteers and ringing leaders. The Volunteering and Leadership Workgroup's job is help this happen.

Paul Wotton

Young Ringers



Schools and Youth Groups Report for June 2022 - May 2023

After a very busy time in 2021/22, the last period has been one of lesser activity for the workgroup. Having said that, there have still been deliverables of note.

The most significant delivery has been an updated version of the Bluebell's Challenge. A Girl Guiding Challenge Badge originally developed in 2012 in memory of Alison Regan. Thanks to an amazing effort from Jen Thomas, this has now been given a new lease of life and is available again for members of the Guiding movement to follow. Details can be found on the Website.

In September of last year, working with ART, a Summer School was held in Bristol. The aim of this school was to give current university students or 'to be' Freshers, the opportunity to attend an ART M1 course, giving them the skills and confidence to train any new ringers the recruit.

The format of the school was as follows:

Day 1 - Attenders to complete an M1 course run by 2 tutors from ART.

Day 2 – Attenders practice their new skills on some real novices sourced from the local area.

Although day one of the 2022 School was the day of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, we were able to use tied bells and it still proved to be a very successful event. It will now be repeated in future years.

In other areas, school lesson plans have been trialled for Year 5 and work continues on the year 7 development. The DofE offering has been enhanced to include handbell and call change sections, and various 'how to' documents continue to be developed.

Colin Newman

Universities and Colleges Report for June 2022 - May 2023

The past year has been a period during which ideas have been mooted and developed, and the challenge for the coming year is to turn the ideas into initiatives and tangible outcomes. The focus of the discussions has been the idea of creating an on-line resource, which would include a website that acts as a "hub" for ringing activities led by university and college (U&C) societies (in the UK and beyond).

The U&C ringing landscape is varied: pockets of thriving activity here and there, interspersed with societies which are at a low ebb. Young ringers heading off to higher education at a location in which ringing is flourishing – and they happen to know about it too – are very likely to continue with their hobby, but all too often they are lost to the Exercise. The idea of a virtual "hub" – a resource for all U&C societies to draw upon and contribute to – might go a long way to help retain young ringers. In those areas where the local society is below critical mass, spreading the word to ready-made ringers heading in that direction will help, and showing potential recruits what can be achieved by thriving U&C societies may well help with recruiting new ringers. I plan to say more about this initiative at the AGM.

In the meantime, one of the highlights of the past year was a very successful summer school, run by ART and the Schools and Youth workgroup, last September in Bristol. This focussed on teaching young ringers (at university) how to teach new recruits, and its success has led to plans for another school this autumn. Off-line discussions during the school highlighted the struggle that some students face when they happen to be in a place where ringing is at a low ebb, at least by fellow students, and it is only through their own enthusiasm and determination that change is brought about. In locations where this is happening, it was heartening to learn that they were receiving valuable support from local towers and associations.

Looking to the future, the activities of the U&C workgroup should be closely aligned with those of the schools and youth workgroup and with the YCRA. Good lines of communication have been established, thanks not least to Colin Newman, Matthew Jerome, and Tristan Lockheart, and pursuit of the goal to create a virtual hub will only reinforce the much-needed collaborative effort.

Ian Roulstone

Performance Analysis

The Peals Analysis

We have recorded a total of 3378 peals rung in 2022 and published by The Ringing World via Bellboard up to March 31st 2023, of which 2645 were on tower bells and 732 on handbells. There was one peal rung with simulated sound and none using distributed technology. In the analysis of methods and societies this peal is included with other tower bell peals. 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 2021 total was dramatically affected by the COVID pandemic and the lockdown ban on ringing, recovery has now started and numbers are now much higher, albeit not yet to the levels from before COVID (Figure 1).

	Tower Bell	Hand Bell	Simulated/Distributed	Total
2022	2645	732	1+0	3378
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

The Yorkshire Association is the leading affiliated society with 223 peals, followed by the Ancient Society of College Youths with 210 peals, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild with 151. The leading society for handbell peals in 2022 was the Chester Diocesan Guild with 86, followed by the Oxford Diocesan Guild with 74 and the Ancient Society of College Youths with 43. Please see separate tables for details of peals rung for each society and by method / method type.

This is the third year that the data has been taken from Bellboard via the API and then some data normalisation takes place. This does allow some analysis to be performed on Quarter Peal, which can be seen after the peals. One false peal (Demi-Bristol Alliance Minimus, rung at Worthenbury on 29/5/2022) has been excluded from the analysis.

Record peals

There were no Record peals rung in 2022.

Leading Towers

This year the report returns to showing the towers where 10 or more peals were rung in the year.

47 Sproxtton
33 Huntsham
31 Leeds, Cath S Anne
20 Birmingham, Cath S Philip; Milton
18 Lundy Island
17 Bishopstoke, Oxford, S Thomas
16 Dordrecht, 't Kloekhuys; Sheffield, Dore

14 Birmingham, St Paul; Burnley; Church Lawford, The Plantagenet Ring; Coseley; Dordrecht, Grote Kerk
13 Rothwell, Northants
12 City of London, S Magnus the Martyr; Inworth; Saddleworth; Spitalfields
11 Campton; Liverpool, Pier Head; Meldreth; Portsmouth, S Agatha; Worcester, All Saints; Worcester, Barbourne
10 Bovey Tracey, Wobbly Bob's Campanile; Bristol, Cath; Burghill; City of London, S James Garlickhythe; Holcombe, The Potters Yard Ring; Keele, Woodlands; Marston Bigot; Shoreditch; Terling

Handbell peals are at a similar level to 2021, and these are the locations where 10 or more have been run.

64 Reading, 26 Redlands Road
27 Tilehurst, 15 Lytham End
26 Poynton, 2 Adlington Close
24 Godmanchester, The Old Post Office
23 Wilmslow, 9 Hawthorn Lane
19 Aston Rowant, The White House; Peterborough, 5 Woodfield Road
18 Liverpool, 17 Horrington Road
17 Yatton, 89 Wheatear Road
15 Bridstow, 4 Bannutree Cottages
14 Cranage, Appledore, Goostrey Lane
12 Bromley, 19b College Road; Cambridge, 102 Mawson Road
11 Fleet, 20, Burnside; Liverpool, S Barnabas; Macclesfield, 33 Sandringham Road; Portsmouth, 53 Fearon Road; Whimble, 17 Bramley Gardens
10 Bosham, Little Creed Cottage, Green Lane; Great Shelford, 51 Cambridge Road; Pimlico, S Saviour

First pealers and firsts as conductor

142 ringers rang their first peal in 2022. This heralds a return to normality - at least in terms of numbers of new peal ringers. During the two Covid years of 2020 and 2021 only 74 ringers rang their first peal, and prior to 2020 each year on average around 130 ringers rang their first peal. So 142 is a reassuring number, we are back to where we were pre-Covid. However, it should be remembered there was the Platinum Jubilee and the death of the Queen in 2022 which undoubtedly boosted first peal numbers, so the numbers probably would not have returned to pre-Covid levels had these events not happened.

Assessing ringers conducting a peal for the first time, the recovery is a little slower. Seventeen new conductors emerged in 2022, including five on handbells. The equivalent numbers for 2021 after re-analysis were 8 in total (of which six were in hand) while in the last "normal" year of ringing before the pandemic (2019), there were 33 new conductors (1 in hand). It is important for the health of ringing that new conductors continue to develop so we shall watch this trend, and that for quarter peals, with close interest.

Gender balance in peal ringing

As requested by the Women in Ringing Group, we again looked at the gender balance in peals, using the excellent data from Andrew Craddock's PealBase site. Using these data, we show the gender balance for 2019, 2021 and 2022 in the table below.

	Female peal ringers	Female peal conductors	Male peal ringers	Male peal conductors
2022	608	27	1446	361
2021	312	12	902	228
2019	702	41	1639	435

Overall, women comprised only 18% of peal ringers and only 7% of peal conductors in 2022. More encouragingly, 58 of the 142 first pealers in 2022 were female (41%) as were 4 of the 17 new conductors (24%). Something to build on there.

The overall trends since 2007 are shown in Figures 2 and 3.

The Felstead Project

During 2022 Andrew Craddock has continued his valuable work of adding all new peals as they are published and dealing with number of errors identified as he has extended the scope of his PealBase site to earlier years.

Pending the identification of a replacement Felstead lead, a backlog built up of additions and corrections which have been identified by the valuable work of various researchers of ringing history.

We are therefore very grateful to Richard Pullin for stepping up to take on this role and ask for the help and support of the ringing historian community as he picks up the reins.

First peals in methods on Tower Bells

January

1	5024 Lathkill D Major	Yorks A
2	5130 Nythe A Major	G&B DA
2	5040 Fawsley B Doubles	Peterboro DG
5	5160 Bywell A Major	Lincoln DG
12	5152 Gilletts D Major	Lancs A
12	5096 Wylam A Major	Lincoln DG
16	5152 Sunday D Major	Trent Valley A
19	5096 Winlaton Mill A Major	Lincoln DG

February

2	5152 Cramlington D Major	Lincoln DG
2	5152 Starling S Major	Yorks A
5	5040 Platinum B Triples	ANZAB
6	5040 Platinum P Doubles	Peterboro DG
10	5004 Lord Edgefield of Shepton	Devonshire G
16	5024 Lords and Ladies D Major	Yorks A
16	5152 Byermoor D Major	Lincoln DG
16	5088 Yelden Castle S Major	B&W DA
17	5088 Flickets A Major	Devonshire G
19	5040 Hyattswood D Royal	B&W DA
20	5070 Jubilee A Major	Worcs & Dists
22	5040 Twosday TP Royal	Trent Valley A
23	5152 Dilston D Major	Lincoln DG
24	5040 Sgurr A' Ghreadaidh S Royal	Lundy IS

26 5160 Zeppelin A Major Worcs & Dists

March

1 5088 Flawford D Major S&N DG
 2 5040 Lintzford A Major Lincoln DG
 9 5152 Gilsland D Major Lincoln DG
 12 5042 Bishop of Portsmouth S Maximus W&P DG
 12 5000 St John of Beverley S Royal SRCY
 16 5088 Zwingenberg Castle D Major B&W DA
 16 5096 Milestone A Major Lincoln DG
 17 5040 Grockles A Major Devonshire G
 19 5000 Branston Pickle D Royal W&P DG
 20 5112 Kentmere Pike A Royal Lancs A
 22 5120 Portland Place D Major S&N DG
 23 5184 Crawcrook A Major Lincoln DG
 24 5004 Lent Rosums A Major Devonshire G
 26 5088 Presteigne S Major Worcs & Dists
 26 5056 Leintwardine D Major Worcs & Dists
 26 5076 Ulking A Major Devonshire G

April

1 5088 Roy's Glove S Major W&P DG
 3 5040 Market Harborough B Doubles Peterboro DG
 5 5024 Queue Green D Major V Evesham S
 13 5040 Guide Post A Major Lincoln DG
 17 5088 Wollondilly S Major ANZAB
 19 5056 Village Green D Major Coventry DG
 20 5184 Windy Gyle A Major Lincoln DG
 22 5040 Tresham S Royal Peterboro DG
 23 5088 Scilly D Major W&P DG
 23 5152 Rosemary D Major Coventry DG
 24 5056 Don't Leave Me This Way D Major Peterboro DG
 24 5024 Kilchoman S Major ASCY
 27 5152 Riding Mill D Major Lincoln DG
 30 5130 Quidditch A Major Worcs & Dists
 30 5088 California Roll S Major Oxford S

May

7 5024 Bulwell D Major S&N DG
 11 5152 Curlew S Major Yorks A
 11 5040 Heworth A Major Lincoln DG
 13 5088 Nudiustertian D Major W&P DG
 13 5028 Friday The Thirteenth D Major Peterboro DG
 18 5088 Appleby Castle D Major B&W DA
 18 5040 North Shields A Major Lincoln DG
 24 5184 Whitechapel Road S Major SRCY
 24 5120 Woodthorpe D Royal Trent Valley A
 25 5088 Chiffchaff S Major Yorks A

June

1 5160 Platinum Jubilee A Major Lincoln DG
 1 5160 MM-b-BDa-30 A Major Lincoln DG
 3 5152 Platinum Queen S Major B&W DA
 15 5056 Postlebury D Major B&W DA
 18 5024 Linslade S Major S Northants S
 19 5130 Upton Upon Severn A Major Worcs & Dists
 21 5184 Suffolk Day D Major Suffolk G
 22 5120 Mistle Thrush S Major Yorks A
 28 5000 Gawthorpe D Royal Trent Valley A
 29 5152 Forest D Major Lincoln DG

July

1 5080 Rothborough D Royal Peterboro DG
 3 5024 Kelham Island S Major Yorks A
 4 5004 Pearl A Royal Peterboro DG
 6 5152 Whinchat S Major Yorks A
 6 5040 Skillington A Major Lincoln DG
 13 5040 Fellside A Major Lincoln DG

17 5184 Golden Mist S Major L&WADS
 20 5088 Berkeley Castle S Major B&W DA
 23 5040 Sycorax S Royal W&P DG
 24 5008 Dolphin Bob Major Suffolk G
 26 5040 Yorkgate A Royal Trent Valley A
 27 5152 Acorn Jay S Major Yorks A
 27 5152 Benwell D Major Lincoln DG
 27 5184 Carpenter's End D Major Suffolk G

August

3 5040 Bloody Bush Edge A Major Lincoln DG
 5 5000 August D Royal Peterboro DG
 12 5088 Overmorrow D Major W&P DG
 13 5152 Congleton D Major Chester DG
 17 5184 Culverhay Castle S Major B&W DA
 20 5184 Transplant D Major Oxford S
 24 5040 Sharp A Major Lincoln DG
 26 5040 Duryard S Royal Devonshire G
 28 5120 Brownsea Island S Major Derby DA

September

2 5120 September A Royal Peterboro DG
 7 5152 Stonechat S Major Yorks A
 7 5100 Kingskerswell A Major Devonshire G
 7 5060 Culworth S Major Peterboro DG
 13 5088 Grey Mare S Major Devonshire G
 15 5088 Elizabeth S Major Dorset CA
 17 5152 Kelvedon Scholar's D Major Essex A
 21 5096 Queen Elizabeth II A Major Lincoln DG
 21 5152 Vervain D Major Yorks A
 28 5152 King Charles III D Major Lincoln DG

October

9 5600 Chichele A Royal Peterboro DG
 9 5056 Stow on the Wold D Major ASCY
 12 5100 Beacon Hill A Major Lundy IS
 13 5040 Earthquake S Royal Lundy IS
 16 5040 Royal B Doubles Peterboro DG
 18 5152 Unrung S Major Yorks A
 22 5088 Quockerwodger S Major Devonshire G
 26 5152 Common Toadflax D Major Yorks A
 30 5056 Nathaniel S Major W&P DG
 31 5216 Emerald Hill D Major ASCY

November

1 5056 Hinton on the Green D Major V Evesham S
 2 5152 Conssett D Major Lincoln DG
 2 5152 Peewit S Major Yorks A
 8 5184 Rattling Bones S Major Devonshire G
 9 5152 Niche D Major Peterboro DG
 11 5088 Streamcross S Major G&B DA
 11 5088 Compiègne D Major W&P DG
 16 5088 Dunster Castle S Major B&W DA
 16 5152 Redheugh D Major Lincoln DG
 22 5000 Wicksteed S Royal Trent Valley A
 25 5096 White Rat A Major Lancs A
 29 5088 Bickington D Major Devonshire G
 30 5152 Millennium D Major Lincoln DG
 30 5040 Movember S Minor Peterboro DG

December

7 5152 Swing D Major Lincoln DG
 9 5088 Ebenezer D Major W&P DG
 10 5000 St Edmund's Abbey S Royal Suffolk G
 14 5152 Werkmeister S Major Lincoln DG
 17 5100 Tyne A Major Lincoln DG
 20 5088 Tom Pearce S Major Devonshire G
 22 5152 Hukeley S Major Devonshire G
 27 5040 Frost S Royal B&W DA

28 5152 Mavesyn Ridware D Major Lincoln DG

First peals in methods on Hand-bells

January

4 5024 Liopleurodon S Major G St Cuileain
 9 5184 Bill & Betty's D Major G St Cuileain
 20 5040 Farmer's Glory S Maximus G St Cuileain
 24 5152 Xyrself S Major G St Cuileain

February

6 5152 Kingsey D Major G St Cuileain

March

17 5040 Turramurra S Maximus Oxford DG
 24 5184 Perseverance S Maximus G St Cuileain

April

14 5088 Oxygen S Major G St Cuileain
 19 5152 Velociraptor S Major G St Cuileain
 21 5280 Whirlpool S Maximus Oxford DG
 24 5056 Ethelfleda's D Major Lincoln DG

May

12 5040 Horsleydown Hall S Maximus G St Cuileain
 19 5000 Walsworth S Royal Oxford DG
 22 5152 Northfield D Major G St Cuileain

July

18 5040 Belvoir D Minor SRCY
 22 5152 Irritator S Major G St Cuileain
 26 5120 Gargyleosaurus S Major G St Cuileain

August

4 5040 Anglia S Maximus Oxford DG
 16 5120 Diabloceratops S Major G St Cuileain
 18 5088 Redland S Maximus G St Cuileain
 23 5152 Quetzalcoatlus S Major G St Cuileain

September

1 5184 Fukuiraptor S Major G St Cuileain
 12 5040 Goldfinger S Royal G St Cuileain

October

10 5088 Ravensbourne S Maximus G St Cuileain
 13 5088 Gabriel S Maximus G St Cuileain
 15 5120 Eagle Nebula S Royal St Martins G

November

21 5040 Littlethorpe D Royal G St Cuileain
 24 5136 Embankment S Maximus Oxford DG

Analysis of Peals by Method and Change on Year															
Surprise	TOWER			HAND			SIMULATED			DISTRIBUTED			TOTAL		
	2022	2021	+/-	2022	2021	+/-	2022	2021	+/-	2022	2021	+/-	2022	2021	+/-
Sixteen	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
Fourteen	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Maximus															
Bristol Surprise	28	9	19	17	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	19	26
Cambridge Surprise	30	12	18	1	8	-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	20	11
Spliced Surprise	15	4	11	11	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	9	17
Spliced	19	5	14	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	6	18
Spliced Treble Dodging	13	6	7	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	9	10
Yorkshire Surprise	7	2	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	6
Zanussi Surprise	5	2	3	1	4	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0
Orion Surprise	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2
Newgate Surprise	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Lincolnshire Surprise	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2
Kent Treble Bob	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1
Other	5	0	5	12	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	8	9
Maximus	128	42	86	60	41	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	188	83	105
Cinques and Maximus	11	1	10	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1	13
Cinques															
Grandsire	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Stedman	69	19	50	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	27	51
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
Cinques	74	19	55	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	27	56
Royal															
Cambridge Surprise	61	12	49	23	19	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	31	53
Bristol Surprise	43	10	33	14	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	21	36
Yorkshire Surprise	43	10	33	11	14	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	24	30
Spliced Surprise	16	7	9	14	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	13	17
London No 3 Surprise	20	5	15	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	7	19
Kent Treble Bob	1	0	1	23	19	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	19	5
Lincolnshire Surprise	10	3	7	9	11	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	14	5
Swindon Surprise	7	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	5
Spliced	6	0	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
Oxford Treble Bob	1	0	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Other	75	11	64	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	25	64
Royal	283	60	223	121	97	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	404	157	247
Caters and Royal	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	4
Caters															
Grandsire	55	14	41	0	2	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	16	39
Stedman	58	16	42	2	4	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	20	40
Plain Bob	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Other	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Caters	119	30	89	2	6	-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	121	36	85
Major															
Spliced Surprise	159	47	112	77	79	-2	0	0	0	0	1	-1	236	127	109
Yorkshire Surprise	116	33	83	58	50	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	174	83	91
Bristol Surprise	135	35	100	34	24	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	169	59	110
Cambridge Surprise	78	23	55	22	26	-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	49	51
Plain Bob	26	6	20	36	50	-14	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	56	6
Kent Treble Bob	0	0	0	48	50	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	50	-2
Lessness Surprise	30	12	18	6	7	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	19	17
Lincolnshire Surprise	22	4	18	13	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	13	22
Double Norwich Court Bob	27	9	18	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	16	18
Superlative Surprise	27	20	7	7	10	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	30	4
Other	578	149	429	62	63	-1	0	0	0	0	2	-2	640	214	426
Major	1198	338	860	370	375	-5	0	0	0	0	3	-3	1568	716	852
Triples and Major	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1
Triples															
Grandsire	56	9	47	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	9	50
Stedman	34	19	15	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	19	19
Plain Bob	17	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	7	10
Other	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
Triples	114	35	79	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	121	35	86
Minor															
Surprise	268	116	152	24	32	-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	292	148	144
Other Minor	103	37	66	46	55	-9	0	0	0	0	0	0	149	92	57
Spliced Surprise	87	45	42	12	24	-12	0	0	0	0	3	-3	99	72	27
Treble Dodging	55	14	41	30	45	-15	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	59	26
Cambridge Surprise	23	13	10	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	15	14
Plain Bob	17	7	10	11	13	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	20	8
Spliced Treble Dodging	15	10	5	11	16	-5	0	0	0	0	3	-3	26	29	-3
Plain	4	0	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	4
Spliced Fourths Place Delight	7	3	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	5
Treble Bob	4	0	4	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	6
Other	23	13	10	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	30	20	10
Minor	606	258	348	155	198	-43	0	0	0	0	7	-7	761	463	298
Doubles and Minor	5	4	1	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0
Doubles															
Grandsire	2	3	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	-1
Stedman	7	9	-2	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	-3
Plain Bob	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other	86	19	67	1	3	-2	1	0	1	0	0	0	88	22	66
Doubles	96	31	65	1	4	-3	1	0	1	0	0	0	98	35	63
Minimus	3	3	0	1	6	-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	-5
Singles and Minimus	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
Singles	1	2	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	-1
Grand Totals	2645	826	1819	732	740	-8	1	0	1	0	10	-10	3378	1576	1802

Analysis of Peals by Society 2022

Society	Tower												Hand												Totals				
	3	4	5	5/6	6	7	7/8	8	9	9/10	10	11	11/12	12	Total	4	5	6	7	7/8	8	9	10	11		11/12	12	14	Total
Ancient Society of College Youths	0	0	4	0	15	2	0	67	13	1	29	16	0	20	167	0	0	12	1	0	19	0	3	7	0	1	0	43	210
Australian & New Zealand Association	0	0	1	0	4	4	0	19	2	0	3	2	0	2	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Barrow & District Society	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Bath & Wells Diocesan Association	0	0	4	0	20	4	0	49	2	0	5	0	0	4	88	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	93
Bedfordshire Association	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	9	2	0	2	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17
Beverley and District Ringing Society	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	8
Cambridge University Guild	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	0	0	9	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	16	24
Carlisle Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Chester Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	12	0	1	5	1	0	0	23	0	0	30	0	0	31	0	25	0	0	0	0	86	109
Coventry Diocesan Guild	0	0	2	0	7	2	0	24	0	0	1	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Derby Diocesan Association	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	26	3	0	8	1	0	3	48	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	4	0	10	58
Devonshire Guild	0	0	0	0	34	1	0	42	2	0	13	0	0	2	94	0	0	1	0	0	11	0	3	0	0	1	0	16	110
Dorset County Association	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	13	1	0	0	1	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Durham University Society of Change Ringers	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9
Ely Diocesan Association	0	0	3	0	18	2	0	16	1	0	0	1	0	1	42	0	0	1	0	0	13	0	2	0	0	0	0	16	58
Essex Association	0	0	0	0	15	4	0	19	2	0	1	0	0	2	43	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	44
Four Shires Guild of Bell Ringers	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association	1	1	4	0	4	10	0	39	5	0	4	2	0	2	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
Guildford Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	21	1	0	2	2	0	4	38	0	0	4	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	57
Hereford Diocesan Guild	0	0	13	0	11	1	0	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	3	1	0	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	56
Hereford County Association	0	0	1	0	20	1	0	32	1	0	2	0	0	0	57	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	61
Irish Association	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kent County Association	0	0	5	0	31	5	0	31	2	0	3	1	0	0	78	0	0	3	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	90
Ladies Guild	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lancashire Association	0	0	1	0	19	4	0	45	2	0	17	1	0	1	90	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	92
Leicester Diocesan Guild	0	0	2	0	3	2	0	14	3	0	3	0	0	1	28	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	36
Lichfield & Walsall Archdeaconses Society	0	0	1	0	7	2	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	29
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	0	0	1	3	15	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	4	0	0	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	16	80
Liverpool Universities Society	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	5
Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	3	0	0	9	0	3	0	0	0	0	15	24
Middlesex County Association & London D Guild	0	0	0	0	5	8	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	23
North American Guild	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	8	3	0	2	0	0	0	15	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	7	22
North Staffordshire Association	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
North Wales Association	0	0	1	0	6	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Norwich Diocesan Association	0	0	2	0	10	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	16	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	25
Oxford Diocesan Guild	0	0	2	0	20	7	1	42	0	0	3	1	0	1	77	0	0	1	0	0	37	1	16	0	2	17	0	74	151
Oxford Society	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	8	2	0	4	1	0	2	22	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	25
Oxford University Society	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Peterborough Diocesan Guild	0	0	17	0	39	1	0	43	5	1	12	0	0	0	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	6	1	0	3	2	0	3	22	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	27
Scottish Association	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	10	0	0	4	0	0	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	4	0	0	0	0	11	29
Shropshire Association	0	0	3	0	15	5	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Society of Royal Cumberland and Youths	0	0	0	0	12	2	1	31	3	0	27	6	3	18	103	0	0	12	0	0	7	0	2	0	3	0	0	24	127
Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	13	2	0	1	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
St Davids Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
St Martin's Guild	0	0	0	0	13	1	0	6	2	0	0	7	0	15	44	0	0	1	3	1	3	0	10	0	0	8	0	26	70
Suffolk Guild	0	0	2	0	16	3	0	42	1	0	8	1	0	1	74	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	85
Surrey Association	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Sussex County Association	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	8	0	0	0	0	14	22
Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Truro Diocesan Guild	0	0	1	0																									

Performance Analysis

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. Please see the 2021 Performance Analysis for details of our approach.

We identified a total of 641 performances published on BellBoard where at least one bell was rung by a computer rather than a human. In nearly all 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. Also, there were a small number of performances of quarter peal length submitted that consisted of call changes or tolling. While these are feats of physical endurance for which we congratulate the participants, they not covered by the Framework for Method Ringing and are also not included in this analysis.

Of the rest, there were 14862 performances published of between 1250 and 4999 changes, including 18 over 2500 changes (15 of which were on tower bells and 3 in hand). This is 60% greater than the total for 2021 and 85% of the total for the last pre-pandemic year (2019). The data in Figure 4 show that there was an underlying slow rise in quarter peal numbers through the year with clear peaks in June and September and a smaller peal in February. These coincide with the three major Royal events (Platinum Jubilee, the death of Her Late Majesty and the 70th accession anniversary respectively). The preliminary data for 2023 show the underlying trend has plateaued at just over 1,000 quarters per month compared with just over 1,200 per month in 2019. The change is all on tower bells, rather than handbells or distributed performances and reflects a return to (nearly) normal.

The recovery in numbers has been seen on all numbers of bells but the most significant change is in quarters of Doubles, probably

reflecting activity in local bands ringing for the major Royal events of 2022.

As requested by the Women in Ringing Group, we looked at the feasibility of repeating the gender analysis of all ringers in quarter peals this year. These are important data, but not easy to extract from the information published on BellBoard – and the increase in quarter peal ringing has added significantly to the complexity. The number of ropes / pairs rung in quarters was just under 98,000 and the number of different names given was 10,575. Even after a lot of cleaning using various algorithms, these will include different spellings of the same ringer's name or more than one ringer sharing the same name. These 10,575 different names had 1,208 unique first names. It is not feasible to go through each of the 10,575 names individually, so we took the pragmatic approach of using name-based gender assignment software to assign a gender to each of the different first names and then reduce this to the number of ropes rung by each gender. Less than 1% of names were unknown by the software or were are less than 75% predictive of a specific gender.

With all the above caveats, it would be wrong to over-analyse the data to try drawing too many inferences. In terms of proportion of the 97,928 Bells / handbell pairs rung, 63% were rung by males and 37% by females. This is the same as in 2021. Of the 536 people we identified as claiming their first quarter peal in 2022, 286 (54%) were male, 249 (46%) were female while one identifies as non-binary. The equivalent figures for 2019 (the last pre-pandemic year) were 376 (50%) male and 381 (50%) female with one non-binary.

There were a total of 2214 different conductors comprising 431 females (19% of conductors, 12% of performances) and 1783 males (81% of conductors, 88% of performances).

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Analysis of Quarter and Half Peals by Stage

	Tower		Hand		Sim Sound		Dist.		Grand Totals	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Two	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	5
Singles	29	62	0	0	0	2	0	1	29	65
Singles & Minimus	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
Minimus	142	86	64	139		1	78	45	284	271
Minimus & Doubles	3	0		0		0		0	3	0
Doubles	4110	1674	5	13	6	12	13	102	4134	1801
Doubles and Minor	24	5	1	1		0	1	1	26	7
Minor	3131	1762	514	620	10	26	387	1125	4042	3533
Triples	1698	565	18	22	1	1	13	55	1730	643
Triples & Major	13	0	3	0		0	2	5	18	5
Major	2221	748	615	681	3	3	362	935	3201	2367
Caters	517	199	11	14		0		7	528	220
Caters & Royal	1	1		0		0		0	1	1
Royal	347	107	127	117		0	38	91	512	315
Royal & Cinques	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cinques	171	64	3	4	0	0	0	1	174	69
Cinques & Maximus	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
Maximus	145	39	20	17	0	0	8	23	173	79
Sextuples	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Fourteen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Sixteen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Grand Totals	12557	5318	1383	1630	20	45	902	2397	14862	9390

Analysis of Quarter and Half Peals by County / Country 2022

	Tower		Hand		Sim Sound		Dist.		Grand Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Asia	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	-	1	0
Australia & NZ	265	221	24	51	0	4	-	-	289	276
Bedfordshire	110	44	1	4	2	3	-	-	113	51
Berkshire	200	81	114	103	0	0	-	-	314	184
Buckinghamshire	112	61	8	16	0	0	-	-	120	77
Cambridgeshire	451	148	72	84	0	0	-	-	523	232
Channel Islands	127	114	33	29	0	0	-	-	160	143
Cheshire	235	90	15	25	0	0	-	-	250	115
City & Greater London	546	229	15	8	0	0	-	-	561	237
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	124	53	13	5	0	0	-	-	137	58
County Durham	118	48	35	40	0	0	-	-	153	88
Cumbria	58	14	3	2	0	0	-	-	61	16
Derbyshire	328	81	28	22	0	4	-	-	356	107
Devon	323	142	41	74	0	0	-	-	364	216
Dorset	210	91	27	18	0	0	-	-	236	109
East Riding of Yorks	133	76	36	39	0	1	-	-	169	116
East Sussex	254	147	11	20	0	0	-	-	265	167
Essex	376	135	7	21	0	0	-	-	383	156
Europe	54	8	7	2	0	0	-	-	61	10
Gloucester & Bristol	634	329	6	26	0	0	-	-	640	355
Greater Manchester	69	22	7	8	0	1	-	-	74	31
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	467	199	71	55	0	0	-	-	538	254
Herefordshire	210	117	3	17	0	0	-	-	213	134
Hertfordshire	320	148	79	114	0	0	-	-	399	262
Ireland	9	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	9	0
Kent	769	367	50	66	0	1	-	-	819	434
Lancashire & Isle of Man	124	35	9	3	0	3	-	-	135	41
Leicestershire	180	55	12	13	0	0	-	-	192	68
Lincolnshire	382	184	6	11	0	0	-	-	388	195
Merseyside	100	58	2	2	0	0	-	-	102	60
Mid and W Wales	90	29	7	2	0	0	-	-	97	31
Middlesex	38	17	6	8	0	0	-	-	44	25
North America & Caribbean	111	51	51	42	0	0	-	-	162	93
North Wales	58	25	0	0	0	2	-	-	58	27
North Yorkshire	310	141	13	5	0	2	-	-	322	148
Norfolk	359	168	21	23	18	21	-	-	398	212
Northamptonshire	177	95	1	3	0	0	-	-	178	98
Northumberland, T & W	99	28	5	11	0	0	-	-	104	39
Nottinghamshire	216	88	72	98	0	0	-	-	288	186
Oxfordshire	377	158	199	259	0	1	-	-	576	418
Rutland	10	4	1	2	0	0	-	-	11	6
Scotland	106	54	88	55	0	0	-	-	194	109
Shropshire	251	76	9	31	0	0	-	-	260	107
Somerset	722	295	25	21	0	0	-	-	747	316
South Wales	112	24	32	38	0	0	-	-	144	62
South Yorkshire	169	57	12	14	0	2	-	-	181	73
Staffordshire	214	99	18	15	0	0	-	-	232	114
Suffolk	347	158	28	55	0	0	-	-	375	213
Surrey	224	53	26	26	0	0	-	-	250	79
Warwickshire	215	79	1	0	0	0	-	-	216	79
West Midlands	215	62	5	6	0	0	-	-	220	68
West Sussex	175	43	10	14	0	0	-	-	185	57
West Yorkshire	155	79	9	8	0	0	-	-	165	87
Wiltshire	222	52	2	7	0	0	-	-	225	59
Worcestershire	297	86	6	8	0	0	-	-	303	94
"In transit"	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	-	0	1
Multisite	-	-	-	-	-	-	902	2397	902	2397
Grand Totals	12557	5318	1383	1630	20	45	902	2397	14862	9390

