

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

26th September 2020, 3.00 pm

To be held online

1. Masters welcome and Prayer

2. Apologies for absence

3. Loss of members through death since last Annual Meeting

John M Davies	East Meon
Nicholas Hussey	Overton
R Roger Savory (LM)	USA
Peter Smith (LM)	Freshwater
Renee Sturgess (LM)	Fareham
Derek F Yates	New Alresford
Derek Ashford	formerly of Ryde
Ian Cole	formerly of Chale
Mike Collett	formerly of Ryde
John Denham	formerly of Twyford
John Foot	formerly of East Meon and Catherington
Terry Hargreaves	formerly of Curdridge
Brian Lovelock	formerly of Hursley
Jack Luscombe	formerly of Shanklin
Norah Morey	formerly of Chale
Derek Shutler	formerly of All Saints, Alton
Matthew C Webb	formerly of St Mary, Portsmouth
Myrtle Weir	formerly of Carisbrooke

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Allan Yalden proposes, seconded by Mike Winterbourne that the Minutes of the last meeting be accepted.

5. Matters arising

6. Life membership

i. On completion of 50 years' ringing membership of the Guild

Dianne M Hatfield	Titchfield
H Lyndon Hatfield	Titchfield
Paul Daish-Miller	Chale

Catherine Daish-Miller Niton
Helen Piper Kingsclere

- ii. **Recommended by the Executive Committee for services to the Guild**
Proposed by Mike Winterbourne, and seconded by Bruce Purvis:

7. Officers and committee reports for 2019

i. General Secretary

ii. General Treasurer (and accounts)

iii. Peal Recorder

iv. Librarian and Archivist

v. Public Relations Officer

vi. Education Committee

vii. Striking Competitions Committee

viii. Belfry Stewardship Committee

Allan Yalden proposes, seconded by Adrian Nash that the reports be accepted.

8. Bell restoration fund

9. Report on 2019 & 2020 central council meeting

10. Action plan update

- a. Communications
- b. Young ringers
- c. Recruitment and retention
- d. Education
- e. Heritage

11. Motions

Notes. Notes. In October last year, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on the relationship of the Channel Islands to the wider Church of England recommended that episcopal oversight of the Islands should be transferred to the Bishop of Salisbury. In February this year the General Synod approved legislation to transfer parishes in the Channel Islands from the diocese of Winchester to the diocese of Salisbury. The legislation, the Channel Islands Measure 2020, was approved by both Houses of Parliament in July and was enacted on the 22nd. Consequently the Guild rules need amending and one of

two motions will be put to the meeting depending on whether the towers in the Channel Islands District decide to transfer to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild (motion (A)) or remain part of the Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild (motion (B)). Both motions also clarify the "Guild area" and remove a long-standing dispute over the plural of "diocese". If the Channel Islands District towers transfer to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild (motion (A)), in accordance with rule 8.d, ringing members of the Channel Islands District may transfer to compounding membership of the Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild without further payment. Should the Channel Islands District need more time to reach a decision, motion (B) will be put to the meeting and a further motion brought to a subsequent AGM if and when the Channel Islands District decides to join the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Motion (A)

Tony Smith proposes and the Master seconds that the rules be amended to reflect the Channel Islands District's decision to transfer to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Specifically that the following rules be amended by deleting the words struck through and inserting the words underlined.

1. **OBJECT** To unite the Church Bell Ringers in the Diocese of Winchester and the Diocese of Portsmouth (hereinafter called 'the Guild area') ...
2. **CONSTITUTION** ... ~~The Very Rev The Dean of Guernsey, The Very Rev The Dean of Jersey, ... The Diocesan areas~~ Guild area shall be divided into Districts ...
5. **GENERAL MEETING** ..., ~~District 8 Channel Islands~~ ...
6. **MEMBERSHIP** ... the ~~two diocese~~ Guild area ... (five occurrences in a, d and e).
- 7.d **ELECTIONS** ... the ~~two diocese~~ Guild area ...
- 8.d **SUBSCRIPTIONS** ... the ~~two diocese~~ Guild area ...
17. **CENTRAL FUND** Seventy per cent (~~fifty per cent from the Channel Islands District~~) of all subscriptions ..., ~~except in the case of the Channel Islands District where fifty per cent is retained,~~ ...
BRF 3.AIM ... within the Diocese of Winchester and the Diocese of Portsmouth ...

Motion (B)

Tony Smith proposes and the Master seconds that the rules be amended to reflect the Channel Islands District's decision to remain part of the Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Specifically that the following rules be amended by deleting the words struck through and inserting the words underlined.

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Diocese of Portsmouth and the Channel Islands (hereinafter called ‘the Guild area’) ...

2. **CONSTITUTION** ... The ~~Diocesan areas~~ Guild area shall be divided into Districts ...

6. **MEMBERSHIP** ... the ~~two diocese~~ Guild area ... (five occurrences in a, d and e).

7.d **ELECTIONS** ... the ~~two diocese~~ Guild area ...

8.d **SUBSCRIPTIONS** ... the ~~two diocese~~ Guild area ...

BRF 3. **AIM** ... within the Diocese of Winchester ~~and, the Diocese of Portsmouth and the Channel Islands~~ ...

Motion (C)

Helen Woolford proposes and the Master seconds that, in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, and notwithstanding Guild rule 8.a, the next subscriptions for those who were members of the Guild in 2020 will fall due on 1st January 2022 (so that subscriptions paid in 2020 also cover 2021) and, notwithstanding Guild rule 20.c, instead of an Annual Report for 2020, a Biennial Report covering 2020 and 2021 shall be published.

12. Future guild events

13. Date and place of 2021 AGM

Simon Poyser proposes, seconded by Adrian Nash that this be held on Saturday 12 June 2021 in the Alton and Petersfield District.

14. A.O.B.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15 JUNE 2019

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, FRESHWATER

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 3.48 p.m. with a short prayer. The Master welcomed all present, thanked the Vicar, Rev. Leisa Potter, for taking the service and for her address, Chris MacKay for playing the organ, the incumbents of the various churches for the use of their bells, the Isle of Wight District for hosting the event and the Freshwater ladies for providing the lunch and tea (*applause*).

2. Striking Competition results

Peter Niblett from Whitchurch had judged the Inter-District 8-bell Striking Competition at Brighstone that morning. The following results had been announced at Freshwater Village Hall after lunch and certificates presented to the team captains.

Position	District	Method	Faults	Peal speed	Drawn
1st	Isle of Wight 2	Grandsire Triples	27	2h47	4th
2nd	Alton & Petersfield	Grandsire Triples	42	2h45	3rd
3rd	Basingstoke	Grandsire Triples	44	2h49	2nd
4th	Isle of Wight 1	Grandsire Triples	60	2h54	1st

3. The following 38 members and one guest signed the attendance book: Mike Novell and Liz South (St. Lawrence, Alton), Ian Rees and Margaret Smith (All Saints, Basingstoke), Heather Frazer, Lynne & Pete Jordan, Steve Lutener and Helen Woolford (St. Michael, Basingstoke), Simon Poyser (Bentley), David Cooper (Blackmoor) Ros Brandwood (Burghclere), Robin Milford (Curdridge), Richard Fenton (Freshwater), Tony Smith (Hursley), Susan Smith (Milford-on-Sea), Roger Booth, Elizabeth & Andrew Johnson (New Alresford), Jill Taylor (Newchurch), David Mattingley (Portsmouth Cathedral), Allan Yalden (Purbrook), Elizabeth & John Davey (Ringwood), Viv Nobbs and Maureen Kelly (Ryde), Clarence Challoner, Mary Tester and Mary Waters (Shorwell), Mo & Hugh Routh (Steep), Steve Castle and Barry Fry (St. Barnabas, Southampton), Charlotte & Edd Colliss (Swanmore), Mike Winterbourne (Tangley), Michael Church (Upton Grey), John Colliss (Winchester Cathedral), and Bill Perrins (St Andrew, Sydney).

Apologies for absence had been received from Peter Rowe (St. Michael, Basingstoke), Ruth & Derek Jackson (Eling), Shan & Adrian Nash (Eversley), Brian Curtis (Fawley), John Palk (Lockerley), Andrew Glover (Romsey), John Stock (Ryde), Michaela Nadal (Stockbridge), Peter Niblett (Whitchurch), Bruce Purvis (Winchester Cathedral), Christine Knights-Whittome and Gary Marsh (Wonston) and John Croft (unattached). Further apologies were received from Matthew Dancy (All Saints, Basingstoke) and Greg Jordan (St. Michael, Basingstoke).

4. Loss of Members from death since the 2018 AGM

The meeting stood to remember members: Francis Ensor (Buriton), Chris Strong (St. Mary Bourne), Graham Grant (LM) (Winchester Cathedral), Alan Sturgess (LM) (Fareham) and Maurice Stupart (Alderney); and former members: Ian Cole (Chale), Michael Goodall (Froxfield), Mary Harper (Sherfield English), Norah Morey (Chale), John Rawson-Smith (Farley Chamberlayne), Ivor Trueman (Romsey Abbey) and Joyce Warstat (Selborne). Barry Fry said a prayer.

5. Minutes of the 2018 AGM

The [minutes of the 2018 AGM at St Michael, Basingstoke](#) were adopted on the proposition of Tony Smith, seconded by the Hon. Gen. Treasurer, and signed by the Master as a true record.

6. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

7. Life Membership

Brian Curtis (Fawley), Robin Milford (Curdrige), Richard G Sherfield (Bentley) and Martin Waldron (Hursley) had completed fifty years' ringing membership of the Guild. The Master presented Robin Milford with his Life Membership certificate (*applause*). Brian's certificate was taken by Elizabeth Davey, Richard's certificate was taken by Mike Novell and Martin's certificate was taken by Tony Smith.

8. Officers' and Committee Reports for 2018

There were no comments and the reports were adopted *en bloc* on the proposition of John Davey, seconded by Barry Fry.

9. Bell Restoration Fund

i. Trustees' Report and Accounts for 2018

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. The Trustees had received two applications for grants: **All Saints', Odiham** for overhauling three clappers, two pulleys, rope guide and steel beams at a cost of £15,407 excluding VAT; **St. Michael's, Basingstoke** for refurbishing clappers at a cost of £2,903. The Trustees recommended grants of £2,300 and £450 respectively which were approved on the proposition of Ian Rees, seconded by John Davey.

10. Central Council Representatives' tenure

Tony Smith explained that when our AGM was held later in the year than the Annual Meeting of the Council, the CC Reps elected at our triennial election AGM did not take office until the start of the next Council triennium the following year, for example, our current CC Reps were elected in 2016 to serve from 2017 to 2020. However, under its new constitution the Council has abandoned the triennium and societies can now change their representatives at any time. The current CC Reps have kindly agreed that the CC Reps we elect today will take office immediately and so be able to represent the Guild at the 2019 Council meeting in London on 7 September (instead of having to wait until 2020) and, in the future, our CC Reps will take office immediately on election like all the other officers.

11. Election of Officers for the next three years

i. Guild Master

Pete Jordan proposed by Mike Winterbourne and seconded by Jon Soar.

ii. Guild Vice-Master

Allan Yalden proposed by Viv Nobbs and seconded by David Mattingley.

iii. Honorary General Secretary

Adrian Nash proposed by Heather Frazer and seconded by Lynne Jordan.

iv. Honorary General Treasurer

Helen Woolford proposed by Michael Church and seconded by Ros Brandwood.

v. Minute Secretary

Tony Smith proposed by Heather Frazer and seconded by Mike Winterborne.

vi. Honorary Librarian and Archivist

Bruce Purvis proposed by Heather Frazer and seconded by Tony Smith.

vii. Honorary Peal Recorder

Edd Colliss proposed by David Mattingley and seconded by John Colliss.

viii. Honorary Report Editor

John Palk proposed by John Davey and seconded by Elizabeth Davey.

ix. Central Council Representatives

Michael Church proposed by Viv Nobbs and seconded by Pete Jordan, Allan Yalden proposed by Viv Nobbs seconded by David Mattingley, Mike Hopkins Till proposed by John Colliss and seconded by Bruce Purvis, Adrian Nash proposed by Viv Nobbs and seconded by Mike Winterbourne, Shan Nash proposed by Viv Nobbs and seconded by Ros Brandwood.

x. Safeguarding Officer

John Davey proposed by Mike Winterbourne and seconded by Allan Yalden.

xi. Public Relations Officer

Viv Nobbs proposed by Elizabeth Davey and seconded by Barry Fry.

xii. Independent Examiner

Peter Clarke proposed by Ros Brandwood and seconded by Tony Smith.

xiii. BRF Trustees

David Mattingley proposed as the Portsmouth Diocese Trustee by Edd Colliss and seconded by Allan Yalden.

Barry Fry proposed as the Winchester Diocese Trustee by Mike Winterbourne and seconded by Heather Frazer.

The retiring Master invested the new Master with the Master's Badge (*applause*) and the new Master took the chair. The retiring Hon. Gen. Secretary and the retiring Hon. Gen. Treasurer remained in place until the end of the meeting.

12. Action Plan Update

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

13. WW1 Project Update

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

Ros Brandwood gave an update on the Project's finances. The Executive Committee had authorised spending up to £1,000 from reserves and £1037 had been raised specifically for the project; the two presentation books had cost £990 which together with costs associated with the Cathedral services, such as contributions to the service books and refreshments, took the total expenditure to approximately £1,750. She said this was a very satisfactory financial outcome and was grateful to those members who had not claimed their expenses.

Mike Winterbourne especially thanked Rachel Anderson and Steve Lutener for all their work.

14. Motions

Papers supporting the following motions had been distributed with the agenda.

- i. On the proposition of Gerald Lambert, seconded by Sue Spurling, the transfer in accordance with [rule 13](#) of Stockbridge from the Andover District to the Winchester District was agreed.
- ii. On the proposition of Heather Frazer, seconded by Ros Brandwood, the amendment of Bell Restoration Fund [rule 8.a](#) to reduce the application time required for a BRF grant from two months to one month was agreed by the required majority.

15. Future Guild Events

RWNYC	6th July 2019	Pier Head, Liverpool
Essex Trophy competition	14th September 2019	Christ Church, Southgate
Education Course	12th October 2019	Listening Skills, Lockerley
Executive Committee Meeting	16th November 2019	St Barnabas' Church Hall
Education Course	23rd November 2019	Belfry maintenance, Hawkley
Education Course	23rd November 2019	Plain hunt & trebling to Doubles, Hawkley
Executive Committee Meeting	14th March 2020	TBC

16. Date and place of 2020 AGM

After discussion it was agreed that this would be held on Saturday 13 June 2020 in the Alton and Petersfield District.

17. Any other business

- i. Andrew Johnson outlined the programme for the 2019 Central Council meeting in London from Friday 6 September to Sunday 8 September and said it was open to all ringers.
- ii. Ros Brandwood asked that all retiring and new BRF Trustees meet immediately after the AGM.

- iii. Mike Winterbourne had attended the United States Ambassador's reception on 9 April and had received several congratulations on the Guild's website.
- iv. Viv Nobbs thanked the outgoing officers (*applause*).
- v. Mike Winterbourne had copies of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild *Great War Memorial Booklet* for sale.

There being no further business, the Master closed the meeting at 4.47 p.m.

[After the meeting Robin Milford conducted a draw for the W&P 200 Club. The winners were as follows (given by club number and name) and Robin would calculate the prize amounts and publish them on the Guild website.

18 Tony Smith; 6 Pete Jordan; 11 David Hughes; 9 Margaret Winterbourne; 25 Nikki Brown, 34 Margaret Downer.]

APPENDIX A

Update of Action Plan for 2019 A.G.M. 15th June 2019

Thank you to the Principal Officers for inviting me to update members today in my capacity as recent Immediate Past Master. I'd be very happy to answer questions briefly, chat in more detail after today's meeting and at an Executive Committee Meeting or District Representatives' Forum, if invited to do so.

Our Guild's **Action Plan 2015-18** took account of needs identified by our members. It has given us all, if we've chosen to engage, a plan to work with as a team to enable ideas to develop, provide continuity of actions and to help move our Guild towards being even more relevant to its members.

So, **specific goals** were listed as:

1. Ongoing Work:

- holding two or more Guild events each year to encourage all ringers to come together
- encourage Districts to be more independent of central control and to be flexible with their own programmes and events
- produce and display on the Guild website an inventory of Guild resources that are available to members
- to become a point of contact for all ringing matters for diocesan and national bodies
- encourage young ringers to come together to ring and to socialise and to be involved in the Guild to encourage a gentle shift in the age profile
- review areas of Guild administration to improve effectiveness
- continue to seek feedback from members

2. Key Projects 2015-18

- establish a new website and a Guild membership database
- support educational initiatives, especially those improving the quality and sustainability of ringing and teaching of ringing
- reform and review of the Belfry Stewardship Committee

3. Future Events

- host the Central Council's Annual General Meeting weekend in 2016
- provide the material for the Ringing World calendar
- host an Association of Ringing Teachers Annual Conference
- arrange an event to mark the Centenary of the end of World War One and to record commemoration ringing
- Recruitment Drive and consider "Retention of Ringers" to encourage church service ringing and the cultivation of change ringing.

In summary, the majority of the ongoing work, key projects and future events listed have been achieved, some are still very much ongoing; one element of the Key Projects has not been achieved.

The main element of the Action Plan not achieved was the creation of a Membership Database. The number of Communications Team volunteers - formally serving as committee members and by way of informal support - has been insufficient to carry this major project through to a conclusion as yet. The formation of the new website took a considerable amount of Communications Committee resources, supported by the two long-serving committee members who had developed and maintained the previous website. In 2016, Graham Hounslow then serving as a committee member, kindly produced an analysis; in his conclusion "Next Steps for the Guild Database" he reinforced the view that appropriate I.T. skills were needed to take this project forward.

A DRAFT Action Plan for 2019 - 2022 was presented to the March 2019 Executive Committee Meeting; copies are circulated here today. The likely way forward is that our new team of Principal Officers will wish to review overall with all committee convenors and Executive Committee Members; all recorded feedback to date, including the recent Guild Education Survey and Have Your Say event in Winchester, can be considered and used to enhance the draft for maximum benefit and our new Action Plan can be agreed.

Based on my findings as Master, Immediate Past Master and Public Relations Officer during the lifetime of the previous Action Plan, here are some of my own **observations for your consideration:**

- having an Action Plan has served us well. It has **provided a focus** on what members wish to be achieved. Good, possibly improved, outcomes can be achieved by identifying specific needs and encouraging members to enthusiastically offer their skills, ringing or otherwise
- for increased benefits, I would love to see **even more engagement of individual members by way of increased contact.** An example is by way of a tower appointing a "News Gatherer" to positively seek out news and cascade down to all its ringers regularly
- it would be great to see **individual members much more aware of the benefits of using the existing channels of their own District's Executive Committee Representatives.** The Executive Committee has a good deal of influence and is available for us all to use in a very positive way.
- I'd like to see **much more pro-active direction from individual members via their District's Executive Committee Representatives;** this would include formal proposals reflecting the District's wishes and suggestions, including how the Guild's funds could be used to members' maximum benefit
- either on an informal basis, or if individuals wish to serve on a committee, **our Guild needs an ongoing supply of willing volunteers,** in a number of areas such as:
 - Education courses - actual help on the day and ongoing "Admin"
 - I.T. skills: to help review and refresh the Guild's website to ensure it is kept up-to-date and, alongside Principal Officers and the "Executive", to further consider the implementation of the

Membership Database

- o local “News Co-ordinators” to support the Communications Team
- o assisting with the completion of the Bell Stock Survey
- o further developing and maintaining the supply of fresh news on the Young Ringers presence on the website
- o by liaising with our Guild’s Librarian and the County Archivist, harvesting of bell audio recordings, as suggested by the Hampshire Records Office.

We do not wish to be complacent in any way but **great results have been achieved by our “W & P” Guild - the ringers, towers and Districts.** As a former Isle of Wight District Chairman, “Doc. Williamson”, would have said “More power to your elbow!”

Viv Nobbs

APPENDIX B

World War One Centenary Commemoration Project Update for 2019 A.G.M.

From Day One, it was understood that ringers would do their very best to respond to the nation’s call to honour those who had given their lives in The Great War. Each tower would naturally arrange with their own church and community to give of their best.

Our WW1 Centenary Commemoration Project was born out of members’ feedback I had received at Annual District Meetings, early on in my term serving as your Guild Master, and the subsequent “Future Event” item in our Guild’s 2015-2018 Action Plan. It was agreed that the project budget was to be discussed at Executive Committee Meetings.

We wished to collate details of as many special memorial ringing performances, relating to those who had died as a result of WW1, that had taken place by Guild members or in the two Dioceses. We planned to harvest existing records, encourage all ringers to participate in special ringing and to gather up the archive material in two identical printed and bound volumes. These archives were to be presented to our Cathedrals as a mark of respect for those who made the supreme sacrifice for us all.

Both our Cathedrals were approached for us to join their local congregations at special services, to offer up all of the Guild’s ringing for the souls who had been lost in the dreadful WW1 conflict. Mike Winterbourne, then Master, was keen to show the services as a “Thanksgiving”.

Every tower and ringer at whatever experience level has had the opportunity to participate in this mammoth exercise and we’re pleased to say that the majority did. There were in the region of 1,400 archived records since 1914 from handbell ringers and 193 towers.

A team of three had started the project’s activities and research. During the last two-and-a-half years the team was expanded to 11 to deal with the volume of work: there was ongoing research, “I.T.”, fund-raising including “Tommy’s Travels”, vital art work, printing and proof-reading, Public Relations, including discussions with the various third parties - their support is acknowledged in the archive books - and the significant organisation of the two Cathedral services and refreshments for ringers and invited dignitaries.

Our Communication Team and WW1 Team dove-tailed very well together to give project updates to the outside world and to help ensure that all ringers, including the new Ringing Remembers folk, had access to monitor project progress and activities. There were many extra volunteers from towers and Districts who offered their help willingly as and when needed. All were much valued and brought their own enthusiasm, knowledge and skills to the tasks in hand.

The services took place in May 2019 after a great deal of liaison with both Cathedral Teams over several years; they have supported us well, alongside both Dioceses. The services were well-attended, much enjoyed

and the beautiful archives recording performances to 30th November 2018 were presented. The Chamborough Ring was enjoyed by many all afternoon at Winchester and we recruited several new ringers there. The occasions raised the profile of ringing greatly in the community.

The project gave us all many occasions to work even closer with our churches and local communities. We are pleased to report that feedback from ringers and non-ringers relating to the archives, the services and the project overall has been complimentary indeed; it seems our very ambitious project has been seen as a resounding success.

The archive printed volumes are available to us all individually by mutual arrangement with the cathedrals. The digital archives have been available on our website since 19th May and will continue to be updated. This is likely to continue until August 2021 - the date to be confirmed in due course. Please continue to submit your special performances by emailing ww1bells@aol.com

Thank you everyone for all of your time, efforts and encouragement over many years now.

Ros will give you an update now of the Project's finances.

Viv Nobbs
15th June 2019

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 2019/20

As I write this, I realise that we are already over half-way through the Guild year, since the last AGM, and the plans for the 2020 AGM are already well underway. Having taken over from Heather Frazer as Guild Secretary I would like to take this opportunity to thank Heather both for what was a very efficiently organised hand-over and for her service to the Guild. I now know just how much work is involved – and that is without the additional work of the WW1 Centenary commemoration, so thank you Heather, you did a fantastic job.

In May we commemorated the Centenary of the ending of the Great War and those who had fallen in the Great War with two services; at Portsmouth Cathedral on 12th May and Winchester Cathedral on 19th May. Though quite different in style, both services were moving, thought-provoking and also well attended. For me personally, the presentation of the records was the most moving part, preceded by the ringing of handbells. At Winchester, we were fortunate enough to have the Chamborough mini-ring which generated a lot of interest from the general public, and quite a few people were interested enough to pass on their contact details to us. I would like to express my personal thanks to all those involved in this huge effort in commemorating the ending of the Great War and the considerable effort that went into producing the records of performances. Performances for the WW1 Centenary are still taking place these performances are being recorded in the digital archive.

Another success story for the Guild was the “Firsts Fortnight” held between 11th October and 1st November 2019. In all 73 performances were recorded on Bellboard and later published in the Ringing World. The performances were varied. There were even a few “first” performances on handbells. As a keen handbell ringer myself, I am especially pleased about this and hope that as a Guild we can steadily increase the number of those who ring handbells.

Adrian Nash
Hon. Gen. Secretary

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

CENTRAL FUND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2019

REPORT OF THE HONORARY GENERAL TREASURER

I have pleasure in presenting my report and accounts of the Central Fund for the year ended 31st December 2019.

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

	2019	2018
Alton & Petersfield	£672.70	£696.15
Andover	£580.65	£580.30
Basingstoke	£795.55	£810.60
Channel Islands	£530.50	£223.00
Christchurch & Southampton	£888.65	£900.55
Isle of Wight	£598.50	£611.10
Portsmouth	£872.55	£857.15
Winchester	£1184.05	£1,156.05
	<u>£5826.15</u>	<u>£ 5,834.90</u>

In addition to routine income, £271.76 was received in donations towards the cost of the WW1 commemorative volumes and associated costs. The WW1 costs, totalling £1749.13 were paid out during 2019 including the record of ringing in remembrance books.

As a result, the General Fund balances decreased by £38.87 whilst the balance on the Training and Development Fund increased by £72.00.

Balances held are considered to be sufficient for foreseeable needs.

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

	2019	2018
Central Fund:		
General Fund	3,311.86	3,350.73
Training and Development Fund	1,118.62	1,046.72
Central Reserve Fund	<u>8,102.35</u>	<u>8,022.07</u>
	12,532.83	12,419.52
Districts	25,564.57	23,081.00
Sub Committees	1,582.98	691.48
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	£ 39,680.38	£ 36,192.00
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H Woolford
Treasurer
29th February 2020

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
CENTRAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2019

	General Fund	Training & Development Fund	Total	2018 Total
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£
Fund brought forward at 1st January 2019	3350.73	1046.62	4397.35	4407.53
Excess income for the year	-38.87	72.00	33.13	2989.82
Transfer to Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3000.00
	3311.86	1118.62	4430.48	4397.35
Represented by:				
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Guild simulator	1.00		1.00	1.00
Belfry Stewardship Committee lifting gear	1.00		1.00	1.00
Stock of badges and certificates	383.00		383.00	395.00
Debtors	186.50	166.00	352.50	197.75
Prepaid insurances	63.19		63.19	59.77
Balance at bank	2677.17	952.62	3629.79	3742.83
	3311.86	1118.62	4430.48	4397.35
<u>Less LIABILITIES</u>				
Sundry creditors		0.00	0.00	0.00
	3311.86	1118.62	4430.48	4397.35

H Woolford
 Guild Treasurer
 29th February 2020

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CENTRAL FUND
RESERVE ACCOUNT - Year ended 31st DECEMBER 2019

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	£ p	£ p
Bank interest received	£80.28	£8.31
Transfer from Central Fund	£0.00	£3,000.00
Balance at 1st January 2019	£8,022.07	£5,013.76
Balance at 31st December 2019 including £271.76 donated for WW1 project	<u>£8,102.35</u>	<u>£8,022.07</u>

H Woolford
Guild Treasurer
8thth February 2020

Peal Recorder's Report

The Guild peal total for 2019 increased slightly with 133 compared to 127 in 2018, but this is still well below the numbers from the early and mid 2010s.

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. As noted in previous years, I can take peal fees electronically and I am pleased to say that an ever increasing number of conductors have taken up this facility.

Tower Bell Peals

There were 96 tower bell peals rung for the Guild in 2019. 122 ringers rang a tower bell peal during the year which is 29 fewer than 2018. 2 ringers rang their first peal in a W&P peal and the Guild Officers would like to extend their congratulations to Will LeRay and Nikki Brown. Sadly, Nikki has now left the area to work in Norway and will be missed by the Portsmouth District.

The list of prolific peal ringers and conductors remains broadly similar to previous years with the familiar names appearing. Due to the birth of my first child this is likely to be the last year for a while when I will have to report myself at the top of both lists (which will make writing this report somewhat easier). The total number of conductors remains at 20 and it would be pleasing to see this to start increase again.

St Agatha, Portsmouth is comfortably the leading peal ringing tower in 2019 with more than twice as many peals rung as any other towers. Southampton St Barnabas experienced a spike in popularity during the first half of the year due to the uncertain future access following the retirement of the vicar and former guild master Barry Fry. As in previous years Bishopstoke and Awbridge also feature in the top four.

There were a small number of personal milestones achieved in the year; Toby Arkless scored his 850th peal, Annabel Preston 400th, Colin Butler 275th, Claire Merivale 75th, Josh Harris 50th and my 1500th. Toby also rang his 400th for the Guild during 2019, as did Mark Esbester, and Kath Arkless her 250th.

Peals at Hambledon and Oswlebury were rung to mark the 75th anniversary of D-day. Two peals, at Portsmouth Cathedral and Bishopstoke were rung for Armistice Day. A peal was rung at Alverstoke to mark 100th anniversary of the dedication of the bells on 11th November 1919, the bells being cast as a war memorial.

Two peals were in memory of former tower captains. In May a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Winchester Cathedral in memory of Graham Grant, and in September a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Fareham in memory of Alan Sturgess.

A peal of 7 doubles was rung at Bishopstoke in January recreating a peal from 50 years earlier with 5 of the original band. The original peal was the first peal for 4 of that band, all of whom rang again in 2019.

In a similar vein, a peal was rung at Bishopstoke to mark the 50th anniversary of the moon landings also in 1969. The band consisted of ringers who all rang their first peal in a year ending in 9 including 6 from 1969.

Leading Ringers		Leading Conductors		Leading Towers	
Edward P D Colliss	59	Edward P D Colliss	46	Portsmouth, St Agatha	26
John P Colliss	44	Roy LeMarechal	14	Bishopstoke, St Mary	12
Ian J Carey	43	Benjamin J Carey	11	Awbridge	10
James A Hodkin	39	Frank R Morton	5	Southampton, St Barnabas	5
Stephen Russ	37	Toby Arkless	4	Bitterne Park	3
James W G Twiney	37	Ian J Carey	2	Hursley	3
4 ringers	31-36	14 conductors	1	Portsea	3
3 ringers	25-30			Portsmouth, Cathedral	2
6 ringers	12-16			Shanklin	2
10 ringers	6-10			Southampton, St Mary	2
17 ringers	3-5			28 towers	1
11 ringers	2				
65 ringers	1				
Total Ringers	122	Total Conductors	20	Total Towers	38

Doubles	2	Major		Plain B	1	Royal	15
12m	1	Bristol S	8	Pudsey S	1	Cambridge S	5
7m/v	1	Yorkshire S	6	Rutland	1	Yorkshire S	4
		Cambridge S	2	Scrumpy and Western S#	1	Bristol S	2
Minor	19	Spliced TD (4m)	2	Spliced (2m)	1	Awbridge D*	1
7m	5	Cambridge Blue S*	1	Spliced (3m)	1	Jarl S#	1
Spliced TD (8m)	5	Cooktown Orchid S	1	Spliced (9m)	1	Oswald D	1
7m TD	2	Downton Abbey S#	1	Spliced P (5m)	1	Spliced S (4m)	1
4m	1	Ely S	1	Spliced S (13m)	1		
5m S	1	Embarcadero S*	1	Spliced S (19m)	1	Cinques	2
7m S	1	Essex S	1	Spliced S (7m)	1	Stedman	2
8m	1	Glasgow S	1	Superlartive S	1		
Cambridge S	1	Iphigeneia S#	1	Tennessee S#	1	Maximus	5
Plain B	1	Jovium S	1	Uxbridge S	1	Bristol S	2
Spliced TD (8m)	1	Lessness S	1	Windy Gyle D	1	Yorkshire S	2
		Little B	1	Ytterbium S	1	Spliced S (4m)	1
Triples	2	London S	1				
Grandsire	2	Painswick S#	1	Caters	3	Sextuples	1
				Grandsire	3	Grandsire	1

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

Handbell Peals

Handbell peal numbers remained broadly similar to 2018, with 37 scored compared with 36. The number of ringers ringing a handbell peal for the guild also remained the same, although the number of conductors reduced to just 7.

Ian Redway was once again the leading handbell ringer for the guild in a list looking very similar to 2018. Frank Morton was the most prolific conductor as he has been for the last few years.

Martin Daniels and Maureen Hanney scored their 600th and 350th peal in handbell peals during 2019, Ian Redway also rang his 300th peal in hand.

I mentioned in this report last year that a band conducted by John Croft had broken their own record 3 times for the most spliced royal rung in hand for the Guild. During 2019 they proceeded to break this a further 3 times, settling (for now?) at 22 Spliced Plain and I offer my congratulations to them.

Handbell peals were rung in memory of Derek Yates and Sheila Daniels.

Leading Ringers		Leading Conductors		Venues	
Ian Redway	34	Frank R Morton	16	New Alresford, Jubilee	25
John S Croft	23	John S Croft	13	Awbridge, The Clockhouse	3
Maureen J Hanney	16	William S Croft	3	Hithchin, 2 Orchard Road	3
Frank R Morton	16	Martin J E Daniels	2	Chandler's Ford, 10 Wallington Drive	2
Martin J E Daniels	15	Andrew G Craddock	1	4 venues	1
John A Dodd	11	Edward J Futcher	1		
E C Gareth Higgs	10	Thomas J Hinks	1		
4 ringers	3-5				
3 ringers	2				
6 ringers	1				
Total Ringers	25	Total Conductors	7	Total Venues	8

Minor	3	Cooktown Orchid S	1
Plain B	2	Spliced P (8m)	1
2m	1	Superlative S	1
Major	26	Royal	8
Plain B	13	Plain B	4
Kent TB	5	Spliced P (10m)	1
Spliced P (4m)	2	Spliced P (18m)#	1
Spliced P (6m)	2	Spliced P (20m)#	1
Cambridge S	1	Spliced P (22m)#	1

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

Edd Colliss

W & P Public Relations Officer Report 2019

Our Guild's WW1 Centenary Commemoration project provided a good opportunity to raise the profile of ringing and for ringers to enhance their good working with church congregations and their communities. The two Cathedral services in May, where the bound archives were presented to the Cathedrals, were well-attended by members and invited guests. We used the occasions to chat to the dignitaries and asked them to take back information about ringing to their communities and for recruitment to be encouraged wherever appropriate. There had been media interest as a result of the Press Release issued and local towers were positively involved. The Chamborough Ring was erected outside Winchester Cathedral and was well-received and enjoyed by many; the Dean of Winchester Cathedral tried her hand at ringing there, as did many visitors to the Cathedral. Colourful, eye-catching leaflets printed ready for the two services were well-distributed at each event. Thank you to all volunteers.

The good working relationship with the two Dioceses continued well and we were well supported by both in the P.R. area. I will be updating both Bishops and Dioceses of our Guild's activities in 2020.

I reported to the A.G.M. that I was seeking to step down as P.R.O but, in the absence of a volunteer, offered to continue on a 'Caretaker' basis. The second part of the year therefore was relatively quiet. One of my main activities was in encouraging towers to seek out and use local P.R. opportunities, and to support their efforts if requested. Several towers had seen the promotional leaflets at the two Cathedral services and requested a supply for their own use; easily done as we had a good supply printed. The other area was in responding to Learn to Ring enquiries, from our own website or referred from Central Council's; I have continued to work with David Mattingley and District Officers to ensure the potential new ringers are 'signed up' with a Taster Session as soon as possible.

Viv Nobbs
March 2020

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

REPORT on 2019 for GUILD EXECUTIVE

Continuing the pattern of previous years, the Education Committee ran four full-day courses during 2019. These covered Grandsire doubles and Triples, Cambridge Surprise Major, listening skills and Plain Hunt. Additionally, an evening of Basic Raising and Lowering took place in February, plus a morning of Raising and Lowering in Peal in May.

The Education Committee would like to thank all those who generously give their time, talents and energy to help on Education Days, whether in the tower as steady ringers, or behind the scenes providing refreshments, arranging towers or pubs for lunch, or putting muffles on bells for silent practices, and to tower secretaries who liaise with their local churches to accommodate our often late changing needs. None of the courses would run without your help. Thank you all very much.

During the year, two discussion sessions were held to review the training needs of the Guild and how those training needs should be fulfilled. The "Have Your Say" evening during Holy Week, held in Winchester looked primarily at what is needed. Invitation to the Education Committee Meeting in September were extended to representatives of all districts and addressed how to deliver training to fulfil the needs. The outcome of the two meetings was that there is a desire for more training to be delivered closer to the attendees, and that at the foundation and early change ringing stages (up to Plain Bob Doubles / Grandsire Doubles) that the training should be district based rather than Guild based. The Guild Education Committee with therefore during 2020 focus on providing support to district run courses, providing resources (course materials, tutor, advice and support) where required. The Guild Education Committee will focus on delivering a fewer number of courses at the intermediate change ringing level. At the time of writing it is planned that the Education Committee will deliver a single course this year, focussing on plain methods beyond Plain Bob Doubles and Plain Bob Minor to provide building blocks for progressing to Surprise Minor. The Committee will monitor what training is being delivered in the districts during 2020 to determine whether this approach is working, or whether the pattern needs to be revised in 2021. Should Guild members have any comments then please pass these on to members of the Education Committee.

Christine Knights-Whittome stood down from the Education Committee at the end of 2019 after many years of service. Christine has kept us all on track for many years and will be sadly missed. We wish you a happy retirement from the stress of organising both events and the other committee members.

The Education Committee is always looking for additional members, at all levels of ringing ability. A lot of what is needed is input into discussions to help identify training needs, and to consider different ways to satisfy those needs. If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch.

Financially, our 2019 end-of-year figure is higher than last year, although at the end of 2018 about £300 had already been paid towards 2019 costs. The Committee remains in a financially stable position.

Andy Ingram – for The Guild Education Committee

Winchester & Portsmouth Guild Education Committee Accounts as at 31st December 2019

Income		Expenditure	
	2019		2019
Balance brought forward	276.43	Postage	17.84
Course fees	887.00	Refreshments	122.57
Hall security payment returns	100.00	Hire of Halls	68.50
Donations	16.37	Tower Donations	403.00
		Balance carried forward	667.89
	£1,279.80		£1,279.80

Christine Knights-Whittome
31 December 2019

Striking competition report 2019

The Guild 6 Bell Inter-Tower competition was held this year on 18th May at Wickham with 4 tower teams and a scratchband hotly contesting the trophy.

Congratulations to Portsmouth Cathedral on winning the competition which was judged by Martin Rice from Newbury and Mark Robins from Hungerford.

The weather was kind to us, overcast but dry, and the setting idyllic for a pleasant morning sitting in the churchyard listening to some fine ringing.

My thanks go to the local band and clergy for the use of the bells, The Portsmouth District committee for their assistance with organisation, the Judges and to Lynne Jordan for providing much needed refreshments.

Place	Tower	Faults	Ringing	Peal speed	Ringing order
FIRST	Portsmouth Cathedral	8	Grandsire doubles	2.40	3rd
SECOND	Basingstoke (St Michael)	25	Plain Bob doubles	2.48	1st
THIRD	Bishopstoke	32	Grandsire doubles	2.41	4th
FOURTH	Hawkey & Bramshott	41	Call changes	-	2nd
NO POSITION	Scratchband	30	Cambridge Minor	2.53	5th

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

The 8 Bell Interdistrict Competition was held at Brighstone, IoW on the AGM day, 15th June. I can't say it was glorious sunshine but the rain held off for the morning as 4 teams met to contest the Shield.

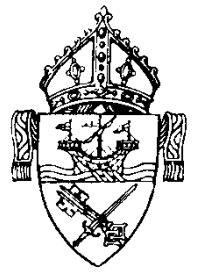
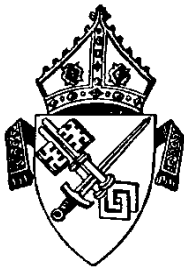
We had an excellent morning with some fine ringing, judged by Peter Niblett from Whitchurch. All teams randed 224 changes of Grandsire Triples and the results were.

Place	Tower	Faults	Ringing	Peal speed	Ringing order
FIRST	Isle of Wight 2	25	Grandsire Triples	2.47	4th
SECOND	Alton & Petersfield	42	Grandsire Triples	2.45	3rd
THIRD	Basingstoke	44	Grandsire Triples	2.49	2nd
FOURTH	Isle of Wight 1	60	Grandsire Triples	2.54	1st

Financial report

Income		Expenditure	
Balance b/f	£0	Tower donations	£45.00
Income from general fund	£84.98	Judges Gifts	£15.98
		Certificate printing	£4.00
		Hall Hire	£20
		Balance c/f	£0
	£84.98		£84.98

Pete Jordan
Striking Competition Convenor.



**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN
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**Belfry Stewardship Committee
Annual Report March 2020**

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

St John the Evangelist, Northington - Inspection of the augmentation to six using four second-hand bells and hanging the old tenor dead as a service bell. Installation of a new steel frame for the three replacement bells alongside the existing three bell wooden frame. All bells hung on new headstocks with accompanying new fittings. Installation of new floor below belfry floor. (April 2019)

The Church of the Ascension, Burghclere - Removal of cracked tenor headstock and fitment of new hardwood headstock. (May 2019)

Report on St Catherine's, Wolverton - Removal and overhaul of all clappers, rebuild and set up for correct striking. Fit all new pulley blocks. (May 2019)

St Peter's, Over Wallop, 29th November 2019 - Removal of cracked tenor, specialist repair and removal of remains of original crown staple, and refit with new headstock. Clean, re-lubricate and refit bearings, and fit wheel to new headstock. Service other four bells, re site rope fall on four and tenor with new double wheel pulleys. (November 2019)

Martin Barnes



Belfry Stewardship Committee Secretary/Convener

**Winchester & Portsmouth guild Belfry
Stewardship Committee accounts for year 2019**

Income

Balance B/F £100
1/1/19

Expenditure

£0
31/12/19

£100

£100

No money has been spent this year.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Guild Website is now well established and remains a good source of information for the Guild Members. However, the information is only as good as the information the Comms Team receive. Continuous efforts should be made to keep this up to date, so it is accurate for Guild members and our visitors.

The Communications Team has suffered this past year with the departure of Deb Baker and our Convener, Gary Marsh, both unable to dedicate the time necessary due to work commitments. This only left Andrew Glover as the Guild Webmaster and some Districts that have their own Webmaster or Communications Officer to post news and events on the website. More new members for the team will be required in 2020 if we are to continue to keep the website regularly updated and avoid the information getting stale.

The 'Weekly News' is sent out when there is sufficient new 'news' to inform the membership. This is distributed to 6 mailing lists and a link is posted on the Guild and District Facebook groups so receives wide coverage across the Guild. More news, events and reports are required to make this weekly publication worthwhile creating and sending out. Towards the end of the year, it was not issued at all due to a lack of new information. The Weekly News promotes engagement with the site as the items are linked through to the website. 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 and is in addition to the traditional use of posters in towers.

There is still plenty of opportunity for towers to make more use of the website, especially for updating information on their own tower and using it for recruitment. People wanting to learn to ring do visit the site, and if they see that a local tower is recruiting and training new people, then they know to get in touch. This is especially important during periods when bellringing is in the media.

The team is always happy to help others to become website editors so they can add their own district or tower events and news. Training notes are available on the site to simplify this process, and all Webmasters belong to a Facebook Group so that they can give and receive quick support.

Whilst a significant number of people do use the website, we are still a long way from our aim of sending a weekly news bulletin to all members and having the website as the 'go to' place for Guild and District information.

The various social media sites around the Guild continue to grow with a small number of new requests asking to join each month. However due to lack of Comms Team members, activity on these sites and Twitter has not been as prominent as we would have liked.

The focus of effort in the next year will be:

- Encourage more members (especially new recruits) to join their local District email list or Facebook group.
- Recruit a new Communications Committee Convener
- Recruit and train new District Webmasters
- Encourage towers to send in their events and news reports
- Continue to try and grow the weekly news system, so it can return to a weekly publication
- Grow the Facebook pages by connecting to like-minded pages.

Andrew Glover
W&P Guild Webmaster
February 2020

Visit Report, CCCBR Meeting and Roadshow London 6th - 8th September 2019

Adrian Nash, CC representative, Winchester & Portsmouth Guild of Bellringers

The weekend started on Friday afternoon and evening with opportunities to visit some open towers. (We only had time to go to one tower – St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road)

Ringling World AGM

The first main event was the Ringling World AGM. It was reported that the RW is in reasonably good financial shape now, showing a small surplus. It was noted that the directors found it encouraging that so many subscribers wish to stay on printed copy – which helps to bring in more revenue. So far this year, there have only been 50 switches to online only. A motion was passed to move the legal authority of the “Charitable Object” of the RW from the “Religious” category to the “Educational” category. It was suggested that this better reflected the RW’s remit as a charity and the proposed change had already been approved by the Charities Commission. There were two opposing comments and six supporting comments. In the vote, there were only 7 against and 6 abstentions, so the motion was passed by the membership. The editor, Robert Lewis will be retiring, The Chairman, Canon David Grimwood presented his report and tributes were paid to Robert for his many years of service. Bill Hibbert did not seek re-election. The remaining directors offered to re-stand and were elected. The independent examiners Langdown PFK were re-elected by a show of hands.

CCCBR AGM

The AGM began with reports from the new workgroups: Volunteering & Leadership, History & Archives, Stewardship & Management and Technical & Taxonomy. For volunteering & leadership, the key focus is on retention and recruitment, especially for young people. A suggestion was made that a subscription to the ringling world could be a present from a Grandparent for example. CCCBR no longer recognises “Ringling Centres” and does not set standards for so-called ringling centres. Instead, ringling centres will self-assess their fitness to function as a ringling hub based on the principle of “are we making a difference?”

The Stewardship & Management workgroup are focusing on “Hot areas” namely, noise (both loss of hearing and neighbours), deaths from bell ringling and safeguarding.

Technical & Taxonomy focussed on the 11th edition of “Dove” and the new Dove Database which is being set up. Currently for various reasons the Dove “App” is only available on iPhones. Work is on-going to merge George Dawson’s data with the Dove data and resolving the discrepancies.

Volunteering & Leadership’s plan for 2020 is focussed on building partnerships e.g. ART & the Ringling World, Diocese and Historic England and doing more outreach work. A feasibility study looking at a direct membership scheme (of the CCCBR) is underway. There is also a push to deliver more focussed bellringling services including funding for another Bradfield-style course. This could be funded out of an excess in the “Ringling Remembers” grant.

Following the work-group reports, came the elections. Simon Linford was elected as the new president, proposed by Philip Barnes, seconded by Linda Garton. Unfortunately Simon could not be at the AGM in person, but he did prepare a video which ended with a delightful rendition of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star on tower bells! The next meeting in 2020 will be in Nottingham on 5th September.

The Ringing Roadshow

The ringing roadshow was simply brilliant – speaking as a newcomer to the CCCBR! I attended a number of workshop sessions including: *Insurance & Belling* – *all you need to know*, presented by Marcus Booth from Ecclesiastical, *Building a bell sound*, by Bill Hibbert and *Making Bells* presented by Tom Westley. My wife Shân (also a CCCBR rep) attended workshops on Safeguarding, Stewardship & Management and social media. All the presentations were well done, engaging and with plenty of opportunity to ask questions. Outside of the sessions, the exhibition provided a huge variety of interesting things to look at, “play” with and lots of interesting people to chat to. There was everything from mini-rings, bell ropes and clocks to handbells, books and simulators. I can’t wait to go to the next meeting in Nottingham.

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

Summary:

The following framework 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:

- actively seek feedback from members
- hold at least 2 all-Guild ringing events each year to encourage all ringers to come together
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- update the website generally, including the inventory of Guild resources available to members, and their location
- 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'

- continue to consider and work towards the Guild Database of Members
- review and support the work of all Committees and Young Ringers' groups; seek out potential 'relevant experience' volunteers and encouraging them to offer help
- be a point of contact for all ringing matters for Diocesan and national bodies, the community and the media
- review areas of Guild administration and responsibilities to improve effectiveness and remain accountable, including to third parties

2. Key need areas identified:

a) Communications:

Leader Adrian Nash: working with Principal officers, Communications team and the GDPA representative.

Budget: £700

- Membership Database
 - Roger Booth and Andrew Glover have risen to the challenge of getting the membership database up and running and have also started working on the communication channel using Mailchimp. It is chiefly through their superb efforts and enthusiasm that it is now starting to come together. Thank you very much Roger and Andrew.
 - A newsletter was sent out to members via WINPORT and those who had registered with the Membership database through the Guild Website.
 - We have 1496 members. About 23% of these so far are registered and the number is growing.

- Seek out and encourage more 'relevant experience' volunteer assistance for the website
Timescale: ongoing

- Investigate improved communications channels. **Timescale:** June 2020
 - Mailchimp has proved to be the most cost-effective and easiest to get working.

- Seek out and establish a small group of 'News Ambassadors' in local areas to work alongside the Communications Team. **Timescale:** ongoing
 - This has not been very effective in practice and may to some extent have been taken over by members' natural desire to communicate their news by social media directly albeit obviously in an uncoordinated, highly informal manner.

- Review GDPR policy and provide relevant training and guidance to key district and guild officers. **Timescale:** June 2020
 - A GDPR policy has been formally approved by the Guild and is now in place and may be reviewed on the Guild web-site.

b) Young Ringers:

Leader Helen Woolford: working with Principal Officers, W&P Young Ringers Group and the Safeguarding Officer.

Budget: £0

- Work with the safeguarding officer to increase awareness of both the safeguarding policy and review available training for protection of young and vulnerable people.
Timescale: January 2021
- Push out safeguarding policy to all towers.
Timescale: January 2021
- Gain knowledge of towers where young ringers are based and work with these towers to maintain and increase easy access to the Young Ringers' groups training and events, and available financial support.
Timescale: March 2021
- Assist districts with strategies for recruitment of young ringers at a local level and creation of local young ringers groups.
Timescale: June 2021
- Work with young ringers to develop a programme of Guild events specifically designed for them (outings, competitions etc.).
Timescale: June 2022

c) Recruitment and Retention:

Leader Mike Winterbourne: working with Principal officers, Education Committee, communications team and Local districts.

Budget: £40

- 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. **Timescale:** June 2022
- Consider new opportunities for recruitment initiatives at local level. **Timescale:** Sept 2021
- Learn to ring events. **Timescale:** March 2022
- Investigate opportunities to assist with funding of recruitment and retention. **Timescale:** March 2022
- Identify and publish towers able to train new ringers on behalf of struggling towers, as well as for their own benefit. **Timescale:** March 2022
- Develop 'new ringer welcome pack'. **Timescale:** March 2021

d) Education:

Leader Pete Jordan: working with Principal officers, Education Committee and Local Districts

Budget: £0

- Across the Guild area, support educational initiatives, especially those improving the quality and sustainability of ringing and ringing teaching. **Timescale:** June 2022
- Encourage 'relevant experience' volunteer assistance at local training events. **Timescale:** June 2021
- Develop strategies to provide key support for training at district level. **Timescale:** June 2021

e) **Heritage:**

Leader Allan Yalden: working with Principal officers, Local Districts and the Education committee.

Budget: £150

- Consider further action to protect our heritage, including undertaking and archiving audio recordings of bells for future generations, and photographing peal boards and other significant historic artefacts. **Timescale:** To seek a volunteer or more to gather firstly the audio by end of 2021 and then the peal board pictures using lessons learned from the initial action by end 2022. Help may also be needed from the Comms team.
- Develop local training for Steeple keepers to help maintain bells for the future. There is support for this from the S&M workgroup of the Central Council. A spanner's group is thought to be possible as each towers requirement has a different engineering challenge. **Timescale:** end 2021
- Investigate ways to support local tower maintenance through the BRF, maintenance groups or centralised resources. **Timescale:** see above
- Continue with update and completion of the bell stock survey. A trial is in place to link this to the Dove website **Timescale:** June 2021

3. Future events:

- 'Firsts Fortnight' – Autumn 2019 (October 11th - 27th)
- 'First Peal 2022'
- Open Day with Mini Ring 2022
- Any other significant events to be considered and arranged.

BELL RESTORATION FUND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/19

The fund is a registered charity with the registered number 264606

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Basingstoke
RG21 5SW

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 2019 were:

Miss H Woolford, (Honorary Guild Treasurer) from 15.06.2019
Mrs R Brandwood (Honorary Guild Treasurer) to 15.06.2019
Mr A Nash (Honorary Guild Secretary) from 15.06.2019
Mrs H Frazer (Honorary Guild Secretary) to 15.06.2019
Rev Canon B J Fry (Winchester Diocese area)
Mr D Mattingley (Portsmouth Diocese area)
Mr P Jordan (Guild Master) from 15.06.2019
Mr M Winterbourne (Guild Master) to 15.06.2019

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 Funds 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 2019 remained steady.

The Trustees acknowledge with thanks the donations from the following towers:-

Catherington	£100
Christchurch Priory	£100
Ringwood	£60

Five grants were approved during the year:

Church of the Ascension, Burghclere	£400.00
St Peter's, Over Wallop	£1,800.00

All Saints, Odiham	£2,300.00
St Michael's, Basingstoke	£450.00
St Mary's, Twyford	£7,500.00

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.

A reminder to those applying for grants that the initial application needs to be with the Guild Treasurer at least 1 month 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 acknowledgement 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:

Mr P Jordan
Trustee

Miss H Woolford
Trustee
14th March 2020

BELL RESTORATION FUND (A Registered Charity No. 264606) **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/19**

	2019	2018
	£.p	£.p
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		
Incoming Resources		
Subscriptions and donations	3,292.20	3,407.18
Gift Aided donations	549.68	365.00
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid (including repayment supplement)	91.39	91.38
Investment income	702.49	365.94
Peal fees	237.00	220.75
Total incoming resources	4,872.76	4,450.25
Resources Expended		
Direct charitable expenditure		
Grants approved	12,450.00	14,025.00

Total resources expended	12,450.00	14,025.00
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources	(7,577.24)	(9,574.75)
Fund balances brought forward at 1st January 2019	73,261.03	82,835.78
Fund balances carried forward at 31st December 2019	£65,683.79	£73,261.03

**BELL RESTORATION FUND (A Registered Charity No. 264606)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/12/19**

	2019	2018
	£.p	£.p
Current Assets		
Debtors	3,294.40	2,943.18
Short Term Deposits		
- Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund	69,790.27	69,269.58
- TSB Bank plc - Deposit account	18,356.71	18,174.91
Cash at Bank		
- TSB Bank plc	3,792.41	2,748.36
	95,233.79	93,136.03
Creditors		
Amounts falling due within one year	12,050.00	6,875.00
Net Current Assets	83,183.79	86,261.03
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	83,183.79	86,261.03
Creditors		
Amounts falling due after more than one year	17,500.00	13,000.00
Net Assets	£65,683.79	£73,261.03
Funds		
Unrestricted	£65,683.79	£73,261.03

A full copy of the accounts are available from the Guild Treasurer.

Due to the emergency regulation brought about by the Covid-19 epidemic to curtail meetings, the BRF Report and Accounts were electronically circulated to and agreed by the Trustees but could not be signed in the normal manner.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Instructions for Joining & Participating in the AGM

Thank you for registering for the W&P AGM on Saturday 26th September 2020. Here are some guidelines, hints and tips for joining and participating in the meeting.

The screen shots in this document may not appear exactly as you see on your device. The content, however, will be the same.

Joining the Meeting

- 1) To join the AGM you **MUST** register in advance. You will not be able to join the Zoom Webinar unless you have done so. Instructions for registration were sent out by the Hon Gen. Secretary a couple of weeks back, but if you missed them, they are duplicated at the end of this document for reference. Please read these carefully.
- 2) Once registered, you will receive an email which looks like the one below, this contains the link to join on a computer/tablet, as well as telephone joining instructions. **You must keep this email** as your link is unique and you will not be able to join without it.

Hi Andrew Glover,

Thank you for registering for "The Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers AGM".

Please submit any questions to: wphonsec@gmail.com

Date Time: Sep 26, 2020 03:00 PM London

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

[Click Here to Join](#)

Note: This link should not be shared with others; it is unique to you.

Passcode: 123456

[Add to Calendar](#) [Add to Google Calendar](#) [Add to Yahoo Calendar](#)

Description: The Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers AGM

Or iPhone one-tap :

United Kingdom: +442039017895,,94980851333# or +442080806591,,94980851333#

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

United Kingdom: +44 203 901 7895 or +44 208 080 6591 or +44 208 080 6592 or +44 330 088 5830 or +44 131 460 1196 or +44 203 481 5237 or +44 203 481 5240

Webinar ID: [REDACTED]

Passcode: [REDACTED]

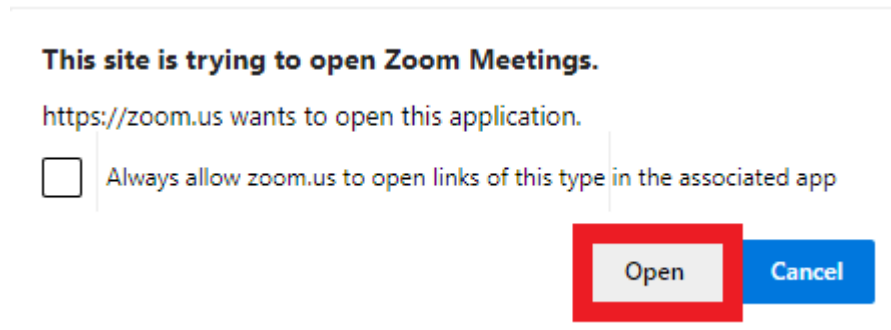
International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/j/auGICQPSY>

You can [cancel](#) your registration at any time.

If you have registered as a phone user, your name in the Webinar will be changed by a moderator (known as a host) based on the information you provided at registration.

Please join the meeting at least 15 minutes ahead of schedule to give yourself enough time to get connected and settled before the start of proceedings at 15:00.

- 3) After you have clicked on the link, if you have not previously installed the Zoom client application you will be prompted to do so. Follow any instructions given.
- 4) If you have already installed the Zoom client application, you must select 'Open' to open the application and join the meeting.

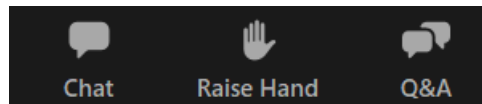


- 5) Once you have joined the meeting you will see either a welcome banner or the video feeds of the officers known as panellists.

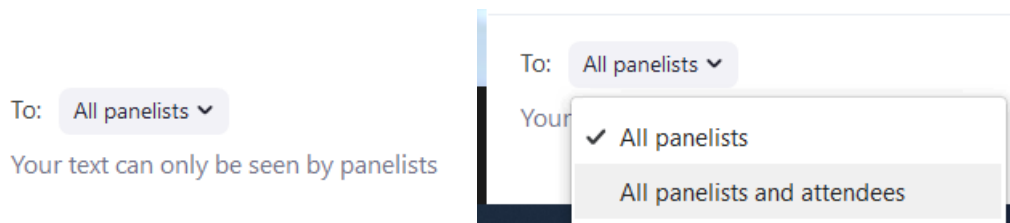
Your video and microphone will be off. This is expected behaviour.

Inside the meeting

When you are in the meeting, the key controls can be found at the bottom on the screen. If you are using a mobile phone or a tablet device, you will need to tap the screen to see these controls.



Chat: Click or tap the 'Chat' icon to open an area in the bottom right of the screen to enter a short text message. You can use the button next to 'To:' to select who sees your message, be it 'All Panellists' (Guild Officers) or 'All panellists and attendees' (everyone in the meeting). It is not possible to chat with individual attendees or panellists unless they reply privately to your question. Their name will then appear in the list.



Please use the chat function to raise any technical issues you have or to give any apologies for absence that have not been given in advance. If you wish to ask a question in the meeting itself, please raise your hand or use the Q&A feature (see later for instructions).

Raise Hand: If you press this button, the hosts and panellists will see that you have raised your hand. This function will be used for "show of hands" voting during the meeting, as advised at the time. You can also raise your hand if you wish to address the meeting verbally, which will be at the Chair's discretion. See later section.

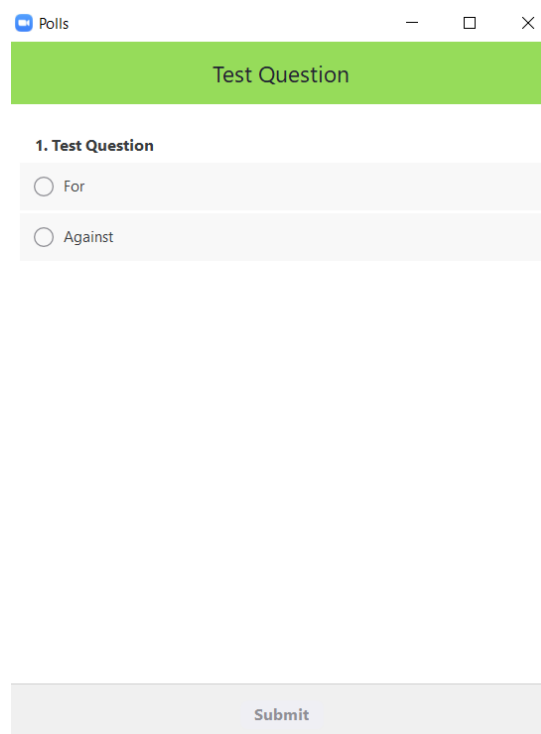
If you are a dial in user (telephone only) you can raise your hand by pressing *9. This will be used to count phone votes in the meeting.

Q&A: You can post a question to the meeting which will be visible to the panellists and hosts. Click the Q&A button, type your question and click send. Other meeting attendees will not know of your question until it is addressed by a panellist.

Questions will be moderated and may be answered verbally or in written form by the panellists.

Voting via Polls

Voting may be carried out using the 'Raise Hand' function to show you are in agreement. However, some items which require a vote will be handled via the Webinar Polling system. Polls will appear on the screen when we are ready to vote, and you should select one option and press 'Submit'. Results will be displayed to all at the end of the poll.



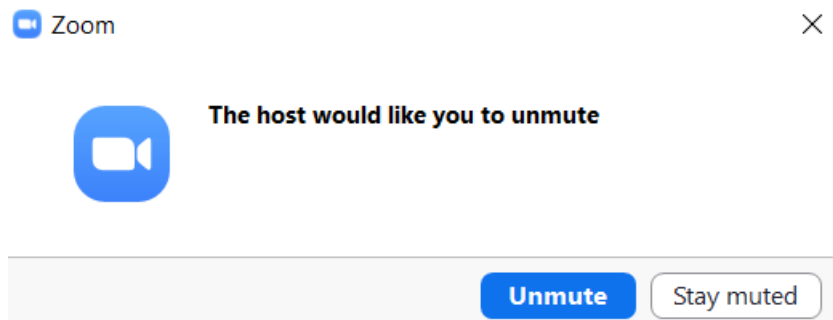
The image shows a screenshot of a poll interface. At the top, there is a window title bar with a blue icon and the text "Polls". Below this is a green header bar with the text "Test Question". Underneath the header, there is a section titled "1. Test Question" with two radio button options: "For" and "Against". At the bottom of the interface, there is a grey button labeled "Submit".

IMPORTANT:

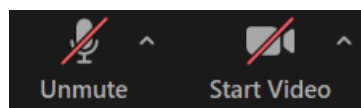
- 1) Those members that have dialled in on the phone will not see the polls and will be given live instructions on the day on how to vote using the 'Raise Hand' function.
- 2) Where there are two people using the same device to connect to the Webinar, only one vote can be counted. This is something we are unable to overcome. Given the low number of attendees in this position, this will not be taken into account unless there is a 'close call' in which case instructions will be given at the time.

Addressing the meeting verbally

If you are invited by the chair to contribute to the meeting, one of the hosts will ask you to unmute your microphone. You will then be able to address all present. Your microphone will be muted again after you have finished.



You will not be able to use your camera unless you are also invited to do this, by being promoted temporarily to become a 'Panellist'. If you are made a Panellist to address the meeting you will then be able to start your video.



After you have addressed the meeting you will then be returned to being an 'attendee'

The Panellists

Pete Jordan – Master
Allan Yalden – Vice-Master
Adrian Nash – Hon. Gen. Secretary
Helen Woolford – Hon. Gen. Treasurer
Tony Smith – Minute Secretary
Viv Nobbs – Public Relations Officer
Other names required

The Hosts (moderators)

Peter Niblett
Andrew Glover

After the meeting

Following the AGM, there will be an open Zoom Meeting to which all are welcome. This will be different from the Webinar with all videos and microphones turned on. This link will appear as you leave the AGM Webinar.

Registration Instructions for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers AGM Zoom Webinar

This section is repeated from the email distributed by the Guild Hon. Gen. Secretary.

To attend the AGM you will need to pre-register so that we know in advance who will be there.

You can register from the 5th September onwards by clicking here: [Zoom Link TBC](#)

When you click on the link above you will be presented with a form to fill in (fields marked with a red asterisk are mandatory).

If you are intending to join via phone only, please use the field provided to supply the telephone number from which you will be calling. This will help us identify you in the meeting.

If there will be more than one person attending via a single connection, please provide the names of the additional attenders in the field provided. Please do not fill in separate registrations for each person.

Once you have filled out the appropriate fields, click the 'Register' button. You will then be presented with joining instructions which will also be emailed to you. Please do not delete the email as you will not be able to join the meeting without using the personalised link included.

W&P AGM Webinar – Basic Connectivity and Known Limitations

There are two ways to connect to the Webinar, those being via the Zoom Client on any device (PC, Mac, tablet, mobile phone) and the other via a good old telephone line (Voice only). Given that a lot of communication in the current climate is done via video conference, it's quite likely that you already have the Zoom client installed. If not, in 99% of cases it will be automatically installed for you when you click on the meeting link you receive after registration. The only known exception so far is for Windows 10 users with S Mode turned on. We are not able to overcome this issue without S Mode being turned off. If you find this affects you, you can either turn off S Mode, or use a different device or, as a last resort, the telephone option. Turning of S Mode on your computer cannot be reversed.

It is not possible to connect to the meeting via just the browser interface, this is a Zoom restriction which cannot be circumvented, so to join the Webinar on a computer you will need the Zoom client application.

Further guidelines will be issued in the week approaching the meeting which will include details on what you should expect on the day, how to vote on items, and how to ask questions.