



**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN  
GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
15 June 2019 3.30 PM  
Freshwater Church, I.O.W.**

**A G E N D A**

**1 Master's welcome**

**2 Inter-District Striking Competition results.**

**3 Apologies for absence**

**4 Loss of Members from death since the 2018 AGM**

Francis Ensor	Buriton
Chris Strong	St Mary Bourne
Graham Grant (LM)	Winchester Cathedral
Alan Sturgess (LM)	Fareham
Maurice Stupart	Alderney
Ian Cole	formerly of Chale
Neil Garrard	formerly of Wimborne Minster
Mary Harper	formerly of Sherfield English
Norah Morey	formerly of Chale
John Rawson-Smith	formerly of Farley Chamberlayne
Ivor Trueman	formerly of Romsey Abbey
Joyce Warstat	formerly of Selborne

**5 Minutes of the 2018 AGM**

**6 Matters arising**

**7 Life Membership – for fifty years continuous membership.**

Robin Milford	Curdridge
Martin Waldron	Hursley
Richard G Sherfield	Bentley
Brian Curtis	Fawley

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**11 Guild Officer Triennial Elections**

- a) Master
- b) Vice-Master
- c) Hon General Secretary
- d) Hon General Treasurer
- e) Minute Secretary
- f) Hon Librarian and Archivist
- g) Hon Peal Recorder
- h) Hon Report Editor
- i) Central Council Representatives (five)
- j) Safeguarding Officer
- k) Public Relations Officer
- l) Independent Examiner
- m) Portsmouth Diocese BRF Trustee
- n) Winchester Diocese BRF Trustee

**12 Action Plan Update**

**13 WW1 Project Update**

**14 Future Guild Events**

RWNYC	6 <sup>th</sup> July	Pier Head, Liverpool
Essex Trophy Competition	14 <sup>th</sup> September	Christchurch, Southgate
Education Course	12 <sup>th</sup> October	Listening Skills, Lockerley
Exec Comm Mtg	16 <sup>th</sup> November	§St Barnabas Church Hall
Education Course	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Belfry Maintenance, Hawkley
Education Course	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Plain Hunt & Trebling to Doubles, Hawkley
Exec Comm Mtg	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	tbc

**14 Proposals**

- a) To transfer St Peter's Stockbridge from Andover to Winchester District

- b) To change Bell Restoration Fund Rule 8 to reduce the application time from two months to one month

**15 Date and place of 2019 AGM**

**16 Any other business**

# THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 16 JUNE 2018

### **UNCONFIRMED** MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE BARN, ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH COTTAGE, BASINGSTOKE

#### 1. Master's welcome

The Guild Master - Mike Winterbourne, supported by Vice-Master - Pete Jordan, Hon. Gen. Secretary - Heather Frazer, Hon. Gen. Treasurer - Ros Brandwood and Minute Secretary - Tony Smith, opened the meeting at 5.17 p.m. The Master welcomed all present, thanked the Lay Minister, Mike Browning, for taking the service and for his address, the Basingstoke District for hosting the event and providing the tea, and the Rev. Canon Jo Stoker for the use of the bells.

#### 2. Striking Competition results

Mary Gow and Stephen Mitchell from All Hallows, Twickenham, had judged the Inter-District 8-bell Striking Competition at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, that afternoon. The following results had been announced and certificates presented to the team captains.

Position	District	Method	Score	Peal speed	Drawn
1st	Winchester	Grandsire Triples	95%	3h3	3rd
2nd	Alton & Petersfield	Plain Bob Triples	84%	3h2	4th
3rd	Basingstoke	Grandsire Triples	77%	2h59	1st
4th	Isle of Wight	Grandsire Triples	67%	3h13	2nd

3. The following 52 members and one guest signed the attendance book: Mike Novell (St. Lawrence, Alton), Lizzie Hough (Alverstoke), Matthew Dancy, Adam Greenley, Ian Rees and Margaret Smith (All Saints, Basingstoke), Heather Frazer, Lynne & Pete Jordan, Steve Lutener, Betty & Mike Rice, Peter Rowe and Jon Soar (St. Michael, Basingstoke), Anthony & Liz Manship (Botley), Ros Brandwood (Burghclere), Daniel Hartley (Eling), Shan Nash (Eversley), Janice Higgins, and Tessa & Tony Smith (Hursley), Elizabeth & Andrew Johnson (New Alresford), Jeff Ford (Newnham), Phil Watts (North Stoneham), Fiona Sayers and Pauline Stokes (Odiham), David Mattingley (Portsmouth Cathedral), Allan Yalden (Purbrook), Martin Barnes, Ella & Nici Collins, Judy & Alan Giles, Adrian Nash and Joseph Sharp (Rotherwick), Viv & Graham Nobbs (Ryde), Lauren Taylor (Sherborne St. John), Chris Ford (Sherfield on Loddon), Barry Fry (St. Barnabas, Southampton), Mo & Hugh Routh (Steeple), Edd Colliss (Swanmore), Mike Winterbourne (Tangley), John Colliss and Bruce Purvis (Winchester Cathedral), Sara & Gary Marsh (Wonston), John Croft and Ray Walsh (unattached) and Anne Bricknell (Edinburgh).

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Barbara Townsend (Andover), Maggie Ellis (St. Michael, Basingstoke), Valerie Harris (Blackmoor), Margaret Downer (Brading), Robin Milford (Curdrige), Ruth & Derek Jackson (Eling), Romy Coldman (Hinton Admiral), Anthony Webster (Hordle), Helen Piper (Kingsclere), John Palk (Lockerley), Mary Sterry (Lyndhurst), Polly Osborne (Minstead), Robert Duffy (Petersfield), John Davey (Ringwood), Andrew Glover (Romsey), Deb Baker (Rotherwick), Jill Taylor (Ryde), Brian Oakes (St. Mary Bourne), Matthew Wilks (Shedfield), Mary Tester (Shorwell), Margaret Winterbourne (Tangley), Michael Church (Upton Grey), Nicky & John David (Vale), Peter Niblett (Whitchurch), Lisa Ashforth (Wickham), Sue Froome (Wolverton) and Christine Knights-Whittome (Wonston). Further apologies were received from Greg Jordan (St. Michael, Basingstoke) and Joyce Croft (unattached).

#### 4. Loss of Members from death since the 2017 AGM

The meeting stood to remember members: Maurice Bailey (Eling), Margaret Ellis (Eversley), Robert Howland (Headbourne Worthy), Valerie Keel (Wonston), Brian Marchant (Upham), Coral Northeast (Overton), Anita Seamons (Selborne), Colin Younger (Portsmouth Cathedral) and David Wilson (LM) (Ringwood); and former members: Peter Bardon (Hursley and New Alresford), Mike Baverstock (Sacred Heart, Bournemouth), Edna Blissett (Sherborne St. John), John Curtis (New Alresford), Lionel Doubleday (Portchester and Southwick), Barbara Jones (Christchurch), Leonard Lewer (New Alresford), William Arthur Littlejohns (Baughurst), Janet Livingston (Botley), Jack Roberts (Overton), Barbara Salmons (St. Mary, Portsmouth) and Harry White (Vale). Barry Fry said a prayer.

## 5. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

The [minutes of the 2017 AGM at Milford-on-Sea](#) were adopted on the proposition of Lizzy Hough, seconded by Bruce Purvis, and signed by the Master as a true record.

## 6. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

## 7. Life Membership

Anthony Manship (Botley), Anthony Webster (Hordle) and Mavis Whitehead (Portsmouth Cathedral) had completed fifty years' ringing membership of the Guild. The Master presented Anthony Manship with his Life Membership certificate (*applause*). Mavis's certificate was taken by David Mattingley.

## 8. Officers' and Committee Reports for 2017

There were no comments and the reports were adopted *en bloc* on the proposition of Bruce Purvis, seconded by Pete Jordan.

## 9. Bell Restoration Fund

### i. Trustees' Report and Accounts for 2017

There were no comments on the Report and Accounts.

### ii. Grant proposals

David Mattingley reported that the Trustees met three times a year, before the two Executive Committee meetings and before the AGM. There were grants outstanding to **Ecchinswell**, **Northington**, **Silchester** and **Brading**. A new grant application had been received from **St Catherine's**, **Wolverton** for rebushing the clappers at a cost of £2,500. The Trustees recommended a grant of £375, which was approved on the proposition of David Mattingley, seconded by the Hon. Gen. Treasurer.

## 10. Report of 2018 Central Council Meeting

The Guild was represented at the meeting in Lancaster by Michael Church and Allan Yalden. Allan read a report (see [Appendix A](#)).

## 11. General Data Protection Regulation

The Master proposed the adoption of a draft policy that had been placed on chairs. Although this was agreed, many members had not seen the document and following questions it was acknowledged that further work was necessary.

## 12. WW1 Project

Viv Nobbs read a paper (see [Appendix B](#)). Allan Yalden said at the Central Council meeting the Steward of the Rolls of Honour, Alan Regin, had said men who died of their wounds up to 1922 would be added to the Rolls, and asked whether they would be included in the WW1 Project. Viv said they could be added to the digital format.

## 13. Ringing Remembers

Viv Nobbs read a paper (see [Appendix C](#)).

## 14. Motion

Tony Smith proposed and the Master seconded on behalf of the Executive Committee that “Child Protection Officer” be changed to “Safeguarding Officer” in the list of officers enumerated in rules 4 and 5. The motion was passed *nem. con.* by the required majority.

## 15. Appointment of Committees

The following were appointed on the proposition of the Master.

### i. Belfry Stewardship

Martin Barnes, Mark Warner and John Pereira.

### ii. Communications

Deb Baker, Graham Hounslow and Rosalind Martin.

### iii. Education

Christine Knights-Whittome, Andy Ingram, Sallie Ingram, Polly Osborne and David Mattingley.

### iv. Striking Competitions

Pete Jordan and Peter Niblett.

### v. Ringing Schools

Mike Winterbourne, Andy Ingram and Sallie Ingram.

## 16. Future Guild Events

Ringling World National Youth Contest	7 July 2018	London
Essex Trophy Competition	8 September 2018	Horsham
Inter-District 10-bell Striking Competition	15 September 2018	East Meon
District Officers' Forum		TBA
Education Course	13 October 2018	Plain Hunt & Trebling to Doubles methods, Church Oakley
Executive Committee Meeting	17 November	St. Barnabas' Church Hall, Southampton

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Education Course	24 November 2018	Surprise Minor, Shedfield
Education Course	9 March 2019	TBA
Executive Committee Meeting	16 March 2019	St. Barnabas' Church Hall, Southampton
Education Course	6 April 2019	TBA
WW1 Service	12 May 2019	Portsmouth Cathedral
WW1 Service	19 May 2019	Winchester Cathedral
Education Course	12 October 2019	TBA
Education Course	23 November 2019	TBA

## 17. Date and place of 2019 AGM

This would be held on Saturday 15 June 2019 on the Isle of Wight.

## 18. Any other business

- i. Andrew Johnson invited comment on the “Framework for Method Ringing” intended to replace the existing democratically-agreed Central Council Decisions.
- ii. The Hon. Gen. Secretary said John Davey had enquired about the savings from only printing copies of the Annual Report for those members who had requested them. John Palk had advised that in 2017: 1,535 copies had been printed at a cost of £1,249, whereas in 2018: 700 copies had been printed at a cost of £569.
- iii. The Hon. Gen. Secretary had followed the practice of placing two advertisements for the AGM in *The Ringing World* but wondered whether this was still worthwhile. The cost in 2017 had been £26.88. After it was determined that no-one had attended as a result of seeing the advertisements it was accepted that they were no longer necessary.
- iv. The Hon. Gen. Secretary said Robin Milford had asked that the 200 Club be promoted and the forms were on the Guild [website](#). Hugh Routh was disappointed that there was not a draw following this AGM.
- v. David Mattingley asked anyone willing to help with Education Committee courses to see him afterwards.
- vi. Viv Nobbs promoted her raffle in aid of the WW1 Project.

There being no further business, the Master closed the meeting at 6.17 p.m.

## APPENDIX A

### Central Council Meeting - LANCASTER 2018

Two Reps from W&P Diocesan Guild attended this year's meeting at Lancaster University over three days at the end of May. The Hon. Sec. read out apologies from the three members unable to attend.

Saturday's programme was started in the afternoon with various presentations on Youth Leadership, Safeguarding, Public Relations and Biographies in various lecture rooms on the campus, and one on Belfry Maintenance held at Pilling Church.

Then followed a Saturday evening social entertainment in the form Ceilidh.

Sunday morning “Adopt a Tower” saw visitors enabling some excellent service “Touches” being rung in some local towers who normally only managed rounds and call changes.

The Lichfield Diocese Belfry had been assembled on campus with the aim of generating interest amongst the local students (but I must admit I never saw a queue waiting to ring.)

Sunday afternoon

The Ringing World AGM opened for business and the financial status showed the accounts were much the same as previous years, although there were fewer RW printed copies distributed the digital format was showing increasing numbers from quite a low base start. It was also under investigation the RW may be able to take advantage of ‘working from home’ technologies but further investigation would be needed. It was also noted that the income from ‘Bellboard’ entries were making a healthy contribution to the finances. It was noted that savings could be made in postage cost if RW were to be published Fortnightly but a year’s notice of this change would be needed.

There then followed a choice two Seminars:-

A well-attended open meeting on the Constitutional Reform presented by Clyde Whittaker one of the authors on the review system and checks and balances that had been applied. The approach was that the amended Rules were simplified in language and amended to take into account the requirements of the Charity Commission. The charity commission had since the rewrite approved the rules as now written.

The new structure was described in a Transition Motion that showed a bottom up structure of 5 new committees generated by the amalgamation the earlier committees of similar areas of interest./ The Executive board of 8 members/ the Annual Council Meetings/The Ringing Societies.

There were no changes proposed yet in Council Rep. numbers and qualification rules remain much the same as before for each Ringing Society.

The Transition Motion, if agreed to at the AGM, would be followed by the Election of four addition trustees. At the close of the meeting subject to agreement the new governing docs take effect and the present 15 committees retire. The execs take office and shortly after that the Trustees formerly appoint the new workgroups.

The Rules were considered to be in scope and first at this time of change, the Standing Orders and Policy Decisions were considered out of scope at this time and a more long-term requirement for change.

The Second Seminar “The Church & Bells” was held in parallel with the first seminar and I cannot report on the outcome of this but it was also well-attended.

17:30pm in the Faraday Lecture was the first part of the AGM chaired by the President Christopher O’Mahony. The Hon. Sec. announced that 189 reps represented 66 Societies and all subs had been paid. Apologies were read out including those from Dave Mattingley, Peter Niblett and Andrew Johnson. From W&P. A number of reports for 2017 were individually proposed for acceptance and accepted without items arising.

The AGM was adjourned at that point and preparation made for Annual Dinner, which was held in the Great Hall.

Monday at 9:30am

Item 13 on the Agenda “That the Council adopt the Revised Rules of the Council, the Standing Orders of the Council and other provisions of the Transition Motion.” Was proposed and accepted.

The Motion to take effect from the close of the meeting.

Continuing Officers (Trustees)

The President, Vice-President, The Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Sec. were to continue in Office spread across 2019-2021.

Four New Ordinary Trustees were chose by ballot from 5 names on the ballot paper. The Independent Examiners were also chosen to remain in place by a show of hands. A short break was then taken to allow for the new Workgroup Introductions to take place by each of their Leaders, appointed by the Exec. These took place in various lecture rooms adjacent.

After Lunch on Monday.

Time was then given to the proposal and acceptance of the existing committee reports, these of course to be the last in this format of the council.

A presentation by was then given on 'Ringing Remembers', which was well received by all as a successful project for which nearly 50 per cent of the targeted 1400 new ringers had been recruited.

Item 19 on the Agenda was "A new Framework for Method ringing"

A presentation was given by Tim Barnes on the new framework whose status updates had been reported in the Ringing world (Jan 26th and March 2nd 2028) developing a new descriptive framework to replace the current Central Council Decisions. Production of the framework had the remit to be simple, permissive and yet maintain the historical record and these often came into conflict with each other.

Although not complete in time for this AGM it was hoped that a draft document that balances the requirement of both ordinary ringers and also satisfy the mathematical/technical ringers would be available for comment by all interested parties with a couple of months. For approval at next year's AGM.

The CCCBR AGM for 2019 is likely to be held in London.

Reps from Suffolk Guild invited the AGM in 2022 as part of their 100 year celebration. It was also noted that 2023 was likely to find the CCCBR AGM in Ireland.

AOB

Hon. Sec. noted It had been decided that CCCBR reps may only vote if Subs from their societies had been paid 6 weeks in advance of the AGM. (The closing date was actually January.)

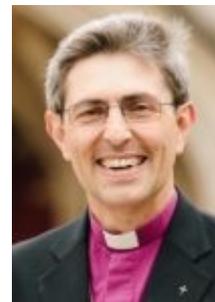
## APPENDIX B

### World War 1 Centenary Commemoration Project

#### Bell Ringing to honour those service personnel who fell in the Great War.



Bishop Christopher writes in support



Bishop Tim writes

We're compiling [archives of special ringing performances](#) in memory of service personnel - ringers and non-ringers - who were killed in the WW1 conflict and Remembrance ringing. We aim to include tower and hand bell performances. It is anticipated that the archives will cover 100 years or so up until the end of November 2018.

There is wonderful support overall: many ringers are pro-active - local leadership and community involvement is playing a very significant and meaningful role, all very inspiring. Both Dioceses are offering

practical support - using their communication networks to spread the word of this project, Ringing Remembers recruitment campaign and the Ringing for Peace initiative. E-News have been issued very recently and it's likely that an email will be sent on our behalf direct to all Incumbents - whether the church has bells or not. This really is raising the profile of ringing across our many communities. Several letters of support have been received from our Guild's Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Patrons. Winchester Cathedral Archivist has been guiding us. Alan Regin, responsible for the Central Council Rolls of Honour, and our own Librarian - Bruce - have been active with research support. The Ringing World has pledged its support.

**ALL ringers, including new ones, can participate in the special ringing!** It's an ideal project for everyone to work on together and we can all gain much from it in a variety of ways.

**We invite you all to ring in a special performance and for it to be recorded in the archive. It would be wonderful to have all our Guild's towers included and marvellous if all Guild members who had lost their lives in the dreadful conflict were honoured with a special performance recorded in the archives.**

Our working group - 8 members currently - met at the end of March. Project updates appear on the website. A WW1 Newsletter was issued to towers in the Spring.

Research and compilation of harvested records is progressing well ... almost 1,000 performances have been harvested to date; the archive in its current form can be seen at [wpbells.org/ww1performances](http://wpbells.org/ww1performances) (ringers' names are held and will be included later).

The archive being created uses existing ringing records; they will be in two printed volumes and in digital format. We plan to make them very accessible.

After 30th November 2018 we will need your help with checking your records for accuracy where possible but if you notice anything amiss now, please tell us.

**The Executive Committee in March 2018 formally allocated £1,000 towards the estimated project costs of approximately £2,900**, including the costs of receptions at the two cathedral services.

**We are encouraging fund-raising right across the Guild.** Please be creative and consider raising funds to support our project.

Fundraising results to date:

Isle of Wight District Raffles	£114
St. Michael's, Basingstoke Ringers	£200
Isle of Wight Fund Raising Tommy Relay Day	£326

The Executive Committee will be reviewing the project and budget in November 2018 before the order is placed for the printing of the two bound volumes.

The Isle of Wight District with Tommy (seen here) effectively threw out a challenge to the other 7 Districts. They successfully achieved Leg 1 of what we hope might be a relay right across our Guild area between now and the 11th November. So, what's it about? Basically, Tommy and ringers visiting all towers where Guild members, who were killed in the war, used to ring. Special ringing there on the day, whatever that might be, can be recorded for the archives. The relay legs could be fund raising events but not necessarily. Pete Jordan is co-ordinating: please show your keen interest and support.

The two Cathedral Evensong services in 2019 then:

Winchester 19th May 3.30 p.m.  
Portsmouth 12th May 6 p.m.

The services - we'll be joining the local congregations - will be great occasions of thanksgiving and fellowship!

The project would welcome volunteers ... local “Ambassadors” for the project would be invaluable. If you feel you could offer your skills and enthusiasm, please contact us. Please spread the word generally and encourage all to engage with the project and to visit the website to keep up-to-date.

Thank you all!

## APPENDIX C

### **Ringling Remembers Recruitment in our Guild.**

I will not go into the background here as the project has been well documented. Many details have been circulated widely, via District Secretaries and the Guild Communications network, and much wider afield in the Ringing World and on many social media sites. I will be very happy to discuss with individuals after the meeting.

We had notice of the project towards the end of 2017 and, by the end of December, referrals started to arrive by email. David Mattingley kindly volunteered to help me and, between us, we made every effort to respond to all enquiries very quickly, chatting to the applicants, their potential tutors and organising Taster Sessions.

We could see from the outset that it promised us all some good recruiting possibilities with excellent support from Central Council. The great professional publicity in newspapers, local magazines, national publications and online was getting attention; one lady said she’d actually been looking for Boxing Day sales and, in her words, “It just popped up and I’d always wanted to try bell ringing!”

Some months on we were offered the free, excellent, well-designed posters and leaflets. These have been well received generally and they’ve hit the mark with the new ringers, for sure.

Some A4 posters and leaflets were circulated at the March Executive Committee Meeting; further supplies were offered across the Guild subsequently. We’ve been actively encouraging towers and ringers to distribute them widely in their own area. There have been some creative activities with good results. Feedback about the promotional material, and the project overall, continues to be positive.

We’re aware of around 40 positive enquiries to date. They have been placed in 18 - 20 towers. The majority were in the Southampton and Winchester areas as a direct result of the professional advertising.

Eling band stepped up magnificently, taking the largest group.

Steve Hough at Eling reported positively recently:

- 5 out of the original 6 are still ringing and doing well.
- 1 is joining District practices and learning to Cover behind
- 2 are ringing rounds
- 2 who haven’t been able to attend all the time are still progressing

The tower has invested in a simulator, running Abel. They have a 30 minute Ringing Up and Down practice on a Saturday morning followed by an hour of Rounds and Call Changes on the simulator.

We are currently reviewing with new ringers and their tutors hoping to get a full and accurate position to report back to members.

I would encourage you all to distribute the excellent promotional posters and leaflets to your advantage; they can be easily used in local initiatives.

There is still plenty of time to teach new ringers to join in the ringing for Armistice 2018 and likely to be help available to do so. These new ringers will be participating in a very meaningful project indeed; they will receive additional benefits, such as newsletters and special recognition.

Finally, our sincere thanks to all the very positive volunteers who have stepped up - they’ve been enthusiastic, flexible and have worked well for the common good. Hopefully, the worldwide target of 1,400

new ringers to symbolically replace those killed in World War I will be met or even exceeded.

## **GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

As I sit here contemplating what to put in this year's report I think back over the last year and remember all of the ringing that has taken place in remembrance of those that lost their lives in the Great War. As I hope you all know by now we are presenting records of all such ringing, not only for this year but since 1914. The records will take the form of two leather bound books which will be presented one each to Winchester and Portsmouth Cathedrals at a service in each Cathedral.

Over the last few weeks I have been emailing invites to the Cathedral services to all of the churches in the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild area, where such ringing has taken place. There are over 180 churches. It is quite outstanding and it just brings it home how important ringing is to all of these churches and that we can provide such a wonderful way of remembering those that have fallen. I am getting some lovely responses back both from vicars/clergy who can, and those who cannot attend, thanking us for all of our efforts. We should all be proud.

The AGM this year was held at St Michael's in Basingstoke with the 8 bell Inter-District Striking Competition taking place in the morning. This was won by Winchester with a very respectable 95%. The three other teams taking place were Alton & Petersfield, Basingstoke and Isle of Wight. During the AGM we gave life membership to Anthony Manship, Anthony Webster and Mavis Whitehead. I wonder how many of our new recruits that came on board as part of the Ringing Remembers campaign will reach life membership. Hopefully several of them.

Unfortunately, I will not be standing again as Guild Secretary at the next AGM as, although I have enjoyed the last three years, I am due to become a Grandmother for the first time in May and want to spend more time with my family. I would like to thank everyone who has supported and encouraged me during the last three years.

Heather Frazer

## REPORT OF THE HONORARY GENERAL TREASURER

I have pleasure in presenting my report and accounts of the Central Fund for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

Income levels remained steady. Total subscription income from the districts is shown in the table below:

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Alton & Petersfield	696.15	695.45
Andover	580.30	555.10
Basingstoke	810.60	814.45
Channel Islands	223.00	224.75
Christchurch & Southampton	900.55	861.35
Isle of Wight	611.10	584.00
Portsmouth	857.15	817.25
Winchester	<u>1,156.05</u>	<u>1,166.55</u>
	<b>£ 5,834.90</b>	<b>£5,718.90</b>

In addition to routine income, £886.40 was received in donations towards the cost of the WW1 commemorative volumes and associated costs; costs which will be payable in 2019.

The cost of supplying the Annual Report fell substantially due to the decision to provide copies on request rather than automatically to all members. There were no unusual expenses during the year. As a result, General Fund balances increased by £1,955.42, plus the £886.40 carried forward for the WW1 project. The balance on the Training and Development Fund increased by £148.00. These surpluses allowed £3,000 to be transferred to the Central Reserve Fund. However, some funds will have to be transferred back to the General Fund during 2019 to meet the costs of the WW1 project which are due to be met by the designated donations and up to £1,000 from Guild funds.

Balances held are considered to be sufficient for foreseeable needs.

Total financial assets held by the Guild at the year-end were as follows:

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Central Fund:		
General Fund	3,350.73	3,508.91
Training and Development Fund	1,046.72	898.62
Central Reserve Fund	<u>8,022.07</u>	<u>5,013.76</u>
	12,419.52	9,421.29
Districts	23,081.00	20,875.90
Sub Committees	691.48	1,133.57
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	<b>£ 36,192.00</b>	<b>£ 31,430.76</b>
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R Brandwood  
Treasurer  
27<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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**CENTRAL FUND**  
**BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2018**

	<b>2018</b>			<b>2017</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>Training &amp;</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Development</b>		
	<b>Fund</b>			
	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£</b>
Fund brought forward at 1st January 2018	3,508.91	898.62	4,407.53	2,845
Excess income for the year	2,841.82	148.00	2,989.82	1,562
Transfer to Reserve	-3,000.00		-3,000.00	
	<u>3,350.73</u>	<u>1,046.62</u>	<u>4,397.35</u>	<u>4,407</u>

Represented by:

**ASSETS**

Guild simulator	1.00		1.00	1
Belfry Stewardship Committee lifting gear	1.00		1.00	1
Stock of badges and certificates	395.00		395.00	460
Debtors	197.75		197.75	251
Prepaid insurances	59.77		59.77	57
Balance at bank	<u>2,696.21</u>	<u>1046.62</u>	<u>3,742.83</u>	<u>3,637</u>
	<u>3,350.73</u>	<u>1046.62</u>	<u>4,397.35</u>	<u>4,407</u>

**Less LIABILITIES**

Sundry creditors			0.00	0
	<u>3,350.73</u>	<u>1046.62</u>	<u>4,397.35</u>	<u>4,407</u>

R Brandwood  
 Guild Treasurer  
 27th February 2019

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS  
BELL RESTORATION FUND  
(A REGISTERED CHARITY No. 264606)**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018**

The fund is a registered charity with the registered number 264606

The contact address is:  
30 Chaucer Crescent  
Newbury  
RG14 1TR

The fund is governed by rules approved by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers (the Guild) in General Meeting.

The trustees of the fund are the Guild Master, The Honorary Guild Treasurer, the Honorary Guild Secretary and two additional trustees one from each diocese, elected triennially by the Guild in General Meeting.

The trustees during 2018 were:

Mrs R Brandwood (Honorary Guild Treasurer)  
Mrs H Frazer (Honorary Guild Secretary)  
Rev Canon B J Fry (Winchester Diocese area)  
Mr D Mattingley (Portsmouth Diocese area)  
Mr M Winterbourne (Guild Master)

The independent examiner of the fund is Mr P Clarke ACIB.

The principal bankers are TSB Bank plc.

The activities of the Bell Restoration Fund are restricted to the area covered by the Anglican Dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth. None of the Fund's assets is a permanent endowment. There are no borrowing limits imposed in the governing rules. The trustees have no specific investment powers.

The main aims of the Fund are to provide financial assistance by way of grants to Churches, within the area mentioned above, incurring expenditure on the provision, maintenance, improvement or acoustics of their bells and bell installations, or for the maintenance of the fabric of their towers and belfries, to enable their bells to be properly rung in full circle.

**Review of the year and the future**

The Fund's income for 2018 remained steady.

The Trustees acknowledge, with thanks, donations from individuals and from the following towers:

Catherington	£100	Christchurch Priory	£100	North Stoneham	£150
Ringwood	£ 60	Romsey Abbey	£100		

Three grants were approved during the year:

St Mary the Virgin, Brading	£13,000.00
St Catherine, Wolverton	£ 375.00
St James, Bramley	£ 650.00

The Trustees regularly review the level of reserves and wish to encourage use of the available funds. They have been advised of three further applications for consideration early in 2019.

**Reserves Policy**

The trustees aim to maintain reserves to cover expected future grants for at least a further twelve months. The reserves held satisfy that requirement.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS  
BELL RESTORATION FUND  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018 (Cont')**

A reminder to those applying for grants that the initial application needs to be with the Guild Treasurer at least 2 months before the Trustees meet. Trustees meet three times a year, before each of the Executive meetings and before the Guild AGM. Grants can only be approved at either the Executive meeting or AGM. Any approved at the Executive meetings are required to be ratified at the next Guild AGM. The forms required are to be found on the Guild's website or can be obtained in paper form from the Guild Treasurer. It is very important that all the documentation requested in the form is made available to the Trustees. If an application is sent by email then it should also be sent through the postal system. All applications are acknowledged so if no acknowledgment is received within two weeks then a chaser should be sent.

The Trustees would like to thank all those who have donated time, energy and money towards the aims of the Bell Restoration Fund.

For and on behalf of the Trustees

Trustee

Trustee

16th March 2019

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS  
BELL RESTORATION FUND  
(A REGISTERED CHARITY No. 264606)**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2018**

	Note	2018 £ p	2017 £ p
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Subscriptions and donations	3a	3,407.18	3,376.14
Gift Aided donations		365.00	365.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid (including repayment supplement)		91.38	91.56
Investment income	3b	365.94	187.48
Peal fees		220.75	289.25
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>		4,450.25	4,309.43
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<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Direct charitable expenditure			
Grants approved	4	14,025.00	5,400.00
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<b>Total resources expended</b>		14,025.00	5,400.00
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<b>Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources</b>		(9,574.75)	(1,090.57)
Fund balances brought forward at 1st January		82,835.78	83,926.35
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<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31st December</b>		£73,261.03	£82,835.78
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**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS  
BELL RESTORATION FUND  
(A REGISTERED CHARITY No. 264606)**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2018**

	Note	2018 £ p	2017 £ p
<b>Currents Assets</b>			

Debtors	5	2,943.18	3,042.70
Short Term Deposits			
- Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund		69,269.58	68,927.06
- TSB Bank plc - Deposit account		18,174.91	14,151.49
Cash at Bank			
- TSB Bank plc		2,748.36	3,214.53
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		93,136.03	89,335.78
<b>Creditors</b>			
amounts falling due within one year	6	6,875.00	6,500.00
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<b>Net Current Assets</b>		86,261.03	82,835.78
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<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		86,261.03	82,835.78
<b>Creditors</b>			
amounts falling due after more than one year	7	13,000.00	0.00
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<b>Net Assets</b>		£73,261.03	£82,835.78
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<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted		£73,261.03	£82,835.78
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Approved by the Fund Trustees on 16th March 2019 and signed on its behalf by

Trustee

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS  
BELL RESTORATION FUND  
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2018**

**1 Basis of preparation**

a. These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with: Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005), Accounting Standards, and the Charities Act.

**2 Accounting policies**

a. Recognition of Incoming Resources.

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: the charity becomes entitled to the resources, the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

b. Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

c. Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

d. Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

e. Grants awarded

These are recognised in the accounts when the award of a grant has been approved.

**3 Incoming Resources**

**3(a) Subscriptions and Donations**

	Sub- scriptions £ p	Don- ations £ p	<b>2018</b> £ p	Sub- scriptions £ p	Don- ations £ p	<b>2017</b> £ p
<b>Income from Districts</b>						
Alton and Petersfield	302.00			302.00	22.14	
Andover	240.00	21.00		246.00	30.00	
Basingstoke	348.00	184.68		352.00	51.50	
Channel Islands	124.00			130.00		
Christchurch & Southampton	390.00			398.00		
Isle of Wight	264.00			264.00		
Portsmouth	378.00	42.00		372.00	2.50	
Winchester	504.00	35.50		484.00	62.00	
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	2,550.00	283.18	2,833.18	2,548.00	168.14	2,716.14
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Tower Donations			510.00			525.00
Sundry donations			64.00			135.00
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			£3,407.18			£3,376.14
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**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS  
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2018 (continued)**

<b>3(b) Investment Income</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>
TSB Bank plc	23.42	9.45
Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund	342.52	178.03
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	£365.94	£187.48
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**4 Resources Expended**

<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Grants approved</b>	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>
St Mary the Virgin, Brading	13,000.00	
St Catherine, Wolverton	375.00	
St James, Bramley	650.00	
All Saints, Ryde		400.00
St Mary the Virgin, Brighstone		3,000.00
St Mary the Virgin, Silchester		2,000.00
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	14,025.00	5,400.00
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At 31st December 2018 grants approved but not paid amounted to £19,875 (2017 - £6,500). These commitments have been recognised in full as liabilities in the accounts for the year.

<b>5 Debtors</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>
Peal Fees Receivable	220.75	289.25
Districts	2,661.18	2,600.64
Income Tax Recoverable	61.25	152.81
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	£2,943.18	£3,042.70
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<b>6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>
Grants Payable	6,875.00	6,500.00
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<b>7 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>£ p</b>	<b>£ p</b>
Grants payable	13,000.00	0.00

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# WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### REPORT on 2018 for GUILD EXECUTIVE - 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2019

2018, particularly with the Ringing Remembers initiative, was a very busy and successful year for the Guild as a whole, and the Education Committee in particular. Four full-day courses were run; Plain Bob Doubles and Minor at St. Mary Bourne in March; an Introduction to Treble Bob at Sherfield English in April; Plain Hunt and Trebling to Doubles Methods at Church Oakley in October; and finally Cambridge and London Surprise Minor at Shedfield in November. An evening of Basic Raising and Lowering took place in February, plus a morning of Raising and Lowering in Peal in May, both fully subscribed. In addition, during Holy Week there was a hands-on evening on Rope Splicing, led by the International Guild of Knot Tyers (Solent Branch), which attracted over 20 students.

Many of our students are ringers we have come to know over the years and it is wonderful to see them progress. It has been equally gratifying this year to see a number of new students who have not attended courses before – we hope we have whetted their appetite to come again.

Our four full-day courses for 2019 are already planned, starting with Cambridge Surprise Major in March – a method we have not covered for at least ten years. This will be followed by Grandsire Doubles and Triples in April, and the ever-popular Listening Skills in October. Finally, we will be offering Plain Hunt and Trebling to Doubles Methods in November, the basic “building block” for method ringing which we hope will appeal to some of our newer ringers. Alongside this we are hoping to offer a full-day Belfry Maintenance course which has proved to be very popular in the past. And look out for additional half-day or evening courses on other subjects when time allows and tutors are available.

A number of Guild members have attended ART courses during 2018, sometimes in other areas, and plans are already in hand for further Module 1 and Module 2 courses during 2019, thus encouraging those who have not tried teaching before, whilst sharing ideas with, and drawing on experience from, many who are already teaching within their own towers.

Details of all our courses are sent out through District Secretaries to be passed on to Tower Secretaries; they can always be found on the Guild website, through the win-port list, or direct from the Education Committee.

Financially whilst our 2018 end-of-year figure is lower than last year, some £300 has already been paid towards 2019 costs, and we remain in a stable position.

Last but not least The Education Committee would like to pay tribute to the silent army of ringers who generously give their time, talents and energy to volunteer as helpers on Education Days. They are so welcome, so valuable, and so much appreciated; we could not manage without them. Thank you all very much.

#### The Guild Education Committee

#### W & P Guild Education Committee Accounts as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Income		Expenditure	
	2018		2018
Balance brought forward	727.25	Stationery, copying, telephone	12.00
Course fees – 2018	754.00	Postage	15.47
Hall security payment returns	50.00	Refreshments	70.17
Donations	60.82	Hire of Halls – 2018	398.00
		Hire of Halls - 2019	200.00
		Security payments for 2018	50.00
		Security payments for 2019	100.00
		Tower Donations	470.00
		Equipment	-
		<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>276.43</b>
	<b>£1,592.07</b>		<b>£1,592.07</b>

Public Relations Officer Report 2018.

The P.R.O. work has continued to build on good working relationships with the clergy, the community, the media, national Ringing Remembers and Big Ideas Team, our ringers, and other Guild and District teams. Word gets around! We received encouraging letters from our Presidents and Vice-Presidents, a request from Portsmouth Diocese to engage and work with NHS Isle of Wight in its ambitious NHS70 celebrations, an invitation to raise the profile of ringing at a Council's Bereavement Services Open Day and a direct request from a Lord-Lieutenant asking us to ring for a special service.

Tangible benefits for us all are often as a direct result of sharing valuable resources. The NHS 70 event saw NHS staff distributing Ringing Remembers recruitment leaflets outside of 15 towers. It was encouraging to work alongside the Ringing Remembers and Big Ideas team, especially helping to achieve the wonderful event at Longstock that was televised. It was great to witness our members' own excellent P.R. initiatives; in addition to Guild Press Releases and activities, we saw excellent local news activity – community and church magazine and press articles, radio items, T.V. appearances - many related to the WW1 Centenary such as the Armistice Day peal at Portsmouth Cathedral, Tommy's Travels on the Isle of Wight and in Yateley and other fine features such as Heritage Day.

Unsurprisingly, many of our efforts and projects overlap and we all benefit from being flexible and 'joined up'. As P.R.O. I work closely with the Communications team and it has reaped many rewards.

Enthusiasm is infectious! I was delighted to take up an offer of help from Gary Marsh who has been supporting us for some time now. Gary is based on the mainland, attends many local events, reports back with text and photographs and is confident to make and follow up media contacts. Thank you, Gary.

The Ringing Remembers recruitment project presented a splendid opportunity for our Public Relations team to play a very positive role. I'm pleased to record my thanks to David Mattingley who supported me a great deal – his help was much appreciated and especially beneficial early on in the campaign when the referrals were coming in 'thick and fast'! Between us we made the initial personal contacts, trying to reach out quickly. The personal and speedy approach was effective generally; we liaised with local towers and teachers to organise a Taster Session. It worked well. I kept in touch with many of the new ringers subsequently, taking care not to 'tread on toes' locally. New ringers have come back to me often seeking further information and offering valuable feedback.

Viv Nobbs

Public Relations Officer.

## LIBRARIAN AND ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

The George Williams Memorial Library is located in the ringing chamber of Winchester Cathedral and is available for readers and borrowers by appointment. The system for loans provides a standard loan period of eight weeks with a liberal renewal policy for serious research and special problems. The only exceptions are the archive material and the Guild's annual and triennial reports for which, because of their unique importance, loans are solely at the discretion of the librarian. A catalogue of the printed books and of the complete archive is maintained on the Guild website. Part of our collection of archive material, held at the Hampshire Record Office in Sussex Street, Winchester, is available for consultation only. The collection there has the call-number 20M94.

In the last year I have acquired *The towers and bells of Devon*, by John Scott and others (2007, 2 vols), the first such survey since those of Ellacombe and Pearson in the nineteenth century, and unlikely to be superseded. I have also added to the library the CD version of the Guild's *Centenary Bells* recording, to stand alongside the vinyl LP. As mandated by the Guild Executive some considerable time ago, I have commissioned a plaque to record the history of the Book Case housing the Library, and have affixed it to the inside of one of the middle pair of doors of the extension build by Hugh Routh in 2010. Finally, I have assembled a run of the Guild's annual reports for binding by Tim Wiltshire, of College Street, Winchester. I anticipate that the work will be completed by the time this report is published. I have taken the opportunity to deposit supplementary collections dating back to the late 1950s and early 1960s in the Hampshire Record Office and the British Library. The main – indeed sole – concern in the field of research this year has been World War One, in connection with the Guild's *Record of Ringing in Remembrance of those who gave their lives in the Great War*. I have played a very minor role in assisting the steering committee for this enormous project; nevertheless the resulting involvement has been very time-consuming. I regret that otherwise, my activities as Librarian have been limited to basic housekeeping routines, and I hope to accomplish more in 2019.

The Guild's online archive has the minutes of the Guild Annual meetings and Executive Committee meetings from 1980 to 2000, and from 2013 to 2014 (More recent minutes are already available from the Guild's Document Repository) and a collection of historical articles from *The Ringing World* about Guild people, places and events. These are all maintained by Tony Smith, to whom I am duly grateful.

I am always pleased to assist Guild members and others with an interest in the Guild with their researches. I should like to thank my colleagues within the Guild and the Winchester Cathedral band for their continuing support.

### Librarian and Archivist's Accounts as at 31st December 2018

<b>Income</b>	£ p	<b>Expenditure</b>	£ p
Balance b/f	195.38	Sub. to The Ringing World	79.00
Income		Sub. To the Friends of the CC	
(from Central Fund)	150.00	Library	10.00
		Towers and Bells of Devon	63.00
		Plaque – History of the Library	
		Bookcase	45.00
		Balance c/f	<u>138.38</u>
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	345.38		345.38
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Bruce Purvis  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## **Guild Striking competition report 2018,**

### **Guild Inter Tower Striking competition - 19th May 2018**

The 6 bell Inter Tower Striking competition was held at Lockerley.

4 tower teams, plus one scratchband, entered the hotly contested competition which was judged by John Harrison from All Saints, Wokingham. The weather was wonderful and the setting idyllic for a pleasant evening sitting in the sunshine listening to some fine ringing.

The results were:-

<b>Place</b>	<b>Tower</b>	<b>Faults</b>	<b>Speed</b>	<b>Ringing order</b>
FIRST	Romsey Abbey	21	3m, 47s	2nd
SECOND	Basingstoke (St Michael)	23	4m, 0s	3rd
THIRD	Ealing & Southampton	28	4m, 15s	1st
FOURTH	Brading	68	4m, 12s	4th
NO POSITION	Scratchband	60	4m, 8s	5th

Unfortunately the 8 bell competition was cancelled due to insufficient team entries.

### **Guild 8 Bell Inter District Striking competition - 16th June 2018**

The 8 bell Inter District Striking competition was held at St Michael's, Basingstoke.

4 District teams took part on the morning of the Guild AGM, and was judged by Stephen Mitchell and Mary Gow from Twickenham.

The results were:-

<b>Place</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Peal Speed</b>	<b>Ringing order</b>
FIRST	Winchester	95%	3h, 03m	3rd
SECOND	Alton & Petersfield	84%	3h, 02m	2nd
THIRD	Basingstoke	77%	2h, 59m	1st
FOURTH	IoW	67%	3h, 13m	4th

### **Guild 10 bell Inter District Striking competition - 15th Sept 2018**

Unfortunately the 10 bell competition which was due to take place at East Meon was cancelled due to lack of entries.

Many thanks to all of those who took part, Judged and provided refreshments for all of the events.

### **Financial report**

#### **Income**

Balance b/f     £0  
Income           £0

#### **Expenditure**

Tower donations           £44.00  
Judges Gifts                £22.75  
Certificate printing       £4.00  
TOTAL                        £70.75

Pete Jordan  
Striking Competition Convenor

## Report from the Communications Committee March 2019

The website continues to develop, with most Districts having their own webmaster who post local news and photos on the site.

There is still plenty of scope for Towers to make more use of the site, especially for recruitment. People wanting to learn to ring do visit the site, and if they see that a local tower is training new people, then they DO get in touch, especially during periods when Bellringing is in the media generally. These are quite regular partly due to the tireless efforts of the Central Council Public Relations Office

We will endeavour to help others to become editors so they can add their stories. Training notes are posted on the site to simplify this process ongoing, and all webmasters belong to a Facebook Group so that they can give and receive quick support.

Engagement with the site is largely driven by the members receiving a copy of the "weekly news" either by email or through Facebook. This is proving to be an effective way of reaching members with all the excellent events which are organised at Tower, District and Guild Level, in addition to the traditional use of posters in towers.

Whilst a significant number of people do use this facility, we are still a long way from our aim of sending a weekly news bulletin to all members. In the short term, we would like to encourage more members (especially new recruits) to join their local District mailing list or Facebook Group. The focus of effort in the next year will be:

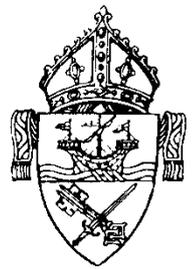
- \* Continue to train new local webmasters
- \* Encourage towers to recruit online as well as locally
- \* Continue the good work in growing the weekly news system

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The Social Media aspect to the Guild is being well received with a slow trickle of interested people asking to join each month.

It endeavours to spread the good word from the website and continues to be a hub of interest in the 'Twittersphere'

The focus of effort in the next year will be;

- \* Grow the Facebook page by connecting to like minded pages.
  - \* Show interest in other related areas and bring it to the attention of W & P page and Group.
  - \* Continue to point back to our enviously regarded website as the 'hub' of the Guild.
  - \* Continue to harbour friendships with other Guilds and individuals and share knowledge to enable them in the Social Media arena.
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**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN  
GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

**Founded 26 June 1879 as the Winchester Diocesan Guild**

**Belfry Stewardship Committee  
Annual Report March 2019**

The past year has been a quiet one with just four minor inspections and reports.

The committee has carried out the following tower inspections this year:-

**St John, Rownhams** - Inspection of the tubular bells and Sanctus bell, and advise on maintenance. (March 2018)

**St Boniface, Nursling** – Inspection of single chiming bell hung dead and advise on maintenance. (March 2018)

**St Mary the Virgin & St John the Baptist, Newtown** – Inspection of the bells with a view of them being rung for a wedding, advise on condition and some short term work required. (April 2018)

**St James, Bramley** – View west window repairs to confirm work carried out for Bell Restoration Fund grant. (December 2018)

Martin Barnes



Belfrey Stewardship Committee Secretary/Convener

**Winchester & Portsmouth guild Belfry  
Stewardship Committee accounts 2018**

**Income**

Balance B/F £100

20/1/19

**Expenditure**

£0

## Peal Recorder's Report

The peal ringing activity for the Guild continued to show an overall decline in terms of numbers with 127 peals rung for the Guild in 2018, over 50 fewer than 2017 and over 100 down from the recent peak in 2015.

I must thank Andrew Craddock for sharing the statistics generated by PealBase, allowing me to cross-check the Guild's records. I would also like to thank all those conductors and organisers who submit details, compositions and fees within the one month deadline specified by the Guild rules. Please may I remind conductors that we do require all compositions in full whether or not they have been rung for the Guild previously.

As noted in previous years, I can take peal fees electronically and I am pleased to say that some conductors have taken up this facility. Should any others be interested I would request that conductors email me for a reference and the necessary account details, even if you already have them, to allow me to monitor what I have and have not received.

## Tower Bell Peals

There were 91 tower bell peals rung for the Guild in 2018, which is the first time the number has dipped below 100 since 2004. 151 ringers rang a tower bell peal during 2018, which again shows a significant fall.

4 ringers rang their first peal in a W&P peal during 2018 and the Guild Officers would like to extend their congratulations to Joe Berry, Matthew Dancy, Hannah Read and Christopher Veel.

The list of prolific peal ringers and conductors remains broadly similar to previous years with the familiar names appearing. The list of prolific conductors also remains largely unchanged. The total number of conductors is down by 3 to just 20.

Like every year since the first peal following installation in 2013, St Agatha, Portsmouth is comfortably the most prolific peal ringing tower with once again no other tower making double figures. During 2018 St Agatha passed the milestone of the 250th peal on the bells, a testament to their popularity and availability that this has been achieved in less than 6 years.

There were notably fewer personal milestones during 2018 however I am able to congratulate Malcolm Powell on reaching his 1000<sup>th</sup> peal, a peal of Bristol at St Agatha Portsmouth in April. Whilst not a resident Guild member, Douglas Beaumont of Reading also achieved his 1000<sup>th</sup> peal in a Guild peal at Basingstoke in July and I extend our congratulations to him. In addition to these Kath Arkless scored her 400<sup>th</sup> peal.

Two peals were rung to celebrate the wedding in May of Prince Henry of Wales and Meghan Markle, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

Two peals, at Awbridge and Bishopstoke, were rung to mark the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples at St Peter Mancroft, Norwich on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1718, both peals using the original composition.

Amongst all the quarter peals, service ringing and general ringing to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War, 7 peals were rung by the Guild. 4 of these, including a peal of 7000 Bristol Surprise Royal at Portsmouth Cathedral, were rung on the 11<sup>th</sup> November itself.

Whilst not a resident member of the Guild, a peal was rung to congratulate Alan Regin on being awarded an MBE in respect of his work towards WWI commemoration projects. A peal was also rung to congratulate Mark Esbester who received an MBE for voluntary service to eye care in Africa.

Two peals were rung to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Geoff Dodd's first peal. A peal of Double Norwich was rung at Amesbury, Wiltshire to replicate that peal and was followed by a peal of Bristol at Geoff's home tower Highclere.

Peals were rung in memory of Graham Elmes including a handbell peal on the day of his funeral. A peal was also rung in memory of Keith Scudamore, formerly a resident member at Portsmouth Cathedral.

Leading Ringers		Leading Conductors		Leading Towers	
Edward P D Colliss	59	Edward P D Colliss	47	Portsmouth, St Agatha	30
John A Dodd	40	Benjamin J Carey	9	Awbridge	6
James A Hodkin	39	Roy LeMarechel	9	Bishopstoke	6
John P Colliss	37	Toby Arkless	4	Portsmouth Cathedral	6
Ian J Carey	34	Benjamin D Constant	3	Hursley	3
James W G Twiney	34	W Nigel G Herriott	2	Portsea	3
6 ringers	16-29	Ian J Carey	2	Bitterne Park	3
6 ringers	11-15	Alan G Reading	2	Romsey	2
10 ringers	6-10	Stephen A Rossiter	2	Basingstoke, All Saints	2
16 ringers	3-5	11 conductors	1	30 towers	1
33 ringers	2				
74 ringers	1				
<b>Total Ringers</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>Total Conductors</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Total Towers</b>	<b>39</b>

<b>Doubles</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>51</b>	Elston D#	<b>1</b>	<b>Caters</b>	<b>3</b>
4m	1	Bristol S	7	Fodsham S#	1	Grandsire	3
12m	1	Yorkshire S	6	Glasgow S	<b>1</b>		
		Spliced S (8m)	4	Ickornshaw Moor D#	1	<b>Royal</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Minor</b>	<b>14</b>	Double Norwich CB	<b>2</b>	Keevil S#	<b>1</b>	Yorkshire S	4
Spliced TD (8m)	5	Spliced S (3m)	2	Lessness S	1	Bristol S	3
Plain B	2	Spliced S (6m)	<b>2</b>	Lincolnshire S	<b>1</b>	Littlethorpe D#	1
7m	2	Superlative S	2	Mororlessness S#	1	Woodspring S	1
3m	1	Almar S	1	New Bridge D#	<b>1</b>		
7m TD	1	Bouchavesnes S#	1	Plain B	1	<b>Cinques</b>	<b>1</b>
Spliced P (7m)	1	Burnopfield S	1	Rebecca D*	<b>1</b>	Grandsire	1
Spliced S (12m)	1	Cambridge S	1	Rook and Gaskill S#	1		
Spliced TD (9m)	1	Cassiobury S	1	Rutland S	<b>1</b>	<b>Maximus</b>	<b>5</b>
		Cooktown Orchid D	1	Spliced S (10m)	1	Bristol S	2
<b>Triples</b>	<b>6</b>	Cornwall S	1	St Ethelflaeda D*	<b>1</b>	Cambridge S	1
Grandsire	5	Ditchheat Manor S#	1	Swanmore D*	1	Winchester S	1
Stdedman	1	Ecuador S#	1		1	Yorkshire S	1

(\* first peal in the method, # first for the Guild)

Handbell Peals

With the total number being 36 there were significantly fewer handbell peals rung for the Guild in 2018, approximately half the numbers which were achieved in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Whilst this may appear worrying, an analysis of the peals rung suggests the strength is still there. A band lead by John Croft broke the record for the most spliced royal rung in hand and then proceeded to break their own record a further 3 times and I offer my congratulations to those involved.

Ian Redway was once again the leading handbell ringer for the guild in a list looking very similar to 2017. In total 5 fewer ringers rang a handbell peal for the Guild and there were the same number of conductors. Frank Morton was the most prolific conductor as he has been for the last few years.

Connor Hodkin scored his first peal in hand, as well as his first peal as Conductor during 2018 and the Guild Officers would like to extend their congratulations to him.

Ian Redway scored his 300<sup>th</sup> peal in a handbell peal and Maureen Hanney rang her 200<sup>th</sup> peal for the Guild.

Leading Ringers		Leading Conductors		Venues	
Ian Redway	25	Frank R Morton	14	New Alresford, Jubilee	11
Maureen J Hanney	14	John S Croft	5	Whiteparish, Anchorsholme	5
Frank R Morton	14	Brian J Woodurffe	5	Awbridge, The Clockhouse	4
John S Croft	13	Martin J E Daniels	3	Chandler's Ford, 2 Rosemoor Grove	3
Martin J E Daniels	13	3 conductors	2	Dibden Purlieu, 30 Heatherstone Av	3
John A Dodd	10	3 conductors	1	3 venues	2
6 ringers	4-6			4 venues	1
8 ringers	2-3				
5 ringers	1				
<b>Total Ringers</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Total Conductors</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Total Venues</b>	<b>12</b>

Minimus	1	Major	14
Plain B	1	Plain B	7
		Kent TB	5
<b>Minor</b>	<b>11</b>	Westminster S#	1
Plain B	3	Yorkshire S	1
2m	2		
4m	1	<b>Royal</b>	<b>10</b>
4m TB	1	Kent TB	2
5m TB	1	Cambridge S	1
5m TD	1	Plain B	1
10m TB	1	Ruwenzori D*	1
Kent TB	1	Spliced P (10m)	1
		Spliced P (12m)#	1
		Spliced P (13m)#	1
		Spliced P (14m)#	1
		Spliced P (15m)#	1

(\* first peal in method in hand, # first for the Guild in hand)

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## **W & P Action Plan      A.G.M. 2019 – A.G.M. 2022**

### **Summary:**

The following frame work sets out what Guild Officers will work towards over the next few years. Having an Action Plan in place will enable ideas to develop, provide continuity and ensure the Guild is striving to be a relevant entity for its members.

The vision is of a central administration which can provide resources, educational initiatives and public relations representation advice and support, using resources to best advantage whilst encouraging Districts to be more independent and flexible in what they offer in terms of local day to day ringing.

The Action Plan can be developed in detail as appropriate and will significantly take into account members' feedback including matters of budget. It will be reviewed annually to monitor progress.

### **1. Ongoing work:**

- a) actively seek feedback from members
- b) hold at least 2 all-Guild ringing events each year to encourage all ringers to come together
- c) encourage young ringers to come together to ring, socialise and to participate in ringing contests; advise and remind them of the available financial support via the Training and Development Fund
- d) encourage the Districts to be more independent of central control and be flexible in their own ringing programmes and events; support local efforts as required, including reminding Officers and members of the available financial support via the Training and Development
- e) encourage more members to be involved in Guild volunteer efforts resulting in a gentle shift in age profile in the Guild's activities and administration
- f) offer various training courses, reminding potential applicants of the available financial support via the Training and Development Fund; encourage 'relevant experience' volunteer assistance for the courses including administration support
- g) update the website generally, including the inventory of Guild resources available to members, and their location
- h) encourage much wider engagement of the Guild's website and social media and uptake of the electronic newsletter 'Weekly News' to:
  - enable 'fresh' information to be displayed and circulated
  - ensure enhanced communication with ringers and community
  - offer positive benefits to visitors to the sites including such as Learning to Ring, information of training events, ringing activities, by taking up the electronic newsletter 'Weekly News'
- i) continue to consider and work towards the Guild Database of Members
- j) review and support the work of all Committees and Young Ringers' groups; seek out potential 'relevant experience' volunteers and encouraging them to offer help
- k) be a point of contact for all ringing matters for Diocesan and national bodies, the community and the media

- l) review areas of Guild administration and responsibilities to improve effectiveness and remain accountable, including to third parties

## **2. Key need areas identified:**

### **a) Communications:**

- seek out and encourage more 'relevant experience' volunteer assistance for the website and creation of the Members' Database
- seek out and establish a small group of 'News Ambassadors' In local areas to work alongside the Communications Team

### **b) Young Ringers:**

- be aware of where young ringers are based and ensure they have easy access to the Young Ringers' groups' training and events and available financial support
- cultivate more Guild events being organised by, or with, young ringers

### **c) Recruitment and Retention:**

- garner available and appropriate resources, including financial, to ensure there is a continuous supply of new ringers and that they are well-trained and motivated for the long term benefit of all

### **d) Education:**

- across the Guild area, support educational initiatives, especially those improving the quality and sustainability of ringing and ringing teaching
- encourage 'relevant experience' volunteer assistance at local training events

### **e) Heritage:**

- consider further action to protect our heritage, including undertaking and archiving audio recordings of bells for future generations
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## **3. Future events:**

- 'Firsts Fortnight' – Autumn 2019
- 'First Peal 2020'
- Open Day with Mini Ring 2020
- Any other significant events to be considered and arranged.

## **Proposal to transfer St Peter's Stockbridge from Andover to Winchester District**

Proposed by Gerald Lambert (Tower Captain):

That a motion be proposed to the AGM in accordance with Rule 11 of the Guild Rules to ask the Guild to transfer St Peter's Stockbridge from Andover District to Winchester District.

### **Reasons**

1. Historically St Peter's has always had close links with Kings Somborne ringers; indeed the regular ringing team which rings for Sunday services and holds weekly practices (at Kings Somborne and Stockbridge) is made up of ringers from Kings Somborne, Stockbridge, Braishfield and Romsey. The ringing team from Stockbridge itself consists of only 4 ringers, 2 of whom are learners. St Peter's could not ring in Stockbridge without the support of fellow Kings Somborne ringers and the tower considers itself to be part of the Kings Somborne band as well as Stockbridge.
2. For weddings, the tower joins forces with Kings Somborne, Houghton, Broughton and Mottisfont bands to provide sufficient ringers for weddings within these areas and has assisted ringing at St Nicholas' Leckford, whose only ringer attends practices in Houghton.
3. As part of the Kings Somborne band, with whom the tower members are registered and through whom they pay their subscriptions, the band takes part in Winchester District events and know ringers from this District well. The tower members enjoy being part of the Winchester District.
4. Most importantly, following a lengthy interregnum and changes to the diocesan benefice structure, St Peter's is now part of the Mid Test Valley Benefice, which combines Stockbridge, Longstock, Leckford, Houghton, Mottisfont and Broughton with Bossington into one group. The links with ringers from the latter 4 churches are already established and it seems sensible to strengthen and formalise these links by transferring St Peter's to the Winchester District of the Guild.
5. Village links tend to operate and grow 'organically'. Geographic boundaries must, of course, be set to provide a coherent structure to organisations. However, it would seem sensible to use the strong, informal links which are already in place and are providing practical help and support to rural groups struggling to find sufficient ringers from their own village. Stockbridge and Kings Somborne ringers work together in exactly the same way as Lockerley and East Tytherley; it makes sense to keep them in the same District.

## **Proposal to reduce the application time for a Bell Restoration grant from two months to one month**

Proposed by Heather Frazer

Seconded by Rosalind Brandwood

“That a motion be proposed to the AGM in accordance with Rule 13 of the Guild Bell Restoration Fund Rules to reduce the notice period for an application from two months to one month”.

### **Rationale**

Rule 8 of the current Bell Restoration Fund rules states that an application for a proposal to make a grant from the funds shall be considered provided at least two months notice in writing has been given of such application or proposal to the Honorary General Secretary. At the last BRF meeting in March 2019 the trustees agreed that in the current era when most communication is done via email, that two months was now deemed to be too long and could delay towers obtaining funding. It was agreed that a one month notice would be enough.

The first paragraph of Rule 8 to then read; " An application for or proposal to make a grant from this fund shall be considered only at a General Meeting of the Guild or at a meeting of the Executive Committee, provided at least one month's notice in writing has been given of such application or proposal to the Honorary General Secretary."